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## AVE ATQUE VALE

### Curtains for Pres. and Side-Kickers

#### CLOUSTON RETIRES

##### POPULAR PRESIDENT

Dave Clouston, popular president of the Stud Ass. and one of its most hard-working members, will be greatly missed when he ceases to haunt these halls of learning. Dave, a man of Every Vice, has done a splendid job of work for the Exec. and for the College, not only this year, but for several years. His first portfolio for the Exec. in 1938 was Records, an unspectacular office to which he devoted much work.

The next year he was Vice-President and Chairman of Carnival Committee. This was the year when Varsity Revue was again taken to town and had a very successful season in the Concert Chamber. Besides organising Revue and Procession, Dave took one of the leading parts in "Bled White and the Seven Wharfies." He had also played prominent parts in the Revues produced at College by John Reid, and crowned his long list of acting successes as Stalin in this year's smash hit, revealing hitherto unsuspected talent in Terpsichore's gentle art. There has been few to equal Dave's record in Revue—however, to get back to the Exec.

##### A TOWER OF STRENGTH

In 1939 he was elected President, and in spite of his many other duties, which included school teaching from 9 till 3, he was again the moving force behind carnival week. His energy and talent for organisation went a long way towards making Revue the success it was. At the close of a very strenuous week he appeared in a different role at the graduation ceremony. After being capped B.A., he made an able speech which was listened to even by the Hongis, and later at the ball his well-known social qualities made him an admirable host. Truly a man of many parts.

##### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

His spare-time activities include hockey—he was this year selected as an Auckland Junior Rep.—taking part in Dramatic Club shows, and training a dog which was originally a fox-terrier but is now causing doubts about its parentage.

Craccum feels it is only fitting that after doing a great deal of hard work unassumingly he should finally come a little further into the limelight. Dave has been accepted for the Air Force and when he goes into camp next January the hearty good wishes of the College will go with him.

##### DAY DEPARTS A VIRTUOUS VICE

Retiring from the Exec. this year is Paul Day, Vice-President and Tournament Delegate. Paul has also been Chairman of Publications Committee and has been the very hard-working editor of Craccum and Kiwi. (Send in your contribution now). He was also Tournament delegate in 1939 and before that in 1938 held the portfolio of Chairman, Inter-Faculty Committee, and Secretary, Sports Committee.

The College Apollo is equally at home on the football field and on the track, and this year won an N.Z.U. Blue for hurdling. That the brawn is counterbalanced to some degree with brain is shown by the fact that he won the Senior Schol. in French in 1938, and graduated M.A. with first-class honours this year. His connection with the French Department this year has taken a different turn, as he devotes some of his time to improving the minds of junior French misses. Paul has taken a prominent part in most of the College Clubs, and in 1938 he and Dorothy Fowler represented A.U.C. in the Joynt Scroll debate. His gentle,

unhurried tread is well-known in the library, and many a female head will sigh when that curly head comes no more into view.

We believe that Paul has been accepted for the Army (which, by the way, now walks on the sides of its feet) and we offer him our good wishes for the future.

##### FAREWELL TO FAITH

Faith Johnson, too, is among the dear departed. One of the kindest and best-liked women at College. Faith was elected to the Exec. in 1938 and again in 1939. Each year she held the portfolios of Corresponding Member, N.Z.U.S.A., Scrap Book, and Property. These offices involve much work especially that of Corresponding Member, and students of the College at large have no idea of the immense amount of time and energy she has put into work that does not come before the public eye. Faith has also helped many an Exec. member by typing reports and letters, a request made to her never being refused.

She has been a popular member of the Women's House Committee and has served willingly and ably on various other committees. Faith will always be remembered as a capable worker and a kind and generous friend.

##### GIFFY GOES TOO

Also on the retiring list is A. D. Giffins. (You will know him better as Giffy). As they say in the In Memoriam columns—

God took our flower, our little Nell,  
We hope He too will like the smell.

Giffy has been prominently connected with Revues and Processions. He appeared as frequently as Dave in the College Shows, his impression of a Boy Scout still remaining fresh in our mind. As Snow Savage last year and Mr. Hitler this year he aroused the envy and admiration of all beholders.

He was co-opted to the Exec. in 1939 and was Secretary of the Social Committee, and on being re-elected became Chairman of Carnival Committee. He has been a member of the Men's House Committee and is the current President of the Hongi Club—he is a perfect duck at the job. (Sorry).

Giffy is in the Government service—something to do with radios—and expects to be transferred to Wellington in the near future. Cheerio and good luck!

##### EXIT EVERY A VERY NICE VICE

"Ah, well," sighed Annette, "Every vice has its day" — thus wittily writing her own epitaph. We cannot, however, lose this opportunity of elaborating somewhat on her many good qualities and on her excellent services on the Exec. A cheery little person, Annette is the life and soul of every committee she is on — and there are many of them. We must be orthodox, however, and give a brief resumé of her career from the beginning—or at least from the time she came to A.U.C. As an energetic fresher she was interested in practically all the College Clubs and still retains much of her early enthusiasm. She was co-opted on

## SPEIGHT FOR PRESIDENT

### A POPULAR CHOICE

Two of the elections have been decided for positions on the Students' Association Executive. The election for President saw Murray William Speight returned with a clear majority of 90 votes.

Speight has a long and imposing record of University service. His scholastic career has been brilliant, beginning with a Junior University Scholarship, in which he topped the Dominion list, progressing to a Senior Scholarship in Greek, and culminating last year in a Rhodes Scholarship.

His sporting record is no less strong. A skilful hockey player, he won his N.Z.U. Blue in 1939. He has played for A.U.C. for three years, and has been delegate to the N.Z.U. Hockey Council. In tennis he was an A.U.C. representative in 1939.

##### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

In student affairs, Murray from the first took an active part. He is a past President of the Classical Society, has been a member of the Debating and Dramatic Clubs, and was in 1938 elected to the Executive. In 1939 he was elected Secretary, and carried out these duties with cheerful promptitude.

At present, Murray is a graduate student at Training College. He will undoubtedly prove a most popular President.

## HAIRBREADTH WIN FOR REID NARROW MARGIN AS SECRETARY

Graham Reid narrowly beat Frank Newhook for the position of secretary, by the slender margin of one vote. Graham is an old boy of Takapuna Grammar School, and began his course at A.U.C. in 1938. He has been a leading light in many student affairs, although his naturally retiring disposition makes him a force where least expected.

Graham was co-opted to the Executive in 1939, and occupied the portfolios of Chairman of the Procession Committee, and Chairman of the Men's House Committee. In both these tasks he did splendid jobs of work, and showed a fine grip of student affairs. He plays football for the University Colts, and is a very active member of the Field Club.

There is a difficult year ahead for Messrs. Speight and Reid, in keeping student activities alive during the war period. Such work is most useful, in fact essential. But it will not be easy. It will depend on the active support of every member of the student body.

Congratulations to Reid and Speight and best wishes for a successful year of office.

to the Exec. at the beginning of 1939 and carried out very capably the arduous tasks of Secretary of Bookstall Committee and Chairman of Social Committee. As she was also Secretary of Women's House Committee and a graduate student at Training College, you may imagine how busy she was.

In 1939 she became Lady Vice-President and since then has devoted her undoubted talents to running the Women's House Committee and acting as peacemaker and general social standby of the Exec.—and incidentally doing honours in history. Annette can claim the proud record of having made a success of every job she has attempted and her never-failing good humour has endeared her to everyone. Against her express wishes we must add that her laugh is charming and has to be heard to be believed. We will not, however, repeat the old joke about her propensity for blushing down to the elbows.

Annette hopes to be teaching at Tauranga next year and while we wish her all of the best, we know that Varsity will be a sadder and duller place without her.



# Society For Health Education

## University Effort to Combat Quackery and Patent Medicine Racket

(N.Z.U. Press Bureau)

In an interview to the "Critic," Mr. Blane, President of the New Zealand Association for Health Education, sets out some aspects of the work of the Association in its campaign against "Patent" medicines and quackery.

"Of course, you understand," said Mr. Blane, "that an anti-quackery campaign is a very small part of our work. Our aims are educative, not punitive, but at the present time there are some aspects of quackery which make it imperative that the position should be clarified."

"There are five main objections to the sale of 'patent' medicines and to quackery in general," continued Mr. Blane.

### Firstly, it is an Impediment to our War Effort.

We are told to conserve paper, yet hundreds of tons of paper are wasted in holding out fraudulent hopes of cures to those with serious disease, in pandering to the hypochondriac and, in general, persuading people that good health can be got out of a bottle.

Again, assuming that a pre-war estimate of £1,000,000 is the approximate annual amount of money spent on patent medicines, then nine-tenths of this money represents money wasted. Borrowing an idea from Oliver Wendall Holmes (we may say that "speaking broadly and excluding 'home' remedies, if all the 'patent' medicines as we now know them were sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be all the better for mankind—and all the worse for the fishes."

Further, owing to irretrievable loss of time, aided often by the wrong medication, patients miss the most favourable opportunity in the early stages of disease for the starting of rational treatment. This may mean a longer stay in hospital for which the social security fund, the consolidated fund and the local body have to foot the bill.

We would ask you to note the patent medicine proprietors who exploit the effect of the war situation by claiming they have a panacea for use in "anxious times," etc.

Finally, useless medication, or medication wrongly used, means medical supplies wasted. Our duty is to conserve supplies.

### Secondly, it is Contrary to the Principles of Democracy.

Apologists for the patent medicine business say that effective legislation would be an attack on the liberty of the subject. This is nonsense. We do not quarrel with the dictum that persons should be allowed to buy what they think best in the way of medicines—provided they are more or less harmless. We do not question the right of the public to buy, but what we do indict is the means by which they are persuaded to do so.

Liberty in a democratic sense, means not only freedom of speech, but also freedom of mind to make decisions based upon appreciation of the facts and since it is not possible for the layman to know the established scientific and medical truths he has to take such knowledge on trust from people who have, or pretend to have, the requisite training which enables them to give an opinion.

Obviously, it is of primary importance that if a true judgment is to be made the things which the layman takes on trust should correspond with the actual reality—otherwise his mind is not free to make its decision.

We cannot too strongly insist that a continuous propaganda of fraudulent and misleading statements, with suppression of the essential facts, is the very antithesis of mental freedom. This is the totalitarian method—not the democratic.

The methods used in the sale and promotion of proprietary medicines therefore, are a challenge to one of the basic principles of democracy—that of the right of the people to the truth.

### Thirdly, it is Contrary to Ethical Teaching.

Advertisements giving fictitious valuation of articles, which their owners desire to sell, are unimpeachable records, records of the prevailing low ethical standards. These advertisements are not of the puffing variety such as the "unique," "the incomparable," the "never-failing," the "worth a guinea-a-box," but are deliberate mis-statements of fact designed to deceive an ignorant public. The majority of the

advertisements are characterised by a complete lack of any standards of honesty, of truthfulness, or of business integrity.

### Fourthly, it is Contrary to the Principles of Public Health.

Lord Horder, the King's physician, says: "We have this campaign of quack medicines and foods, totally uncombated so far by His Majesty's Government, but led by very subtle and skilled generals, bent upon maintaining

## AN EXPLANATION

### N.Z. ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

The N.Z. Association for Health Education is the University's answer to numerous critics queries as to why students and graduates don't do more to educate the public instead of indulging in "Subversive?" criticism and frivolous pastimes. N.Z.U. publications are certainly in accord with the objects of this Association and will assist in every way to make known to students and the public its worthy efforts and investigations. Students are earnestly requested to assist by telling their friends about the Association and by becoming members, the membership fee is the small sum of 2/6 per annum. By assisting you will be showing N.Z. that the University has the interests of the public to the fore.

The objects of the Association are (a) To promote the health education of the public; (b) To investigate health problems; (c) To Disseminate information on the nostrum evil, quackery and allied subjects; (d) To co-operate with other organisations. Public lectures, with slides and demonstrations, will be given, books and pamphlets are to be published, and answers to enquiries by individuals will be given. The National Executive is composed of Albert D. G. Blane, B.Sc., A.N.Z.I.C., President; and Dr. Laurence Malcolm, B.Med.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Vice-President; Miss Helen Thompson, M.H.Sc., Miss E. C. Wilson, M.H.Sc., Messrs. C. Johnstone, M.A., C. N. Bell, M.P.S., Ph.C., T. Kennedy, M.Sc., F. H. Sims, M.Sc., N. Stace, M.Sc., Dr. V. I. E. Whitehead, M.B. Ch.B., C. Martin, B.Sc., as the Executive. They are representative of University lecturers and research workers in Home Science, Bacteriology, Chemistry Biology, Physiology, Research Chemists and Dieticians, and Pharmaceutical Chemists, and School Teachers.

Already a meeting of over 400 people has been held in Christchurch, and one will be held in Dunedin soon. Newspapers, because of revenue from patent medicines will not print reports of investigations, but N.Z.U. papers will expose frauds. "Salient," V.U.C., exposed various patent medicines last year. "Critic" will run a column in which any queries regarding a certain "patent medicine" will be answered after investigation by the Association officers; a complete analysis of the preparation will be given.

national ill health, moral and physical, in order to have a ready market for their goods. For every hundred pounds that the Government spends on making the people health conscious, quack medicine-mongers spend a thousand in making them disease conscious. We are trying to teach the people the meaning of nutrition and the money that they might spend on food they are spending on quack medicines or on very poor substitutes for good food. There

is an enormous number of preparations which are fraudulent in the degree of the advertisement—fraudulent in the claims they make and very fraudulent in the way in which these claims change without any change in the nature of the specific so-called

A. J. Clarke, Professor of Pharmacology at Edinburgh says: "This systematic swindling of the sick, from which the Press and Government get a rake off, is not humorous but is a sordid business."

In England the Government "rake-off" comes from the patent medicines stamp; in New Zealand from the radio broadcasting.

### Fifthly, it is Strangling the Pharmaceutical Profession.

In the past two years three or four pharmacies have gone out of business in the main street of Dunedin. Their place has been taken by the "wrappers" in the chain stores "house to house" canvassers, herbalists, etc. It is impossible to get apprentices. Chemists are forced by economic necessity to sell products that they would not touch otherwise. When the next major epidemic comes we will get a practical demonstration of the stupidity of allowing trained people to be superseded by persons who have no idea of the worth of what they sell.

In conclusion, this is a time for blunt speaking. Those of us who cannot enlist because of age, sex, or physical disability have a job to do. This is—get the civil population in fighting trim. Stop the propaganda of disease. Stop the wastage of supplies. Protect the home interest of the alumni, past and present who are at the front. Release men from jobs which are nationally useless and worthless. See that the right men do the right jobs.

## PEANUT MARATHON FALLS

### SCI. SOC. COFFEE EVENING SUFFERS

A fortnight or so ago the big time coffee evening of the year (after the Athletic Club's of course) was held in the Men's Common Room. The Sci. Soc. were the body providing the fun, and the boys and girls rolled in to see the peanut races and cheat in a few Monte Carlos.

The writer admits frankly that he did not come to see the peanut races. To him the darn things were just so much waste of good dancing time. But as so many people evinced such urgent interest in them, one feels obliged to give them the benefit of the doubt and grudgingly admit that maybe a certain type of mind might derive quite a number of good hearty belly-laughs from the screamingly funny spectacle of six people picking up peanuts and putting them in a receptacle.

In other words, it takes all sorts to make a world.

Anyway, apart from the peanut races, the show was a good show. Plenty of people, a cosy fire, and good music. Professor Bartrum gave the professorial benison to the proceedings by attending with partner, in the shape of his wife. Others noticed were Dr. Briggs, who kindly judged the peanut races. A sterling effort on Dr. Briggs' part. He even looked to be enjoying these supposedly laughable incidents. So did a number of other people, including Brownie Ward, tagging along with Charlie Molloy. Sheila Stewart contrived to look most distantly interested in the proceedings, Matthew Te Hau from Training College was making things hot. Likewise getting in the groove were Betty Sweetman, Nita Steele and Thelma Stokes (in varying degrees, of course).

Frank Newhook did well in the peanut races, which incidentally were won by Arts in the shape of one Mr. Moriarty. The proceedings were enlivened by one or two Monte Carlos, won by persons completely foreign to the writer, and who probably cheated anyway.

If they did, good luck to them. I cheated myself and lost.

Apart from the unconscionable gap in the evening made by the confounded peanut races, the evening was an enjoyable one and well up to Sci. Soc. standard.



## POINTS OF VIEW

Those who speak of men in general speak of nobody.—Stilpo.

Monogamy is the most odious of all monopolies.—Crodwin.

Never, no, never, did nature say one thing and wisdom another.—Burke.

But for the injustices men would not know the meaning of justice.—Heraclitus.

Whatever changes is permanent and its conditions only change.—Kant.

The most irrational theory of all is that elements without intelligence should produce intelligence.—Plotinus.

Without personal identity, responsibility is sheer nonsense.—Bradley.

You can speak truth uncontradicted in verse, you cannot in prose.—Emerson.

That man is dead even in this life, who has no belief in another.—Croethe.

Excesses, defects and contrary qualities conspire to the beauty and harmony of the world.—Berkeley.

Goodness is not absolute or ultimate, it is but one side, one partial aspect of the nature of things.—Bradley.

It is impossible to meditate on time and the mystery of the creative passage of nature without an overwhelming emotion at the limits of the human intelligence.—Whitehead.

Three things have been specially dear to me in this world. I have loved women and pleasant odours, but the chief solace of my heart has been prayer.—Mohammed.

The result of our analysis of physical phenomena up to the present is that we have nowhere found any evidence of the existence of deterministic law.—Eddington.

Academic philosophers ever since the time of Parmesides, have believed the world is a unity. The most fundamental of my beliefs is that this is rubbish.—Bertrand Russell.

Men must know that in the theatre of human life it is reserved for gods and angels to be lookers on.—Bacon.

Columbus, who, by using subjective assumptions, a false hypothesis, and a route abandoned by modern navigation, nevertheless discovered America.—Jung.

Scientific knowledge is spread very thinly and patchily over the human sea. Even if it could be marshalled into one great Brain Trust, there seems not the least chance that the unscientific millions would put the force of their belief behind its decrees.—Jack Common.

Everyone admits how praiseworthy it is in princes to keep faith, and to live with integrity and not with craft. Nevertheless, our experience has been that those princes who have held good faith of little account and have known how to circumvent the intellect of men by craft, and in the end have overcome those who have placed reliance on their word.—Machiavelli.

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## Nature

Dickens put in the mouth of one, Squeers, the incontrovertible judgment, "It's a wonderful thing, is 'nachur.'" It is incontrovertible because few can determine to their neighbour's satisfaction what Nature is. Many moderns are firmly convinced that life must be free and natural as a dew drop in a clover-leaf, which is all very well, but not very modern. As a matter of fact, the Greeks found out precisely what happens when men set their hearts on being natural. Just as the man who tries to be dramatic is melodramatic, so the man who tries to be natural becomes unnatural. Using "natural" in this modern sense, one is tempted to draw the lesson from history that what is "natural" is not right. But that would be acting on the presupposition that it is the nature of man to have nothing to do with the supernatural.

It is man's purpose to live in accordance with the nature that is his, but one cannot discover man's nature without taking account of the supernatural. It is our generation which has made men into Gods: perhaps that is the cause in the final analysis of the squabble at present on our Olympus.

—G.L.C.

## Internal Concord

The sad lesson of France has shown us that a nation may be extremely powerful in a military sense, and yet succumb to the gnawings of internal strife. With an army supposedly the equal of Germany's, and a defence system supposedly without equal in Europe, the French nevertheless could not unite their national will in time to stem the irresistible thrust of German armoured columns. The will of many was opposed to a single unified will, and the single will, strengthened by certainty and by lack of hesitancy or doubt, in the end prevailed.

We need not think that it will be our lot to fare any better if we disregard the tragic lesson of France. This is no time for political jealousy or for petty disagreements. Our own personal wills must be subordinated to the general aim, so that we answer the unified front of our foes with an impenetrable wall of national resolution.

To read the account of N.Z. Parliamentary debates in recent days is to entertain serious doubts as to whether Dominion politicians appreciate these facts keenly enough. Our country's main task is sufficiently clear: to keep the mother country fed. This means production on a scale unheard of before; and all the forces of the State should be bent to that end. If any avenue of useful production is neglected by the Government, then they are falling short in their responsibility to the mother country and to the people of New Zealand.

This is a time for organisation and hard work, not for little parliamentary quarrels. If we are to be unified our political leaders must set the example.

—P.W.D.

## TOPICAL TOUCHES

No he hasn't joined up. He's so exquisite that he's being kept in a preserved occupation.

As the London taxi driver said after the Belgians had deserted the British. "That's wot comes of a national day of prayer."

Then there's the story of the lady who said to her friend. "Don't look now dear, but I think we're being bombed."

One professor says irritably that he wishes the modern woman would speak up. But as Dorothy Parker once said, a girl's best friend is her mutter.

We heard the other day of a sweet young thing who's so patriotic that even her hair is khaki now. Heaven help those who have boy friends in the air force.

Hitler says proudly that he attributes the growth of Germany to the careful way in which he has fostered the National spirit. Germination?

It is reported that there have been 5th columnist activities at A.U.C. in connection with the oncoming elections. Someone remarked, too, that another column wasn't really necessary to the building.

A Parisian trader, condemned to eight months' imprisonment for having spoken of King Leopold in derogatory terms is appealing on the ground that he showed remarkable foresight.

We heard about the shrewdie in charge of the Training College voting booth for the presidential elections, who sent for the girl friend to come and help him on the grounds that two heads were better than one. This calf love is just bully.

Any truth will be disbelieved, if it is big enough.—Dr. Hermann Ruaschning.

Truth, and the freedom to seek it, are not luxury-products which enervate a people and unfit them for the struggle of life. They belong to life, they are life's daily bread.—Thomas Mann.

The time to guard against corruption and tyranny is before they shall have gotten hold of us. It is better to keep the wolf out of the fold than to trust to drawing his teeth and claws after he shall have entered.—Thomas Jefferson in "Writings."

If Hitler should triumph, the ideal of a society of free men, based on an effective respect for the rights of the person, offering to each an equal opportunity to develop the gifts which each has received from God, and allowing for fraternal co-operation, would receive a heart's blow.—Jacques Moritain.

Freedom is the recognition of necessity.—Engels.



# WHAT'S GOING ON CLUBS AND SOCIETIES CORNER

## MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB

### SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS

During the second term the Modern Language Club has had two evenings, both of which have been remarkably successful, and thoroughly enjoyed by the large audiences present.

At the first evening three talks were given—Miss Winnie Tombs, Mr. Alan Horsman and Mr. John Asher spoke on Romanticism as a Literary Movement in France, England and Germany. The talks were most interesting and instructive.

The second evening was of a lighter nature. The popular Mr. Kenneth Melvin was kind enough to come along and give a most interesting talk on "The French Attitude to a Peace Settlement." In the light of contemporary events the talk was found particularly helpful. Miss Miller completed the programme with some gramophone records, all of which were extremely entertaining. Miss Miller has helped the club tremendously since it first existed, and we are indeed grateful for her kind and original suggestions and for the work she has put into many of our productions.

The final evening for the year promises to be most interesting. Mr. Yockney, an old A.U.C. scholar, who was at one time a student at the Sorbonne, will be the speaker. All students are most cordially invited to be present.

## MODERN POETS INTERPRETED

### PROF. SEWELL AT LIT. CLUB

There was a good attendance at the Literary Club on July 24th, when Professor Sewell spoke on "Modern Poetry." Despite his stated reluctance to speak at the meeting, he gave a very clear and simple summary of the present state of poetry and its development from

the Elizabethans. He dealt first with what he regards as the two most healthy signs: an activity of intellect which poetry has lacked for several generations, and the fact that, unlike the Victorian period, contemporary literature is not divorced from life. In one matter, however, poets to-day are at a disadvantage for so many of the traditional forms have been brought to perfection; even syntax needs changing. The fact that syntax is being disturbed is one of three reasons why modern poetry is accused of being obscure; a second is that the complexity of our civilisation must be reflected in the complexity of our poetry; and thirdly the reader himself is at fault—he refuses to surrender himself to the poet.

### FREE ASSOCIATION

Professor Sewell then turned to free association, saying that it is not a new thing and that it belongs to true poetry, whereas surrealism is false. Next he successfully debunked the theory that modern poets are neither incapable of technique or choose to defy it. They are not incapable of it, as was proved by a reading of Louis MacNeice's "Skylark" and W. H. Auden's "Look, Stranger, at This Island Now," and they only defy what they feel to be worn out.

### CHIEF INFLUENCES

Touching briefly on influences, Professor Sewell named Rilke and Hopkins as the two most important. His next point conceived the great sense of the continuity of tradition: our poets are extremely anxious of belonging to the past, and at the same time they look towards the future. In conclusion the speaker mentioned the vision of Stephen Spender, C. Day Lewis and W. H. Auden, considering Spender's feminine, Lewis' slight (although not superficial and Auden's the best of the three.

N.B.—Write for the Oka Podrida. Entries close first Tuesday next term.

get away with it; the Monte Carlo was won by two girls. Lesley Housby and a fair unknown, who both had to be practically carried into the middle of the floor to get the prize; Frank Newhook and Margery Anderson were clinging to each other, more, it seemed from necessity than from anything else; Denise Holmes and Johnnie Carrol kept on running into each other.

### OTHER PERSONALITIES

Brownie Ward had a bright yellow sweater which toned in very nicely with the floor; Grif Jones and Joan Sweetman were, as usual, falling all over each other; Kath Bilkey showed skill in being the cause of several melees but managed to stagger clear every time; that old Revue combination, Johnny Lyttelton and Peggy Armstrong displayed quiet efficiency; Val Anderson was resigned to her fate after the floor had risen up and hit her the first few times; Sheila Stewart, surprisingly enough, was one of the few who looked wholly dignified; Prendy was there with broad grin, but without ping-pong bat.

In fact all the best people were there. It will be a popular move if the Social Committee can turn on another evening like it, particularly as Murray Speight is so desirous of giving another exhibition. But they've probably left it till too late in the term, the skates!

Hell is not the belly-ache after eating too many sweets—it is the realisation that in ignorance you have injured those whom you love.

—Lord Lytton.

## AN APOLOGY

### "CRACCUM" GOES ASTRAY

In the last "Craccum," we regret to say, an example occurred of direct misrepresentation. It is all the more unfortunate that the body misrepresented was the Professorial Board—the Chairman in particular. In our report of the Australian Debaters' tour the Professorial Board was represented as forbidding the Debating Club to debate on the subject "Freedom of Speech." This was not true. By some devious route one of the reporting staff received an untrue version of the story, and this was, rather unwisely, incorporated in the published report.

The truth is that Professor Rutherford, though doubting the wisdom of debating such a subject, was at great pains to leave the Debating Club an absolutely free hand in the matter. In fact, he advised them against changing the subject at that late date.

"Craccum" wishes to apologise to Professor Rutherford, therefore, and trusts that the public will appreciate the true state of affairs.

## PROMOTION FOR DOROTHY

### NEW LADY VICE PRESIDENT

Dorothy Gertrude Fowler, B.A., will appear at the Executive table in a new role next term. After a very successful term of office on the Executive last year, she is this year to be Lady Vice President in place of Annette Every.

Dorothy, who of course last year had every male member of the Executive at her feet, and willing to do her slightest bidding, has proved herself efficient and pleasant in anything she was called upon to do. From her earliest days at University (which were in 1936), she took an interest in student affairs. Debating was her chief pastime, and in 1938, she and Pat Day represented A.U.C. at Palmerston North in the Joynt Scroll Debate. The Debating Club Committee also was graced by her quiet but compelling presence in 1938 and 1939. In 1938, Dorothy was on the Women's House Committee, and continued on that body in the following year.

Her executive portfolios were Chairman of the Bookstall Committee, and Secretary of Publications. In both these positions she showed great ability. In the latter, especially, she has been a never failing source of inspiration to the "Craccum" staff.

Dorothy will be sure to acquit herself well in her new honours, and will carry the good wishes of all students.

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Make an effort; use your imagination to picture their situation. Homes, careers, security, comfort—these things are “casualties,” and in their place slow starvation, lack of clothing, mental black-out, and hopeless misery. No man or woman can hold out against this for very long.

A relief organisation for these students is active in Europe and in China. This organisation, International Student Service calls upon university students in all countries.

The N.Z.U.S.A. has called for the co-operation of all the University Colleges and in A.U.C. a committee has been set up to organise the appeal. Will you rally to the call for aid? Response to this appeal will mean some sacrifice on our part. We are one of the few student communities economically able to respond freely.

War takes a heavy toll of youth. As students we should be interested in any action which will contribute towards a saner world. Money, clothing and books sent to students in Europe and in China constitutes such an action, for it will provide a basis for international understanding by promoting world-wide student solidarity. Our personal contribution to Student Relief is not a merely provincial gesture, but one of national and international significance.

Contributions will be received at the College office and by any of the members of the Student Relief Committee—Mr. A. P. Postlewaite, Argus House, High Street; Miss Heather Dunning, Miss Annette Every, Miss Faith Johnston, Mr. Murray Speight, Mr. Peter Gamlen, Mr. Bob Sprackett. Also, there will be a box for your small change in the cafe. Mrs. Odd will receive parcels of clothing and books.

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## ARCHITECTS GO EASTERN

### STAMPEDE A SCREAM

#### GAY SCENE SEEN

The Architects can usually be relied upon to put on a good show and this year's Stampede more than upheld the traditions of the faculty.

An Eastern theme was chosen for the decorations—a large mural covered one side of the studio and seductive maidens adorned the windows while a frieze of camels, palm trees and temples helped complete the Eastern atmosphere.

The “Date” Palm Lounge was very popular and lighting defects were much appreciated.

The guests of the evening, Professor and Mrs. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. J. Turkington were received by the President of the Architectural Society, Mr. C. G. Cutter. At various times during the evening Mr. Cutter was perceived fending off “jitter bugs” as he steered the chaperones round the crowded floor.

#### FANCY COSTUMES

Prizes for the best fancy dresses were won by Miss M. Mitchell and Mr. Miles Henderson. Miss Mitchell looked particularly charming in an Eastern costume definitely in keeping with the decorative scheme (we somehow suspect that Miss Mitchell looked in on preparations for the Stampede).

Mr. Henderson was John Bull and the fact that he is not as portly as that gentleman could be overlooked because of the excellence of his costume.

#### PERSONALITIES ON PARADE

Among those present were:—

“Giffy” as a sultan—he assured us he did not bring his harem.

Mary Hay—the only woman at present in the architectural faculty—said she was a Peasant. Thanks for the information Mary.

Frank Gillman fulfilled a lifetime ambition by coming as the man who taps the wheels on the train—his outfit was complete with engine and hammer.

Barry Martin in baby clothes again made the most of his Herculean figure.

George Porter seen doing a fairy dance.

Chas. Corne as a Pirate, was unrecognisable behind a black beard. He was continually lifting his whiskers to enlighten people.

Sgt. Bill Singer gave yet another “jitter-bug” exhibition.

The Architectural Society wishes to express its thanks to those of its members who toiled to make the evening a success and to those who attended for their goodwill and support.

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# WHO'S WHO A

## A MIXED BAG :: EXEC.

This year's bag of prospective Executive members is perhaps not quite such a bulky one as usual. Possibly the Army, Navy or Air Force have claimed a percentage of these would-be administrators. However, the fact remains that the quality, if not the quantity of candidates for Executive honours this year is well up to standard. Many of the candidates have fine records of service, and are in every way capable of administering student affairs.

Seated in a snug little hide-out in the Women's Federation Room, "Craccum's" representative met most of these people, and listened quietly as they told him all about it. From the more bashful or more modest facts had to be prised out by means of leading questions. The data printed hereafter was nearly all obtained in this way.

Not the least of the aids to coherence for the interviewed victims was the sunny presence of the Ladies' Vice-President, who succeeded in putting all candidates at their ease. She was, indeed, so successful that the interviewer himself finished up by feeling definitely ill-at-ease.

Here, then are the persons who are offering themselves for election to the Students' Executive, A.U.C., together with their records, and their views on this and that.

### A HOCKEY BLUE

MARGOT HOGBEN is the well-known writer of Topical Touches for "Craccum." Although these so-called "touches" develop often into positive digs, Margot certainly has a pretty wit, which is doubtless one more reason for her undoubted success as Secretary of the Debating Club. Debating, however, is only one of her pursuits. Another important one is hockey. Like big brother Lawrence, she has won a N.Z.U. Blue in Hockey, and has also represented Auckland. She keeps goal for A.U.C. Blue team. Intellectually she is as outstanding as athletically. She even went so far as once to read a paper to the Literary Club—and a very good paper it was. Miss Hogben has definite ideas on University life. Social life she considers is too much apart from the intellectual life of the college. Skating parties, however, are a possible exception. Miss Hogben considered that "Craccum" would be much better if not subbed by persons with conservative views. (Let this pass for now.—Ed.). More space should be given in the journal, she considers, to Executive matters.

### A DASHING DEBATER

MISS D. J. MORRELL is also a prominent Debater. She has been selected to represent Auckland this year in the Joynt Scroll Debate. This is a repetition of last year, when Miss Morrell was also a member of the team. She has been at A.U.C. since 1937, and must be a familiar sight to all students. For the benefit of those not acquainted, this young lady is 5ft. 2in. in height, fair complexion, grey eyes, and hair an orange shade (or possibly light ginger). The Women's House Committee is another body in which Dorothea has had a great deal of work to do, and has done it with efficiency and energy. She has also conducted the "Open Forum" in "Craccum," and is a member of the Women's Intermediate Hockey Team. She considers that the college staff (with one or two exceptions) are rather noticeably inferior to their wives, and is grimly silent on the subject of student affairs.

### GOALIE FOR THE WHITES

MISS W. M. TOMBS, a resident of Stanley Bay, is an Honours Student in Latin and French and has served on various clubs and societies—notably the committee of the Classical Society, the Modern Language Club, and the Women's House Committee. On the latter body she was Pound-keeper and held the scales of justice most impartially. As a hockey player her goal-keeping must be seen to be believed. In the words of a woman hockey player, "Winnie's goal-keeping is a smasher." She plays for the University Whites team. About University affairs Winnie was quite explicit. Women's affairs were, according to her, well run. "But," she continued with a frank and ingenuous smile, "I know nothing about the men." One point she is decided on, though, no smoking in the caf. "A disgusting and unhygienic habit," declared Miss Tombs.

### A BASKETBALL REP.

WINIFRED M. STANTON was born in that delightful spot, Inglewood, and she retains an atmosphere of charming old-world courtesy which is in harmony with such a name. To see her on a basketball court, however, one is not immediately aware of this quality. Winnie is of a basketball family, being a sister to Lois, a tournament stalwart of many an Easter. She is an A.U.C. Blue and an Auckland Basketball Rep. She has been on the Women's House Committee for the past year, and worked there with quiet efficiency. She considers that College affairs are on the whole well run, but that a bit of snap or punch is needed to make things go. "Craccum," she regards as readable literature for spare time; but admitted that it possibly did repay study in some ways. (I should say! —Ed.).

### AN ALL-ROUNDER

PETER BEATTY is a stalwart Arts man in his second year, with an unlimited amount of College spirit. He has thrown himself with enthusiasm into College affairs, and is interested in the Debating and Literary Clubs, as well as the Science Society. He also dabbles in hockey. On the social side he confesses he is fond of coffee evenings and, as he added simply, "things like that." On student affairs he considers the deliberations of the Executive are obscured by too great a cloud of secrecy. Executive meetings should be a feature of every "Craccum." Furthermore, the Nomination Forms of Executive Candidates should not be published as, says Mr. Beatty, "this reflects on the secret ballot." He would like to see more co-operation between students and Executive, and would, if elected, endeavour to foster this spirit. In closing, Mr. Beatty remarked with a sad smile of despondency that "Girls should not be so clicky." From which it would seem that Mr. Beatty has not clicked.

### GENTLEMAN GEORGE

G. L. CAWKWELL, a third year Arts student, is the dignified possessor of a fine record of service. An old King's man, he is President of the Classical Society, a past Secretary of the Debating Club, and for two years has been a sub-Editor of "Craccum." Mr. Cawkwell is also a prominent footballer, being a member of the College Senior XV, and selected for the Auckland Colts team. He has debated for A.U.C. over the air, and against the Australians who recently toured N.Z. He produced the Carnival Book in 1939, and also sub-edited "Kiwi" in that year. He has also served on the Dramatic Club Committee and on the Free Discussions Club Committee. He is keenly interested in College publications, and believes in fostering a spirit of gown consciousness in the College. In his opinion, A.U.C. should endeavour to raise its standard of work, and cut out much useless activity that wastes time and energy.

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# AT THE POLLS CANDIDATES SPILL IT

## HARD-HEADED LAWYER

MR. J. T. SHEFFIELD, a native of Auckland, is a Law Clerk, and a member of both Law and Commerce Faculties. He is a ping-pong player of some renown, and has been in the past Secretary of the Commerce Students' Society. At present he is President of that very active body, the Law Students' Society. He has fully attended to the social side of his University career, and unlike Mr. Beatty has not to date found University women "clicky." He considers an admixture of sound Commerce men would be a decided improvement on the A.U.C. Exec. He has himself served on the Advisory Council of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. About the College he finds that the **Men's Common Room is in** immediate need of cleansing and purifying (in a couple of senses) and he believes that the wrongful impression given to the public of the College's doings should be rectified. "I am also," he said darkly, "a great believer in the honeycomb theory," and he left it at that.

## MAN OF BUSINESS

L. H. STEVENS, a third year Commerce man, is an A.U.C. Tennis Representative of two years' standing, and is at present Secretary of the Commerce Students' Society. He considers the Executive a moderately efficient body, but thinks that a few more Commerce men on it would be profitable. Regarding "Craccum," he said the "Open Forum" was the feature which most appealed to him. But overseas contributions he also was glad to see.

## ORATORICAL SOCCER PLAYER

B. T. SMITH, a third year student at Training College, is President of the E.U., and an outstanding speaker on the debating platform. As well as being on the Debating Club Committee, he is 1940 Oratory Champion of the College and is this year selected to represent A.U.C. on Joynt Scroll. Brian is also a past member of the A.U.C. Soccer Club, and plays now for Training College. Regarding University life he said the only thing that at all incommoded him were lectures, which were undoubtedly rather an unwarranted interference with an otherwise pleasant programme.

## A SOCIAL SUCCESS

F. J. NEWHOOK, benign and bespectacled, is a fourth year Science man. He won the Senior Scholarship in Botany in 1939. Has occupied with aplomb the jobs of Secretary, Men's House Committee, Secretary, Field Club, and Chairman, Social Committee. Frank also plays hockey for Varsity Whippets. He has been to two hockey tournaments, and is also an enthusiastic tramper. Frank believes that student activities should not be necessarily curtailed because of war. A hard worker and full of pep, Frank has done many good jobs for students in his years at 'Varsity.

## AWFULLY BRITISH (BY GAD!)

G. G. TURBOTT. Garth is a fourth year Arts student. Co-opted to the Exec. during the year, he has done sterling work, notably on the Recorder ("a noble piece of work," quoth retiring Vice-Pres.). Garth is one of the students on the Extra-curricular Activities Committee, managed the House at Revue, officiates in Football Club Committee, and is Secretary of the Athletic Club, sings "There'll Always Be An England" in a fine falsetto. Has represented the College at Tournament in Athletics for the last three years. Played Rugby for North Island University team this year. Does not pour beer down the piano because (a) it's wasteful, (b) has strong ideas about seeing the piano looked after, and the Men's Common Room in general. (He's true blue, he's a hybrid thru' and thru'!—Editor's note).

## SVELTE AND SWEET

PEGGY MOODIE is a very charming second year Arts student who hails from St. Cuthbert's. "Svelte is the word Mr. Sub-Editor suggests. Has done good work on the Women's House Committee. Follows Music and Lit. Clubs. Thought the Capping Duck stupendous, and Mr. Day absolutely so. Does not approve of non-smoking for women in the cafeteria. Thinks that something should be done for College students in the fighting forces—"send a Craccum to cheer them up," she tactfully added. Thinks present social activities are just all right; favours the wearing of gowns.

## EXECUTIVE ABILITY PLUS

B. H. SMITH (Bruce) is an Honours Commerce student from Mt. Albert Grammar. Has considerable ability on Commercial side. A.R.A. N.Z., A.A.I.S., which mean quite a lot, if you don't know. Considers that his commercial experience would be of great value to an executive. On the Committee of Commerce Society, 1939; also Secretary, Political Economy Circle, 1940. Has represented Auckland at cricket; is a big shot in badminton circles. A member of University Table Tennis team; Secretary of the Club 1939, and on the committee 1940. A business man who means business. This is his policy.

## A BORN HAKA LEADER

CLEM GREEN is a sixth year student with B.Arch. and A.N.Z.I.A. Now doing Commerce. Has had a lot of experience of College business. Men's House Committee 1938-40; Vice-President, Swimming Club 1938-40; also Secretary 1936-38; Vice-President Harriers, 1939-40; and on Committee, 1938; Vice-President Hongi Club, 1938-40; Procession Committee 1937-38; A.U.C. Sports Committee, 1938-39. Clem was a member of Revue Ballet, 1938. Has represented A.U.C. at Tournament over the last four years in Harriers, Hockey and Swimming. A keen worker.

## ANOTHER ARCHITECT

C. G. CUTTER is the other member of the Architectural Faculty standing. This faculty has wisely decided to cut down its nominees to two. The efforts of Mr. Cutter on behalf of the Students' Association have been particularly strenuous. He was one of the leading men behind this year's successful Procession, being on the working committee. He was also the genius behind this year's Studio Stampede, which as everyone knows, was an unparalleled success.

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# Prospects of Promotion

## Seniors Going Well

If the Senior Rugby Fifteen can win its next two matches Varsity will be once again represented in the Senior First Division. At present the team is lying second in the Senior Second Division Championship, and has shown good form in gaining its present position. The result of the last few games are as follows:—

- v. Eden: Won 33—10.
- v. Navy: Won by default.
- v. Garrison: Lost 14—15.
- v. College Rifles: Won 9—6.
- v. Air Force: Won 24—16.
- v. Manukau: Drawn 15—15.

The draw for the next two games is Parnell and Manukau, and the team should be able to win both matches.

The team has definitely improved over the last few weeks. Vital in the attacks has been Bob Gyllies, who is undoubtedly a very fine player. He supplies the back line with the necessary extra thrust which makes the difference between tries and no tries. Bob has made many openings this season. Ken MacRae has been playing well and is a great defensive player. He has a great pair of hands and when he forgets to kick is a good attacking player. He has saved many a situation. Des Minogue has improved out of sight. He too has become a good attacking player, and against Manukau played his best game to date. However, the wings get very little of the ball. Garth Turbott is an excellent three-quarter, but has not yet had a chance to show his powers. Jack Enwright, too, is a good wing, though as yet lacking confidence. Jimmy Kirkland has staged a come-back and scored some very good tries, about 8 or 9, if we remember rightly. Digger Robinson has filled in the place behind the scrum well. He possesses the great virtue of not hesitating to go down on the ball despite the menace of oncoming boots; which has been a great advantage to the team. Brian Warner is a reliable full-back, despite his embarrassing habit of leaving his kick as late as possible; generally, however, his kicking is very accurate.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Garth Turbott and Bob Gyllies who won places in the North Island University fifteen. The day was so bad that neither got a chance to do much. However, Garth kept the giant marking him in very good control.

To George Cawkwell and Derek Hoskings, who have won places in the Auckland Colts team, a team of promising young players in the senior competition. Both have played three games. Against United Services George Cawkwell scored 8 points with his boot, and Derek Hoskings scored a try.

To Bob Gyllies, who has gained a place in the Auckland B team. He has thoroughly deserved this honour.

Congratulations, too, to Paddy Webb for succeeding in remaining at large on the way home from Waiuku!

To Dinny Mulvihill for persuading an opposing Waiuku player not to tackle him if he had the ball.

To Bill Cunliffe for producing the best cauliflower ear for a long time.

To Father Desborough for wot 'e done!

### WANTED — SOME OOMPH

The forwards lack Armitage and oomph. The former has gone to the country to teach; the latter has gone with him or is temporarily resting. Anyhow, the pack misses both of them, though it is not without its merits. For example, given a reasonable amount of weight, Paddy Webb will hook the ball; George Cawkwell will follow up (though beautifully alone); Derek Hoskings does back-up the backs most regularly and effectively; other go well generally. But they lack oomph. By oomph is meant that football equivalent of Andrews which makes forwards feel "fresh and invigorated," which makes them follow up, and back up relentlessly, which makes them secure the ball from every loose ruck by methods which have more resolution than politeness, which makes them effectively stop anyone who tries to break thru' in the line-out, etc.

"Oomph" is certainly needed. Armitage had it and infected others with it. It may possibly be found by each member of the pack, when he resolves to get as fit as Apollo. (Members of the pack, please note this). George Cawkwell uses his boot to some effect: against College Rifles he kicked a goal from just inside half-way; against Garrison he missed a shot right in front.

Woman is a creature without reason, who pokes the fire from the top.

—Archbishop Whately

### BUREAUCRATS—AND DELEGATION

The cab turned down Whitehall.

"I like to think of all the bureaucrats."

"I dont," said Elinor.

"Scribbling away," he went on, "scribbling from morn till night in order that we may live in freedom and comfort. Scribble, scribble—the result is the British Empire. What a comfort," he added, "to live in a world where one can delegate everything tiresome from governing to making sausages, to somebody else."

—Aldous Huxley in "Point Counter Point."

A thinking life without a definite outlook is not life, but a burden, a horror.

—Tchekhov, "Letters."

I believe in something. . . . Let's call it truth. It's a very big thing. . . . We have to discover it. That's what the artist is for—to become true by discovering truth. . . . Truth is so important that when you discover a tiny bit of it, you forget all about everything else—and all about yourself.

Katherine Mansfield.

No man living knows more about women than I do, and I know nothing.

—Sir Seymour Hicks.

# WORLD STUDENTS

## Shoulder to Shoulder

### WHAT IS I.S.S.?

(Reprinted in digest form from an English Student Publication.)

Out of the colossal need for student relief in wartime has grown an independent organization, International Student Service. Its purpose "to encourage and support all efforts on the part of professors, students and others, to develop the Universities and Institutions of higher learning as true centres of national culture, intimately bound up with the international, economic, and social realities of the modern world."

I.S.S., a non-political, and non-sectarian body, working on the principle of help wherever need is found, without respect to race or creed, is once again appealing to the student communities of the rest of the world to come to the help of their distressed fellow-students stranded in various parts of Europe and Asia, under conditions which not only prevent them from completing their course but threaten their very existence.

The appeal now being launched in Australia has as its objective at least £300.

### OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN ENGLAND

The number of overseas students in England is infinitely greater than it was in the war year 1914-18. Many of these are British subjects from the Empire or Dominions, many are aliens, enemy or friendly. To whichever category they belong, most of these students are unable to return to their own homes. England must provide for their welfare for the duration of the war . . .

All students who are Jewish or who have Jewish ancestry are in a precarious situation. Those who come from Germany, Austria, Poland or Czechoslovakia particularly so. Most of them were already in England of necessity, before war was declared; a few of the more fortunate have their families with them, but the rest, on the outbreak of war, were suddenly and completely cut off from any home contacts. Polish students had, in the first weeks of the war, to endure the almost unimaginable torture of hearing news on the wireless of the massacre from the air of their home townspeople, with no possibility of knowing the fate of their families and friends. The Czech students, more recently, have suffered the same terrors, through the events in Prague. Everywhere scattered remnants of once happy families are trying desperately to get a foothold in some corner of a very slippery world.

### PLANNING PEACES

English people can look on these students in their midsts as young men and women who desperately need help, friendship and understanding. What happens to these overseas students in England during the war may have very far-reaching effects. Let us not forget in our planning for peace, that it is the students of the world who will, if they are allowed, make the biggest contribution to the building up of the "New World."



## HOCKEY UPS AND DOWNS

### GRIM PERSISTENCE CONTINUES

Although the Hockey Club has not shone brilliantly so far, it still remains one of the keenest sports bodies in the 'Varsity.

Particularly deserving of mention is the Senior Whippets Team, most of the members of which had not played in the senior grade before. Although they have not yet won a match, they have drawn five matches, four of these being against some of the leading teams. The loss of some members who are in Camp has caused some anxiety recently about fielding a full team, and has led to the "adoption" of Henderson, a good goalkeeper. Goalies are a rarity at 'Varsity these days. Before Henderson's advent, the Whippets played three fullbacks, Moir, Davies and Newhook, who built up a strong system of "Home Defence" between them. Bruce Herriott still retains a lot of his ability at half; while the forwards at last are beginning to know that the main idea of the game, is to get a few goals. Griff Jones has his moments in this pastime, particularly with encouragement from the side line.

### SENIORS DOWN WHIPPETS

The seniors stand about half way up (or down) in the competitions and still retain the services of those veterans, Watson, Noel Brown, H. Cooper and Co. Belshaw in goal has given a good account of himself. Bruce McL. Wallace is fast, but often fails to finish off a movement. Wood and Revell combine well as fullbacks. The long-awaited match Seniors v. Whippets saw the former win 4 to 1 after a keen, clean match. However, the Whippets, next year, should reap the benefit of this year's first grade matches and provide a strong opposition to the "Varsity Old Boys."

### LOWER GRADES SHAKY

In the lower grades, players leaving for Camp have again caused a chasm to develop between them and the top of the ladder (of course the same may easily be said of other clubs!). Roy Robinson is the outstanding player in the Seconds, and receives commendable support from Dave Clouston and Alf. Fogerty in building up a strong forward line. The two former were included in the Junior Representatives. Pollitt in good deserves special mention, showing promise of becoming a first-class goalie. Tom Steen is becoming more conservative with the years. Graham Speight is perhaps the best of the halves.

### THIRDS ERRATIC

As for the Thirds, the training ground for the higher teams, their success have been at the mercy of circumstance. Team changes week after week don't give a team much chance to settle down. Peter Newhook has done a large amount of the goal scoring, aided by Jaffe. David Dunningham and Bruce Harris ply handy sticks in the rearguard, while Peter Beatty's play has to be seen to be believed.

And so the Hockey Club chops its way along, undaunted by misfortune, determined to give of its best.

## WOMEN DOMINATE HOCKEY

### HIGH POSITION MAINTAINED

By defeating Mt. Eden, who won the competition last year, 'Varsity Blues have maintained their position at the top of the hockey ladder. With only four more matches to play they should meet no further opposition serious enough to endanger their chances of the cup. 'Varsity had the advantage during most of the game against Mt. Eden, but the forwards failed to shoot accurately when in the circle. It was fortunate that the opposing forwards also could not make good use of an open goal in front of them.

The Intermediate team, although its personnel is changed from week to week, has worked up sufficient combination to beat Venus decisively and we hope this win will encourage the team to further successes.

## COLTS ARE PATCHY

### FLASHES OF BRILLIANCE

This team started the season with high hopes, which however have not materialised. Many good players are included in its ranks, but they have not combined well at all. The main trouble as is usual with 'Varsity teams, has been the lack of keenness for training.

The team has been unfortunate in losing three of its best players who have gone into camp with the territorials.

The forwards have on the whole, worked well, and have gained their share of the ball in most of the games. The play of the backs is very patchy, due to some extent to the way in which they have had to change their positions throughout the season. Individually some of the players are good.

### INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS

Stirling, who is now in camp was captain, and was one of the best players in the field. He was a sound full-back or second five-eighths although his handling weakened to some extent during the season.

Cassels-Brown is a good centre who makes good use of every opportunity he gets. His major fault is a tendency to try too much on his own.

Caughey, also in camp, was a sound player who saw all the openings and used them.

Pearson, the present first five-eighths makes a few mistakes due probably to his lack of experience in this position.

Brundell, half, is a good war-horse who knows most of the finer points of the game.

Tudhope, centre, is a good all-round player, although not spectacular.

Coldham, wing, lacks experience, but has improved greatly as the season has gone on.

Savage, wing, is a sound player who rather underates his own capabilities. He is very hard to tackle and has made many good runs.

Bassett, front-row forward, is now in camp. He was probably the hardest working forward of the pack.

Beale, hooker, is a good worker who gains his share of the ball—is also quite a good place kick, many of the points which the team has gained coming from his boot.

Strahan, front-row, is another hard worker, good in both the loose and the tight. Follows up well.

Woods is one of the keenest players, being one of the only ones to turn up regularly at practice.

Pearson, lock, lacks experience. Pulls his weight in scrums.

Reid, lock, present captain of the team, shows the same fault as all the rest of the team in not being fit enough.

### GOOD GAME v. PONSONBY

The heights to which the team can rise were seen in the game against Ponsonby, which they won by 9 to 6. The forwards played an excellent game and the backs were well up to standard. However, the depths to which they can sink have been apparent in several other games about which the less said the better.

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## Are We Enlightened ?

VARIED VIEWS AT OXFORD

(Reprinted from "ON DIT")

The Oxford University Conservative Association has several camps, whose relative strengths vary year by year. In general these might be described as (1) Tories, (2) Chamberlainites, (3) the Catholics, and (4) the moderate Conservatives. The first of these is relatively much stronger than for some time, since, while some second and many third year people are conscripted now, the Freshers straight from home and school are here in undiminished numbers and with "uncorrupted" ideas. They speak the tongue that Churchill spake—the faith and morals hold which all their landed and ennobled fathers held or broke before them. Their ideas are barren, their habits (and waistcoats) picturesque. They lose their tempers in the Union debates at times. The Chamberlainites are few: their loyalties seem unfashionable among young Conservatives now: their stocks have declined ever since Munich.

Everyone has a soft spot for the **Liberals**. They are amiable and ingenuous and congenitally inoffensive. In the Union they sit happily under Gladstone's marble bust and in general carry more weight than their numbers would suggest and frequently score points from both their more numerous opponents. Their policy is vague: some members are nearly socialists, some very far from that side—"Liberty" (in a general sense) is their watchword and "ownership (i.e., private property) for all" one of their favourite slogans. They are united in implacable opposition to the present Government, but for the rest are about as muddled as Sir Richard Acland in his recent Penguin "Unser Kampf." But undergraduate Liberals are not with Sir Richard's ultra-socialist measures and the marble bust of Asquith was also noticed to be sweating the other night when, with Arthur Greenwood and the Marquess of Londonderry as guest speakers, the Union carried by 56 votes the motion "That the solution to our problems lies in a Socialist Britain."

The **Pacifists** rarely speak in the Union these days, though they have their active clubs and organisations. Individually they go before the Conscientious Objectors' Tribunals as their age groups are called up: some are already doing ambulance work in Finland and France, others are doing land work or forestry instead of military service. They are not persecuted or ill-treated this time, and there is much sympathy and understanding for them here in Oxford.

The local undergraduate **Fascists** number, I believe, six. Only one ever speaks at the Union, and though he is a competent speaker the House is rather sick of his unvaried speech, repeated weekly or fortnightly as it is.

The **Labour Club** has the largest nominal membership and the largest and much the hardest working membership of any club in Oxford. And its hardest workers are the Communist "Party" whose work seems to be more than half the purpose of their coming to Oxford. All went well between socialists and communists in the Labour Club until the Russo-German Pact of last year—on issues like the "National" Government, Collective Security, Spain, and the rest they had been one solid group, keen, busy, and noisy—lots of house-to-house canvassing, considerable funds collected for China and Spain, frequent street demonstrations with other Labour and Trade Union organisations in Oxford.

But the Communist lead seems to be waning. English people of all shades of opinion are much less precipitate in attempting to suppress opponents and not give them a hearing than some New Zealanders are. They seem to have learnt better than some New Zealanders that if there is any substance in a case, given a free and open ring or not, it will come out. They realise that by giving all enough rope the right ones will generally hang themselves, whereas suppression and martyrdom will only keep them alive and give them a new strength. The patent absurdity of much recent Communist somersaulting is telling now: much of the support which remains seems to come from admiration for their efforts in England in organising and helping the unemployed to get better conditions and in similar activities where the Labour Party has sometimes not

sufficiently taken the initiative. But the casuistry which has gone to explain the Russo-German "marriage de convenance" has been too much for many.

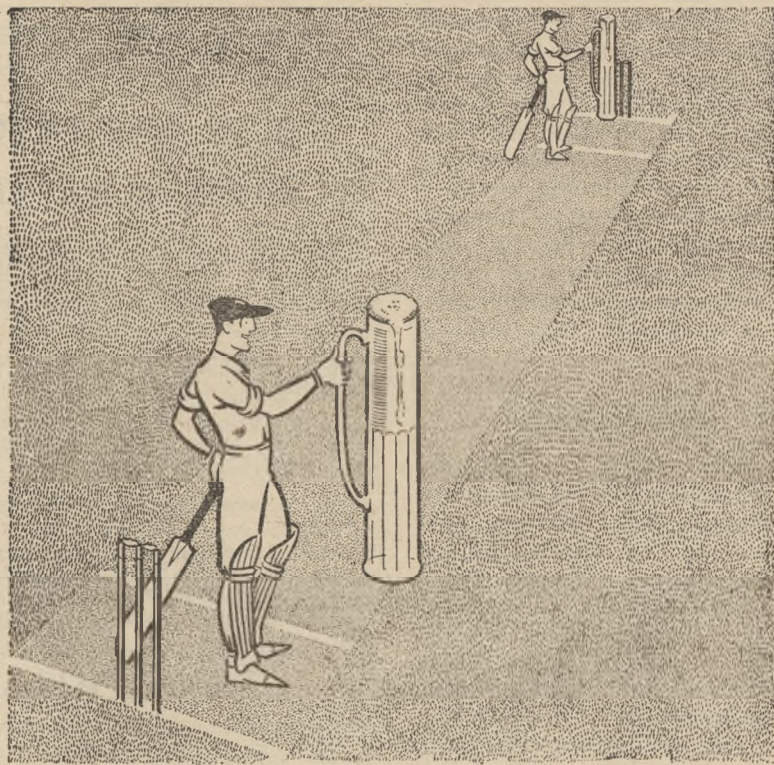
Yet no one wants to suppress them—only 31 votes could be raised in the Union for a motion for their suppression by the Government. Conservatives, Liberals, and Labour were at once against it. Apart from a few ultra-Tories, the Communists alone seem to want the suppression of the Communists—they admit quite frankly the tide is running against them here and that a healthy spot of martyrdom would do them and their numbers and their cause all the good in the world—it has already roused considerable sympathy here and in France for their French "comrades." No wonder no one is anxious to play into their hands. All parties gave Benes a tremendous reception at the last debate of this term. The various club meetings are also well attended—the Conservatives' Annual

Dinner was a brilliant affair, sparkling with notabilities; the Labour Club's four-hour debate on Russo-Finnish affairs (on the motions mentioned above) was crowded, sustained, as noisy as usual and markedly "lively." Such are Oxford politics at the moment—business is very much as usual, discussion is free and controversy willing. I hope there is as much broad-mindedness, freedom and liveliness in New Zealand Universities to-day. The broad-mindedness of the English undergraduate is at least one beacon in a dark world. The Englishman's respect for and understanding of liberty is an object lesson for the Dominions and the world.

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## THE LONG HANDLE

Last Saturday all hands from the Loving Care Bottling assembled at the cricket ground. Major Burr-Cantle, with his back to the field, recalled how he took 36 off one over in the famous Army versus Poona Potspurs game in '84. Inkson, the Scratchetary, said that he could knock back the long hops and was brilliant in the cover pint position. Sandy, the Storeman, argued it was best to use the long handle when going for a dip, which made Trixie the Typiste say she just adored swimming. At which juncture they adjourned to the Cricketers' Arms for a bottle of afternoon tea.

**TIM :** A long-un is a pleasant change from a wrong-un, messmate.

**RU :** Yes, the long handle answers this call for brighter cricket.

**TIM :** Watch me glide this one gaily down the gully.

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# OPINIONS FROM OVERSEAS

## Thoughts Culled from Other Varsities

On this page we print some selections from exchanges received from overseas Universities. We hope in this way to show to some extent the feelings of students of other lands in this time of national peril. There may be some novel point of view, or some useful thought, that we would otherwise miss, and which may be of help to us.

### SCIENCE, NOT CULTURE, WILL WIN THIS WAR

(Reprinted from "HONI SOIT")

Now that the University has awakened to some extent to the seriousness of the war situation, it is essential that the range of activities undertaken be reviewed. Let us not waste time and energy on useless effort, but let us adopt an "all-in" policy in the direction of that essential work which is at present lamentably lacking—the production of war materials and munitions.

Hitler has taken Europe. Nazi forces range from Norway to southernmost France; tomorrow they may be battering Gibraltar from the rear. Britain is half-encircled. The utter annihilation by aerial onslaughts which wiped out Rotterdam and town after town in northern France, to-day threatens England.

The preponderant air strength of Germany can, by night and day raids, wreak the same havoc in England as it has done on the Continent. The Nazis may suffer great losses, but this won't deter Hitler. Liverpool and Birmingham, Oxford and Cambridge may be razed to the ground within a few days. These are the Nazi methods.

If the R.A.F. bombers are destroying armaments and supplies in Germany, we must be realistic enough to face the fact, that Nazi planes are inflicting similar damage on Britain, and without respect for civilians. We must be intelligent enough to realise that newspaper talk about the deadly accuracy of a "secret" American bomb-sight, coupled with the continually announced accuracy and effectiveness of R.A.F. raids, simply means that aerial bombardment is no longer a hit-or-miss gamble—that it already possesses deadly accuracy. It means that every factory and supply depot, every building worth attacking, is an individually vulnerable target.

Worse still, by ruthless employment in the wholesale slaughter of civilians, this cruelly efficient weapon has already been used to demoralize whole nations. To-day, these murderous methods, which within a few weeks brought France to her knees, may be turned against Great Britain.

It must be clear then, that Britain's war effort, inadequate as we know it has been, is almost certainly liable to be gravely crippled.

#### DOMINION ARSENALS

These are grim facts, but Britons have the courage to face them. Britain will hold out, the Navy will retain control of the seas; but only if the Dominions can make up ten-fold—a hundred-fold—the vital material needs—the planes, bombs, and war equipment—only if each Dominion is transformed into a seething arsenal, can we entertain a hope of victory.

Armies for the field are important, but armies for the factories are our transcendent and imperative need to-day. Intensive and rapid technical training of man-power for war industries is every bit as important as military training, and the best brains are required for it.

The University is prepared to take extraordinary measures to facilitate military training. What about special training for war industries? It is here, indeed, that mobilization of our resources is needed. Students in non-technical subjects—in Arts and Economics, and Evening Students, both men and women—must be given an opportunity to acquire technical skill. The need is pressing, technical colleges are overflowing; surely the University can increase its contribution. It is urgent.

### A SCHEME OF OPERATIONS

This is what we can do if we have the energy and initiative:—

- (i.) Prepare immediately special courses in all science subjects—Physics, Chemistry, Mining, Metallurgy, Agriculture, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Marine Engineering.
- (ii.) Begin preliminary day and night classes at once.
- (iii.) Draw tutors from teaching staff, graduates and senior under-graduates.
- (iv.) Curtail drastically all University courses not directly contributing to the war effort.
- (v.) Don't wait for the Government—do it now.

Industry will be ready for us by the time we are trained, and training can be directed along special lines as soon as industry's needs are more clearly defined—but don't wait for that. Factories may be built in a few weeks, skilled training takes many months.

It is going to be a long job. The war won't be won by rushing men into khaki, and it's no use hoping for miracles. Victory will take years—we are fools if we delude ourselves by thinking otherwise. Victory will rest with the strongest mechanized power; it is for us to give this power to democracy. We should have begun ten months ago, let us not delay any longer.

Finally, let this be clear. We have already had one stalemate peace; we don't want another. If our proud boast that we will never bow to Nazism means anything, then Nazism must be crushed, and eradicated from the face of the earth. This is a war between a civilization based on individual freedom, and an organization of brute force and slavery.

Let us show our faith, not in crude evolution, but in the spiritual progress of man! But for God's sake let us realize that only superior mechanical force can put down the monstrous machine that confronts us.

The time for delay has passed—let us act now!

### NATIONAL SERVICE CLUB A.I.F. — F.I.A.

(Reprinted from "Farrago")

A motto is becoming widespread lately. It is: "If you can't join the A.I.F., join the F.I.A." F.I.A. stands for Faith in Australia. This latter alternative applies to most University students at the moment, but so far there has been little opportunity for us to show our faith. On the Friday before the end of term, a movement, which may be called the National Service Club, reached the embryo stage at a general meeting of students. The original motive force was Mr. Phil. Law, Nat. Phil. research student.

The reason given for the initiation of such a movement was the general feeling of the students that they want to do something to help the war along, but up to now have had no lead in the matter and no opportunity.

This movement which would be essentially non-political would not necessarily be confined to students, and its main aim would be to urge the Government to form a united front and conscript all wealth and available man-power of the Commonwealth in an endeavour to increase Australia's War Effort. Emphasis needs to be laid upon the fact that conscription of

resources is urged for use in Australia only and there is no question of urging conscription for overseas service. There were many suggestions put forward as to how the supporters of the movement could help the war effort, such as support for the National Fitness Campaign by surveying, laying out, and building the Health Camps to be established in the Dandenongs for children of members of the A.I.F., and other schemes for assisting soldiers. Appealing for support from the Student Body, Mr. Law was gratified to note that Mr. George Shaw, on behalf of the S.R.C. offered his co-operation: the Car Club placed cars at the disposal of the movement on Saturday afternoons to assist Red Cross work and to entertain children and representatives of the Conservative Club Dental Students' Society, Boxing Club and other sporting bodies willingly pledged themselves to give the movement every possible support.

The initiation of the movement into something more concrete was to be achieved by the formation of student groups of twenty or more, each group then selecting a competent leader who, with the other leaders, would form the nucleus of a committee. Mr. Law claimed that this method of election of a committee was superior to any other, in that there was less danger of incompetent people being elected.

The idea was received with enthusiasm and it is felt that much can be done with the co-operation of the student body. Anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Phil. Law.

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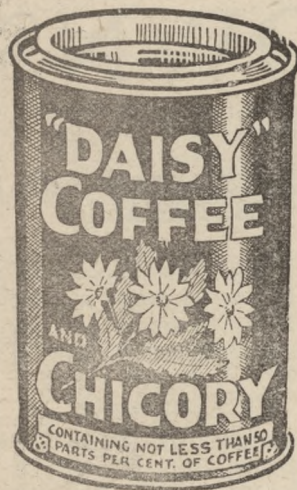


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