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## Carnival Preparations Well Under Way

If early preparations count for anything, this Year's Carnival Week should be "one out of the bag." Under the active chairmanship of executive member John Buckland the committee has advanced far in its planning of Procession, Revue, and Carnival Book.

The Graduation Ceremony and the Graduation Ball will complete student Carnival Week. A study of the comprehensive displays in the foyer will give freshers and others some idea of the nature of Carnival functions.

The organisation is a major task and any help will be welcomed. Suggestions, inquiries, or contributions may be left in the box beside the displays, or may be made personally to John Buckland, at either the executive room or at O'Rorke Hall.

The following comprehensive review of the present state of Carnival ideas and planning has been supplied by the committee.

### PROCESSION:

This year it is hoped to base "Procesh" on a Cavalcade of 100 years of Auckland's Progress.

What will your Club turn out? Here are ideas for floats—the arrival of the first Maori Canoe, pakeha immigration, whaling and sealing life, or Auckland's earliest and latest motor car, fashion through the years (a chance for women students), or more topically, the wharf situation. We need a Capping Band and foot float too.

### REVUE

A few scripts have already been submitted for Revue, and much has been promised. Remember, this year our stage show will consist more of partly unrelated acts on current events or on the Cavalcade of Auckland's Progress theme.

Club Secretaries, Architects, Engineers, Elam Art Students, at your next meeting please be sure to discuss your contribution to 1951 Revue. O'Rorke Hall, already working actively for Capping Book, has ambitious plans for music, dramatic and dancing items.

### "It's Later Than You Think"

The next few weeks will slip away and scripts must be submitted for selection well before the end of March. Drama Society and Music Club, we believe you have ideas, but what are the Trampers doing, the Sci-Soss, the athletic and cultural clubs? No matter how short, you could all put on an act, and you could all be in the running for the splendid prizes being offered for the best Revue Scripts. Floats and Carnival Book

contributions. Here's your chance for a rare week's fund, so choose how you will help and contact Carnival Chairman immediately.

### Carnival Book

Carnival Book editor Dave Stanley appeals to all students to try and win some of the prize-money offered for contributions. He was talking, so he said, to the Editor the other day, who said he had read Dave's appeal last year "and he would have been only too pleased to get his genius on the job of writing an article for Capping Book 1951, only his genius was away on a short holiday before beginning swot for the year, and so—well, you know how it goes—the same old story. Here I am," says Dave, "trying to give away good money, and nobody wants it. And, mind you, there's more than a mangy fiver or two in this business."

"Now, about those prizes. We are offering you £2/2/- for the best prose article of 1000 to 1500 words, £2/2/- for the best cartoon, £2/2/- for the best verse, and £2 for the best photograph. Capping Book will be a small size parody of the 'Weekly News,' and will have as its main theme Auckland's 111th anniversary. So gen up on your history—or dream it up, it's all the same to us—and get cracking. Copy will close on March 24th, no kidding. Write on any subject—you can get plenty of clues from any copy of the 'Weekly News'—and pop your contribution in the Craccum box on Exec. room door, addressed to Editor, Capping Book. If you're long on writing but short on ideas, let us know and we'll supply the necessary.

"There are also six prizes of ten shillings each for shorter items of between 500 and 1000 words—this makes ten prizes altogether."

## "Revelry by Night

In the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Freshers' Ball should be a 'bang-on' show." It will be held this Saturday, the 10th March, in the College Hall. Freshers are admitted free and do not need partners. For the older students a charge of 7/6d single or 12/6d double will be made if tickers are purchased from the cafeteria beforehand. At the door the price rises to 10/- single and 15/- double.

The function is being run by the social committee, which consists of Cynthia Green, Patsy Little, Alan Gordon, Keith Fraser and Jeff Newman.

### Bookstall

The bookstall opened on Monday and will remain open until Easter. Hours are from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Books for sale may be left in the executive room, clearly marked with price and accompanied by a list of books offered, together with the name and address of the vendor. Five per cent. commission will be deducted and the balance paid after the bookstall has closed. Executive member Rosalie Goodyear is in charge, and helping her are Margaret Feist and Ted Sturmer.

### Fatted Calf?

Peter Butcher, Chairman of the Renovations Sub-committee and a former executive member and vice-president, has returned to the executive to fill a vacancy brought about by the resignation of Gibb Pinfold. Gibb has departed for Dunedin to join an architectural firm.

### Staff-Student Debate

The annual light-wit debating contest between staff and Student teams will be held in the College Hall next Tuesday, 13th March, at 8 p.m.

For the staff Professor Piddington, Professor Keys and Mr. Pflaum will attempt to affirm the contention of Bacon that "the university inclines wits to sophistry and affectation." The memory of previous performances in this function by Professor Keys and Mr. Pflaum should ensure a large attendance, while added interest will be given by the first appearance in this event of Professor Piddington, incumbent of the newly-created Chair of Anthropology. In accord with previous experience, it is expected that Professor Davis, as chairman, will award the victory to the staff team in spite of an overwhelming audience vote in favour of the students.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Co-operation the Key-note

In a survey of the recently completed renovations to the student block, and problems in connection with Tournament and Carnival, the President of the Students' Association, Mr. Michael Brittain, commented on ways in which all students can co-operate with each other in assisting to make this year enjoyable to all.

### RENOVATIONS

"I think that it will be a matter of considerable satisfaction to all of us that the Students' block has at last been turned into something really habitable, and that the Cafeteria has been completely modernised and improved," said Mr. Brittain. "Although some may be appalled at the colour scheme adopted, I think all will agree that a successful attempt has been made to make our block brighter and more attractive.

"Now that we have with the sympathetic and generous help of the College Council completed the renovations, I appeal to all Students to keep the block as clean as possible, and to be house-proud of their new quarters. As you will have guessed, the cost of the renovations was very great, and it will need everyone's co-operation to fulfil our pledge to the College Council that the place will be kept in good order. Do not forget that it was your money in part that financed the scheme, so treat the property as if it were your own. Burning chairs, unauthorised murals and other such activities are definitely out.

### TOURNAMENT

"Auckland is playing host at Easter Tournament, and although Freshers are unable to compete, there are plenty of ways in which you can make yourselves useful. Finding billets, as usual, will be a problem, and you are urged, if possible, to put up one or two Southerners over Easter. The Billeting Controller, Alan Gordon, and the Senior Tournament Delegate, John Miller, can both be contacted at the Executive Room. Let's put on a good show over Easter.

### CARNIVAL

"The Carnival Controller, John Buckland, and the Capping Book Controller, Dave Stanley, both of O'Rorke Hall, will, I am sure, welcome all suggestions for this year's Carnival and Procession.

"These are some of the obligations that face us at the beginning of 1951," concluded Mr. Brittain. "If it is possible, as I am sure it is, to shoulder them successfully, we shall do a tremendous amount to regain that part of our prestige that we have lost in the eyes of the public."

## I.U.S., I.S.S. AND A.U.C. International Student Affairs

At the end of the 1939-45 war national student organisations of most countries formed a new world student body known as the International Union of Students.

This organisation soon fell under the charge of being communistically-dominated, and the complaint was repeatedly laid that it was concerning itself with international affairs outside of those normally considered by Student Associations as such, and that in expressing opinions on these matters it engendered unnecessary antagonisms among its members.

### Western Countries Disaffiliate

Over recent years the majority of National Student Associations of the western countries have severed their affiliation with this body until to-day it consists almost entirely of student representatives of the countries east of Germany. N.Z.U.S.A. disaffiliated in April, 1949.

A prominent dissident from the policy of disaffiliation was the National Union of British Students, who while expressing vigorous opposition to the I.U.S. executive's policy, remained in the organisation in the hope of being able to effectively express its opposition to the I.U.S. policy. Late last year, however, the N.U.S. executive recommended to the annual meeting of its Association that disaffiliation be proceeded with. This recommendation was lost by 79-74 votes and the immediate resignation of the national executive followed. To avoid the resultant impasse the annual meeting rescinded its decision not to disaffiliate in favour of a motion to hold a national referendum

on the question. The executive then resumed office. Results of this referendum are not yet to hand.

Various meetings of western Associations have been held over the past few years, but they have confined themselves to the discussion of specific student problems. If any attempt is being made to establish a western international organisation, it appears that it is hoped that some co-ordination and co-operation will slowly evolve on a wider basis among the participant Associations.

### World Student Relief

Also established following the war was an organisation to give help to students in war-ravaged countries. Named World Student Relief, the organisation comprised the International Student Service, the International Union of Students, the World Jewish Student Movement, the World Organisation of Student Christians and Pax Romana, the world Catholic Student Movement.

At Auckland a local Student Relief Committee has conducted Student Work Days and other special functions to raise money for W.S.R.

The agreement establishing W.S.R. expired in September of last year, however, and with its dissolution two rival W.S.R. organisations have appeared. I.U.S. withdrew to establish its own scheme, while the remaining four organisations have entered into a new agreement to form an International Student Relief service.

W.S.R. in Auckland was organised through the local I.S.S. committee and they will give their support this year to the I.S.R.S.

### Tennis

The tennis courts are available for use by financial members of the tennis club wearing regulation court dress. Freshers are admitted to the club for a reduced fee of 5/-, while it is hoped to arrange a Freshers' Tournament for Saturday, 10th March. Fees may be paid to the Treasurer, Andy Miller (O'Rorke Hall) or to any committee member. Club Captain is Bill Cliffe and the secretary is Dick Burns.

### Boxing

The Boxing Club has commenced training practices under the guidance of Mr. W. Banning, trainer for the 1950 British Empire Games boxing team. These practices are held each Wednesday and Friday night in the ping-pong room from 7-9 p.m. The club hopes to enter in the bantam, feather, light, welter, middle, light-heavy and heavy-weight contests at Tournament. Any students with a tendency to fisticuffs will be welcome at the training evenings. Club Captain is Frank Davis and Secretary is Evan Watts.



You Might Be Lucky

You never know who you will be billeting. The odds are pretty much against getting girls like those pictured above, but there's no harm in trying. Alan Gordon will welcome inquiries and is prepared to try and provide billetees to your specifications. Leave your name at the executive room right away. Those in first will probably be the lucky ones.



## CRACCIVARIA

### Orientation

Craccum's kudos go this week to Gordon for the fine job he did in organising Orientation activities. Adopted from Sydney 'Varsity some three years ago, Orientation week this year provided a real service to Freshers. Helping Flash with the activities were Russell Aitken, John Kim and Neil Smith.

### Lockers

Allocation of some of the lockers in the Men's and Art blocks will be made to-day, Thursday. A further allocation will be made when the renovations to the student block have been completed. Students interested should watch the notice-boards for details.

### Invitation

An apparently unrestricted invitation to all students has come from the Auckland Young Women's Christian Association. The Association extends an open invitation to all students to make use of their facilities for leisure-time activities and suggest students interested should contact the Assistant General Secretary.

### O'Rorke Hall

On Saturday last, in a keenly-fought cricket match for possession of a beer mug, students of the Trinity Hall Methodist Theological College defeated a team from O'Rorke Hall by 160 runs to 67. On the same night O'Rorke Hall held its opening dance. About 200 students, including an encouragingly large number of freshers, attended. Another O'Rorke function to be held shortly will be a harbour cruise and barbecue, scheduled for March 17th. Chairman of O'Rorke Hall Students' Committee is Noel Lynch. Clare Twohill is secretary, Selwyn Hetherington is treasurer, and S. Geddes, D. Walker, C. Revell and Judy Munro comprise the committee.

### Catholic Society

The annual Red Mass, annual Breakfast and the annual Meeting of the Auckland University College Catholic Society were held on Sunday, 25th February. The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. O'Leary, O.P., and the occasional sermon was delivered by His Lordship Bishop Liston. At the annual meeting Cedric Watt was elected President, Bruce Christmas Secretary, and Joan McCarroll, Melva McNamara, Krystyna Kolodynska, Kevin Feeney, Brian Lynch and Graham Smith were elected to the committee. At this meeting the club conveyed its best wishes to members who have entered religious life. Miss June Smith has entered the Sacred Heart Convent in Sydney; Dorothy Urlich the Convent of St. Mary at Ponsonby; Jill Raphael has joined the Senechal Nuns of France, and former classics lecturer Mr. R. Johnson has joined the Australian Jesuit order.

### Economic Lectures

The executive asked the Principal that consideration be given to holding Economic lectures after 5 p.m. to assist part-time students. However, the Principal replied that as business firms in the city have made no objection to their employees attending lectures during business hours, it was thought that no change is called for. The executive has again written to the Principal pointing out that students may feel disinclined to ask their employers for an hour off each day and that consequently many who would otherwise continue their economic studies beyond Stage II allow them to lapse. It has asked that further consideration be given to their representations.

### Warning

The Renovations Committee and the House Committees thought that students might treat the student block better were the Common Rooms renamed lounges. The executive was divided but a slender majority thought the historic academic association with common-rooms, and the common association of lounges with public houses, might outweigh possible advantages. It therefore decided not to adopt the suggestion. But whatever the name, strong and immediate disciplinary action will be taken against any student misusing the facilities or damaging property. The executive has power to fine students up to £5, to expel students from the Association, and to require payment of compensation for any damage to property. Students may also be reported to the Principal. The House Committees and the executive, like Mr. Holland, are "fed-up" with the type of conduct often seen in the common rooms last year and will not hesitate to take action if this conduct recurs.

### "Displaced Persons"

The National Executive of the University Catholic Society is sponsoring the reception of "displaced persons." Through the world organisation of Catholic students, Pax Romana, it has concluded an arrangement with the United Nations' Relief Organisation to accept a married Hungarian engineering student. When he arrives in Auckland the Catholic Society will find accommodation and employment. Both this student and the others which the Society hope to bring out have suffered maltreatment from both Nazi and Communist forces, and this tangible scheme has received much support from many sources. The Society has now opened an appeal for funds, and full details of the proposals may be obtained from members of the Dominion executive, which this year is centred in Auckland. John Reid, of the English department, is national president and committee members are Miss Natalie England and Messrs

## TRAMPING CLUB

*The trumper walks for miles and miles  
And gaily thinks that Nature smiles;  
I think that Nature's most polite  
Because she doesn't laugh outright.*

—Blennerhassett.

Despite disparaging comments from those who have never tried this sport, Tramping Club is in a flourishing condition. This vacation saw the biggest summer programme ever, for not only did "freezing workers" and "factory girls" head for Ongaruanuku, Tramping Club's hut in the Waitakeres, almost every week-end, but most of us went off and tramped in some other corner of New Zealand. The trips extended all over the South Island, in areas including Milford Sound, Wakatipu, Wanaka, Mt. Cook, Arthur's Pass and Nelson. They are now back, fit and suntanned, their pockets bulging with photos which they will produce at the slightest opportunity, and their brains bulging with tall tales ditto. Our own mainland was not neglected from East Cape to Egmont, and from National Park to Coromandel.



What's On  
at A.U.C.?

Thursday, 8th: Debating Club address to Freshers and impromptu speech contest.

Friday, 9th: Address to Freshers by Principal and President of Students' Association. Freshers' coffee evening.

Saturday, 10th: Freshers' Ball. Catholic Club week-end camp.

Sunday, 11th: Freshers' tramp. S.C.M. tea.

Tuesday, 13th: Staff-student debate.

Wednesday, 14th: A.G.M. of Photographic Society. College Sports.

Thursday, 15th: Law Society A.G.M. Drama Club opens with "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Friday, 16th: S.C.M. Freshers' Camp at Mairangi Bay. "Importance of Being Earnest."

Saturday, 17th: "Importance of Being Earnest."

### Craccum

Craccum in its present form will be issued each Thursday afternoon. Copy will close on Saturdays at 12 noon. Vacancies exist on the staff of Craccum for an executive and N.Z.U.S.A. reporter, sports editor, Tournament reporter, and general reporters. Students interested should see Mrs. Chisholm in the executive room.

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

Kevin Lynch, Brian Lynch, Cedric Watt, Ian Johnson, John Coleman and Kevin Free.



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## Can YOU Provide a Billet for Tournament?

-- See Alan Gordon

## Can YOU help with Revue?

-- See John Buckland

## Copy for Carnival Book Closes March 24th!

-- See Dave Stanley