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YOUR EXEC.

We present a very personal introduction to the Executive of the Students' Association, as elected by members of the Association in August, 1944. (See below for information about recent resignations and co-options.)

Dave Grace.—Sports and Tournament. Sings Irish ballads with debonnaire. Pastimes: Women, football, women, tennis, women. . . . Third year law.

Peter Hutchinson.—Secretary Social Committee. Also R.N.Z.A.F. A past club captain of Tramping Club Hutch has all it takes to make a party go with a swing.

Jimmy Lowe.—Chairman Men's House Committee; his somnolent lassitude is interrupted by spasms of vehement energy. A Rugby referee.

John Morton.—Corresponding Member. His tall, gowned form emerges from the biology block to be the most competent holder of office. An erudite debater, he is student chairman of the club. Final B.Sc.

Clive Nettleton.—Assistant Secretary; one can imagine him to be related to a species of especially happy honey bees. A deadly tackler on the football field. Engineering student.

Wally Wilkins.—Sports and Tournament. Wherefore art thou, Romeo? Oh, that infectious smile. Another star of the first XV., Wally leads a haka with the best. Final B.Sc.

John Blennerhassett.—President & Legal Affairs—the omnipresent, omnipotent. Puck. Philosopher, extraordinary, Blenner garners all college gossip and cannot be fooled. Fourth year law.

Pat Keane.—Woman Vice-President, Chairman Women's House Committee—the very model of the outdoor girl. Argumentative and has a merry twinkle in those brown eyes. Third year science.

Ken Mackie.—Man Vice President and Carnival—the reincarnation of a particularly chirpy sparrow. Deep in a history thesis but always finds time to barrack for Varsity.

Keith Piper.—Secretary—a pithy wit. Seeped in civic affairs and itching to see a new civic block and a harbour tunnel built. Final architecture.

Margaret Hoodless.—Chairman Social Committee, Registrar of Societies—simply must be doing something all the time. The red she favours does not necessarily indicate her ideas. Final B.Sc.

Aileen Stanton.—Bookstall, Property and Records—off to the winter sports at regular intervals. Spends the rest of her time in the chemistry department. Fourth year science.

Ken Bain.—Chairman Publications' Committee—club captain of cricket club. No angel this—despite Scouts and Sunday School. Plans to invigorate "Craccum" interrupted by Air Force. B.A.

Mr. Postlewaite.—Business Manager.

EXEC. RESIGNATIONS

The following members of Exec. have tendered their resignations:

K. R. Bain, J. Blennerhassett, Margaret Hoodless, P. Hutchinson.

The following officers have been chosen by Exec.:

President: K. L. Piper.

Secretary: K. Mackie.

The four co-opted members are: J. Blennerhassett, Gabrielle Garland, W. R. Haresnape, R. I. F. Pattison.

Watch the notice-boards and the next issue of "Craccum" for details about the re-arrangement of portfolios.



Cast your eye below if you want to know how we had it. Maybe you have had Vac. work, too! But, as Confucius says, "He who has had it, is happy at the having-hadness."

SUPER-MEN AT WORK

Looking back over the vista of the past eleven weeks, the 27th November stands out with great clarity as a day which heralded a new era for the Challenge Phosphate Co., for sixteen well-assorted students made their debut as chemical workers. Actually there should have been more than sixteen, but an amazing epidemic of bronchitis, sinusitis and respiratory complaints spread through the thirty original directees, leaving only half the number to wage war on the dust and fumes of chemical industry.

Within three or four days most of us had been given jobs to do. Such is the speed of industrial organisation accelerated by the desperate manpower shortage. Only the most callous of us could suppress thrills of pride in doing such vital work as sweeping feathery phosphate dust off boards, watching it shimmer upwards into the air collecting the ever present floating dust en route and fall back on the boards with a resounding crash. Slapping whitewash on surfaces whitewashed about three days previously produced the same effect. Others spread tar over the roofs and on occasions added to the attractions of the works with artistic murals. At least two well-known Varsity girls have their initials emblazoned on brick facings in 10 feet letters. Some of us did manage to get our brows wet with honest sweat, especially when playing cranes with two tons of lead on the end of a block and tackle or shovelling phosphate rock 12 hours a day. The less said about the latter job the better. It was filthy.

A chosen few became assistants to the professional men of the place, the lead burners, electricians, fitters and those concerned with the correct running of the acid plants. After a time they became quite expert at wandering about the place clutching lengths of rubber tubing wires, screwdrivers, test tubes and other emblems and wearing expressions which signified that the whole future of the company rested on their shoulders. A very painful incident occurred when a student, carting bricks, fell into a pond and was forced to work en deshabille while his clothes dried out. The sensitive workers were scandalised.

We hope the rise in profits is not too marked now that the company is relieved of their responsibility of paying us. We like to feel we were of some use.

—D.E.H.C.

TRAVEL

Went on a Cooke's Tour.

—M.H.

TALES FROM GREEN LANE HOSPITAL

The first day at Green Lane Hospital I got into trouble, for they have there a silly rule that stockings must be worn. However, since I knew nothing about this, I wandered along stockingless. About midday I was told either to get some stockings or go home.

Being mercenary and badly in need of cash, I borrowed some. The rest of the day everyone laughed at the sight. I had on black stockings and tan shoes—which anyone with half an eye will know to be an awful combination; and—worst of all—the only things with which I had to keep them up were two safety pins. Concertina stockings at any time look dreadful, but these were just ridiculous. Needless to say next day I wore my own.

There is a rather strange species of the human race at hospitals—the wardmaid. She has all the cares of the world on her shoulders, and even grumbles more than the wharfies. Her pet saying is, "Those nurses never do anything to help me. I don't like any of you." But you can't do without them, for besides keeping you amused they also do the dishes, which otherwise fall to the lot of the Pinkies (us). And after washing hundreds of dishes for over a week I ought to know!

—M.B.

VIVE LA MANPOWER!

In pre-war years, even when the grim spectre of the Manpower was far removed, most students, through the generous dispensations of our "free" education system, took advantage of the long vacation to earn something towards warding off the inevitable penury of the coming year. This work was entirely optional, and for those few who were placed by a happy fate, or a plutocratic father beyond the necessity of honest toil, the vac. meant nothing but a pleasant and slothful filling in of time. But now everyone, however young and innocent, is called upon to spend three or four months in some industry important in our war production—in freezing works, in woolstores, in fertiliser workers or vegetable gardens.

The Manpower has done students (at least) one great service. It has enabled them to gain some insight

SCHOLARS IN CAVES STUDENT RELIEF

Suppose that with all your intellectual capacities, youthful vigour and idealism, you were, through circumstances beyond your control, unable to study at a University, as it is now your privilege to do. Imagine the feelings of annoyance and discontent that would probably invade your mind.

Yet to-day there are many thousands of students round the world, sharing with us the devotion to truth which characterises university communities, who are unable, because of insufficient food and facilities, to continue their studies. Thousands of others have suffered and are suffering greatly, far beyond the imagination of most of us to conceive.

Students in China have trekked hundreds of miles inland where their universities are continuing their work in thatched huts or caves in the mountain side. Their supplies of food and warm clothing are quite inadequate, but still they persevere.

Student prisoners of war are making full use of every opportunity to continue their work. They need more and more books and writing material.

Students in the liberated countries of Europe are in urgent need of our help in their gallant attempts at reconstruction. Supplies of student requirements are not plentiful so that many students must await the arrival of material before they can return to the work to which they are devoted.

Are there ways in which their sufferings and privations can be relieved and they can be saved—saved for that future which is so important to a human race that will desperately need trained leadership?

As a member of the student community you can help your fellows by subscribing regularly and generously to the Student Relief Fund, by working, by attending functions in aid of Student Relief, and by your enthusiasm making the urgent need for relief dear to others.

Watch for the leaflet, appearing next week, which will give you full details of Student Relief and our plans for this year.

"HAMLET"

We intended to review C.U.C.'s "Hamlet" and "Othello," but the necessary M.S.S. has been unavoidably delayed.

into the working conditions and outlook of the employees of many widely varied industries. It may be a hackneyed phrase, but it is undoubtedly true that "one half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives" and that even in New Zealand, with its tiny population, there has grown up a disturbing class distinction, which finds its roots in the general lack of sympathy between town and country, professional man and labouring-man. Too many students learn nothing from their Varsity career except the detailed knowledge necessary to qualify them for a specialised profession; thus they tend to become isolated from the broad stream of national life, and to immerse themselves in the petty prejudices of a small class, having had no direct communion with that section of the community which must "work with its coat off."

—R.M.

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STUDENTS AT WAR

Students of China, in order to continue their scholastic work, trek hundreds of miles and put up with hardships more severe than those their countrymen have to endure. In the oppressed territories of Europe, students are determined that learning shall eventually flourish with greater freshness. Thus, when Paris rose, members of the National University Front, both men and women, undertook garrison duty and were appointed to responsible posts; later plans were formulated for a reform of learning, and the student bodies began working together without their former mistrust and suspicion.

These are students at war. We sheltered from the ruthless hordes, must take up a different kind of war work. We have worked over the vacation, but we are capable of doing something more, something for which we should be specially fitted. Now that peace seems nearer, and, what is more significant, a conference to arrange for some international peace organisation has been announced, it is time for us to consider how the communities of the world can enjoy a reasonable security from war. Ideals can form merely the foundations; an international currency, disarmament, trade barriers and national representation on a World Council are only a few of the main questions. These problems cannot be settled with enduring success unless all people have given thought to the many points involved.

Students of this University are fortunate in having as a base for their operations the International Relations Club. Then, deprecating New Zealanders' lack of faith in international organisations and pointing out that individual goodwill and individual effort are essential, we must arouse the public mind.

Copy for the next issue, closes on Tuesday, March 13, at 6 p.m. The Craccum box is on the Executive Room Door.

MSS. submitted need not be typewritten, but they must be written legibly, on one side of the paper only. All MSS. must bear the name of the writer; a nom-de-plume may be added for publication purposes.

The opinions expressed in articles and reviews are not necessarily those of the editorial staff.

WE REGRET

We regret that sudden Manpower demands upon our printer's staff have made it impossible to publish a larger first issue of "Craccum." It has been necessary for us to limit printed matter to essential information and more topical articles, thus we have had to hold over a number of interesting contributions.

Editor: R. I. F. Pattison.

Student Business Manager: Gabrielle Garland.

NIGHT LIFE AT A.U.C.

Your payment of the Student Association fee admits you to membership of all the University Clubs, giving you the opportunity to sharpen your enjoyment of University life by playing a part in student activities.

Watch the notice-boards for announcements about club meetings.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. Bruce C. Bell, Chairman of Junior Chamber of Commerce, and present Bridge Champion, has offered to coach those interested in bridge.

Although formerly there has not been, to our knowledge, an organisation of this nature at A.U.C., bridge clubs are prominent in other New Zealand Universities and especially in American colleges.

If you are keen to join, leave a note addressed to the Bridge Club, in the rack outside Exec. Room.

CATHOLIC CLUB

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Ryder.

President: D. P. O'Connell.

Secretary: Pat Pemberton.

The Catholic Club is going to commence its official Varsity activities with the Annual General Meeting on the first Sunday back, March 4, in the Women's Common Room (D.V. and the House Committee). Unofficially, the Club has already held a week-end at Knocknagree—it is not yet certain when the next will be, but it will probably be the first week-end after Easter. To get the exact date watch the notice-boards around the building. The Arts and Doctrinal Groups and the Legion of Mary will be holding their meetings again this year. Just when, has not been decided. Like lectures it "will be arranged."

For those who don't know, Freshers in particular, the Arts Group goes in for discussions on subjects that are liable to crop up in connection with an Arts course. The Doctrinal Group does Apologetics and The Legion, of course, is just what its name implies. If you don't know what a Legion of Mary does and is, come along and find out. But whatever group it is, you're interested in be sure to come to the A.G.M. on March 4.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

This society aims to present all interested with various aspects of classical study. Meetings are held several times a term in the form of papers, discussions, etc.

DEBATING CLUB

An invaluable opportunity of finding out what you can get from Debating Club will be given by our first two meetings. At the Staff v. Students Debate, the attraction of the Debating Season, you will hear the super-subtleties of vituperation as practised by past masters of the craft. A discursive address on the merits of Public Speaking, and the broad outline of our programme for 1945, is to be given at the Introductory Meeting for prospective members, particularly Freshers. At this meeting supper will be served, and everyone, both voiced and voiceless, will be welcome.

Formal debates, alternating with Panel Discussions, will then take the stage every Tuesday at 8: the first provides formal platform training; the second encourages those with ideas to bring them to the light.

Try Debating Club first!

Staff v. Students, March 12.

Ice-Breaker Meeting, March 19.

DRAMATIC CLUB

One of the most active University Clubs. Our activities include Play-subjects of dramatic interest, also readings, talks and discussions on annual production. Just watch the notice-board and come along to the first meeting.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

All Fresher engineers and others interested are invited to the Annual Meeting to be held late in March. During the year, evening lectures are given to members by city engineers and on Wednesday afternoons excursions are held to points of interest. Notices will be posted in the Engineering School. Watch for them!

EVANGELICAL UNION

We extend to Freshers a cordial invitation to all the activities of the E.U. These include Sunday Teas, held in W.C.R. Come and join in the singing and hear the addresses. Social evenings are held from time to time. Watch the notice-board. Also watch for weekly meetings at which outside speakers give addresses. House Party held during week-end of second term.

I.R.C.

Chairman: Pam Montague.

Sec.-Treas.: Betty Allen.

For the benefit of the uninitiated and uncontaminated, the International Relations Club exists for the obviously praiseworthy purpose of promoting friendly relations between nations and disrupting relations between students. As an important sideline, we produce rabid Communists, Conservatives and Misanthropists.

For your edification, I.R.C. members may be found (a) on soap boxes (b) in Progressive Books (c) in lecture-rooms (very rare). All are distinguished by noble expressions and as connoisseurs of food. They are thus distinguished from Trampers who merely eat.

As no other club in A.U.C., I.R.C. claims to understand the human soul and its (material) needs. So go buy a copy of the Russian Constitution, roll out the old red shirt, take up your knuckle-dusters and come to I.R.C.

LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY

The A.U.C. Law Society is the official body representing the law students of the college. A special library has been established in Room 20 for our exclusive use. Events sponsored are: Lectures by prominent members of Bench and Bar, and our coffee evening. We urge all new members of law faculty take an active part in this society—a most important part of their legal studies.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Student Chairman.—Bill Taylor.

Sec.-Treasurer.—Ted Harvey.

Committee.—Margaret Browne, Jeanette Caughey, Phil Gallaher.

The A.U.C. Sci. Society is an organisation catering for all branches of science students—whether biologists, chemists or physicians. Activities embrace lectures of topical interest, excursions to places of scientific interest in the city, not forgetting the Annual Coffee Evening, Men v. Women Basketball Tourney, and the second term Men's Science Dinner. We would like the Freshers to understand that our discussions are in no way technical or over their heads.

Science Freshers—this is your Society, so give it the support it deserves and come to the A.G.M. on Monday, March 5. Supper provided.

MODERN LANGUAGES CLUB

Chairman.—B. Bell.

Secretary and Treasurer.—V. Craig.

Committee.—K. Olds, G. Garland, F. Jenkins.

The club this year intends to hold meetings every third week, of which the first will take place in the third week of term. This will take the form of a French comedy starring Professor Keys and Dr. West, and supper will be an added attraction. Watch the notice-board for further details.

MUSIC CLUB

Watch notice-board for date of first meeting. Club activities include a weekly hour's singing, lectures and records. All students who enjoy singing are welcome. You have only to come to Music Club once and you'll never want to miss again.

LITERARY CLUB

President: Professor Sewell.

Vice-President.—Professor Arden.

Chairman.—To be elected.

Secretary & Treasurer.—Judith de la Mare.

Committee.—Betty O'Dowd, Barbara Bell, Jill Davis, Margaret Brand.

We of the Literary Club offer you amusement and mental stimulation.

Last year the poet, R. A. K. Mason, talked compellingly on "New Zealand's Place in Literature." Professor Sewell read his play, "No Man Stands Apart," and several lively evenings were spent in readings of Modern Poetry and Literary Humour.

This year we promise to provide you evenings that will be well planned, often amusing, perhaps provocative and always interesting.

Remember to watch the notice-boards for advance announcements of meetings.

Remember to ask Club officers for any information you may require.

SCIENCE DISCUSSIONS SOCIETY

This Society was inaugurated in 1941 to satisfy the need felt by the advanced students for information and discussion of an advance standard, on the "other man's science." This Society functioned well for the first two years after its foundation. However, last year it got under way very late and its lectures were not representative of all branches of science.

Yet if the apathy of honours and Stage III. persons continues as last year the Society will cease to function altogether. The support of these persons must be obtained, and they must be at least intelligently interested.

The Annual General Meeting, March 15, at 7.30 p.m., in the Geology Lecture Theatre.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Student Chairman.—N. J. Rumsey.

Hon. Secretary.—J. C. Burns.

The Society provides students with an opportunity to become at least acquainted with some of the many interesting topics which are not included in the normal syllabus. Lectures are delivered by students of the Honours and Stage III. classes, and also, in the past few years, members of Stage II. The first meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will be very short and will be followed by Professor Forder's Presidential address which is always a highlight of the year.

All students are invited to attend, and Freshers in particular are urged to come along. For further information, see the Student Chairman or Secretary.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

"Ut Omnes Unum Sint"

President.—Ken Mackie.

Vice-President.—Malcolm Johnson.

Secretary.—Lyn O'Donnell.

Treasurer.—John Collins.

Committee.—Nancy Laird, Elizabeth Shove, Peter Gamlen, Peter Robinson, David Andrew.

Chaplain.—Rev. G. A. Naylor of Knox Church, Parnell. (48-607).

"The Basis of World Peace" was the very topical subject discussed at S.C.M.'s Summer Conference. Christians as individuals, and the S.C.M. as a group of Christians, believe that they have the key to that lasting peace for which we are all seeking. They believe, too, that something of that "peace of mind, which passeth all understanding" can be theirs.

We are finding them both in our fellowship and prayer, study and good fun, and we invite you to share in our discovery. We welcome all students, particularly Freshers, to join us in our activities for the coming year, feeling that only in this way can the full benefit of fellowship be enjoyed.

First Sunday Tea, March 11. Speaker: Rev. G. A. Naylor.



TOUJOURS LE SPORT

BASKETBALL

Club Captain.—Val Wyatt.
Vice-Captain.—Hilda Thompson.
Sec. and Treas.—Shirley Marcroft.
Committee.—Jeanette Whitehead,
Lois Echlin, Janet Harwood.

A.U.C. Basketball Club extends a hearty welcome to Freshers and hopes that many of them will help us to keep the Varsity flag flying by playing in our teams at the Auckland Basketball Association matches.

This year we hope to increase the number of teams and as several of last year's players are not available, there will be plenty of opportunity for new players to show their worth—and their loyalty to Varsity.

Watch the notice-boards for details of meetings, practices, etc., and roll up in full force to the Annual General Meeting which will be held shortly. Last year our teams held their own in the A.B.A. competitions—this year, with YOUR help, we hope to do more than that.

FENCING CLUB

Freshers beware! When you hear the clash of steel and cries of the wounded you will know that Fencing Club has started its season. If you are willing to spare time and energy, you too, may attain to the lasting pleasures of this ancient and noble sport which caters equally well for the most blood-thirsty monster and the daintiest damsel. For beginners, the first term will be spent in exercises; then combats will be arranged as they come up to necessary standard. Members are expected to provide their own foils if possible. The Club has a few foils available on hire.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

Secretary: Joan Billington.

The Club has a big membership and enters teams in Senior and Intermediate grades. The competitions are interesting and the players enjoy the games which are usually energetic and exciting. Matches are played from the end of the first term right through the second.

So, all Hockey players, sign up early and you can look forward to a season of good sport.

Beginners who are interested will have a good opportunity to take up hockey. Don't be slow to come along and after a few games you will soon be as keen as the rest.

WALKY TALK

Tramping Club extends a cordial welcome to all Freshers of 1945. A.U.C.T.C. is the most progressive club in the College, the present membership being about 70 active enthusiasts, plus a few hangers-on.

During the year a pre-arranged programme of trips will be followed. This will include day and week-end trips with camps in the vacation. Of huts we have "Ongaruanuku" in the Waitakere Ranges, Glacier Hut standing 50 yards from the R.S.C. hut on Ruapehu at 5800 feet altitude, with one of the most popular ski grounds in New Zealand at the door, and also two small huts in Destruction Gulley on the north head of the Manukau.

At the end of the year the summer programme commences. After Degree Camp lasts about ten days, and is the big event of the year.

Besides trips, there are several bright social evenings, including talks, Christmas party and, of course, the coffee evening. Even if you're only mildly interested, be sure to contact a member and get more information.

N.B.—Freshers' Tramp will be soon. Don't miss it! Also the A.G.M. which will be later. Details of these will be posted on Sports notice-board. The Club Mag., "Footprints," appears about five times a year and will keep you up to date with Club activities.

CRACCUM FOLIO

The "Craccum folio" is now available! You can buy it in two shades, green or blue (i.e., the folio). This folio will hold all the year's issues, which in their entirety, will be a valuable record of College activity.

THREE RECENT FILMS

"STORY OF DR. WASSELL"

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. My neighbour at the "Story of Dr. Wassell" told me that it was a "beautiful picture." Whether a war picture can ever be beautiful, is, I suppose, a matter of opinion. Anyway, this Cecil B. de Mille production in glorious Technicolour is, though magnificent, not war. This "Story of Dr. Wassell" is about as much like the real thing as a boy's adventure story is like a newsreel. Gary Cooper was Dr. Wassell, which means that Dr. Wassell was Gary Cooper.

Since the actual facts were lacking in the humour and romance which are apparently necessary to a popular film, these are provided by a comic sailor and three ministering angels of different nationalities, but the same inhuman perfection. Three Martini, perhaps, was more of a hour than an angel, and hardly gave the impression that she would be of much practical use. The flash-back method of showing Dr. Wassell's early life I found extremely irritating. The highlight of the film—Flying Fortresses arriving in the nick of time—made me feel like a kid at a Saturday matinee. I thought I ought to clap and shout "Here come the goodies," just as if the Fortresses were G-men in a gangster film, which is, I think, the only way to look at this film—with a sort of suspension of belief.

"WATCH ON THE RHINE"



"Watch On The Rhine" is a very good play that does not make such a very good film. The form and concentration which were imposed on the story by the necessities of the stage were lost in the looser structure of the film, and this shapelessness lessened the force of the ideas. Irrelevancies were thrust in—such as the scenes with the Müllers before they get to Washington, and the scenes at the German Embassy—which did not add anything to the story, and gave me the impression that they were only there to give the stars some dramatic lines to speak. The worst of these scenes was that in which Kurt Müller kills the Count. In the play this takes place off stage and is, because we do not see it, a tense and terrible incident. In the film we see it happen and the horror is taken out of it.

The failure to convey fully the sickness and confusion of Europe in the years before the war was due largely to the inadequate characterisation of Count Teck de Brancovis. Instead of being a European aristocrat, unwanted and unadaptable, he was simply the villain of the piece. He was never a man that, heads or tails, he loses just the same. The actor who played this part did not appear to grasp very much of this.

Bette Davis, too, never became Sara, as Paul Lukas was Kurt Müller, completely and convincingly. Her tragedy was too conscious. She never made me feel that she really did not think that she was to be pitied, that she wanted no other life than the one she had had with Kurt. I felt she knew she was noble, instead of being utterly unconscious of it. But Paul Lukas made Kurt human and alive and moving. You could not doubt the sincerity and the depth of feeling which made scenes that could easily have been super-charged with sentiment and melodrama genuinely moving, such as his farewell to his children, and the piano-playing incident.

THE LAMP STILL BURNS



"The Lamp Still Burns," is also concerned with doctors and nurses, particularly nurses, this time in a London hospital. And, because this is a British film, this hospital is not staffed by Varga girls in cute uniforms and pin-up men in theatre gowns. A film about a hospital is full of opportunities for melodrama—see any of the "Dr. Kildare" series—but these were treated with restraint, and consequently the whole thing was credible and sometimes moving. There were some shots of an operation that were dramatically effective, and an air-raid incident without heroics or hysteria. The plot of Monica Dickens' story is not particularly distinguished, but it has sincerity and simplicity and presents its propaganda without pretensions.

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 keeping the Common Room and Reading Room tidy. Stray articles lying around will be impounded and may be redeemed at the cost of a penny; but minimise the risk of this occurrence by hiring a locker. This year it is proposed to continue helping at the Swan Club every other Sunday. This was very successful last year, so come along and join the crowd.

The Freshers' Welcome will be held on Friday, March 2. Be sure to come and meet the House Committee members.

Chairman: Pat Keane.
Secretary and Treasurer: Gay Garland.

Lockers: Margaret Stokes, Betty Burbidge.

Pound: Margaret Averill. Magazines: Pam Montague. Posters: Shella Hogben. Social: Muriel Blott.
Common Room: Audrey Innes.

MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

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 haka. Other social functions are also run in conjunction with the W.H.C.

A word of warning. 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 every member will be pleased to offer help, information and practical advice.

Chairman: J. Lowe.
Secretary: Vacant.
Treasurer: M. Tanner.
Lockers: J. Climo, R. B. Darlow.
Pound: W. G. Caradus.
Social: J. Burns.
Literature: R. M. Miller.

OPEN FORUM

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

Sir,
Because of the inordinate number of students applying for the Otago Medical School this year, the Otago University has been compelled to impose drastic measures to weed out the better students. Hence students were required to obtain a very high average in the intermediate examinations.

Included in the number of students finally approved were eleven holding degrees in arts or sciences and a further seven who hoped to graduate in 1944.

All of these obtained good marks in the intermediate examinations, but the Director of National Service has refused them admittance.

His reasons are two-fold.
Firstly, in his opinion, graduates are of a greater use to the war effort as "trained academic personnel" than as medical students.

I would like to ask the Director how many graduates have entered the armed forces, feeling that the job they have taken up is proportionate to their ability and training.

Second, the Director considers that students intending to go for medicine in the end, usually did not begin with an arts or science degree. He considers too, that those who have had three years' University education should not be allowed to continue, while other students straight from school are forced to remain outside the medical school.

Now, this would be all very well if the Director had not overlooked several important points. In the first place, the State has just brought forward a new system of medical bursaries which will enable many students, hitherto unable to become doctors, because of financial reasons, to undertake the medical course. When these graduates started their University career, no such opportunity was open to them, so they took a degree in Arts or Science. Why should they not have the chance of these bursaries, too?

In the second place, the Director neglects to find out who will benefit from the dropping of the graduates from the approved list. In most cases I think he will find that those who will be now admitted are students of a lesser calibre who have taken two, sometimes even three, years to obtain high enough marks to enter Medical School.

How does this compare with a B.Sc. and medical intermediate with high marks, all in three years?

—T.J.L.

The Students' Association wishes to thank all who helped in the campaign to find board for students at present residing outside Auckland.

OTHER CLUBS

The other sports clubs include:

Athletic.
Boxing.
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CRICKET REPORT

This season the club dissolved its amalgamation with Middlemore, and three teams were entered in the competitions. The senior team is composed of young players with a leavening of older and experienced men, and has held its own against stronger teams. The mainstay of the bowling attack is L. Schnauer, who has several good efforts to his credit.

The senior B team, comprising mostly present students, has registered a fine performance in holding second place, despite the lack of regular members. Two good players in K. Bain and R. Wylie, were lost to the forces after a few matches. Congratulations are due to W. Mason on his captaincy and consistent batting.

We were fortunate in having the services of several secondary school boys during the holidays for the Senior B and Second Grade. The latter team has nearly always been short throughout the season, and W. Drummond, captain, has done a fine job in getting a team on the field every match. This lack of support is very disheartening, and as there are still a few games left this season, all intending cricketers, Freshers included, are invited to attend practices which are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Blandford Park.

WIRELESS WAVES

"You'll enjoy education," is a good session, designed to acquaint the people with social, economical and political problems, that will have to be faced in the future. The current speaker is P. Martin-Smith, a man who obviously knows his subject, and treats it in the best possible manner. The session could be improved by a change in the time, and a more artistic method of approach designed to catch the listener's attention.

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"Youth must have its swing" is excellently designed for those who are well acquainted with the ins-and-outs of modern music. But for the uninitiated the session loses much of its interest, becoming simply a long narrative of the various players who take part in the number. If some effort was made to provide listeners with an appreciation of swing music then everyone would benefit.

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We notice that Station 12M, bowing to public pressure, is incorporating more modern records in its programmes. But it still clings to the old programme titles such as "Orchestral Selections," "Light Vocal and Instrumental," etc. The listener is still at a loss, as to how to find his favourite music. In this respect we have a lot to learn from the American method of programme arrangement, which provides the listener with a wide range of subjects at his fingertips.

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"The Woman Without a Name."

This mystery serial is broadcast over 1YA on Tuesday evenings. In the quarter of an hour devoted to last week's episode which we may take as typical, we received very little insight into the development of the various disconnected threads of the story. Mention was made of the murder of Michael Vanstone and his son—the happy news that Magda Vanstone may inherit the family for-

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Bring your books to Exec. Room any time from enrolment day (Feb. 26th), onwards. Write clearly on fly-leaf the price you require (1d to 1/- commission goes to Student Association funds). A list of titles and authors must be left with all books.

The stall is held in the ping pong room—adjoining men's Common Room—and will open early in the term. Watch notice-board for exact date.

Patronise your own Bookstall!

NEWS OF OLD STUDENTS

We wish to have a regular column of news about former students of A.U.C.

Help us by sending in news of their activities!

APOLOGY

We apologise to Professor Rutherford for an error in reporting a statement of his in the last issue, 1944. Instead of "objective," we should have printed "subjective."

tune, as her father and mother were after all, legally married. But she cannot appear to claim it until freed from the accusation of the crime—a ruby was planted on the innocent woman and the owner of which must be the murderer. Humorous characters were introduced and revealed their place in the story in stiff artificial radio voices which seem to have no variation between a wooden stiffness and quivering with emotion.

From this it appears that IYA has descended to a level of broadcasting those tedious serials so marked in other programmes.

NOTICE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

Club Secretaries are requested to appoint a member of their respective committees to hand in to "Craccum" a brief account of all their club activities. Please include date and place of meeting, and estimate the number of those who attended.

Make sure that you note the closing date of copy for each issue, and forward notices of meetings. We shall devote a regular space to such announcements; if clubs desire additional advertising space, this can be obtained for a slight payment.

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