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## YOUR EXEC.

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Records Clerk. A very vehement young man, who takes life seriously and argumentatively. A leading figure in recently organised Student Convention and undaunted by statistics.

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Secretary Social Committee. Belies beautiful exterior and is not dumb. Delights in shocking people. Completed B.Sc. Is now at Ruakura.

## IN THIS THE FIFTH YEAR

In this, the fifth year of the war, we notice a difference in Varsity, and a difference in Varsity students. Varsity itself has become a much quieter place; it is currently described as a "glorified night school." Varsity students to-day are a pretty young crowd, trying hard to make up in enthusiasm what we lack in experience. This is particularly noticeable in this year's Exec., which has probably the lowest average age on record.

Another factor which has contributed to the change in the students themselves is their widening contact with the outside world. The "insularism" so typical of universities throughout the world is slowly disappearing in the common concern with war. We in this country may not know the meaning of a total war effort, but no one has remained altogether unchanged by the events of the past four years, even if the change has only involved cutting down on the butter ration.

For most A.U.C. students, however, the change has gone deeper than that. To all of us at some time has come that sense of "being out of it all"; a guilty feeling of unearned security—why should we be living in safety, leading the lives we chose, while others have their destinies forced upon them, unwelcome and undeserved? For some, this feeling of humiliation is gone as quickly as it came, leaving no trace, having no effect. But for others, we hope for an increasing majority, it causes a donation to Student Relief, or a resolve to profit thankfully by our undeserved opportunities, to become better citizens.

The students who have been working for the last three months in industry or on the land, have now perhaps a better idea of the life of the people, for whom this, to us just a holiday venture, is just routine, a part of life to endure, unquestioning. We have seen, too, the workings of Trade Unionism from the inside; we can speak now with the authority of our own experience, and not the sterile experience of books.

It is to be hoped that the wider knowledge of conditions and people forced upon students by the necessity of war, will have some invigorating effect upon their narrow, pre-war self-sufficiency, giving them a better approach to the problems of the world than mere idealistic theorism.

## ABOUT CRACCUM

Craccum, like most other things, has suffered through the war, and this super-issue is unfortunately not indicative of Craccums to come, for which we will be allowed only four pages. It will be our endeavour to make those pages as interesting as possible, but remember that Craccum is your paper, and you, the contributors, are responsible for the standard of the paper. Criticism is useless unless you are prepared to do something to improve the thing you criticise.

### Note to Contributors

Stories, anecdotes, limericks, verse (serious or comic), articles, etc., are all welcome. We cannot print sketches or photographs, but lino-cuts are very acceptable.

PETER WONG

Corresponding member N.Z.U.S.A., known to intimates as the inscrut. Wong. Dynamic energy and Oriental profundity compensate for pocket edition.

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Write legibly, on one side of the paper.

Space is scarce, so be as concise as possible. This applies particularly to all club write-ups, which must not exceed 250 words.

Hand in copy on time. The date will always be advertised a week beforehand.

Contributions may be put in Craccum box through Exec. Room door, or else left in the letter racks addressed to any member of the committee.

### FRESHERS!!!

Craccum is offering a prize of 7/6 for the best contribution by a Fresher on the subject of "First Impressions of A.U.C." It may be verse or prose, and should reach the Editor by April 12.

BE BOLD! BE IN! BEGIN!

### BOOKSTALL

Bookstall operates in the ping-pong room, next to the men's common room. It is operated by Exec. for the benefit of students, and you are asked to co-operate by bringing in books to be sold, as early as possible. Bookstall will be open from March 29.

## INTIMATE LEAVES

FROM THE DIARY OF MONICA SLAKE, FILM STAR

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Dearest Diary,—

What a busy week from Monday to Thursday, I was shot at dawn by Cecil Drest ta Kille for the final sequence in my latest film. We have spent three weeks altogether doing the magnificent bedroom scene with Gary Super. Cecil told me it was a masterpiece of subtlety, and I didn't quite understand it all until I looked up the old Medical Encyclopaedia at home. The censor is bound to enjoy it, even if my public don't get an opportunity of seeing it. It is such good theatre!

After shooting stopped I had to dash away for a Command Performance rehearsal. Such a busy week! A thousand of our dear boys wrote to Cecil, and said that only one thing could spur them on and give them courage to win through—let them hear Monica Slade sneeze and they would die happy. So I sneezed my "melodious and inspiring sneeze" over the air to all our dear boys in the Armed Forces. I like to oblige them in every way, and was simply overcome by the honour—and the strain of rehearsals. I used up seven tins of pepper altogether, of course, on the big night I had some carefully concealed in my wee hanky, and everything went off swell. The applause was absolutely marvellous, and brought down so much off the roof that I was knocked cold by a piece of plaster. It does feel exciting to be doing my little bit in this wonderful war against everyone?

A year ago yesterday, I was an obscure charwoman in my small hometown. Next month my salary will be raised to twelve thousand dollars a week, but at least eleven thousand will go on expenses and keeping up appearances. I hope there will be enough left over for me to start lessons in elocution and dramatic art. My publicity agent has just arranged for me to go out with Dack Cable, and then to be seen around town with Robert Doughnut. Soon I have to flirt with Slickey Mooney, become engaged to George Slanders, and so on. . . . Poor mother! She would be terribly worried if she were here. It was thoughtful of Cecil to suggest that a very long holiday in Canada would do her so much good. I did miss her at first — she used to go everywhere with me!

My fan mail is soaring rapidly. Four thousand, two hundred and fifty-seven proposals came last week. And a perfectly sweet letter from Marin Segedin, of Auckland, New Zealand. He says I remind him of someone he knows. I wonder where Auckland is.

Goodnight, dear diary.

—MONICA.





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## A FAREWELL TO DAGS

During the season at Parnell many students took advantage of the pressing invitation of the Manpower Officer, and passed the glorious months of summer in the stores, those beneficent institutions run by the Woolbrokers' Association.

Every disposition and ability was catered for—students worked their way up and down through the hierarchy of woolstore workers; from the coolie class wool-gathering in the bins, through truckers and stackers to the branders, the intelligentsia of the wool store world. It is of interest that the students working in the bins were usually able to hold their own against the secondary school representatives.

Truckers and stackers are more important than they may sound. By judiciously moving the same bales three or more times a day, or by tearing down a stack and putting it up again a few yards away, an astute foreman can convince any manager that the store is almost empty, or, again, completely full. Truckers and stackers are the foreman's protection.

During the strike, in which the students had no concern, but a deep interest—for they were afraid if they went slower they would stop, a highlight was the harangue by the Minister of Industrial Unrest. He spoke with pride, told us what he did in the last war and we laughed. He told us our fathers were probably on the dole in that war, and we laughed the more. The Minister sadly shook his head, and went away to the races, without removing his hat.

Then the staff arrived, fresh from failing us, and added tone to the vulgar brawl. Professorial dignity and a slow legal voice was seen sewing up a wool bale, while Dickie, with characteristic elan leapt madly from bale to bale.

As can be seen from this article, most students at the end of their term became more or less bale-barmy; the long hours, often twelve a day for weeks, lowered their resistance, they fell an easy prey to the Union Man, until at the end, a gloomy mood of je m'en foutisme settled over all.

Sold the Dags well?  
We left, and never knew,  
But well or ill, Freedom,  
We worked for you.

## TRAVAIL TALK

(To be read with a slow and slightly nasal accent.)

And now, my friends, we will travel to the lovely lands of Mangere and Patumahoe, lands of brilliant sunshine, peas, beans, tomatoes, cabbages and flies. These distant regions are reached by the primitive conveyance known as an Army truck, which is picturesque in appearance and lousy to ride in. After the wild thrill of the jolting journey, we enter that strange world of "permanents" and "casuals," who are dressed in the costumes of their native country, often secured by that ornamental piece of jewellery, the safety-pin. The workers are ruled over by those creatures of a bygone age, the "gangers." These have a language all their own, musical as an air-raid siren, and almost as ominous. Frequent phrases which tumble from their chapped lips are, "Get crackin' there!" "Bottoms up!" "Get off your acre!"

Life for the inhabitants of these fairy lands is never monotonous—during February, for instance, they will pick tomatoes in the morning, and, in the afternoon, for a change, they will pick tomatoes. On Saturdays they pick tomatoes.

Their periods of greatest happiness occur at approximately 12 noon and 5 p.m., at which times a radiant delight suffuses their tanned countenances, and they race madly to the thoughtfully-provided horse troughs for a good wash.

Sometimes an unexpected event mars the tranquillity of their days. Such a one was when a man from distant parts, named Onion Secretary, came among them and endeavoured to make them see the light. The inhabitants firmly resisted his efforts to convert them and shook his morale greatly by saying they were satisfied with their present wages. To use their own inimitable phraseology, "It rocked him."

But now the sun is slowly setting in a golden haze behind the trees, and the odours of ensilage and blood-and-bone are wafted gently to us on the evening air, and it is with sad and reluctant hearts that we bid farewell to the beautiful lands of Patumahoe and Mangere.

## WORKERS OF WESTFIELD UNITE

YOU'VE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THE CHAIN

### A RESTFIELD REVERIE

(By an Old-Timer, who is Talking to his Son.)

If you can't obtain a job as a wharfie, the next best opportunity for you is to go to Westfield, my son. I know what it's like, as I was there in the last war, way back in '44. There is a nice chap there called Union Secretary, who will be a second father to you for the trifling sum of 10/-.

You may notice a faint odour about the place, which perchance will cling to you, and permeate your garments, and not even a certain well-known soap (whose one desire is to remain anonymous) will save you from a certain pong on social occasions.

But there are many compensations, my son. Your mother will give you a little jar to take along for some Bovo (the juice from corned beef, you know—you hope!) And you can always "protect" (just like Adolf) some meat by taking it home to mother. Then, in the old days, there used to be excellent opportunities for an enterprising young man to make money. The workers organized co-operative games, such as poker and two-up (not, of course, in working hours!) which were especially profitable round about pay day.

You will find the foremen very obliging—they will let you scrub out a room two or three times in the same afternoon if you have sufficiently winning ways.

If you find the work at all monotonous, you can always organise a strike. These are a lot of fun. You don't read much about them in the newspapers, as they're rather hush-hush affairs. Any excuse is better than none, and with skill they can be prolonged for some time—on full pay, of course. Everything you do out there is on full pay (praise the Lord, and pass out to the Union), unless you do some overtime, my son.

You won't have very much expenditure on clothes. The well-dressed Westfield worker has a sartorial charm all his own; and looks like no other member of the human race (with the possible exception of University professors). He is distin-

guished, too, by a certain pungency of language, which no doubt you will readily acquire.

And if you ever want a holiday, my son, it's fairly easy to slip in the guts and inflict some minor injury upon yourself, crying loudly meanwhile, "Compo! Compo!" or, alternatively, "Witnesses! Witnesses!" This should procure you a nice little rest, without putting you under any financial strain.

You don't look very happy at the prospect, my son.

Why, he's walked out in the middle of what I was saying! Ah, these modern youths! Afraid of a little hard work!

## LAMENT OF A MANGERE MAIDEN

Weedy, weedy, weedy, woe  
Is me, is you, is all of us:

I'm sick of this.

Seedy, seedy, seedy, sow,

For me, for you, for all of us:

To pick like this.

Needy, needy, needy, no

Dough for me, for you, for all of us,

Unless we stick at this.

Weedy, weedy, weedy, woe

Is me, is you, is all of us:

I'm sick of this.

—R.I.F.P.

## LIQUOR AND LONGEVITY

The horse and cow live twenty years,  
And never hear of Stout or Beers.  
The pig and goat at eighteen die,  
Without the aid of Scotch or Rye.  
The dog at sixteen is mostly done,  
Yet never touches Brandy or Rum.  
The sheep has never tasted Gin,  
Yet, at fourteen, it cashes in.  
The cat on milk and water soaks,  
And then in twelve short years it  
craaks,

The modest, sober, bone-dry hen,  
Lays egg for noggs, then dies at ten.  
All animals are strictly dry,  
They sinless live and swiftly die.  
But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men,  
Survive for three score years and ten,  
And some of us, the mighty few,  
Keep drinking till we're ninety-two.  
—Contributed from the Pacific.

## DICTA DICENDA

The greatest curse of England is the almost unbelievable worship of "ye olde" things. The other day I saw "ye olde wireless shoppe."

—H. G. Strauss.

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Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, but the women are my favourite vessels of wrath.

—D. H. Lawrence.

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Wonder how many wives have been awakened from love's young dream by a snore.

—Helen Rowland.

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**ABORTION—WHAT OF IT?**

An article on a much-discussed question, written especially for Craccum by an Auckland Woman Doctor.

More babies are being killed on the home front than are being destroyed by Hitler's bombs. And not by Nazi brutality, but by their own hand many prospective mothers are being rendered sterile simply because they do not find it expedient to have babies when the babies want to come.

There are two sides to every question, and abortion proves no exception. While all may not condemn killing, even in self-defence, even the most ardent pacifist cannot look upon the soldier with quite the same dread as he regards a man who kills merely for gain or for expediency. So in those cases in which the child's life constitutes a threat to the mother's life and health, one must feel that there is considerable justification for procuring an abortion. It is a very different matter when human life is destroyed, even in its beginnings simply because its survival would cause inconvenience.

**THE LEGAL SIDE**

Looked at dispassionately the woman who procures an abortion or agrees to the operation being performed by some other party is a criminal by the law of the land. She has by her own action created human life, and then, not prepared to accept the responsibility of it, she destroys it in its helplessness because its continued existence would interfere with her way of living. In so doing, she runs the risk of severe, even fatal, illness, and imperils her ability to bear children when the time should come for children to be a happy addition to her life. Before condemning too harshly this irresponsible "woman," it is advisable to translate her from a mere entity into an individual human being and to try to understand her problems.

**TYPES WHO RESORT TO ABORTION**

The clientele of the abortionist includes two types for whom one cannot but feel real sympathy. The married woman who already has as many children as she feels she can adequately care for, who looks upon the prospective new arrival as the last straw which will strain to breaking point her already over-burdened back, who sees in an addition to her family only an added burden to a strained financial position, another member to squeeze into an overfull house, another drain upon energy which is running perilously low. This woman, if she resists the temptation held out by some well meaning neighbour who gives her an address, must wait years to reap her reward, and even then cannot enjoy it to the full because of a worn out body.

The young lass, perhaps, not more than 20, who has never heard that men and women have instincts with which they were endowed, so that willingly they should propagate the race, who has been let loose on the world believing that it is the thing to do to flirt and have a good time and supported and encouraged by parents and friends continues to do so until some man makes her produce the goods she has so lightly advertised. When realisa-

tion dawns that she is now to pay the cost she had never counted, she turns in distress to parents or friends whose contribution all too often is to emphasise the shame of bearing a fatherless child and to indicate the availability of means to terminate her sad state.

**THE CAREER WOMAN**

The woman who wants both a husband and a career and refuses to bear children lest they should endanger the latter may be able to make out a very good case for herself, but to the onlooker it is hard to concede her the privilege of wearing a wedding ring. She must surely have been in the wedding ceremony with an uneasy conscience knowing that she was entering into a contract in which she would take all and give little in return. And sympathy would be surely wasted on the young woman who, well-schooled in the ways of life recklessly pursues her pleasures relying on her own wits and the abortionist to get her out of trouble as often as need be.

Abortion as carried out by the unskilled carries with it a grave threat to the health and fertility and even the life of the women on whom it is performed. It is a highly lucrative practice while it lasts and it is done by those who place their own financial gain above all other considerations. These parasites thrive on the mistakes of the weak, nor will they take precautions which even pretend to be adequate to minimise the harm that may be done by their operations. And yet such is the shortsightedness of the majority of the community that it is extremely difficult to get any jury in this country to convict one of them even when there is conclusive evidence to prove that his interference was responsible for grave illness or even death.

**THE SOLUTION**

Is there any answer to this abortion question? Is it an irremediable evil which must accompany our civilisation? A little thought reveals social improvements which would at least diminish the magnitude of this menace to the lives of the mothers in our community. For the married women adequate housing, family allowances, subsidised domestic help; for the young girls a proper education in all matters pertaining to sex, including an explanation of the power of the sex instinct and its proper control; and for all young people, men and women alike, an emphasis on the fact that all privilege is accompanied by responsibility, that for most of us life is long and includes no isolated instances. Every action, however, insignificant, has its effect on the whole of life and as we sow, so shall we also reap.

**ROSTRUM**

The annual literary publication of the University of New Zealand will print stories, articles, poems, sketches, lino-cuts, etc. Start wielding that pencil or pounding that typewriter now, and watch for further news.

**STUDENT RELIEF**

The International Student Service (I.S.S.) is an independent, non-political, non-religious organisation co-operating with other organisations and undertaking special responsibility for the welfare of students throughout the world.

Last year, certain students (far too few) roused themselves from their usual apathy and went to work for a day to raise money for this urgent cause. The Auckland public showed themselves sympathetic and helpful, and this year we hope to have more than one Day of work. Watch for the date and pull your weight!

As we did last year, we hope to organise concerts, plays, etc., for which we want your whole-hearted support. If you can't perform, you can pay to watch, remembering that the 1/- you pay buys quinine for some over-worked Chinese student, or food for a starving student in Athens.

Last year we raised over £250, which sounds a lot until you remember there are well over 1000 students at A.U.C. Don't let it be the same people all the time! Do your share, too! Threepence in that box in the Caf. won't hurt you, and it may mean a lot to someone the other side of the world.

**CAFETERIA**

Affectionately dubbed "The Caf," ostensibly run by Student Association to satisfy student appetites with morning and afternoon tea, lunch or dinner, but just as much a social club where many happy moments may be whiled away.

The important taboo, Freshers, is the staff table at which you are quite at liberty to gaze upon your favourite professor partaking of tea and scones, but must on no account seat yourself. If you do, Mrs. Odd will soon correct your error and all will be well.

Patronize your Caf for reasonable meals and good fellowship.

**SCI. SOCIETY**

The Scientific Society is always well patronised, and Freshers are urged to attend the fortnightly lectures, which you will find most profitable and entertaining, even if you are not a scientific genius. There is always something very friendly and informal about the atmosphere of Sci. Soc. lectures. There is such a delightful feeling of suspense as the lecturer fiddles about with his experiments, and there are grand opportunities for gambling spirits to lay a ten to one bet that something will go wrong—even the chance of an exciting explosion. Then if the lecturer oversteps his time and the audience gets a trifle bored, supper may be brought in to keep people from becoming too restless.

The Sci. Soc. debate is usually a lively affair, though not quite so lively as the annual dinner—for men only. Last year a basketball match between Science men and Science women proved such a tremendous success that it is likely to become the classic sporting fixture of the Varsity year. Stalwart males wearing very little besides a lot of make-up and a few frills, played a memorable game against Amazons variously attired in tailcoats and riding breeches.

Last year our Wednesday afternoon excursions to places of scientific interest, such as the Naval Dockyards and factories—not to mention the breweries—proved very popular.

Watch the notice-boards for the date of the A.G.M. and make a point of coming.



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## SPORTS CLUBS

Sport in general is, unfortunately, treated with apathy by a great number of students. Freshers in particular are the offenders as they think that they haven't the time to devote to games. Because you are taking three or four subjects is no reason at all for not turning out periodically for a run round in the fresh air.

Another point in favour of sport is that it is essentially a part of college life, and to appreciate that life fully you must take an interest in clubs as well as in lectures.

We hope that students this year will take a more active part in the outdoor activities of the College. The success of a team on the field depends largely on the support it is given from the sideline, and each team should have its barrackers. The prestige of Varsity on the sporting fields must be upheld, and to do this, the sports clubs need the support of all students.

How about it, students? Let's make 1944 the beginning of a new era of enthusiasm in Varsity sport!

### ATHLETIC CLUB

Attention, athletes! We want your support and want it immediately. The number of Varsity competitors running through the Vac. was very small, and unless the club increases its membership it will continue to make a poor showing in open competition.

The club has been holding training meetings at Sarawai Park during the vacation, and these are to be continued till the close of the season. The time for these meetings is on Wednesday afternoon, a college half-holiday, so, athletes, make a point of turning out.

As the club membership increases, handicap competitions will replace these training runs, so watch the notice-boards for definite information.

You may say that the season is nearly over and there are no further important events coming off. What about the Inter-Faculty sports! Yes, these are the Varsity annual athletic sports, and this year we want to turn on a good show. Apart from the senior championship, there will be events for ladies and for Freshers. Several novelty events will also be included in the programme. A good afternoon's entertainment is promised to all, whether you be competitors or spectators, so, turn out in your hundreds!

The club also wishes to enter teams in the Auckland Centre's Relay Meeting.

Jumpers and exponents of the shot put, the pit in the grass enclosure next to Government House is for your use. The club's high jump standards and shot put will be kept in the men's house committee room, and will be available at all times.

### CRICKET CLUB

This season the College senior team has amalgamated with Middlemore, and the representation of present students is very small. Many ex-students are playing in the team, however.

The Senior B team is entirely composed of Varsity students, and is a good all-round team. Although it started the season off rather poorly, its performances now are very creditable. A practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and all in-

tending cricketers are invited to attend.

Bain, the captain, and Walsham have been the best individual performers with the bat throughout the season, while Thompson has had a good share of wickets. Thompson, an ex-Takapuna Grammar boy, is straight from school cricket and is playing a good game.

The club is considering entering a second grade team in competition next season, and would like some indication of number of intending players. Of course, teams suffer through the vacation because of lack of members and all cricketers are requested to turn out and support the club next year.

### FENCING CLUB

Welcome, you lovers of strenuous exercise—this is your club!

As well as being an exciting sport, fencing is most beneficial to the general physique. Fencing is not a very widely known sport in these times, and many people have never seen a bout. To recognise the advantages of this sport, one should see two fencers in action. The club will hold exhibition bouts when the season gets under way, so watch the notice-boards. The standard of fencing in the club is high, and some really good bouts will be seen.

Intending fencers—a warning. Unless you are prepared to undertake a good deal of routine work, don't consider joining the club. We want keen members who will work hard at this ground-work and will practise consistently. Don't be frightened off, though, at the thought of work. You'll really enjoy it and will be rewarded by the thrill of your first bout.

Fencing is the sport of both sexes, and is becoming very popular in the College. The standard attained by women is very high in fact, if they go on improving, they will soon rival the men in skill. Just a little encouragement, girls!

Now, all you Freshers, the club expects your full support this season, and your attendance at the Annual General Meeting will be appreciated. Watch the notice-boards again for the date.

### BASKETBALL CLUB

Last year the club, although smaller than in previous years, had a fairly successful season, two teams being entered in the Auckland Basketball Association's Saturday competition. The "Blues" team were third in the senior grade, while the other team competed in the senior reserve grade. Two senior players represented Auckland (Valerie Wyatt as captain, and Mira Petricevich), while two (Carol Ayers and Maxine Dunne), were junior representatives.

As many of the older players are not available this year, there will be plenty of opportunity for good, keen players.

Would all those interested, watch the notice-board for details of meetings, practices, etc., as it is essential that players should attend all practices if a good standard is to be reached.

WELCOME TO ALL  
BASKETBALLERS

### FOOTBALL CLUB

It won't be long now till we are hearing that old Rugby cry "On the ball." The Varsity Club hopes that by now intending players will have donned the sweater and have run round the block several times.

Judging from last season's performances, the club has excellent possibilities for the coming year. We had three teams in competition last season, namely—the seniors, juniors and third grade open, each with its own creditable record. The senior team was the North Island Varsity champion, defeating both Victoria University and Massey College. It also was runner-up to Takapuna in the senior second division, B section, who went on to win the second division championship.

The junior team deserve your heartiest congratulations. They won the junior championship for the first time in ten years. The senior team will be well reinforced by members of this team this year.

The third grade were not so lucky in competition, but they put on a good exhibition of true sportsmanship. They took the field each week and had some really good fun.

Freshers, it is up to you to fill the ranks of our players who have left Varsity for the Forces, teaching, and various hush-hush jobs. We need a good membership to maintain first-class football, and we are confident of having the full support of all footballers.

The Annual General Meeting will be held shortly, and will be advertised—all welcome.

### ROWING CLUB

This club is now regaining its once strong position among Varsity sports clubs. The membership increased considerably this season, and with a further influx of secondary school rowers it will be really on its feet.

We already have some promising rowers in the club, notably Buckley and Darlow, and under their tuition, novices are turned into first-class rowers.

The club's training facilities are first-class. It owns both fours and eights and all boats are in good condition. Training rows are organised on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Any new members are asked to see Warren Maclean as soon as possible or to follow club notices on the sports board in the Student Block for the low-down on these meetings.

### BOXING CLUB

Another club that is becoming popular with the students. It was revived last year after a short lapse.

The club held an evening once a week last season and a coach was present to improve the technique of the boxers. These evenings benefited the lads greatly as was shown in the B.A.F. tournament last year. The standard of boxing was quite high and with a little more experience in ring-craft the boxers this year will be first-class.

The club still needs a boost in membership and any novices to the game will be welcome. The training received under the coach will soon shape you into boxers, and you will hold your own with the best.

### A.U.C. WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

The Women's Hockey Club would rather look forward than look back, as its successes during the past season are noticeably lacking. However, there is no reason why the Varsity team should not be equal to any in Auckland. It is hoped this year to resume the coaching by an outsider, which was wrongly dispensed with last year. This coaching has proved a great asset in past years, especially to newcomers to the sport. All grades of players are welcomed to the club, as this year's intermediate teams form the backbone of next year's senior team. Several of last year's intermediates were of senior grade standard, and with new blood coming in from the secondary schools hopes are high for the 1944 season.

The two annual highlights in past years have been tournaments and the Men v. Women's match. The possibility of the former this year will unfortunately rest in the lap of the Railway Department, but the match against the men will be held, coal or no coal, rain or snow. (Remember 1943!).

So, Freshers, and all others, too, come and spend your Saturday afternoons at Melville Park but first of all attend the Annual General Meeting to be held early in the first term.

### HARRIER CLUB

The highlight of the 1943 Harrier season was the N.Z.U. cross-country championships, held at Wellington on August 21st. These had to be abandoned in 1942 owing to the war situation, but we hope that conditions will once again permit them to be held annually. Although our team was fairly strong, Victoria proved stronger, beating us for first place by 9 points. Outstanding runners for Auckland were Fred Orange (2nd), and Jim Shackelford (4th). Victoria were excellent hosts and entertained us royally during our stay.

In the local Inter-Club races, we were nothing if not consistent, having an imposing array of second places to our credit, although we seemed unable to provide that little extra dash necessary to gain even one first. Fred Orange, Jim Shackelford, Bernie Stanley and Marin Segedin were always prominent in the Inter-Club races. Fred was captain of the Auckland Provincial team which competed at Wellington, while Marin represented us in the Services Championships held at Wanganui. In the club runs competition was always keen, although attendances sometimes left something to be desired.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to all Freshers, and hope to see many of you in our ranks this year. We are looking forward to a good season in 1944, particularly if the N.Z.U. championships are held again, this time at Dunedin. At present it appears that only two of last year's team will be running this year, and there will be plenty of scope for newcomers. So, if any of you Freshers—or others—have any inclination towards or aptitude for "harrying," come along when the season opens. You'll be very welcome.



## SWIMMING CLUB

The Swimming Club, although small and select, has met with some success this year. Marie Pasalich, our heroine, won the New Zealand ladies' breast-stroke championship over 100 yards, and 220 yards. She later broke the record for the 400 metres ladies' breast-stroke and she would have undoubtedly broken the records for 100 yards and 100 metres had she been encouraged with a few hakas. The season is by no means over yet, and the next time her attempt at a record is advertised, roll up and help her on!

Our other three active members have not met with the same outstanding success. Pat Hastings is swimming well and will soon be in the money. Bob Darlow, our club captain, was placed second in his heat in the open backstroke, but stomach trouble (unknown cause) marred his effort in the final. Clive Nettleton scraped a second at Newmarket in the 100 yards open free style. He has started in several other races and is believed to be still swimming.

Watch the notice-boards for details of a picnic—wool store workers, freezing workers, and vegetable gardeners specially catered for. An extra-special welcome is given to Freshers.

## TENNIS CLUB

Club Captain: Graham Wright.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Graham Holland.

Committee: Thelma Stokes, Susie Peri, W. Smiler, H. Monkton.

Freshers, do not be discouraged by the fact that the tennis season is nearly over. Now is the time to join the club, the subscription being 5/- for the remainder of the season. So roll along to Freshers' Day and participate in the Freshers' tournament.

The club wishes to express its gratitude to the former club captain, Helen Gordon, who has gone to the South Island this year. Helen rendered valuable service as hon. secretary and treasurer during 1943, and played for Varsity in inter-club matches. Thanks, Helen, and good luck.

To fill the vacancy, Graham Wright was elected captain at a general meeting.

Get to know your fellow students by meeting them at Tennis Club. You will have plenty of opportunity for idle chatting at afternoon tea. Please don't be shy, you do not have to be Perry. Enthusiasm is the key note of the club.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Auckland University College congratulates the following students of the college who have been awarded scholarships:—

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

French: Judith Child.

Applied Mathematics: N. J. Rumsey.

Architecture: A. W. Neale.

Law, Contract and Property: Audrey A. Massey.

Our congratulations, too, to Graham (Gin) Millar, formerly of Auckland University College, on gaining the Cook Memorial Prize and the Shirtcliffe Fellowship.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

Last season ended fairly successfully for the Men's Hockey Club. The senior team won the Davis Cup, the trophy for the senior championship, for the third successive season, and also the Devonport Shield, while it was runner-up to the Champion of Champions. In the tournament held in Wellington in May, the A.U.C. team were bracketed joint winners with Canterbury University College.

Several Fresher members of the club played well last season—of our four representatives in the N.Z.U. team, two were Freshers—and this year it seems probable that the club will be even more dependent on its younger players as several of the old hands will be absent. It is hoped also that this year one or more junior teams will be fielded, so that all should be catered for.

If a hockey tournament is to be held this year, it will probably be in Christchurch in the first term vacation, so that there will be little time for training and practices. Notices will be posted before the Annual General Meeting.

## CATHOLIC CLUB

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Ryder.

President: Jim Maxwell.

The Catholic Club begins 1944 with an extended programme. Freshers be in! 1943 was a highly successful year for the club, 1944 will be even better. The usual Sunday night meetings are to be continued and will commence on Sunday, April 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., in the Women's Common Room. This meeting is for the election of officers and the arranging of suitable times for various groups to meet. Come and give your opinion when it will do most good.

It has been decided to form a group to discuss matters relating more especially to an Arts syllabus. Arts students come and get a sound outlook on your subjects.

The Legion of Mary and the Apologetics Group are continuing their activities this year. It does not matter what faculty you are in, your Apologetics will still need attention. Avail yourself of this opportunity and join the Apologetics Group.

Freshers, don't hold back! Come along and be introduced. Get someone to take you aside and tell you about Knocknagree. You'll be sure to come to the next week-end.

In any case, whether you are Honours student or a very new Fresher, come to the first meeting on April 2nd and get all your Varsity activities started at the same time.

For further information, watch the notice-boards outside the Women's Common Room and inside the front entrance.

## CLASSICAL SOCIETY

Again, no write-up has been received from this club. It holds several meetings during the year, chiefly interesting to students of the Classical Department, but also to others who have some desire to know more of the life of the Ancient World. Watch the notice-boards for particulars of the first meeting.

## THE EVANGELICAL UNION

We take this opportunity of extending to Freshers a cordial invitation to all the activities of the Evangelical Union.

Enquiries are welcomed and may be addressed to the secretary, C/o the letter rack, or to any other executive member.

## EXECUTIVE

President: Ivan Moses.

Secretary: Eva Foulkes.

Treasurer: Joan Penman.

Committee: Jean Day, B.A., Ellen Macdonald, Laurie Evans, Warren Mason, Ian Kemp, Ray Honey, Warren Green and Douglas Forsyth.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE A.U.C.E.U.

Sunday Teas are held in the Women's Common Room at 4.30 p.m. Come along to join in the happy singing and hear thoughtful addresses. E.U. teas proved their popularity last year by their large attendances. After teas, members conduct evening services in various churches.

"Squashes" or social evenings are held from time to time, date and place being advertised on the notice-boards. You'll have a really enjoyable time at "Squashes."

Weekly Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in Room 2, at which outside speakers give addresses. During this term, Mr. E. M. Blaiklock, M.A., will conduct a series of studies. In addition, Missionary study circle is held on Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., and Bible study circle on Fridays, 1-2 p.m. There are prayer groups each day at 1.30 to 2 p.m., and in the evenings.

House Party is held during a week-end in the second term. The annual conference of the New Zealand Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions of which our E.U. forms a part, is being arranged this year by Victoria University College E.U. It will be held near Wellington in May.

Watch the E.U. posters on the notice-boards for full particulars concerning E.U. activities!

## COMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 30, 8 p.m., Room 2. Speaker, Mr. I. Moses.

Saturday, April 1.—Freshers' Welcome in Women's Common Room.

Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m.—Missionary Study Circle.

Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m. Speaker, Mr. E. M. Blaiklock, M.A., senr. lecturer in classics.

Sunday, April 16, 4.30 p.m.—Tea, in Women's Common Room. Speaker, Rev. Hayes Lloyd.

Saturday, April 29.—Freshers' Hike.

## S.C.M.

The Student Christian Movement write-up has not come to hand in time for publication. The S.C.M. is a fellowship of students who desire to understand the Christian faith and so live the Christian life. Study groups, opportunities for worship and prayer, week-end camps, social activities, all form part of the S.C.M. programme. For further details, watch the notice-boards.

## MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB

This club also has not sent in any write-up at the time of going to press. For the benefit of Freshers, this club is one of the most active in the Arts Faculty, and during last year held several memorable evenings, the most famous perhaps being the all-star production of "Dr. Knock," featuring the energetic Professors of the Modern Languages Department. Further such displays will no doubt be forthcoming this year, and all Freshers are invited to attend the first meeting.

## DEBATING CLUB

Student Chairman: Peter Dempsey.

Secretary: Pat Keane.

Last year the Debating Club regained its old vigour and its evenings became a popular feature of Varsity life, and the committee is determined that the club will rise to new heights this year—we have our eyes firmly fixed on the Joynt Scroll Shield, which seems to have found a permanent home in Wellington.

This year's programme will begin with the ever-popular staff debate, in which you will be able to hear professors being human enough to argue with students. This is definitely worth hearing, so roll along for an evening's entertainment. Freshers will have their special evening a little later when the Freshers' Speech Competition will be staged. This revealed a wealth of talent last year, and we are looking forward to further discoveries. The major portion of the year will be taken up by the Inter-Departmental contest, which aroused keen interest on its revival last year.

Debating is an art which teaches you to think quickly (and intelligently) and express yourself clearly and concisely. Good speakers debating an interesting question are worth while listening to—and, just possibly, instructive.

If you are a speaker, the Debating Club wants you. If you wish to become a proficient speaker, it wants you. If you only want to listen, come along just the same.

You will hear a lot from Debating Club this year, so why not let it hear from you?

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## ROMANCE- CHANCE

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This vacation, a certain section of the manpowered students has been concentrating on a new type of quiz—to find out whether the present object of their attentions is suitable as a life-partner. Craccum's ubiquitous reporters were (of course) soon hot on the trail, and have procured for un-enlightened readers copies of this new questionnaire, which we now publish as an aid to sitting through boring lectures, or as a pastime for those evenings when the loved one just can't take it—sorry, make it. In going through this list, you must try to be as impartial as possible—no extra marks because you want to give her (him) the benefit of the doubt!

### FOR MEN ONLY

(This owes a lot to the Strand Magazine)

#### Companionship. Total: 105

Considerateness	..	..	20
Fun	..	..	20
Generousness	..	..	10
Agreeableness	..	..	8
Forgiveness	..	..	8
Tolerance	..	..	8
Justice	..	..	7
Compromise	..	..	5
Cheerfulness	..	..	5
Initiative	..	..	4
Honesty	..	..	10

#### DISPOSITION

Kindliness	..	..	20
Affection	..	..	15
Domesticity	..	..	10
Equability	..	..	8
Sympathy	..	..	8
Friendliness	..	..	7
Humility	..	..	7
Demonstrativeness	..	..	4

#### HEALTH

Hereditry	..	..	10
General Health	..	..	20
Maternal Aptitude	..	..	15

#### INTELLIGENCE

Tact	..	..	15
Talent	..	..	10
Knowledge of Books	..	..	10
Criticism of Art	..	..	10
Taste	..	..	8
Logic	..	..	8
Education	..	..	7
Perception	..	..	7
Music	..	..	5
Art	..	..	5
Games	..	..	5

#### BREEDING

Family	..	..	10
Charm and Manners	..	..	20
Experience	..	..	15

#### APPEARANCE

Total: 60

Taste	..	..	10
Figure	..	..	8
Face	..	..	5
Legs	..	..	5
Height	..	..	5
Make-up	..	..	6
Hair	..	..	3
Striking (if you like that type)	..	..	3
Sex Appeal	..	..	15

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Total: 75

Dancing	..	..	20
Risque Story	..	..	1
Subtlety	..	..	10
Reticence	..	..	8
Talent for Silence	..	..	7
Wit	..	..	5
Manners	..	..	6
Quiet Amusements	..	..	4
Bridge	..	..	7
Sport	..	..	3
Cards	..	..	2
Chess	..	..	1

And then you have a minus column, in which you put down any characteristics you find displeasing in women, e.g., nagging, extravagance, putting away your things where you can't find them and subtract from the grand total accordingly. If the girl scores below 300, you'd better look somewhere else; over 400 puts her definitely in the market, and over 450 she's either married or an angel.

The quiz for women to apply to their prospective spouses we worked out ourselves (we're rather proud of it) and though not as detailed as the men's, we find it adequate.

#### COMPANIONSHIP

Total: 100

Sense of Humour	..	..	25
Good Temper	..	..	20
Tolerance	..	..	30
Common Interests	..	..	20
Forgiveness	..	..	5

#### HEALTH

Total: 90

General Health	..	..	40
Paternal Instinct	..	..	15
Hereditry	..	..	5
Attitude to Sex	..	..	20
General Cleanliness	..	..	10

#### CHARACTER

Total: 200

Sense of Moral Responsibility	10
Will and Initiative .. ..	20
Considerateness and Good	
Manners .. ..	20
Intelligence .. ..	40
Education and Ambition ..	30
Honesty .. ..	30
Loyalty .. ..	20
Tact and Good Taste ..	15
Kindliness .. ..	15

#### APPEARANCE

Total: 60

Height and Figure	..	..	20
Reasonable Good Looks	..	..	10
Masculinity	..	..	20
Taste in Clothes	..	..	10

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Total 100

Sex Appeal	..	..	..	50
Sport	..	..	..	8
Domesticity	..	..	..	10
Practicalness	..	..	..	8
Tidiness	..	..	..	7
Appreciation of Art in Widest Sense	..	..	..	7
Sense of the Value of Money	10			

You'll probably be able to think up a pretty good list of minuses for yourself, but here are a few things we took marks off for: Drink or drug addict, 100; pig-headedness, 10; making obvious remarks, 15; snoring (you'll have to be subtle about discovering this), 10.

We hope we haven't broken up any romances!



### MUSIC CLUB

Chairman: Professor Hollinrake.

Secretary: Dorothy Gwynne.

Committee: John Blennerhassett, Ray Kemp, Pat Towle.

Music Club meets at 7 o'clock every Wednesday for an hour's singing. All students who enjoy singing are welcome. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses—we want a well-balanced choir.

Some works from the interesting selection which Professor Hollinrake has made for us to do this year are: "Scenes from 'Orpheus'" by Gluck; "Bach Church Cantata 98—'What God does surely that is right'"; "Five English Folk Songs," arranged by Vaughan Williams.

During the year the Music Club will give a Public Concert. To ensure the success of this, regular attendance on Wednesday evenings is desired—it is hardly necessary to say this as you have only to come to Music Club once and you'll never want to miss it again.

There will be opportunities to hear gramophone records from the College Carnegie set, and students interested will find particulars as to the times and programmes of recitals on the notice-board, opposite Professor Hollinrake's door.

Watch the main notice-board for the date of the first meeting of Music Club.

### WOMEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

Women, especially Freshers, the members of this committee are here to help you and see to the running of your common room. If in difficulties please do not hesitate to solicit their aid.

Please co-operate by helping to keep the common room and reading room tidy. Lost articles are likely to be in the pound from which they may be redeemed upon payment of a penny. But minimise the risk of this occurrence by hiring a locker from Sheila Hogben.

This year two new ventures will be undertaken. (1) University women to help at Government House Club. (2) A common Common Room once a week in conjunction with the Men's House Committee.

Freshers, please roll along to your Welcome. Old hands please help us make the Freshers feel at home.

Chairman: Barbara Levien.

Secretary and Treasurer: Margaret Hoodless; Lockers, Sheila Hogben; Pound, Margaret Stokes; Notice Board, Elon Burton; Periodicals, Judith Child; Posters, Pam Key-Jones; Social: Pat Keane; Fresher Member and Common Room, Gay Garland.

### MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman, E. Gray; Secretary, J. Lowe; Treasurer, W. Wilkins; Committee, C. Nettleton, R. Skinner (lockers), L. Harrington (pound), N. Page (social), J. Shackelford (common room), I. Wilson (magazines).

The M.H.C. controls the Men's common room, locker room, committee room, ping-pong room and telephone booth, and is responsible for the conduct of students in these rooms.

Men students are invited to use to the full the facilities provided (the wireless, piano and magazines are there for your convenience), and to make the common room their club room and meeting place.

Every student may rent a locker (see the locker men), and is urged to do so; any stray articles lying around will be impounded and may be reclaimed at the cost of threepence from the pound in the committee room.

The committee holds sing-songs and/or sink-songs throughout the year in the common room, and all men are invited to take part and learn the college songs and hakas. Other social functions are also run in conjunction with the W.H.C.

A word of warning here. Use the facilities, but do not abuse them; furniture is not indestructible, the piano is not a combination spittoon and ash-tray, and no toll calls are permitted on the telephone.

Freshers, the committee is at your service, and each and every member will be pleased to offer help, information and practical advice.

### OPEN FORUM

Under this heading the great battles of the year will be waged. If you have a bone of contention, don't be stingy about it! Share it with others!! Remember rationing!!! Fight in our Forum!!!! The Editor will preserve the anonymity of all correspondents who are wanted by the police.



## SHAKESPEARE COMMERCIALIZED

Recently 12B presented a study of Shakespeare's "Falstaff." The dramatization was by Rex Fairburn. The significant cast, Arthur Sewell, Arthur Collins and John Gordon.

As an entity, the study was lacking in dramatic unity. It was rather a literary man's aspect of "Falstaff."

The keynote of the production was the excellence of the voices. The whole was intelligible to even an average audience. This is more important in radio drama than stage drama. For on stage if a word or series of words is lost or not given the right interpretation or inflexion, facial or bodily expression in movement will generally supply the deficiency. Not so on the radio. Transmission of a desired effect is achieved only by the adequacy of the actor's voice control and the stimulus this gives to the listener's imagination.

Arthur Sewell as Prince Henry gave a fine performance. Pace sometimes rendered his speech unintelligible, but only very occasionally. His voice was especially suited to the part, particularly in the latter period when he communicated something of the dignity of a king to his utterances.

John Gordon as Poins was John Gordon, technically perfect as usual. I have yet to hear Mr. Gordon achieve perfection of technique and emotional sincerity simultaneously. However, the lack was not so noticeable on this occasion as his part did not have a high dramatic quality.

Arthur Collins as Falstaff was not convincing. His voice was too cultured for his character. Though Falstaff was a knight he was not a cultured man. Any fine tones he may have possessed in his voice would have been warped by his constant hogging. The laugh was not hearty enough: there were no guffaws giving indication of a "roasted manning-tree ox with a pudding in his belly."

The tavern scene was the most satisfying. Lusty Elizabethan ribaldry acquired its distinctive flavour by Prince Hal's treatment. The perfect character sketch given in the epithets which rolled so lustily off his tongue was marred when Falstaff broke in. He just was not Falstaff.

Orson Welles has already proved radio to be an excellent medium for Shakespeareana. Heard and not seen through radio intimacy, it is freed from the restraint of traditional or experimental costuming and scenery, and has the added advantage of being able to include an extremely large section of the public.

Shakespeare has been produced over New Zealand radio for the first time. May it not be the last.

## KIWI

Auckland University College's annual literary effort. Contributions will be received until the end of the second term. The Editor will be very grateful if contributors would send in material as early as possible. Mark contributions Kiwi, and place them in the Craccum box.

## MARIA DRONKE

To produce a mystic poetic drama such as "Deidre" and a play of the quiet delicacy of "The Cradle Song," presents great difficulties to a chiefly amateur company, and we must thank Maria Dronke for making such an effort in war time.

In the former play, Maria Dronke as the impassioned Deidre and Esther Faigan as the remote chief musician, saved the play from being a too stilted recitation. Otherwise the actors appeared ill at ease in their roles, their performances lacking in emotional depth.

"The Cradle Song" was a pleasing trifle, quite charmingly done, though the action was rather slower than seemed necessary. As there was more scope for character acting, the play presented fewer pitfalls than the poetic diction of "Deidre."

## LITERARY CLUB

The Literary Society consists of earnest, literary young ladies and gentlemen. Hence the name. But let nobody be discouraged by a total lack of long literary hair or long literary cigarette holders or any interest in literature. Such things come naturally to those who live in the ethereal, thought-provoking atmosphere of a literary society.

Professor Sewell, Mr. A. R. D. Fairburn and Mr. Frank Sargeson are among the many who have been honoured with the rapt and beautiful attention of a few literary ladies and gentlemen. This year it is hoped that Mr. R. A. K. Mason and Miss Jane Mander will be added to the list of guests thus privileged.

So if you have an aesthetic or ascetic cast of feature or an urge to read a paper on (say) "Milton as a Gargle and Why I Like It," then come with all your friends and relations. Remember—the Freshers have only the members to provide—the ethereal atmosphere is generated by the committee. Strive to reach this higher plane of thought and watch for the announcements of the first meeting.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

What do you know about the nations you are allied with or those with which you are at war? I.R.C. exists to help students to gain some knowledge of present world conditions, and of the personalities and events which are conditioning the future.

Meetings (held every second Monday night in the Women's Common Room) take the form of an address, and the aim of the club is to provide the best spokesman on any particular subject. A general discussion after each address gives students the opportunity of expressing their own opinion and hearing that of others.

All students, especially Freshers, are invited to attend the meetings and to make full use also of the Club's library (just past the librarian's desk), which contains some very fine books secured by the Carnegie Grant.

Further information may be obtained from the chairman, E. Gray, or the secretary, Betty Allen.

## ARCHITECTURAL FACULTY

### ARKITECKS NOT ARTY TICKS

As each year brings a group of wee and timorous beasties to take stock of their surroundings, both abstract (props.) and concrete (?), an introduction to those bespectacled and besmoked nomads of the cloisters (as cloister the caf. as possible), the architects (hurray), is of definite value to the inexperienced. So (infamous are these proteges of Wren, that Confucius has prepared the world, and Freshers, for them, in his philosophies, saying, "Architectural student who pencil in Fresher, not on T-square."

If after three seconds in the University, any Fresher has neither heard nor seen an architect, his (or her!) best course is to follow a well-defined track down the stairs to the Caf. Here, oddly enough, any architect may be interviewed between the hours of 10 and 1, or 3 and 4, devouring sausage rolls and a mysterious liquid.

We have now dealt with the serious side of architectural life, and descending from the sublime to the Gorbimey, we will discourse for a moment upon their work. This comprises a mere 20 subjects, plus a thesis, and the course is so short that the hours of work laid down are only from 9 in the morning till 2.15 the following morning. On graduation, each student leaves his alma mater with anaemia, ulcerated stomach, a mushroom pallor (from studying footrail design), a pair of specs, and a B.Arch. A fitting reward for their years of leisure.

All men are cast in the same mould, but some are mouldier than others.

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A man may read everything that was ever written about women, and yet not know enough to avoid asking his wife a question when her mouth is full of pins.

—Helen Rowland.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for organising all College social functions. This includes advertising and decorating, undertaken very successfully in the past by the architectural students. Catering is usually left to Mrs. Odd, but this year we hope to be more enterprising both in this respect and by taking advantage of the college band formed last year.

The functions, especially under the control of the committee, are Freshers' Ball, After-Degree Ball and Elections Coffee Evening, and we are also represented on Graduation Ball Committee. These balls are given by the Students' Association for you, and we hope attendance this year will even surpass that of last.

Freshers, you will be the guests of honour at Freshers' Ball, so take the opportunity to join Varsity social life right from the start.

## DRAMATIC CLUB

President: Professor Sewell.

Student Chairman: John Blennerhassett.

Secretary: June Savage.

Treasurer: Ralph Skinner.

Committee: Gay Garland, Bob Robertson, Kathleen Olds.

The Dramatic Club is one of the most active University Clubs. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings, the first and third in every month. Play-readings by club members are given at each alternate meeting—on the other evenings we have talks and discussions on subjects of dramatic interest. If you want any further information about the club, look at the leaflet which will probably have been thrust into your hand while you were waiting to enrol, or get in touch with one of the people whose names you see above. You may not know them now, but you soon will, and anyway a note in the letter rack will find anyone. There is no formal way of joining—just come along to the first meeting—watch the notice-boards for announcements—and let us have your names, addresses and telephone numbers. Until the first meeting then—

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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## FERGUSON'S

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**TRAMPING CLUB**

**President:** C. M. Segedin.  
**Club Captain:** Campbell Reid.  
**Secretary-Treasurer:** Margaret Hoodless.

The essential aim of the Tramping Club is to provide healthful exercise and relaxation from swotting and its hundred or so members testify to the success with which it has met during the last two years. But please do not imagine every member is a hardened trumper. There are trips to suit every taste and those with misgivings as to their ability soon find that every assistance is rendered by the older hands.

The club has been very successful in training a great many members in the art of tramping. This has been accomplished by arranging in addition to large camps, a number of smaller parties during vacations, week-ends, during term and in the summer.

Last year's activities included day trips to Muriwai and the Mokoroa Falls, longer trips based at the A.S.C. Hut, Hunua Ranges, National Park, Waiheke, and finally the After-Degree Camp at Coromandel, where approximately 70 members tramped in one of seven parties or relaxed in camp. During the summer vacation successful trips and club evenings have been held about once a fortnight.

This year the club hopes to consolidate its position further with the acquisition of a club hut and the publication of a Club Magazine. Also, travel restrictions permitting, it is hoped to extend the mountaineering trips begun at National Park and in the Ruahines.

Please do not be shy about turning up at the Freshers' Tramp and the Annual General Meeting, and bring along your friends and make many new ones.

You will enjoy your association with the Tramping Club, and the best time to start is during your Fresher year. If you wish to know anything further, leave a note in the rack for the secretary or club captain.

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A wise man is he who has never let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.

**FIELD CLUB**

Last year the Field Club flourished. To ensure its continued success, we hope to have the active support of many new members as well as the old hands.

The aims and objects of Field Club are several, but primarily it provides an ideal opportunity for students of botany, zoology and geology to gain that knowledge of field work essential to their subjects. So all you who are dying to catch a glimpse of that rare little animal, *Drosophila melanogaster*, or wish to identify the equally rare plant, *Leptospermum scoparium*, or even if you entertain hopes of discovering gold in the Waitakeres, one of our specialists will be only too pleased to help you. (A word of warning here—don't be fooled by the senior geology student who, with a learned air, identifies every sample of rock as "greywacke"; this is simply an old trick used by ignorant geology students all over New Zealand).

Remember that you don't need to be a serious-minded student of natural science in order to enjoy the activities of Field Club. If you simply feel the urge to rest from swot and commune with nature in a vague sort of way, you will be welcome at our camps, which offer real relaxation. (We don't believe in rushing madly across the countryside sweating under a 50lb. pack, with no time to admire the view—no offence intended to Tramping Club, of course).

The activities of the club include camps during week-ends and vacations, as well as day excursions, while numerous very interesting lectures, illustrated with slides, are given during the year.

Be sure to come to the Annual General Meeting, where events of the past and arrangements for the coming year will be discussed.

**HELLO, ENGINEERS, 1944!**

Judging by the last two years, we can expect a large number of students in the faculty this year, so we say hello to all the hardworking intermediates and first pro's of 1943, and welcome to the Freshers, for whose benefit we give a brief survey of the Engineering Society.

Watch for . . .

# Freshers' Ball



• Every little Fresher man

Must meet a Fresher maid.

Down the stairs, one by one,

That's how the game is played.

If you like 'em blonde or red,

If you go for short or tall,

If you are vac-repressed,

Come to Freshers' Ball!

Run by the students, the society has as its object the encouragement of student interest in *res engineering* (Latin). The standard programme of the society consists of fortnightly talks by leading city engineers and second and third year students. These addresses are not above the head of the average Fresher, so don't be backward but roll along on Tuesday evenings to listen and fire your questions—to say nothing of eating supper.

The second feature of the programme is the Wednesday afternoon

excursions to factories, foundries and workshops, where interesting machinery, special processes and general workshop routine may be studied at first hand.

In the field of sport, we shall endeavour to hold the lead we gained in 1943, and we shall have a strong team to defend the Inter-Faculty Shield during the football season.

Of general interest is the news that a bigger and better ball is being planned for the second term, so it won't be long now before the Engineers will entertain you again.

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