

# Craccum

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## TOURNAMENT GOES AHEAD NEW BLOOD NEEDED

The impact of the War on University activities will be felt much more this year than last, but in spite of the depletion of our ranks in the sporting world, A.U.C. should be capable of producing some good material from the younger students. The Easter tournament will soon be upon us and if we are to maintain the same standard of performance as we did last year we have some hard work to do. The Southern Colleges will be only too eager to wrest from us the spoils of last year's victories. At the moment we hold the Tournament Shield, the Basketball Shield, and the Athletic Shield, and we ran very close to the winners in Tennis and Swimming. With that record to uphold, this year's teams will have to fight hard for supremacy, and for that reason we require the best that the College can give. All contenders for honours, therefore, are requested to come forward. You may not be a Budge, a Lovelock, or a Joe Louis, but if you have any ability at all you are welcome as a prospective member of A.U.C. Tournament team. The prospect of contending for a University Blue should appeal to every student, especially now that competition is so open.

Prospective contenders should not be deterred by undue modesty. Last year's Tournament team was one of the youngest and most inexperienced that we ever sent to contend with other 'Varsities, but it carried off the honours. Sixteen members gained New Zealand University Blues, and of these ten were attending Tournament for the first time.

Boxers we need this year, but we need them in training. Every year training is left till the last week or two and we just can't make the grade for the final victory. Last year five of our boxers fought their way to the finals but not one title came to Auckland. This year we have the advantage of training under Young Gildo, who will coach aspirants for boxing honours every Monday and Wednesday at the Auckland Gym after 7 p.m.

These facilities are free to any student who can use the gloves and who wishes to contend for Tournament honours. Even if you don't make the trip the experience will be valuable.

Everyone who took lectures last year is eligible to represent A.U.C. in any of the following sports:—Tennis, Rowing, Basketball, Boxing, Athletics, and Swimming. Anybody who is eligible to enter, therefore, should get in touch with the secretaries or club captains of the above.

For Soldiers and all the boys in camp there is good news. If you were in camp for the greater period of 1940, thus being unable to attend lectures last year but having taken lectures in 1939, you will be eligible to compete. Apply for leave and inform your Club Secretary at once if you can make the trip.

For general information the following particulars with regard to Tournament may be of interest:—

- (a) Tournament is to be held at Wellington this Easter.
- (b) Teams depart at 3 p.m. by train on Thursday, 10th April.
- (c) Teams leave Wellington at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th April.
- (d) Fare: Team members, £2/6/2. Barrackers, £2/17/0.
- (e) Teams must be selected and the names handed to the Tournament delegates on or before March 31st.
- (f) All prospective team supporters must inform Mr. Postlewaite on or before 28th March if they intend to travel with the team so that suitable booking arrangements may be made.

Puritans wear the fig leaf over the mouth.—Aldous Huxley.

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specialists . . .*

## ANDREWS & CLARK

QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND

## POINTS OF VIEW.

America is the only country which has passed from barbarism to degeneracy without touching civilisation.—Anon.

The fundamental cause of trouble in the world to-day is that the stupid are cocksure, while the intelligent are full of doubt.—Bertrand Russell.

The disease afflicting the modern world is in the first place a disease of the mind. But it is important to remember that nothing below the level of the mind can cure the disease.—Jacques Maritain.

If you wish to cure the ills of society by sterilisation you should start with the over-intelligent. The worst crimes, the most widespread blights, are not caused by sub-normal or mental defectives, but by intelligent people.—Professor W. F. Tait.

Logic is an unfair method sometimes used to win arguments.—Beachcomber.

When the old liberals removed the gags from all the heresies their idea was that cosmic truth was so important that every one should bear independent testimony. The modern idea is that cosmic truth is so unimportant that it does not matter what anybody says.—G. K. Chesterton.

As King of the international Bohemia in which whim and the lazy cultivation of illusion take the place of life, Picasso is exempt from representational needs. He is at the service of nothing—and accordingly, save for his purely academic achievements, produces nothing.—Robert Craven.

Education by the latest is a cheap, superficial and tawdry article. Education by the greatest is still the real thing.—Professor Murdoch.

If human society is to be organised purely and simply on an economic basis, human beings must be enslaved. If material efficiency is to be the sole aim, men and women must be disciplined like an army, not voluntarily or for a term of years, but compulsorily and for life.—Laurence Oliver.

It is the great beauty of Mr. Wells' mind that the whole modern world has passed him by. Theologically speaking he is still entirely in the atmosphere of the Little Muggletonians of the nineteenth century. The only major distinction between Mr. Wells' religion and other phonies is that whereas previous revelations have professedly been given by God to Man, Mr. Wells' revelation is given, of course, by Wells to God.—Christopher Hollis.

We must get over all our funny prejudices about the Middle Ages and go to the men who wrote exegeses on scripture, glosses on Justinian, or commentaries on Aristotle for the most perfect models of reading.—Professor M. J. Adler.

Britain has been highly industrialized longer than any other country. And the tendency of unlimited industrialism is to create bodies of men and women—of all classes—detached from tradition, alienated from religion, and susceptible to mass suggestion: in other words, a mob. And a mob will be no less a mob if it is well fed, well clothed, well housed and well disciplined.—T. S. Eliot in "The Idea Of A Christian Society."

Faction and disillusion have been the immediate fruits of every victory in history. National unity of purpose will not vanish with the Armistice; but it will be overlaid by a renewal of party conflicts and sectional struggles.—"Reconstruction: Ends and Means" in "The Round Table."

## AUNT ALICE

Dear Students,—

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the members of this academic ruin back within its precincts. I thrill to think of these dusty corridors once more echoing to the pattering of tiny feet, and the shrill yelps of enthusiastic junior lecturers.

I must first refer to those numbers of young people who are entering these grim portals for the first time. You should have exercised more care, my babes, before taking the irrevocable step. I remember saying to a group of dejected freshers some years ago, when I had a taste for epigrammatic dicta, "Abandon hope all ye that enter here" and was rewarded with wan smiles and weary little laughs. My old friend Olly Goldschmidt would have been cut to the quick at the reception given his famous wisecrack. After a hasty look around this latest crop of novitiates, I guess the same thing would apply this year.

And you, the ancient, decrepit, hag-ridden, professor-driven parodies of humanity, once more totter languidly into your long-accustomed seats, the unaccommodating board worn smooth by the friction of countless unwilling posteriors. You I welcome with a benign patronage. We have grown old in service, you and I, the trusty dependents at the well-appointed manse of learning.

To you, one and all, I again offer my services. Those who have known me in the past and have derived consolation from my illimitable wisdom in the ways of men and women, who have solved their problems and smoothed the troubled progress of their wayward devotions; and those who are about to launch their frail skiffs on the turbulent waters of romantic ardours. (Phew!)

But enough of this reminiscing and this poetic prose after de Quincey (well after). Your old and favoured ally, Aunt Alice, is on deck again, and fair thirsting to solve your troubles and worries. So don't be slow in writing in.

Speaking of thirsts, that reminds me . . .

Yours expectantly,

AUNT ALICE.



### HOW TO (K)NIT A BALACLAVA.

Take some assorted (k)nitting needles and a couple of hanks of wool. Tie the end of one of the hanks on to a (k)nitting needle and wind it (the wool) around the needle until you have lots of little stitches all along it (the needle). Insert the needle into the first stitch, lop some wool around, mutter a short prayer, and pull hard. If the wool breaks or the stitches come undone, you must start all over again, refraining from using any language not to be found in the Encycl. Britt. (11th Edn.), which still leaves you a pretty wide choice if you've got any imagination at all. All this is known as a War Effort. Once you really get going with your (k)nitting, however, the whole thing's easy. When you feel that you can take your eyes off the grimy, tortured thing that ought to be suspended from the needles by now without disastrous consequences, follow the following instructions indefinitely:

k.1 p.1 k.1 p.1 K.P. k.1 p.2 (watch for that) k.1 P.K. k.1 O.K. p.1 K.O. p.1 dot and carry one\*

\*(Time out for refreshments.)

The results will surprise you.

### RECORDS DEPT.

Most recent hit to sweep the nation is "Love Is All." You will find it played by scores of bands on all sorts of recordings, from H.M.V. to B.V.D.; though it is understood from a reliable source that M. Stokowski, the noted band-leader, when asked his opinion of this masterpiece, remarked briefly "It stinks" and left the room to the accompaniment of "The Ride of the Valkyries." Legal action is pending by those well-known composers, Lou Guggenheimer, Al Koshev, Abe Grindlebaumer and Bill Higgs, who collaborated to bring "Love Is All" into the world.

The tune is simple and provocative. The first couple of bars go like this:

Dum dee dee dum dee da

Dum dee dee dum dee da

The words partake of the same quality, and present no difficulties:

Love is all, love is all,

Love is all, love is all,

Love is all, love is all,

Love is all.

Try it over some time when you're tired of life.

### HOW TO STRAIN SPHAGETTI THROUGH A ZITHER.

This is a very simple operation and one recommended by all the best music teachers. Take one zither and a tin of Heinz Sphagetti. (This is not an advertisement.) Place the tin of sphaggetti in a pot of water and let it boil its head off for a quarter of an hour. Open and serve on toast. The results will surprise you.

Next Week: How to Fry Eggs on a Double Bass.

### HERE AT LAST.

After much bickering, smoking of ceegars, and pounding of inlaid tables, the citizens of this no mean city will be privileged to witness what must undoubtedly rank as the most colossal, gargantuan, not to say Brobdignagian fillum ever made. Its name? "G.W.T.W." of course (vide page 1). It boasts a lavish caste, headed by V.L. as the Scarlet Woman and C.G. as Brett Young. An All-American production, Recommended for Censors only. Here are some of the enthusiastic press notices:

. . . stupendous . . . (New York Times)

. . . a knock-out . . . (London Times)

. . . a fine picture . . . (Noel Coward)

. . . . . (Manawatu Herald)

. . . opiate for the unenlightened proletarian masses . . . (any Marxist).

Tuesday next, 8 p.m.: "Bombs and Poetry," Prof. Sewell, Women's Common Room.

## Editorial

"Craccum" has in some details, it will be observed, changed its form. Perhaps the most notable change from last year is the absence of a proper editorial. This is due to the fact that on the whole, editorials have been merely fatuous—a means of filling up space.

"Craccum" is an organ of all student opinion, not just of the editorial staff. Any student is free to contribute to the paper matter, that is, in the opinion of the editors, neither anti-social nor illiterate, and anyone who disputes the editors' opinion in this matter is free to appeal to the Executive.

It is hoped that this publication will lose its pseudo-seriousness of the past, and become more truly witty. This will only happen if the wits of the college will contribute to the paper.

In fact, the final success of "Craccum" rests with every member of the student body, not with the staff of the paper. Suggestions for improvements will be readily considered. Critics will be invited to become creators.

With the help of every student, "Craccum" can become the unifying force that it should be.—G.L.C.

It's unfortunate that so many people can talk for hours about things that left them speechless.

## COMING EVENTS.

### MARCH:

Friday 21st: Combined House Committees' Coffee Evening and Welcome to Freshers.

Monday 24th: International Relations Club, 1st meeting.

Tuesday 25th: Extra Curricular Committee's opening lecture by Professor Sewell on "The War and Literature."

Wednesday 26th: S.C.M. Freshers' Welcome. Monday 31st: Free Discussions Club opening meeting.

The Literary Club will hold its 1st meeting during the third week of the term.

### APRIL:

Freshers' Ball.

Thursday 11th-18th: Tournament to be held in Wellington.



## SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS.

"Craccum" congratulates all successful scholarship candidates. The following Auckland results are to hand as we go to press.

### SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

English: Yolande R. L. Seymour.

Latin: Shirley J. Crump (without emolument).

Greek: Shirley J. Crump.

History: Iona M. Turner.

Philosophy: J. Laird.

Pure Mathematics: G. A. Hookings.

Botany: E. J. Godley.

Engineering: A. T. McCutchan.

Architecture: M. H. McKenzie.

### PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Postgraduate Schol. in Arts: P. W. Day.

Travelling Schol. in Architecture: L. J. Gray.

Shirtcliffe Graduate Bursary: G. A. Hookings.

Centennial Music Schol.: Ruth. D. Gouardie.

Lissie Rathbone Schol.: B. F. Bolt.

Sanders Memorial Schol.: J. C. Ward.

Onehunga Borough Council Schol.: G. M. Simpson.

The Greeks are reputed to be a great fighting people. The Italians came, they saw, and they concurred.—"Time."

## Need for Intelligent Social Criticism NEW PUBLICATION.

We hear a great deal about "freedom of the press" in democratic countries but in actual fact we have no free press. The daily press is run for sectional interests and is closely allied to Big Business, who, if not their advertisers are usually their shareholders. The result is in New Zealand, as elsewhere, that the press fails in its function of maintaining an enlightened and informed public, and its criticism of public affairs is limited by the demands of its particular interests and the necessity to "popularise" its appeal. In other countries this vicious tendency is offset by the existence of weekly or monthly periodicals which have sufficient independence to give expression to more solid thought and more intelligent social criticism.

New Zealand suffers from a shortage of such journals. "Tomorrow" made some attempt to supply the need, but being wedded to the Left-Wing and having a radical editorial policy it came in conflict with the government and has ceased publication. It is interesting, therefore, to see another attempt being made to establish an independent journal entitled "VIEW." This modest publication is issued monthly and intends to provide a forum for the discussion of public affairs in general. Politics, religion, art, literature, current trends in thought, all are to be subjected to review and criticism. The paper has no financial backers and all its contributions are voluntary. To date "VIEW" has published five issues and without advertising has managed to increase its subscribers with each issue. It has received notice in a number of periodicals, both New Zealand and Australian, and, if present indications are any criterion, may develop into an important journal. In view of the genuine need for independent papers in this dominion such a publication is worthy of support. We wish it success.

Anybody interested may secure copies from the Editor, c/o., Box 611, Auckland.

## COWARD'S HAY FEVER.

No, it's not an advertisement for cough cure or that thrilling new serial story featured in the "Girls' Own." It's like this: Once upon a time there was a charming young man with an Oxford accent and a spotty bow-tie and his Christian name was Noel and he wrote a play called "Hay Fever." You now know all about Mrs. Working Man and the stately homes of England (Weren't they Marvellous), so A.U.C. Dramatic Club is planning a really Big Surprise for the third week of Term.

Cast includes: Betty Sweetman as the charming and dithery Judith, and Val Anderson as the Vamp. Others are Betty Archbold, Margaret Lyttelton, Marjorie Anderson, Cyril Belshaw, David Dunningham, Graham Speight and Keith Wilson—nearly all old stagers from revue and "Outward Bound," last year's big success. The task of producing has been nobly taken on by David Cunningham. Enough said about our play.

Come along yourselves and see this brightest and best of Coward's comedies, on Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th of April in the College Hall at 8 p.m.

Admission is by programmes and they are obtainable in the library at the price of one shilling. Patronise Home Products.

Hear Professor Sewell on "War and Literature," Women's Common Room, 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 25th.

When a man goes out into his work he is alive like a tree in spring, he is living, not merely working.—D. H. Lawrence in "Work."



We hear that Sheila Stewart has married a bird called Peacock—What a lark!

Others who took this step during the vacation are Sheila von Dadelszen—who took it with P. F. Sharpley, well-known in athletic circles—and Corinne Hall and Norm. Stace, well-known in all circles.

Rumour has it too, that Den Holmes is to be married in Easter.—Well, well, may her future be one big song and many little carols.

On the Auckland-Dunedin highway some time ago, we came upon a car-load of S.C.M. youths brazenly mowing down a flock of turkeys. When last we saw them they were preparing to gather up the lifeless corpses—and it was not to give them a Christian burial either.

It has been stated on perfectly reliable authority that there is one member of section R, who is really "quite an average bit of skirt." The others, too, have betrayed Tradition (with a capital T) to the extent of discarding lisle stockings and sensible shoes. This downward trend is usually blamed on the war, but I assure you that it all started with Adam and Eve.

Ron. Moir has left for Christchurch, where he is meteorologist in the Air Force. Ron has, of course, been to Christchurch before.

Heather Dunning is physical instructress at the Y.W.C.A. in New Plymouth and is feeling a little blue from all accounts.

To the delight of his more intimate friends our popular vice-president Garth Turbott, recently intimated that he had honourable intentions and announced his engagement to a well-known member of Training College.

Frank Newhook and Bob Newbold are both engaged in plant research, Frank at Mt. Albert, and Bob at Massey College. What a gorse pursuit.

Annette Every is teaching at Tauranga. Since her entry into standard three room we understand that the village idiot no longer reigns supreme.

Among those called up for service at "Home and Overseas" is Chas. Corne, ex-secretary of the Students' Association. Also Doug Angus, another member of the Architectural Faculty and a staunch supporter of the Rowing Club.

## FOOTBALL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, in Room 37 at 8 p.m.

## Open Forum

## IS SOCIALISM NECESSARY?

Open Forum provides students with an opportunity for expressing their views. The subject for discussion in each issue is advertised a week before "Craccum" goes to press. Articles should not exceed 350 words in length, and must be accompanied by the author's signature (though articles may be published under a nom de plume), and should be left in the rack addressed to Margaret Kissling, Editor Open Forum.

In order to limit discussion, I shall interpret the question "Is Socialism Necessary?" as meaning "Are the characteristics of a society built up on a framework of economic democracy, planned economy, and co-operative production essentially those required to remedy the evils of contemporary society?"

In as short a space as this it is inevitable that an enumeration of the evils of contemporary society must be somewhat arbitrary. However, they may be classed into three groups—social upheavals, such as wars; economic insecurity and want; spiritual or moral sterility. The question now becomes: does socialism remedy these evils, and, if so, is it peculiar in so doing?

Socialism involves the cessation of the class struggle, and is unique in so doing. Because any society founded on inequality of classes, or on the supremacy of any class other than the proletariat must involve a reaction by the proletariat, the "lowest" class, against the ruling class, whatever it may be. Social upheaval will never cease while there is a class war. Thus in socialism alone is social stability at all possible.

Economic insecurity would be non-existent in a socialist community except from natural or external causes, such as floods or wars. Even here the resources of the community would be marshalled in reconstruction more quickly than under capitalism. Planned production is the only practical method whereby employment can be directed into new channels, made possible by the "ever-increasing and insatiable demand for goods" experienced by human beings, in proportion as scientific knowledge makes it possible to save labour. The replacement of the "profit-motive" of the employer by the ideal of "maximum social welfare" enables goods and services to come within the reach of the maximum number of people—there is no room for dumping under socialism.

The criticism levelled probably the most often against socialism is that the individual is, so-to-speak, swamped by the community, and becomes practically non-existent. Nothing can be further from the truth. On the contrary, socialism involves the maximum realisation of individuality. Continual participation in factory and agricultural committees, village and town councils, and the many other responsible bodies, enables the majority of citizens to express their opinions on every matter affecting their lives. It is only under socialism with its real equality of opportunity, that man can live his life with the utmost realisation of his internal self without immorally hindering similar activities by others.

A further point can, unfortunately, only be mentioned in brief. To-day we are in a scientific age. Yet contemporary thought has not kept up with science. Continually science is being frustrated. Inventions are being kept from the public by vested interests. Diseases 80 per cent. of which, it has been estimated, could be removed by concerted effort, are allowed to wage their wars because an out-of-date "morality" forbids the necessary measures against them to be taken. (Is humanity going to be another France in this respect?) Socialism, with its emphasis on the scientific method, affords the only possibility of a scientific state. Without such a state, prepared to control and utilise science by scientific methods, civilisation is doomed.

Thus it must appear that socialism is the only practical method yet known to man by which the more evident evils of society can be removed. It is not suggested that socialism is utopian, but merely that it removes known evils. It is therefore a necessary forum of society. —CYRIL S. BELSHAW.

The value of allowing the mind free play rather than restricting it by fixed definitions is shown by Mr. Belshaw's article affirming the desirability of Socialism. Mr. Belshaw does not give the definition of Socialism as commonly preached but instead gives a personal interpretation of his own ideas. Socialism then ceases to be that principle of social organisation by which private ownership is abolished and the State owns and controls the means of production, distribution, and exchange. Instead we have such vague conceptions as "economic democracy," "planned economy" and "co-operative production" none of which are defined, and all of which may be differently interpreted by people with different points of view.

Few people, for example, would have any objection to "economic democracy" if by that is meant the right of each member of society to an adequate and secure standard of living. Few would object to "planned economy" if by that is meant the elimination of wasteful methods of production and distribution by a more intelligent development and use of resources. Few would object to "co-operative production" if by that is meant the elimination of cut-throat competition and a more harmonious development of social relations. Such ideals would have the support of most thinking people. But the real question at issue is not the ideal of social and individual well-being which Socialism professes to achieve, but the means taken to achieve it. And it is the considered view of many people whose opinion is worthy of respect that the mechanics of Socialism whereby the State becomes the sole owner would produce a state of society where individual freedom would be lost and men would be at the mercy of bureaucrats.

Concentration of power in the hands of a few is always a social evil. "Power," it has been said, "always corrupts. And absolute power corrupts absolutely." That contains a large element of truth. If, therefore, it is true, and history proves, that men in all ages and in all places have abused authority, what reason is there for believing that Socialist officials when vested with supreme power will not abuse their authority? Walter Lippman has put the matter in a nutshell. "One kind of privilege would be ineradicable in a Socialist State, and that would be the privilege of ruling it."

The necessity of social re-organisation is very evident, but the question is what form is it going to take. If economics is the determining factor and the efficient output of goods is the only criterion then Socialism may be the right thing. A system of society resting on slave labour, with nationalised industry and planned production might be equally good. But if the criterion is human satisfaction and individual well-being some means must be found between the claims of the individual and the claims of the State. Concentration of economic power in the hands of the State makes this impossible. Socialism as properly defined,

therefore, is an evil thing. —E.J.K.

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This question is open to several interpretations; the following is what I take to be the common meaning: Are conditions in New Zealand such as to demand government ownership of everything?

It is assumed for the purposes of argument that such extension of state activities would be beneficial. I have inserted "in N.Z." in my elaboration for purposes of simplification. (If we come to the conclusion that we can overcome our difficulties in this country without recourse to state-ownership, then it follows that Socialism is unnecessary in a good many, if not all, other lands.) No doubt some will object to my translation of "Socialism." The interpretation I have given is, I believe, what this vague term conveys to the majority of people.

Now the first thing that strikes one as far as New Zealand is concerned is the fact that most New Zealanders do not want Socialism i.e. they do not think it necessary. This may seem a strange statement to make when a Socialist party is at present concluding its second term of office. Nevertheless it is true. The Labour Party is in power not because it is fundamentally socialistic, but in spite of that fact.

On what grounds is this assertion made? Well the success of any political party depends mainly on its ability to promise what the majority of people want and to give reasonable expectation that the promise will be fulfilled. If the majority of people want Socialism, why is this fundamental of Labour's policy not the dominant note in its electioneering campaigns? The answer is obvious.

However, because a majority do not think a particular course of action is necessary, it does not follow that they are correct. A minority, more perspicacious, may be right. But this possibility is automatically ruled out in regard to Socialism. If most people believe Socialism to be unnecessary, then ipso facto, it is unnecessary. For, returning to my original interpretation of the question under discussion, the necessity for Socialism (ruling out other alternatives) depends in the first instance on whether the majority has decided that conditions under the status quo are hopeless and irredeemable without radical change. If they are not so minded, if individually they have not lost faith in themselves then the solution to the problems can be found without setting out on the Socialist road. For recourse to Socialism is the confession of failure of individual enterprise. If individual enterprise refuses to acknowledge defeat, Socialism is not necessary.

And this brings us to a basic truth in our attitude to progress. Problems are man-made and individual; their solution can therefore be the result only of individual effort. In the ultimate, reform must come from inside each person and be expressed outwardly in a practical manner. There has been sufficient progress in the last hundred years here to refute the Socialist's contention that the soul of the people has been strangled and that Socialism is the only possible revivification.

So, the causes of our difficulties can be removed but gradually. What of the effects? In this respect Socialism would at first glance seem more attractive. But all that is really necessary is judicious State-intervention. This envisages the government as the referee in life's battle. What most people want is a fair chance. We demand a government fearless and fair. We do not require Socialism. We will need it only when we want it. —K.G.B.

Before considering whether Socialism is necessary we must have a clear idea of the nature of Socialism. We will start by saying what Socialism is not. Socialism is not a programme of social reform within the framework of capitalism, but is a form of society in which the basis has been changed from production for profit to production for use. It aims to bring the means of production under the ownership and control of the people as a whole or, as this is more usually stated, under common ownership. The question of whether Socialism would involve the abolition of all private property is beyond the scope of this article.

The general assumption which Socialism makes is that the resources of the world are the common property of all who are born into the world. Enjoyment of these things, and of all inventions and improvements which ease the lot of humanity, are each person's birthright.

Capitalism must go because: (1) In the words of Sir Richard Acland in *Unser Kampf*: "It cannot work." Under Capitalism an individual or a company controls and uses the means of production to produce goods which will bring in a profit, not goods which will be useful to the community.

There is no way out of unemployment, poverty and war under Capitalism. These evils may be alleviated or postponed, but not removed. Economically Socialism is a necessity if we are to prevent these ills being inevitable, and are to allow all people to have their birthright of a fair share in the gifts of nature.

(2) It is morally wrong from the point of view of the Christian ethic whose spirit as well as letter is that we should love our neighbour as ourself. Our neighbour means every human being.

Many who will not agree with me on the theological grounds will accept Kant's principle of treating humanity as an end and never as a means to an end. Capitalism cannot possibly be justified on Christian grounds nor by any standard which recognises the supreme value of human personality. Under Capitalism human beings are exploited in much the same way as animals or machinery. They are used as means of furthering the profits of the few. The use of the word "hands" for workmen illustrates well the fundamental wrongness of Capitalism.

There is no moral justification for the enslavement of the mass of the people by the few. "Enslavement" is no exaggeration. Sir Richard Acland quotes Colin Clark's figures for Great Britain:—

1½% of the people draw 25% of the income.  
8½% of the people draw 25% of the income.  
90% of the people draw 50% of the income.

Ten per cent. receive half the income and considerably under ten per cent. have control of the means of production which mean employment or poverty for ninety per cent of the people.

(3) Allied to the above objection is the fact that the spirit of economic rivalry and cut-throat competition which is cloaked under the innocuous-sounding "private enterprise" provides an impossible atmosphere for a life of service which aims to promote the welfare of all men. Greed and selfishness are fundamental to capitalism. Yet if man is truly to live the good life the opposite values of generosity and service must be promoted. Under Socialism each person works for the good of the people as a whole and incidentally of course for his own good since every increase in the common welfare will be an increase in his own welfare. This identification of one's own good with the true good, in the narrower field, of one's own nation and, in the wider field, of the world would produce profound changes in our outlook.

—PETER GAMLEN.

## Lament for Kiwi

### NADIR OF INDIFFERENCE

University may provide all kinds of facilities for individual and social development, but whatever else it fosters it should foster scholarship. Ping-pong has its place, coffee-evenings supply a need (which, incidentally, is not coffee) and there is no particular necessity to indict the Hongis. A call to the bar, in fact, is just what they like. But however, important, they may be in their particular places these and other activities are subordinate to the main function of a University, which is to produce intelligent and informed citizens, with some claims to culture and a broad appreciation of world problems. The first claims, in short, are intellectual and moral. So far as our students are concerned they seem to be the last. Intellectually speaking University College is a morgue. Our "advanced" ideas are dead, but they won't lie down. The arguments which disturb the hallowed precincts of the Men's Common Room, for example, seldom turn on the nature and meaning of existence but rather on the awful question of whether a "busted flush" is better than a "straight" if you hold the extra card up your sleeve.

This apathetic and indifferent attitude to any form of cultural expression finds its reflection in the college publications. "Craccum" manages to hold its own not through any efforts of the student body but mainly through the efforts of a few students who do all the work. ("Kiwi" on the other hand frequently falls below par, and "Kiwi" is an annual publication which should receive plenty of support from a student body which numbers about a thousand. Actually it receives little or none. The editor of last year's "Kiwi" received a pitifully meagre supply of material wherewith to produce an annual representative of student thought; and if some of the material received was any indication of student thought one can only conclude that the students are remarkably thoughtless.

It should not be the function of the College editors to chase around looking for articles or to do the whole of the writing themselves. A student body which has any powers of self-expression should be able to supply ample material from which an editor might construct a decent publication. If the College can't produce enough good stuff for just one annual publication, the students must be in more than one sense dumb.

This year's editor of "Kiwi" hopes to produce a publication worthy of the College and to this end is soliciting material from now on. It is hoped that by making an earlier publication it will be possible for contributors to submit articles before the pressure of examinations makes writing too difficult. Students who have anything to write, therefore, are requested to write it.

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### ALL POISE TOGETHER.

How wholly comforting to be  
Announcer in the B.B.C.,  
With mind and heart completely free  
From unrefined emotion,  
Discoursing in the purest tones  
(Approved by such as Daniel Jones)  
Through rows and rows of microphones  
That span the widest ocean,  
Concealing with politeness bland  
A cough, or worse, with cultured hand!

Serene above the conflict's din,  
He stands, exempt from verbal sin,  
As void of feeling as a Djinn,  
And every bit as rigid  
Come earthquake, blitzkreigs, fires, wars,  
His languid accent never flaws,  
No act of God could call a pause  
To thaw his comment frigid,  
The roof itself, on tumbling down,  
Would merely breed a gentle frown.

The skies may vomit stinking pitch  
(Some poet's phrase, I'm not sure which)  
The tide of battle swiftly switch  
Until the world is blazing  
To bat a lash he will refuse  
A pastille for the throat he chews  
And clears his throat with "Here's the news!"

With sang froid quite amazing,  
Though wires flood with news astounding,  
You'd never catch his heart a-bounding.

With calm that over-calms all calms,  
He tells of turns by red-hot Marms,  
A string septette by Bach or Brahms,  
A playlet or a battle,  
The Huns may conquer, cities fall,  
The Fuehrer jabber in the Mall,  
Perpetual darkness cover all,  
And death-drums loudly rattle,  
He'd say "Official circles claim  
The situation's still the same."

And lo! when Heaven opens wide  
Upon the Day, and angels ride  
With Gabriel sounding at their side,  
And all the earth is shaking,  
You'll find he will not turn a hair,  
His near-bored voice will fill the air  
The latest news I've to declare,  
The Day of Judgment's breaking,  
Would listeners mind assembling at  
The Valley of Jehoshaphat?"

Many people like war because they find their peace-time occupations either positively humiliating and frustrating, or just negatively boring.—Aldous Huxley in "Ends And Means."

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES PAGE

# Night Life at the University

## EXECUTIVE.

The A.U.C. Students' Association is the very important body which controls student affairs in this college and keeps in touch with the other colleges in N.Z. and overseas. All students should take an interest in student affairs and make themselves familiar with what is being done. Reports of Executive meetings will be published regularly. Members and their portfolios are as follows:—

President: MURRAY SPEIGHT.

Lady Vice-President and Chairman of Women's House Committee: DOROTHY FOWLER.

Vice-President and Chairman of Men's House Committee: GARTH TURBOTT.

Secretary: GRAHAM REID.

Business Manager: A. D. POSTLEWAITE.

Assistant Secretary: BRUCE SMITH.

Records: LAURIE STEVENS.

Tournament Delegate: T. H. PRENDERGAST.

Chairman Social Committee: FRANK NEWHOOK.

Chairman Carnival Committee: JOHNNIE LYTTLETON.

Chairman Publications: GEORGE CAWKWELL.

Bookstall and Property: WINNIE TOMBS.

Corresponding Member: DOROTHEA MORRELL.

Secretary Publications: MARGOT HOGBEN.

## WOMEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Under the able direction of our lady vice., Miss Dorothy Fowler, this efficient committee looks after the feminine side of activity in A.U.C. If any bewildered freshers want a locker they have only to apply to the ever-willing Carol Ayers, while on the payment of one penny, Miss Winnie Tombs will obligingly retrieve any articles that may have been impounded.

These are but a few examples of the duties of various members of the committee, and the fact that they pay every attention to the comfort and well-being of the students is plainly evidenced by the bright and cheery Common Room at their disposal. During the year this is the scene of several enjoyable "Wool, Women and Song" evenings, and all women students are cordially invited to come and make new friends over supper.

## FREE DISCUSSION CLUB.

If you want to see prominent people in flesh and blood, to contradict a Prof. in safety, or merely to air your own ideas, the best place to do it is at the periodic get-together of the Free Discussion Club in the Men's Common Room. Here you may become a Common Room Lounger at your ease without losing caste as a Superior Person or suffering torments at the hands of our musical maestros. The first meeting will take place during the second or third week of term, when it is expected that a well-known politician will open discussion on a subject which gives plenty of scope for argument. Come along to listen or to speak. Keep your eye on the notice boards.

## MUSICAL ACTIVITIES.

Freshers will doubtless notice surging crowds of enthusiastic people rushing towards the College Hall every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. The explanation is simple. This is the weekly meeting of the Music Club, which has for years been the most popular and largely attended Society in college. Our past achievements are numerous. Last year we held a very

enjoyable concert, consisting of part songs and Elgar's "Banner of St. George."

Besides the annual concert, club activities include lectures and concerts by professional musicians. We invite all students to come and take part themselves every Wednesday. The first meeting will be held early in the term and will be well advertised.

At 8.15 on Wednesdays the Orchestral Society meets and all players of orchestral instruments are urged to attend. There is also the Madrigal Club, which holds its meetings on Thursdays, from 12.30—1.15 p.m.

## DEBATING CLUB.

Student Chairman: Margot Hogben.

Secretary: Bryan Smith.

Committee: Margaret Kissling, Betty Sweetman, Cecil Crompton, and Cyril Belshaw.

Do you want to show your skill in argument? Join the Debating Club! Do you want to hear dazzling discussions, scintillating subtleties, witty women, masterful men? Join the Debating Club! Do you feel nervous about speaking in public? The encouraging, enlivening atmosphere of the Debating Club will dispel all your fears, while the practice you gain will enable you to hold any audience, even 'Varsity students, under your spell. If, in fact, you want to spend a happy evening once every fortnight, join the Debating Club! The attention of freshers is particularly drawn to the Freshers' Debate which will be held early in the first term. Watch the posters and join the Debating Club!

## LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

The A.U.C. Law Students' Society is the official body representing the law students of the college, and, under the able and energetic leadership of its president, Professor Stone, it has been instrumental in achieving some major reforms in the interests of members of the faculty.

There has recently been inaugurated a Moot competition, in which the members of the Law School compete for the Sir Robert Stout Shield, which is awarded annually for the two best speakers in the faculty. Your attention is particularly drawn to this, the biggest event of the law students' year. A special library has been recently established in Room 20 for our exclusive use.

Other events sponsored are: lectures by prominent members of the bench and bar; law coffee evening (flannel dance to you); the law dinner, and what is one of the biggest social events in Auckland—the Annual Law Ball.

We therefore urge all new members of the law faculty to make themselves known to the secretary, A. McM. Stanton, c/o. Letter Rack, so that they may participate in a most important part of their legal studies. The Annual General Meeting will be advertised at an early date.

## STAFF LECTURES.

Some two years ago a joint committee of staff and students was set up to promote extra curricular activities within the college. The present committee consists of Prof. Belshaw (chairman), Prof. Worley, Messrs. Crawley, Turbott, J. Reid, and the Rev. R. R. Clark.

The committee has arranged a series of three lectures by Prof. Sewell on "War and Literature," commencing on the second Tuesday in the first term. It is hoped to arrange a weekly series of discussion on "Health and the Student" during the remainder of the term.

For the second term, a series of four lectures on "Trends in Modern Art" have been

arranged, to be followed by three lectures illustrated by sound films.

Details of lectures will be advertised from time to time in "Craccum." Watch the Notice Boards.

## LITERARY CLUB.

Watch the notice boards for the first meeting of the Literary Club. Those two giants of the University world, Prof. Sewell and Prof. Stone, will conduct a battle of wits on the intriguing subject of words. You will be dazzled and astounded but you must be in on this! (Besides, it will be held in the only comfortable room in college).

This meeting is the first of a series that abound in interest for every student. Literary talent in the college is encouraged by devoting several evenings to the reading of student papers, and by holding an Olla Poduda, when original works of A.U.C. students are read and criticised.

The officers of the club are as follows:—

Student Chairman: Miss Linley Wood.

Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Beryl Hobbs.

Committee: Misses Seymour, Hogben, Crompton; Messrs. Wilson, Cornwall, Johnson.

## CLASSICAL SOCIETY.

President: G. L. Cawkwell.

Vice-presidents: Professor Cooper, Messrs.

Blaiklock, Crawley and Algie.

Secretary: Miss B. Williamson.

Committee: Misses W. Tombs, S. Crump, J. Glover-Clark, Mr. B. Harris.

The Classical Society aims to present all interested with various aspects of classical study. Meetings are held about three times a term in the form of papers, discussions, etc.

The annual general meeting will be held during the second week of term, followed by a paper by Mr. Crawley. Students who are interested should watch the notice boards.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB.

Do you think the gigantic Statue of Prohibition at the entrance of New York Harbour would be sufficient to deter a German invasion?

Do you realise the subtle truth contained in these profound words?—"The war will continue so long as the respective war aims of the two sides are incompatible, and neither side is prepared to give way until compelled to do so."

Do you know who the Akhund of Swat is, and what side he's on anyway?

Your fate and the fate of the modern world hangs on the intelligent understanding of such questions as these, and membership of the International Relations Club will give you an opportunity of hearing these problems solved in solemn conclave by those who know—or think they know.

But to be serious: The club exists to encourage the study of International Relations, so that by reading and discussion we may come to understand something of the problems facing the nations to-day. Especially in this time of war, when the effects of a mental black-out in the community are becoming clearer every day, it is surely the duty of all in the University to think through these problems as clearly and honestly as possible. "Here everything must be questionable and questioned."

Be you Socialist or Fascist, Pacifist or Militarist, or just a puzzled student, we welcome you to our opening meeting, to be held in the Women's Common Room on Monday, March

24. Watch the notice boards for details, and if you want any further information, the student chairman, Mr. Peter Gamlen, or the secretary, Mr. Neil Smith, will be only too glad to help you in any way they can.

## STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

If you are an atheist, COME ALONG and challenge our beliefs!

If you are bored with religion, COME ALONG and find in it new adventure!

If you believe that Christianity is the true way of life, COME ALONG and learn more about it through friendship, study, and prayer.

If you don't know what you are, COME ALONG and find out!

The Student Christian Movement is a fellowship of students who desire to understand the Christian faith and to live the Christian life. There are no hard and fast rules for membership, but we invite you, especially freshers, to come along to our opening functions, feeling that only by joining in our various activities can you hope to gain the full benefit of the fellowship.

Freshers' Welcome: Wednesday, March 26th.

First Sunday Tea: March 23rd.

Freshers' Camp: April 5th and 6th.

Watch the notice boards for details, and make yourself known to any committee members, who will do all they can to help you in getting to know the run of the college.

President: Shirley Crump.

Vice-President: Peter Gamlen.

Secretary: Allan Odell.

Committee: Margaret Grubb, Jean Mawson, Betty Odell, Monica Coates, Ray Johnson, Ron Bell, Neil Smith.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Scientific Society aims to combine all the various branches of the Science Faculty in a common interest dealing with the more entertaining aspects of relative subjects. The retiring committee hope to welcome a large number of enthusiastic freshmen at the annual general meeting, which will be held this year on Monday, March 21st, in the Chemistry Lecture Theatre.

Four lectures were delivered to the Society in the previous year, two by student members of the club and the remaining by eminent Scientific personalities. Very popular afternoon excursions were held to places of interest to students, around the city and it is intended to arrange a similar programme of activities for this year. The retiring committee is as follows:—

President: Mr. W. R. McGregor.

Vice-president: Dr. L. H. Briggs.

Student Chairman: Mr. R. Newbold.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Mr. E. G. Bollard.

Committee: Misses P. Branson and E. M. Felts, Messrs. H. D. Orchiston and I. J. Shaw.

## FIELD CLUB.

The aims and objects of this club are to encourage all students interested in botany, zoology and geology to gain practical experience in field work and to foster a love of Nature and the desire for the greater knowledge and protection of our Native fauna and flora.

Five lectures were held last year on scientific subjects, three of which were by students.

A week's camp in May at Piha and another after degree at Great Barrier were very successful. Other camps for week-ends and day excursions are held throughout the year. Some of the places visited were Wattle Bay, Orere and Swanson. A very interesting Wednesday afternoon trip was to the Mt. Albert Plant Research Station.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Botany lecture room at 8 o'clock on Thursday, 3rd April, where the annual report and balance sheet will be read, followed by lantern slides of the year's activity. All freshers are welcome at this meeting. The retiring committee is as follows:—

President: Professor T. L. Lancaster.

Vice-presidents: Mr. W. R. McGregor, Professor J. A. Bartrum, Dr. L. H. Briggs, Mr. L. H. Millener, Mr. N. G. Stevenson, Miss E. B. Ashcroft, Mr. C. A. Fleming.

Student Chairman: Miss J. Bell.

Hon Secretary and Treasurer: Miss A. J. Kirk.

Committee: Misses P. H. Buddle, V. J. Howie, Messrs. E. J. Godley, F. J. Newhook.

## EVANGELICAL UNION

"Christianity is either false or true, it has high pretensions and it deserves a hearing for, if true, it is tremendously true! Let us then investigate it, let us here exert all our intellect and all our ingenuities, but once convinced of its truth let us submit implicitly to its decisions. Let the evidences be the fulcrum of our faith, but let us not jostle the scale which the Almighty has suspended." (From Life of Dr. Chalmers.)

There is nothing so secure in this world of crumbling ideals as the peace of the Christian, and this is the message of the Evangelical Union. A cordial invitation is extended to all Freshers and others to the Freshers' Welcome on Saturday, March 22, at 7.45 p.m. in the Womens' Common Room to hear of the meaning of Christianity in the University. For further details see separate circular and watch notice boards.

## HITLER BAD EXAMPLE.

Pastor Tells Club.

(Headline in American paper)

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### WHERE WAS THE EXEC.?

Sir,—

The recent controversy between members of the Education Board and the College staff, arising from accusations of Communism levied, first of all against two training college students, and later against the University itself, has left me with considerable misgivings as to the future.

In the first place, the Executive of the Students' Association showed a gross lack of initiative in dealing with the case. Even though the more militant trade unions of the city were doing everything in their power to uphold the position of members of our staff, our own trade union, the Students' Association, whose duty it is to protect our own interests, left us in the lurch. Not a single official student opinion was expressed, publicly, at any rate; and there is no evidence that such opinion was suppressed by the newspapers, as were some others. It must be remembered that the two training college students involved were of our own age, and of a similar outlook to most of us. A similar situation—virtual dismissal without evidence of wrongdoing—might confront any one of us at any time. The question immediately arises—is the Executive competent to keep the students of this University free from unjust attacks in the future? I feel sure that every student will be behind me in demanding a complete explanation of this seeming indifference on the part of our representatives at once.

The attack by Mr. Campbell and his colleagues did not remain an attack on freedom of speech. It became an attack on the very position of the University within the community. It was in defending this position that Mr. Cocker and the Council became involved. It seems to me that our defenders held a completely wrong position and thus opened our flank to similar outbursts in the future. University lectures are supposed to present students with evidence pertaining to certain questions in such a manner that they can make up their own minds as to the truth or falsity of a statement or argument. Mr. Cocker and members of the Council were reported in the press to have denied that any doctrine was being taught in the University, or should be taught. This tenet is false on two counts; (1) most members of the staff are liberals or conservatives and teach—indeed must naturally teach—from a liberal or conservative point of view; (2) If Communism, Fascism, Liberalism, or any other doctrine was deliberately excluded from the syllabus of any social science, the student would not be able to make up his mind on fundamental questions with any degree of accuracy—the University would not have succeeded in one of its essential purposes.

In other words, by failing to openly defend this position, Mr. Cocker and the Council have conceded essential points to Mr. Campbell. Mr. Campbell may have faded out of the picture for the moment, but we have not settled the question at issue once and for all, and at the moment any Tom, Dick, or Harry can call us a bunch of Communists, Fascists, or Liberals, at will, whichever suits his purpose and with no regard for the truth. When the final showdown comes, as it will, our case will be tragically weak, especially through loss of much public sympathy. It is no use saying that any person involved is sick of the whole business, therefore leave it alone. That is the lazy and fatal way to the well-being of the College.

—THE DOODLE BUG.

# PLAY THE GAME, YOU CADS!

## University Sport Reviewed

Two years ago our clubs were in a very bad way indeed. We had just returned triumphant from Tournament with the Wooden Spoon for the second year in succession, the football club was put down to the second division, and the prospect of returning to the senior division was very remote, the Auckland Cricket Association was seriously considering relegating 'Varsity to the senior B grade, whilst the best the Tennis Club could do was to scratch up a very weak team in the C grade.

It did not take the Sports Committee long to get to the root of the trouble, namely that very few of the prominent secondary school athletes were joining up with our clubs. The year that A.U.C. Football Club was relegated to the second division no fewer than eight of the Auckland Provincial Rugby team were University students, but not one of them was playing for his college club.

In order to rectify this and to let students know what privileges one got from being a member of 'Varsity clubs the Sports Committee sent delegates to all secondary schools and distributed circulars informing prospective students of the advantages to be obtained from representing A.U.C. at the inter-university contests. As a result of this, for the last two years, practically every fresher has joined up with our clubs, so that to-day we have placed 'Varsity at the top of the championship ladder in all the major sports.

It is up to the 1941 freshers to come forward now and offer their services so that we can keep the college there. Watch for notices on the notice boards and in this paper, giving details concerning club activities. Write a note now and leave it in the rack for the secretary of any club that you are interested in, for the club officials will only be too pleased to write and let you know full particulars.—T.H.P.

## ROWING CLUB.

To the sound of the "Volga Boatmen" and the sibilance of oars in rowlocks, this plea is put forward by the members of the Rowing Club for recruits from the stalwart ranks of the newcomers.

This Club is one of the most consistent organisations in the College, and has boasted amongst its number over the last few years many of the finest athletes and men who have passed through these hallowed halls. It has a fraternity and an enthusiasm that few Clubs can equal.

What is more, it has splendid equipment, so that no member of the Club is starved of experience or training; and those who have a so far unsatisfied bent for the sport can begin from the beginning with every opportunity. Three practice fours, 1 racing four, and 2 eights can all be found in the Club's shed by the Akarana quarters on the waterfront.

Those who wish to enlist in the ranks of the Collegiate strong-arms should communicate with Club Captain Charlie Molloy, or tow-headed Secretary, Doug. Angus, who can always be contacted care Geo. E. Tole, 43-707.

## HOCKEY CLUB.

The Women's Hockey Club is a flourishing body which last year entered three teams in the Auckland Hockey Association, two in the senior grades and one in the intermediate. It was a very successful season as, apart from the fact that the Club was able to field three full teams, the first team carried off all the honours, winning the seven-a-side tournament,

the knock-out tournament and the competition held throughout the whole season. This year, the Club is in serious need of fresh talent, as many of its veterans will not be available again. If there is a hockey tournament in the coming season, it will be held up here in Auckland, so that the Club must have keen support from the start. The annual general meeting will be held sometime in April and hockey enthusiasts are asked to watch for the announcement of a definite date.

## BASKETBALL.

The University Basketball Club welcomes all prospective members to its ranks and hopes that freshers will help to make the ensuing season a very successful one.

Last season the Club entered three teams in the Auckland Basketball Association's competitions—Blues and Whites in the Senior A Grade and Colts in the Senior B Grade. After a very interesting series of games, the Blues had to relinquish the Cup, which they had held for seven consecutive years, to Edendale, and be content with the position of runners-up. The Club hopes this year to regain the championship.

The Whites, the second team, though not so successful as the Blues, had a very enjoyable season and forced some of the leading teams to close decisions.

Despite the fact that the personnel of the Colts team was always changing, it performed creditably.

The standard of play in the Club may be gauged from the fact that four Auckland Provincial Representatives were chosen from the Blues—Val Wyatt (Captain), Meg Everton, Lois Stanton and Win Stanton. Six of the senior team were awarded Auckland University College Blues. At the annual N.Z.U. Easter Tournament Auckland was successful in winning the Basketball Shield and in gaining five out of a possible nine N.Z.U. Basketball Blues.

This year, with College commencing so late, there will be little time for practice before Tournament. The Club has started practice now and would be very pleased to see as many freshers present as possible, in order to give the team a good try-out. Furthermore it gives the Selection Committee some idea of the grading and placing of the various players for the teams in the Basketball Association games which commence in May. It is therefore urged that you turn up to practices (there will be notices about them) and help both yourself and your Club.

Basketball is a good and cheap method of keeping fit in the winter months. There are no Club fees.

Any information concerning the Club may be obtained by asking any members of the Club such as Win Stanton, Lynda Wrigley or Ona Allison, or by leaving a note in the rack for Val Wyatt (Captain), or Meg. Everton (Secretary).

## SWIMMING NOTES.

The Swimming Club has been at a disadvantage during the holidays owing to our hard-working Secretary, George Schischka, going into camp, but Mick Shanahan our captain and Betty Webster, lady captain, have arranged club nights for all those interested every Thursday. During the holidays coaching classes were arranged with Prof. Anderson at the Tepid Baths and were very well attended.

The Club has now become the strongest in Auckland in breaststroke; at the Auckland Championships we obtained three titles: Mick Shanahan won the 100 Yards and 220 Yards Championships and Marie Pasalich the 100 Yards Championship, while Betty Webster was 2nd in the 220. In the backstroke, Pat Hastings put up a very creditable performance finishing 2nd in the 100 yards championship.

In the interclub carnivals we won every breaststroke race and secured several trophies in other events. The Club has been well represented by several swimmers including Pat Hastings, Margot Hogben, Mary Brown, Brownie Ward, Stuart Elder, and Ted Giles. Unfortunately one of our best swimmers, Olwen Cowie, has been unable to compete owing to her obtaining a position in the country.

In spite of the fact that a great many of our best swimmers will be unable to compete at Tournament, the Club is quite confident that the Swimming Shield will come to A.U.C. once again.

## THE ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Club's activities have been somewhat restricted this year due to the absence of a large proportion of members on war service. However, the Club has found new strength in the enthusiastic support of juniors who have rallied round in fine style.

The season commenced at the conclusion of the November examinations, Wednesday evening meetings being held on the Auckland Domain in conjunction with the Auckland Club and the Technical Old Boys' Club.

These meetings showed the Club to be prolific in middle and long-distance runners, but lacking in sprinters and men for field events. Consistently good performances have been recorded by Glynn Jones in the 880 yards and the mile, while at recent meetings Ian Turbott, R. B. Burton and N. B. Hannay also have been prominent in these events.

At a recent meeting Brian J. Faire obtained leave from camp and ran a fine quarter-mile.

The Club captain and secretary, Norm Thom, has been the sole field events representative. Of late, Thom has been consistently leaping 22 feet in the broad jump and is keen to retain his Tournament title.

Popular Doug. Ball, now on service overseas, was made a life member of the Club at its Annual General Meeting.

Much of the improvement shown by junior members is due to the friendly tips handed out by veteran Les. Barker to whom the Club is very grateful.

At the recent Auckland Junior Championship Meeting, R. E. MacKay, who has since embarked for Duntroon, made a brief appearance to collect the shot-putt title.

Last year's tournament team members Bruce Robertson and Paul Day are now in

O. T. C. Camps and report that they are keeping fit "just in case."

Everybody is now busy getting fit in preparation for Tournament. Inter-faculty sports will not be held this year, but the Tournament team will be selected on a competitive basis.

The Club's performances so far lead to hopes that A.U.C. may return with the shield again this year. The team to tour must be selected by the 31st March, so time is short. Intending members are urged to contact Secretary Norm. Thom, C/o. Box 222, immediately.

Come along and run, there is no time to waste.

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

The A.U.C. Table Tennis Club is a thriving concern and provides excellent recreation for those in-between work periods. There are three good tables for your use, the middle one of which is reserved for women, who, we hope, will take full advantage of this. The Club had a very successful season last year and the standard of play among members was high. Club champs. were held and the winners of these were presented with Cups for the singles and badges for the doubles and combines. Two of our members, Ken. Canterbury and Betty Streater visited Wellington with the Auckland Table Tennis Team last year, to play in the Inter-Association matches.

The main idea is to have a good game and enjoy it, and we can guarantee many hours of fun and enjoyment down in the Ping-Pong Room. Watch the notice boards for the Annual Meeting held during the first term.

Roll up and make the Club go with a swing this year!

## CRICKET CLUB.

At the opening of 1940-41 cricket season, the strength of most teams was depleted by enlistments in the forces. 'Varsity suffered severely in this respect. The gaps were filled by junior players. As a result no third grade team could be entered and the Senior B's were greatly reduced in strength.

However, at the time of writing, the Senior team has more than a reasonable chance of winning the championship, being only two points behind the leaders Y.M.C.A., whom they meet in the final game on the Plunket Shield wicket at Eden Park. Their position is due to mainly two factors: better all-round batting and the best attack in the competition (not so good, however, when Garrard is not available).

The Senior B is at present third in its competition.

On the whole, the performance of the teams has been erratic, fielding in particular needing attention. Nevertheless, results have been such as to inspire confidence for next season.

## TENNIS CLUB

The first team has acquitted itself very well this season, being now in the final of the First Grade Grass Competition. All the members of the team are practising conscientiously and are determined to notch this event for the 'Varsity Club. It is some years since the Club has made any headway in competition matches, but on this year's showing the future certainly looks more promising.

The second team played well; but was not up to standard, losing both its matches. This team, however, is comprised of young players and they should benefit considerably from the experience gained in match play.

The three grass courts which were resurfaced

last year, have done yeoman service and are only now beginning to "crack-up" under the strain of heavy use. It is unfortunate that the Freshers commence their connection with the Club when the courts are not at their best, but given normal weather there should still be some weeks of play available to them.

## SIDELINE SHOTS.

Joan Howie, first lady, is not playing quite up to last year's standard, but we feel confident in her striking form for the final against Remuera.

Jim Waygood is a hard-hitter and like Ross Turner, seems always in a hurry to get changed (and away home?) before six on Saturdays.

Harold Prendergast is undoubtedly the Club's most conscientious player. In Inter-Club he has played some good tennis and particularly in doubles where his set play has been most effective.

Betty Waygood is a cheery player and is naturally optimistic about most of her shots.

Bernice and Beryl de Berry take their tennis seriously and both have improved considerably during the season.

Arthur Lowe is a keen player, but he should pay more attention to his back-hand which is inclined to let him down at critical moments.

Winsome Denne has improved as the season has progressed and in match play has given a good account of herself.

Laurie Stevens, who is now in camp is a stylish player and has played consistently well in Inter-club.

Bruce Millar has no difficulty in reaching lobs but inaccurate smashing quite often counteracts this advantage.

Helen Gordon is a solid player possessing a strong forehand with which she is able to make some good passing shots when hard pressed.

## NEWS FROM NYRA.

Nearly two years ago a group of six students tiring of the vicissitudes, restrictions, Impositions, and irritations of boarding-house life established themselves in palatial quarters at "Nyra," Manukau Road, complete with house-keeper live-in, carpet-sweeper, and all the other necessities for civilised life.

The experiment in co-operative living was an outstanding success as many members of this College (and some of the staff, too) will willingly testify. Much serious study has been done there, and many celebrations have been held beneath its age-mellowed ceilings. In fact at one time this establishment was almost an official part of the College.

Now, however, three foundation members of the colony have been called away for military service and unless support is forth-coming from other students, it seems that there is some likelihood of the establishment having to close its portals.

## REVUE.

Nothing is certain yet about Revue, but rumour hath it that the fertile brain of Charles Zambucka is once again teeming with ideas. Should this prove correct A.U.C. may stage another super-colossal production on the lines of "Bled-White" and "Hell Hath No Fuehrer." Val Anderson may produce and Bill Singer may come to light again with some nifty lyrics. It sounds like an excellent team for another good show.

A helpful comment from the "Yorkshire Post": Mr. E. T. Rhodes, opposing Sunday opening on Sabbatarian grounds, said it was true that the war was being fought on Sundays, but, if it could be confined to week days, he was sure we could be more successful and peace would come more quickly.

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# SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME UNDER WAY

## High Hopes and Happy Omens

Collection of funds for the Maxwell Walker Memorial Scholarship has begun with a swing. Past students, prominent business men, as well as local sports bodies are all helping an energetic Committee to raise over a thousand pounds to found a scholarship for advanced students in the Department of Modern Languages at A.U.C. The Acting-Professor, Miss Dora L. Miller, has already received almost a hundred pounds from present and past students.

The purpose of the Scholarship is to enable an advanced student each year to spend full time at study. This would be well in accord with the late Professor's wishes, for while insisting on a high standard of work, he was in full sympathy with the difficulties of part-time study.

Bowlers, Orphans, and Masons are all co-operating in the work. The Students' Association Executive has already voted a contribution to the fund with promise of more to follow. Local business men are making a response to appeals.

Students too can help so worthy a scheme. It is they who are to benefit; they are the people who best know how useful scholarships are; it is to their advantage that a precedent for founding scholarships be established.

Students can and should help in two ways. First, they should interest members of the public. Secondly they should contribute themselves, even if they have no more than sixpence to give. Everyone knows some past student who has not been approached about the Scholarship in any other way. Contributions can be either given to Miss Miller directly or put in the box provided in the Cafeteria. Miss Miller will be glad to receive the names of women students who have married, together, if possible, with addresses.

Anyhow, everyone should do something. The rest lies with the individual.

—G.L.C.

## Wisecrack Depot

It is said that Goering resents the jokes made about his medals. Obviously he needs a jest protector.

I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree:  
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,  
I'll never see a tree at all.

—Ogden Nash.

It is stated that the expression on a fish's face is an exact copy of the thoughts in a fish's mind. Poor fish!

At last, at last, it's coming. The most stupendous thing the world has ever known. No, dear children, not the Armistice, but "G.W.T.W." to New Zealand.

Blasé comment from the common-room lounges, traditional connoisseurs of fresher talent, that if that was this year's beauty competition, nobody had one.

One American publication states that America's proposed swap of goods with Britain does not mean that it is adopting the Nazi barter system. The country merely wishes to rid itself of a lot of rubbish like cotton and wheat.

# TRAIN FOR EASTER TOURNAMENT

## BLACK-OUT NEWS

It is rumoured that the Hongis are all preparing for another black-out. Their air-raid shelters, will, of course, consist of empty barrels or maybe not.

A new game which should prove very popular is to see how long a conversation can be carried on without one mentioning the names Hitler, Mussolini, or Stalin. We think, however, that the men's common-room with its well-known fluency should be able to continue for hours.

We trust that during enrolment time, freshers managed to fill up their forms successfully. Now that the caf. is open it will of course be much easier.

Why should the Axis worry over the duration of the war? After all, peace could benefit nobody except the members of the human race.

"Our liberties are mainly the result of the struggle for religious liberty, and it is out of the religious demand for liberty that the demand for political liberty has grown."—Dr. William Temple, quoted in "Public Opinion."

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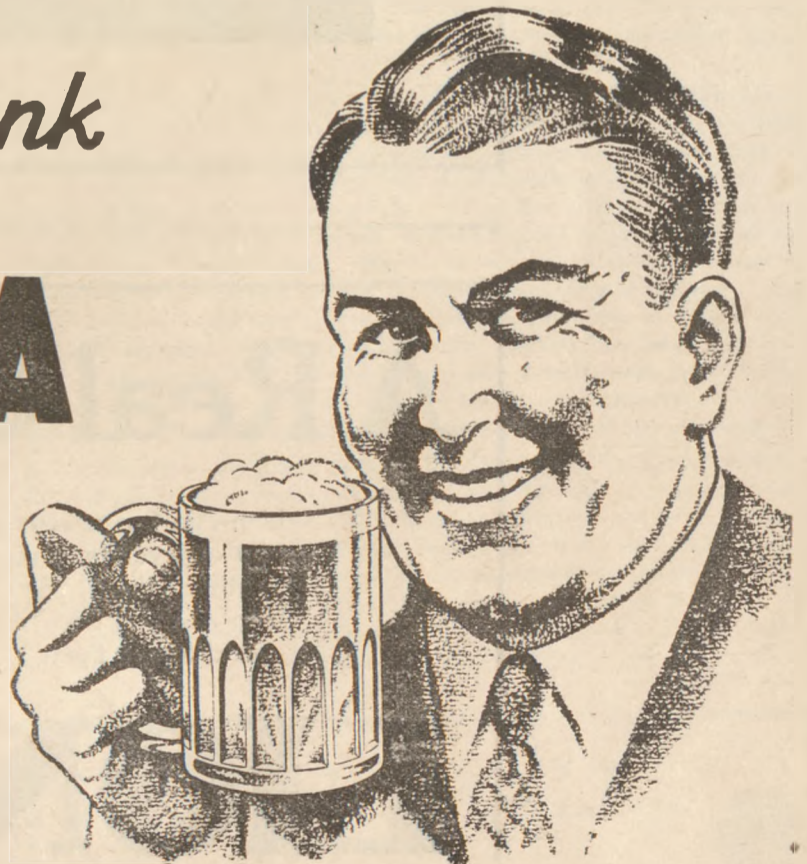
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