



PRE-ELECTION STIR

Exec. Takes Action

At its meeting held on 16th July, the Executive dealt with matters concerning the election for the post of Man Vice-President raised in letters from the Returning Officer, Mr K. W. Loach, from Messrs W. A. Laxon, G. E. Vial and B. M. Atkins, the nominators of Mr Coulam, and from the current Man Vice-President, Mr D. W. Lang. As a result of this discussion the following motions were passed:

That the Executive do strongly censure the Editors of Craccum for the Editorial in the issue of 11th July which, in the opinion of the Executive was a gross abuse of their position in that it tended to prejudice the election.

That the preceding motion be published in the next issue of Craccum on the front page.

That it become an instruction to the Editors of Craccum at any time appointed, that no comment on the candidates for Executive office other than the official 'write-up' be published.

That Mr Lang be censured for his action in being responsible for a broadsheet headed the "Auckland University College Students' Association Incorporated" which might be considered by those reading it as being the opinion of the Students' Association.

That the Emergency Committee's action [in not postponing the election] be ratified.

After a brief discussion of the allegations of the nominators of Mr Coulam expressed in a letter to the Returning Officer, the following motion was passed:

That we move to the next business.

After a discussion of a letter of resignation from the Man Vice-President, Mr Lang, the following motion was passed:

That Mr Lang's resignation be declined.

In order to give the students a full account of the issues involved in all these matters, we present below a resume by Craccum's regular Executive reporter, and on page 2, an editorial comment.

EXEC. MEETING REPORTED BY "GALATEA"

Several Protests Over Election Proceedings

On July 16th the Students' Association Executive discussed for over three hours events preceding this year's election of Man Vice-President. The "gross abuse by the Editors of Craccum of their position" in publishing the editorial of July 11th; the wrongful use of the Association's name by Don Lang on a broadsheet in reply to that editorial; the ratification of the Returning Officer's action in not postponing the elections after receipt of a complaint by the nominators of Alan Coulam at the "unethical conduct of . . . the Executive in endeavouring to keep the offices of that body amongst themselves"; and the resignation tendered by the present Man's Vice-President, Don Lang, were all considered.

Following the last Craccum editorial, Peter Boag explained, the Returning Officer wrote to Exec. expressing concern over its not giving an opportunity for "any other view to be presented." Don Lang, nominator of Barry Purdy, distributed a cyclostyled sheet headed "Auckland University College Students' Association Incorporated" around the college, seemingly issued with Exec's authority. This resulted in the nominators of Alan Coulam writing to Ken Loach, Returning Officer, asking that the election be postponed. The Emergency Committee left this decision to the Returning Officer who decided the official dates should stand.

Considering the Craccum editorial first, Bob Roach said he was unhappy because

Exec. had passed his recommendations last year for complete independence of editorial opinion, which now seemed to be invalidated. Ken Loach thought more care could have been taken over election comment to ensure it was expressed impartially.

Liberal outlook — but,

Lyndsay Nash, commenting that even Craccum's election 'blurbs' were unconstitutional, said Exec. must stick to the letter of the law if they expected others to. He felt that the criticism of the undesirability of heavily endorsed nominations by Exec. members was justified. While favouring a newspaper with a liberal outlook, he felt the editorial had been directed towards per-

sonalities and therefore incorrect. Jim Holdom agreed, while Don Lang noted the Student Journalistic Code stated that right of reply must be given to individuals or organisations criticised, whereas the opposite was true.

Editorial — gross abuse?

Bob Roach, noting the trend of the discussion said the editors were answerable to Exec. only in the case of gross abuse and he felt the Executive must now consider if this had taken place. Peter Boag asked members to discuss the matter impartially. Ken Loach asked if election comment could not be shown to the Returning Officer so that interested parties could reply. Lyndsay Nash and Jim Holdom considered editorials should not be governed for it implied restriction of the right to criticise. Summing up before the editors were heard, Bob Roach considered they had abused their position. Jim Holdom accordingly moved that in the opinion of the Executive, the editors had grossly abused their position by the printing of material which might tend to unduly influence the elections. This was unanimously passed, Barry Purdy and Don Lang abstaining.

Peter Boag, conveying the Exec's

opinion to the editors of Craccum, David Stone and Warwick Armstrong, said they were "grave charges", but that members were unhappy over the way student finances were being used. David Stone felt there was little point in answering since Exec. had made its decision before the Editors had been allowed to be heard, but Peter Boag reiterated it was only because members had decided there was "gross abuse" that they were required to speak at all.

Comment upon principle

Warwick Armstrong stated the Editors had not attempted to influence students who read the editorial, for they were merely commenting upon a principle. The effects were purely the result of the students' personal convictions, but Bob Roach considered if editorials were published without regard to their possible results this constituted an irresponsible action. Replying, David Stone stated only one in three students read Craccum and he could not ascertain the extent to which they were influenced by opinions expressed in letters, articles, or editorials. It was the Editors' right to comment upon any

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VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Coulam - by a Nose

As a result of the election for the position of Man Vice-President of the Auckland University College Students' Association held on Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th July, the Returning Officer, Mr K. W. Loach, has announced that Mr Allan Coulam has been elected to take office as from the close of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 31st July.

Details of votes cast at each polling booth are as follows:

| Booth | Coulam | Purdy |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| College Cloisters | 124 | 131 |
| College Foyer | 111 | 87 |
| School of Architecture | 21 | 44 |
| School of Engineering | 25 | 15 |
| Elam School of Fine Arts | 14 | 13 |
| TOTALS | 295 | 290 |

(Majority for Coulam — 5)

The total number of votes cast was 591, of which 6 were informal. This shows a considerable decrease in voting in comparison with elections for officers last year; nearly 300 less students went to the polls.

As recorded in the last issue of



Allan Coulam

Craccum, Mr Peter Boag and Miss Janet Watkins have been elected unopposed to the posts of President and Woman Vice-president and as there were no nominations for the position of Treasurer, this post has been declared vacant.



CRACCUM

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Elections and All That

Despite allegations of the "gross abuse of their position" made by the Executive, with reference to the editorial of last issue, the Editors have had no qualms as to the propriety of their actions. The one fault to which they would admit was their failure to consult Mr Purdy concerning his availability for office; but in mitigation of this was the opinion that a person who is unable to assume the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer would also be unable to assume those of a Vice-President.

One of the basic principles upon which the new system of portfolios rests, is that of "equality of labour", and yet with the initiation of the system, it is most unfortunate that there has been the inference that the Vice-Presidency is a sinecure. To the contrary, if carried out conscientiously, the duties of the Man Vice-President are considerable. Further doubts regarding the recent constitutional changes surrounded the possibility of one of two good candidates being lost, and the circumstances of the election only served to substantiate these doubts.

The importance of Mr Purdy's work for the Association in the financial sphere is well known, and it is felt that the nature of the election results, shows that while students recognised the qualities of a new-comer in Mr Coulam, the voting either way may also be construed as favouring Mr Purdy in one capacity or the other. In any case the very smallness of the majority indicates that the voters were indeed facing a difficult problem, and having elected a Man Vice-President, were also very concerned about the Treasurership.

All students would doubtless be happier if Mr Purdy would reconsider his decision not to be co-opted, and the incoming executive would be rendering a good service if it persuaded him to re-assume his former position. It is realised that Mr Purdy has many outside commitments, which must for him come first, but it is also held that the enormous amount of work he tackled last year has made the task of the next Treasurer far less onerous than it has been, particularly from an administrative point of view: the alarming number of cash accounts has been reduced and simplified, all financial papers and records are now housed in the readily accessible Association office, and finally a new post on the Executive has been established specifically to administer the finances of the cafeteria and publications.

Will programme be completed?

Further, as the Association year is to end early in June, the coming term of executive office will occupy two terms instead of three, and, at the Treasurer's own suggestion, the end of the financial year of the Association when balance sheet and financial report have to be drawn up, now coincides with a less busy time of the year for the business world. It is hoped that these considerations will allow Mr Purdy to complete the programme he initiated to remove student finances from their previous state of chaos. It is difficult to understand that in making this point, the editorial in the last issue was construed as a "gross abuse of the Editors' position."

Equally difficult to understand is the allegation that the editorial

attempted to give favourable bias to the political fortunes of one candidate. It has been shown above that the position of Treasurer was given at least equal emphasis in the "offending" editorial, which was published with only the best interests of the Association in mind. But it would belittle the intelligence of our readers to maintain dogmatically that any such article could sway student opinion wholesale. It is held that the editorial was, as it was intended to be, a basis upon which students could give the matter some thought and then form their own opinion. It was believed just as probable that some students would disagree, and having had a basis on which to work, their decision was then likely to be far more enlightened than would otherwise have been the case.

The actual voting figures show just how divided opinion was, and thus supports the contention that the editorial acted as a stimulus to thought on a question, namely the election of officers, which is surely one of the most important single decisions students as a whole have to make each year. Again, in the light of this, could the editorial be regarded as a "gross abuse"?

Personal rancour clouds issue

These points were devoid of all personal considerations and the editorial was most emphatic that personalities should not enter the question. Hence it is deplorable that personal rancour has been permitted to cloud the whole issue for precisely those people who decided that a judgment upon it was called for. Even before the meeting when the matter was discussed, some members of the Executive in the presence of others, acted in a personally sarcastic or vindictive manner towards the Editors. The existence of this feeling, and even worse, its continuation after the election results were known, hardly speaks for the personal impartiality of some members of the Executive towards the candidates. It also does much to explain why only one member of the Executive, Mr Nash, was prepared to state at the meeting that he thought the Editors had acted in a manner which they believed to be in accordance with the best interests of the Association. Only a fortnight before, the Executive was prepared to believe that the Editors had so acted when they went to not inconsiderable time and trouble in preparing a special issue in support of the Executive's case for constitutional amendments. But when a little later, an editorial is published containing ideas with which members disagree, but also stating to be motivated by the same principle, the best interests of student affairs, only one member is prepared to believe this.

It is very fine for the President to state that the Executive would have acted in a similar manner whatever way the editorial was biased (sic!), but this is begging the question that it was an article with a personality bias. In taking this attitude, thus ignoring the words of the Editorial and of the Editors at the meeting, the Executive showed quite clearly that many of its members were not prepared to accept an affirmation when it conflicts with their personal interests.

This element of personal pettiness

certainly does not befit their position as Executive members; indeed, it has been an important contributing factor to the inflation of the question out of all proportion.

Of the other matters brought up at the meeting, it is agreed that Mr Lang's offer of resignation was a correct procedure and he is to be commended for it. It shows that he realised that although his 'misdemeanour' was doubtlessly a technical error, the criticism that was levelled against his broadsheet must be held as valid, as every week of the year, cyclostyled circulars, similar in form, are issued by the Association office and under exactly the same typed heading. Thus it was only natural for the assumption to have been made that the circular had the backing of the Executive.

"Weighted nominations"

But it would certainly be wrong in the light of subsequent circumstances, for this assumption to be perpetuated. Despite the circular's influence, a technical error it undoubtedly was; any criticism of the conduct of elections from the point of view of a bias towards particular candidates by the Executive, is more valid on the grounds raised by the same plaintiffs—that of 'weighted nominations.'

This is a significant point, and it is a poor state of affairs that the Executive decided that it was not worth their deliberation. Even worse was their puerile excuse for passing to the next business on the grounds that the letter of complaint was addressed to the Returning Officer and not to themselves. The Returning Officer is, after all, the appointee of the Executive, and the letter had been tabled for their attention.

The complaint that members of the Executive "band together to ensure their own re-election" raises a difficult problem for any body in which continuity of experience is a factor of some importance, and one can well appreciate the instability of student administration that would result from a complete change-over of personnel from year to year, and in this light, it would be unfair to allege self-seeking motives in the nominating activities of Executive members.

On the other hand, however, the point made that student apathy with regard to executive office is encouraged by this weighting of nominations, is a problem to which the Executive could well give some careful thought. It is an established fact that in the past, unless a student knew an Executive member who was prepared to nominate him for office, he had little success in opposing a candidate who had had this good fortune. Indeed, this is part of a larger problem by which any student who wishes to participate in student affairs finds this nearly impossible unless he "knows somebody": when this also applies to executive office, the seriousness of the situation become strikingly apparent.

It is true surely that a person should be elected to office under his own steam, according to his own personality, capacity and qualifications—not because "his nominator is a good bloke, therefore he must be" or any similar line of thought.

Should nominations be published?

It is interesting in regard to this that at O'Rourke Hall, the Hostel's Executive Elections are conducted without the names of the nominators being published. It is understood that this is due to the relatively small numbers of residents and that elections should not depend on whose friend the candidate is. Admittedly the number of votes at Students' Association elections is considerably greater, but again the principle that a candidate should be elected because of his ability, and not his friends, still applies.

It is now established practice for the nominators to write a short appraisal of their candidate to be published in *Craccum*, for a photograph of each candidate to be posted on noticeboard in the Cloisters and, more recently, for a meeting to be held for candidates to show themselves to the students and to give a brief account of their aims if elected. These practices have helped to alleviate the problem whereby students often have no knowledge of many of the candidates in the field, and it would thus be interesting to discover what difference there would be if the names of nominators were not published. But whatever the result, the removal of the 'nominating element' would certainly answer the kind of criticism recently levelled at the Executive, and would bring about the election of candidates according to their own merits and not to those of others.

A final point to which students may well give serious consideration is the Executive motion: "That it be an instruction to the Editors of *Craccum* at any time appointed, that no comment on the candidates for Executive office other than the official write-ups be published." This was the result of an amendment to Mr Roach's motion which had the additional clause "unless those affected be shown the copy and be given an opportunity to reply in the same issue." It is very unfortunate that this clause was deleted and Mr Roach is to be commended for opposing the amendment.

The original motion, before the deletion, was probably the best step to take if the Executive thought that the right of reply was one of the more important factors involved in the issue. *Craccum* would have no objection to such a stipulation, but to decree outright that no comment shall be made at all, is dangerous in the extreme. Students may not think much of the principle of the freedom of the press when it is enunciated in a platitudinous manner, but it is a vital issue when it has reference to democratic elections: indeed, it is the only formidable safeguard ensuring that elections will be democratically conducted.

Dangerous censorship

The Executive accepted the principle that the students' paper has the right to comment on student affairs, but dogmatically rejected the argument that, because elections form one of the most vital aspects of student affairs, they should not be labelled taboo and thus be separated from other aspects which may call for comment.

Continuing in their previous vein, the Executive, decreed that NO election comment shall be published: just how much thought was given by members to this motion? Do members realise that should there at any future time, be corrupt conduct of elections, a violation of the constitution, or a pressure-group at work to bring about a certain result; that in any such circumstances, by their decree, *Craccum* is bound to silence?

Surely this is censorship in its worst possible form—gagging if you like—by which the only student publication is prevented from pointing out any irregularities in election procedure. The original motion moved by Mr Roach was an adequate safeguard against any possibility of the unscrupulous use of the students' paper at election time; the eventual loss of that motion took is a crass violation of a traditional democratic principle, and if any future editor is worth his salt, he will not hesitate to ignore this direction if he considers that it is in the interest of the students that certain information be published.

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EDUCATION RESEARCH

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In a subject such as Education, which has deep roots in the classical past as well as close contact with the expanding social sciences, there are many possibilities for research and investigation. In many ways the education given in our schools is a practical expression of a social philosophy; a philosophy which embodies not only certain traditional and permanent values but others that are more transient, more immediate and consequently in need of constant appraisal. This constant appraisal and critical enquiry is reflected in the studies done by senior students and staff.

Some of the studies are philosophical in nature, others are historical, comparative, psychological and sociological, while many dip in two or more of these areas. However, in all cases the aim is to roll back the frontiers of ignorance, to contribute something to our understanding of children, to the world into which they are born and educated, and in which they must earn their livings as responsible adults.

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Malcolm Lovegrove: The relation between educational thought and teacher training in New Zealand. In this study it is hoped to identify the educational values which are implicit or explicit in New Zealand schools, and show how they are preserved and nurtured by the system of teacher training.

This then is a brief record of the topics being investigated by graduate students in the Education Department. Some of the work is descriptive, some speculative, some experimental; all these modes of research are necessary in a subject that has so much to do with humans and the way they think, act and feel.

Note: Members of staff are also engaged in research. — I.Q.

EXEC. NOTES

BY "GALATEA"

Parliamentary Rush

Exec., like Parliament, had its end of term rush, with three meetings on consecutive Mondays. Apart from the pre-election furore on July 16th, members had much to discuss and important matters were raised by every portfolio holder.

July 9th saw Alan Julian appointed Capping Book Editor for 1956-7, other applicants being Ian Pool and Jim Holdom. From discussion in committee, Exec. decided the President and the Treasurer should approach Mrs Ritchie expressing their grave concern over the running of the Caf., this moved by Bob Roach and seconded by Helen King.

Peter Boag reported that the Bandoeng Conference to which Peter Gordon had been appointed N.Z.U.S.A. observer had already been held. There were 29 countries represented but at least three delegations were from the Moscow University. A typical motion passed was their setting aside of April 18th as Anti-Colonial Day.

On July 16th Craccum applied for a further grant. Bob Roach said despite raising about £270 themselves, a further £100 was needed. Barry Purdy suggested £50, but David Stone said Craccum expenditure had now stabilised after much fluctuation and suggested Exec. should set a precedent; two thirds of the total, with the staff raising one third. Jim Holdom's amendment to this effect was defeated, Barry Purdy's suggestion being

adopted. But Exec. supported the N.Z.U. Student Press Council's application for Tournament status as the Council was now affiliated to N.Z.U.S.A., and it would thus be an anomaly for their meetings at Tournament to be still unofficial.

This Monday Barry Purdy reported finances were in a considerably better, although still unsatisfactory, position, with 13/4 in credit whereas last year there had been a deficit of £758. Most important was Peter Boag's reading of the revised constitution, both rules and schedules. As ratified by Exec., the rules define the Association; its members; Exec., special, and general meetings; affiliated clubs and their rules; and official colours, badges, and blazers. Schedules group particular aspects which were previously scattered throughout the Constitution, they now being Standing Orders, Elections, Blues, Procedure of Grants, Capping, Tournaments, Social, and House Committees.

At Peter Gordon's suggestion the N.Z.U.S.A. was asked to make urgent representations to the Education Department so that Fijian students can work during the vacation.

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BUSINESS MANAGER

ARTHUR YOUNG

Nominated by: D. Lang, J. Graham and Janet Watkins.

The post of Business Manager is new to the Association and it seems advisable to outline the duties involved. The portfolio is successor to that of elected Secretary and must thus have the general outlook to find matters requiring Executive attention and which come under no other portfolio. To ease the burden of Treasurer a general supervision of the accounts and business affairs of the Cafeteria and Publications is also needed. The ability required is sound commonsense rather than technical accountancy.

Arthur has a record well suited to these. Following on a particularly distinguished school career, law and outside activities have mingled well. He should qualify as a solicitor in this his fourth year and complete an LL.B. next. He is already serving as a law clerk in a solicitor's office.

He has been three terms in succession Chairman of the O'Rorke Hall Residents' Assoc. and a pillar of the Hostel football team (two years captain). In the University he has had a keen interest in Debating Society and Capping Band as a performer and Secretary in both cases.

RALPH COULAM

Nominated by: M. Smith, A. Coulam and A. Moorhead.

Ralph Coulam first enrolled at A.U.C. in 1950 and continued as a part-time student in the Science Faculty until 1954 when he was appointed to a regular commission in the New Zealand Army. During this time, he participated in the activities of the Rugby Football, Basketball, Badminton, Swimming and Drama Clubs. Whilst in the Army, he held appointments as Instructor at the Army Schools, Waiouru, and as Adjutant and later Quartermaster of the Signals Depot, Papakura. He has now returned to A.U.C. to undertake the accountancy and urban valuation courses and has renewed his associations with the Basketball and Drama Clubs and also has joined the Men's Hockey Club. Outside of 'Varsity, he holds a territorial commission in Signals, edits his Regiment's newsletter and the magazine of the King's College Old Boys' Association. —Murray Smith.

This is the all-round ability required for the position and the Executive. Hence I am very happy to nominate Arthur. —Don Lang.

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The annual election for the Students' Executive is to take place on Monday and Tuesday next, 30th and 31st July. All students except those attending Elam or Ardmore are eligible to vote. One candidate is to be elected for each position, except that two are required for both Societies' and Sports Clubs' Representatives. Results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening.

TWO SOCIETIES' RE

ROBERT ROACH

Nominated by: Clare Lillie, P. Gordon and B. Purdy.

Having finished his B.Sc., Bob Roach is doing Chemistry III for "fun" this year and next year will continue dabbling. He is President of the Auckland Badminton Association and Vice-President of the N.Z. Veterinary Association and runs the local zoo in his spare time.

As Societies Representative on this year's Exec., Bob has been eager to discuss any aspect of their affairs with societies. In these discussions and on Societies Grants Committee he has applied his ability to examine the relationship between a particular society's activities and the welfare of the university as a whole.

On executive, Bob has been pleasant to work with and has represented the needs of Clubs against those of Sports Clubs when necessary. Coming untainted from association sub-committees he has brought a new viewpoint to much Exec. policy and has been outstanding in his participation in Exec. debates.

—Clare Lillie.

MURRAY CHAPMAN

Nominated by: J. Holdom, A. Holman and L. Nash.

Although a third-year student majoring in Geography and English, Murray is this year demonstrating in tangible form his interest in student affairs in general and Societies activities in particular. He joined the staff of *Craccum* at the start

of the year, and has progressed rapidly through the ranks to the position of Assistant Editor. This is a position which calls for organisational as well as creative ability, and Murray has handled the task more than adequately.

Revue this year also saw Murray extending his service; he was on Front of House Committee, and carried out his duties with quiet confidence.

Murray has also, as a part of his duties on *Craccum* reported Executive meetings for some time, and he already has a considerable knowledge of the functions of the Executive generally, and of the Societies Representatives in particular.

As he will next year (he hopes) have only two stage one subjects to complete his B.A., Murray will have the time, in addition to the interest, enthusiasm, and ability, to carry out the duties of a Societies Representative.

We, his nominators, feel Murray would be an eminently suitable representative of the students.

—J. Holdom.

IAN POOLE

Nominated by: Janet Watkins, P. Gordon and M. Freyne.

Ian Poole is a third-year full-time student, majoring in Geography. Next year he will continue his studies still as a full-time student, thus remaining in direct touch with the 'Varsity life, available when needed.

Ian has had considerable experience in a variety of Committees, Clubs and Societies. He was on Men's House Com-

SOCIAL CONTROLLER

MICHAEL FREYNE

Nominated by: P. Goddard, R. Julian and A. Holman.

I am nominating Michael Freyne to the position of Social Controller because he has worked on Social Committee with me during the past year and I found him to be a most reliable worker and completely capable. Experience in these matters is most important and Michael has had this in the three Association Balls this last year and also in the organisation of Catholic Society's Annual Balls, which for the last two years have shown a profit!

Michael enrolled at A.U.C. in 1952, and has been involved in many Clubs and Societies, notably Catholic Society (Committee 1954, President 1955), Classical Society (Student-Chairman 1955), International Relations Club (Committee 1956), World University Service (Committee 1954-56), Modern Languages and Lit. Club. During the Capping Celebrations each year Michael has shown a great deal of interest, being in Revue Orchestra, and this year Vice-Chairman of Capping Book Distribution Committee, which added a large sum to Student Association revenues.

He is sitting his M.A. this year, and next year will be attending Training College. He will thus have ample time to attend to Stud. Ass. Affairs, and I feel sure he will perform them most capably.

—P. R. Goddard.

GRACE LI

Nominated by: Elizabeth Porritt, Lesley Quinn and G. Fielding.

The portfolio of Social Controller requires a person with an ability to organise and with a practical knowledge of the work that this portfolio covers. Grace has to her credit the experience gained in running two successive O'Rorke Balls and other social functions connected with her portfolio of Social Controller on the O'Rorke Hall Residents' Assoc. Her organisational ability is shown in both the success of these functions and in her management of the duties of Secretary of the 1956 W.H.C.

Grace is a fourth year science student completing her degree in Zoology this year and probably going to Training College next year.

As a keen sportswoman, Grace has participated in three Tournaments with the Outdoor Basketball Club, of which she has been Club Captain, and gained a N.Z.U. Blue in this sport. She is in the Indoor Basketball team for the coming Tournament.

Grace has thus, through her many contacts with University people and her proven ability in organising social functions, the qualifications both for this specific portfolio and for the wider responsibilities of an Exec. member.

—Elizabeth Porritt.

FROM HERE

The following candidates have been elected unopposed: Elizabeth Porritt (nominated by Janet Watkins, M. Francis and Eleanor Hanwell)—Chairman of Women's House Committee; Dennis Howell (nominated by D. Lang, B. Purdy and P. Gordon)—Capping Controller; Peter Gordon (nominated by D. Lang, Clare Lillie and Tapiata)—Student Liaison Officer.

ES' REPRESENTATIVES

... 1955; Social Committee, 1955-56 (publicity officer) and Capping Committee, 1956 (Capping Book Distribution Manager). He has shown active interest in Geography Society, I.R.C. and Drama Club and has taken part in Revue, 1954-55 on stage and in stage crew. Last year he was Assistant Election Controller. This experience in many aspects of student life has given Ian a wealth of knowledge and contacts which are so necessary to an Exec. member. I recommend him as suited to both the portfolio concerned, and to the wider sphere of these activities. —Janet M. Watkins.

JOHN HARRE

Nominated by: D. McRae, C. Baxter and T. Courtney.
A striking personality and a good leader, John Harre with his wide interests and experiences is well suited to the task of Societies Representative.
1950: University full time. Passed three subjects including Pure Maths II. 1951-54: Working tour of Australia and Europe culminating in a drive through Africa from Algiers to Capetown. 1954: Present House Master at Dilworth School. 1955: Present Training College. University part time. 1956: President of the Training College Students' Association. Controller of Training College Summer Tournament and Chairman of combined Exec. meetings. 1955-56: Leading parts in Drama Society productions. 1956: Drama Society Secretary. 1957: Full time 'Varsity.
He has impressed at Training College with his virile leadership, ability to integrate student groups and opinions and

his lucid power of speech both on and off the platform. His knowledge of Training College affairs and his association with the Section II scheme since its inception would ensure that the interests of this body were well represented on Exec.

We are pleased that John has accepted our nomination because here we have an Old O'Rorkian, Revue artist, Rugby player and Junior Harrier Champion returning to 'Varsity in his more mature years.
—Don McRae.

PETER WEDDE

Nominated by: Clare Lillie, P. Reid and Lesley Quinn.

Peter is a third year divinity student, finishing his B.A. this year and next year doing English Honours.

I am nominating Peter as Societies Representative because of his enthusiasm for students to follow their particular interests in Clubs and Societies. He has served on the Executive of S.C.M. and the Committee of Music Club and has the contacts and knowledge of the workings of large student societies needed in this portfolio.

Peter ran Bookstall this year—which is saying something! Running for four weeks and with a turnover of over £1,000, it revealed his care for detail and ability to accept continuous responsibility.

Peter possesses the unflustered temperament and forceful tongue so helpful around the committee table, but above all has the analytical mind, the power to make quick decisions and the integrity to follow them up which would make him an outstanding Exec. member.
—Clare Lillie.

CHAIRMAN OF M.H.C.

LYNDSAY NASH

Nominated by: H. Fairburn, Lesley Quinn and D. Lang.

The present Chairman of Men's House Committee, Mr Nash has been asked to offer himself for re-election. His nominations feel that M.H.C. has been a very capable and extremely fine body this year, with fresh ideas and a progressive policy; and this of course reflects largely on the Chairman. It is felt that this policy and the contact M.H.C. has made with all sorts of student bodies has been very good and that it would be to the benefit of students in general for the present Chairman to be re-elected.

Lyndsay is a fourth year student as yet unscathed by his activities at Training College (Grad Section). Returning next year part-time, he will continue his interest in House Committee and Exec. where incidentally he has shown considerable "staying" power, along with his ability and good sense.

As should be the case for a candidate for Exec. his interests are extremely wide—youth work (Young Anglican Movement) Music, Lit. Soc., Drama Soc. (Tournament play '55). Formerly a keen man in athletics, rugby and trampolining, Lyndsay now represents the College in Tennis (Treasurer '54) and Soccer (Club Captain '55, '56). He also attended Congress '56 where he was noticeably successful in furthering cer-

DONALD WATSON

Nominated by: I. Poole, D. Oldham and T. Courtney.

Don is the man best suited for the responsible position to which I have nominated him. Men's House Committee membership since 1954 has given Don a deep insight into the efficient functioning of this important sub-committee.

He has also been associated with a broad field of student activities including Capping (Procesh Committee, '53; Capping Committee, '54, '55, '56; Revue, '53, '54, '55, culminating with his direction of this year's successful "Skitsophrenia"), Congress, Tournament Committee, Ski Club, Hockey Club, Field Club and Drama Soc. All this experience, combined with the extra-mural position of Managing-Director of his own firm, makes him well capable of giving valuable advice on all executive business as well as fitting him out as an expert portfolio holder.

Don is at present completing his B.Sc. and can make himself available at all times. I am privileged to nominate such a competent candidate. —D. I. Pool.

tain N.Z.—Australian relationships. As a capable organiser, an enthusiastic student and a man of wide experience, we feel we can recommend him to you, as a person well worth his place on Exec.
—A. P. Holman.

TWO SPORTS CLUBS' REPRESENTATIVES

JAMES HOLDOM

Nominated by: B. Purdy, Elizabeth Porritt and Clare Lillie.

I have pleasure in nominating Jim Holdom for the office of Sports Representative. By the energetic and successful way in which he handled his job as Sports Secretary on this year's Executive he has shown that he is admirably fitted to fill this office.

In the field of sport he has taken part in Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Table Tennis and Athletics, particularly Cross Country running. He is on the Committee of the Badminton Club at A.U.C. and Captain of the "C" Grade.

Jim has done excellent service as Sport Secretary and was largely responsible for the formation of the Sports Council. He was Junior Delegate at Easter Tournament and has done valuable work in preparation for this year's Winter Tournament.

Jim has also served on Craccum staff for three years so that his interests are wide. His work as Sports Editor has been excellent.

He has been on Executive for a year and during his time of office has made valuable contributions to the discussion and has proved a good committee man.
—Barry Purdy.

MARGARET WEATHERLY

Nominated by: J. Holdom, Frances Colton and B. Purdy.

We are nominating Margaret for the position of Sports Officer, because we are confident that she has the interest and ability necessary to handle this portfolio.

Margaret is a second year student B.A., taking English II, French II and History I. She is full-time this year and again next year.

Margaret has a wide range of interests and she is an active member of several university clubs. These include the Tennis Club, the newly formed Women's Branch of the Rowing Club, the Geographical Society, Literary Society E.U. and S.C.M. As well as taking an energetic part in the activities of these Clubs, she is Sec.-Treasurer of the Women's Indoor Basketball Club.

Margaret has already represented A.U.C. at two tournaments (winter, 1955; Easter, 1956) and will again be playing Indoor Basketball at Winter Tournament this year.

With the interest she displays in uni-

versity affairs generally and with her field of sport, we feel that Margaret has particular interests and experience in the background necessary for a candidate for Exec.

She has ability and initiative and would prove a valuable member of the Exec. as well as a capable Sports Officer.

Winter Tournament will be held in Auckland next year and as Margaret will be full-time next year, she will be able to give up the great deal of time necessary in organising a home tournament.

For all these reasons then we recommend Margaret to you as an extremely suitable candidate for Exec.

—Jim Holdom.

ANN LUND

Nominated by: M. Francis, Lesley Quinn and G. Fielding.

Ann, a full-time student, is now in her fourth year of an Arts degree majoring this year in Latin and she will be attending Training College next year. This will give her ample time to devote to sports and Executive duties.

She has shown herself to have the general interests necessary to participate in these duties by taking part in cultural and sporting activities in the University. Her studies have led her to take an active part in the Classical Society and her inclination has led her into sporting life, both in the administering and playing spheres.

Ann has represented A.U.C. in swimming for the past three years and has been runner-up in the N.Z.U. Women's Medley and Breaststroke Championships. During the winter she has played hockey for four seasons and was a reserve for the N.Z.U. team last year against the Australian girls.

In administration, she has been Lady Club Captain of the Swimming Club for the past two seasons, and a delegate to the N.Z.U. Swimming Council. In 1955 she was swimming controller for a memorable Easter Tournament. In addition she has gained valuable knowledge of all sports through her position as a sports reporter for Craccum in 1955.

From my association with Ann and from my knowledge of her capabilities in organising I know her to be extremely efficient in anything she undertakes and has a keen grasp of the detailed work that inevitably occurs. It is for these reasons that we would urge all students to vote for Ann. —Murray Francis.

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DIANA STEPHENSON

Pianist to Study Abroad

If music followers have heard the Schubert A minor piano Sonata, within the last month, the chances are that they heard it played by the young Auckland pianist Diana Stephenson. On 8th June she offered it as part of the Music Department's concert and again this month as the feature of a studio recital broadcast from 1YC. The main effect in its preparation was however directed toward its presentation as the first of a series of winter concerts organised by the College Music Department.

This recital, together with that which she gave in association with the Dorian singers on 12th July, was her last public appearance before she leaves for England to further her musical studies. This trip follows the award of a full Government Bursary which will enable her to take up two years' study abroad, at the Royal College of Music in London. During this time, of course, she will have ample opportunity to move about the Continent and visit some of the older musical centres such as Vienna, of whose Music College Paul Badura-Skoda is a product.

This big upward step in her career marks the culmination of a notable record

to classical works with the charm of Haydn's E flat Sonata which she played with some devotion, in terms which clearly and forcefully rendered its texture.

The remainder of the programme included works by Rameau, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, and of course Debussy. The inclusion of the Debussy bracket is almost certainly a reflection of her confessed partiality for that composer's music, and a reflection of the fact that she plays it so well. "L'Isle Joyeuse" is a piece of virtuoso writing, comparable with Ravel's "Jeux d'Eau", yet Miss Stephenson played it confidently and fluently, with nice attention to its all-important tonal values, and the gentle rocking rhythm which is so characteristic of the piece.

The Schubert Sonata in A minor, as

a technical hurdle for the pianist, ranks with the Debussy number, although its problems arise from different sources. The music of the first two movements, particularly, is marked by unexpected emotional outbursts, where the colouring is orchestral rather than pianistic. In these moments the piano is working beyond its capacities, and consequently making great demands upon the performer. It is therefore no unexpected or great criticism of Miss Stephenson, to say that she was troubled and uncertain through the difficult passages, where her strength appeared to get out of control.

However, she more than redeemed herself in the Chopin "Studies" which she tossed off for what they are. Here, technical ability and emotional insight were happily combined in a display of complete musicianship, bringing to a close a most enjoyable programme.

Thus Diana Stephenson will leave Auckland, having created a most favourable impression in the minds of all who have heard her. She already shows exceptional promise and many will watch with interest the fruition of her early years of training, that final rounding off of style and the maturity that comes with experience and self-criticism. We can only wish her luck, for she seems to already possess those other attributes which make an accomplished artist.

— M.Q.N.

Great Flood Hits Varsity

by Murray Chapman

Last year's plea for a "more adventurous spirit" in student drama was answered by the Drama Society in *Noah*, their major production for 1956. The delightful comment on modern life placed side by side with the kindly spiritual view of humanity is characteristic of contemporary French theatre—*Noah* in particular, and the students scored by completely capturing its mood and atmosphere.

Good production by John Reid overcame the severe inadequacy of space and lighting facilities on a stage which Professor Musgrove once called "a hiatus between two pianos." The relation in *Noah* between "belief, make believe, and the willing suspension of disbelief" rests upon a simplicity recalling that of the Greek drama. The cast's versatility in effectively portraying the sudden shift from stark rebellion to sardonic comedy, and from the terse comment on our modern way of life to the intensely serious spiritual message was the keynote to their success. We were never allowed to ask whether Mamma's pathos, Ham's impatience, Noah's courage or Ada's uncertainty was genuine, for the special feelings of each and the overall contrasting emotions of all were vividly portrayed.

Probably *Noah* was successful merely because it is so very different from the general run of amateur productions, for the humility of Noah, called upon to execute his great duty, was compelling. The rising tension of Act Four for instance when Ham's disbelief causes him to persuade the family against an allegedly sick father, is superbly broken by Noah's dramatic denial and forcible striking of his son to the ground. But this is not all, as comedy, farce, fantasy and ironical comment form an integral part of the play's structure. When Noah reflects on the nature of their dilemma it could be hardly thought that he will say, "But this English is a funny language!" He does, and André Obey's technique gives his theme a vital freshness.

John Harré as the resourceful Noah and Vida MacLean as the courageous Mamma gave sustained and extremely

pleasing performances. In epitomising the mixed emotions of the family, their piquant comments raised a bubble of laughter just as easily as their pathetic situation left the audience in a state of mental exhaustion. Of the newcomers, R. M. S. Hamilton shone, achieving a delicate balance between the blustering which wins him the support of a hesitant family against Noah, and the uncertainty associated with passions arising from firm convictions. Janice Copeland (Stella) and Gabriel Prendergrast (Shein) were their usual assured selves, revelling in the contrasting feelings which they were called upon to portray. After a little uncertainty and stiffness at the start Judith Piper as Ada, Karen Bell as Naomi and Peter Salmon as Japheth warmed to their parts, and their performances augur well for future productions of the society.

All in all then the Drama Society's *Noah* was extremely hard to fault, and it is to be hoped that this play gains the student support which it deserves. If this is the calibre of contemporary theatre which student actors are able to present then let us have more of it, Drama Society.

Modern Languages Club Plays Period Piece

For three nights some at least of the hard seats of the College Hall were filled by earnest French students, among them about 200 secondary school pupils, at performances of Édouard Pailleron's three-act comedy *Le Monde où l'on s'ennuie*. The play, taken from the same period as last year's *Perrichon*, satirizes the Parisian salons of the day. For those conversant with French politics, history, literature and language, the play is doubtless far from *ennuyant*. For most of the audience, things occasionally got rather obscure. However, the day was saved by some magnificent over-acting. Owen Miller as *Bellac* and Paul Kemp as *Raymond* (this part was taken on two nights by Neil Maidment) were determined to entertain the audience. I suppose they succeeded. The women were perhaps better restrained and good speaking characterized the parts taken by Catherine Styles and Judith Drake. Diane Carr was a lively *jeune fille*.

The minor parts were well filled: it is pleasing to note the smaller parts played this year by staff members. Casting generally was excellent: some players were screamingly funny without having to act.

The small stage was well used: movement, even in the crowded second act, was competently handled. Asides might have been less obtrusive if the players knew that the hall's acoustics are not bad.

Make-up varied from the excellent to the gruesome; the costumes were fine, the sets, by Tony Wiseman, were striking if unsubtle.

As *souffler*, George Marshall helped comprehension along with his résumé before each act. The producer was Miss Gisèle Riches, to whom much credit must go.

The cast also performed in Hamilton on the Saturday, Bastille Day. —M.R.

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in local music-making. At the age of ten, four years after taking her first lessons at the piano, Miss Stephenson gave her first public recital. Then in 1953 she entered on the new venture, of broadcast recitals, which received Dominion-wide hearing. In that year she enrolled at this University in a Mus. B. course which she would have completed this year. In 1954 she took double honours: winning the Auckland Star Concerto Competition with a performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 and following it at the Junior Symphony Orchestra's concert in October, with a performance of the Piano Concerto No. 1.

In addition to her private studies and numerous performances, she has taken up part-time teaching and is also to be seen regularly at concerts by visiting artists.

No one who attended her recital in the College Hall on June 24th can have doubts about her future success. Already, at the age of twenty, she reveals a surprising strength and confidence, not at all common in woman pianists, and certainly not common in pianists of such relative immaturity. It was a pleasure to hear such qualities applied

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Soccer on the
Up-grade

Despite the mauling the 1st XI received from Mt. Albert in the Chatham Cup semi-final, Soccer at the University has definitely been on the up grade this year. Dowling's Third Graders have dropped a few points through technical misfortunes, but he has one of the strongest teams in the grade and the enthusiasm and standard of this side is the highest for some years. Inside forward Jamnadas and backs Miller, Skinner and Senniscul are the leading lights, but on occasions the whole side has played lively football.

John Senniscul was borrowed by the Firsts for their Chatham Cup games, in which they upset their grade leaders, Mt. Wellington, 4-1, and Senior North Shore team, 1-0. In these games A.U.C. swung the ball in some first-rate combined play, but against Mt. Albert on a sodden, huddling ground, their natural ability was soon submerged in lack of fitness and practise. The cover defence of the halves, previously a strong point, was practically non-existent and even "iron man" George Milayson was in trouble. Roger Henry and Scotty Wright did their best, but

the forwards, ploughing gallantly though ineffectually through the mud, were overshadowed by taller, stronger backs. Brian Griffiths had the satisfaction of pushing one past former A.U.C. Blue Jim Rogers, but speedy law student Brian Elley, on Mt. Albert's left wing, was a more than compensating danger. The whole situation seemed pretty grim, but the team Blandford Park saw was not University on its true form—this side has undoubted potentiality—and with anything like decent conditions, A.U.C. could sweep all before it at Tournament.

Most of this year's teams will be back at the buildings next season, so with the Club's membership and enthusiasm 1957 should see an upsurge of Soccer strength. —Publius.

Fun and Games
With Ski Club

A citizen returning home at midnight on the first Saturday of mid-term break would be amazed at people clambering into two buses behind the general post office, says Ski Club enthusiast X.Y.Z.

He explains that (a) these people were students and (b) they were skiers. He goes on to explain what the citizen would see if he peered inside the brain of a typical student afterwards.

He says: "The buses taking the water

at Rangiriri—the first view of the sister-peaks of Ruapehu, Tongariro and Ngaruahoe, like fragments of ivory rising above the tussock of the Central Plateau—going up the mountain on the chairlift, the clank-clank of the wire rope against the pulleys as you pass under a pylon—the thrill of speed on skis—the satisfying scrape of the skis on the snow in a well executed "Christie" turn—the ludicrousness of a "Sitz" turn done by somebody else.

"He would see interhut warfare and visiting—a hilarious game called blowball—the mist clearing on Thursday evening for a few minutes showing a magnificent sunset—the whine of the blizzard—the wonder of being a spectator of the mighty forces in nature.

— X.Y.Z.

Badminton at Gisborne

The highlight of the first half of the season was a trip to Gisborne on July 6th-8th. This trip was a great success, both as a tournament and as a social visit. Credit goes to the Gisborne Club for their wonderful hospitality and for the efficiency with which the match was run. Although the team lost 18-6 a high standard of play was maintained. The games were close; 12 going to 3 sets. This match gave prospective members

of the tournament team good opposition under rules and conditions similar to tournament. The outstanding game was R. Wong's first men's singles. His sound determined and at times brilliant effort was rewarded by a 15-13 win in the third set.

Other friendly matches have been played against Manurewa, Port Albert and Birkenhead.

R. Wong is to be congratulated on his selection for the Auckland Representative A team. Miss M. Morris and D. Light were selected for an Auckland B team. The three performed well in their respective matches.

There is room in the club for more players. They are invited to join for the remainder of the season at a reduced subscription. Play is at Dominion Rd. Methodist Hall (2 courts) on Saturday mornings.

Results:

A Grade.—v. Papatoetoe, lost 7-3; v. Training College, won 7-3; v. Manurewa, lost 7-3; v. Port Albert, won 11-1; v. Gisborne, lost 18-6.

C Grade (i).—v. Balmoral, drew 5-5; v. Normal School, won 10-0; v. Birkenhead, won 9-1.

C Grade (ii).—v. Onehunga Methodist, lost 7-3; v. Eden, lost 10-0; v. Oratia, lost 8-2; v. Remuera, lost 6-4. — D.C.L.

EXEC. MOTIONS OF CENSURE

(Continued from page 1)

aspect of student affairs—in this case the election of Man Vice-President. In doing so they had the welfare of the Association at heart. Don Lang and Jim Holdom on the other hand contended they had both contravened the right of reply and advocated a particular line of action, thus influencing student electors. David Stone thought otherwise, saying the Editors would be flattered if they thought the editorials written during the year had had one, rather than many effects. To a further question from Jim Holdom concerning the possible results of the editorial, David Stone said students would either be uninterested, in favour or against the suggestion; that is, there would be many rather than one particular effect. Editors of *Craccum* would always do what they considered best for student affairs, and since *Craccum* was the sole University newspaper, and association elections and student affairs one and the same, the present Editors had not been guilty of gross abuse of their position.

Dilemma of portfolio elections

Hesitant about speaking on a matter so vitally affecting him, Barry Purdy said he was troubled by the editorial which said he was available for co-option when he was not. David Stone considered the Exec. was faced with a dilemma caused by the new system of portfolio elections. He noted one of the arguments against this system was the possibility of losing one out of two good candidates standing for one position. Just this had happened and the editorial was a suggestion to retain both candidates for the benefit of student affairs.

Peter Boag and Les Quinn, noting this, felt discussion should centre around whether Barry Purdy was available for the co-option or not. David Stone said the editors considered a person available for Man Vice-President was similarly available for Treasurer. Lyndsay Nash disagreed, although accepting their intentions, since the editorial had been narrow-minded and thus felt they should be censured. Dennis Howell moved that the Executive do strongly censure the

Editors of *Craccum* for the editorial in the issue of 11th July, which in their opinion was a gross abuse of their position in that it tended to prejudice the elections. Although Don Lang protested at the strength of the censure, it was passed unanimously, with Lyndsay Nash who felt the editors had not estimated fully the effects of the action, abstaining.

Demand for front page

Denis Howell moved that the preceding motion be published on the front page of the next issue of *Craccum*, whereupon Don Lang moved an amendment deleting all words after "that", substituting, that should any publicity be given in the next issue of *Craccum* to this meeting it be divided into two parts; one half under the control of the Editors and the other under control of the President. He considered the right of reply to an organisation liable to attack part of the Journalistic Code. Bob Roach thought this was an improper move as the editors were alone responsible for *Craccum*. Lyndsay Nash agreed, saying if this motion was passed a precedent would be set and the University newspaper become rather stentorian. The amendment was put and lost, the original motion put and carried, with Bob Roach voting against, Janet Watkins and Jim Holdom abstained.

To ensure "this unpalatable situation will not arise again" Bob Roach moved that it become an instruction to the *Craccum* Editors at any time appointed, that no comment on the Executive candidates other than the official write-up be published, unless those affected be shown the copy and given opportunity to reply in the same issue. Jim Holdom moved an amendment that the words after "published" be deleted, it being sufficient for the Editors to refrain from election comment. Bob Roach objected to the amendment; it would restrict election comment and be an embarrassment to both future Editors and Executives. The amendment was put and carried, becoming part of the substantive motion which was also carried.

Members then turned to considering

Don Lang's action of using the Association's name in a manner to which he was not entitled.

As nominator of Barry Purdy, he had pointed out in reply to *Craccum's* editorial that it was not permitted for a person to stand for the position of both Vice-President and Treasurer in the same election and therefore unethical for a defeated candidate of one office to allow himself to be co-opted for the other; that Barry Purdy had time to carry out the duties of Vice-President but not the more strenuous portfolio of Treasurer, for which he was not available; and that because of this he was nominated for Vice-President rather than Treasurer, this being not a reflection in any way of the competence of the other candidate, Alan Coulam.

Noting Alan Coulam's nominators' protest at "the support of the Executive, a body which has no right whatsoever to support the cause of one particular candidate for Executive Office", Bob Roach felt all members were to some extent culpable as the circular had been displayed before distribution for comment, and none recognised the technical error. He thought as *Craccum's* editors had been censured, so should Don Lang and Lyndsay Nash agreed. Thus Bob Roach moved the motion, which was carried, that Mr Lang be censured for the action in being responsible for a broadsheet headed the Auckland University College Students' Association Incorporated which might be considered by those reading it as being the opinion of the Students' Association. Barry Purdy and Don Lang abstained.

No postponement

Peter Boag said the Exec. must now ratify the emergency committee's actions of not postponing the elections, a request by Alan Coulam's nominators. Since the Secretary was unavailable and the Treasurer an interested party, he was the sole remaining member of the Committee and decided to leave the decision to the Returning Officer. Explaining his actions Ken Loach said it had been based on expediency. Barry Purdy, the candidate most affected by the editorial, expressed

his aversion to election postponements and the expensive delay, involving the special issue of *Craccum* which seemed to him unnecessary. Accordingly a motion from the chair that the Emergency Committee's action be ratified, was passed.

Other charges in the letter from W. A. Laxon, G. E. Vail, and B. M. Atkins, were considered. They alleged it was "contrary to the democratic principle of the Association for the present members to band together for their own re-election. That the nominators of the President, Lady Vice-President and Mr Barry Purdy are all the same persons and all current member of the Executive is indicative of this contention. We feel that the apathy of students referred to by *Craccum* is probably the result to no small extent of the close collaboration of the principal officers of the executive."

Bob Roach considered this criticism unfortunate, for it was the Exec's duty to find at least one candidate for each portfolio. For instance, had they not done so this year the Chairman of Women's House Committee, Student Liaison Officer and Capping Controller would have been vacant.

Allegations ignored

Alan Coulam objected, for the effect of *Craccum's* editorial and Don Lang's broadsheet was of Exec. bias towards the elections, even if this interpretation was proved wrong by the censuring of *Craccum's* editors and Don Lang. Lyndsay Nash agreed to some extent with the nominators and considered it unfortunate that the nominations of three candidates were the same students. The Exec. passed on to the next business at Dennis Howell's suggestion who felt members should ignore the allegations "with dignity."

Don Lang's offer of resignation was then discussed and Peter Boag, introducing the matter, said it was correct procedure. Lyndsay Nash moved Don Lang's resignation be declined since the gesture, although proper, was unnecessary as he still had Exec's confidence. Bob Roach said his censure had closed the matter, and that Exec. receive the letter but decline the offer. The motion was carried unanimously, the President remarking he was pleased with the result because of the good work the Man Vice-President had done for the Association.

SECOND LEADER

An Insult to our Women Students!

This week the President gained the approval of a man-dominated Executive for his revision of the constitution of the Students' Association, and this will now be presented to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.

Among the new clauses introduced by the President and approved by the Executive is one that provides that if the President is absent, he shall be deputised by only the Man Vice-President. This is the pen-ultimate stage in the attack on the rights and status of women students which has been gaining momentum in recent years. The following points are relevant.

1. If adopted, it will mean that the long-established precedent of the alternative assumption of office will disappear; previously, if the President was a man, then the Woman Vice-President deputised in his absence, and vice-versa.

2. This disappearance has been "assisted" by the continuous and deliberate policy of certain people including the current President and Man Vice-President, who do not believe in women occupying the more important offices of the Association. It goes back to three years ago when the President and some of his colleagues at one meeting waited until the women members had left to catch last transport home, and then passed a motion excluding women from the post of Senior Tournament Delegate. One of the members who had just left the meeting was then Senior Tournament Delegate—a woman. It was only under considerable protest that the motion was later rescinded. More recently, the President has been responsible for the suggestion—since adopted—of lowering the minimum number of women Exec. members from three (maximum four) to only two, and whilst holding the post of Man Vice-President, it was skilfully arranged that he should always be given precedence over the Woman Vice-President, a precedence to which he was unentitled and self-appointed. (Note, for example the changes in the order of officers in the A.U.C. Calendar over the last five years.)

3. More recently, the current Man Vice-President tried to get a motion through which would have prevented women from holding the offices of President, Treasurer, Capping Controller and Sports Clubs' Representative. The latest move is the thin end of the wedge to prevent a woman from ever becoming President; in other words the men on the Executive are trying to ensure that those posts which are regarded as "key offices"

will be reserved for men and closed to women.

4. The present move will make the Woman Vice-President a purely social and decorative addition to the Executive and is an insult to the women of this college. It is not insignificant that at the meeting when this new clause was approved, the current Woman Vice-President was absent owing to a mistake of a week that had been made in her notification, and that the Woman Vice-President Elect was absent in Tauranga where she is "on section" from Training College. In not raising a serious protest, the two women members who were present have spurned the confidence shown in them by their electors, and if they had no respect for themselves, they might at

first Orientation scheme, who took the first steps in the recent planning of alterations to the student block, who persuaded the present Student Liaison Officer to stand for the Executive and introduced him to Colombo Plan students, who introduced the present Treasurer to Executive members and also persuaded him to stand last year; and the results of all these actions by a woman are points for which the present Executive like to give themselves sole credit. The same woman, presumably in the absence of any eligible man, was recently called upon to take up the post of the Association's permanent representative on N.Z.U.S.A. in Wellington.

And yet the Executive is not willing to give even the opportunity to women to assume the more important offices of the Association. Perhaps the President wishes to retain hobnobbing with the Principal, the Mayor, the Vice-Chancellor and other V.I.P.'s, as his own special reserve, and

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association will be held next Tuesday evening, 31st July. As ratification is to be sought for a completely revised constitution, students are urged to attend to ensure that their rights are not infringed upon.

least have tried to have respect for those who will follow them in office.

Had they forgotten the splendid example set them by the extremely capable women members of the College staff, by the numerous brilliant woman scholars who have passed through the College walls, by the woman who not long ago was President for two years consecutively, the two women who occupied the post of Senior Tournament Delegate for three consecutive years, and the woman who was Secretary of the old Grants Committee and became the first woman barrister to be admitted to the bar in Auckland?

5. The men on the Executive are only too willing to enlist the help of women members; it was a woman, who, called upon at the last minute, organised the

at the outside, as that of men, but not of women.

6. At a time when the Executive expresses the wish to weld the student body into a corporate whole, it also shows how hypocritical this has been by trying to ensure that a section of the students will be banned from holding certain offices, and thus preserving leadership in the hands of men.

7. For a man who professes to be particularly interested in furthering our relations with the students of South-East Asia, and who is shortly to represent us at conference in Colombo, the President seems amazingly ignorant of the fact that in many of these countries, India is an outstanding example, there has been recent increased and open encouragement to women to assume offices of authority requiring great personality and initiative.

8. No woman would wish to dominate important positions in the manner that is characteristic of certain members of our Executive, and many seem to believe that in most cases a man is preferable; but there are also men who are mediocre, and surely if there are women who stand out by their personality, ability and qualification, they should at least be given the opportunity, for assuming important positions. According to the present proposal, it is going to be written into the constitution that even the opportunity shall not

be given. And the President and Executive have been very shrewd in also introducing a clause that in future a two-thirds majority shall be required to constitutional amendments: at present, and therefore on next Tuesday evening, only a simple majority is needed. A nice position for the men when they are in the majority!

If this new clause is rejected then the Woman Vice-President will retain her justified and true position of being able to deputise for the President. If it is adopted, however, the men on this Executive will be remembered as those who sponsored the exclusion of women from the offices to which they themselves aspire, a measure which is self-seeking and oppressive. If any woman students are present to oppose the clause, they surely do not deserve the right to the higher education they now enjoy.

Of all the places for such a stupid, retrograde, selfish and unenlightened proposal to be made—it is incredible that this is a university!

Cross-Country Champs.

On Saturday, 14th July, the University Cross-Country Championships were held over a six-mile course at the Auckland Domain. Before the race it appeared that this year's champion would be either Warren Travers, last year's N.Z.U. Champion, or the Auckland marathon champion, Ross Rawnsley. The battle for honours lasted only one lap of the four-lap course, after which Travers drew away until he finally achieved victory by more than two minutes. Don Smith ran well to fill third place, close behind Ross Rawnsley. Trevor Doous, second to Travers at last Winter Tournament, who is lacking in fitness owing to a leg injury, was content only to qualify as last man for the Tournament team. Until the final lap, it appeared that Hugh Montgomery would challenge him for his place. Without a doubt Hugh is the club's most improved runner of the year.

Graham Riddiford scored an easy victory in the Junior Championship and then ran on to finish 10th in the senior event. Second and third places were filled by P. Andrews and G. Mossman, who finished only yards apart.

—"Cross-Country".

Answers to "Libra"

The Editors wish to apologise to the many correspondents who have written letters on the subject raised by our correspondent, "Libra", in the last issue. These letters amount to several thousand words and because we have not the finance to publish additional pages, we are unable to publish them in full. At present they are being carefully abridged for reasons both of space and repetition, and we shall endeavour to publish all we can in one of the two remaining issues. Would any correspondent concerned who objects to abridgement please inform the Editors immediately and the letter will be returned intact.

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