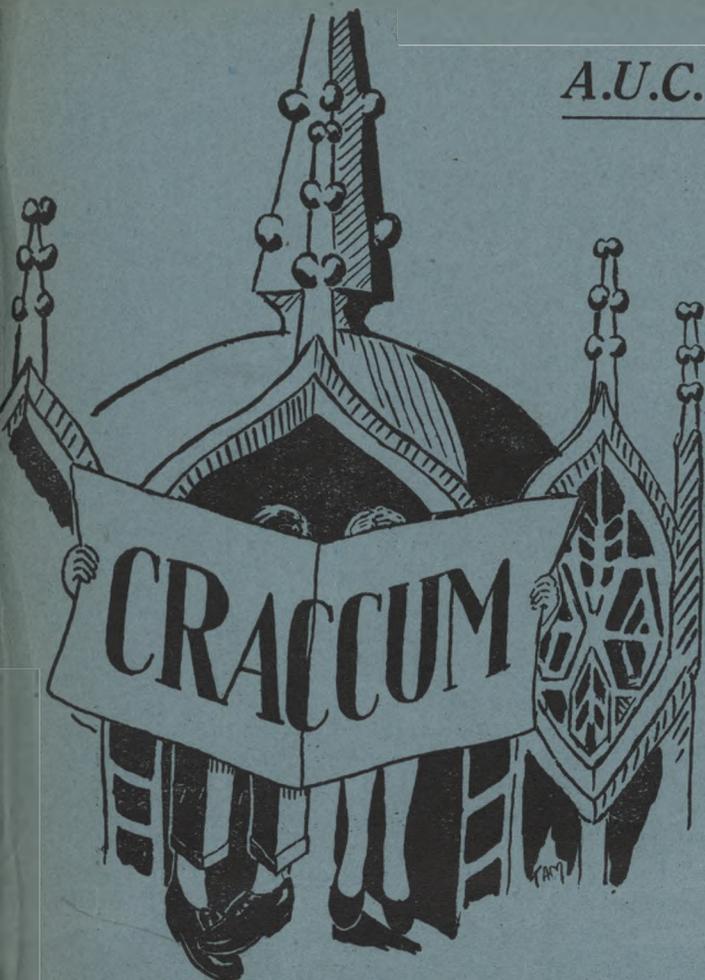


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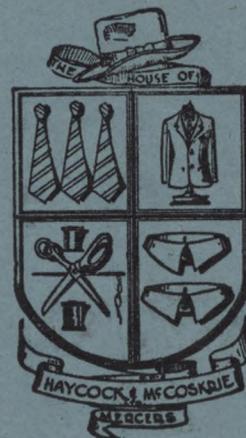
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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

In the last issue of "Craccum" a reply was made to my article concerning the membership of the Students' Association. That reply contained several charges levelled against my article, including those of one-sidedness, and failure to appreciate the points at issue. I propose to draw a few comparisons in order to show that those charges are more fairly applicable to the reply than to my original article.

First as regards one-sidedness: I am quoted as having said, "Everyone will probably agree that membership should be limited to bona fide students," and "it is a well-known fact that a number of people take a few lectures during the year in order to qualify for membership of the Association." This is correct; and, in itself, disproves the assertion that my article was one-sided, as it shows that I did discuss all points of view, whereas I can discover nothing in the reply which even mentions the disadvantages of the suggestion which it supports. This is that a regulation to the effect that no one, other than a Fresher, who has not kept Terms in at least two subjects the previous year, may play in a College team, would go a long way towards lessening the evil. It certainly would go a long way; in fact it would go so far that it would introduce another evil, but I will discuss that further on.

Secondly as regards failure to appreciate the points at issue. Among the points I mentioned were the question of principle, as contained in the above quotations from my original article, and secondly the practical side of the matter, as in my reference to the fact that regulations satisfactory to some clubs would be highly unsatisfactory to others, and also to the fact that such regulations would cause injustice to a number of genuine students. I also mentioned that in most cases there seemed little likelihood of 'Varsity teams being overrun by non-students, and that in the few cases affected, the matter could be better dealt with by the executives of the clubs concerned. I would be pleased if the writer of the reply would indicate which points at issue I have hopelessly failed to appreciate.

As regards the suggested regulation, membership of the Students' Association includes membership of the affiliated clubs, so that such a regulation could not be made without laying the Association open to a charge of breach of faith. It is no good saying that members of the Association are eligible for membership of the sports clubs, if other regulations are introduced to the executive denying some this privilege. Thus if the regulation was amended so that such people were not eligible for membership of the Association, we would have people

who already have one or more sections of degree but who have failed to obtain terms in more than one subject in one year, not eligible for the membership in the next, which is obviously absurd. In any case, with the regulation as it stands, it would debar these undoubtedly genuine students from playing in 'Varsity teams. Is this going far to remove an evil?

I rather fail to understand the quibble concerning "student affairs." This certainly implies a lot more than sport. Perhaps I should have said "entitled to continue as a member of the Association." However, I do not see how this alters the point in question.

I entirely agree with the writer of the last article that persons who have never taken lectures should not be elected to membership, unless of course they have done the University some service or have some special qualifications.

To be consistent, if some who are taking lectures are prohibited from membership of the Association, then the compulsory membership clause would have to be removed altogether. In the case it is probable that over half of the so-called bona fide students would not take the trouble to join, because if they were sufficiently interested in the Association to pay their guinea, they would be sufficiently interested to take part in student affairs, which they are not. This is shown by the number who vote in the elections, or who take part in student activities, and the resulting loss in revenue to the Association would be disastrous.

The club referred to in the last paragraph of the reply is obviously the one I referred to in the last paragraph of my first article when I suggested that the dissatisfied clubs should be in the singular. In this club, two senior teams were entered, entirely because sufficient players of senior standard are available, and it is one of those teams which is referred to. Suppose that the five players mentioned be withdrawn from the team. Are there five more of a standard sufficient to keep the team in the Senior Grade? If there are not, then there is a probability that it would go down to the next grade, which would hardly please the remaining members. If there are, which does not seem likely, they must be below the standard of the others in any case, or they would be in the team.

This, however, is the extreme case, and should not, therefore, be taken as an indication of the seriousness of the problem. I still maintain that regulations satisfactory to this club would cause great dissatisfaction to others, and that the matter should therefore be dealt with by the club itself rather than by the Students' Association. If the selectors used their discretion and omitted these players from the team, they would soon drop out of the Association, and the matter would right itself.

## "ON THINGS IN GENERAL"

One of my old school-teachers who was affectionately named "Shorty," used to say, "Me bhoy, don't give advice till you are asked for it and then not till you understand what you are speakin' abaht."

And so I have waited till well past my "fresher" stage in order to give you the benefit of my knowledge.

As a matter of fact, I'm so far from being fresh that I feel positively stale, only I put that down to a strenuous week-end swotting. But I hope the reading of my lament will still have about it the sting I used to put into those youthful games of marbles and tops.

However, let's get on with the business!

Mr. Editor, I ask you, couldn't something be done about screwing a jolly old time-piece on to one of the walls of the common-room? Several times this term I've had a chill from looking at the tower clock in the rain. In this respect the ladies are one up on us. But we want one that will go, not merely act as an ornament. This may help to cut out the "last-minute" rush by belated students who find, on wet days in the middle of a hand of bridge that their lecture time is overdue, and who make a grab at their coats and after knocking down my hat, trample on it. I wouldn't mind so much if they did it carefully, but when it comes to using football boots, well, I ask you!

Then again there's that perfectly horrible men's choir which wakens the echoes with songs that bring a rosy glow to my youthful cheeks. If they want to sing, let's give 'em a few lessons, after which we could try 'em out and finally eject them.

Of course I don't wish to damp their spirits, but really to hear Mike on the ivories and Tom doing his best to represent a basso profundo, not to mention the liquid tone of Buzzy harmonising with Bob, its a fair dinkum jewel with a good setting.

Here's another amendment. Let's change the name from "common-room" to lounge. Certainly, the visitors are quite correct when they say, "Oh yes, the common-room," and just then we hear from one of the corners language which would turn a bargee green with envy.

Talking about common-rooms; we should also do something about making one day in the week a common common-room day, during which we could invite the ladies in. Much the same idea as "Ladies' Night at the Savages!" Mm, yas, I think so!

Another thing, sir, about "Craccum." Much as I feel your worthy paper keeps one in touch with the doings of all and gives us everybody's opinion, I would like to mention the fact that your social journalist is not very discreet. Take for instance the case of Jean —. She came up to me the other day and, whilst shedding salt tears, said, "Dad (only a term of affection), old bean, I'm sure "Craccum is going to publish my latest affair, 'cause why else would Helen give me such a piercing gaze at the Training College v. Varsity Debate." (Pardon me, Varsity should have come before College.) Of course we must have the latest social scandal, but one doesn't like it dished out after the style of "Truth." Otherwise, sir, your paper is O.K.

Now I'm sure you would like my opinion on the

"Bona Fide Student" question. Well, I shall say the answer is all so simple, being, a person who has taken subjects at the Varsity for six months, or more; who comes to the coffee evenings; lends a hand where it is most needed; plays some sport for Varsity, or has exemption for good reasons; writes to or reads "Craccum"; and for the rest of the time gracefully reposes on the couches in the common-room. Quite simple, really. Hm, yas, I think so.

Well, I feel I have said what was in the minds of many, and though I may have forgotten some things which I meant to have written about, I feel sure it will be best to hear the general opinion on what has been stated before proceeding further.

Please let the comments be audible as I shall mix among ye in the guise of sweet innocence.

CLARENCE GREEN.

## CONGRATULATORY VERSES

### On a Recent Piece of Legislation.

By MAEVIUS

Now let us pay a tribute to  
A body that I'm certain you  
And all good Aucklanders and true  
Have ever much adored.  
The knights of chivalry who seek  
New ways to elevate the meek,  
To check the strong and help the weak,  
The City Transport Board!

The generous, great-hearted men  
Who looked askance at tram-cars when  
They saw great hulking girls of ten  
Grab every seat in hand.  
While swooning men on every side,  
Frail navvies trembling at the ride,  
And blacksmiths, weak and haggard-eyed,  
Were all compelled to stand.

United let our praises be  
To those who, by a sage decree,  
Ensured seats for you and me.  
—A thought at which I laugh.

Supported only by their boots  
Henceforth will be those great galoots,  
The blackguard thugs, the hectoring brutes,  
Who travel half.

## OUR RHODES SCHOLAR

At the smoke concert held in the Men's Common Room on Saturday, 27th, a suitcase was presented by Mr. Turner, on behalf of the Students' Association, to Mr. E. E. Bailey, the Auckland Rhodes Scholar.

The best wishes of the Association will be with Mr. Bailey during his residence at Oxford.

## SOCIAL SETTINGS BY SYLVIA

(Still in Society)

Among those round the door last coffee evening were—Master Cuthbert and his new walking stick, the King of Kawau in a Baby Austin.

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In the Library yesterday I noticed : Polly, Bernard, Ron, Don, Tom, Ken, Jack, Percy, Barry and Geoff. and several others. The majority, I noticed, are wearing their hair parted either in the centre, or slightly to one side, and plastered with highly perfumed pomades.

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Among those at the Commercial Grill last Sunday morning were :

*Eating stewed oysters.*—Friar, Frank and Foxtrott.

*Ham and Eggs*—Jack Chambers, Gillett and Bob.

*Sausages*—Bub, Trevor, Jack Penny and D. Johnson.

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A very enjoyable dance was given by the Social Committee on July 20th. Those present were: Two orchestras, the Social Committee, and Tom taking tickets at the door.

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The Smoke Concert on Saturday night was a sublime success. The boys smoked pipes, cigars and cigarettes, drank beer, ate spring onions, and told yarns with much spirits and gin-ger. A delightful and entertaining performance was given by "The Filthy Five."

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Last Friday several law students were admitted to the Bar, and a rejoicing was held at the Hotel Auckland. The merry-makers afterwards spent an enjoyable hour in walking up, and falling down, the Varsity steps, and in assisting the Training College Glee Club with their delightful singing. The best vocal efforts were given by Joey Ward and Ron Adams.

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The Literary Club gave a very creditable performance recently. Bussy, as Charles, acted naturally, and with a charm of manner which was very fascinating. Billie Ratts looked rather sweet as a corpse bearer, though his belt was on the long side.

—SYLVIA.

They say it was Turner, M.A.,  
Who thought on this problem one day :  
What the answer would be  
If the price of our tea  
Were increased by threepence a day.

Arthur Postlewaite, standing close by,  
Was quite willing to give it a try.  
He made the revision  
With such great precision,  
The result was ——— \*

\*Not yet available.

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R. E. L. AUBIN, *Editor.*

## THE LADIES—BLESS 'EM

You remember the notice that was hanging on the board around July 20-27th, craftily depicting a bottle of gin and a "half-handle" ? Well, that's where this all began. You see, I went to that smoke concert and, though I wouldn't care to tell all I heard there, one thing penetrated through the haze, and that was the toast to the Ladies (absent). Mind you, I notice most men find a kind word for the ladies so long as they are absent, but I am going to be unkind and give a few of the impressions and what-nots I've obtained within the last month.

Not so long ago I was walking along a certain corridor in the Arts Building when, lo and behold, down the banisters shot a young lady with a distinctly 'naughty skirt.' She glided up to and collided with the hand-rail support to discover Prof. Gr——n regarding her with stern disapproval. Only a caution that time, my children, but, horrors, its sequel was grisly in the extreme.

Listen closely, kids: A letter arrived, presumably from home where the family evidently disapproved of being neglected. Poor girl, she foolishly opened and read it outside the Lion's den. Coming to the nasty bit in this letter this maiden let out a kind of animal-in-pain squeal which darted away in all directions, and the door opened to disclose the venerable pedagogue who pronounced like a policeman, "Your name, please, or 7/6." Quickly the cash changed hands and the last I saw of the young lady was a whirl of skirts and a towled head. I heard more later !!

The next impression is one obtained at the Grammar v. Kings football on College Day. I was taking the air with a mixed company of young ladies and gentlemen, when I heard a few remarks which are typical of women's company.

"Do you see that girl in the blue cloche hat, brown felt coat with panel effects and holding a red morocco leather bag ? Well, she was expelled from Orakei High-school, Toheroa College and Waipukatitree University."

"Who is she with ?"

"Don't know; but he's got blue eyes and such nice wavy hair like Doug's."

Then followed a ten minutes' conversation on the respective colours of the eyes of each male in the party. Having at last exhausted this subject, some other victim was sighted.

"Hey, D—, see that *woman* in the picture hat—yes, the tall angular one" (she had rather cute ankles); "well, she drove her hubby mad with elocution."

Well, I for one could quite believe that. Many a time I've sat in the common-room and heard the sound of tormented souls but, on inquiring who was ill, found out it was merely the girls singing in the common-room or someone giving forth about Julius Caesar or Micky Maori-Bug.

However, after we heard about Bat-house Berta, the game started, and I hoped for a bit of a relaxation. But "there's no rest for the wicked" because I was in demand to tell all the boys' names and their pedigree. Now believe me or believe me not, I described them all, and what I didn't know about them I made up. Imagine the result when in the midst of a brilliant piece of play my young attachment dug me in the floating-rib and said,

"Who did you say the full-back was?"

I hadn't the foggiest idea whether I'd called him Jones or Green!

It's moments like these you need Minties.

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It used to be quite commonly heard that the young ladies of the Varsity were renowned for their plainness. However, this year, at least, we find a difference. The ugly duckling has turned into a beautiful swan, and let me tell you we are proud of our young ladies now. As was overheard after the "King of Kawau":

"Say, Jack, you've got some nice girls up at Varsity, judging from your chorus."

And take it from me, as one who know, he sure said it.

—FATHER CHRISTMAS

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## OUR UNBURIED CORPSES

### No. 3—The Dead Soc

By our Special Co-respondent.

This institution is the direct cause of the bad feeling which exists between the University and the Public of Auckland. It is through the machinations of this society, that we are called upon to explain to an indignant public, the reason for the casting of sundry fruits at prominent members thereof. To explain, also, why an attempt was made to turn the Town Hall Concert Chamber into a poultry-run.

It would seem that the Dead Soc. has a lot to answer for, but notwithstanding the undoubted eloquence of its members, upon which the very existence of the Society depends, we have not heard very much from it on this subject.

An interesting point in connection with the Society is that, up till recently, a College Blue has been awarded to its two representatives at the Easter Tournament. Now a Blue is undoubtedly an award made for proficiency in some form of Athletics, and it is therefore somewhat surprising that such an award be made for Debating. However, if one examines the matter closely, it is not so incongruous as it seems. The debating contests, as held in the Easter Tournaments, are decidedly more athletic contests than verbal ones. The agility necessary to keep a whole skin in the face of bombardment from above, the strain of hearing one's personal traits referred to with embarrassing frankness, the effort required for a heroic endeavour to make oneself heard above a noise like that of a thousand dog-fights, the maintenance of a calm dignity, come what may, require a co-ordination of nerve and muscle, as great as that required for any of the recognised athletic sports.

We feel that the Dead Soc. has suffered deeply through the retirement of a certain member who, during the Parliamentary Elections, somewhat astonishingly inferred, though not in as many words, that a large percentage of the students at A.U.C. were supporters of the Labour Party. Nevertheless, the Society will probably continue to flourish, when there is material available such as the present leading lady member, whose arguments, while distinctly feminine, contain some semblance of logic which is admittedly unusual.

In conclusion, we should like to congratulate the Society on the appointment of a secretary imported (at least as regards his political views) direct from Russia. The Dead Soc. has been a corpse for so long that it is with some trepidation that we find it still unburied; but we are nevertheless glad to find that it still continues to combine the handy functions of an Aunt Sally with that of a safety-valve for the more rabidly communistic members of the society.

Next Issue: No. 4.—The Women's Grouse Committee.

A young man who reads "Craccum" a lot  
Read that Watt, the shot, looked a swot;

"I can't think it," said he,

"Really! What! Gee—

G. Watt, a swot, surely not?"

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On that evening Mr. E. C. Schnackenberg, B.Sc., gave a paper before the Society entitled "Piled Foundations." There were about thirty-five members present, also several engineers from the city. Prof. Lamb was in the chair.

The lecture was well illustrated by some fifty lantern slides and three cinema films.

On Wednesday evening, 31st July, two very interesting student papers were delivered before the Society.

The first, on "Speed Boats," by Mr. J. B. Brooke, dealt with the scientific and practical aspects of speed boat design, and was much appreciated, particularly as the speaker had done much in the experimental line with speed boat hulls.

Mr. A. Hickman delivered a well-prepared paper on "Storage Batteries," which was illustrated by numerous lantern slides.

On Wednesday, 7th, Mr. O. M. Hope will deliver a paper on "Aerial Ropeways." Mr. Hope was the engineer who constructed the ropeway at Arapuni, and his lecture will be full of interest.

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## FOOTBALL

The score of 9—0 against College Rifles on July 6th was rather a shock to players and supporters alike, but on the game, it was a fairly accurate criterion of the merits of the teams. The 'Varsity forwards played a rather loose game, with the result that the Rifles pack, always good at getting away with offside play, simply swarmed on to Jenkin at half, and Mackay at first five-eighth. Consequently the backs got little opportunity of concerted work. The wings, however, making opportunities for themselves, made the most of them, and at times the whole team took part in delightful passing rushes which, unfortunately, resulted in a score on only one occasion.

It seems strange that, with a dry ball and under good playing conditions, the team could only score 9 points, when on the following Saturday, with conditions at the very worst, it could compile a cricket score of 36 points, against an opposition of much the same calibre. This was a result of playing correct tactics from the beginning, for, as the ground was half covered with inches of mud and slush, and the handling of the ball was out of the question, the forwards immediately adapted themselves to the correct game, and started a series of dribbling rushes which soon told their tale. The Grafton backs failed to stop these rushes, while our backs occasionally joined in to finish off a movement. Keene and Linton showed that they were excellent in the mud, by leading the forwards time after time and, on the whole, the game was an excellent exhibition of wet-day football.

The A team did not find much difficulty in defeating Marists in the match which was postponed from the first round. As it was the only senior match played that day, on account of inclement weather, and the consequent poor state of the grounds, it could not be expected that the game would provide a brilliant exhibition. As a matter of fact, it was very poor, and failed to provide anything worthy of comment.

But on July 27th the team rose to the occasion excellently, and succeeded in defeating Grammar Old Boys by 9—3, a score which should have been larger, had the forwards had an ounce or two of luck. On two occasions a forward knocked on when only a yard from the line, and Grammar luckily forced down.

The 'Varsity pack in this game showed that they are as good, if not better than, any pack in the competition. Every forward packed in against Grammar's heavy forwards, and succeeded in holding them admirably in the tight, with the result that Grammar's shock tactics were of little avail. And in the loose play our forwards were greatly superior, and gave the opposing backs little rest, while they also supported their own backs in fine style.

The threequarters had a fairly easy day, but the five-eighths and half deserve the highest commendation for the sterling manner in which they went down to the rushes of the heavy Grammar pack.

As a result of this game, all the 'Varsity supporters are extremely confident that the team will again succeed in defeating Ponsonby, and thus annexing the Champion for the season.

## CAFEDEARIA

It is not that the old order changes;  
Our orders are much the same still;  
The menu still bristles with dangers;  
And nothing is changed but the bill.

It is not that the soup is much thicker,  
And "sweets" is a misnomer still;  
The service is not at all quicker—  
Oh, nothing is changed but the bill.

It is not that the kidney's less lonely,  
Or the stew is less likely to kill;  
One person gets one small piece only,  
As nothing is changed but the bill.

It is not that the cake from the Dances  
The rubbish-tin now helps to fill—  
Monday's trifle the refuse enhances,  
For nothing is changed but the bill.

It is not that Miss Murphy looks brighter,  
Though extras pour into the till,  
For she gets no more to requite her,  
Since nothing is changed but the bill.

It is not that we make the suggestion  
That you should relinquish your pill;  
You will still get severe indigestion—  
No, nothing is changed but the bill.

—M.B.O.

## CAPPING CEREMONY

TOWN HALL

FRIDAY, 9th. AT 2.30

It is hoped that a large number of Students will come along to do honour to the Graduates of the Year.

Remember that the Council agreed to our request that the Ceremony be held in the Town Hall, so give them a fair go. The Minister for Education will be present, and we want to make a good impression. This is important in view of recent representations made to the Government on behalf of the College.

The speeches will be short, so don't make them longer by too much interruption.

## THE ELECTIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. J. N. Wilson, Miss R. K. Walker, Mr. G. E. Watt, and Mr. A. P. Postlewaite on their election to the positions of President, Women Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Students' Association.

The election for the remainder of the executive will take place on Thursday, and voters are asked to remember that they should vote according to the executive ability of the candidates rather than their personal qualities.

The Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association will be held on Thursday night, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

## THE WINGS OF THE SOVIET

(A Russian aeroplane, called the "Wings of the Soviet," has been touring the Continent with messages of goodwill. The crew stated that they were going to London by invitation from the Royal Aero Club, which, however, denied having sent any invitation.)

An aeroplane set out one day,  
Its crew were a lively set  
Of Bolsheviks from Moscow gay—  
The Wings of the Soviet.

"Sweet peace on earth, goodwill to men,"  
Was the word they brought and yet  
A mystery dark surrounded them—  
The Wings of the Soviet.

Disarming smiles, a friendly hand,  
They'd like us to quite forget,  
The happy peace in their sweet land—  
The Wings of the Soviet.

By invitation, so they say,  
For London their course was set;  
But none had sent invites their way—  
The Wings of the Soviet.

But now they've crashed, so we won't know  
What was it they came to get.  
When dead we know where they will go—  
The Wings of the Soviet.

—N.A.

(Since the above was written, we hear that the 'plane was repaired and proceeded to London.—Ed.)

There was a young fellow called Schnacker,  
Who didn't like beer or tobaccer.

He lost the election,  
Peculiar selection!

'Tis said he went off like a cracker.

## THE CADGERS' SONG

Oh, we are the blokes  
Who never buy smokes,  
And yet have smokes in plenty.  
For we always depend  
On finding a friend  
Who will give us ten or twenty.

You will find us at the club,  
You will find us at the pub,  
You will find us when your cellar's at its best,  
If we call upon you, we  
Call just in time for tea,  
And we always stay for supper if we're pressed.

We know all the tricks  
To get in for mix  
At the pictures or a play;  
And 'twas our suggestion  
That raised the question,  
Should the flapper pay?

Oh, we are the blokes  
Who have plenty of smokes  
Without our buying any,  
For we always depend  
On finding a friend—  
And our friends are very many.

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## Correspondence

### INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As one of the biggest eaters in this College, allow me to register a strong protest against the action of the Executive of the Students' Association in raising the price of meals in the dining-hall. There seems to be little or no justification for this step. It is true that the balance-sheet of the Cafeteria has revealed a decided loss for some time past; but it is also true that the Students' Association as a whole has been strongly financial. In other words, students have been giving their whole-hearted support to College activities. They have paid their guineas like men (or like women, as the case may be). They have bought innumerable tickets for the annual Extravaganza. They have showered largesse upon the organisers of the various dances held during the year. They have rejoiced with the Glee Club, sported with the Sports Clubs, and even refrained from belittling the Lit. Club. They have, in short, deserved well of their country and the College. And it seems a little ungenerous of the Executive to requite them by snatching the very food from their mouths and imposing a tax upon it. It has not, indeed, even the excuse that might have been advanced by previous Executives for attempting to raise prices; there can be no question of the President's saving up to get married.

Even from the coldly commercial point of view, moreover, the advisability of this action may be questioned. By charging an extra threepence for meals, the Cafeteria at once brings itself into competition with other establishments, charging the same amount. Can it afford to compete with them? The consensus of opinion will, I fancy, be to the effect that it cannot. I have heard many bitter comments on the quality and the quantity of the food served in the Cafeteria; but the complaint has in most cases been compelled to make the grudging admission that, at any rate, the place is cheap. Why, then, should the Association wish to deprive the Cafeteria of its sole merit? Especially since they will at the same time drive many of their members to forsake the friendly atmosphere of their Alma Mater at meal times, and seek pastures newer and less congenial but somewhat more succulent?—Yours, etc.,

MULLIGATAWNY.

### STUDENTS' CHEERLESS QUARTERS

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—I wish to point out to the members of the House Committee how frigidly cheerless are the student's quarters in winter evenings; and I assure them that the ironical comments of a few exacerbated students, huddled together in the cold like a species of villatic fowl, are sympathetic of a general discontent

that has for some time been pullulating in both Common Rooms.

The consensus of opinion is that the lighting of fires in the splendid fireplaces which dignify the Common Rooms is not only a desirable innovation, but also an eminently necessary one.

The members of the House Committee would certainly not be pandering to the velleity of the few if certain persons were delegated regularly to undertake the lighting of fires. With regard to firing, I believe that five sacks of wood may be purchased for £1. If, however, this expense should prove an obstacle, the ingenuity of those interested could, no doubt, be brought into operation.

'ERBERT.

### A VOICE FROM AVONDALE

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—Allow me, as the only student who has been at 'Varsity for nine years without getting anything, to offer a really authoritative ruling on a much discussed subject.

This question of the professionalisation of University Sport has long worried various members of the rowdy element in our College. Yet sport has always been, to some extent, a deterrent to and detraction from scholasticity. Personally I attribute my own non-success to Ping Pong and draughts (the game), in the past. Now, it is advanced by the abovementioned exuberent minority that many members of the University teams have either completely finished their 'Varsity course many years ago, or are taking only sufficient subjects to make them students, for the sake of such teams. Apart from the very pertinent question which arises in the case of the former, viz., "What price Stud. Ass. fees?" I say, GOOD.

Further it is both advanced and proved that certain persons, who neither belong, nor ever intend to belong to College at all, after trickling through the Cafeteria and Common Rooms, are now penetrating the 1st Grade teams. EXCELLENT.

The time is plainly ripe for separating the two factions of swot and sport. Let the students work in an atmosphere of calm, unbroken scholastic peace (calm, at least, until four o'clock), while a crowd of capable strangers, hired by the students, and working from some convenient headquarters, say, Symonds St. building, uphold the fair name of "Varsity" on the muddy field.

WOULD-HAVE-BEEN TIDDLYWINKS REP.

It is said that certain Glee singers have not realised that it is possible to be funny without being vulgar.



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