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WHO'S WHO Executive Revelations

The A.U.C. Students' Association, better known as the Executive, is the body elected annually which guards student interests and runs the affairs of the College. Freshers, and even those who should know better, have the most amazing ideas concerning this not particularly august set of students, if indeed they are aware of its existence. Contrary to popular belief, the Exec. is an exceedingly hard-working committee. Each member has a portfolio to which he or she is devoted for a year. Every student should take enough interest in the welfare of the College to know just who it is that guides its destiny in the forthcoming year. The Exec. is the link between students and the College Council, elected by students for the benefit of students and, as such, its workings should be understood. What is worth publishing from the minutes of every Exec. meeting will appear in Craccum, it is to be hoped to some purpose.

For immediate guidance we now give the names of the members of the Exec., together with their portfolios and a brief description for future recognition.

President: George Cawkwell. Takes a capable chair at Exec. meetings. Large, gowned and majestic. Believes in preserving dignity and the classics. At present teaching at King's College.

Lady Vice-President: Dorothea Morrell. One of the few students known who can think and act with precision and clarity. A barbed tongue and a kind heart. Dislikes her hair being termed "orange." Is a teacher, but nevertheless intelligent.

Secretary: Margaret Kissling. A born secretary and the essence of capability. Does most of the dirty work. Is at present at Business College learning how to type with more than one finger.

Business Manager: A. P. Postlewaite. The man who straightens out the messes. Knows all the answers to student problems, but denies that he ran the Aunt Alice column in Craccum in previous years. Cannot be gainsaid.

Man Vice-President, Registrar of Clubs and Societies, and Records: Graham Reid. Middle name Efficiency. Knows just how everything should be done. In his position on Records keeps tab on all past and present activities of the College. Is employed in the Radio-Physics department at A.U.C.

Tournament Delegate and Chairman of Interfaculty Committee: Tom Bassett. Takes his job seriously but fails to lose weight over it. Has done much to further the sporting life of the College. At present in the O.T.C. at Trentham.

Chairman of Carnival Committee: Johnny Lyttleton. Dislikes being called sweet. Famous for noises off in Revues. What he doesn't know about music just hasn't been recorded. Is also in the Radio Physics department.

Secretary of Publications and Public Relations (i.e., the link between A.U.C. and outside youth organisations): Cyril Belshaw. Youthful and enthusiastic. Dislikes mismanagement. One of the few people round the place who does his work thoroughly and without fuss. Is at present unemployed in Army headquarters.

Chairman of Men's House Committee: Arthur Lowe. Once took

Logic and Ethics and tends to put everything in syllogistic form. Manages, however, to Get Things Done with much skill. Has ideas on the position of women. Now racing through the ranks at Rotorua.

Chairman of Social Committee: Betty Sweetman. Effervescent and voluble. Always gets there in the end. Likes acting and has thoughts on food values. A full-time honours student, and with all the clubs of which she is an active member needs to be.

Assistant-Secretary and general odd jobs (e.g., Extra-Curricular and Student Relief): Pauline Buddle. A recently co-opted member in place of Winnie Tombs. Has naturally curly hair and a knack of making herself universally popular. Has done much work round the College with singular lack of ostentation. A full-time science student.

Chairman of Publications and of N.Z.U. Press Bureau: Margot Hogben. We leave ourselves open for judgment.

Bookstall, Property, and Scrap-book: Winsome Denne. Disproves the theory that to be beautiful one must be dumb. Brisk in carrying out her various duties. On the staff of the Plant Research Station at Mt. Albert.

Corresponding Member to N.Z.U.S.A.: Carol Ayers. knows all about farming. Has a quick wit and a contempt for young Luv. A full-time honours student.

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

Urgent Necessity

A vital aspect of the E.P.S. preparations is the enlistment, on a large scale, of volunteer blood donors who are willing to contribute blood at the present time for serum-storage purposes, as well as in the event of an air-raid or similar emergency.

Serum is an urgent necessity in the treatment of surgical shock associated with humans, fractures, blast-injuries, etc., and in the raids on British cities last year countless lives were saved by immediate transfusion of blood-serum or blood-plasma. As the quantity required by a severely shocked patient may be three pints or more, it may be realised that these preparations must involve the withdrawal of blood from many hundreds of donors in order to build up the necessary reserve of serum.

This must be done now, as the technical processes in the preparation of the serum in a convenient form are rather time-consuming. Delay may cost lives.

The prepared serum remains in good condition for a very long time, so that there need be no wastage if it is not used in the treatment of raid-casualties. The peace-time accident rate is sufficiently high to require the use of a considerable quantity throughout New Zealand.

Whole blood, as distinct from the serum which is separated from it, cannot be stored for more than a week or two, so that supplies of whole blood (which is required for the treatment of haemorrhage) must be built up at the actual time of an emergency.

Donors who volunteer now for the purpose of building up a reserve of serum may therefore be called upon in the event of an emergency to donate whole blood for immediate use; mobile transfusion units will be established at certain points in the suburbs to handle such donors.

The work of the Auckland Hospital laboratories, which carry out the withdrawal and preparation of blood and serum, would be greatly facilitated if donors could arrange to present themselves in the forenoon or early afternoon, when groups of up to ten donors could be accommodated each half-day. Arrangements to this effect can be made through the St. John Ambulance Association, Rutland Street (Telephone 45-920), who will arrange appointments.

The actual withdrawal of blood is practically painless and the quantity taken can easily be spared by any fit and healthy person of either sex; no unpleasant after-effects are experienced by the great majority of regular donors.

This is a service of the greatest national importance, and few people make a more valuable individual contribution to civilian defence preparations than the blood donors.

[N.B.—Intending donors under the age of 21 years are requested to secure from a parent or guardian written permission to act as blood-donors.]

STUDENT RELIEF

However valiantly we may post up our "business as usual" sign, we are all aware that College life this year is far from normal. Undergrads are scattered in all directions—Egypt, Canada, England, the Atlantic and the Far East—while many are in prison camps on the Continent and elsewhere. The function of the Student Relief Committee, as the Auckland representative of the International Student Service, a world-wide organisation, is to provide machinery whereby can be expressed our wish that the intellectual needs of our fellow-students should, under these conditions, not be neglected. The I.S.S. does not confine its activities to students of our own nationality—indeed much of its work has been done in occupied Europe and in China—nor is it limited to help in regard to the more obvious study requirements such as books or fees, for attention

has often been focussed upon the material prerequisites for health, and hence for study, as when supplies of quinine were sent to China from New Zealand.

Last year the sum of £103 was collected by A.U.C. and sent, with donations from other N.Z. colleges, to the Headquarters of the Service in London. It may not be possible this year for us to send money abroad, but we can still express our world-wide corporateness in the work of the I.S.S. by raising funds for future use, while the fullest use too, will be made of the Red Cross organisation in Europe.

The duty in this matter of all who are still able to study under favourable conditions is plain.

THE S.C.M. AND THE WAR

At the pre-session camp of the Student Christian Movement Executive the following statement was adopted as the attitude of the Movement on the question of the Christian's duty in wartime:—

"In time of war a grave decision is demanded of the Christian. At present the majority of Christians feel compelled to take up arms in the nation's cause. With equal sincerity others believe they must refuse to do so.

"The Movement includes Christians of various Communion, and takes its stand beside the great Communion of the Church who have declared that both these decisions may express an earnest endeavour to do the will of God. Hence the Movement upholds liberty of conscience for all its members."

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Tournament Cancelled.

Easter Tournament, where the blue bloods of the University Colleges gather together once a year to eat, drink and be merry, will not be held this year.

Tom Bassett, A.U.C. Tournament Delegate, is in the O.C.T.U. at Trentham. His duties in connection with Tournament have been taken over by Norm. Thom, President of the Athletic Club. Other colleges have been asked for their views on the subject, and to date the answer has been in every case "The war does not permit."

When the question of holding the Tournament solely as a women's function was brought up, it was pointed out that restrictions on travelling, uncertainty in the Pacific and the relative cost involved would make such measures unjustifiable. A.U.C. Exec. has also decided to shelve a proposal to inaugurate a Youth Congress in Auckland during the year.

Hockey Tournament (Dunedin), Dramatic Festival (Wellington), Joynt Scroll Debating Contest (Auckland), are still possibilities, but it is likely that even they will have to be scrapped this year. However, the annual meetings of such Executive bodies as N.Z.U.S.A. and Press Bureau should be held, possibly in Wellington.

Obituary

On Tuesday, March 3rd (suddenly) in the Publications locker, Alice, daughter of Chance and beloved Aunt of all at A.U.C. Sadly missed. Verdict: Justifiable homicide.

THE GOSSIPAL TRUTH

Prof. Belshaw complains that the scarcity of men will reduce the possibilities for scandal this year. Let's hope this column will dispel his fears.

Congratulations to Pat. Thomas for some fast work. She has announced her engagement to school-teacher Stanley Edgar, of Suva. A tropical moon and swaying palms and you—ain't it all wonderful.

Talking of engagements, the Botany Lab. should see some bright demonstrating by Joan Howie and Laurie Milner this year.

Rumour has it that Poppy Dale is now in the Public Trust. The responsibility was too great for the family, we suppose.

Freshers, don't miss the Exec. Room in your round of sightseeing. Please admire the new curtains and painted walls—and don't forget to compliment George on the general air of tidiness and order.

Looking very smart in khaki these days are Mary Hay, Pat. Clarke, and Pam. Key-Jones. Pat Bassett does a good job driving Army trucks and Joan Hay intends to extend her energies in the motor-cycling corps.

Do you remember Stephen in "Major Barbara"? Wasn't he just the image of David Dunningham.

Blondes, watch out for David (Alfalfa) Coates, enthusiastic fresher and regular man about town. He likes his women fair and plenty of 'em.

We hear some of the fresherettes likely to attract attention are Jenny Miller, Annette Burbidge (a chip off the old block), Barbara Macky and a fair young thing from T.G.S., whose name, unfortunately, is denied us at the moment.

Brenda Bishop has her work cut out teaching at the Auckland Business College. Heard in the cloak-room the other day: "Miss Bishop is such a good mistress."

The future of H. T. Prendergast is a source of much conjecture these days. A sub-"loot" in the Naval Secret Service, Craccum feels that in his buttons and gold braid he could disarm even a Mata Hari if the necessity arises.

Bob Newbold is now back in Auckland, drying meat for export, keeping an eye on his diamond ring and generally having quite a busy time.

Hats off to Tui Stallworthy, who spent her vacation V.A.D.-ing. And a very efficient nurse she is, too.

Ex-students Bing Owen and Betty Drummond have announced their engagement at last. It's a long, long trail. . . .

VALE

The Modern Language Department this year loses the services of Miss Dora Miller, M.A., Senior Lecturer in French since 1924, and more recently Acting-Professor. Miss Miller's inexhaustible enthusiasm for her work and her conscientiousness were a constant inspiration to the Department. The personal interest she took in her students will always be remembered by those who came in contact with her. We wish her health and happiness, and assure her of our appreciation and esteem.

"ASIA FOR THE ASIATICS."

The Japanese soldier is well-trained and hardy. Although his country lacks native forest, his cunning is a match for any bushman. Although he was once a peasant and uneducated, he had skilfully-contrived mechanical devices at his command. Although he is famed for his ape-like imitations he is guilty of the greatest craft in developing modern engines of war, such as airplane carriers and amphibian tanks, perfect instruments for his peculiarly insane desires. Above all, he is obsessed with a fanatical spirit that will never let him give in to one of another race, or leave his duty before he dies. When many Japanese come together, when they are organised in a carefully designed unified force, they become a horde as wild as the Tartars, as disciplined as the Prussians, as strange in their silent relentless conquests as men from another planet.

In Singapore the ladies played golf while handfuls of the Japanese cut off group after group of men struggling desperately to stem the flood of determined invaders. The ladies carefully manicured their nails before dancing with well-groomed partners or cleaned their teeth before discussing the latest fashionable novel. When the bombers buried Chinese or Malayan coolies, they lifted their skirts and daintily flitted across the seas to civilisation.

Desperate Fight Ahead

But wherever they fled the Japanese came too. No matter how carefully nails are polished or how often Fido is fed, the Japanese will still come to wipe out all memory of romantic masquerades and to bring nightmares to the useless petty brains of those who declare with all the power of their tiny lungs "It is only a dream. It couldn't possibly happen here."

Unless a major change comes, which will threaten to wipe the Japanese nation off the map, we shall be fighting for our lives within six months.

And how we shall fight. It is pitiful, tragic to imagine. It will be the repetition of an old but seldom punished crime.

The men of New Zealand are in uniform. Some of the women are, too. But dressing in uniforms, blacking out your windows at night, sitting in theatres knitting socks for soldiers, doing the thousand and one boring, time-taking, at times dramatic and exciting things that are expected to win the war, will not keep the Japs. from our cities. What good are your uniforms without weapons? What good weapons without trained knowledge behind them? How many officers, NCO's or men are being given expert tactical training in modern warfare? How many of our soldiers have the physique of the weakest Japanese militamen? Could they march for days on dry rations? They are playing at soldiers, they want the open-air life of a boy-scout camp, or a soft job reading a novel in a Head-quarter's Office.

The Way of Russia

What if hydro-electrical works were bombed—how will we buy our electrically baked bread? Supposing our patriotic Home Guardsmen, who are butchers, stem the invasion from the

sands of Western Beaches—who will cut the Army its meat? And if our hospitals are already overcrowded, how shall we hide the sight of gaping wounds from expectant mothers? Perhaps there will be no men here to wound, as they all drift overseas.

In Russia, the men responsible for such confusion, such lack of imagination, would be coldly set aside, shot as traitors to the ideals of human dignity and decency. Perhaps that is why the Russians are successful. We will stop the Japs. only when such a purge begins here, urged on by the determined will of the people. Will it begin, or are our people and leaders too cowardly, guilty and stupid with moralising to give the signal?

A PAIRS' ENCYCLOPAEDIA

With its usual tact and desire to be helpful to freshers Craccum is publishing a list of those people of the College who, rightly or wrongly, are always associated together. Craccum leaves it to the reader's discretion to reshuffle ad lib. Craccum is a strong believer in Platonic friendship.

Pat and George.
Beverley and Joe.
Carol and Tom.
Betty and Cyril.
Sheila and Dick.
Mrs. Sewell and Prof. Sewell.
Carol and Dick.
Iri and Bing.
Tui and Graham.
The Editor and Mr. Skyrme.
Mary and Aubrey.
Carol and Harry.
Marjorie and Frank.
Joan and Keith.
But Poppy loves 'em all.

DUST TO DUST

Coates to Asher.

On behalf, we feel sure, of all students who know John Asher and his bride Monica (nee Coates) Craccum extends its heartiest congratulations. We have no wish to appear unduly coy, but can only express delighted surprise at the fact that, unlike so many young men of this day and age, Mr. Asher's intentions have duly been proved honourable. Varsity students are included to run to seed rather than matrimony and we can but applaud the courage of two youngsters who have sufficient faith in themselves to begin a new life together.

Further congratulations to Roger and Audrey Hutton, and Shirley and Bernie Twoomey. As far as these two couples are concerned, however, the marriages were less surprising than inevitable.

To all the newly-weds (hideous expression) we offer our best wishes, and can only hope that they are as happy in one another's company in the future as they have, to all appearances, been in the past.

SCRAPS IN WARTIME

Recommended for Universal Exhibition.

A surprise for all! Members of this College who have not graced the Exec. are probably unaware of the fact that there has been in existence for some years a scrap-book in which is put anything concerning Varsity or Varsity students published in the local papers. It is the duty of a member of the Exec.—this year the chosen one is Winsome Denne—to

hunt with a feverish eye through the papers for A.U.C. news and then mess round with scissors and paste.

Till now the scrap-book has languished in obscurity, but this year, as a special treat to lighten the drab lives of students, it will be on view in the library. It may sound a dull tome, but actually it is full of interest. It will be a help to freshers in calculating the ages of professors and lecturers who were once figuring in the news as students. For non-freshers, it will help to recall the Good Old Days and may even give information about that old flame contacted 'way back in '39. At any rate, it is always useful to see one's institution through the eyes of the public and amusing to read impartially of arguments that seem so futile now.

Remember, next time you are in the library, look at the scrap-book as you pass.

FORWARD PLEASE

Craccum wants contributions. Send in verse, prose, criticism, letters to the Editor, the story of your life and loves, your favourite joke, anything at all. Contributions should:

- Be addressed to Margot Hogben.
- Be written on ONE side of the paper only.
- Be legible, preferably typed.
- Contain suggestions for improvements in Craccum.
- Be signed, with nom-de-plume attached if desired.
- Be in by April 5th.

HAVE YOU ANY COMPLAINTS?

Mrs. Odd desires to make it known that any complaints concerning the cafeteria should be made directly to her instead of to the nearest person who usually has nothing whatever to do with the management. It is far easier to rectify something of which there is direct knowledge, than to base action on information received via bush telegraph. Actually, we have enough confidence in Mrs. Odd to feel assured that there will be no complaints this year.

EDITORIAL.

The usual thing in the Editorial of the first issue of Craccum is to set forth a policy for the rest of the year which is forgotten as quickly as it is read. Frankly, Craccum has little policy this year except to keep its end up by garnering what news there is and by trying to arouse interest in things concerning University life. Because there is a war, we are all inclined to feel that existence is all that matters and that there is little beyond. The men students among us all seem to be restless to be away, and the women students are restless because life is apt to become monotonous.

This attitude is understandable, but there is plenty to be done in keeping the University established in some measure for the duration. Students should remember that Varsity is neither a night-school nor a degree-shop, but a place that needs their active support.

Finally, at the beginning of a new College year, Craccum welcomes all those who are fresh, those not so fresh, and those definitely mildey. It cannot be a very happy year for any of us, but it is of little use becoming morbidly introspective about it. Instead, see that you have placed a regular order for Craccum, and do as much for A.U.C. as you possibly can.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 18th.

Present: Mr. Reid in the chair. Misses Morrell, Denne, Hogben, Sweetman, Buddle, Messrs. Belshaw, Lowe, Lyttleton, Postlewaite, the Secretary, Miss Kissling.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ayers and Mr. Cawkwell, who were out of Auckland, and from Mr. Bassett, who was on military duty.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting, 17-11-41, were read and confirmed.

Business Therefrom: N.Z. Co-operative Publishing Society. Miss Hogben reported that there was no further news of the society's activities.

Resident Member, N.Z.U.S.A. (Reid—Morrell): That the Secretary write to Miss Faith Johnston asking if she would consent to be our new resident member to N.Z.U.S.A.—Carried.

Blood Donor Service (Denne—Buddle): That the Secretary make arrangements for the establishment of a blood donor service at the College.—Carried.

Tie-Pin Badge: It was decided to obtain a supply of tie-pin badges, which badge, however, is not to be registered as the official badge of the Association.

Correspondence: A letter was read from Mrs. Dorothy Winstone thanking the Executive for the wedding present which was given her. (Morrell—Kissling): That the correspondence be received.—Carried.

Presentation of Budget: The Budget was presented by Mr. Postlewaite with explanations. (Lyttleton—Belshaw): That the Budget be adopted.—Carried.

Tournament (Belshaw — Morrell): That the Committee set up to consider intellectual activities at Tournament discontinue its activities.—Carried.

Morrell—Kissling): That Mr. Bassett's action in cancelling tournament be ratified.—Carried.

Morrell—Hogben): That the Secretary write to N.Z.U.S.A. suggesting that, as Tournament will not be held in Auckland, the Annual Meeting N.Z.U.S.A. and N.Z.P.B. be held in Wellington this year.—Carried.

Presentation (Kissling — Morrell): That a suitable presentation be made to Miss Miller.—Carried.

Students in Military Camps (Belshaw—Morrell): That the Secretary write to Brigadier Bell, Officer Commanding the Northern Military District, asking that facilities in the

shape of well-lit reading rooms be made available to University students where they wish to continue their studies while in Camp.—Carried.

(Belshaw—Sweetman): That the Secretary write to Brigadier Bell asking if he could arrange that Officers commanding the various units concerned should give favourable consideration to granting University students on military duties in or around Auckland city and who wish to continue their studies, leave of absence as far as possible, in order that they may attend evening lectures.—Carried.

(Belshaw — Lowe): That the Librarian be contacted by a member of the Executive to see what Library facilities could be extended to troops on Home Defence.—Carried.

(Belshaw—Reid): That Miss Buddle interview Miss Minchin re the above matter.—Carried.

(Belshaw—Lowe): That the Secretary write to the Chairman Professorial Board asking heads of Departments to duplicate lecture notes and reading guides for soldiers on duty who are taking a University Course.—Carried.

Portfolios (Reid—Belshaw): That Miss Buddle takes over Miss Tombs' portfolio.

Members reported on the work being done in their portfolio:—

- (1) **Miss Hogben:** Work on Publications Committee is under way.
- (2) **Mr. Lyttleton (Carnival):** Great difficulties will prevent the holding of Carnival this year. Suggests that Dramatic Club does some production at the end of the first term.
- (3) **Miss Sweetman (Social):** Nothing to report.
- (4) **Mr. Lowe (M.H.C.):** The calling up of men for active service has greatly handicapped the work of the Committee and great difficulties are preventing efficient functioning.
- (5) **Miss Denne (Bookstall):** Preparations are under way for Bookstall, 1942.

Scrapbook (Kissling — Morrell): That the Scrapbook be kept in the Library in a prominent position, and the keeper of the book use her discretion in regard to the news to be entered in the book.

(Sgd.) Margaret C. Kissling,
Hon. Secretary.

FRESHERS A RIOT!

Old Hands Also Started.

"There's something about his bearing, Something in what he's wearing, Something about his..."

But whatever it is a soldier's got, it was the soldiers who got the lime-light on the evening of Saturday, the fourteenth. Surely nobody needs telling what happened on the fourteenth, but for the uninitiated and the very young it was the 1942 Freshers' Welcome, the ball of the year and the best for years.

Freshers is hardly a fair description of the fair section of the College hall's complement from eight o'clock even unto the witching hour on that memorable occasion. "Fresh" doesn't do them anything approaching justice. Congratulations, A.U.C., your new year's freshers just suit me! (I wish I were taking lectures this year.)

Better Than Ever.

Without fear of contradiction I feel confident that the new female freshers have never been surpassed for looks. More, however, will be heard of them as the year progresses, and far be it from me to labour a point. The men students can be dispensed with in one or two sentences. They never change; always the cream of the city's youth and brains.

They Were There.

Banish the bouquets, on with the show.

A stable background was given to the gay and changing scene—it changed constantly, and to tell the truth I believe I was the only person who could be found near the hall throughout the evening — by the steady presence of many of the older marrieds.

Worthy of first mention were Mr. and Mrs. Asher comporting themselves with due propriety. Making whoopee were Professor Worley and Mrs. Cocker and Mr. Cocker and Mrs. Worley. Laurie Stevens and Beryl Dixon enjoyed themselves when they did arrive. I'll bet Joan Sweetman had a job holding dashing blond Keith Wilson for a whole evening, if she did. Laurie Milner and Joan Howie, Robin Stokes and Jean Wilson, "farsands of 'em."

Now for something new. Who was the dashing woman executive member who sponsored the unknown soldier for the evening? She said she cut her finger opening soft drink bottles. I've just been assured that I've got the whole thing wrong, and that he

is just a very good friend of a friend of a friend of hers. It's got me licked. An architectural student, in fact several, with different attaches.

Just One Complaint

Taken by and large the whole show was tops. After all, it's not what you do but the way that you do it that matters, and there were few who didn't do it the right way. Lighting restrictions, I am afraid, forbid the production of proof as to the veracity of this statement.

The band was good and there was nothing to complain of in that direction. Let me voice my sole complaint, however, I got to the door (front) at 8.5 p.m. but couldn't get in until close on twenty to nine. It's positively scandalous, and I hate standing outside in the dark—partner or no partner—when there's an orchestra playing inside.

And so, on present indications, things seem to have taken a change for the better, and a good start seems to have been made for the College as a whole this year, and with a few lectures now and again in between social activities all should have a whopping time.

—By Keraiki.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd. 1942

HALF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

A. U. C. STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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WHAT EVERY YOUNG

ATHLETIC CLUB

Like the other summer sports clubs of the College, the Athletic Club conducts the greater part of its activities during the months of the long vacation. However, the highlight of the year for all the College Sports Clubs is Easter Tournament, at which the various Colleges strive together in numerous sports for the proud honour of becoming the holders of the Tournament Shield. As it is doubtful if Tournament will be held again during the continuance of the present war, the other activities of our clubs have now become of more importance than hitherto. For the interest of those freshers who have tendencies towards Athletics there will now follow a note of the principal activities of the club.

Weekly Meetings: For the sake of keener competition these are held in conjunction with the Old Grammarians' Amateur Athletic Club, on each Tuesday evening during the season. The time of the meetings is 6 p.m., and the place is the Auckland Grammar School grounds.

Championship Meetings: The Auckland Provincial Juniors' and Men's Championships this year were amalgamated and compressed into what were designated the Provincial War-time Champs. Perhaps this was fortunate for outside clubs, as on the last three occasions on which Senior Championships were held, the Varsity Club topped the list of aggregate points winners. A similar success has three times successively rewarded our efforts in the Provincial Relay Championships, where the Kohn Cup has consistently displayed the attributes of a homing pigeon.

Interfaculty Sports: These are usually held late in March, and are primarily the testing ground for Tournament material (not to mention being the cause of a College half-holiday). Special events are provided for freshers, both men and women. The tentative date set for this year's sports is the 25th March; but full details in the shape of posters, etc., will appear on the notice boards during the next week or so.

Ladies: During the past season an invitation to join the Club was extended to women students. The response was pleasing, and our lady members had a noteworthy success at the Auckland Provincial Ladies' Championships where Misses M. Coldham and S. Hogben were second and third respectively in the high jump event.

Anybody desiring further information about the Club may obtain same by communicating with the Secretary, A. C. Thom, or Miss S. Hogben, via the letter rack.

BASKETBALL

Make up your mind to play Basketball this winter and join the rush of people thronging to the Annual General Meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25th. Let us have a bumper attendance of both old members and freshers. The A.U.C. Basketball Club is a flourishing organisation which entered four teams in the Auckland Basketball Association Tournament last year. There is no reason why we should not have five this year. So let freshers roll up in their dozens. Don't be modest or worry about your standard of play. Just come along and practise. Practices will begin about the beginning of April. Meanwhile don't forget the A.G.M. on March 25th.

THE TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club has had a very successful season this year. The courts are showing signs of wear, but have stood up to the dry weather very well.

The teams have acquitted themselves unusually well this year. The "A" Grade has reached the final of the inter-club matches, and there is hope that we may win this event.

The "C" Grade was unlucky to lose their section by one point. If the first match had not come so early in the season when we were busy with exams, we should probably have secured this title.

There is need for new blood in the Club, and we would welcome any new members, particularly freshers, as there is room for prospective players in the teams. Those wishing to join the Club should get in touch with the Secretary, Winsome Denne.

CRICKET CLUB

As has been the case with every Cricket Club in the country, great difficulty has been experienced in fielding a side each Saturday. Early in the season the Senior B side was so depleted by calls for military service that it was withdrawn from the competition. Many ex-members of the Club are serving overseas.

The Senior side, last year's champions, and now comprising chiefly veterans and schoolboys, is at present in second position in the championship.

A. M. Matheson, captain of the senior side for the past ten years, has been transferred to Taranaki, and his place in University and Auckland cricket will be difficult to fill. The post of captain was taken by W. H. Cooper.

FIELD CLUB

All students whether actively pursuing the natural sciences or interested in them apart from their ordinary courses are welcomed to Field Club. Its aim is to enable students to gain first-hand knowledge of the flora and fauna of their country, and to broaden an outlook too easily restricted by the textbooks.

Day-trips and week-end camps are held at frequent intervals. The Sunday trips include a wide variety of localities and provide abundant opportunities for collecting and observation, while the week-end camps are held at the Swanson shack.

Mayor Island, National Park and Great Barrier have in the past been visited during after-degree camp, the May camp usually being held nearer home. A most successful camp was held last year at Waihohunu within easy reach of beech forest, tussock, alpine streams and mountain tops.

A series of lectures of wide interest is arranged as far as possible to be given by the students themselves. For further details concerning the Field Club, watch the notice boards.

HONGIS

To the "Fresher" this vigorous name will become known to be attached to the unofficial group of male 'varsity students whose main object is to lighten the boredom of endless study and to brighten the social functions of 'varsity or inter-'varsity life. Hongis in the past have, because of the initiative, self-confidence and working co-operation aroused in them by their association in the Club, been leaders and organisers of virile 'varsity social life, and, above all, this World War II. has brought out these virtues in Hongis who have shown themselves to be active leaders of the men who go overseas to keep our country and our 'Varsity free from the enemy. The Club has in the past had many members who have held positions on the Student Executive and several as President and Secretary of the official student body. Membership, depleted as it is by many of its members being volunteers in the fighting services, is offered to students who will honestly and conscientiously live up to the aims and ideals set by the prominent former members to make 'Varsity life more enjoyable on the field of sport and in its social activities.

THE EVANGELICAL UNION

This is to introduce to every fresher the E.U. and to cordially invite all freshers, "undergrads" and "grads" of A.U.C. to all activities of the Union.

Enquiries are welcomed, and these may be addressed to the Secretary c/o the Letter Rack, or to any of the other Executive members.

Executive:

President—Bruce F. Harris (O.A.S.)
Secretary—W. Joan Beaumont.
Treasurer—Mavis W. Addison.
Committee—Eva C. Foulkes, Ivan M. Moses, Stan. J. Walker (O.A.S.), Russell Stone (O.A.S.).

Activities of the A.U.C.E.U. Include:

Sunday Teas which are held in the Women's Common Room at 4.45 p.m. A friendly atmosphere combines with enjoyable singing and thoughtful addresses to make the Teas among the most popular of E.U. functions.

"Squashes."—These social evenings explode the myth that vital Christianity is incomparable with all the healthy fun and enjoyments of life. You can have a really good time at these "Squashes," which will be advertised from time to time.

Weekly Meetings: Include a meeting every Thursday at 8 p.m. and two study groups on Monday—at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Then, later in the year is the House Party—an unforgettable experience of Varsity life, and what is most important for Auckland this year, is that the Seventh Annual Conference of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship is to be held in our centre in the May vacation.

Coming Events:—

Sat., March 7th—Freshers' Welcome, Women's Common Room.
Mon., 6 p.m., R. 4—J. S. Burt, Esq., L.L.M., will speak.
Thurs., 8 p.m., R. 2—Rev. Stephen Clark will speak.
Sat., March 21st—Picnic, Cascades, Swanson.
Sun., Mar. 29th—Tea. Speaker, Dr. J. J. North.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

What is wrong that men cannot live at peace? What can we hope for out of this chaos and destruction? On what basis can a new world be built? Christians believe they have the answer to these questions. The S.C.M. is a fellowship of students who desire to understand the Christian Faith and to live the Christian life. Study groups, opportunities for worship and prayer, week-end camps, social activities: these are all part of the programme of the Movement. We welcome all students to join in our activities, feeling that only in this way can the full benefit of our fellowship be enjoyed.

Freshers' Hike—Sat., 14th March.
First Sunday Tea—Sunday, 15th March.

Watch the notice boards for further details.

President: Peter Gamlen.
Vice-President: Betty Odell.
Secretary: Joy Glover-Clark.
Treasurer: Betty Dawson.
Committee: Betty Archbald, Betty MacDonald, Alan Horsman, Allan Odell, Neil Smith, Ron Bell.
Chaplain: Rev. G. A. Maycox, of Knox Church, Parnell.

UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CLUB

The first meeting of the above will be held Sunday, 22nd April, in the Women's Common Room. Catholic freshers are requested to get in touch with the Secretary, Miss V. Ward, for further information.

WOMEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

The bright and happy atmosphere of the Women's Common Room is due to the untiring efforts of the nine efficient members of this committee, who are always ready to give assistance to damsels in distress. If any articles are mislaid during the year, owners may apply to Miss Pauline Buddle who looks after the pound and duly collects a penny for each article reclaimed. However, prevention is better than cure, and if a locker is obtained from Miss Carol Ayers a safe storeroom for odds and ends may thus be provided.

All students are asked to co-operate in keeping the Common Room tidy. This may be done by treating the loose covers with all due respect; replacing periodicals in the folders provided; and eating lunches or teas in Albert Park (?). All eating in the Common Room is forbidden, but we wish to remind students that the Reading Room is very comfortable in wet weather and for late meals.

Freshers, in particular, should not be backward in asking for help at any time from members of this Committee who are generally to be found in the Federation room.

MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

The bright and happy atmosphere of the Men's Common Room is due to the untiring efficiency of the committee, who are always ready to give assistance to damsels in distress.

Craccum apologises for repeating itself, but this space was reserved for the usual blurb from the M.H.C., but no blurb having come to hand we can only surmise that:

- (a) They're too busy helping said damsels.
- (b) They've gone to the war, or
- (c) They don't like Craccum any more (unbelievable).

STUDENT SHOULD KNOW

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The purpose of this Committee is to promote and encourage the social life of the College. As a Subcommittee of the Executive, it controls all social functions held in the College, and is responsible itself for running dances and coffee evenings during the year apart from those normally held by the separate faculties. In spite of growing difficulties the Committee this year wishes to carry on as much as possible in its own sphere and tradition of the College. Although its activities must necessarily be curtailed somewhat it has been decided to hold as usual the two main dances of the first term, Freshers' Welcome and the Graduation Ball. In addition coffee evenings will be held, to which Freshers are cordially invited. First on the year's programme will be Freshers' Welcome.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications' Committee fears no gods and inspires no man. It goes to such lengths to prove that it is different, supremely modern in its tastes and conversation, that it often becomes undignified. Its job is to produce *Craccum* once a fortnight (it never does), *Kiwi* once a year (perhaps not this year) and *Rostrum* once in a while. It also throws exclusive and wild parties now and then.

Craccum is the rag you are now reading. It consists of gross libels about all the College fops, dandies and glamour girls who are good for nothing but scandal, of lengthy perorations or deeply philosophical diatribes, of athletic notes for the horny and intellectual wisecracks for the corny.

The Chairman of Pub. Comm. is Margot Hogben, whose chief job as Editor of *Craccum* is to keep her name out of print. Pub. Comm. also boasts Carol Ayers, Cyril Belshaw and Warwick Bell as members. (Incidentally, three of the Committee are ex-jailbirds.)

Margot Hogben, for some unknown reason, wants plenty of talent to help her run the show. Budding Freshers, Editors, Reporters, Wisecrack artists, anybody, please apply urgently to Miss Hogben, who will be delighted to find you a job.

DEBATING CLUB

The object of the Club shall be the promotion of the arts of debating and oratory within the College. That is article two of the constitution of the Club, and was, I hope, declaimed by the Chairman in his inaugural address preceding the Senior Debate. But just in case he lost his voice, his notes or his nerve I have quoted above—making sure you understand the motives of the Club, in case the first advertised title of the Senior Debate made you wonder.

Debates are held fortnightly, usually on Wednesday.

The Freshers' Debate, which last year was a howling success, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th. The subject—"That Progress is an Illusion."

So come on all you embryo Demosthenes—roll out the pebbles. Entries close with the Secretary, Betty Sweetman, on Monday, 16th March.

LITERARY CLUB

Are you a high-brow or a low-brow? Do you like to dwell upon The Waste Land, or do you agree with a certain Professor (not of this College) in dismissing the poem as "tripe"? Are you a devotee of Auden, Yeats, Eliot and Hopkins or do you prefer Kipling and Tennyson? Do you write verse (secretly) or are you a person who reads and writes only prose?

Whatever your views and whatever your bent you will find that the Literary Club has something to interest you. Speakers at meetings include Poets, Professors, Students and others. Subjects range from appreciations and criticisms of living writers to considerations of philosophical and sociological aspects of literature. In addition to these we have several meetings each year devoted to the reading and criticism of the literary work of members.

Meetings are held about once a fortnight, usually on a Tuesday evening. Watch the notice boards for announcements.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

All A.U.C. students conscious of their responsibility as citizens of a country fighting to win the war and a good peace, will find that this Club has much to give them.

The Club meets about once a fortnight (usually on a Monday evening) for the discussion of International affairs. It is non-partisan. It invites Auckland's best speakers of all shades of opinion to address the Club. Every meeting ends with a general discussion which makes possible the expression by any member of the Club of views differing from those of the speaker. This method helps members of the Club to consider objectively the matter under discussion.

The Club has a library containing many excellent books on international affairs. It is situated on the right hand side of the ground floor of the library. Books from it can be taken out in the usual way.

This year the I.R.C. intends to consider developments in various countries before and during the war in order to reach an understanding of the conditions likely to prevail in the post-war world.

I.R.C.'s first meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Maurice Lee, President of the Society for Closer Relations with Russia, will speak on "The Development of Russian Economic and Social Organisation since 1917." All (especially Freshers) welcome.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB

The Modern Languages Department enters upon its third year of vigorous existence, and despite the war, 1942 has every promise of being the Club's most successful year. Our activities will commence with an evening to be given on Thursday, 19th March, when the new Professor of Modern Languages, Dr. Keys, will speak.

The aims of the Club, which the Executive has hitherto been most successful in attaining, are threefold. It is desired, firstly, to give the students some knowledge of the cultural background of the languages

they study; secondly, to give them greater opportunity of hearing the spoken language; and, finally, to amuse them.

The Committee hopes that this year the Modern Language Club will be still more successful, and all students are urged to attend.

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

President—George Porter.

Secretary—Mary Hay.

The activities of the Architectural Society briefly fall into two groups—cultural and social.

The cultural side consists of a series of lectures during the winter term on aspects of architecture of interest to the general public. These lectures will be given by prominent members of the architectural profession, and it is hoped they will prove very popular. All interested are invited. A new departure of the society is to furnish a few additional periodicals for the architectural library.

First of the social events of the year is the Annual Picnic, and no one has ever been known to describe the architects' picnic as dull.

The highlight of the College year is the Studio Stampede, the architects' fancy dress ball held in the second term. There the architects really let themselves go, and they have established an unassailable reputation for turning on the brightest and best dance of the year.

Watch also for the Architects' Bohemian Coffee Evening.

The Annual Dinner is a never-to-be-forgotten event for all architects, though, no doubt, many are hazy about the precise details. No matter! the architects don't believe in doing things by halves.

The membership of the architectural society is restricted to architectural students, and its badge is the smock, if not brilliant in hue, at least given a distinctive flavour by sundry patches of colour, the backwash of some inspired but hectic esquisse or project.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Ring up the curtain on the Club's activities for the year 1942. By the time this issue of *Craccum* is steaming sulphurously from the press you will have tasted the first item on the menu—that tantalising little appetiser, Shaw's "In Good King Charles' Golden Days." Continuing in our little metaphorical mood, the next will be something fishy, perhaps even a little flat from the freshers.

The entree will be something pretty strong, perhaps even unsavoury (watch for this!). But the piece de resistance, ah the piece de resistance, is THE PRODUCTION. At the time of writing this is the elusive unknown quantity x. But it is rumoured that Mr. A. J. C. Fisher may be cajoled or blackmailed into producing.

Of course the main difficulty this year, both in readings and in productions, will be lack of man-power. So freshers—if you have the face of a Gable and/or the passions of a Hyde, please sign the lists that are posted in the Common Rooms.

Play readings are held fortnightly in the Women's Common Room, and students wishing to take an active part should contact a member of the Committee:—

Chairman.—David Dunningham.

Secretary.—Betty Sweetman.

Committee.—Betty Archbold, Margaret Lyttleton, John Lyttleton, Hugh Murphy.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The activities of the Scientific Society were appreciated by a large membership last year, and it is hoped that an equally successful programme can be arranged for this year. As early as possible in the term a programme of lectures and excursions will be drawn up. Freshers will be invited to give short lectures, while senior students and outside lecturers will also assist in the year's activities. At the Annual General Meeting, to take place shortly, the officers for the new year will be elected.

The present officers are:—

President: Professor Lancaster.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. C. Segedin and M. Stephenson.

Student Chairman: W. M. McGilivray.

Secretary: C. Hassall.

Committee: Messrs. W. Russell and P. Wong, Misses M. Bradbury and M. Matthews.

MUSIC CLUB

Chairman: Professor Hollinrake.

Secretary: Mary Hay.

Committee: Marjorie Anderson, Marjorie Miller, Alan Horseman, David Beatty.

Students who enjoy singing—a very strong or remarkable voice is not essential—should come to the Music Club on Wednesday evenings. From 7 to 8 p.m. on a Wednesday Professor Hollinrake conducts with enthusiasm and vigour the community singing of Folk Songs and leads the practice of the specially chosen work for the year. In the past Gilbert and Sullivan and Folk Song Concerts have been given, and works by Elgar and Purcell were sung during the year. For 1942 a particularly fine arrangement of "Carmen" has been chosen.

The Club is fortunate in having the use of the Carnegie Gramophone set and the valuable and unique selection of gramophone records. These are used on Wednesday nights and more especially at additional recitals arranged throughout the year. The times and programmes of these recitals will be posted upon the board opposite Professor Hollinrake's door.

New students who are interested in the Club, whether in the singing or the opportunity to hear the Carnegie records should attend the Club's first meeting, details of which will appear on the notice boards.

A.U.C. CLASSICAL SOCIETY

During the first and second term of each year the A.U.C. Classical Society offers both entertainment and instruction in a series of evenings devoted to readings of classical plays in translation and lectures by students, staff and visiting lecturers on subjects of interest to the layman as well as the classic student.

Watch for the Classical Society Annual General meeting to be held within the first few weeks of the term and roll up with a flood of bright and novel ideas and your nominations for the 1942 election of officers.

AVE

On behalf of the Students' Association we wish to welcome to A.U.C. several new staff members.

We hope that Dr. Davis, Professor of Law; Miss Theo. Marsh, lecturer in Mathematics; Dr. Keys, Professor of Modern Languages and Dr. West, his assistant, will enjoy their sojourn at this College.

HINTS TO FRESHERS

1. Buy a yearly Craccum subscription.
2. Read Craccum thoroughly; not only the parts which appeal to your lowest nature, but also the parts of some value which have crept in.
3. Don't believe the tales you hear about the College being red. If this place was capable of raising enough enthusiasm to show signs of any thought at all, it would be better for all concerned.
4. Don't act on preconceived notions about people. You may find that the people who went to a different school have sound ideas, startingly akin to your own.
5. Don't look on Varsity as the be all and end all of existence. Remember that it is, in the eyes of the community of Auckland, a small, unimportant, and not particularly worth-while institution.
6. Do your best to nullify that impression. To do that you must try to understand the true function of a university.
7. Don't regard A.U.C. as a matrimonial agency or an extended secondary school. To regard it as either is bad, but to overlook the fact that it contains the elements of both these is worse.
8. Watch the notice-boards.
9. Never take anything seriously, least of all anything you may read in Craccum.
10. Nevertheless, don't forget your subscription to Craccum, which will enable you to keep abreast of what is happening.



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DEBATING IN OUR TIME

The Old and the New

Since man first became articulate he has been fond of speaking—preferably to an audience. If this is not possible to himself. And Varsity students it seems are no exception. Take for instance debating. These young intellectuals debate on any subject under the sun. Politics are fair game for an enthusiastic reformer. Bright Utopias are sketched by budding Thomas Mores. In easy phrases bouyant with the charm of youth, they describe the world they will build. A true land of milk and honey and fair women. Theirs not to die unsung, unknown. They will be builders. Future generations of little children will enthusiastically carol their names, praying rest to their souls.

In the mid-Victorian era many subjects were taboo to the budding debater. Any talk of wiping out the existing social order was not tolerated. Particularly was one subject taboo. Our grandfathers and fathers (the boys of the Gay Nineties) whispered the word in shocked whispers. Our grandmothers never spoke of it. Sex was something ghastly—an invention of the devil to ruin young and innocent lives. Someone invented that tale about the stork.

The pendulum swings slowly backward. Judging by the signs, in a few short years women will be wearing crinolines and bustles. Father will be resplendent in a stove-pipe hat and a cute green waistcoat so favoured by literary gentlemen in a period blessed by the presence of Victoria. The march backward has begun.

It seems that Varsity students are to be condemned to debate on subjects that are colourless and puerile. It is very disappointing. We, modern youth, want to be considered daring and frank. It has become part of our make-up. Whether it be throwing graceful, singing Spitfires about an azure sky, or discussing some subject not "de rigueur," we wish to be equally at our ease and in our element. Born to a world obsessed with the idea of speed, wedded to the urge for discovery, is it any wonder, therefore, that we wish to debate on subjects that shocked our parents?

—Jason.

AUCKLAND SUCCESSES

It is noteworthy to record the fact that of twenty-two Senior Scholarships awarded by the Results Committee of the University Senate, A.U.C. gained eleven. Which only goes to show. Congratulations to the people who in spite of everything managed to do some work and were rewarded for their pains. Following is the list of those who were awarded scholarships:—

- English—Dorothy Seaman, A.U.C.
Tinline Scholarship—R. B. Martyn, O.U.
Latin—B. F. Harris, A.U.C. (without emolument); R. A. Barrell, C.U.C. (with emolument).
Greek—B. F. Harris, A.U.C.
French—R. A. Barrell, C.U.C. (without emolument); K. J. Hollyman, V.U.C. (with emolument).
German—J. A. Asher, A.U.C.
History—Irirangi P. Coates, A.U.C.
Philosophy—Patricia St. John Clarke, A.U.C.
Education—Glen W. McMorran, V.U.C.
Pure Mathematics—A. H. Carter, A.U.C. (without emolument); W. N. Johnson, C.U.C. (with emolument).
Applied Mathematics—A. H. Carter, A.U.C.
Physics—G. Jones, A.U.C.
Chemistry—I. D. Morton, V.U.C.
Zoology—W. H. I. Dawbin, V.U.C.
Geology—M. T. Te Punga, V.U.C.
Law, Contract and Property—R. P. H. Hewat, O.U.
Constitutional Law, International Law and Conflicts—J. T. Sheffield, A.U.C.
Agriculture—A. A. Dunlop, M.A.C.
Engineering—F. M. Henderson, C.U.C.
Architecture—A. F. De Lisle, A.U.C.

Congratulations also to Alan Horsman, George Cawkwell and Maurice Sutherland who were awarded post-graduate travelling scholarships.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

(For correct answers apply Mr. Skyrme.)

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Bonnie Baker.
Margaret Grubb.
Poppy Dale.

The Men's Common Room was used for camouflage purposes by:
Grif. Jones.
Mrs. Burns.
The W.W.S.A.

The best reading matter to be found round the College is:
Craccum.
Craccum.
Craccum.

The well-dressed A.U.C. student wears:
A tweed hat.
A gown.
A wedding-ring.

The best man to show you how to climb the tower is:
Morison Cassie.
George Porter.
Graham Reid.

Mathematic students this year will be studying:
Miss Marsh.
Mr. Segedin.
Mathematics.

The strongest feminist at Varsity is:
Ted Keating.
Mary Roe.
Prof. Rutherford.

In the event of an alarm all students will promptly go to:
The Women's Common Room.
The Registrar's Office.
The appropriate place.

The saying, "It's all Greek to me" was invented by:
Aristotle.
Beverley Whyte.
Wynne Gillespie.

Who is George Cawkwell?
President of the A.U.C. Student Association.
Head of the Westfield strikers.
The Chief Warden.

Who wrote the Beer Barrel Polka?
Barry Martin.
Bruce Harris.
Bacchus.

The person most attracted by the Auckland Army Headquarters is:
The Emperor of Japan.
Betty.
Any history student.

Who thinks that there must definitely be something about a soldier?
Allan Odell.
Carol Ayers.
Mrs. Odd.

Which of the following thinks that Australia is the only country worth living in?
Marin Segedin.
The Aborigines.
The Mikado.

Your best literary agent in the College is:
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CORRESPONDENCE

(To the Editor.)

Madam,

As this the first issue of Craccum I should like to take the opportunity to implore freshers to get on and do something this year. For the past goodness knows how many years A.U.C. has been stagnating. Granted, this is not an auspicious occasion to begin to build a real university, but at least students could take a constructive interest in the various clubs and societies round the place and not leave it to the same half-dozen to be on the committees of clubs, take part in the club's activities, and be the audience as well.

It is not only as regards outside activities that the Auckland students seem to fall short. There are very few indeed who take enough interest in their work to do anything beyond what they have to in order to pass examinations. The result is that a degree cannot be regarded as being worth very much, because anybody with a reasonable amount of intelligence and the minimum of toil can gain a degree containing subjects that may have no relationship whatever, but have been chosen because there are not many lectures in these subjects or because that awfully nice looking girl has decided to enlarge her culture in that particular way. In fact what is needed in this College is a little more enthusiasm, a little less regard for what other people think, and a considerably smaller amount of self-importance.

—Embryonic.

APOLOGIES

Craccum Crawls

Craccum wishes to apologise for its late appearance. The staff of Craccum has been mobbed to such an extent that they have had to go into retirement for the duration of its non-issue. Circumstances, however, were such that it was impossible to bring it out any sooner. At the beginning of the year it is always difficult to drag in the news, and Craccum representatives have been sent everywhere to do it. But the obstacles of transport have been too great, and some of the best feature writers have been stranded in the most extraordinary places. The Craccum special photographer, for instance, was in the act of taking some particularly striking shots of that dashing young man about the place, Johnny Lyttleton. To achieve the required effect of simplicity—so essential these days—he had Mr. Lyttleton posed in mid-air with one nonchalant hand on the tower. He himself, to take the photograph, sat on top of the wire-netting that runs round the tennis-court and looked through the field glasses he always carried, with one eye, while he focussed the camera with the other. He was just hesitating as to whether he would ask his client to look pleasant or be entirely natural when a cow-boy, who happened to be galloping past at the time, caught sight of him, and apparently mistaking him for a steer, lassoed him with a wild shout and tore him off. Which was a pity really, because now Craccum won't contain any photographs.

Then there was the special correspondent who handled industrial matter. He was sent out to Westfield to bring back a special report. Unfortunately, he was born with one blue and one pink eye, which caused the Unionists to label him as a non-Unionist and the non-Unionists to label him as a Unionist. He tried to explain that actually he had been derigstered the whole time, but nobody would listen to him, and finally he received two dark eyes, which enabled him to join a Russian choir which was passing through Westfield on its way back to the U.S.S.R. by snow-train. Of course, he's much happier where he is, but it simply meant that Craccum received no copy from him.

Then there was the cartoonist. He was despatched to do something about the Armed Forces. He unfortunately got drafted into the W.A.A.F.'s by mistake, and when last seen was doing smoke writing across the sky with libellous little illustrations of all the Air Force notabilities.

Although Craccum has been beset by trouble and although it wishes to apologise once again for its tardiness, yet it feels it is creditable that in spite of all, the staff and the printer—mainly the printer—has managed to produce something.


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