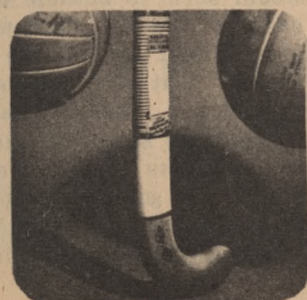


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EDITORIAL

Arts Festival

This year, the Arts Festival organizers have seen fit for reasons beyond my admittedly unartistic mind, to divorce arts Festival from Winter Tournament.

Victoria University last year; in spite of its extortionate charges for every Arts Festival/Tournament function nevertheless coped, in their own bungling fashion. No cries advocating the abolition of Arts Festival were heard.

Sportsmen and spectators alike flocked to the Festival and comprised a large majority of the audiences. Very few of these people felt that Arts Festival was an 'extra' to Tournament. Most in fact viewed it as an integral part of inter-varsity competition.

Justification for the shift to Palmesrton North is far from clear. Some say that it is getting too big a proposition for a single University to handle both events. Others maintain that it was over shadowed by a Tournament, while even others claim that sportsmen do not appreciate them. All these rather feeble excuses reek of intellectual snobbery, and an unjustified inferiority complex.

It is difficult enough to raise a following in metropolitan areas - how the hell are they going to rake up a following in the centre of a farming community?

It appears that the organizers consider independence more important than success. Arts Festival has not existed long enough to survive on its own. It deserves more time to establish and strengthen itself. The only criterion of strength for an event like Arts Festival is its success.

Success in previous years has been largely due to close association with Winter Tournament. This year Winter Tournament will be in Auckland.

Sir,

Just who the hell do you think you are leading the poor students of this University astray with your slick word play and smut? We as students are entitled to expect genuine student news rather than this pseudo-intellectual rubbish you have been panning on to us this year. I'm sure the Students Association set up the paper to provide students with an accurate and unbiased medium for the voicing of student opinion and not for the rubbish you have printed to date.

The paper is practically useless to the average student who has no desire to read about such obscure and obviously paranoic people as Camus, prose writers and machines and all that trash. At this stage, one finds oneself unable to read Craccum and starts looking around for something that actually interests one.

Average student.

Sir,

I would like to protest against your deliberate attempt to shock people by using absolutely unnecessary filthy and obscene words in Craccum. In case you don't know, the English Dictionary provides words which are much more suitable for the base sentiments you and your friends wish to express. You should have grown up by now and realized that bad language is a sign of insecurity and immaturity.

Robert Thompson.

Sir,

It is almost incredible that people who are being University educated could write, and desire to have printed such letters as appeared in the last Craccum under the heading 'Christ'.

Surely such people, whether they hold any religious or non-religious views whatsoever should be aware that it is desirable to acquire, or try to cultivate reasonably tolerant objective attitudes to various facets of life.

The letters (I am very sorry to say to the writers) did not achieve the obviously desired effect. They were not offensive.

They were laughable without being funny, glib without being witty, irrational

unsubtle and tinged with an "Aren't I being daring?" type of pathos.

One can almost visualise these students, who are only in the last stages of adolescence, penning their lines with gusto and then gleefully showing them to their friends before submitting them to Craccum.

That people can remain twits after some semblance of higher education is almost embarrassing.

What will the Varsity children sound off about next?

Colleen

Sir,

You should be ashamed of yourself. A newspaper editor should be unbiased and fully aware of his responsibility to his reading public. The political page of Craccum consisted of two articles - both of which were badly written, and both attacking the Labour Party. A responsible editor would have made sure there was a fairly balanced viewpoint. The senseless waste of space on the front page just to fit in an eye is another point, a whole page which could have been used to print articles of real worth.

If Craccum is to return to its function as a student newspaper and not a broadsheet for the publishing of views belonging to a small clique, you as editor must first realize your responsibility to your public - who are not all as ignorant as you seem to think.

A.P.S.

Sir,

To quote from the WHO edict: 'It is a filthy and degrading habit to urinate on toilet seats'.

It would be hoped that in a socially enlightened democracy, such proclamations issuing from such an august body, would be heeded and indeed preferred as an example to other nations less well-off, who are still faced with the great fight against ignorance disease etc.

However it would appear that these worthy ideals are not being upheld by people at this University. In two years here I have witnessed and have become so disillusioned at continual displays of dribbling, whole sale piddling and generally poor marksmanship, that I

must register public protest.

In the interest of your national position, the WHO common neighbourliness, would entreat the people concerned, to exercise a greater measure of control in respect of this nefarious practice.

The simple skill is easily learned and is further facilitated if you lift the seat.

I am,

The bloke after you

Sir,

Congratulations on your new column 'Pussy Chat'. It is good to see that Craccum is catering for the fair sex, keeping us informed of new boutiques, latest trends and general news of interest to women students.

General opinion around the University is most favourable and it is hoped that the column continues.

Hilary Brown
(Chairman, WHC, WVP-elect)

Sir,

Why Mr Lawson's use of the two asterisks? What's wrong with the word "fink" anyway?

Yours etc.,

Reg Nichol.
Brian Radice

Sir,

The Godfrey affair has made students aware of the need for security on the campus: not the type of security represented by Mr Godfrey, but that type which must exist to carry out such witch-hunts and to in all ways protect this hallowed seat of learning.

Fortunately we have an active group at the moment to carry out this arduous duty, but if all goes well this group should have been phased out in the next few years. Then students such as myself will be reduced to fearing once again for our safety and for our freedom.

In the meantime however, the security of the university would seem to be safe in the hands of the few whom we all know. But has anyone ever thought that the university's watchdog, that attractive little white shaggy quadruped which haunts the maintenance block, is going to find its strenuous duties too much when those who discovered

RAVE ROMULUS

It takes a lot to impress a reviewer. No play is completely without blemishes. That is what I would have said before I saw "Romulus the Great". It really is the Greatest.

The three essentials for a first-class production were at hand: the play itself, the actors, the producer, Daphne Levens. To single any one out for especial praise would be invidious. Durrenmatt is without doubt a brilliant playwright, certainly a figurative shaft of light in the darkness of contemporary theatre. His technique of interlacing farce, tragedy, history, social commentary, and a message of common humanity is masterful and

effortless. The dialogue is at one time hilarious; at another, witty; at another, deadly serious. The transition is handled so adeptly that the audience is hardly aware of the transition. Durrenmatt's theme is one of plain, concrete humanity taking precedence over the abstract emotional ideals of chauvinists, whether literate or illiterate. The play is a condemnation of war and pressure politics; it is a plea for Reason.

Without exception, the actors cast both in major and minor roles were outstanding. The part of Romulus, Emperor of Rome, and Chief Chicken-Raiser of the empire, was brilliantly portrayed by Donald Hampton. But, in

this, as in any other play, it is teamwork which counts, and this certainly was a quality dominant in the production.

Indeed, to put up with the squeaking floorboards and the general inadequacy of our glorious University hall, both the actors and the producer would need to be first-class.

It is not overstating the case to say that this has been one of the most polished productions put on in Auckland by anyone for quite some time. May the University Theatre Company thrive and flourish for a thousand years!

D. Vaver

F. Woroni

Sir,

Yours etc.,

Agent K-9

Congratulations on a fine editorial last issue. It shows up the whole pettiness of student politics. Personally I don't give a stuff who is on exec. so long as they don't fiddle my £6. refrain from making representations to the government on my behalf, and put babysoft in the gents.

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Glance through any newspaper — this issue of Craccum. What do you find cramming the pages from top to bottom? Sport! Yich!

The N.Zer's obsession for sport is equalled only by his inability to hold his drink. The analogy is perhaps not far-fetched.

Excess in drink and sport is worshipped, as are the anthropoid creatures who practise both arts. After a short time both become habit forming to the extent that they become the sole subject of conversation, high, low, and middle-brow.

What is the point of sport? None whatsoever if it is an end in itself. The classic concept of *mens sana in corpore sano* placed equal emphasis on high intellectual prowess balanced with a well exercised body. The N.Z. equivalent would seem to be *mens insana in corpore supersano*. This is undesirable. No-one wants a country of intellectuals — still less does anyone want a country teeming with half-witted footballers.

Why this N.Z. pre-occupation with sport? It probably stems from three factors.

- 1) The image of the hairy-chested biceped pioneer still exists.
- 2) Sport is the only way the N.Zer has to rid himself of his national attitudes of insecurity, frustration, apathy and anti-pathology.

This might all be a good thing.

However it is time that N.Zers realized that sport like drink is not the end-all of life. A balance must be achieved with other equally wholesome pursuits.

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Take this to heart!

Features Editor.

Sports Editor Goes Off

Craccum's sports editor, Jim Farmer, leaves for the U.K. on September 1st, to further his studies at Cambridge University.

Jim closes his Auckland University sporting account after 6 years of intense participation on and off the sports arena.



A former Auckland provincial 6 mile champion, he won provincial cross country representative honours in 1964 and 1965 and this year scored 8th place in the Auckland title race to give

him his 3rd consecutive national cross country entry

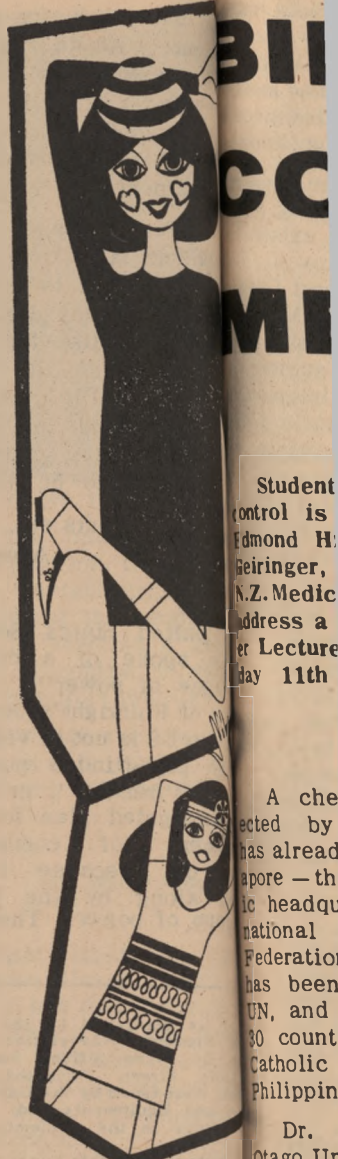
As a stalwart of the A.U. Athletic and Harrier clubs, the 24 year old Master of Laws, took the famous 'Sly Memorial' Harrier Club trophy in 1965, has been active in numerous administrative programmes and is the coach of the womens section of the Harrier club — his support will certainly be missed.

His refreshing and controversial sports articles, which inevitably drew out both his supporters and critics, have been valuable to Craccum, filling a gap which formerly existed in the students newspaper's reporting net.

As we now bid farewell to one of A.U.'s sporting personalities we convey our thanks to Jim Farmer for his contributions to sport at Auckland University and wish him every success in his future academic and sporting endeavours in England.

Keith MacKinlay

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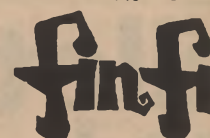
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BIRTH CONTROL MEETING

Students' support for birth control is to be sought. Sir Edmond Hilary and Dr. Erich Geiringer, the secretary of the N.Z. Medical Association, will address a meeting in the Lower Lecture Theatre on Thursday 11th August at 8 p.m.

A cheque for £250 collected by Dunedin students has already been sent to Singapore — the SE Asia and Oceanic headquarters of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The federation has been recognized by the UN, and is accepted in over 30 countries, including such Catholic countries as the Philippines.

Dr. Geiringer, a former Otago University lecturer, told Craccum that the meeting was to arouse student interest in the question of planned parenthood. He felt that population explosion is one of the biggest problems facing us today.

The N.Z. organization works closely with, but independent of, the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

ation. Aims of the organization are to spread knowledge of planned parenthood.

Oral contraception (the pill), according to Dr. Geiringer, who is now a Wellington surgeon, has proved unsatisfactory. Inter-urine devices were favoured for they did not conflict with various cultural streams encountered in some under-developed countries. Inter-urine methods of contraception were also found to be easier to distribute quickly in large population areas.

Questioned about the lack of financial support from the government, Dr. Geiringer said that birth-control was a "political hot potato". He said that politicians were wary of offending voters. Politicians, he felt would only act on the problem if sufficient public pressure was brought to bear on them.

Objects of the meeting, he said, were to:

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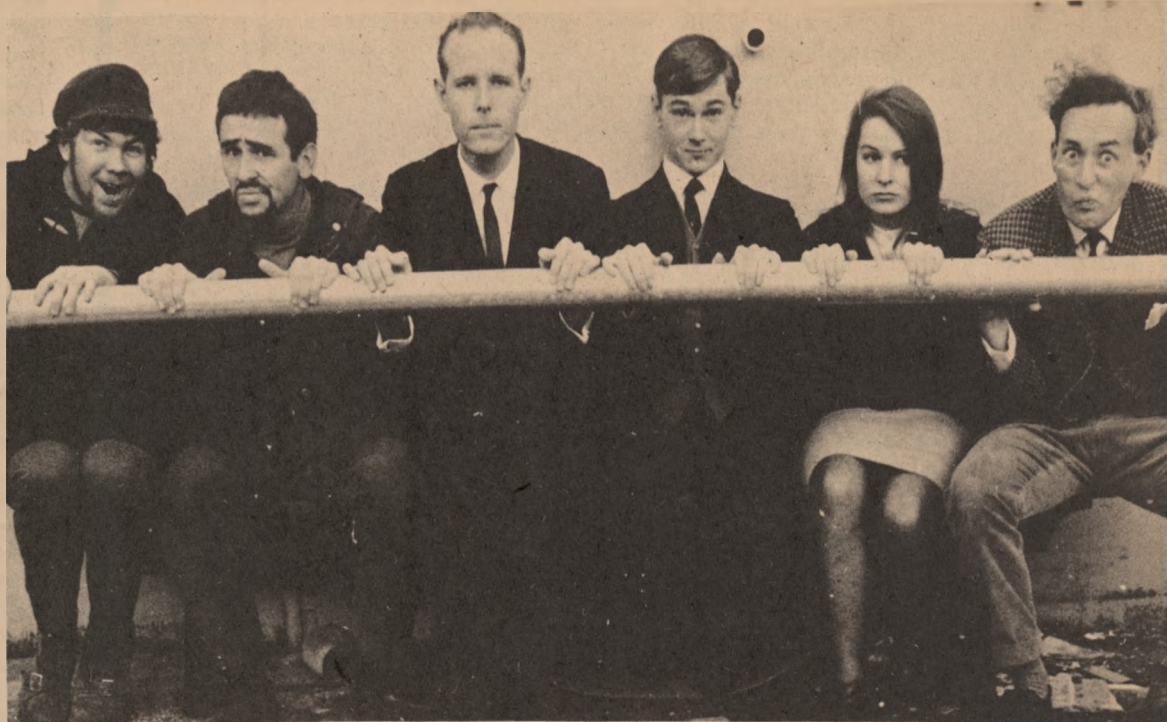
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Gazing eloquently at the camera are the stars of the 'University Five and Nine Club'. Staring from left to extreme right are; Stew Ross, Roger Oakley, Warwick Brown, Roger Simpson, Ady Smith and Nicky Tarling.

The attentive group of talented actors salvaged from a long list of revues will be waxing eloquent one by one collectively, on scripts written by Varsity personalities which include Prof John Reid, Roger Simpson, Nicholas Tarling, and the veteran Warwick Brown.

Based on the Cambridge Circus, the revue will be on for only a limited season from August 13th to Tuesday 16th. Tickets will be on sale from Studass office and John Courts, at 6/6.

HALF AGM

The Auckland University Students Association (Inc.) in its ½ Annual General Meeting passed a motion supporting universal lowering of the voting age.

The 150 or so students present, passed the motion by an overwhelming 80 percent majority.

Students speaking in support of the motion moved by Dick Wood, felt that a lowering of the voting age to include only soldiers on active duty was an affront to those of the same age in less selective areas of employment. Mr. Wood Studass president, said that people on leaving school were at an age when they were at a peak of political interest, and deserved to get the vote while they were so politically inclined. mmmmm

Jim McClay, speaking against the motion claimed that with the possible exception of Varsity students, people under 21 were politically immature and needed more time to consider their decisions.

Craccum Editor Attacked

A motion (Roxburgh/Bezar) wanted the meeting to censure the editor of Craccum for blasphemy, and general lack of taste.

Mr. Roxburgh told the meet-

ing that he was not attacking the right of the editor to select final copy for the paper — only to censure the editor's policy. He based his case on the Jesus Christ controversy when the editor included the name 'Jesus Christ' on the staff list of Craccum. The editor was charged with arousing a cheap controversy, and that in so doing he was damaging our public image.

Mr. Roxburgh, while acknowledging Craccum as "the best in years", criticized at length, the content, layout, design and general presentation of the "official student organ" amid cries of "Keep your hands off our organ!" The motion was defeated.

Insurance Scheme

Exec have approved in principle the setting up of an insurance scheme for students. An actuary, plus several companies have been consulted and a decision is expected to be reached by the end of the year.

FoodFood Poisoning

Several students raised the question of alleged food poisoning due to caf food. The

Business Manager Gray Cameron said that students complaining were instructed to consult doctors at no expense to themselves. None did.

Mr. Cameron explained that health Department inspectors were called in immediately. The inspectors reported that the caf was the cleanest it had been for years. Mr. Cameron went on to say that the Health Dept. had been asked to organize spot checks throughout the year.

Subversive Skate-boards

Mr. Noel Anderson asked the meeting to ban all skateboards from campus. He claimed that they were a serious threat to the economy of the country because an Economics Dept lecturer very nearly came to grief as a result of a near-crash with a skateboard. At this juncture, the quorum dwindled into the night bringing an end to the ½ AGM, while Mr. Anderson produced evidence of a Communist-inspired factory in Manawatu which was producing these skateboards at an alarming rate and in no time would.....

THE FACTS ABOUT LESBIANISM

Bryan Magee's essay on lesbianism examines (in general) its causes, argues that cure is nigh impossible (even if you wanted to "cure" lesbians), describes their behaviour and practices, and outlines their position in society. Magee emphasises that homosexual love can run just as deep and strongly as heterosexual love and claims that lesbian relationships are much more sexually satisfying to women than heterosexual relationships.

In recent months I have made two television documentaries about homosexuality — the first about male homosexuals, the second about lesbians. In preparing them I was surprised to find how little study of both subjects has been done — how few serious books and articles there were, how few in fact could be regarded as authorities. Perhaps it is because of this that false beliefs are still widely held. In the case of lesbianism most conclusions that have been established several times by independent investigations have failed to get through to so-called enlightened public opinion.

I went about preparing the programme on lesbians in the same way as I had done the one on male homosexuals. It is worth taking a moment to describe this, since it will indicate the sort of backing that exists behind the views later in this article, and at the same time, incidentally, throw a side-light on the television documentaries of a certain kind are prepared. First I read the Kinsey report, then I went to see the organisers of the Minorities Group, a lesbian society of whose existence I had read in the newspaper. I questioned them not only about their general views on the subject, but also about the literature, authorities and interests of lesbians who might be prepared to talk to me. For a while I talked almost indiscriminately. I went to see doctors, psychiatrists, social workers and novelists, and again I asked them not only for their views on various aspects of lesbianism but for their assessment of other authorities and so on. I read everything that seemed to be important. I talked to scores of lesbians, visited them in their homes, was taken by them to clubs, bars, societies and private parties.

After a time I began to get the feeling, as I had with male homosexuals, that this was in one sense an exhaustible subject. Beyond a certain point nearly everything I saw or heard or read began to seem a repetition of what I had come across before. The same sort of life-histories came again. Sometimes it was as if the woman talking to me had learnt her part from the books I had been reading. At this stage I turned from general views to particular aspects of it — for instance, I wanted to know about working-class lesbians, and more married lesbians with children. I found out more about the nature of lifelong partnerships. I wanted to know how "being in love" felt the same to a lesbian as to a heterosexual woman.

THE LESBIAN FIVE PER CENT

At last I felt ready to film. So I considered what aspects of the subject most demanded attention in the space of a half-hour programme — concealment, lesbianism and marriage, the wearing of men's clothes, and what important general truths seemed well established in everyday life. Then I cast the programme like a play, selecting for interview people who were speaking freely and personally, would exemplify general conclusions, and there was a solid basis of sociological evidence.

This process of preparation changed my ideas on the subject more than the case of any other programme I have worked on. I went into it with the belief that I believe most people do, that Lesbianism is far rarer than male homosexuality, but that, otherwise, the same basic generalisations would apply to each. My assumptions were wrong. Surveys that have been carried out in many countries leave little doubt that homosexuality is as common among women as among men, and that the proportion is somewhere between 4 and 6 per cent. (In other words, roughly one person in 20, regardless of sex, is a practising homosexual.) The other main generalisations which apply to each are, like the first, surprising. Most of them concern causes and incidence. For example, the commonest pattern of early parental relationships — emotionally distant mother, inadequate father — is the same, where we might have expected the mother to be the mirror image of the other.

THE ABSENCE OF CHOICE

Homosexuals are made, not born. Physically they are no different from anyone else. (Hermaphroditism and trans-sexualism are separate and distinct patterns of emotional development, such that the person is sexually attracted to and prone to become emotionally fixated on — i.e. fall in love, with someone of his or her own sex. Sometimes this consists in a preference for one sex over the other, and people who can and do have sexual relations with both sexes are known as "bisexual". These are a minority: the majority are exclusively homosexual.)

What needs emphasising is that it is a question of emotional development, of personality structure. Homosexuals are not just people who indulge in physical practices. They do, of course, and they are responsible for what they do. But their physical practices are the expression of a whole way of life, of responding to other people, and this they cannot help. Being a homosexual does not, except for a handful of borderline cases, represent a decision that cannot, even if one wishes, choose to be, or not to be, homosexual.

This is the hardest thing of all for many heterosexual people to get their heads round: the feelings between man and woman that are celebrated in most of the literature and drama, in popular entertainment, songs, advertisements, screens of cinema and television — whose expression saturates our environment, our conventions, even our language — are felt by some people as their inescapability and strength towards others of the same sex. For these people can no more choose not to feel them than I can choose not to feel the most powerfully do feel when I meet a woman who attracts me. This is why any attempt to deny them sexual activity is hopeless to the same degree as for the same reasons, as it would be with the heterosexual population.

Homosexuals are, justifiably, impatient and angry with what they see as the public's exclusive concern with their sexual acts and indifference to the whole world of being of real and involuntary feeling, which is the cause of these acts. The divorce of sex from affection is unadmirable, but it is precisely why much of the public does regard homosexual acts with disapproval. They genuinely do not understand that these may arise from exactly the same feelings, and be surrounded by the same love and tenderness, devotion and concern, as may exist between men and women. They see them as physical events. So they see homosexuals as people like themselves who are doing something abnormal for kicks.

Many homosexuals, baffled by the public's incomprehension, seem to protest: "But I am what I am — I didn't choose to be this way. I am

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like it." They show a deep resistance to the idea that they have become homosexual, perhaps because this would give them a sense of personal responsibility for it, perhaps because they would then have to take seriously the possibility of "cure", which would destroy their existing personality and way of life.

There is no one thing that is always the cause of homosexuality. Various causes operate and they do most of their work in infancy. The commonest childhood pattern, already mentioned, includes a close relationship with the mother and a deficient one with the father. Recent investigations, for instance those of the sociologist Dr Eva Bene, suggest that it is the latter rather than the former which does the damage. A father may be deficient as a father not only because he is so bound up in his work that he has little emotional contact with the child, or because he is not there at all, being away at his job, or at the war, or dead. He may be divorced, or have gone off with another woman. He may reject the child emotionally because he or she forced him into a marriage he did not want, or is of the opposite sex from what he wanted. (There is a lot of evidence that failure to accept the child's sex is particularly important.) All this would explain why there is an abnormally high proportion of illegitimate children among homosexuals, and also of only children, and youngest children.

CAN IT BE CURED?

The possibility of cure in adult life is controversial. Most authorities believe that no cure has yet been found, and are sceptical of their colleagues who make claims to the contrary. Even these, chiefly psychoanalysts, say that cure is possible in only a minority of cases (where the patient is still young and flexible, wants to be cured, is not an extreme case, and so on). For practical purposes it has to be assumed that people who are confirmed and exclusive homosexuals cannot be changed, however much they themselves may wish for it. Most homosexuals, in my experience, do wish they had been heterosexual, but feel they have no choice now but to live as they are. And it must be remembered that, although they may only have become homosexual since birth, they have become so, and their personality structure, mode of feeling, and all the interlocking patterns of their personal relationships now incorporate this, so that it may do more damage to "cure" them than to leave them alone. In any case, thinking in terms of "cure" often contains a hidden moral judgement to the effect that someone who is not like others ought to be brought into line for his own and everyone else's good.

It is true of female as of male homosexuals that they are to be found equally in all classes of society, and that the only ones we (or for that matter they) can recognise are a tiny proportion. The great majority of homosexuals are indistinguishable from other people except in their private sex-lives, and therefore - given that the proportion is something like one in 20 - it is quite certain that each one of us has at every stage of his life known a number of whom it has never entered our head that they are homosexual.

As soon as one comes to consider the way of life of homosexuals, one leaves the area in which the same generalisations apply to both men and women. The women are notably less promiscuous than the men. There is little or none of the "trolling", the picking up of partners on the streets, in public lavatories, bars and so on. There is little or no prostitution. There is not the same widespread interest in very young sexual partners. Most of the women seem to want to settle down and make a home with one person. Their idea of pleasure is then more to stay at home, and less to go out drinking or looking for company. They are not, on the whole, joiners. They are not moved by public causes, even their own. (For all these reasons there is much less of a homosexual "world" for women than for men.) In short, the differences between homosexual women and men are the same as those between heterosexual women and men.

Over and again I was struck by the fact that homosexual women are women first and homosexual second. Like other women, they tend to be more conscious of social pressures than men. With men, shared homosexuality is the biggest destroyer of class barriers there is, but not with women. Although lesbianism is legal they tend to behave as if it were a crime, and are just as furtive as the men, who have prison, blackmail and the rest to fear. Most lesbians seem at some stage in their lives, to have tried very hard to play their allotted social role - boy friends, engagement, even marriage and children. Like the men, they usually wish they were not homosexual; but trying to be heterosexual is easier for them. For one thing they are not normally expected to initiate sexual relationships with the opposite sex - this is done for them. And for another - unlike a man, who has to be roused to the point of sustained erection if he is to have sexual intercourse - a woman can be purely passive in intercourse, little roused, feeling little, even bored - even slightly repelled. And such a woman can have children.

For all these reasons a clear majority of lesbians, unlike male homosexuals, have experienced heterosexual intercourse, and a far higher proportion of them get married. This confuses the issue of how many are bisexual. Many married lesbians are having heterosexual intercourse against their inclinations. And many of the married women who "come out" in the thirties and forties have been repressing a basic lesbianism all their lives up to that time (usually until their children become independent). These are not bisexual in the true sense of being warmly responsive to both men and women. The proportion of genuinely bisexual people seems to be extremely small.

THEIR EMOTIONAL ISOLATION

For many reasons the commonest serious problem to be found among lesbians is emotional isolation. All over the country, especially in small communities or organisations, there are lesbians whose emotions are completely bottled up, known to no one but themselves. In most cases, if a lesbian falls for someone, what is she to do? As a woman she is not expected to initiate sexual relationships anyway, and to try to initiate a homosexual one is more than likely to scandalise the person approached - the chances are 20 to one against her being even lesbian, let alone mutually attracted. And because society does not recognise the existence of the lesbian's condition she may be socially terrified of revealing it, since this can result in loss of job, break with family and so on. If she is married the problem is worst of all.

The foundation of the Minorities Research Group and its advertisements in serious publications have begun to take the lid off this situation. The name of the organisation is misleading, for it suggests its purpose is mainly scientific.

Most of its members join because they want to meet other lesbians, and this is a reasonable aim. MRG has some serious faults - it is too middle class in its membership and assumptions; its monthly publication, *Arene Three*, is written at school-magazine level, many of its members are people with severe personality problems who just also happen to be homosexuals - but it has changed life for the better for a number of very unhappy people, and this alone is enough to justify its existence.

It is almost impossible for a lesbian in our society to escape serious emotional disturbance. To take only one thing, the deliberate avoidance of having children is itself severely disturbing for most women, lesbian or otherwise. On the other hand the lesbian who does have children is nearly certain, for obvious reasons, to have fundamental troubles with her heterosexual relationships. Then again, the problems of finding and keeping a lesbian partner are unusually great, yet the penalty for failure is a loneliness even worse than that of the lonely heterosexual girl. Then there is the knowledge of strong social disapproval, the burden of concealment, the fear of exposure. A lesbian has a lot to come to terms with before she can be happy. So much in her life fails to be the real thing - her friends who seem to be boys are girls, her pets are substitute children, she may even use a substitute penis.

MORE SEXUALLY SATISFYING

However, contrary to what most people suppose, the lovemaking of homosexual women seems to yield more specifically sexual satisfaction than that of heterosexual women, because homosexual lovemaking virtually always culminates in orgasm, whereas more often than not heterosexual lovemaking does not do so for the woman. There are three commonplace techniques of lesbian intercourse - and again contrary to what most people seem to believe, none of them involves the use of apparatus. The first, known as "tribadism" consists in one woman lying on top of the other and simulating the movement of heterosexual intercourse in such a way as to stimulate the clitoris of each. The second is mutual masturbation with the hands. The third consists in cummingus, in which the tongue is used. Beyond these three an infinite number of practices occur, but none of them are anything like as common as these. (Most lesbians not only do not use a dildo, they have never even seen one.)

Lesbians almost all claim that they have no desire to be men. Even the very masculine types, who say that what they most regret is their inability to give their partners children, usually add that they do not wish to be men, except in this one respect. To the question: "What would you be if you had to live life over again and could choose?" they, like the rest, usually answer: "A heterosexual woman." Are they lying, deceiving themselves, or telling the truth? I believe they are seldom lying, often deceiving themselves, but most often of all telling the truth.

Such authorities as Cory and Beauvoir believe that what is often central to the lesbian condition is not a desire to be a man but a rejection of the female role. This rejection is involuntary, and at the time of its beginning in infancy is unconscious. Such people are unable to come to terms with being female, or with what they inwardly feel females are required to be. This can happen for a variety of reasons. Some feel that in being born members of "the second sex" they have been cheated. Others have the opposite feeling that blossoming into womanhood involves attaining an ideal state of which they are incapable. Some feel that those on whose love they are most dependent, i.e. their parents, reject them emotionally for being of the wrong sex.

I think this rejection of the female role is very common among the "butch" of lesbian, and that most of these affect masculine characteristics because they are the only alternative to feminine ones. However, it is not always possible to distinguish this from the desire to be a man. Some lesbians dress in men's clothes down to the smallest detail. Usually such people live double lives, being more or less ordinary-seeming girls at their jobs during the day and then, at evenings and weekends, being indistinguishable from men. Others set out to get jobs where they can wear masculine clothes all the time - as maintenance workers or in many kinds of factory jobs, or as petrol-pump attendants, bus conductresses, and so on. Some try to make their physique less feminine by exercise, by deliberately broadening and roughening their hands, or by slimming, or by wearing constricting underwear. Some even insist that they need to shave - and of course every woman can find something on her face to shave, and if she does it often enough a genuine need will be created.

AN EMBARRASSING SUBJECT

But when all is said and done one must not lose sight of the fact that the overwhelming majority of lesbians have none of these characteristics. They go about their daily lives quite unidentified and unsuspected by the people around them. They may have a sexual partner, but beyond that they probably know few lesbians, perhaps none at all. They are ordinary, decent, dull members of the community. Purely as a personal impression I would guess that the proportion who can be recognised - and this would include, among others, all those who affect overt masculine characteristics - is something in the nature of one sixth. This is, of course, much higher than in the case of men.

Social attitudes towards male, and female, homosexuality are surprisingly different. Acts involving the former are crimes, acts involving the latter are not. Yet paradoxically the former is not more socially disapproved of than the latter. On the contrary. When in answer to casual questions about what I was working on I mentioned the documentary programme on male homosexuality, acquaintances reacted with interest and usually launched into animated discussion. But when I mentioned the programme on lesbianism they often looked uncomfortable, made an embarrassed joke and changed the subject. Dozens of people told me I would have greater difficulty getting the second programme on the air than the first (though this turned out not to be so). There is a story that the Labouchere amendment which created the homosexual crime in modern Britain covered women as well as men in its original drafting, but that Queen Victoria queried this as being impossible and, as the only alternative to explaining the facts of lesbianism to her, the wording was altered so as to exclude women. True or not, this story illustrates a fact which still holds: that condemn-lesbianism would involve acknowledging its existence, so society, finding this too disturbing, simply prefers to pretend it does not exist.

midday, mr. hip and me

...an anachronism

Mr. Paul Gray is undoubtedly Craccum's greatest literary discovery since Shavita Pyuras ('It Hurts' - Issue 4). An aspiring novelist, Mr. Gray is reputedly working on his 'big one' at present. Craccum expresses the hope that it sells a million and is eventually translated into English.

Drop in at the Victoria for a few beers on my way to nowhere much and who should be settled there in his noonday cups but why, none other than Mr Hip himself.

'Giddy man', he big beams at me over his half-pint rim and as preliminaries in this venture I say and purchase roughly likewise.

'Regrettable I lost your article Mr Hip', I get going with, 'Because ah! for the reason herum! that I wanted to compose a few words around the topic myself and ah! unfortunately I can't seem to recall too many of the - what do you say? - err! points of reference. Is that it?'

'That's tough man', he tells me, giving out with his bug-eyed 'innocents abroad' stare accompanied by a sniff or two on the old sinus machine.

'Yeah! That's very tough. But look, maybe I can fill you in on the general scene - if you're still interested that is?'

'Why not, I think having nothing much else to think.

'Now you see man', he starts up, shifting his arse to a comfortable delivery position, 'You understand the guts of my thesis is that prose - straight legitimate prose - is done for, crippled, croaking, maybe even laid out stiff and cold on the slab right at this moment. Yes right at this moment man! Com-

pletely stuffed! How does that Felix the Cat, James K. Baxter, strike you?'

Next Train to Marienbod, Berg-

'Amidships Mr Hip', I say

'Amidships'.

'Well', he fires away, 'I can't

quite make up my mind if

there's still a twitch in the old

bitch but what the hell, I'm in-

clined that she collapsed like

a draughthorse with diarrhoea

and the just a few seconds after I got

the last word of my post-mortem

wise) over the Boston Pops

in on the clack machine. Yeah.

How's that! I wasn't a minute

too soon.'

'Didn't you mention some-

thing about a new symbolic

approach to prose Mr Hip?' I

put in.

'Yeah - well all these

cats like Miller and Genet and

Bill Burroughs and Shakespeare

been fiddling around and work-

ing over the old bitch, been

swinging on the stomach pump

and bleeding their plasma into

her but look baby! - maybe they

ain't gonna make it. I mean

they could be shit out of

luck. You get me!'

'Sounds bad', I say.

'It is bad man. We just gotta

face up to the fact that the end

is around. We're not going to

make it like Bill Saroyan and

those other finks could in their

age. The pace is getting too

hot. Dig what we're up against'

and he goes into a big spiel

about Triangles, Computers,

Colour T.V., Pop, Op, Batman,

Donald Duck, Einstein, Gagarin,

Selwyn Toogood, Fellini, 7½,

as the cat who hit the last nail in the old bitch's coffin. Jesus it bugs me to carry on like a prosaic pallbearer but somebody had to kill the scene off. It's intellectual evolution man. I did it for progress.'

At this stage a funny thing happens. In spite of myself I find a big tear rolling down my cheek. It drops into my beer. At this Mr Hip doesn't bat a dry eyelid so incase you misunderstand me I'd better tell you right now that he's not a vicious guy this Mr Hip. Just because he talks like a hard loud and fast taperecorder doesn't mean so say that he hasn't got a human heart of real cinematic proportions beneath his big hipped bug-eyed exterior. Giving me time to compose myself he takes an unaccustomed roundabout route to the bar and even buys me a fresh beer while he's at it.

'Don't worry about the future man', he reassures me as he sits down. 'There's a place for guys like you and me if we can keep ahead. It's all a matter of moving as fast as the times. It's a hell of a way to live I know but Christ, it's the space age scene man and we've either got to be hip to it or hit oblivion. Look it's not a matter of keeping up with Buck Rogers - we've got to BECOME Buck Rogers.'

I've got a funny look of

incomprehension on my dial so he tries to elaborate the idea. 'See man - just like Jim Bond turned out to be cooler than Jim Christ - we've got to upstage Bond the same way. Words won't do it on their own anymore. The scientists have got all the goods, they're holding the aces and they've been playing it cooler than anybody for too long. We've got to get in there with them man and meet them on their own terms. Politicians are doing it. Big Business is doing it. Even artists and all those cats are getting their foot in. It's time us ex-prose writers got really hip to the problem. We got to get in on this scene somehow man or we're not going to survive.'

'What do you say to that one baby?'

He's got an inspired light in his bulging eyeballs. I don't comment at all.

'No cat around town will ever be able to say that Mr Hip hasn't done his bit for the rights of the new emerging space age artistic hipster what!'

'You can say that again' I say despondantly.

'Say what again?'

'I dunno', I tell him. 'I dunno what to think anymore. I for get. Pass me my hat and coat will you. I'm feeling a bit depressed. Think I'll cut out of here.'

'Where you off to man?'

'I dunno Mr Hip. Maybe I'll go down to Lewis Eadey's and buy me a Jews Harp.'

'What you gonna do with a Jews Harp man?' he asks me.

'Play it I say. What else can you do with a Jews Harp Mr Hip?'

Paul Gray

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PUSSY-CHAT

WINTER TOURNAMENT is the scene at present and those tourists are going to be stunned by the glam types decorating the sidelines. Get seen on the scene in a trouser suit. Casual Shop has them, plenty to choose from in flannels, woeds etc. and most colours that matter, such as grey, claret, puce and brown. Kooky accessories here also, nutty sunglasses, caps, snoods, knitted tops, chunky stockings and more.



TRINA JAY in Karangahape Rd. stocks different manufactureres lines as well as her own creations. Guaranteed to distract are knickerbockers, 59/11, masses of hand-knitted sweaters too. White polo-neck with naked cut-a-way shoulders and big cable stitch down front, endearing to say the least. Just right for winter parties. Also magical at any small party is Hot Magic. Lushious drink combining 1/2 red wine, 1/2 boiling water, nutmeg or cinnamon, lemon juice, serve with pretzels. Goes a long way hotly.

Cleaned and Skinned - price facts throw a big shadow on the benefit of Omega dry-cleaning Campus service. Wool skirt drycleaned here cost 6/9, same skirt by

Sanitone in suburbs cost 5/3, and by N.Z. Dry-cleaners, 5/3. The Omega price is less 12% student discount. An extra grouch, skirt was returned buttoned around a wire hanger, leaving "elbows" in cloth, thus extra steam-pressing necessary. Other firms use less damaging means of attaching the skirt to the hanger, like pins. Considering the small amount of work passing through Studass office, Omega are getting quite a reputation for "losing" garments. Studass claim that it is nevertheless, "convenient".

Big Earrings - these have great potentiality fad-wise and I think N.Z. manufacturers might just have time to do something about it in time for summer. Meanwhile Casual Shop stocks the imported variety. Great earrings look best with short, short hair or really long hair, another solution is a bright, one-colour scarf to stop stray locks crowding in on big-earring impact.

Congratulations Malcolm - anybody who has nerve enough to plaster a large colour photograph of himself on the wall of the "ladies loo" deserves to get elected onto M.H.C.

Watch Out - next issue Pussychat will be silly with Spring. 'Think Sprink' is the theme and sprightly news on fashion and fad is coloured bright and yellow.

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by Shavita Pyuras.

Saw in the paper the other day that Chairman Mao floated on his backside down the Nile or some other Chinese river... Hear that P.M. Holyoake is going to imitate the feat by crossing Taupo... in a launch.

Various garglings from our Glorious Executive concerning student apathy have been borne out in more ways than one: at the last Exec meeting, there was not even a quorum and the meeting disbanded after half an hour.

Interesting to note how many M.H.C. members were at the campaign staged by the two candidates, and how vehement they were to cover up their past indolence by attacking the personality of one of the candidates...

Disgusted to hear during the MHC campaign that about 250 spoons and 600 cups had "disappeared" from the Caf since the beginning of the year. Might be worthwhile to search some of the Grafton flats...

Surprised to hear cries about dirty play in the Auckland-Lions match. Thought Auckland put on its cleanest performance to date...

Saw the lovely Young Nats had their Monster Car Rally the other day. Pity they didn't have more success in their big party rally in Wellington...

Thought it was a great pity that an opportunity to demonstrate about something was missed when Prince Charles stopped over at Mangere. How about a nice protest about the effete monarchy, or the dying kangaroo population, or something?

TOURNAMENT

squash

events this Tourni promise to be close and exciting" says Squash controller Lyn Stevens. A.U. squash has been on the upsurge over the past few years, and what with several top provincial players participating, it should be quite a spectacle.

Barry Tietjens, N.Z.

junior champion for the last three years and member of champion Cousins shield team Remuera, will head the strong A.U. side.

Canterbury, led by the leading South Island player Jim Henderson, is probably the strongest competition. Otago and Victoria are also no mean opponents.

Venue is the Remuera club courts, and a highlight

will be N.Z.U. match against Auckland on Wednesday night.

Women's events will be held this year, and these should provide splitting good squash.

Squash this year promises to be one of the feature sports of Tourni, so why don't you squelch along with your bird to watch!

judo

The fine coaching of Dave Delay this year should be evident when the A.U. Judo Club displays an extra good showing at Tourni. We expect the usual strong competition from other clubs, but all going well we should come out on top this year.

John McLean (Brown Belt), Tim Haslett (Blue Belt), Ron McGann (Green Belt) and Don Asbey-Palmer (Orange Belt) should provide the core of the open team, but Ron Lee (Orange Belt) and Maurice Lo (Orange Belt) will prove strong competition for them at the Tourni Selection on Saturday, 16th July.

Excellent fighting for places in the Restricted KYU Team on the part of many of our newly-graded members is expected, and a few surprise falls should eventuate.

This year McLean and McGann will finish their degrees, and will be leaving. Without these two next year, Judo Club will be relying on the younger men, who will be blooded at Tourni.

All in all A.U. Judo Club should really toss all opposition aside. Hussah!

fencing

A.U. fencing is the sharpest ever for years. The six blades in the men's team are: David Muller, Roger Muller, John Gaudin, Zoltan Apathy, Rodney Gayfer, Grant Bradley. The women's team (foils only) is: Irene Milton, Jennifer Northover, Felicity Lennox-King, Lynne Gilmore.

We are pretty confident of our chances of carrying off the spoils: half the fencers on the Auckland Provincial team are on A.U. team. Our strongest competition is likely to come from Victoria; but they don't call us "slasher" for nothing. Our stars are David Muller who has amassed bags of titles, and Zoltan Apathy who was nominated for the Empire Games.

The Fencing Dinner is being held on Tuesday night at the Crescendo, Queen Street. We shall then lay down our swords and concentrate on things not necessarily above the belt.

VENUE: A.T.I. Bldg. : Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phew!) N.Z.U. match at St. Marks Church Hall, Remuera, on Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

Come along, watch our sadists

at work, and provide your own cutting comments.

golf

Tournament golf will be held at two of Auckland's leading courses, the Grange and Papatoetoe, and the Pukekohe course.

The Grange will be the scene of play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is the longest course in Auckland but probably one of the tightest. Accuracy from the tees is essential to avoid trouble: it plays 6594 yards.

Course record: 69

The pukekohe course is set on rolling country just on the Auckland side of Pukekohe. It is a long course (6900 yards) and completely different from the Grange. Copious trees make the fairways pretty tight. A couple of bunkers add variety to the greens which are true. If you want to score well, you have to be handy with the long drives and your iron. Card shows halves of Out: 36 and In: 36. Par 73.

Officially, each university has four players in each team. However Tournament Controller Dave Keys says "I expect free lancers will boost the field to about forty."

The teams competition is decided in the first two days. In each round the best three scores for each team count towards the team total. These four rounds also decide qualification for match play on Wednesday and Thursday.

Victoria's team includes two Freyburg players, Rod Bartrop and John Ingle. Canterbury, last year's winner has a strong side, and Auckland has a decided advantage in that the team of Herring, Harrison, Garner and Yates are well acquainted with the home courses.

The eagle eye of Mr N.V. Edwards will be scanning the players the first four days. On Thursday he will select the time to play for N.Z.U. against Auckland Province on the Friday.

The traditional Golf Dinner is being held at the Lutece Restaurant, and so a swinging time should be had by all.

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badminton

Badminton has grown considerably as a Winter Tournament sport, since four Universities competed for the title in 1963.

This year, all seven universities will be participating, with the main competition expected to come from Otago, Canterbury, Victoria and Auckland. The 1966 titleholder, Victoria, will be hard pressed to retain her title this year, with perhaps the strongest challenge coming from the Auckland team.

Play will be held in The Auckland Badminton Association Hall in Gillies Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The NZU match, against an Auckland representative team, will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The Auckland team is: John Garnier, who has represented Auckland University in three previous tournaments, different from the NZU team in each of these years, as well as a pretty tight double blue. John bunksers at the University of Victoria as their No. 2 last year. Cheong, Ashley Willans be handy with John Skeen complete the end your ironmen's side.

Our girls are: Raewyn McCombie, who represented Auckland University in 1964, Ann Paterson, who represented AU in 1964 and ent Controlled 1965; Helen Bunby, Jenny 'I expect free' well, and Heather Cart the field Michael, who are without previous Tournament experience.

The side is a well balanced one and should acquit themselves well. They were selected five weeks before the tournament, and have therefore had some valuable time for team practice.

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year's Tourni, however, it will have to play more solid constructional football than it may have in the past.

The Auckland team, depending on last-minute form: Wasmuth, Bognuda, Elliot, Bieringa, Boddy, Michie, Hong, Horrocks, Boyd, Caple, Nicholas, Courtley, Millar, Aiyappan.

VENUE: Auckland Domain.
TIMES: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. and 2 or 2:30 p.m. on these days. Sunday: N.Z.U. team plays Auckland under 21 team at Newmarket park 1 p.m.

Come along and see the worthy knuckle!

hockey men

Being on our home grounds, we should have an excellent chance of victory in the tournament, although strong competition is expected, especially from Canterbury.

The squad of twelve will be: M. McLean; L. Wood; I. Rawnsley; R. Harrison; J. Scott; K. Gorringer; D. McFarlane; W. Boyd; C. Witters; B. Rogers; B. Tattle; L. Torkington.

Brian Rogers and goalie Murray McLean especially, both old hands, would seem to have strong claims for NZU honours.

An added interest this year will be the presence of an Australian Universities Team, on tour in N.Z., who will participate in the tournament and on the following Saturday play a match against an NZU eleven. Another enjoyable feature of the tournament will be the holding of the Women's Hockey also at the Hobson Park venue, all of which indicate that the competition should be very keen, both on and off the field.

women

The purpose of this article is to sell women's hockey Tournament-wise. We admit this quite openly but we can be pretty persuasive all the same. Just look at this!

The first team boasts a glittering array of Auckland and NZU representation and all (this is the most noteworthy part of it) the result of genuine merit — it didn't cost us a penny! Tanya Cumberland and Jan Hogg toured Australia with the NZU team last year; Christine Ringer has won representative honours twice this season and Juliet Maidment has managed to scrape reserve rating; Judith Rapson is a past Auckland rep. (as is also Tanya); and right-half Patricia Durham was vice-captain in the NZU team last Tournament. All in all, its an experienced team (if nothing else!)

And that's not all. This year Auckland is entering two teams, the second being chosen from promising players includ-

ing 4 from the O'Rorke team who have represented their counties and after all, what other sport can offer 22 girls on a field at the one time.

If our teams promise to do well, so too do the others (let's give them their due, after all) — Massey, Canterbury and Otago come up this year with Australian tour NZU reps again and several other well-known names. Otago was last year's winner but anything can happen between Dunedin and Auckland — so they tell me.

Whoever wins the competition, there will be plenty of talent to choose from for the combined team and the NZU v Auckland match on the Thursday should be productive of excellent hockey. Auckland was only beaten by Canterbury in the play-off for the final at Dominion Tournament last year.

This will be a match at provincial level and worth watching.

All this excitement will occur this year at Hobson Park, Remuera where we shall undoubtedly steal the scene from the men who are holding theirs in conjunction with us.

And so the verdict is:

COME AND SEE (sorry, no photo this issue — we're too smart for that!)

Juliet Maidment

Ping pong

Tournament this year should produce the highest standard of university table tennis for at least the last decade. Participating are three New Zealand trialists — Terry Quinn (AU), Harrison Waterhouse (VU), the current NZU and Australian Universities champion, and Clive Tilby (CU). Also playing are all the members of the NZU side which toured Australia so successfully in May. **Pride of place goes to Margaret Bridson, who carried off the Australian Universities women's singles title.**

Highspot of tournament the NZU vs Auckland will be on Wednesday night.

V.U. supremacy should be hotly challenged by the strong AU side, which as well as Quinn and Bridson, includes NZU rep Peter Salmon,

Franklin and former NZU rep Graham Bush and the highly-promising Melody Ogle. The teams contests will take place at Roskill Rugby Hall on the Monday and Tuesday, followed by the gruelling individual championships.

Tournament will be concluded by NZU matches against the thriving Waitemata and North Shore Associations.

billiards

Billiards will again be a trail sport in Tournament. Three-man teams will contest snooker and billiards in both teams and individual events. Otago, last years winner, will once again be hard to beat. They have a strong and active Billiards Club, having three tables in their Student Union building — so their players are always keen and in form.

Auckland, runner-up last year, could upset Otago if some strong snooker players are found. Last year in Wellington this section of the team was practically non-existent, so improvement seems inevitable.

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LOCAL

VARSITY ON TOP

Apparently counter-espionage is not the only sport at which AU excels; in rugby we have teams in the top flight of each of the top six grades.

The seniors are at present leading their grade, and as they have played all the hardest teams without a loss — they stand an excellent chance of taking major honours. Like senior reserves this team is mainly ex-varsity but of the actual undergrads 'Dog' Sherlock, 'Pole' Whiting, 'Tool' Denholm have all been figuring well, and Kev Way has been playing well in the backs. The team is led by the youngest captain in years — 'Stanes' Cullimore, the 'Terror of London ST' who is this year included in the Auckland rep team along with Don Montgomery, Kevin O'Shannesy, Mike Cormack, Tony Davies and Phil Lindsay. The seniors have not won the championship since a straight run of victories in 1955, 6 and 7, so here's hoping.

Senior Reserves have reached the play-off without a loss, but are not doing so well now due to a stream of players bolstering the injury prone seniors. Of the actual undergrads, the fiery Rob Fisher is playing consistently good rugby supported by Mick Cooney and the other 6 forwards.

Varsity Lawyers 2nds are out to make it two in a row, after being undefeated last year. Barry Mabin, the powerful half-back from 'way down south', and Guts Gotlieb are turning in good performances this year.

Probable glamour team is the Third Golds, who have won the champs twice in a row after being runners-up the previous two years. The team is coached by the very competent Trevor Fry — a coach with more champion teams to his credit than any other coach in the Auckland province. He has moulded the side into a very powerful team. Great half-back service from 'Mouse' Ryan plus a fleet-footed back line containing Bruce Patrick, Brit Salter, Rob MacMurray and Peter Uffindell give confidence to a strong and mobile pack led by the veteran Alan Hooker and supported by 'Straws' Hadfield. The team has been a little unlucky in that they have not met very many strong teams to date.

These teams are the most likely to make the major honours, and added support from the student body could give these teams an edge in a tough match — so go along for an hour or so to watch your teams, at present they are probably the most poorly supported of any clubs in Auckland.

PONGOES

POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

Undoubtedly the most significant political event in New Zealand during July was the Lions-Auckland rugby match. The Eden Park mud gave it a colour beside which the National Party Conference pales into insignificance.

Some of the political implications are obvious. The fighting has damaged — may have even done irreparable harm to — New Zealand's relations with Britain. It is as though the "pommification" argument has been carried into Auckland's only viable theatre. And there the drama revealed an inspiring local feeling which removes much of the suspicion that we are weak-willed before our Imperial Mother.

But there are very worrying aspects of this event still unclear.

The rampant criticism from those old enough to think that rugby is still a game to be played between Commonwealth Partners — this criticism has not been answered by the younger New Zealand nationalists. However, Tom Pearce went some way in this direc-

tion when he said authoritatively: "The Lions' management must be told that its attitude must change." (*Auckland Star*, 1 August, p.32.)

But are we going to substitute for 'our Olde Imperial Mother' a new up-dated *de facto* one? The San Jose basketball team has been instructing New Zealanders in the gentle arts of basketball recently — and has been implying that if we accept their nurture we may find ourselves somehow included in the power elite of basketballing nations.

Mother figure

According to our historians we have always needed a mother figure; but let us be careful before allowing Auntie Sam to adopt us — after all American skirts are a little short to shelter under these days.

However, there is some hope that we have already put off all Potential Mothers by our peculiar playing habits. One paper (in a slightly what-do-we-do-now? tone) reported an "incident" in

the Auckland-Lions match which took place "directly below the stand — occupied by New Zealand and overseas dignitaries". (*Sunday Times*, 31 July, p.15.) We can only hope that the overseas dignitaries were as shocked as the *Sunday Times* feared.

Solidarity

Les Cleveland wrote in the latest "Comment" (June 1966): "The epic dramas of New Zealand rugby resemble symbols of sentiment and identification whose purpose it is to arouse admiration and enthusiasm, strengthen faith and loyalties, and heighten awareness of sharing these emotions so as to promote solidarity." (p.27.)

All New Zealanders should find an identification with Keith Nelson and his men — and they should rally solidly behind the best after-match comment. It echoed a central idea from Government defence thinking: "Of course we did enough fighting — otherwise we would have done more."

Bill Montgomerie

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