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Easter Tournament at Auckland

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES TO COMPETE

Friday, 23rd March, Good Friday, will see the arrival in Auckland of some 300 students from the southern colleges to take part in the annual Easter Tournament.

The next four days will see the pick of 'varsity athletes competing in eight sports: Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Cricket, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming and Tennis.

Major organisational problem for Auckland is the provision of billets—a problem made more difficult by the fact that a Teachers' Training College Easter tournament will also be held in Auckland this year.

The presence of an Australian athletic team will give added interest to the athletic meeting at Eden Park. With the Olympic Games in view top-flight athletes from both countries should be in fine condition, and with the help of the fast Eden Park track good times may be returned. The early swimming events will be staged at the Olympic Pool with the Tepid Baths as the venue for the finals.



Panmure and Ardmore provide more distant venues for the rowing and shooting championships, but the other events will all be staged in the city—tennis at Stanley Street, cricket at the Domain, basketball at Seddon Technical College, and boxing in the Town Hall.

The Organisers

Senior Tournament delegate and chairman of the Tournament Committee is architectural student John Miller. Law student Chris Parr is Corresponding delegate, while another Architectural student, Tony Greenough, is Home Tournament delegate. Another major job, that of Billeting Controller, is being handled by Arts student Alan Gordon; while Peter Latham is responsible for the financial arrangements. Ken McKenny will be in charge of Headquarters. Should you wish to help in any way, contact any of these people, or 'phone John Miller, 'phone 16-537.

Executive member Gibb Pinfold will be in charge of social activities, which will probably include dances at the College on Saturday and Monday nights, with the Tournament Ball on Tuesday-Wednesday. An official welcome to visitors will be tendered on Good Friday in the College Hall, while church services will be arranged for Easter Sunday.

The Talkers

Also to be held at Auckland over Easter is the annual general meeting of the New Zealand University Students' Association. Comprising three delegates from each of the four main colleges, two delegates from each of the agricultural colleges, and the members of the resident executive of N.Z.U.S.A., the meeting discusses any matters raised by the constitu-



ent colleges which require action on a national basis.

Notices of intended motions are required to be forwarded to the other colleges 14 days before the meeting. Students who have any matters which they desire the Auckland delegation to raise should therefore immediately submit details in writing to the Secretary.

ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that we report the death on active service in Korea of a former member of the Auckland University College Students' Association.

He was Cedric John Vugler, whose mother, Mrs. A. F. Vugler, lives in Rotorua.

Cedric was a law student in his final year when he enlisted.

Employed in the Magistrates' Court he became well known to his fellow law students as a cheerful and likeable companion, and his loss will be keenly felt.

*Greater love hath no man than this,
That he lay down his life for his
country and friends.*

Anniversary

This issue heralds in Craccum's 25th year of publication. Of the thousands of congratulatory messages which have poured in from all over the world we are particularly grateful for that from Professor Fitt. He wrote: "... twenty-three years of unbiassed reporting."

Another staff member wrote: "... a sump of inconsequential crenitenism."

Faust Pas

We rather like the story of the student who spent part of his vacation writing a one-act soap opera for Revue. The principal characters were an unidentified professor called Saust and a History Professor called Stauscht.

Carnival Celebrations

D.V. and the City Fathers permitting, the annual Carnival Week celebrations will start on the last Thursday of this term.

Those folk who wish to help organise the celebrations are asked to contact either the Chairman of the Carnival Committee, John Buckland (O'Rorke Hall) or the Editor of Carnival Book (Dave Stanley), also at O'Rorke.

Generous prizes are offered for floats, Carnival Book contributions and Revue acts, while the usual good time will be had by all who take part.

EXAMINATION ERRORS

CONCERN AT HIGH INCIDENCE

Concerned that errors in examination papers might seriously prejudice students' careers, the executive has written to the Registrars of the A.U.C. and N.Z.U. respectfully requesting that even more vigorous steps be taken to prevent their occurrence.

A partial survey of the 420 odd papers sat in this college during the degree examinations was carried out by a member of the executive. Of the 113 papers checked errors which appeared to be serious enough to possibly nullify the examination as a fair test were discovered in papers for Chemistry I., English II., Economics II., Psychology III., Book-keeping II. and Public Finance. No errors were reported in the Schools of Architecture, Law or Journalism, while it was not possible to check on Science subjects (other than those common to the B.A. course), Engineering subjects or papers set in the Faculty of Fine Arts. A very limited coverage of Honours papers was possible.

Complaint against the nature of questions set was a common occurrence, but three which seemed more reasonable than most occurred in the papers for Geography III., Philosophy II., and Auditing.

SITUATIONS VACANT

*You cannot hope to bribe or twist,
Thank God! the British journalist;
But seeing what the man unbribed will do,
There's really no occasion to.*

Applications are invited for the position of Editor to the Journal of the Auckland University College Students' Association. The position would suit a bright, active man or woman who has a lively interest in students affairs. The appointee will obtain usual press privileges and have the use of spacious offices in a 'varsity hut.

Applications close five days after the issue of this edition and should be addressed to the Chairman, Publications Committee, c/o Executive Room.

Vacancies also exist for members of the staff of the above newspaper. These positions offer sound training and carry the usual privileges.

*Editorial responsibility for this issue
is taken by Roderick Smith.*

TRANS-TASMAN JOURNEYS

Growing Student Interchange



The student exchange scheme, visits to this country by Australian University athletes and swimmers, a visit to Australia by N.Z.U.S.A. delegates, and projected tours to Australia by N.Z. Rugby, debating and basketball teams are helping to establish the closest liaison between students from the two Dominions.

Three A.U.C. students, Miss Dene Sadgrove and Messrs. Harold Mead and Dixon Reilly, joined the New Zealand contingent of some 40 odd, who visited Australia under the student exchange scheme. The Australian University Students' Association found accommodation, provided work and generally looked after the visitors. Similarly in this country local students have helped the visiting Australians.

Australian Swimming Team

During January and February an all-male team of ten Australian swimmers toured the country taking part in local swimming carnivals and meeting N.Z.U. teams in two tests. At Auckland the local swimming club staged a successful meeting at the Olympic Pool.

The Easter tournament athletic meeting at Auckland will be notable for the appearance of an Australian University athletic team, comprising several athletes with Olympic prospects.

Since 1948 N.Z.U.S.A. has sent a delegate to attend the summer meet-

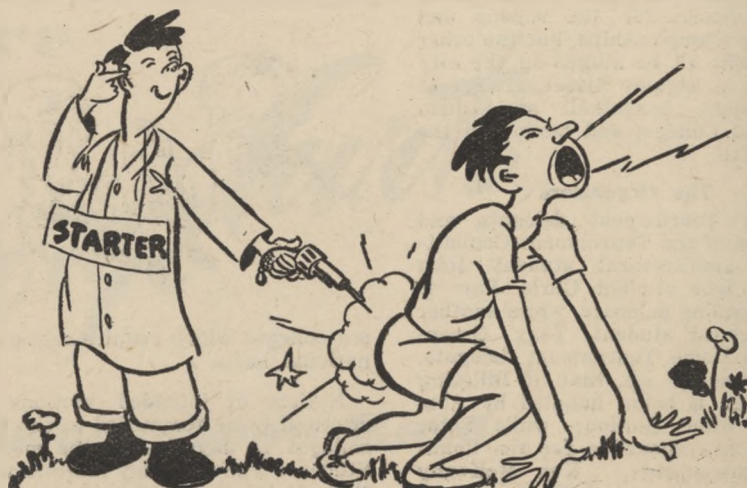
ings of the National Union of Australian students. This year Mr. Fitzgibbon, President of the Canterbury University College Students' Association was sent and it is hoped that his report will greatly assist student organisational problems.

Rugby, Debating, Basketball

About June the New Zealand University Rugby Council hopes to send a team across the Tasman. With A.U.C. fielding one of the strongest teams in its history this college should gain heavy representation when the final selections are made.

Also projected is a tour of Australia by an N.Z.U. three-man debating team. This visit will coincide with a tour by a British Isles' team and a three-cornered international contest is planned. Invitations have been extended to K. O'Connor (Massey), Paterson (Otago), and R. Smith (A.U.C.). K. Holden (C.U.C.) was not available.

Endeavours are being made by the Indoor Basketball Club to send the 1950 N.Z.U. team to compete in Australia this winter. The finance required for a nine-man team is considerable, however, and A.U.C. executive felt unable to meet a request by the A.U.C. Basketball Club for £114 toward Auckland's quota. Pending satisfactory financial guarantees the future of the tour is still in doubt.



Australian Athlete

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Red-Head?

Professor J. Rutherford, Professor of History at this college, has joined those of his colleagues who have had the distinction of featuring in our wide-awake contemporary, "The New Zealand Truth." This organ of public opinion received the news that South African golfer Bobby Locke, got soaked. The other participant in this ship-bar fracas was our erstwhile Chairman of the Professorial Board, proceeding overseas on Sabbatical leave. Although he got two black eyes his colleagues are reported to be taking pride in the way he "held his end up."



Physical Training

The possibility of establishing a voluntary physical training scheme is receiving the attention of the executive. Some years back the Government indicated they would make available a grant of £600 to pay the salary of an instructor, and it is suggested that he could provide specialised training for various 'varsity sporting clubs. Major difficulty is the finding of suitable gymnasium space. The only room available in the student block, the ping-pong room, would permit only limited activity, and might also cause the displacement of clubs which at present use it.



Kiwi

"Kiwi" will not appear in the 1950-51 period. Main factor leading to this decision was the lack of suitable copy. Considering that "Kiwi" might fulfil its function better if its contents were of a nature different from that customary in the past few years, the executive has appointed a sub-committee to investigate possible changes in editorial policy. One suggestion is that "Kiwi" should be more of an annual record of student activities and accomplishments.

Request

Because many part-time Commerce and Arts students find difficulty in attending lectures before 5 p.m., the executive has written to the Principal asking that consideration be given to holding Economics lectures after that hour. At present Economics III. lectures are held from 4-5 p.m. Monday to Friday, while some stage II. lectures are also held at this time.

Promise . . . Performance

Craccum extends its best wishes to History lecturer Bob Tizard and his fiancée, Kath McLean. Kath was a second year Arts' student last year, while Bob is well known as a former president of the Association.

For another former president, Keith Piper, the executive's appointee to the College Council, wedding bells rang on February 20th. With a gift from the Association went the best wishes of Keith's many student friends.



Tamaki

To enable the carrying-out of work on the grounds of the Tamaki site the College Council has received an initial grant of £10,000 from the University grants committee. The money will probably be used to "bulldoze" the ground and sow grass on projected sports areas.

("The eyes of the fool are on the ends of the earth."—Professor Anderson).

Consolidation

Consideration is being given by the College authorities to the consolidation of student fees. It is hoped to evolve a scheme under which students will pay tuition and examination fees at the beginning of the year, thus saving office time and the payment of late fees by forgetful students.

"This Atomic Age"

The atom bomb came under the official notice of the executive recently when Frances Baker wrote requesting that the executive telegraph the Prime Minister, urging the Government to do all in its power to prevent the United States taking the initiative in atomic warfare. On the motion of Mr. Brittain, the executive resolved that it felt itself not competent to voice the opinion of the whole student body on such a controversial matter. Miss Spence and Miss Green and Mr. Smith abstained from voting.

*. . . to the creation
Let not be the sequel
That all men were cremated equal.*

STUDENT BLOCK
REJUVENATED

Completion of the major part of the work of renovating the student block is expected by the time this issue of Craccum appears.

Estimated to cost some £6,000, the work was authorised by the College Council following strenuous representations by the Students' Association, who have contributed £1,500 toward the cost. Under the general supervision of the College architect, Mr. H. Massey, the work has been carried out by two architectural students, Dave Taylor and Dick Ward. A student committee of Peter Butcher (chairman), Misses Cynthia Green, Cree Munro and Francis Spence, and Mr. Ron Thush, together with other executive members, met weekly throughout the vacation to consider progress and state the student needs. Great help was also given by a sub-committee of the College Council consisting of Mr. Maidment, Dr. Andrews and Professor Llewellyn.

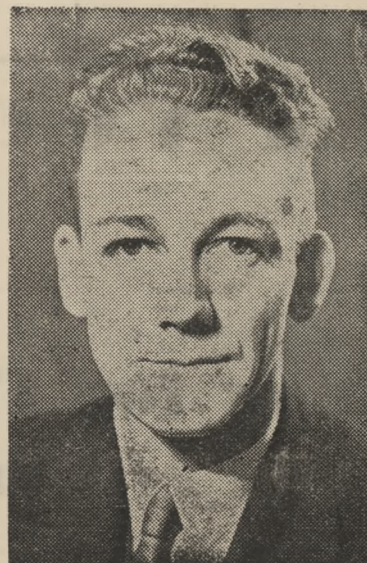
That we now have a student block of which we can be proud is due in no small measure to the enthusiasm of the student committee and the helpful and generous attitude of the College Council.

Congress

Fourteen A.U.C. students attended the annual students' Congress at Curious Cove. Also there was A.U.C.'s Fine Arts' lecturer, Rex Fairburn. Rex was chairman of the Congress and received much praise for the way he carried out this task.

Abuse

"The school of architecture is a place where art and acne go hand in hand."—Anon.



N.Z. Professor

Can Y O U Provide a Billet for Tournament ?

-- See Alan Gordon



Can Y O U help with Revue ?

-- See John Buckland

Copy for Carnival Book Closes March 24th !

-- See Dave Stanley