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UNIVERSITY LIFE IN WAR - TIME

The Case For Student Relief

In spite of the war's tragic irrationality, it does confer an inestimable benefit in forcing us, by the very dimensions of its catastrophe, to reorientate ourselves with regard to a changed reality, to recast the contents of our minds, to test and sift our ideas of value. Such a process involves, whether we are conscious of it or not, not only the issues between democracy and dictatorship, or pacifism and militarism, but also, for us as students, the question of the value of the spirit of free inquiry for which the University, as an institution of world-wide establishment, stands. For, in Europe and in China, those who are the earnest of the vitality of this spirit—university teachers and students—have had their activities violently disrupted. The possibility of the continuance of these activities lies largely in our hands.

Chinese students have for four years been carrying on university work under conditions which would seem entirely inimical to application to study. Their colleges have, in the first instance, been forced to migrate from the coast to the interior. Air-raids, and, in some cases, the depredations of invading armies, have deprived almost all the emigres of personal effects, and (in some cases for ever) of all family ties. Even there, conditions were far from favourable. At first tending to congregate in the big cities of Western China, they were again subject to air-attack—the bombing of Szechuan Provincial Education College, and of Chungking University are cases in point. They had then to move into the country, where they have had to contend first of all with material difficulties. Quartered in temples and in clan-halls, using mat-sheds as temporary lecture-rooms and bricks of mud piled up to serve as desks and meal-tables; with insufficient food to maintain health, and insufficient clothing to withstand the bitter interior winter in unheated class-rooms and dormitories; with inadequate medical supplies to cope with the inevitable concomitants of these conditions—colds, malaria, cholera, and tuberculosis—all these factors have made the very will to live of the Chinese students a tribute to the vitality of the human spirit. On top of this, the migrating universities have only rarely been able to save even a part of their libraries or laboratory equipment. Texts are scarce—in some places, it is reported, one hundred and twenty students to one text-book—and books and periodicals in general almost impossible to replace owing to high rates of foreign exchange, and difficulties of communication and transport.

Many European students are in similar straits, and their plight is further complicated by the fact that Student Relief organisations have difficulty in operating owing to political conditions in occupied countries. In France, which has for years been a haven for refugees from all over Europe—Spain, Czechoslovakia, Germany—are numbers of foreign students urgently in need of help in regard both to material necessities, and to facilities for study. These are to be found chiefly in the south—Toulouse, Clermont-Ferrand, Marseilles—where, fortunately, work by representatives of the European Student Relief Fund is possible. Polish student refugees in Hungary, Switzerland, and (until recently) Rumania, have been assisted by the same body, in the way of subsidies for their immediate needs, and in the securing of concessions for them in the matter of university fees. But the biggest single problem of this kind in Europe is the protection of the moral and intellectual welfare of prisoners of war. There are said to be 2,000,000 in Germany proper, including 400,000 Polish prisoners, and, in occupied France, 1,000,000 (who may by this time have been transferred to Germany). By working in co-operation with the War Prisoners' Aid Department of the Y.M.C.A.—an organisation recognised by the German Government—the E.S.P.F. has been able to attempt a solution of the problem.

But with this body, as with the National Student Relief Committee in China, the extent of their ability to help depends on financial support from students in more favourable conditions. English students, as well as the Chinese of less unfortunate areas such as Shanghai and Hongkong—these are all helping the relief effort with enthusiasm and generosity. Surely it is possible for us, who, except for postal difficulties, partial blackouts and the scarcity of silk stockings, do not suffer the disrupting effects of war, to show, by co-operating with relief committees in our own colleges, our unity with students the world over, our realisation of the value of "the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience."

—E.A.H.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS . . .

VOTE ON THURSDAY

POLLING BOOTH IN STUDENTS BLOCK

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FRESHERS

Those who can answer all the following questions within five minutes can consider they are making fair progress at the University.

Strike out the words that do not apply:—

Which of these pairs are famous lovers of history:—

- Bottom and Titania.
- Antony and Cleopatra.
- Cassels and Mary Rowe.

Is the head of your department

- (a) A Communist?
- (b) A Gentleman?

Who owned the "face that launched a thousand ships"?

- Peter Beaty
- Helen of Troy.
- Margot Hogben.

Who is responsible for the paper shortage? "Craccum."

- Walter Nash.
- Barry Martin.

Who is the greatest prophet the world has ever seen?

- Cassandra.
- Jeremiah.
- Major Mackesey.

Who painted the Mona Lisa?

- Linley.
- Leonardo.
- Warwick Bell.

Who "laughed like an irresponsible foetus"?

- David Dunningham.
- Mr. Apollinax.
- Prendy.

Who played the part of Scarlet O'Hara?

- Shirley.
- Vivien Leigh.
- Poppy.

Around which of the following does Hollywood spend its holidays?

- Beverley Whyte.
- Beverley Hunter.
- Beverley Hills.

Address all answers or, better, queries, to the Registrar. If possible visit him in person and set your difficulties before him.

CITAMARD BULC.—Now take it easy, and take it backwards. Got it? Well, pop along to our play-reading on the last Wednesday of term.

POINTS OF VIEW

Social success is an infinite capacity for being bored.—Frances Little.

Well-bred people are those who can insult one another and make it sound like repartee.

Atheism itself is too theological for us today.—G. K. Chesterton.

What passes for a woman's intuition is often nothing more than man's transparency.—G. J. Nathan.

Many modern writers' minds are so open that the wind whistles through them.—Heywood Broun.

Socialisation is indistinguishable from State Capitalism. It alters nothing but the personnel of government.—Professor Robertson.

Moderns have outgrown religion. They are too smart for any superstition except palm-reading and astrology.—J. BENN.

To recommend thrift to the poor is both grotesque and insulting. It is like advising a man who is starving to eat less.—Eimar O'Duffy.

Our modern educationists are trying to bring about religious liberty without attempting to settle what is religion and what is liberty.—G. K. Chesterton.

Buddhism is proof that gentleness and pity, when they are not regulated by reason and dictated by love, can deform human nature as much as violence, since they are then manifestations of cowardice, not of charity.—JACQUES MARITAIN.

Individualism is only logically and consistently possible if it starts with the postulate that all men must, to begin with, have free and equal access to the common gifts of nature.—Grant Allen.

The crimes of history may be summed up in the words—abuse of power.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

Liberty is to the collective body what health is to every individual body. Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society.—Lord Bolingbroke.

The spirit of liberty is not, as multitudes imagine, a jealousy of our own particular rights, but a respect for the rights of others, and an unwillingness that anyone, whether high or low, should be wronged or trampled under foot.—William E. Channing.



Did you hear about Tramping Club's expedition to the Makaroa Falls last Sunday? It was attended solely by Allenby Stanton and a happy time was had by all.

The high-light of Dramatic Club's playreading, "Down on the Farm," by Ivor Brown, was Beverley Whyte's impersonation of the Supervisor of Morals of Female Workers on Farms.

Betty Sweetman, to judge from vague insinuations floating round the place, impressed C.U.C. with more than just her oratorical prowess. She even appears to have ridden a bicycle.

Talking of Sweetmans, we note with regret the departure of Keith Wilson to camp for three months. Gone with him is Graham Speight, stout bulwark of the Law Society, without whom no Rotary gathering is complete.

Among others, Charlie Molloy and Jack Sullivan have been slinking round the College recently, the one as the perfect steward, and the other as the Sailor that a Nice Girl doesn't know. He seems to get around just the same, however.

If there is any student who wants to play a funny joke on a fellow student, he need merely approach Warwick Bell and inquire if he's seen all the posters for "Rostrum."

Our honourable editor so far forgot himself the other night as to hold the austere hand of our Miss Tombs in the presence of five witnesses. Presumably he was just playing safe.

Johnny Lyttleton says he doesn't know what it is about him that attracts all the floogies. Has he never heard of mother love?

From overseas comes the news that Burg. Owen, one-time student and lecturer at A.U.C., has just heaped further glory upon himself by gaining an Oxford degree with first-class honours in English.

Also that Lawrence Hogben has come to the bad end prophesied many years ago for him and has just recently been married.

Among so many other prospective airmen, Max Sparks and Bill Singer of Revue fame have had their noses operated on. Just two more additions to the nasal forces?

Graham Reid, in a final burst of energy as the Stud. Ass. secretary, engaged an assistant to type out his annual report. We think your taste is superb, Mr. Reid, and sympathise with you in your wish to present a quarterly report.

Feeling ran high at the special general meeting. Clem. Green must have felt like butchering someone when he referred to "Madam Chairman" as "the woman on the bench."

Women have two weapons—rouge and tears. (Napoleon). So that is why Tamea Cole spilt some acid into her eye. It certainly achieved the desired result.

The inventive genius of the Science or Engineering faculty is still trying to construct a ping pong ball for Poppy Dale which automatically jumps back into her hand as soon as it falls on the ground. It would save such a lot of work.

AUNT ALICE

Dear Aunt Alice,—

Regrettably enough I am an extraordinarily handsome young man with, even more unfortunately, a large private income. My plight is desperate. Wherever I go I am pestered by female attention, which might be desirable to some of my weaker brethren, but which to me is abhorrent. The time wasted in dalliance with the only other sex we've got to me is appalling when I could be immersed in my studies. I have tried everything. I have chewed gum continually, I have worn a bow-tie and a tweed hat, I have joined no clubs, I shun the ping-pong room, the cafeteria, the cloisters and the more enticing alcoves in the library. But still they come. Please, Auntie, what can I do to keep them off?

—FRANTIC FERDINAND.

ANSWER: Try wearing a Hongi badge.—A.A.



THINGS TO COME

EVENTS IN THE SOCIAL CALENDAR

- August 11, Monday—Publication of "Craccum" (we hope). Classical Society's reading of the "Rhesus" of Euripides.
- August 12, Tuesday—University Table Tennis v. Arawa.
- August 13, Wednesday—"After the War—What?" Prof. Belshaw speaks to the International Relations Club on "Japan in Asia and the Pacific."
- August 14, Thursday—Election Day. Annual General Meeting of the Stud. Ass. After Election Coffee Evening.
- August 15, Friday—Evangelical Union "Squash"—details to be advertised.
- August 16, Saturday—Men's Senior Hockey XI plays Mt. Eden. Women's Hockey: Blues play Technical, Whites Training College B, and Intermediates Owai Rovers. Field Club, Botany Trot to Narrow Neck.
- August 17, Sunday—S.C.M. Tea in the Women's Common Room. Speaker: Rev. B. Crystal.
- August 21, Thursday—Modern Language Club presents three short plays. Table Tennis Team play Customs.
- August 22, Friday—Science Dinner (men only).
- August 23, Saturday—End of Term. Men's Senior Hockey XI play United. Women's Hockey: Blues v. Hareunion; Whites v. Technical; Intermediates v. Berlei. End-of-Term Ball.
- August 30, Saturday—Men's Senior Hockey XI play St. Luke's.
- September 2, Tuesday—Political Economy Circle's Annual Debate with the W.E.A., at the W.E.A. "That the Christian Ethic is an essential pre-requisite to the foundation of a permanent and equitable society."
- September 3, Wednesday—All copy to be in for next "Craccum."
- September 5, Friday—S.C.M. camp at Mairangi Bay begins.
- September 6, Saturday—Women's Hockey: Intermediate play both Mt. Eden and Training College.
- September 7, Sunday—S.C.M. Camp closes.
- September 8, Monday—Term begins.
- September 11, Thursday—Publication of next "Craccum" (final issue).
- September 14, Sunday—E.U. Tea.

In addition to the above items, the following functions are to take place shortly at dates soon to be advertised:—

Dramatic Club Playreading.

Classical Society reading of Plautus' "Moss-tellaria."

Secretaries of clubs who did not send in a list of their activities must realise that "Craccum" cannot manufacture publicity for them out of thin air. In case they have forgotten, they include the following:—

Men's Football.

Tramping.

Scientific Society.

POME

The peanut is a dainty fruit
But if your teeth are
False don't chuit.

A special general meeting of the Students' Association on 16th July passed the following motion:—

That the following addition be made to Clause 14: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Clause 14 hereof, for the duration of the present war between this British Empire and Germany, and until the end of the financial year immediately succeeding the termination of such war, five members of the Committee elected under clause 13 (d) shall be women.

TWO ROSES AND A THORN

"GOOD OLD GEORGE" SOME SAY!

The new President is George Cawkwell, a figure well-known around the College. Conspicuous for his Socratic beauty and constancy in wearing a gown. Apart from studying classics, now for the fourth year, he has taken an active part in various College Clubs, notably the Debating Club and the Classical Society, and this year he has been chairman of Publications, and edited Craccum. "Kiwi" he assures us, is on the way—"a most unusual pedestrian creature." He has played cricket and football for the College, in the latter of which he has a College Blue—and has played for the Auckland Representatives this year. As to the rest, he says, "see any Varsity eulogy of anyone."

As to his new job, he vows the Executive room will be clean and, by Jehoshaphat, kept clean. He has assured Craccum that he will keep a tight hold, so to speak, over the Lady-Vice, and generally endeavour to be fatherly. He promises to avoid verbosity, to make some effort to persuade students to wear gowns, and to keep "foreigners" out of the Exec. room. Asked to make some declaration as to policy, he firmly planted his foot on the floor, pointed heavenward, and cried: "I will not move from where I stand in doing my duty." He is still there some say.

Anyhow, Craccum wishes him all success.

MORRELL DIALECTICALLY

Here follow a few words recounting the sad case of the new Lady Vice-President, Dorothea Morrell. This lady's general appearance and symptoms are fairly well-known by now. Suffice it to say that they are worth knowing. Here we give notice of her finer qualities and such achievements as are known to the writer.

Thesis. The woman has a read wit. In other days under the old management, Miss Morrell used to contribute a column of topical touches to Craccum which were sure touching. Now she marks, as we understand, History I. essays and no longer contributes her typical touches to Craccum. Rumour hath she writeth a fine English style and very wittie to wit.

Antithesis. She will undoubtedly be able to champion women's rights in a changing world (see under suffragette, in Pears). This is observable from her mouth—"a mouth, soft but

The Moon (after Rostrum)

VERSE 1—

The moon,

So soon?

VERSE 2—

I swoon

In low-lilting languorous long cobweb-spangled voluptuous moon-garden

Nemesis of night nude Naiads nothing

—Doing.

VERSE 3—

Thy rays

Like gleaming globules glinting glossy

Omigosh glinking glaily glownward

Gloing roun' an' roun' gl-Oz!!

VERSE 4—

! (definitely).

firm, yea, firmissima." Modest she is (for days she has fled Craccum with the result that all this lacks the finer details). Modest, I say, but able to assert herself on occasions—such as for instance, when she reads this article. The lady has debated, and debates with a ready flow of good (ho!) language. She also wears a gown (which we wish more would do).

Synthesis. The lady is graceful and capable, and deserves her present honour. She has worked for A.U.C. in many offices, and worked well; and more, she has worked quietly. She doesn't blow her own trumpet, so Craccum sings her praises for her, and wishes her all success.

We apologise for this dialectical article, but the many, many Communists of the College will feel satisfied. We must give our public what it wants.

THAT'LL BE THE DAY

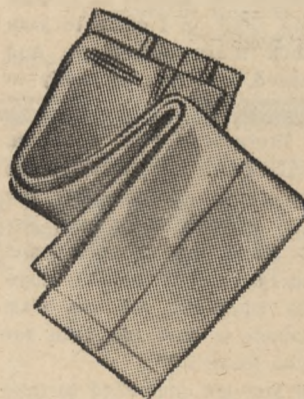
By her election in preference to two men candidates Margaret Kissling is to have the pleasure and displeasure of being a Stud. Ass. Secretary. Craccum feels the lady is well equal to the job; she has a good record of work in College affairs behind her, and is notably efficient. To this last Craccum bears solemn testimony in view of her handling of the Open Forum, and but lately by dint of much toil and despite rumours of wars of reprisals, she has collected quotations for the year's graduates for "Kiwi," and these quotations will contribute largely to the merit (?) of that stupendous production, at present embryonic. We declare that Margaret is a History and Economics Student and was in the beginning near the front row when faces and brains were given out. Among other activities is her unique horratorical powers. The lady debates with vigour. However no Clytemnaestra she, but of a pleasant and sweete soule, and Craccum wishes her all success.

Asked about the new President, Margaret drew herself up and said "That'll be the day."



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OPEN FORUM

That a Foreign Language Should be Compulsory for the B.A. Degree

A NEW ORDER

If an Arts Degree is to have any real cultural significance, a foreign subject is essential. In New Zealand, however, there are difficulties which preclude the possibility of many students acquiring sufficient familiarity with such a subject to be of any practical use whatsoever. A foreign language at Stage I, which is compulsory under the present system, means little. Only in the advanced stages can the student really get down to the core of the subject and begin to understand the foreign mind. Even then, however, the student has great difficulty in acquiring any fluency in speaking the language. Very few New Zealanders find that their French, for instance, is of any great value to them as far as speaking is concerned when they actually get to France.

To overcome these drawbacks would be difficult, and a really satisfactory solution would be hard to find, as the number of staff which would be required to give sufficient attention to individual students would probably never be considered justified by the powers that be. To make advancement in the foreign language compulsory under the present system would merely narrow down the number of Arts Graduates to an extent which would not be justified by the working knowledge of the language, and the ability to use it, which they would acquire. The only alternative, therefore, for the present, is to remove the irksome Stage I regulations. The system as it is is a poor compromise that is a hindrance to many otherwise successful students. Until such time as more time and attention can be given to students of foreign subjects, it is useless to tie them. If the ideal in theory cannot be put into practice, it is worse than useless to compromise when the advantage gained is negligible in the face of the waste of time, effort and patience.

—"Much Tried."

LOWDOWN ON FRENCH

The idea of a compulsory foreign language is too wonderful for words. The advantages to be derived from it are endless—you have simply no idea how it broadens the mind, and gives one just that little extra bit of culture that distinguishes a B.A. from the ordinary man in the street. After passing eight units for my Arts Degree, I spent a delirious five years attending lectures in Room 37, periodically "trying to appease the malice of erratic examiners." As time went on I came to love my beautiful French more and more, and now that I have passed, it comes as easily to me as my mother tongue.

I read French literature with abandon, revelling in the beauties and intricacies of the language; my compositions are incredible, my conversation superb. Believe it or not, my University training stood me in such good stead on my visit to Paris, that the only comment passed on my linguistic abilities was, "My dear, your French is just too cute for words, where DID you learn it?"

So, dear reader, if you are compelled to take a foreign language against your will, just think of my experience. When I think of all the advantages to be derived I simply cannot comprehend why some people should question the heading on this page. A foreign language should be compulsory — there is no doubt about it whatsoever.

—One Who Knows.

P.S.—I was nearly forgetting—the University benefits from the idea, too. Just think, by my little effort alone, their coffers were swelled by an extra twenty-five guineas. Won't the foreign language departments be pleased to hear that!

INVALUABLE

As a source of general knowledge, study of a foreign language is invaluable. How else can we know the sociology of other nations than by study of their literature, even if this is accomplished through the medium of a crib?

Judgment should not be passed on language study on externals only, e.g., the fluency of French I. students during dictée.

It seems, however, that the main objection to the study of language is based on the general disfavour shown to proses. It is the grammar which is so difficult. Perhaps this is due to the fact that most formal grammar is dispensed with in the schools. Hence only when we have to deal with proses and such exercises will difficulties arise, e.g., the correct use of prepositions.

However, we have to learn our fundamentals somehow, and if it is through the medium of French and Latin proses, where does the fault lie? In ourselves, or in our stars?

—Unsympathetic.

QARI

A foreign language should NOT be compulsory for an Arts Degree. It would be just as logical to make Mathematics compulsory—and then wouldn't some of us be sunk! Surely, to some people, French is just as hard to learn as Geometry, and yet they must struggle along with it. The theory that doing things one dislikes strengthens one's character is all very well, but one has quite enough of that sort of thing at school. The University should be a place where one takes the subjects that really appeal, and not those that are merely a necessity. If this were in practice, the French classes, for instance, would be filled with the enthusiasts who are really keen on learning languages, and we would eliminate the little group that has met once a week for three years in the Common Room to despair and sympathise over its unhappy Prose.

—Qari.

ARTS FOR CULTURE??

An Arts Degree is conferred as a sign that a student has reached a certain stage of culture, in which idea is necessarily included a knowledge and appreciation of our own literature. Our studies should also, however, enable us to compare our literature with that of another country, either of this age or of some past age. We cannot learn the culture of another people, as they reveal it in their literature, without a knowledge of the language. So much of the mode of thinking of a people is revealed in the formation of a medium to express their ideas. That is why translations are not wholly effective in communicating the thoughts of the author to one ignorant of the language. Hence too, we cannot know and appreciate the beauties and limitations of our own language till we have tried to translate it into another.

It may be argued that students who are forced by requirements of the course to study a foreign language cannot have any real appreciation of it, and cannot grasp the significant differences between it and our own. But a

person may have little bent for remembering the grammatical rules and vocabulary of a foreign language, and yet he may enjoy and understand the set works for the year. Assistance is given in this, and on a knowledge of these a student who has any feeling for the language should be able to pass Stage I.

—Lingua.

NO COMPROMISE

Some foreign sailors on leave in a British port asked an old salt why it was that the British navy always won its battles. "That's because we pray before we fight," was the answer. "But so do we," objected the foreigners. "Then it must be because we pray in English," retorted the Briton. This anecdote, related in the newspaper as an amusing story, is typical of the smug confidence in the superiority of their own language, which is so common among British people. So narrow an outlook might be excused in a sailor whose education has probably not passed the primary school stage. But we have to admit to our shame that such sentiments are to be found even among those who presumably have attained a higher standard of education by entering the University.

It may be argued that some knowledge of a foreign language is not necessary to a teacher of history, for instance, and that he should not have to waste his time on a subject in which he is not interested and for which he has no ability. Likewise, a knowledge of plumbing may not be essential for a carpenter, but who can deny that it would be highly desirable? If anyone wastes his time by failing to pass a unit in a modern language, that proves either that he is too lazy to devote himself to a subject because it is not naturally easy to him, or that his mind is too limited to be proficient outside his own particular branch of work. A University education should denote a certain breadth and flexibility of mind.

Another argument frequently urged against making a foreign language compulsory in New Zealand is that very few of us ever go abroad to have the opportunity of speaking the language which we have so laboriously attempted to master, and that foreigners wherever we go can speak English, and consequently there is no need for us to learn their language. Let the other fellow learn ours and save us a lot of bother! The mastery of a foreign language, or preferably more than one, has a definite value in helping us to understand the foreigner's point of view, provided we take the trouble to read their literature. Just recently we have occasion to realise, through the experiences of the Germans in every campaign they have fought, that a knowledge of foreign languages is very useful in the prosecution of war, and such an understanding among British peoples might be of even more value in preventing war.

—M. Kemp.

Skating Parties Pars

These days one simply isn't anybody if one hasn't a decent bruise to exhibit (or at least to mention in hushed tones).

Seen on the floor—either vertically or horizontally:—Miss Morris describing perfect figure eights, or whatever one describes on rollers. Likewise, Bev. Hunter doing a spot of fast work—on skates, we mean.

Perc. Newland, who stood on skates the first time, must have thought himself back at revue. We, at least, imagine that the front legs of a camel would skate in a similar way.

The Radio lads, en bloc, having a whale of a good time, likewise Betty Waygood.

THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES

ONLY AN OLD BEER BOTTLE

ET TU, BRUTE

Murray was first elected to the Exec. in 1938 and held the portfolio of Records; during this year he spent much time and energy on the constitution of the S.A. and did a great job of work in consolidating the various amendments, presenting the Association with a coherent document. In 1939 he was elected Secretary and proved most efficient. As President he has had a difficult year of office, and in spite of unavoidable interruptions has carried on his good work for the College with his usual ability.

Murray has had an outstanding scholastic record, beginning with an Entrance Scholarship and proceeding through many first-classes to a Senior Scholarship in Greek and culminating in the award of a Rhodes for 1940; the advantages of which he cannot enjoy until after the war. He has been an active member of many Varsity Clubs, including the Classical Society, of which he was President for two years. He was an energetic and capable secretary of the Hockey Club, and as veteran of several tournaments is familiar to many. Murray has an A.U.C. and an N.Z.U. Blue for Hockey, and has also represented his college at tennis.

He has done his territorial service and is at present awaiting the pleasure of the military authorities for permission to go overseas. A mere list of dates and facts such as this cannot adequately describe the service Murray has given to the College, and we owe him a debt of gratitude which will not soon be forgotten.

EXIT DOROTHY FOWLER

Dorothy will be greatly missed when she ceases to take an active part in College life.

She first became a member of the Women's House Committee in 1938, and last year was chairman. The women who have worked with her on this committee will always remember her graciousness and efficiency. She has also been on the Debating Club Committee, and has represented A.U.C. at the two inter-College contests, Joynt Scroll (at Palmerston North in 1938) and Bledisloe Medal (this year at Christchurch). In this Dorothy was placed a close second, and we take this opportunity of congratulating her on a great effort.

She was elected to the Exec. in 1939 and ran the Bookstall most efficiently, as well as handling capably the very difficult job of Secretary of Publications. As Lady Vice she has been universally popular, and will be as universally regretted when she retires. However, we know that her hearts is no longer entirely with the University, and we wish her all happiness and good luck for the future.

Garth came to A.U.C. in 1936, and in 1939 was co-opted to the Exec. where he carried on Murray's work on Records. The compilation of a complete series of Craccum and Kiwi was an outstanding piece of work he accomplished during that year. In 1940 he was elected Vice-President, and his experience has been invaluable to the Exec. during the past year. As chairman of the Men's House Committee he instituted a clean-up campaign and as a result of his efforts and the loyal co-operation of the committee, most of the furniture has been repaired and the Common Room made a more habitable place.

He has been an active member of the Athletic Club, representing A.U.C. at Easter Tournaments and winning an A.U.C. Blue in 1940. When a team of Australian athletes were here in 1939, the organisation of their stay in Auckland was capably handled by him. He also plays football for the college and has been in the North Island University team.

Items of personal interest include his small ears, and his engagement to Betty Carnachan, whom many will remember from her Training College days. At present Garth is teaching at Seddon Memorial Tech., and like Murray, is waiting to be sent abroad.

OF THE FLAX FLAXEN

Another person to whom we must say goodbye, is Frank Newhook. As Honours graduate in Botany, winner of the Senior Schol. in 1939, he is at present engaged in research work at Mt. Albert. Benign and bespectacled are the adjectives usually applied to him, and we hesitate to depart from tradition. Frank was elected to the Exec. in 1939 and again in 1940, and in both years was chairman of the Social Committee. During his term of office social life in the College has gone with a swing, and this is in no small measure due to his efforts. In the Field Club he has done more than botanise, though his attendance at the Music Club is art for art's sake, we understand.

With all this, together with the fact that he was nominated for a Rhodes in 1940, he is a most spectacular young man.

DEATH OF A HERO

H. T. Prendergast—or (T.H.)—is well-known about the College, especially to all tournament goers and ping-pong players. As Auckland's Senior tournament delegate he has done much to ensure the smooth working of affairs and has earned the sincere thanks of our teams. Some three or four years ago sport at Auckland University was at a very low ebb, and it is largely due to Prendy's untiring efforts that the College has pulled itself up. The well-deserved reward for his efforts was the triumph of A.U.C. at

tournament in 1940, when for the first time in years we brought home the shield, and when we brought home the Athletic Shield for the first time in history.

Besides encouraging young players and organising teams, Prendy had taken an active part in sport himself, representing College at tennis and football. As a ping-pong—sorry, table tennis—enthusiast, Prendy has also done some good work, establishing a thriving club in the College and securing its recognition as a College sport on an equal with others.

Harold has achieved much in this College. None who have known him will forget him.

When a religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself; and when it does not support itself, and God does not take care to support it, so that its professors are obliged to call for help of the civil power, 'tis a sign I apprehend of its being a bad one.—Benjamin Franklin.

Unless something is done America will soon be a thoroughly syphillised nation.—M. Fishbein.

If after being released from the toils of war, you neglect the arts of peace . . . if war be your only virtue, the summit of your praise, you will soon find peace the most adverse to your interests. Your peace will be only a more distressing war; and that which you imagined liberty will prove the worst of slavery.—John Milton.

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Exec. Candidates Line Up

CAROL AYERS

Third year, full-time arts student. Elected to the Women's House Committee in 1940, and all women students can testify to her successful handling of the difficult portfolio of lockers. A member of the Basketball Committee in 1939 and 1940, and at present secretary. Carol usually plays in the Whites, but in 1940 gained a place in the Tournament team and acquitted herself nobly; she went to Tournament again this year as emergency. The Secretary's job, which includes registering players and making sure of full teams each Saturday, is no sinecure, as other secretaries will know, and Carol has proved most efficient. She has been on the Modern Language Club Committee in 1940-41 (has proved notably willing to work), likewise with Classical Society and the Student Relief Committees.

As far as Capping goes, Carol thinks some brightness not out of place, but considers that it should not be allowed all the way through. She has definite ideas on Craccum—the present size is all right, but much of the matter is too serious and more publicity should be given to student affairs, and brighter and more humorous articles are needed, but — thank heaven for a practical woman!—realises how difficult they are to extract. "A little more life could be infused into the old question of Residential Colleges," she concluded.

BETTY SWEETMAN

Betty is a third year Arts Student who is best known from her performances in Revue. After having a small part in 1939, she became leading lady in 1940, and will be remembered as No. 807 in this year's production. She has been an active member of the Dramatic Club, taking part in "Outward Bound," last year's big effort, and "Hay Fever," which was put on at the beginning of this year. A member of the Dramatic Club Committee in 1940, she is at present its Secretary. Betty is also interested in the Debating Club, being on the Committee in 1940 and Secretary in 1941. This year she won the Senior Oratory Contest, and represented A.U.C. for Bledisloe Medal, gaining third place. On Publications Committee this year, Betty has been an efficient chief reporter (very true, Ed.), and she is also on the Kiwi Committee. She finds time to play Hockey for the Intermediate team, and played in Tournament in 1940.

Finally, Betty expressed a fervent desire to see the windows of the Exec. Room opened.

KATHLEEN BILKEY

Kath. came to Varsity in 1939 with an Entrance Scholarship and has been trying to live it down ever since. She is best known perhaps, for her efforts on the hockey field. A member of the Blues team, she has an A.U.C. Blue for 1939 and 1940, and this year won her N.Z.U. Blue—an honour richly deserved, for Kath. is a very willing player and does more than her share of the work in every match. She was Club Treasurer in 1940, a position demanding much time and no little patience; at present she is Club Captain. She has also played in the Auckland B Reps. Kath. plays Table Tennis, and has been on the Committee since 1940. With firm resolution Kath. says she has given it up, but it must be in her blood (she is playing in the Champs.)

Has this year contributed to a column in Craccum, and thinks the Editor is a cautious gint. (What does this mean?—Ed.)

WINIFRED TOMBS

Win hardly needs any introduction to A.U.C. students. An honours graduate in Latin and French she has become well-known to all. Her election to the Exec. last year followed on much good work done on various committees: particularly the Women's House Committee. Since 1939 she has been poundkeeper for that august body, and her incisive remarks and audible asides have been a feature of Committee meetings. Win was on the Classical Society Committee in 1940, and this year is its chairman. She has taken a keen interest in the Modern Language Club since its inception and is chairman for the present year. She has played hockey for A.U.C. for several years, and also served on the Committee in 1940. This year she is playing senior hockey for Training College.

Her portfolio on the Exec. was that of chairman of Bookstall; a job requiring efficient organisation and ably executed. She was in charge also of the Property Cupboard and hired out hoods for Capping with strict impartiality. As for her efforts with the Scrapbook—come down to the Exec. Room one day and see it for yourself. Win's experience and proved reliability would make her a most valuable member of Exec.

MARGOT HOGBEN

Margot is a third year Arts Student who was elected to the Exec. last year. Her portfolio was Secretary of publications committee, a difficult and exacting one, and she has spent much time and energy on work for Craccum. As chairman of N.Z.U. Press Bureau and Editor of Rostrum, she has had added responsibility and has gained much experience.

Margot has taken an active interest in the Debating Club since she came to College; after being secretary in 1939 she was elected chairman in 1940. She has also served on the Committee of the Swimming and Hockey Clubs. As a member of the Blues Hockey team she is well-known; an N.Z.U. Blue for 1940-41, she is also an A.U.C. Blue and an Auckland Rep. Her face is so well-known about the College that it seems scarcely necessary to say more.

MARY HAY

3rd year Architectural Stud., and a fine upstanding young woman. On the Women's House Committee 1940, and A.U.C. Social Committee 1940. Responsible for many fine posters and posters. She even bears the same second, though not as yet third, name as Clemens Green. Has been on the Architects Social Committee from 1939 on. Has collaborated with Margaret Kissling in producing quotations for Kiwis for graduates. Mary thinks that there is too much censorship in Craccum (she means me, the horrid girl.—Ed.), and would prefer it lighter and breezier. Favours more publicity for Exec. and its affairs. Thinks the Hongis have done better in other years, and is resolved that if elected, she will purge, i.e., cleanse, the Exec. Room. We understand from her lovers that she has a passion for work.

WINIFRED STANTON

Interviewed, while consuming haricot mutton a la Odd and her remarks were a trifle incoherent. However, the following particulars were extracted. She is a third year Arts Student, this year at Training College, and was elected as Fresher member to the Women's

House Committee in 1939. Last year again elected and as secretary has proved a most able and willing worker, on whom Training College studies seem to sit lightly. She is a member of the Basketball Committee, and is a very keen player, holding an A.U.C. Blue for 1939-40, and an N.Z.U. Blue for 1941. Has also represented Auckland in 1939 and 1940, playing in the Dominion Tournaments held at Invercargill and Wellington.

According to her team captain, Win is one of the best centres in Auckland.

When asked her opinion on Capping, Win was unable to reply, as she had been backstage handling the presentation of bouquets to women graduates (that was not a politic reply, but very true, being given to working without ostentation.)

When asked about publications she ventured the opinion that the Editor was a very gentlemanly chap, and then retired in confusion to her green peas. (Thank you.—Ed.)

ALICE MORRISON

Completed her B.A. Degree last year, and after resting this year at Training College, hopes to complete Honours English as a full-timer next year. Has played for the Women's Hockey Club since coming to College; last year she captained the Whites, and this year is in the Blues team. In both 1940 and 1941 she represented A.U.C. at Tournament, and is a member of the Committee for 1941.

Alice also takes an active interest in other Clubs, particularly the Modern Language, Literary and International Relations Clubs, while she has done a good deal of tramping. Of a retiring nature, was reluctant to speak of herself, but one gains the impression of good solid and practical ability, of the type that will work consistently without any desire for the limelight—not a general characteristic of mankind.

PAULINE BUDDLE

Not to be spoonerised, is a third year Science Student, partner in that famous beauty firm, Buddle & Denne. Pauline has worked on Field Club Committee 1940-41, and Student Relief 1941. We believe her fame in the Field Club is not due merely to Committee work. Thinks that grants to clubs are disproportionately unequal, and would like to know how the money goes. Holds that there should be more publicity for Student Relief. Thinks Craccum is better than N.Z. papers and definitely than the Australian papers, but is not broad enough for her liking—not the way you think, but the paper is too much concerned with College affairs. Favours the Editor's scheme of a fortnightly news sheet. Wondered which was worse—Capping or Exec. Room curtains. Anyhow, she would like to clean up both.

MONICA COATES

2nd year Arts Student, full-time. Has been on the Women's House Committee for 1941, and is also on S.C.M. Exec. Is keen to see Stud. Relief maintained as long as possible, and considers it a duty of students as fortunate as ourselves to help distressed students. Monica thinks that Craccum should give the Exec. more publicity. Also would like to see more humour in Craccum. (I, being half-witted, am to blame. I never see the point of humorous contributions.—Ed. Poor old Ed., some say.) Monica was not amused at Capping, she apparently prefers wit. Enjoys a rousing haka, as a spectator, we presume. Plays basketball, and incidentally, thinks that more women could be got to take part in sport. If you've seen a tall, fair woman wearing a gown, that's Monica. She believes in working hard.

THAND KNOW . . .

GRAHAM REID

A 4th year Science Student, well-known to A.U.C. for his graceful languorous walk as he sways in and out of the library or the Science block, intent on his special radio work. He is a B.Sc. but lets his interests rove beyond science. In 1939 he was on the Procession Committee, the Social Committee, and was elected Secretary of the Men's House Committee where he began the policy of cleaning up the men's block generally. The next year he was co-opted to the Executive and continued his work in the capacity of Chairman of the House Committee and of the Procession Committee, both of which were notable for their efficiency. His main work has been, of course, as Secretary of the Students' Association, which is work requiring a combination of diplomatist's tact and the resignation of the willing horse, and his work in this position has been outstandingly efficient.

Graham is not just the hard-working, conscientious little boy that anyone might think. Last year he was the captain of the Colts Rugby team, and this year he plays for the seconds. Among his committees this year have been the Swimming Club, the Football Club, and the Tennis Club. Incidentally, Mr. Reid, as well as being such a dashing figure in tennis shorts, this year represented the College in the C grade team.

As regards policy, he is in favour of regular Exec. meetings and considers that all traditional Varsity functions should be continued as far as humanly possible during the war. Finally, we may say that Graham has a reputation for honest and thorough work, and that that reputation is not undeserved.

TOM BASSETT

4th year Science and Engineering Student. Has been secretary of the Football Club this year, and secretary of the Sports Committee. Is Club Captain of the Rifle Club, and secretary of the Rowing Club. This year was Tournament Delegate—an arduous task in view of the times—and the world knows what a success Tournament was. Tom is a super-athletic young man, who swims, plays cricket, even plays football for that crack Senior XV. of ours (you're telling me, baby.) Has boxed and rowed at Tournament, and for two successive years was a Boxing Champion of A.U.C. Tom is not a Hongi, nor did he, we understand, enjoy Capping. Gets about at Coffee evenings among the girls, and in general leads an active social life. Love has not yet entered the mansion of his breast, and he even enjoys Craccum, when it appears.

PETER GAMLEN

Is a third year full-time Arts student, known widely for his Byronesque beauty and passionate appearance. Was on the Classical Society Committee in 1939, and proudly reports that his cooking of S.C.M. accounts in 1940 was singularly successful. Has been a member of the International Relations Club Committee since 1940, and a constant attendee at that club, and is this year Student Chairman. Is at present Vice-President of the S.C.M. Considers that the Executive should give a lead to students other than in mere organisation, and that by the personal activity and example of the Executive the University could be brought to fulfil its function better. Exec. should personally support such clubs as International Relations. Peter is keen to see Student Relief energetically maintained. Has been seen to smoke and spit the pavement and his flannel shimmy is not red. He declares he has not been put forward as an official S.C.M. candidate.

JIM DAY

Third year Science Student, was at Training College 1939-40, and at present is doing full time. Jim is a keen footballer (and a good one. Ed.), and plays for the Varsity Club. Declares he has no outward and visible signs of genius, but has a big will to work. He thinks that Executive representation should be according to faculties, that extra curricular activity is not nearly as extensive as it should be, that sport does not receive anything like the attention and interest that it merits as an important part of student activity. Extra curricular lectures on current and scientific topics do not receive even a fair proportion of the merited attendance. Is in favour of increased student discussions and debates. Jim thinks that there is not enough co-operation, academic or otherwise between Training College and Varsity. Is opposed to enforced wearing of gowns, and considers this a false idea, but admits his Scotch ancestry. Regrets that public and University have so little contact or understanding of each other, and advocates increased student support of patriotic cause. Mr. Day impressed Craccum with his flow of ideas and resolute appearance.

CYRIL BELSHAW

A second year Arts Student, Cyril is full of energy and has done a good deal of work for various clubs. Hockey Club Secretary this year, and much of the credit for the successful running of 1941 Tournament must go to him. Was awarded an N.Z.U. Blue this year.

He has been an extremely efficient worker on Publications as Sub-Editor of Craccum. (I'll say.—Ed.)

Is a member of the Press Bureau and has spent many a weary hour over Rostrum. (Have you got your copy yet?) He is an active member of the International Relations Club, having been on the committee in 1940-41, and this year also is on the committees of the Political Economy Circle and Debating Club. Was the dapper little diplomat in "Hay Fever."

He has decided ideas about student affairs, particularly about publications; in its present form Craccum is quite out of touch with student opinion; it should be issued in a fortnightly four-page form, and should endeavour to guide student policy. Resumes of Exec. meetings should, he considers, find a place in Craccum, and some of the mystery which surrounds workings of the body, be dispelled. Would like to see the University fulfil its true functions and take a leading part in community life—e.g., through closer co-operation with the Training College and W.E.A. Public interest could be stimulated by such things as debates held between students and outsiders, say on Sunday afternoons in the hall. Cyril resurrected the question of student representation on the College Council, a matter which might well be considered by the incoming Exec.

WARWICK BELL

A third year Law Student who has done his territorial service and is as yet ineligible for overseas. Muttered something about the Polloc Club of the Sir Robert Stout competition—apparently a law faculty competition for a shield. In 1940 he won the Butterworth Prize for jurisprudence; and in that year also had a hand in Procession—remember his Impropananda? This year of the Press Bureau, and has been of great service to the Rostrum Committee. Originally asked to act on the Art Committee, he has assisted in every possible way—helping judge the literary efforts also, reading proofs and handling publicity. All those marvellous Rostrum posters you've seen about

have been his work. (Which reminds me, have you got your copy?)

Thinks students should take a more active part in community life, perhaps along lines used in parts of U.S.A.—an Advisory Council of advanced students, professors and lecturers to be co-ordinated with another council composed of members of the Bench, Judges of the Supreme Court; and practising members of the profession. The same principle could be applied to other faculties making for closer co-operation between the State and its various departments and the University and its various departments. When asked about Craccum, said he'd forgotten what it looked like; he would like to see it more often, written in a more intimate and personal style. Offered to paint some new curtains for the Exec. Room, after one shuddering glance at the old ones.

TED GILES

Ted is a Science Student enjoying a full-time year doing Honours after being a part-time student for three years. He is particularly well-known to Swimming Club members, and was in the tournament team this year.

His views on the Hongis and Capping are that, while the ceremony could be brightened, this year's efforts were puerile and in bad taste. Craccum he considers should portray Varsity life more accurately; more space could be devoted to Varsity affairs without lowering the standard. Student affairs generally seem to him rather dead—the workings of the executive veiled in mystery. What he wants to know is how the money goes! Reports of Exec. meetings in Craccum might improve the situation.

ALAN HORSMAN

Full-time Honours English Student who, for several years an obscure part-timer, now has the leisure to astound the College at large with his mammoth capabilities. Has been a constant attendee at the Music, International Relations and Lit. Clubs this year, and has worked on the Modern Languages Clubs. Extra-Curricular, and Student Relief Committees. Was co-opted to the Exec. this year. Allan has given numerous papers to numerous societies, contributed a column in Craccum. Thinks Craccum is not representative of the student body; everybody should write for it and read it. He holds that there should be fewer clubs, and more people with definite interest in two or three, and less dilettantism. Advocates closer relations between staff and students in extra-curricular activities; considers that a hostel (in the modern sense of the word) is one of A.U.C.'s greatest needs.

ALLAN ODELL

4th year full-time Honours Science Student, who has the rare distinction of having gained his B.Sc. at the age of 18. For the last two years has been a Chemistry demonstrator and finds it a helpful position for studying human nature. (And how? or so what?) Was on S.C.M. Exec. in 1940, and this year Secretary. Committee of the Rifle Club this year, plays hockey, and takes an active part in Sci. Soc. Allan considers that the Exec. should not entirely confine itself to running student affairs, but should undertake to express opinions for the student body. Registrar of Societies to be made on more active portfolio and a list should be kept of Club's activities, lectures and examinations. Is keen on the organisation of social activities, and the maintenance of Student Relief activities. At present is engaged in forming a Discussion Club for Senior Science students. Is not without hope that next Capping will see some better wit. (That'll be the day.)

JOHN LYTTLETON

5th year Science Student, full-time, doing Post-Graduate work in radio, with a first-class honours behind him. Has worked on Carnival Committee for the past three years, and this year co-opted to the Exec., was chairman creditably carrying out his duties, despite the fact that he did not start on the job till well on in the Christmas holidays. Was on the Men's House Committee, 1940-41, and Dramatic Club Committee, 1941. John thinks that Revue is very important for bringing people together, and should be maintained no matter what Hitler may do. This year nothing definite was done early enough owing to retirements from Exec. The present form of Revue is enforced by the small response to the call for cast. Would like to hold Carnival Portfolio again, and get into the job early. Asked whether he desired to make the Women's C.R. safe for democracy, John replied: "Heaven preserve us, I like my Revue girls as they are." It is vastly important for him to be re-elected owing to his passionate attendance to his Executive badge. A mor vincit hominem.

NEIL SMITH

3rd year Arts Student, full-time, was on the S.C.M. Executive in 1940 and 1941. Secretary of International Relations 1940 and 1941, has been a keen follower of Debating Club for the last three years. Plays hockey, and was seen in action in Tournament this year. Thinks gowns should be more in evidence round the place and sets the example himself. Would have the College support Student Relief as much as possible as being the best way of showing our kinship with foreign students, and being one of the most constructive ways of spending money. Neil holds that something should be done to make the College move like a University, by arousing public opinion to find ways of solving the "part-time" problem, hostels for students, etc. Also thinks that the Exec. should give a lead in student matters and opinion, besides looking after matters of administration. Advocates more interest in College Clubs, and publicity given to Stud. Ass. affairs. There ought to be more than two men's hockey teams, and why don't students see it their duty to attend International Relations Club, etc.? Asked about coffee evenings, Neil said he preferred cocoa!

WILLIAM MCGILLIVRAY

Fourth year full-time Science Student, doing Honours this year. Is Student Chairman of Sci. Soc. this year and Secretary of the Men's House Committee and Secretary of Rifle Clubs (a big shot, what? I sorry), has been associated with S.C.M. for the past four years, and was, till his recent resignation from the S.C.M., Social Convenor. Would like to see the clashing of functions in the College investigated and cleaned up. Thinks that men's social activities should be revived, and would like to hold the portfolio of Chairman of Men's House Committee. Craccum, he says, should be more representative, and Science people should write for the paper. (What's stopping them?—Ed.) However, he thoroughly enjoyed Craccum's article on the Hongis. Is opposed to faculty representation on Exec. for votes should go for ability. What of A.U.C. women? "Well, speaking as a Demonstrator in Chemistry for the last two years with such advantages as that position offers, I say I love the ladies in my lab."

ARTHUR LOWE

Arthur is a fourth year Arts Student who will be familiar to most people about the College. He has been on the Men's House Committee this year: we understand from a fellow worker that Arthur has done splendid work in the Common Room—good about the house, we presume. He has been on the Table Tennis Committee in 1939-40-41, and is acting Club Captain at present; wields a nifty bat himself.

He also plays tennis very energetically but added that he wasn't much good. As secretary of the Political Economy Circle in 1940-41, he has gained valuable experience in Committee work. On 1941 Carnival Committee he was Stage Manager of Revue. Remember how very wriggly the wriggly snake was? That was Arthur at the other end of the string. When examined on the delicate question of publications, Arthur's complaints were: (1) too literary; (2) not topical enough; (3) caters only for Arts Students; (4) should be more like Canta. After these broadsides he added tactfully that he bought a Kiwi every year.

Advocates that the furniture in the Men's Common Room should be completely replaced. Good furniture would be respected. (?)

CLEM GREEN

Is a B. Arch., A.N.Z.I.A., now doing Commerce part-time. Clem is a familiar figure at A.U.C.; he was on the Men's House Committee, 1938-40. Secretary of the Swimming Club 1936-38, and Vice-President 1938-41; Committee of the Harriers Club 1938, and Vice-President 1939-41; Vice-President of Hongi Club 1938-41, on Procession Committee 1937-38; A.U.C. Sports Committee 1938-39. He has also been seen kicking his legs in Revue Ballet, and has achieved fame as a goal-keeper in Varsity Hockey Club. He has represented A.U.C. in various Tournaments, the Harriers 1937-38, Swimming 1940-41, Hockey 1939-40. Clem believes that Exec. doings should be brought nearer the student, and favours more co-operation by all students in College affairs. He is not acceptable for overseas service, and would continue in any job for his full term of office. To find him, see any haka party around A.U.C.

Cyril Belshaw, as a friar, was slightly anachronistic, but helped to add tone to the proceedings.

George Porter, the gentleman of the Rowing Club, acted in a most gentlemanly fashion.

Les. Taylor turned up looking more Mussoish than ever, did a quick change into a natty bit of feminine attire, and finally appeared respectably clad in a 'Varsity blazer. Just what was the idea, Mr. Taylor? Triplicity?

Marj. Miller was sweet and old-world in a "Rebecca" picture hat.

Alan Segedin's cute little pants and bashful manner attracted much attention.

DRESS AND UNDRRESS Studio Stampede — 1941

The College has come to expect something in the way of a good show from the architects, and this year's Stampede was well up to expectations.

The decorative scheme, which is always a feature of the dance, this year took on a Hawaiian note. The wall behind the band was covered by a mural depicting glistening waters and swaying palms, while the blinds—a necessity of the blackout—were covered by murals of luscious maidens, tropical flowers and unknown fish from unknown waters.

The official party was received by Clayton G. Cutter, the president of the Architectural Society, and at various times during the evening Mr. Cutter could be seen fending off boisterous dancers as he attempted to guide the wives of the staff round the crowded floor.

The prizes for the best fancy dress were won by Betty Sweetman, in the picturesque national costume of Yugo-Slavia, and A. F. de Lisle as an ambassador for some obscure foreign power. A. F. de Lisle, the secretary of the Architectural Society, wishes to state that the rumour that HE chose the prize-winners is quite unfounded.

Seen Among the Dancers

D. E. B. Martin, as usual in a costume of an extreme character, this year resorted to an abbreviated Ballerina skirt.

Viv Fenton in a tricky pair of hose, and, of course, other things, was, I think, a pirate.

Elizabeth Taylor, as a gypsy, helped proceedings by rapping out a pretty extra.

Tony Curtis rode his motor-bike in from the suburbs in his flimsy costume of a 17th century gent.

Tui Stallworthy danced the light fantastic as a very charming peasant—(this peasant idea seems very popular).

George Cawkwell graced proceedings displaying the hairs on his manly chest.

Mary Hay this year said she was a Pierette. (That's funny—we guessed.)

R. A. B. Hunter, known to his intimates as Timmy, effectively hid his identity under the flowing robes of an Arab Sheik.

Buzzy Buddle looked particularly charming as a Dutch girl—her costume also went very well with a pair of Army denims.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,—

In view of the forthcoming elections, may it be suggested that the voters keep in mind the qualities of the candidates for whom they are voting, and that as far as student affairs are concerned that these candidates give more attention to their respective duties.

The deplorable lack of organisation in distribution of the students' own song book, the use of which should be encouraged at College functions, tournaments, and informal coffee evenings etc., results in their having had for the past two years a resting place in the House Committee's lockers. These song books were printed for the House Committee at a loss. Why augment the loss by not selling the books?

As for the Men's House Committee, their lack of energy in taking care of the men's common room and conveniences leaves much to be desired. The condition of taping of letter racks, disfigurement of notices in conveniences, and coat racks are three flagrant omissions in the duties of this student body. Let us hope, Sir, that the approaching elections will produce candidates who will attend to these matters and introduce improvements for student welfare.

—Hongi.

[An attempt to sell the song books was made soon after they were printed, but it met with no success. Does Hongi want them given away? Possibly they could be used more, but perhaps the members of the present House Committee do not share the same opinion concerning the songs included, or the value of songs at College functions as their predecessors who produced the book. Can the M.H.C. be blamed for isolated acts of vandalism?—Ed.]

Sir,—

I enclose the following recipe for a B.A. unit. It will be found highly successful and entails no mental strain.

Ingredients are as follows:—

- A pinch of grated Cowley;
- 2 tablespoons concentrated Marvell.
- 1 teaspoon melted Isaac Walton,
- 1 tablespoon sieved Sir Thomas Browne.
- 2 cups shredded Milton.
- 1 cup stoned Dryden.
- 1 dessertspoonful essence of Bunyan.
- 1 tablespoon each (refined) Congreve, Wycherly, Otway.

A dash of Herbert, Vaughan, Herrick to taste—but these may be omitted if a more economical mixture is required.

About 1 cup each (chopped) of Antony and Cleopatra, A Winter's Tale, Troilus and Cressida, Matthew Arnold, Erewhon, and John Stuart Mill. (It is not necessary to include all the last ingredients, but it is advisable to have at least three, preferably the first three, as they are most soluble and more appetising.)

Mix all together, with sufficient Anglo-Saxon to make it stiff, sweeten to taste, pour into a mould and garnish well before serving.

—Daisy.

Sir,—

Before completing my term as President of the Students' Association I desire to appeal to a very small section of the students which, has, on occasions, both within and without the College building, behaved in a manner most unworthy of University students. To these students I would say: Remember that the University is under constant criticism from the public of Auckland; that at present this criticism is adverse, often very harsh, and that it therefore behoves every one of us not to aggravate the position by thoughtless action. Two recent examples of such thought-

less action were the vulgar and childish float sponsored by certain students in a partiotic procession, and the equally vulgar and equally childish exhibition by the Hongis at the Cap-ping ceremony.

Equally thoughtless is the action within the College of those few louts who go about defacing notices in the College, breaking coat pegs and damaging common room furniture. Someone even went so far as to remove the gongs from the telephone—with the result that a detective came to interview the Executive.

Obviously the Executive or the House Committee is powerless to stop such individual acts of loutishness; they can be prevented only by the co-operation of the rest of the student body, and the realisation by the irresponsible minority of the harm they do the student name. The Executive cannot act as a Gestapo, nor does it wish to. Far be it from one to frown upon legitimate student fun and humour, which is only too lacking, but in appealing for thoughtfulness this I do say: remember that vulgarity and coarseness are not substitutes for wit and humour.

—M. W. Speight.

Sir,—

I would urge most strongly that all student religious bodies gain representation on the Executive. This would ensure that all points of view would share in deciding things such as tournament and bookstall, where the need for religious representation is very marked. At present, for instance, a Jehovah's Witness stands little chance of election. One or two seats could be kept for heretics, etc., to keep burning the lamp of democracy. However, I do not think B.I. should be included.

—Anti-Tory.

Sir,—

As on who was present at the special general meeting of the Students' Association of the 16th July, may I observe the unfortunate state of affairs that existed with the "chair" and the secretary concerning the Students' Association's constitution, its technicalities and its non-appearance.

Regarding the second motion advancing faculty representation on the Executive, surely if the persons who had control of the posting of this motion had had any sense of responsibility and co-operation in promoting student interest they would have made it their duty to have set the motion in order rather than have the promoters of the motion informed at the meeting, at which it was intended to be put to vote, that the motion was not in order. This was unfortunate, and with a new student body about to be elected may I suggest that such matters be fully attended to in a spirit of co-operation rather than indifference by the new Students' Association Executive members, who could produce for the students' reference, to be available in the College Library, a duplicate of the Students' Association constitution.

—Monty Glengarry,
School of Architecture.

[The Constitution is kept by the Secretary, who will always produce it for anyone who wishes to consult it. No member of the Executive was aware that the motion in question was out of order, except the Business Manager, who did not know of the motion till the day of the meeting. The Executive was just as eager to have the motion discussed as the proposers. The proposers should have been informed in time that the motion was out of order, but the fault was due not to wilful reactionary policy but to ignorance of constitutions.—Ed.]

Sir,—

'Varsity people should play a more active part in the community as a whole. Most graduates that are let loose into the world tend to specialise in the particular spheres in which they have been trained and, while by no means uncritical of community affairs, are apt to venture no further into the wider spheres of constructive social activity. To-day in New Zealand we have an opportunity for such activity—the Dominion Reconstruction Conference of moral and spiritual leaders.

Most people agree that something is wrong with personal, social and international relationships which allow the conditions that have led to this war. Most are agreed, too, that these conditions must not remain after the war. This conference intends to see that they do not; it is designed to show the great degree of unity and common purpose existing in the minds of our moral and spiritual leaders and in the hearts of our people. It will therefore refrain from discussions on party politics and detailed technical methods, but will constructively outline the fundamental principles for building a better order.

The following topics will be discussed:—

- Physical well-being;
- Mental and moral advancement;
- Spiritual development;
- National nutrition;
- National efficiency and social progress;
- Youth;
- Women's interests;
- Education;
- Economics and finance;
- Agriculture and farming;
- Publicity and subsequent action;
- Industry and commerce;
- International relationships and world reconstruction.

There will be speakers and advisors on each subject.

As University students, we have the two-fold responsibility—of our education and our youth.

It is therefore up to us who have the advantage of (perhaps) greater insight into these problems and therefore (maybe) a longer range of view, to express ourselves constructively in a movement such as this. As can be seen from the agenda, a section is set aside for Youth. Certain young leaders have taken the initiative in action, and have formed a committee which will elect its delegate for the Conference, and arrange for further meetings to which everyone is invited. These prospective meetings are for the expression of Youth and the organisation of its ideals—i.e., YOUR ideals! Take every opportunity to attend them.

For the past few weeks the "Young Citizens" session, broadcast from 12B at 10 am. on Sunday has been one medium of expression. At the time of writing its future continuance is uncertain, but again — we, the people—young citizens, all of us, have the right to see that it does continue to exist. It is YOUR session. If you are not satisfied with the way it is conducted it is for YOU to make constructive suggestions. If you have some plan that you think is worth communicating to others, this session is your opportunity. An attempt is also being made to form groups for discussion along these lines.

If you are interested (and as thinking (?) people we should at least examine these things) please communicate with the writer and we'll do something about it.

REMEMBER—The time to lay the foundations for personal regeneration and world reconstruction is now. The time to act is now, the place to act is here, the one to act is you. This Christian People's Conference depends to you.

—Monica Coates.

The War Comes to Hockey

After a period of spectacular triumph, the star of University Hockey is beginning to wane. Talent in the Club was so much in evidence at the beginning of the season that two Senior teams were fielded in order to give every Senior player a reasonable chance of a game. At first, the Senior teams were diluted in strength by spreading the talent between them, but when the expected results were not achieved (usual 'varsity optimism) and the enemy were defeated by increasingly narrow margins (5-2, 6-2, 4-2) until Somerville actually beat us, then, and only then, we decided not only to concentrate on one Senior team alone, but to default the B's.

This waning of our star has been due largely to the defection of many players called into the forces. Dick Coldham, Alexander, Kirkham, are now either overseas or in overseas camps. Bruce Wallace and Broadbent will soon be in the Navy and Bruce Broun in the Air Force. So that if you know of any promising Hockey players, lead them gently to the fold.

However black this may sound, the future is really quite rosy—well, not rosy, but it is pink. University still leads in the Davis Cup (no matter what Training College do to us, the Saturday this goes to press), and, as only two matches have been played in the Devonport Shield (both lost) there is even a little hope left here.

HOCKEY WON CRAWLEY TOO

Putting into practice the tactics illustrated by Mr. Crawley at his blackboard lecture, the Blues have carried all before them. In this the goalie needs special mention, for she has proved herself an able exponent of the goalkeeper's dictum—"If you can't get the ball, get the forward."

The backs have finally decided what is and what is not cricket on the hockey field, and only in the most dire extremities do they declare that cricket is cricket and hockey is hockey, and never the twain shall meet. Some of the halves, some of the time, have tried to follow Mr. Crawley's instructions to be always up with the forwards and always back with the backs, but the more intelligent of them have decided that the best idea is to take up a central position on the field and wait for forwards and backs to coincide. The forwards tried out the W formation, and it was voted a complete success by the three upper points, but the two lower points were not capable of registering their opinion, and in later matches the forward line lapsed into its old formation which resembles an inebriated S.

However, in spite of these drawbacks, the Blues are now leading in the competition, although this is not so much due to their super-

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TABLE TENNIS POPULAR

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Ping-pong (or table-tennis as its snob-followers prefer it to be called) reached new heights of popularity on the night of Tuesday the 24th June. For once the coterie of enthusiasts who usually monopolise the tables were swept away by an avalanche of players—masculine and feminine, small and big, good, bad, and indifferent—all with that fanatical glint in their eyes which generally marks the ping-pong addict.

A handicap tournament has an extra touch of uncertainty which arouses the gambling spirit dormant in so many. It has, too, an artificial equality which inflates the sense of inferiority characteristic of the multitude of not-so-good exponents of the game.

Consequently there were dark horses in plenty at the tournament. One sympathised with the handicapper, who must have had more than his share of nightmares. Nevertheless the majority of the contests were keen, and the work of the controlling committee met with general approval.

The event was the first of its kind in the history of the Club. Among the players was Derek Hurdler, an ex-Wellingtonian A-grader who did not show his true form owing to an eye injury. Epi (Shalfoon) Cameron had little difficulty in winning the Men's Handicap, playing at the top of his form and showing the feminine audience what Training College has done to him. The Women's Handicap was won by a charming fresher, Tamea Cole, who shows surprising form on certain occasions. Among the also-rans were Prendy, Arnot

Broadbent, Arthur Lowe, Pauline Melford, Helen Gordon and Kathleen Bilkey, all 1940 A-Graders.

This year the Club has entered six teams—three men's and three women's—in the Inter-Club Competitions. The first grade team, consisting of Broadbent, Lowe, Casey and Piper, beat Y.M.C.A. 21-15, conceding 8 points per game and 8 games by default. The first women's team was defeated by National, a team of married men, in spite of inspiration from A. Pybus and Epi Cameron. (Was it Coled going home in Alan's car, Tamea?) The third grade men's team played at Varsity on Tuesday, and won after a hard game against Neeco-Sun 20-16. Keith Jackson performed very creditably.

By the time this report reaches you, the Champs. will have been played, and we heartily congratulate in advance the winners of each event. The cups and badges won by the successful players will be presented at a Club evening to be held on the Saturday before the last week of term. This evening will be open to all and we hope that you will be present to take part in the fun.

iority as to the unexpected lapses of rival teams.

On June 21st, 3 p.m., the Whites won a match!

This supreme effort has not as yet been repeated, but the future is not entirely without hope. There is plenty of good material in this team, but there are too many individualists and the forwards suffer from circle complex. The halves and backs have worked up a strong defence, and have managed to keep down the opponents' scores. They, of course, have more to do than the forwards. This was made pathetically apparent when Mr. Crawley asked the forwards how they worked their corners and they cheerfully replied that they didn't have corners.

Mary Bailey in goal has had a lot of work to do, and considering her inexperience, has performed very creditably. She was the only member of the whole club who was willing to take over this position.

The Intermediates have a number of players entirely new to the game, and their interpretation of the rules caused a lot of amusement in the early part of the season, but those who came to scoff remained to laugh on the other sides of their faces, for these newcomers proved dark horses. There are several play-

ers in this grade who are up to the standard of the Whites, but unfortunately there are only eleven players in a team. If they had a permanent goalkeeper they would do better. Most of the games this season have been drawn, although they did win one against seven members of Training College B. However, if enthusiasm counts for anything, they should come through with flying colours, and they certainly enjoy their games as much as the onlookers—which is saying something. And Mr. Crawley's accusation that the trouble with women's hockey is that it is too gentle, is unjust, as far as this team is concerned. As one member remarked rather sadly at half-time, "We're knocking them all out, but they keep coming back."

You cannot hope to bribe or twist,
Thank God, the British journalist,
But seeing what the man will do
Unbribed, there's no occasion to.
—Humbert Wolfe.

If you take something from one man and give it back to him that is restitution. If you take something from one man and give it to another that is philanthropy.—R. Quillen.

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SPEAKING OF SPORT Debating Activities

The Freshers' Debate produced a record number of entries this year—fourteen. It is refreshing for the old-timers of the Club to know that the youngsters are really keen about things and do not appear to be suffering from the pseudo-bashfulness that is usually their characteristic. The subject was: "That sport is emphasised too much to-day," and the debate was judged by John Reid. In a bright and breezy summing-up he awarded the palm, or rather, the Freshers' Mug, to B. Barnett, and second place to three speakers: Sheila Hogben, Hugh Murphy and George Smith.

Some of Mr. Reid's judicial, if not judicious, remarks were rather neat.

"Mr. Blennerhazett's little talk had a parsonial flavour. He reminded me of a bishop on an off-evening."

"Mr. Perl has given us a spiritual autobiography, laying his soul bare."

"The final bow of Mr. McLaren was the very quintessence of the royal plural."

"Mr. Keane's speech was meaty, but cobwebby . . . His epithets were not chosen with delicacy."

"I liked Mr. Grey's happy winsomeness."—N.B.: This has to be seen to be appreciated.

"STAND AND DELIVER"

That was the order of the day when sixteen noble souls were butchered to make a Roman holiday at Debating Club's impromptu speech evening. Humour, mainly of the unintentional variety, kept the audience in constant little gurgles and occasional guffaws, which, so we are told, shattered the sacred calm of the library.

After a secret ballot, C. McLaren was adjudged the winner, and was presented with an enthusiastic round of applause. His subject was "Logarithms, logarithms, logarithms," which, as he pointed out, would have been expressed more mathematically as "logarithms cubed." We admired his highly specialised knowledge.

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FOOTBALL

The Football Club has had a fair season, taken all round. The Junior teams have done well, although the Seniors have unfortunately not come up to expectations.

At the end of the first round the Seniors had not won a game, but the regrouping of teams still gives them a chance to make up for the past defeats. Although they have lost the first two games of the second round, they gave a much improved display against Ponsonby, the leaders of the second division, when they were beaten 6—3. As there is a projected trip to play Victoria College in August, we hope to have a strong, keen team to take down to Wellington.

The Juniors have been a very keen side, and to date have lost only one game. Now after two games of the second round, they are leading with Suburbs and should get through to win the grade. Of their players Coleman has been a tower of strength at full back, and saved his forwards well. Noakes has played well at centre. Cassells Brown and Lynch have combined well at five-eighths. In the forwards Beale, Reid, D. S. Beattie have been consistently hard workers, while Inder's loose play has been outstanding.

The third grade team, improved considerably during the season, and developed an excellent combination and team spirit. Commencing without any real "stars," they developed as a team, and their success has been the result of the team work, which is the highest praise that can be offered to any Rugby team. In view of the keenness of all players, it is difficult and perhaps unfair to mention individuals, but in the forwards K. Wilson and Warren were outstanding; the former is a good all-round player and the latter is an exceptionally hard worker. Simpson was brilliant in the loose. Bain at full-back was a tower of strength to the side, and he should go far in the football world. Hayson was a good attacking five-eighth, and served well as skipper. Cliffe played well as half, and his backing-up was excellent. In conclusion, the players are to be congratulated on the sporting manner in which they stood down when their turn came. It was disheartening both to players and coaches that so many players could not be given a game each Saturday.

ATTA BOY GIRLS Women's Challenge at S.G.M.

The special general meeting of the Students' Association, called to pass a motion to include more women on the Executive, was not as dull as such meetings tend to be. The chair was taken by Miss Dorothy Fowler, surely the best possible encouragement for such a motion.

There were two factions: that headed by George Cawkwell, who was all in favour of the ladies (God bless 'em) and that led by Barry Martin, who apparently believes that women have a proper place—which is not dominating the Executive. Surprisingly enough, he was supported by Graham Koefoed. Do these two gentlemen imagine that if women were not included on the Executive they would have more time to play?

Tedium was added to the proceedings by the speeches of our good old war-horse, Clem Green, who was apparently in favour of something, but who could say so only by interrupting everyone else. Hi

Winnie Tombs became very heated in discussing the calibre of the students of A.U.C. She appeared to be insinuating that this college does not produce men who are really men. Monty Glengarry was so anxious to refute this charge that he refused to address any of his remarks to the chair, preferring rather to fling Miss Tombs' words back in her face.

Eventually the motion was passed.