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THE EDITOR REGRETS THAT OWING TO THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE PAPER SHORTAGE THE FORMER AMPLITUDE OF "CRACCUM" HAS HAD TO BE REDUCED TO ITS PRESENT ENTENUATED FORM.

THE EDITOR HASTENS TO ASSURE, HOWEVER, THAT "CRACCUM" WILL AGAIN ATTAIN ITS FORMER STANDARD OF SPATIAL EXCELLENCE WHEN HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.

THE SHORTEST WAY WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

JASON cries, "Up New Zealand!" but before we criticise our country let us recognise the importance of Socrates' advice, "Know thyself." The majority of students of A.U.C. are lethargic and apathetic. Some, it is true, bemoan the mistakes of the past and conjecture as to the future, but each student should have an exact realisation of the present. NOW is the vital time—and what is the present attitude at Varsity? Our life at Varsity is not only a privilege but an honour and a trust. Let us not abuse this.

The statesmen of to-morrow should be drawn from educated people. It is essential that those who govern our country be intelligent, cultured and possessing a broad education. And before one can direct the actions of others it is imperative that we should know to what goal we intend to lead the people. The value of studying literature, philosophy and history is to produce thoughts concerning the living world, thus widening intelligence and keeping it vividly alive. At Varsity there is a lack of will to work, lack of industry and energy. Culture is not to be gained within the narrow confines of Latin set books. Sticking resolutely to prescribed texts is not education.

There must be discipline in our work. Our reading matter must be chosen well. Examine the books, other than set works, which we students read, and in nine cases out of ten it is the loosely written novel that prevails. Masterpieces are already so numerous that we can never know them all. Ethel M. Dell, Zane Grey, Anne Kepple, are not for people with well-trained minds. We should be making ourselves worthy of great books. We should read with avidity—not desultorily—flicking over pages, answering the telephone and laying aside the book to scribble a letter is not reading. Ruskin states that if a book is worth reading it is worth buying, but the average man's annual purchase of books is almost negligible. Some read a book as unthinkingly as they would chew gum. But rightly considered a book is an enhancement of, rather than a distraction from life.

With many of the contented souls at Varsity—and we are smug—culture is of no concern. Rather let me secure my nine units in the minimum three years. Education is valued not for its own sake but only in so far as it helps each student to get on in life and fit him for a career. As a consequence men and women are let loose on the world with no thought beyond the making of money. It is necessary that we have some objective interest in impersonal things, an interest which is pursued irrespective of the possibility that it may bring financial benefit.

Lack of Club Consciousness.

Our clubs are another source of reproach to us. Many students make the time factor an excuse for lack of attendance—many even declare the wish to be present but bewail the lack of time. But are these students alive even for eight hours a day?

Education must be pursued with effort. Even when cultivated tastes are formed we have to apply ourselves assiduously to their continued growth for culture is hard to come by and easy to lose. No one expects a savage to go into ecstasies over a Bach fugue or an illiterate to appreciate Shakespeare. The acquirement of culture by literature and music takes time and energy, but if we lack it we miss the best that they have to offer. Yet we approach these arts in an apathetic manner! Professor Hollinrake is one member of the staff who is encouraging student activity outside his forty-hour week. The attendance at his Friday evening and Sunday afternoon recitals is continually growing. The public, too, derive keen enjoyment from these endeavours of Professor Hollinrake to foster culture. The Music Club also benefits from his energetic leadership. Could not other Professors take similar interest in the subjects of their departments? Surely reading circles and Shakespearean productions could be undertaken by Arts students, with assistance and encouragement from Professor Sewell?

International Relations Club is presenting good speakers with good matter to very poor audiences. The same holds good for the Modern Language Club and the Literary and Debating Clubs, but there is a general lack of interest. Each club has a meagre handful of faithfuls, averaging twenty. Several of these twenty form the nucleus of other clubs—and there are 900 enrolled students at A.U.C. Again, the people who roll up to Club activities are far from being active members. We should remember that to listen is not to work. Students are too passive. Only by participating in discussions and de-

bates will people discover how to become good spokesmen—an essential attribute of persons about to hold public positions. Dramatic Club is too conservative. The committee, instead of waiting for volunteers, should approach students, who, perhaps from exaggerated modesty, are too shy to offer their talent. Classical Society, I regret, has almost faded out. Students should not make it necessary for the Women's House Committee to canvass for people to be present at Extra-Curricular lectures so that outside speakers may not be embarrassed by meagre audiences.

We Blush.

Craccum Committee should arouse itself and teach its reporters their job. A bald statement from the secretaries of each club makes poor reading. In Seminars—an excellent institution—students of Education thrash out problems dealing with matters of general interest. Could not Craccum arrange to have these discussions reported? Other functions deserve attention. On June 18th, at a meeting at St. Paul's Clubroom, atheism of A.U.C. students, and the supposedly paganistic teachings of Professors was attacked. Fortunately, a member of A.U.C. was there to refute these imputations. Where was Craccum? Articles won't materialise out of thin air. Craccum must abandon its lazy routine. We suffer from an overdose of Advertisements. Too much reliance is placed on write-ups from club secretaries. It is time Craccum committee stopped waiting for Allah to provide other manuscript than club reports. Craccum as it stands at present contains nothing of intellectual interest. Editor, where is the column "Points of View?" Is it out of print because your committee has no member capable of presenting it?

Enthusiasm—When?

It should not be so difficult for Sports Committees to field teams. Among players there is a lack of esprit de corps. This is more noticeable in teams of lower grades. For this captains are in some measure to blame, as only higher-graded teams receive the necessary coaching. Too much emphasis is placed on the more brilliant players.

Every woman should support "Wool, Women and Song," and I would suggest that supper be omitted at these meetings. Surely the sixpence per head would be of greater value if donated to the Patriotic Fund. Also, women, these evenings are for the purpose of knitting for the Forces—not for personal garments, as was too much the case last year.

The Student Relief Fund is worthy of more sustained effort. The Committee have worked hard, but they need the co-operation of every student. If funds are low, walk the section and save your penny, or forfeit your cup of afternoon tea—but make some effort at sacrifice.

We, the supposedly intellectuals, as Jason refers to us, are ignorant identities, fast becoming nonentities. Auckland, as a city, is hardly aware of our existence, except in a grudging manner. It is up to us to justify this existence. Until this apathy to lectures, to clubs and to sport is overcome, and replaced by zest for work, and enthusiasm for outside interests, the public will not share our activities.

What Education Is.

Education extends the range of individual efficiency and power of action. It gives depth of thought and breadth of vision. The source of all this consists in the cumulative character of individual achievements, and in the power to share in common work. There must be co-operation to transfer individuals into organised groups.

Culture and education are acquired only as a result of effort. And of the enjoyments which depend upon a cultivation of tastes, of a book by the fireside, a delight in beauty, the pursuit of a hobby or conversation for its own sake, the modern world is increasingly incapable. Wake up, students! —N.W.

PILOT-OFFICER GEOFFREY THOMAS COLDHAM.

It is with deepest regret that members of the Students' Association learned of the death of Geoff. Coldham in an aircraft accident early this month.

Geoff. became well known at the College during the last two years. He belonged to the Engineering Faculty, and was a member of the Colts Rugby Football team. In 1941 he was secretary of the Tennis Club, was Club champion, and ably captained the Tournament Tennis Team in Wellington.

Leaving the College towards the end of the year, Geoff. entered the Air Force, and was near the top of all his courses. On completing his training he was commissioned and appointed Instructor.

His sportsmanship and unassuming personality made him popular with everyone who had occasion to come in contact with him, and his untimely death was a great shock to all his friends at A.U.C.

Student Relief Your Responsibility.

"Student relief, if it is to achieve its full purpose, is more than giving emergency help; it has a constructive aim. While it alleviates the suffering of the war victim, it at the same time places in his hands the means by which he himself can improve his present situation, and prepare for the future. This is the goal we work toward in every country where our help extends."

M. de Blonay, General Secretary of European Student Relief Fund.

Students in many parts of the world to-day are without means of study and are losing all hope of ever doing useful work. Many are spending dreary lives in prisoner of war internment camps, with very little to exercise their minds.

You can help these students by giving donations to I.S.S. (International Student Service), which organises the collecting in New Zealand.

I.S.S. helps to run the European Student Relief Fund, which has planned to spend over £10,000 on student relief in the first six months of 1942. Some students are given financial help that they may continue their studies. Most of the money, however, is used to provide text books, paper and pencils so that students can not only use their spare time but also continue their studies. In several prisoner of war camps in Germany and among the internees in Switzerland, are Universities organised and run by the prisoners. The fund provides the books which these universities need to carry on. Besides organising the distribution of books, the staff of the E.S.R.F. visits as many centres as possible. One man is organising work in refugee camps in France, and the secretary, M. de Blonay, has been able to visit prisoner-of-war camps in Germany to talk to the men and discuss their needs.

The work is increasing all the time and the need for money is urgent. That is where YOU can help. Collection boxes are in the Cafeteria, Library and Office, and a wider appeal is planned. Surely giving donations is the least we in New Zealand can do for our more unfortunate fellow students, so—

GIVE TO STUDENT RELIEF

Contributions will be accepted by:—Tui Stallworthy, Barbara Leven, Neil Johnson, Pauline Buddle.

SEEN ON A DOOR AROUND THE COLLEGE:

If the person who borrowed (or took) the first volume of a notorious, much-discussed, unclean classic by an emigre Irishman, recently deceased, will call on me, I shall be happy to present him (or her) with the second volume—which is now of little use to me.

Sci.-Soc. Goes Patæontological.

"How doth the jolly dinosaur Improve each shining era? By growing large and specialised, Extinction growing nearer."

At least, that's what Peter Wong said to the Scientific Society when he told them all about the "terrible lizards." The audience (there were over fifty of them) just loved Peter, perhaps because he began his lecture by asking them to forgive his "shyness." From that beginning he went on to give a lucid interpretation of the theme "Geology and the Dinosaur," including in it such miscellaneous information as a quotation from "Macbeth," the fact that the Wong cat is one foot long, and the sad tale of Stegosaurus who had two ounces of brain to twenty tons of dinosaur.

Ted Giles continued the lecture after Peter finished, and gave a very interesting account of the zoological aspect of the dinosaurs. From him the audience learnt the story of the dinosaur with the plimsoll line, and the circling habits of egg-laying dinosaurs. Also (arthritis sufferers, please count their blessings). Dinosaurs did not always enjoy perfect health—and there was always a lot of dinosaur to feel ill.

Altogether Sci. Soc (and the speakers) are to be complimented on a good effort.

Debating Club v. S.C.M.

A visitor to the debate on Wednesday, 10th June, would have noticed a definite separation of the sheep from the goats, viz., S.C.M. members en bloc on one side of the room and Debating Club and various other College products on the other.

The judge was Dr. Anschutz and Betty Sweetman occupied the chair. Vice-president Mr. Rodwell was also in attendance, lurking modestly at the back.

On the whole the debate on the subject "That Christianity is Essential to the Good Life" was disappointing. The two teams failed markedly in the attempt to meet each other on the same ground. Much time was wasted in haggling over what was meant by "the good life." The S.C.M.'s arguments were undoubtedly superior in matter and delivery.

Alan Horsman, leader of the S.C.M. team, gave, as might have been expected, a scholarly yet pleasant talk on Christian ideals and their application to man's inner self. He showed marked improvement in his debating style, and made much better use of his notes.

Jenny Allen spoke quietly, without much light or shade in her voice. But she used specific illustrations—a course many debaters would do well to follow.

Dawson showed a most impressive acquaintance with the pulpit, and was the most forceful and spontaneous speaker.

Clyde McLaren, leader of the Debating Club team, was rather too prone to formal elocution at first. He is, however, an interesting speaker and a keen debater.

Bob Robertson, gently coy, folded his hands upon his stomach and swayed slightly from side to side. Yet he spoke pleasantly, including much colour and good metaphors.

John Blennerhasset made a very bright and original speech. Said he thought morality was merely relative, and that most people use Christianity as an insurance policy "just in case." Brought down the house by quoting St. Paul, "It is better to marry than burn."

Dr. Anschutz's summing up was very helpful, particularly because he pointed out to both teams arguments they could have used.

A discussion from the floor followed, notably by Ron Noakes, who speaks delightful Latin and Greek.

Debating Club is challenging other clubs this term, so watch the notice boards.

MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM.—After a somewhat shaky start the team has now settled down, and at present it is lying first equal in the Championship.

Three players were selected to represent Auckland in the recent match against Tank Brigade—Henry Cooper, Sealy Wood and Winiata Smiler. This match was won by the Auckland Team, ably led by H. Cooper.

"ARMS AND THE MAN."

We people on the Dramatic Club Committee are willing to admit cheerfully that this note is quite unnecessary. We frankly cannot believe that there is one student in the College who does not know all about "Arms and the Man." We are an optimistic committee. And yet, in Craccum's review of our 1941 show, there appeared this incredible comment: "It is a very great pity that, when a College society takes so much trouble and care about a production, the College itself should support it so poorly." Those of us on the committee who are old, and just a tiny bit cynical, think that we might remind you that the play is on the nights of July 29th and 30th; and besides, like all amateur players, we love to talk a great deal about ourselves and our doings.

The play is "An Anti-romantic Comedy," and it is written in that provocative, witty humour which is Shaw's special genius; it discusses war, it discusses the class problem, it discusses all sorts of things; and it is good fun. If you don't enjoy this play, you're not well; it is a sure test. So—you will recognise this as a quote from Act II.—you see you must come. There is no earthly reason why every student of this College, whether he is full-time or part-time, should not see "Arms and the Man." It not only takes a great deal of care and trouble to produce a play, but also a great deal of money. We will give you a much better "bob's" worth than they would at the pictures.

Your programme admits you to the show. The Library and the Caf. will shortly be able to sell you your copies. We are not hiring His Majesty's, and seating space will be limited. We expect a full house both nights; and we have every right to expect it and to get it. You will not be disappointed; see to it that we are not.

Architectural Society Lectures.

The Architectural Society, holding the view that A.U.C. does not fully realise that it possesses the only School of Architecture in New Zealand, have arranged a series of lectures during this term on Architectural topics, which should be of general interest.

The first of the series was given by Mr. L. S. Piper, who spoke on the "Design of Department Stores." Mr. Piper showed the contribution the architect had to make in the facilitating of business, and stressed many subtle ways in which he can assist the client in promoting business.

Prof. Knight's subject was "The Architects' Part in Post-War Re-

Construction." His lecture gave a clear and frank analysis of the economic, social and organisational difficulties facing the profession, and dealt with the way in which the School is attempting to equip the present-day youth for the tremendous tasks of the future.

Any discussion on the part any particular profession has to play in post-war re-construction must of necessity be speculative since it is difficult at the moment to discern what type of world will emerge from the present conflict. It seems clear, however, that specialisation on the part of architects will become necessary, and some form of Government control will be applied. England, with its immense problem of restoring the devastated towns, has led the way by forming committees consisting of architectural and town planning experts to go into the question of creating order out of chaos.

Other lecturers in this series will be Mr. Beatson B. Arch, who will talk on "Prefabrication and the Post-War House," and Mr. Vernon Brown, whose subject will be "Furniture Design."

BASKETBALL.

CRITICAL COMMENTS.

Blues.

This team is now recovering its old form, though somewhat late in the season.

Congratulations to Val. Wyatt and Win. Stanton for another year in the A.B.A. senior trials.

Although the field work in the goal section is improving the shooting is distinctly weak, and all feel that a little consistent and conscientious practice would greatly improve matters—and this applies not only to the "Blues" goal, either. Val, as usual, is the mainstay, and if all the goalers were to pull their weight cheerfully, the possibilities of their combination are unlimited.

The centre has suffered only one change from last year, the place being filled by Beryl Hobbs, who gained her N.Z.U. Blue from the Whites, and who until now has never had a chance to rise to the Blues. Here she is definitely proving her worth and dependability. We would like to add that a little combination practice would do no harm.

The defence is weakened by the loss of Joan Howie, but at last it has been settled, and we have found an enthusiastic player in June Rogers, who is always on the ball, and with a little more experience will prove a valuable asset to the team.

Whites.

This team is now settling down to a fairly good game of basketball, but we feel that it is by no means playing the game that the abilities of the players would warrant.

Congratulations to Carol Ayers and Nora Whitehead for getting into their grade trials.

The goal, after a very uncertain start, is still unsettled. The centre of this team would soon be equal to any in their grade if only there were a

little co-operation and greater attention to rules. Varsity teams in the past have been noted for their fair play on the court as well as off it, and we should be sorry to lose this reputation. The solid part of this team is, to date, its defence end. Varsity "C" and Colts.

These two teams as a rule do not reach a very satisfactory standard of play, and it is here that we feel the Saturday morning practices would do most good in strengthening their combinations as teams and in eliminating all unnecessary wild passes. It is also advisable to be at least five minutes early for your Saturday matches, since it is not fair to your captain to allow her to worry until the last moment about going on the field short.

Those who have made the effort to attend the Saturday morning practices have obviously benefited in their play. However, the most striking criticism throughout has been the almost entire lack of combination which can be remedied only by practice, so REMEMBER SATURDAY MORNING PRACTICES.

FOOTBALL.—The Seniors have played two more games. The first was a friendly match against Air Force in which we showed up well. We had the support of some old friends, notably George Cawkwell and McNicoll. Air Force narrowly won, 12—8, but the result is definitely encouraging for us, since they are the crack team in the division.

The other game was against Marist, which we lost 0—9. Our opponents were a little too good for us in the backs.

The Juniors won 8—6 against Manukau, which places them first equal in the competition. They also played H.M.S. Tamaki, who beat them by a considerable margin. Our forwards were far too light, with the result that the backs hardly saw the ball. The Navy extended us a royal welcome.

[Further comment had unfortunately to be censored—a military not a moral censorship we hasten to add.]

HARRIER CLUB NOTES.—Since the vacation the attendance at the runs has been steady and has shown a gratifying increase on last year's numbers. In the first inter-Club run, the Great Eastern Road Race, held on the 20th June, our Club provided a quarter of the starters and a fifth of the finishers. (Mathematicians, if x was the number of entries, how many of our members took the bus home?)

We had great hopes of carrying off the senior team's prize in the race, but they were dashed by the withdrawal and dropping back respectively of two of our best runners, F. N. Orange and J. W. Shackelford. We quite realise that Fred was recovering from a bout of influenza, but why choose the Panmure Hotel as the place to leave the field! However, the rest of the Club, led by M. G. Segedin and J. A. Coombes did reasonably well for themselves, finishing third in the team's competition, so altogether prospects for the Ohehunga-Auckland Road Race, to be held on 4th July, look bright.

Despite the large volume of correspondence circulating between the four Colleges on the matter, it has been found impossible to hold the N.Z.U.

Cross-country Champs. this year. This, however, should not affect our enthusiasm, for competition both within the Club itself and between other Auckland Clubs and ourselves is very keen.

We have this year many members in common with the Tramping Club; in fact an unversed spectator of many of our Saturday runs would probably be unaware as to which of the two Clubs was passing by. Incidentally, it is hoped to revive the Harrier Club Camp this year and run it in conjunction with the Tramping Club.

Now that the Hongis are extinct (or just dormant perhaps) Clem. Green, as one of our vice-presidents, is doing his utmost to see that there will be at least one Club who can turn on a good haka. It has even been rumoured that he is seeking to republish the vital final pages of the A.U.C. Song Book to this end.

ROWING CLUB.—Rowing Club is desirous of increasing its membership. All those interested in rowing should see W. McLean.

NATURALISTS ON THE JOB.

Field Club has been getting things done during the last couple of weeks. On Thursday, June 18th, Mr. G. Turbott gave a most interesting address on "Wild Life Control," describing modern techniques for discovering whether animals were injurious or useful, and pointing out mistakes made in the past in this respect.

Though the weather was not very promising for the first Field Club excursion for the year, an enthusiastic gathering of students assembled at Mt. Wellington on June 21st to study the geology and vegetation of the lava fields. Zoologists also were present, and their patience in turning over the numerous rocks was rewarded by a variety of invertebrates and three small lizards.

A dead cow and three dead calves in varying stages of decomposition also afforded opportunities for lessons in anatomy. It was here that our secretary, Pauline Buddle, shone, especially when it came to hiding broken cups.

We were very pleased to have with us our old Field Club stalwart, Dick Dell, who brought us news from Trentham that Eric Godley has taken to a pipe and is more philosophical than ever.

The recent College craze for cycling has extended to Field Club. Three members turned up on "crates," and all three were experts at "doubling." Norm. Page was suffering from a "hangover" of an unspecified kind, and his interest in proceedings was somewhat superficial. Incidentally, Norm. believes very firmly in the saying, "Gentlemen prefer Blondes."

The next Field Club outing will be the mid-term break camp at Waiheke, of particular interest to geologists and marine biologists. Watch the notice boards for details.

TRAMPING CLUB.—"Fools, drunken men, the Good Lord looks after them." It seems that cyclists should be included in the quotation. But perhaps fools has a wide enough meaning to include cyclists. Anyhow the Tramping Club's Bike Hike went off without any major catastrophes. The only things to mar the outing were eleven punctures, ten on the way

out and one home. On future outings keep near Campbell Reid, he had plenty of experience at puncture mending. Marin Segedin is also pretty handy with a bicycle pump—ask Monica Ford. In spite of the fact that some of our older enthusiasts were unable to attend, thirty-eight keen cyclists met at the Whau Bridge. At Titirangi our secretary let prudence be her guide and set out for home. We were all very glad to see her rejoin the party later on. We don't know, but the secretary of the Harrier Club may be able to tell why at any rate he has been receiving "mysterious letters" from the young lady in question.

Alan Odell who was seen tearing past the rear guard, looking all aristocratic on his motor-bike, in the direction of Huia, was seen to return a little later somewhat pallid and disconsolate and minus a portion of his left trouser leg. He tells us that whatever it was that happened to him it in no way upset "Pop-eye."

Talking of torn trouser legs and barked shins Barbara Reven may be still seen to be wearing a limp.

The highlight of lunch-time was Norm. Page showing the company how to drink milk out of a beer bottle without holding it with his hands.

So much for the bike hike, but we hope to see you at our mid-term break camp, you'll hear more of the bike hike highlights there, as our reporter had to return early and missed the home trip fun.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB.—Now that the fire-watchers are safely housed in the men's house committee room, the table tennis room has been returned to the Club. At present there are two tables in use—one of which is reserved exclusively for the use of ladies. It is hoped that in the near future all the missing lights will be replaced and the third table commissioned. The Club hopes to run as much competitive play as possible within the College this year, and all interested in the College championships are urged to see the notices on the door of the table tennis room. We want as many entries as possible for the event as a handicap tournament will be held later on and some idea of the standard of the respective entrants will make the job of handicapping a lot easier. The Club has also been asked to make a donation to Student Relief and with a view towards this they are going to run a novelty evening. To take part in this you don't even have to know what a table tennis bat looks like, just come along and see.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.—The Blues' team still has its victories before it. It is a team of seasoned players, although most of them appear to be last season's, perhaps because of the absence of their former classical coach, Cadet-Officer Crawley. With three wins and three losses to their credit and debit respectively the team may yet astound itself and everybody else. The Intermediates began well, two teams being entered, but enthusiasm dwindled and one team had to be withdrawn. There are many promising fresher members, which augurs well for the future Blues teams.

Joan Sweetman is still far too polite a player. Quona Turner could improve still further if she got rid of the ball

sooner. The same applies to Vera Braithwaite, although Vera usually gets all the goals. Shirley Senn is a persistent tackler, and her hitting has greatly improved.

Vivienne Fenton would produce better results by backing up her forwards more.

Frances Mason, although playing out of her usual position, is the most consistent player of the team. Unlike the other halves she has speed.

Pauline Melford's style of running is very spectacular, especially on a wet field, although it doesn't seem to get her far.

Lesley Houseby always clears well.

If Mary Bailley always played as she did against Mt. Eden she would be excellent. Some coaching would be an advantage.

The play of Kath Bilkey and Sheila Hogben is beyond criticism.

The Intermediates are harder to criticise as individuals as they all show great promise. As a team, although they show little scientific combination, they are successful in most of their matches.

May Black plays a good wing game, and Edna Lowe and Beryl Salt are reliable backs.

Islay Hattrick should remember that golfing practice is forbidden in Melville Park. Her keenness, however, makes up for her inexperience.

Ann Burbidge, Suzanne Perl, Barbara Graham and Margaret Clark should all profit well from a season's play with the Intermediates.

Dear Ramrod,

I am sleighting this mote in a lecher because I am board by the un-easing flow of Professor's vice. He is a very calming man but not all ways inciting, nor, I slink, is Lodging a very shrilling subject.

I am not lawfully sappy. My pencil is stunt, my ink is gunning fry, I am coaled and there are still dirty live linnets to go.

David Dunhimdown spells me they are having the burst reversal of "Alms and the Ban" with Mr. Fisher to-night. He is going to seduce it for the Grammatic Cub, you know.

I am growing to "Specs and Stealth" in the Women's Coming Doom after this lecher. One must dispoit extra-cervicular lechers, must one not?

I will convoy the Livery Cub on Thursday night. Rushings are so interwrestling, don't you blink, with their Cassocks and rubbles and Stars? I do so admire that hungerful grammatist Peckoff and the magician Chuckoffski. His "Song of the Vulgar Boatman" is a perspiring suppression of the Rushing moujik, is it not? Do you dismember the pitcher "Anna Carry Nina?" It was written by Tallboi, or was it Storki? Stripling's life of the late demented Storki was good, wasn't it? I never knew Mud-guard Stripling had such an invite into the Rushing sole until I read "Storki and Cow." This Cow was Storki's lonely fiend, you know—he was desseited by his family and serpents after the Resolution.

Farewell, Ramrod. It is time for me to flop. If this litter is a striffe incohesive you must forgive me. I am breaking it up as I glow awrong.

I remain,

Your revolted ramrod,
J.R.S.

(With apologies to A.R.P. Fireburns.)

THE GOSSIPAL TRUTH.

Famous Saying No. 2: Betty C. to Shirley B, "I'm not taking orders from you any longer."

David Dunningham was recently overheard to say that he now has two mistresses. We feel sure Pat. Thamas would only be too pleased to supply further information.

Several servicemen from overseas have been seen around the College lately, with the object they say of "studying the psychology of New Zealand girls." Meg. Everton on the other hand prefers to teach them Education.

Maile Morris on the other hand, finds that 'phone calls for Mary Rowe can sometimes prove most useful. A case of the early bird catching the official worm.

Marjorie Anderson, we understand is about to take a week's vacation. The Newhooks are coming, hurrah.

Gossip this week seems dominated by visiting forces. According to some the virtue of Varsity women is open to question. Betty Archbold for example, has not recovered from her wasted opportunity brought about by her tripping accidentally (?) on the stairs, and falling into the arms of two soldiers. Instead of exploiting her opportunity she lost her head and ran—so did they!

Pat. Femberton evidently believes that variety adds to the spice of life. That's if her conversations in the Library are anything to go by.

Seen in town not long ago, was Roger Hutton, a paternal smile on his manly visage. A case of preparation for happenings in the future.

AID FOR FIRST AID.

Tui Sallworthy, in her capacity as general healer to the Varsity, one of the few people round the place who ever does anything constructive, and consequently the person on to whose shoulders all the hard work is put, has purchased a first-aid outfit for the use of students in the case of an emergency. Incidentally, this does not mean that Tui and her first-aid kit are at the disposal of anyone who has cut his little finger. It does mean, however, that the Student Association requires to be reimbursed for the purchase, and it would require very little sacrifice for every student to contribute at least 6d towards it. Give your subscriptions to Tui, and she will be only too delighted to accept offerings for Student Relief at the same time.

Minutes of Executive Meeting Held in the Executive Room on Thursday, June 11th, at 7 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Cawkwell in the chair. Misses Morrell, Ayers, Denne, Buddle, Sweetman, Messrs. Lyttleton, de Lisle and the Secretary.

Apologies:

Received from Messrs. Bassett, Belshaw, Reid, Postlewaite and Miss Hogben.

Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Business Therefrom:

The Secretary reported that arrangements were in hand for the transference of the fire-watchers quarters from the ping-pong room to the Men's House Committee Room.

Correspondence:

Letters were read from Prof. Belshaw, Miss Hogben, Mr. C. S. Belshaw, the Secretary International Relations Club, the Secretary Literary Club.

(Lyttleton-De Lisle) That the Correspondence be received. Carried.

Business Therefrom:

1. With reference to Mr. Belshaw's suggestion for the establishment of a College Bookstall:—

(Morrell-Buddle) That Misses Denne, Kissling and Sweetman, and Mr. Postlewaite constitute a committee to consider the possibility of setting up a College Bookstall to buy and sell text-books, both new and second-hand, and to act as a publishing agent for University and College pamphlets and magazines, giving particular attention to the financial aspect. Carried.

N.Z.U.S.A.

The delegates to the Annual General Meeting read and explained extracts from the minutes of that meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution. N.Z.U.S.A.

(Morrell-De Lisle) That this Executive ratifies the action of the delegates in approving the draft-amendment by N.Z.U.S.A. whereby bank authority be vested in the Chairman and Treasurer. Carried.

(Lyttleton-Denne) That this Executive ratifies the action of the Delegates in approving the draft amendment by N.Z.U.S.A. whereby a Records Officer is appointed an honorary official of that Association. Carried.

Extra-Curricular Committee:

The Secretary was instructed to inquire of Mrs. Winstone and Mr. Horsman whether they are able to attend the meetings of the above Committee.

Blues:

(Denne-Morrell) That the awarding of College Blues be discontinued for the duration, but that the right to wear Representative Blazers be continued. Carried.

The Men's House Committee:

Members expressed dissatisfaction with the use to which the Men's Committee Room has been put on recent occasions. It was recommended that the Secretary write to the said Committee pointing out that members were abusing their privilege to the right to the room on the night of Grad. Ball, and that such a state of affairs must not occur again.

It was also reported that the Committee was now in financial difficulties owing to the loss of £8 locker rent in the earlier part of the year.

(de Lisle-Kissling) That subject to Mr. Postlewaite's approval the sum of £1 be granted to the Men's House Committee to help finance the cost of firing in the Men's Common Room.

First-Aid Kit:

(Morrell-Kissling) That a grant be made by the Association for the purchase of a first-aid kit for use in emergency.

Publications:

Miss Hogben was requested to reconsider her decision to resign, and also to continue with her work as editor of "Craccum" and "Kiwi."

Waste-paper:

The suggestion was made by Miss Denne that a bin be placed in a convenient position in order to collect all paper discarded by students. The Secretary was instructed to look into the matter.

Congratulations:

Mr. Cawkwell, on behalf of the Executive extended good wishes to Miss Buddle upon her engagement to Mr. Lewis Martin. The Executive's congratulations were also given to Dr. Briggs upon his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

(Signed) Margaret C. Kissling,
Hon. Sec.

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AUNT ALICE.

Dear Aunt Alice,

I read your column with deep interest, and follow your advice to the young and yearning with great respect. But Auntie, dear, do you think you are always quite wise. I

and Rabbit have been afflicted by the same type of thing. I am a handsome youth, and greatly desired because it so happens that I am engaged on a sensual production, earning a large salary, so that all the girls say what does it matter that you have bad teeth, a squint, and a slight goitre because you are always available for coffee evenings, and if I may say so, Aunt Alice, I really am a One when I get going so that my popularity is quite understandable. Recently, however, I have landed into a slight difficulty owing to the fact that there are two (2) charming young females who have both succumbed, and quite excusably too to the allure of my dynamic personality. I went through the routine you suggested, but with no effect, as it is far more difficult to deal with two people at once, both of whom are determined to get their man. My position has been made much more difficult of late, as these two damsels would come to see me when I was confined to bed owing to a slight recurrence of my old adenoidal trouble and were immediately smitten by the perfection of the blue pyjamas I am given to wearing. What, dear auntie, do you suggest I do. No sooner have I convinced one that pursuit is vain than the other proceeds with the onslaught. And they both say that platonic friendship is all they want, but they want all of that. And they both say that my line is the cutest they've met yet. I am in despair, please suggest a remedy.

HARRIED HORACE.

P.S.—Just what does Platonic friendship entail?

Dear Aunt Alice,

I am in a spot, and haven't much time to explain. The army has blundered and given them both leave at the same time. What should I do?

DESPERATE DESDEMONA.

P.S.—I read your advice in last issue and talked of Platonic friendship to both, but they both just laughed meaningly with a nasty undercurrent. Please explain what Platonic F. is.

D.D.

My dears, though of course I am stricken with sympathy over your respective troubles I am delighted that the solution should be so simple. Merely forward to me your full names and addresses and those of your Worries, and I will be only too pleased to effect an introduction. Surely young heart will call to young heart, and you will be able to work off your spare parts on to one another. Mark the envelopes Urgent and Confidential. I am amazed to discover the ignorance displayed over such a common term as Platonic friendship. It may obviously, my dears, be defined as the play for him and the tonic for her.