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Immature

Objectionable

Too Many Prigs Here Say Big Noises In This City

FAR TOO MANY STUDENTS POSE AS INTELLECTUALS. THEY SHOULDN'T AS THEY JUST DON'T FOOL THE PUBLIC. THAT IS THE COMMENT THAT MANY MEN IN THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WORLD MADE RECENTLY. ONLY ONE CRITIC — A JOURNALIST HAD A KINDLY WORD.

We Want Your Co-operation For the Sports

Depending on co-operation from members and secretaries of Varsity Clubs the next issue of Craccum will be mainly concerned with the Easter Tournament. Please leave lists of teams, prospects, or anything else of general interest, in Craccum box in the door of Executive Room.

Remember that the deadline is next SUNDAY. If you don't hand copy in by then we can't publish it. Meaning we will meet your requirements if you meet ours.

Canine Relief

With an eye on the eventual move to Tamaki the executive has decided to offer to initiate a tree-planting campaign on the Tamaki site. It will also solicit donations of trees and shrubs.

Icy

At one of the opening nights of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas a young girl noticed a man in evening dress. Hungry and curious she questioned her friends before asking him where the ice-creams were being sold. The man—Professor Keyes, recently back from his trip to Europe.

Adverse criticism comes not only from those who know nothing of University life. The most scathing critics were men and women who had attended the college themselves.

OPINION

● Said a lawyer: "There's too much emphasis on exams and not enough on actual education. Result—a facade of learning—a pseudo culture."

● Said an accountant: "Their background of knowledge seems to be a conglomeration of trivial ideas. They should have greater purposes in life than merely passing exams and should have more respect for the professions so many of them hope to enter."

● Said a teacher: "The snob that goes to Varsity for the culture he thinks it gives him never fools anyone. Unfortunately there are too many snobs."

● Said a doctor: "Students may have 'brain knowledge,' but they are still chrysalises in the world of experience."

● Others say: "The dullest people I know . . . Auckland Varsity stinks . . . I don't know many students, but I have heard they are snobs . . . in a matter-of-fact world they're shockingly immature . . . too many students are prigs."

SOME SUPPORT

Now for the journalist: "Auckland students are more down to earth than their counterparts in Wellington. But they miss some of the advantages that students in Christchurch receive—there the University is the focal centre of the city."

Everyone is entitled to hold an opinion . . . though in some cases our critics may seem unjust. However, there are many students who aren't as innocent as they pretend to be in this matter. Unfortunately you can pick (or hear) some students a block away. They are the ones that observers base their criticisms upon.

Not all the fault lies with students. It's possible that there is something wrong with the system of learning at Auckland . . . no judgment can be made at present . . . an enquiry should reveal something.

SUGGESTIONS —BOTH SEXES

Don't spend all your time in the cafe smoking. Don't go to every dance with the hope of future matrimony. (Love is expensive.)

Join a club or start "swotting," but for God's sake don't talk about it.

Geography Chief, Town Planner Edwards, Here

"I'm not very funny," said Professor Edwards, "but I do like New Zealand." Then, sucking comfortably at his pipe and smiling: "One good thing—tobacco costs only a third as much here as it does in England."

Perhaps that's as good an introduction as any to the man—kindly and straightforward.

You wouldn't guess it, but Kenneth Edwards, M.A., Ph.D., holds the most recent chair in Britain's youngest university—he is professor of Geography at Nottingham University.

But he has ties with Auckland University College. Professor Cumberland, now on leave at the University of Wisconsin, and Mr. Fox, senior Geography lecturer, studied under him.

Professor Edwards has more up his sleeve than academic qualifications.

He's an internationally-known Town and Country Planner, and has done important work in the Midlands.

This is the first time he's ever been to New Zealand—"an experience which I find most refreshing," he says.

FOREIGN TASTE

Aged 46, he has travelled widely. Said he: "I have seen all the ins and outs of Europe—particularly the inns—from Portugal to Poland."

An authority on the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, he was decorated by the Grand Duchess for services during the war.

Professor Edwards admits: "I'm a little on the chubby side, even though I am a vegetarian."

He finds Auckland's climate "a little humid," but looks forward with pleasure to our warm winter.

Born in Southampton, and educated at its University College, he began at Nottingham University as lecturer and demonstrator in geology and geography.

Some points he makes about New Zealand:—

- Students have a slight advantage over those in England in age and maturity.

- New Zealand students have better physique.

- University corporate life is not as highly developed here as it is in England.

- There is a more friendly relationship between staff and students here.

- In England lectures are not compulsory. If a student thinks he can do better by himself he is allowed to do so.

Craccum Staff

This year the literary staff of Craccum is smaller than usual. Most of the reporters are part-time students and cannot do all the work necessary to make Craccum a success.

The editors are, therefore, asking for more staff.

We hope to build up a staff of about 15 reporters—some of whom must be full-time students. If we cannot do this we may be unable to continue publishing on a weekly basis.

We want reporters to "cover" all kinds of assignments—interviewing visitors from overseas, questioning professors, reporting sports meetings—not to mention the occasional sensation!

All you need to become a reporter are a fluent pen and a pleasant personality. If you have these, why not join Craccum?

Leave a message with Miss Chisholm in the executive room, or in Craccum's box. The editor will get it.

Remember that you'll have some privileges as a Craccum reporter. You'll know everybody at the College and everything that's going on here.

So put in your application as soon as possible. Remember Craccum cannot carry on its work efficiently unless there is enough staff.

"Solid" Day Was Quite Unnoticed

Auckland, it seems, missed seeing a very strong affirmation of the students' faith in the Soviet Union.

A circular has reached Craccum from Czechoslovakia calling for students to take part in "a day of solidarity against colonialism."

But unfortunately it arrived too late—the "day" was to have been February 21.

AN OPEN LETTER TO AL FRESHERS

I hope that by now you have lost that searching look, that you are becoming familiar with the habits of the College and with its layout; the whereabouts of its lecture rooms and laboratories. More important still, that you have become acquainted with your fellow students and with the staff.

Some of you may not regard feverish study as being necessary at this time. If that is so, you probably won't find any other intellectual activity to occupy your leisure.

It is a sorry thing to say, but this college is sadly lacking in anything of that nature.

True, we have our various clubs—but they embrace only a small part of the student body. The result is that we have, surrounding the college, an air of disinterestedness about anything unconnected with passing examinations.

In the past the student body cannot be said to have impressed the general public with its interest in civic and national affairs. Nor has it contributed greatly towards making the cultural life of the city more virile.

Only during Revue—one week in a year—does the student body make itself known to the world at large.

But even this has no real effect. Every spark of enthusiasm that Revue and Process might enkindle is extinguished by the mediocrity of the rest of the year.

Now here's the point, freshers. If you don't want to sink into that peculiar form of lethargy so prevalent around here, bestir yourselves.

For a start, join the clubs. Do anything at all.

But don't let the public keep the notion that the University College is just a stone building containing students.

Boxing Men Are Ready For Fights

A very competent team represents the College in this year's tilt at the titles of stoush. It is a small group, but individual records indicate that a very large portion of the bacon is going to remain in this fair city.

The team has been working well under the guidance of trainer Bill Banning. Recently settled in New Zealand, Mr Banning has had a most colourful career in the world of sport.

He is particularly well-known here as a trainer of the successful English Empire Games Team. While in England he also trained the Repton Amateur boxing team, one of the most successful in the country.

Apart from his work in the boxing field, however, this popular trainer has a very lively interest in Soccer.

In England he was trainer of the Leightonstone team which won the Amateur Cup twice in succession, and were runners-up the third time.

And while in this country he has also found time to train the Eden team which last year won the Chatham Cup.

Club Captain is Frank Davis. His record speaks for itself.

In 1949 he won the N.Z. 'Varsity Feather title.

In the same year he gave away a lot of weight, height and reach to beat Ron McEwan for the Auckland Provincial Lightweight title, and followed this up last year by collecting the 'Varsity Lightweight title and a N.Z. University Blue. The title appears in safe hands.

The featherweight representative is fiery "Chick" O'Sullivan, who will probably contest the Bantam division as well. In 1949 "Chick" won both the senior Paperweight and Flyweight titles. In the following year he ran off with another brace—the Auckland and South Auckland Flyweight titles. He possesses scientific boxing awards from both St. Peter's College and Sacred Heart College.

Welterweight contender is Russell Leary, a very fast man with a glove. This is his first year at tournament. He won the Auckland Grammar Open in 1949 plus the award for most scientific boxer. In the Auckland trials of that year he defeated Miller a New Zealand University Welterweight titleholder.

The Middleweight candidate is Ken Richardson, who has a fund of experience in tournament boxing. Won the Mount Albert Grammar Welterweight title in 1944. Since then he has been A.U.C. middleweight repre-

A.U.C. Should Smash "Southern Paddlers"

The present holders of the swimming shield—Auckland University—should be hard to beat at the Easter Tournament.

The College Championships will be held at the Training College pool on Saturday afternoon, March 17—the team being picked at the end of the meeting.

As usual, Auckland will be strongest in the women's section. Kristin Jacobi, New Zealand 100yds title-holder, and Helen MacKenzie, a former New Zealand champion and Empire Games Representative, should stand out in the 50yds and 100yds events.

Barbara Steen, the backstroke titleholder, is again available, but will be hard-pressed by Audrey Blackman.

Louise Brown, a former Auckland champion, will once more be a diving representative, while Lois McCrystal is a likely contender in the breaststroke section.

Note to freshers: The swimming club look forward to finding new talent amongst you.

Men's Team Weaker

With Bob Jolly in Australia, some strength has gone from the men's section. He is the present 220yds and 440yds title and record holder.

However, Trevor Eagle, Auckland champion and Empire Games Representative, appears to be unbeatable in the breaststroke and should gain honours for Auckland. Ewen McPherson is also capable of good performances.

Waikato champion, Brian Adams, and Merv. Mahi, Grahame Smith and Nobby Clarke seem likely to fight out the sprints.

In the long distance events John Bolt can be expected to do well.

The diving will probably be defended by R. Southwell.

A strong water polo team will be entered with Jim Ferguson and Bob Smith prominent.

BUSY BEES

There will be a working bee at 2.30 to clear away the Hill in Albert Park.

sentative three times, in 1948, 1949, and 1950.

Heavyweight aspirant is Jeff White, a big man with a big fist. Also a secondary school titleholder in the past, he has represented the A.U.C. in the last two tournaments. Jeff is a member of the College senior Rugby team and is an Auckland B. representative.

As we mentioned before, a good team.

A Blonde, £3, and a Ticket for the Ball

A blonde—a free double ticket to Tournament Ball—and £3 to spend with her.

Hard to come by? Not really. For that's what Billeting Controller Alan Gordon is offering you.

All you have to do is to get more billets for visiting students than anyone else at the College.

If you can do that the executives will give you the ticket and £3 (plus an attractive billet)—and the rest is up to you.

There are plenty of billets to find. Over 300 students are coming to Auckland from the southern Colleges to the Easter Tournament.

So far only 100 have been found billets.

The competition closes 5 p.m., March 20. To enter, get a billeting slip from one of the Billeting Committee. They'll probably find you first, anyway.

Start looking for billets now. See what you can do yourself, ask your friends—and don't forget: 200 billets have to be found by Easter.

THE FILMS

The Great Jewel Robber

A thriller with thrills aplenty. Very competently handled. A film for all discerning filmgoers.

Spy Hunt

A film—that's all.

Odette

Calculated to stir all true patriots. Chief faults are: bad acting, bad script and blatant over-emphasis.

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