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WOMEN IN SOCIETY

The visit of Dr. Edith Summerskill to New Zealand has received a considerable amount of attention from the daily press. In her speeches, she dealt mainly with the topic of the place women should take in society, and we felt it would have been of interest to University students to discover her views on the function of University women, in particular. Unfortunately, she could not find time in her brief stay in Auckland to grant us an interview.

Our remarks therefore are based on her address to the women of Auckland in the Town Hall. It was for all of us a singularly moving address. The fighting spirit of this attractive woman seemed to impregnate for the moment all the women in that large audience, and on our way out we heard one well-dressed woman say, "Well, after that, I'm through with men!"

But we could not help wondering how long the impression made by the Doctor's words would last. Certainly everybody agreed with her that women should take a greater part in the "house-keeping of the nation," but how many of those women will ever make the effort? She did not mean that all women should enter upon public careers, but that they should take an intelligent interest in political and civic affairs. How many women did we hear say during the recent municipal elections, "Well, I really don't know much about the people standing, but John says so-and-so. . . ."

It is so very easy for women to become shut up in the "little brick boxes" as Dr. Summerskill said, so easy for them to become entirely absorbed in their children, their house and their husbands, in that order. But in this day and age there is need for more. At school, girls are just as interested in current affairs as boys. They should carry this interest on into womanhood, and not sink back into their chairs at the end of the day with a trashy novel instead of the paper, because "it's so much easier to read."

The world to-day needs intellectual effort from women as well as men, if it is ever to achieve sanity and complete civilisation.

NOTABLE VIEWS ON CRACCUM

The following are some criticisms of CRACCUM made by members of the staff:

PROFESSOR RUTHERFORD

CRACCUM is now being run on the right lines. It must be bright even when treating serious subjects. Accounts of club meetings are dull, and news of clubs might, with advantage, be confined to a list of coming events. A series of articles by students and lecturers in various departments might be good.

PROFESSOR BELSHAW

Glad to see students taking an interest in outside affairs, but it would be advisable if the pseudo-maturity adopted by writers was abandoned.

MR. AIREY

Very much improved. Discussion of outside topics a good sign.

PROFESSOR KEYS

Too much local gossip to the exclusion of current affairs.

MR. MILLENER

The standard of the last issue was considerably higher. Gossip column good. CRACCUM reflects to some extent the deplorable tendency towards irresponsibility in modern youth.

MR. RODWELL

The standard of CRACCUM is improving. Glad to see articles on current affairs appearing. Attempts to tackle problems outside the four walls of the College is good.

MR. SEGEDIN

CRACCUM has swung from the gossipal truth, chit-chat style to its present style with serious articles, which are not a live issue to the students. CRACCUM should be a newspaper largely dealing with student news and opinion and should have a number of keen reporters who will seek out this news, rather than wait for clubs to hand in their own account. Student functions should get the write-up which they deserve.

CRACCUM is cautious of expressing any unpopular opinion, but this should be no excuse for expressing no opinion whatsoever. There are many questions vital to students about which CRACCUM says nothing, i.e., boarding, the exclusion of students from taking some stage I. subjects.

The news in CRACCUM is dead by the time it appears. This may be unavoidable, but is nevertheless, regrettable.

CRACCUM should not be controlled entirely as an executive portfolio.

It would be far better to recruit a staff from the centre of college life and not from the backwater. Thus, it would be an independent body and able to criticise if necessary, decisions made by Student Association and other bodies in the College which affect students as a whole.

PROFESSOR FORDER

Jokes that rely on misspelling for their humour should be omitted. Coupling of names is in very bad taste.

(We would welcome similar criticisms from students for the next issue of CRACCUM.—Ed.)

WILLIE'S WONDERLAND

PRAISE TO:

The Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Artur Rodzinski, for their recording of "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks" (LOX 543/4).

Walt Disney, who in my opinion, is producing the greatest art of the day. Such masterpieces as "Fantasia," "Bambi," and "Saludos Amigos," are worth seeing many times.

Betty Smith, for her: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," or as it is known here, "The Tree in the Yard." Although it is supposed to be a novel I wouldn't be at all surprised to find that it verges on the autobiographical.

12M's "Classical Corner," the best classical session on the air.

KICKS TO:

The system in quite a number of secondary schools, whereby the best teachers take the best classes. Surely the lower forms need those teachers as much as, if not more than, the better classes. Is the aim of N.Z. education to produce a few outstanding scholars or a high national level of education.

Those people who cheat in Monte Carlos. . . . don't we have fun?

BY THE WAY:

A dog sees everything as pale grey; there are no brown, red, or blue details in his world.

It's a great life if your "don'ts" weaken, but a greater one if your "don'ts" don't.

Archeologists have dug up rubber balls, 900 years old, in Inca ruins. They still bounce.

Food ration cards, issued by the Vichy Government, carry the dismal portent, "valid until 1970."

Baron Mannerheim, "Liberator of Finland," did not learn to speak Finnish till he was 50.

* REDBRICK UNIVERSITY

ARTHUR SEWELL.

I think a student should review the book, "Redbrick University," as well as a member of the staff. For it is a book about just such a University institution as A.U.C., and the inadequacies and failures described are just as much the responsibility of students as of staff. A student would be able to write feelingly of such matters as the lack of hostels, apathy in student affairs, the student view of the lecture system, the grind for the degree which seems to exclude the wider enlightenment.

Besides, with my general assurance that what is said in this book applies very largely to our own college, students who read it will find a great deal of sound information about the weaknesses and problems, frustrations and opportunities of university teachers and university teaching. They may even begin to see their teachers in a more rational, a more actual perspective.

The basic weaknesses of "Redbrick University" seem to arise from two factors. First, "Redbrick University," being neither Oxford nor Cambridge, cannot attract the cream either of teachers or of students. It is condemned to a certain second-rateness. Secondly, "Redbrick University" is set in the middle of a big city and students go to it in exactly the same way as they went day by day to their secondary schools. It tends, therefore, to be only a different kind of secondary school. Both these factors apply to A.U.C.

Add to these the fact that the Arts Degree has become very much a merely vocational degree—that is to say, a preparation for the profession of teaching—and it is easy to understand why "Redbrick University" and A.U.C. fail to fulfil the functions of the true university—"a corporation or society which devotes itself to a search after knowledge for the sake of its intrinsic value."

There are too many obstacles to the fulfilment of this ideal.

A university should be a society. Teachers and students should feel a common purpose. The teachers should investigate so that knowledge may be added to. They should teach so that others may join their ranks and in their turn pursue patiently the often painful avenue of intellectual enquiry. Now in "Redbrick University," the teachers have very often neither the time nor the inclination to make their contribution to knowledge; and the students are too often pre-occupied with the unseemly scramble for a useful certificate. And neither teachers nor students can very well do otherwise.

There is, then, no true society. There are only teachers and taught. The students are rarely touched by the excitement of discovery, by the thrill of the chase. They do not realise that all knowledge is discussable, because all knowledge is incomplete. "Redbrick University" comes down to the level of an academic department store.

The university should be concerned primarily with the "search after knowledge." It may have other functions, such as training men for the professions, but these are subsidiary—and probably more efficiently fulfilled if this primary function is at all times remembered. The "search after knowledge" involves two things: "research" (we can't avoid the word!) and teaching. A university department cannot be satisfactory unless its teachers are nosing around after new knowledge, for the atmosphere of enquiry should never be absent from the class room. Unfortunately, it is all too rarely present. The teach-

er is likely to be overworked, discouraged by the lack of a proper library, and rarely stimulated by the conversation of men engaged in the same kind of chase. The student, who comes to his lectures, takes his examinations, gets his certificate—and exit for the jobs that are now open to him, may well wonder what it is all about.

Knowledge should be pursued in a university "for the sake of its instructive value." It is very salutary in these days, when there is so much anti-intellectualist talk in educational circles to be reminded that there are such things as academic values, and that the good community respects the learned man. Knowledge of all kinds is not commonly regarded as a valuable end in itself. We tend too often to ask: What use is it? What present problems can it solve? What comforts and convenience can it provide? The employment of the mind is no longer regarded as an activity valuable for its own sake; although, oddly enough, we would all agree that to play football well is a good thing, without any reference to the body's health or the team spirit. The mind, after all, is what marks us from the beast, and one of man's highest achievements is a well-grounded idea or an opinion honestly argued.

"Redbrick University," then—or, if you like, A.U.C.—hardly measures up to this ideal academic society. And A.U.C. is even more gravely handicapped than "Redbrick University." There a teacher is called upon to deliver only four lectures a week. Here he must give at least ten or eleven. There a teacher is likely to be in regular contact with other men doing the same kind of work. Here he is isolated and starved. There the teacher has access from time to time to the great libraries of England and Scotland. Here he is hampered at every turn through lack of indispensable books. The author of "Redbrick University," under-estimates the amount and the importance of the research done in the modern universities in England. He might well be surprised to find that any is done here at all.

New Zealand is not too small or too isolated to have its own university, its own academic "society." At present we have no such thing. As far as the teacher is concerned, he needs more leisure and smaller classes, much better library and research facilities, and—not to put too fine a point on the matter—a more attractive salary and better superannuation conditions. Only so will our university keep the best New Zealand scholars here, and draw some of the best scholars from Europe and America. As far as the students are concerned—well, I hope some student will read "Redbrick University" and publish a student judgment of the matter in CRACCUM.

"Redbrick University": Bruce Turncot.—Faber and Faber.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

On a reconsideration of invalid votes, the Executive found that Mr. Blennerhassett defeated Mr. Mackie by a majority of 143 to 145 votes, thus becoming President of A.U.C. Executive for 1944-45.

An apology was made to Mr. Mackie for the inconvenience caused him by the reversal of the decision.

Help the Student Relief Fund by coming to see "No Man Stands Apart," in the W.E.A. Theatre on August 5, 7, and 8.

QUIZ YOURSELF

In the realms of POLITICS, RELIGION, SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS and ETHICS, there are certain statements of creed and belief. EACH person believes something and holds his opinion with a certain degree of definiteness or tentativeness.

Here are 30 assertions! DO you assent to them? IF you feel certain that the assertion is true, write + 2 beside it. IF you think that it is probably true, assign + 1 to the postulate. IF you have no opinions about the statement, put an O beside it.

BUT if you are positive beyond doubt that the statement is false, give it -2, or, if you think it is likely to be false put down -1.

DO not sit and debate the question. Get crackin'.

1. The sun rises in the EAST and sets in the WEST.
2. Science will ultimately solve the mystery of the UNIVERSE.
3. THE human race began with the DIVINE CREATION of Adam.
4. The policy of the N.Z. LABOUR PARTY has been a boon to the country.
5. Woman's greatest contribution to humanity is made in the HOME, not in a profession.
6. Modern ART is decadent in comparison to the GOLDEN era of GREEK and ROME.
7. The whale swallowed JONAH as recounted in the BIBLE.
8. The human consciousness is immortal—it will survive the body.
9. Co-education in our SECONDARY SCHOOLS would solve many problems of sex adjustment.
10. This time, the GERMANS must be taught their lesson for all time.
11. Excessive patriotism (as aroused in time of war) is dangerous to a lasting peace.
12. As philosophers and scientists, women have not equalled men.
13. Social conventions are a barrier to the natural and healthy development of the individual.
14. The GERMANS and JAPANESE have a right to a fair share of the earth's surface and its riches.
15. A baby's mind is a "tabula rasa" (a blank) at birth.
16. All human knowledge is gained through experience and none is inherent in the mind.
17. The desire for wealth and power is the sole cause of war, and misery in the world.
18. The CHURCH has become so divorced from social realities and its creeds so far removed from its LEADER'S original teachings, that it has ceased to be any positive value in modern community.
19. Education and training in the HOME, are the only solution to the moral problems we face as a nation to-day.
20. A nation's morality and greatness is correlated with the standards of its women.
21. Prostitution is a necessary evil under existing social and economic conditions.
22. Corporal punishment is psychologically vicious and should be dispensed with in our schools.
23. The abolition of CAPITAL PUNISHMENT is detrimental to the good of Society.
24. Modern trends in EDUCATION away from the classical spirit are regrettable and ill-advised.
25. The BIBLE as an inspired work must be interpreted and accepted literally AND NOT REGARDED as being figurative or allegorical or symbolical in its significance.
26. The ENGLISH of SHAKE-SPEARE is out of place in this modern age.
27. Social Security must lead to the growth of an indolent nation and the decay of the healthy individual spirit.
28. Better to be a Socrates dissatis-

MINUTES OF EXEC. MEETINGS

JUNE 26

Correspondence—Letter from Mr. Postlewaite re Caf. Exec. decided to go ahead with previous arrangements.

Correspondence from the V.U.C. re increased exam. fees. Proposed that Mr. Wong carry out the necessary arrangements for a petition from A.U.C. condemning the increase and Miss MacMillan to act for Training College.

Mr. Blennerhassett informed the Exec. that a contract has already been let for the re-surfacing of the path from Anzac Ave. to Men's Common Room.

Re Lighting in Library.—Moved that letter be written to Professorial Board requesting an improvement in existing lighting in library, in particular the replacing of burnt-out bulb.

Annual General Meeting.—Date set for August 3. Election of President and Secretary, July 27. Election of Executive, August 2.

Formation of New Club.—Mr. Piper informed Exec. of his desire to form a new club to be henceforth known as the A.U.C. Civic Affairs Group. It was decided to grant affiliation to this club as soon as Mr. Blennerhassett has completed the constitution.

JULY 13.

Mr. Naylor was appointed delegate to N.Z.U.S.A.

Caf.—Decided that Caf. charge should be 2/- for club evenings.

Decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to Tramping Club for their good work in washing dishes in the Caf.

Reports of various portfolios were read and adopted.

JULY 24

Representative at N.Z.U.S.A.—Miss MacMillan and the President were appointed in addition to Mr. Naylor.

Correspondence—Letter from Auck. District Court of Convocation re their desire to help the Stud. Ass. was received.

Decided that Mr. Naylor should approach Mrs. Munn re a list of student boarding-houses.

Re grants to touring representatives of Winter Tournament in Christchurch. Decided because of increased cost of travelling due to war conditions that the usual grant of £1 be increased to £2.

The Annual Report was read and adopted.

It should be noted that this is a mere summary of what happened at the Exec. meetings. Students desiring to know further details should read the full minutes which are in Exec. Room and are accessible to all students.

field than a pig satisfied (i.e. physically).

29. In the BEGINNING, GOD created HEAVEN and EARTH and all living creatures.

30. Birth control is both unnatural and immoral and should be prohibited in the interests of humanity.

If a large enough section of students and staff fill in this test and leave their sheets filled in on the letter rack, a resume of the results will be given in a future issue of CRACCUM. ADDRESS them to G.N. CALDWELL and leave in the rack. Don't be shy. Give your name, age and sex—we promise you that all will be treated confidentially and only objective statistics will be printed. You will enjoy doing this, so let us have your reactions!



OPEN FORUM

Madam,—

May I support your editorial comment on Mr. Mackie's letter?

Last week, I left my books outside Room 19 while having afternoon tea, and returned to find my Higher Course Geometry had been removed. While realising my own folly in leaving such a valuable treasure so readily accessible, I do not consider this to the person who has committed this a sufficient reason for its theft.

There seem only two courses open crime—one, to return the book without delay; two, to remit to me, C/o Y.M.C.A., the 5/- which I paid for it.

P. F. ROBINSON.

Madam,—

This letter is at once an apology and a protest.

First, I should like to apologise to the Freshers who took part in the Freshers' Play-reading on Thursday night, July 6, for the members of the Dramatic Club, who were not present.

Secondly, I would point out to these members that it would have been less slighting and more encouraging to both players and producer to have provided them with an audience. It does not speak well for the organisation of one of the most flourishing clubs at the University nor for the courtesy of its members, when less than twenty-five people turn up to the first Freshers' Play-reading of the year.

JUDITH DE LA MARE.

Madam,—

So far, being a Fresher, I have held my peace, not only because of devotion to study (!) but because I prefer to remain silently observing until such time as I can offer some really constructive criticism.

Frankly, I was amazed at the inference in CRACCUM, July 12, that the "Powers that be" would even think of allowing our student paper to become a mere social rag, because a certain section of the students can appreciate nothing. We want some social chit-chat and humour, which is always appreciated in CRACCUM, but we must take life a little more seriously, than to be content with fun alone.

The question is really one of fundamental principles. It is the indifference of the majority to the way in which their society is run, which gives shrewd self-seekers the perfect opportunity for exploitation. Hence this indifference is the real and ultimate cause of war. Unless we want war we must all wake up to our responsibility to strive to extricate ourselves from the civilised mess we are in. Moreover, as Varsity students, this responsibility is doubly great, for it is to us that those with any hope for a just world look for leadership. Are we going to fail in this, our testing hour. Well, if social chit-chat is all we are interested in, what hope?

CRACCUM, one of the main unifying influences in Varsity life, can fulfil a very important mission. As a newspaper, its influence must be two-fold. It is an expression of the student mind, while at the same time it can be a powerful factor in moulding that mind. We can see that if we restrict CRACCUM purely to subjects of University interest, we will tend to become narrow and isolationist in our views. As students, we have an important place to fill in the life of the community; and CRACCUM should help us to find and to keep that place by discussing matters of social and world interest. Strangely enough, there are some of us who have a genuine interest in the problems of our fellow beings and, should we be in the minority, are we so unimportant as to be neglected even in a University which is looked to as a centre of learning and culture?

As citizens, all of us must learn to face a little of the hard truth about life, which naturally enough, none of us will like if it is going to disturb us from our lotus eater's dream to the arduous task of shouldering our social responsibilities as men and women. Rehabilitation is our immedi-

ate problem, so why not face it? In justice to our boys, it must be solved fairly, remembering the importance of its solution in the attempt to avoid future wars and depressions. Perhaps we prefer war.

If CRACCUM is to fulfil its mission as a student newspaper, it must be sufficiently strong to maintain a balance between the funny and the serious, even in the face of criticism which, after all, is a healthy sign that the paper is being read.

W. de MONTALK.

Madam,—

Congratulations to you and your staff for the last issue of CRACCUM, which in my opinion was excellent. The relative amounts of humour and serious material seemed just right. Also (speaking as another medical student) I would heartily commend your policy of writing articles on outside affairs. I share your belief that students are interested in outside affairs. And if they aren't—they should be. So please continue with the good policy and—no more social chit-chat. We get enough of that in the common rooms.

KATHLEEN E. BROWN.

Madam,—

I should like to express my thanks to the members of the Tramping Club who have so courageously taken on the job of student help in the Caf. This is the real student enthusiasm and real University spirit.

But why should this task fall on one organisation, and only one? The Tramping Club took on the job in the first place only to maintain the Caf. as a place where all students could get a meal, but now it seems that the job is to remain with the Tramping Club. Is that fair? While complimenting Tramping Club on their efficiency, I deprecate the fact that no other Student Organisation has offered its services (as yet).

Are the other organisations so lacking in student enthusiasm and College spirit, that they will not come forward and help in this crisis? I do not think they are. I think they do not realise how serious the position is. Further, as a reward for services rendered, Mrs. Odd is prepared to provide a free meal, or, in lieu thereof, 1/6.

Tramping Club has set the pace. Other clubs should now come forward and offer their services and make some return to those few who have made a sacrifice, both of time and trouble, so that all may enjoy the facilities of the Caf.

This is an appeal to Clubs. Secretaries, and etceteras, show the spirit that is supposed to exist in your Clubs by contacting the Secretary of Stud. Ass. who will, I am sure, arrange a roster for Student help in the Caf. I suggest that every club undertakes to provide help for a fortnight.

A DINER.

Madam,—

We view with increasing alarm, the growing tendency in this college towards a system of class distinction between the staff and students. Consider the matter of smoking for instance. We believe that smoking is prohibited throughout the college buildings as a precautionary measure against fire—and should on that account apply to staff and students alike.

Yet, at any hour of the day or night, in the science block at least, members of the staff may be seen perambulating the corridors, lecture theatres and labs. with lighted pipe or cigarette spreading a halo of smoke about them. Surely this is defeating the purpose of the regulations! If members of the Staff could confine their smoking activities to their own rooms as students are expected to confine theirs to the common rooms, there would be no incentive for students to follow their example and hence the recent display of disciplinary notices would be entirely unnecessary.

Can something be done about this, or is there one law for the staff, and another for students?

"CRAVEN A AND B."

SPORTS RESULTS

SATURDAY, 8th JULY

FOOTBALL

Senior v. Otahuhu, won 9-8.
Juniors v. Navy, won 11-6.
Third Open v. Takapuna, won 19-5.
Third Intermediate v. G.O.B., lost 8-0.

HOCKEY

Mens

Seniors v. Owai Rovers, lost 4-1.
Seconds v. Albertians, won 12-0.
Thirds v. Somerville, drew 4-4.
Fourths v. M.A.G.S., won 5-1.

Womens

Seniors v. T.C.O.G., won 2-1.
Intermediate Blues v. Wesley, won 3-1.
Intermediate Whites v. T.G.S., lost 9-1.

BASKETBALL

Blues v. Killarua, lost.

SATURDAY, 15th JULY

FOOTBALL

Seniors v. G.O.B., drew 9-0.
Seconds v. Takapuna, won 9-6.
Third Open v. Training College, won 6-3.
Third Intermediate v. Tech. Old Boys, won 6-3.

HOCKEY

Men

Seniors v. Port Depot, won 8-1.
Seconds v. Somerville, lost 8-4.
Thirds v. Howick O.B., lost 2-3.
Fourths v. Owai Rovers, lost 11-0.

Women's

All games cancelled.

BASKETBALL

All games cancelled.

SATURDAY, 22nd JULY

FOOTBALL

All games cancelled.

HOCKEY

Seniors v. Somerville, lost 4-2.
Seconds v. G.O.B., won 4-2.
Thirds v. Mt. Albert, lost 7-1.
Fourths v. Mt. Eden, lost 16-1.

Women's

Seniors v. Eden, lost 3-1.
Blues v. Blue Rovers, lost 3-1.
Whites v. Wesley, lost 5-1.

BASKETBALL

Blues v. Surrey Hills, lost.
Whites v. Banister, lost.

JOTTINGS

Basketball.—Congratulations go to the following players for representing 'Varsity in the Auckland Representative trials:

Senior A: Val Wyatt, Joyce Mayhew, Dorothy Wilshire.

Senior B: Connie Hicks.

Mens Hockey—

The return of Henry Cooper to the side was really appreciated. He first turned out for 'Varsity in 1928, and has represented and captained the Auckland reps. on many occasions.

FOOTBALL

Eleven members of the A.U.C. team were selected for the N.I. Varsity team and travelled to Christchurch by kitch-hiking, crawling, walking and swimming.

They arrived in Christchurch a little the worse for wear and beer on Saturday morning and played in the afternoon.

The game was fast—much to our from Auckland, and the North Island led 8-5 until three seconds before regret, especially after the long walk the finish, when Murdoch potted a field goal to give South victory by one point.

Never before in the history of the good old game was so much said by so many about such a finish! Still, we won morally and that counts more with us.

Five of our men were awarded N.Z.U. Football Blues. They are: M. Paewai, R. Jones, P. Fox, J. Gudex, A. Seely.

The club extends its heartiest congratulations to these players, and in particular, to Olly Seely. This player's performances in the pack throughout the season have been of the highest standard and his success is a most popular one.

A special mention this week is also due to the Juniors. After experiencing a few setbacks at the beginning of the year, this team has now settled down and is proving its worth.

In their last two games, they have

defeated the two leading teams in their section. We hope the winning strain has come to stay.

SOCCEER

Holland has now been given a permanent place in the Metro side. He has played the last three games and the team holds the leading position in the Senior champs.

Playing for Eastern Suburbs (on the side line) is our one and only (Praise the Lord!) Peter Dempsey. Supporting him are Walsham and Espie.

Victoria College has proposed an inter-College game. Unfortunately we (Soccer) have not a College team but no doubt we can organise one. Players interested are asked to communicate with Peter Dempsey.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The end of the first round saw both the Seniors and the Intermediates well down in the competition. However, there have been some unexpected wins in the second round, probably because the players are working up some combination, which will still have to be improved upon before any team can hope to defeat everyone. Tournament is still in the air, depending on whether or not we can get a good enough team to participate, which seems unlikely as practically all the players are either science or part-time students.

Outstanding in the past play has been the amazing energy of Joan Billington; Margaret Browne's sound tackling; the football tactics of Dorothy Norgrove; Maureen Lamb's ubiquitous play without which the Whites would have even worse defeats; and the senior standard play of the Intermediate A forwards, especially Pat Keane and Margaret Ambler.

BOXING

The Boxing Tournament will be held on Friday, 1st September, at 8 p.m., at the Seddon Memorial Technical Hall.

Roll up and see Battling Waldegrave bite the dust. With great difficulty, Revington has been persuaded to fight without horse-shoes in his gloves, but the iron is still in his soul: when he hits them, they just walk away laughing. Folks, this is all for 1/6 and for a worthy cause.

Spend an enjoyable evening watching the mugs batter each other into oblivion. At the small cost of 6d per egg, dissatisfied spectators may express their feelings at referee's decisions.

Boys! Bring your girls, they will key you in excitement. Medical Students! learn how to stop Epistaxis!

The Boxing Association's Committee wishes you all a happy holiday, and we will see you at the slaughter.

A.U.C. HARRIERS

On Saturday, the 22nd, the club championships were run over the usual course at Mt. Roskill. This comprises a little road work and a lot of cross-country and with the recent wet weather the latter section of the course was very muddy. A field of fourteen participated and as there was a sealed handicap held in conjunction with the main event, the competition was keen. The field spread considerably after the first two miles with Erceg, Wilson and Sinclair together in front, with Shackleford further back but running steadily. After half the course was completed and before the course reverted "again" to cross country Shackleford had moved up and was pacing Sinclair with Erceg tailing them and Wilson further back. These positions were held until near the finish when Shackleford gained a slight lead which held him in front to win by a slight margin from Sinclair, who was challenging determinedly. The winning time was 35m. 35 1-5secs, two minutes over the record time achieved by F. N. Orange. In the sealed handicap the placings were Sinclair, Wilson, Erceg.

Judging by the performances of the afternoon, the chances of the University team, in the Provincial Champs and the Varsity Harrier Tournament should be quite as good as in previous years.

BIRTH CONTROL PANEL

Last Tuesday night we went to the Birth Control Panel, hoping that at last the College had produced a really interesting discussion. Unfortunately we were disappointed.

With one exception the Panel neatly evaded any important matters that threatened to crop up. David Rodwell knew in detail all the facts of Economics, but apparently not the facts of life. Mr. Blennerhassett was pleased to treat the subject facetiously, thus endearing himself to his audience. Mrs. Ingham alone had the maturity and practical attitude required for this matter. Mr. Dempsey, in the chair, had much trouble in subduing his impish sense of humour, but usually managed, diplomatically, to "keep it clean."

The audience, in the majority, restrained itself both from looking intelligent and from disrupting Mr. Dempsey's carefully preconceived plan of attack, with the exception perhaps, of Mr. Monck.

The whole show reminded us of blind leading blind, with the exception of Mrs. Ingham, who did not allow the callow, school-boyish grime, which distinguished the remarks of the audience, to mar a very logical, very balanced argument.

The Panel reached no conclusion on—in many cases did not consider—the important aspects of the case. The two men (?) on the Panel and the majority in the audience, doing their undergraduate best to appear modern, produced and upheld the good, old Victorian idea that a woman's place is in the bed. The case of the unmarried woman was a little too much for a distinctly prudish audience. They simply ignored it, except for one pointless remark about spontaneity of love-making and the question, "How much would the average man spend on contraceptives in a year?" (naturally, from an Economics student).

After something more than an hour and a half of listening to evasions and half-truths which would make the Ministry of Information look complete beginners, we were forced to the conclusion that the Panel had adopted as its motto, "KEEP IT DARK."

"POPULATE OR PERISH."

WHO IS THE HAPPY WARRIOR



This is he:—the guy that's going to the Engineer's Ball, of course.

Remember the date:—Saturday, 5th August, at 8 p.m.

And the place:—The College Hall. Trot out your best girl-friend, and come and be informal at the

ENGINEERS' BALL

S.C.M.

The World Student Day of Prayer was observed on Sunday, July 2nd, in the form of a service in the College Hall. A message from the World Student Federation was read by the President, Joy Glover-Clark.

The next Sunday Tea will be held on July 16th, at which the speaker will be Rev. R. Thornley, General Secretary, N.Z.S.C.M.; and in conjunction with his visit, an evening of games and light entertainment will be held on Saturday night, July 15, in the men's common-room at 7.30 p.m.

Of course you'll be seeing "No Man Stands Apart," in the W.E.A. Theatre, August 5, 7, and 8.

LITERARY COMPETITIONS

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Closing Date: DECEMBER 31, 1944.

All MS must be clearly typed in double spacing, securely fastened, and adequate return postage must be enclosed. Entries to be addressed to:

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For further details see College notice-boards.

YUGOSLAV YOUTH CONGRESS

The second congress of the Anti-Fascist Youth of Yugoslavia has just been held on liberated territory. The congress was attended by over 800 young people from both liberated and occupied areas. The main purpose of the congress was to mobilise all youth in the final struggle against the enemy. Invitations were sent to the Youth organisations of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. to send delegates to the congress.

The conference was attended by Randolph Churchill, M.P., son of the British Prime Minister, who has been in Yugoslavia for some time with the Liberation Army.

From Marshal Tito's headquarters comes this report: The ages of the 800 delegates to the congress ranged from 15-22, and these young people must now find their long and perilous way back to their own districts. For some it means more than 25 days marching through wild mountains, with stiff battles with German and Quisling troops. A number of these youthful delegates lost their lives fighting their way through enemy lines to reach the rally, and others will die fighting as they go home again.

Two main resolutions were passed:

(1) To forge a stronger link between youth organisations throughout the country with greater efforts both at the front and behind the lines.

(2) To do everything possible to assist in the liberation of the country and to organise a federated Yugoslavia.

Marshal Tito closed the business of the congress with a short speech and then plays, singing and folk-dancing occupied the rest of the time.

Our hearts go out to these brave young people of Yugoslavia, and we hope it will not be long before peace and unity come to their unhappy land.

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DEPRESSION AND THE HOURS OF WORK

When the 40 hour week was introduced into N.Z. it received a great deal of adverse criticism. This was only natural, as factories, owned by business-men would experience a drop in production. For factories to produce the same amount of goods, there were three alternatives open to their owners.

The first was to compel their employees to work harder; hardly possible as employees were already putting their utmost effort into their work in an endeavour to retain their jobs.

The second was to purchase new time-saving machinery. This would mean a large expenditure and one which was not always possible.

The third was the employment of more labour. This was probably the alternative most suitable.

In my opinion (such as it is), for I do not take Economics and hence (it is possible) I have opinions which any Economics student may know to be impossible, the logical solution to depression is not juggling world markets to decide who sells what to whom, advocating back to the land, or migration to new lands such as New Guinea, but a further reduction in the working hours.

This suggestion is likely to meet with more adverse criticism than

the 40-hour week, so I think more comment is necessary than just the bare statement.

I am afraid I do not know the figures of unemployed, employed, or hours worked by the latter, at any particular time in N.Z.; so it will be necessary for me to use hypothetical figures.

"A" is a town in which 1000 men work 40 hours a week. They are employed in various occupations but all are working the same amount of time. I am not including professional men, such as lawyers, doctors, etc., or business men.

Unfortunately there is a depression in the country and like other towns "A" has its unemployed—143 to be exact.

Now suppose that the hours of working for those thousand men were reduced to 35 per week. That would mean that there would be 5000 hours of work lost each week. However, if the 143 unemployed were to work for 35 hours per week they would do 5005 hours of work each week.

In other words I think that by reducing the number of hours worked, it would be possible to reach an equilibrium where there were no unemployed. If, on such a reduction, it was found that owing to the increased buying power of the public, which would naturally follow if all were employed, there was a shortage of any commodity, then hours could be lengthened. However, there would be the danger, in lengthening hours, that there would be an excess of produce. This would be drastic as it could lead to unemployment. Therefore, great care would have to be taken if any lengthening of hours became necessary.

Another point, in my opinion, is that time-saving machines are for the benefit of the employer; and hence should be used, not to put men out of work, but, to shorten their hours of work.

W.R.H.

APPENDECTOMANIA (Reflective Anatomical Verses)

I cannot think of fortune worse
Than being dependent on a nurse;
If choice there were
I'd much prefer
Being drawn away within a hurse.

A queer, quick dig in one's abdomen
May provide a dark, sure omen
Of malaise
That many days
Will keep the strongest man from
roamen.

A sudden stab in one's tummy
May need an appendectomy;
I'll tell you this,
It isn't bliss:
They've done this small project to
me.

I will add that
In thin and fat,
Appendicitis
A tender sight is.

SMOCKSTROT

Saturday, 22nd July, saw a very motley crew surging in and out of the architects' studios, dressed up so that their own mothers wouldn't know them (especially Peter Sinclair and Jim Neesham). Arabs rubbed shoulders with cave-men and South Sea Islanders; and even the devil was present, complete with horns and tail. The prize was won by Tony Wynyard and partner, as Arabs. Tony was very dashing in a black beard and moustache that covered most of his face.

The decorations were, as usual, excellent. Prehistoric monsters marched solemnly around the walls, with hairy cave-men as variations on the central theme.

The general opinion seems to have been that Smockstrot was not as good as Studio Stampede; but perhaps given time the new will develop into as gay and riotous a function as the old.

No Man Stands Apart

Professor Sewell's play, "No Man Stands Apart," will be presented in the W.E.A. theatre, Symonds Street on the nights of August 5, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets for school and university students are 2/- each, and are to be had at the University office. Tickets for outside people are 4/-, and can be had from Lewis Eady's. Bookings are also at Lewis Eady's.

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