CAPPING DAYS
Hazy Recollections

Informal, salty, and thoroughly unpretentious this year Capping Ball, voted by the seniors as the "best yet," held under the auspices of the committee responsible for organisation,

(1) because of the smooth way everything proceeded, and thoroughness of planning and
(2) because of the sense of happy expectancy that neither through shortness of time nor what others of their grade may have accomplished

Professor Hunter, in breach of the usual custom of the English Senate, appeared on the platform amidst the cheering students. He was greeted with a burst of applause, and then proceeded to deliver a short address on the importance of maintaining the fine traditions of the university.

President of the Student Union, speaking on behalf of the students, congratulated the seniors on their achievement and wished them all the best of luck in the future.

The evening concluded with a buffet supper, during which the students danced, sang, and had a great time, enjoying each other's company in a spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood.

The end of the Capping Day was marked with a grand finale of fireworks, which lit up the night sky and brought a fitting end to a day of celebration and remembrance.
CURTAIN.

Before Capping 1938 takes its final bow, it must be labelled "Sufficiently". It is said, collectively, or as a series of events, it does not warrant the use of superlatives, but is deserving of favourable comment.

The Extravaganza was reviewed elsewhere in this issue and need not be reviewed here. The fact that the stage was packed from dusk till dawn, and that profits of £145 was made, which represents a notable addition to the Building Fund, the thanks of all students to the cast and producers of the show.

It would appear also that the entertainments provided were a success. Each one of the students rubbed his mind to create a memorable exhibition of human activity, were thoroughly enjoyed by the large numbers of people who attended them.

As Undergraduate's Supper we were pleased to hear from Prof. Hunter for the first time, that his new paper on 'The 36 newest Colleges of England', published this week, but of course the great attraction was the concert on the evening.

The brevity of all the speeches was a feature subsequent to the event. We do not wish to be facetious, but the fact that the audience for the evening was the largest number of ticket holders, was succeeded by our Without undue parsimony, and a profit was made. This was by no means the smallest achievement of the week.

It was pleasing to hear a more robust singing of the songs at the Capping Ceremony. There is much room for further progress in this direction. There were one or two observations one would like to make on the proceedings in the Ceremony. One doubts the value of a ceremony in the scientific or political field. A Song of Victor College, to the tune of the Austrian National Anthem, is not suited to the academic or political kind of occasion, particularly in a ceremony which prompts these remarks, but a feeling that the substitution of a song with original words and music, suitable for the other occasions, which could be heartily sung and appreciated by all, would do much to brighten the College Ceremony. Unless I am mistaken, such a song was written as an unfailing search some years ago. It is time this search was either commenced or recommenced with the present College Song, not as pure in measure and thought as "Ancherin Abwehrt", but situated midway between these two, it too much to hope that the Executive and the Board may inaugurate the search of this end in view. Although there was no procession this year again, it would be a mistake if it were allowed to be forgotten. In view of the close of the ceremony, the Board's decree: that perhaps the salutary effect of that decree has now had time to be felt and next year we may see a procession which will equal in quality those whose characters and speeches have in times past completely filled the Post Office Square with thousands of appreciative Wellingtonians.

Last, but far removed from that position in merit, college organizations have an excellent product. There is an enormous sale of souvenirs; some of the students have composed the following:

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We are happy to note that the Cobhit Commission's activities, although lesser in scope than earlier years, has included the study of the Oceania region, with particular emphasis on the Pacific Islands.

1. The Commission has undertaken a comprehensive survey of the region, including land use, population distribution, and economic activities. The survey has been carried out in close cooperation with local authorities and has involved the collection of extensive data on various aspects of the region.

2. A report on the current status of the region has been compiled, providing an overview of the region's political, economic, and social development. This report has been submitted to the Government for consideration.

3. The Commission has organized a conference on the theme of "The Pacific Islands: Challenges and Opportunities". The conference has brought together experts from various fields to discuss the region's development and to identify areas for future research.

4. The Commission has initiated a number of research projects, focusing on specific areas such as environmental conservation, renewable energy, and education. These projects are aimed at providing practical solutions to the region's development challenges.

5. The Commission has also focused on capacity building, providing training and support to local authorities and organizations to enhance their ability to manage and interpret data effectively.

The Commission's activities demonstrate its commitment to fostering a better understanding of the region and to supporting its development. The Commission's work is expected to continue in the coming years, with a focus on identifying new areas for research and development.
POLITICAL LESSON "MORALITY PLAY"

They might have lost you.

Upholding your escape and take care.

Beware, take care, beware, take care.

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TRUTH ON FASCISM

Mr. Drew, the former Party League Secretary, once said: "[Fascism] is self-annihilating. It has within it the seeds of its own destruction. When fascists come into power, they are often very effective, as per Goebbels-Zingmark-Zagorodka, but in the end they produce the same result as in the mirror - they just end up saying exactly the same thing as if they were looking at their own reflection."

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Thanks

I wish to express publicly my grateful thanks to Miss J. Roberts, Miss G. Smith, and Miss E. Brown, who each undertook the task of my work and were the beneficiaries of my work in the Extraordinary Club. The Club's success was due in no small part to their work and enthusiasm. I also wish to express my gratitude to all the men and women who attended the Club and who made it such a success.

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Basketball
Playing brilliantly, the Senior A team defeated Technical 26-6. Every one played well and the combination was tried in each third. Poor shooting spoilt Technical’s chance.

Week-end Tramping
It was a busy and cheery party that set out in the early hours of Friday morning for a tour in the Southern Alps. The party had been slightly overcast, cleared in a short time with a brisk wind and the party went on a long walk. The party was greeted with a magnificent view of the Wairau, with the Rangitata river from cloud banks to the south. Pushing on through beech forest and the high scar ridge, they then made for the Kankorua river where they camped for the night. They planned to take a short cut down the ridge to the north and then down the Kankorua river. Of course, informing anyone else when they were met with a sudden change in the weather, they eventually pushed on and three, side by side, went on to the last third of the party who pushed into the last leg of the tour.

Women’s Hockey
The Women’s Hockey Club is showing signs of life this year, with a team formed for some time past. The team, consisting of twelve players, is under the management of Mrs. A. L. Roberts. The team held its first practice on Monday, March 18th.

Harrisons Open Season
Harrisons have been without a team for several years, but this season they have entered for the Auckland Open Season. The team is under the management of Mr. G. F. C. Dixon, and consists of eleven players. The team is playing its first game on May 2nd against Waikato.

Men’s Hockey
Hockey players must give some time to practice and training. Admittedly, many players are busy, but several teams have been formed for the season. The first game is on May 5th against Waikato.

V.U.C. Debating Society
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