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SEQUEL TO CAPPING BALL

Rex versus Jack Barr

The case of Rex versus John Barr was heard in the Magistrate's Court before Robert Stout, S.M., on Friday, 26th May. Those who attended Capping Ball this year will recall that we were visited by the police, who took exception to our having liquor in the Majestic Cabaret. In order that we might finish the ball in peace Jack Barr, Treasurer to the V.U.C.S.A. and Ball Organiser, took on his shoulders the responsibility of allowing liquor into the Ball.

The public gallery of the Court was filling rapidly. Background to the hum of the case before the Magistrate was the sound of movement of students coming in. There were a few older members in the public section of the Court, either there out of interest in some other case before the court, or in search of cheap entertainment. We were there, you might say, for both.

The other case had finished and we heard "John Barr!" called. We looked and no John Barr did we see—only his counsel. However, the prestige of the University was at stake—after many years of proud affirmative to "could we hold our liquor?" came the question, should we have our liquor?

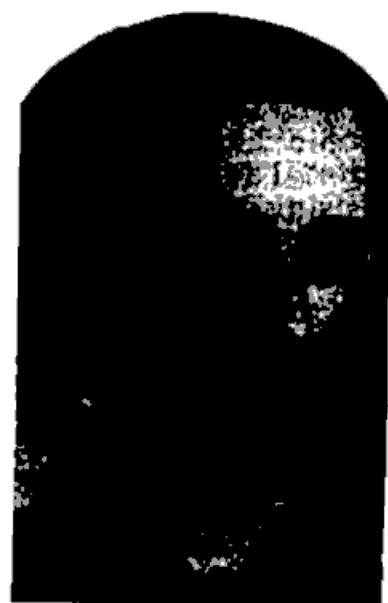
A policeman came to the stand and gave a gorgeous list of what he saw at Capping Ball. Black and White, whisky, bottles of orange gin, wine, and I believe he mentioned beer. (I wish he had pointed out the black and white a little earlier). Anyhow, it all sounded very expensive and debauched.

His Honour was, however, in a good humour, and made some witticism on the unfortunate(?) name of our Treasurer. The counsel contended that the students had believed in all good faith that the Capping Ball could be classed as a private party. His Honour replied that there was a certain amount of legal talent available in the College, in the Students' Association, the Law Faculty, the Council, and indeed the Senate, and in his day they did their drinking legally. We resolved in the future to do our drinking legally too.

Unfortunately our story of a private party was theoretically quashed by the ticket, which was marked "Admission 15/-."

Counsel arose and suggested that as the ball had been conducted with propriety, and had led to no drunken brawls or similar disturbances the Court might perhaps consider that the police force that evening might well have turned a blind eye on the well-behaved, if well-oiled students, as he put it so ably, "relaxing after a hard year's work." The case was not so important, after all, might it not be dismissed?

The Magistrate, with tolerance and good humour, felt this would be rather



John Barr, Esq.!

too much, but fined Mr Barr £5 and costs.

Those of us who had intended to send him bars of chocolate while in penitentiary for us, now merely decide to pass him a vote of thanks for taking the rap, and keeping our Capping Ball peaceful.

CHINA

China in the news. In the article last issue our special correspondent gave a brief precis of the situation in China, and the part the Chinese students have played in the struggle against Japanese aggression. This brief report will bring the situation up to date.

All is not well in China. News from the front tells of Kuomintang troops in retreat, and the Government has stated that the troops "garrisoning territory adjacent to Communist-controlled areas have been drawn into the fight against the Japanese."

Attacks have appeared in the overseas press on the Chinese Communists. Let me say this. The Chinese Communists within the "special area" are holding up half the Japanese fighting forces. In the rear of the Japanese, Communists are leading the people's organisation—civil, guerilla and partisan. The Kuomintang attacks Communist policy and personnel. Guerilla units and people sympathetic to the Communists outside the special area are subjected to relentless persecution.

Mr. Henry Wallace is going to visit China. Is he going to visit the "special areas"? Is it possible for the U.S., British, and other allied governments to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Chinese Communists as well as with the Kuomintang? Can we get war equipment and medical supplies to this gallant, suffering army? On the answer to these questions may depend the future of the Pacific peoples and their fight with Japan.

Progressive Club

Those who read and approved the proposal in an earlier issue to form a club within the College which could assist in the revitalising of student activity—and show students what the corporate life of the student body has to offer—will be pleased to hear that the idea has not lapsed. A number of students interested in the future of the College held a meeting to consider proposals to form a "Progressive Club." The meeting passed a motion constituting themselves Convening Committee. The committee then proceeded to a discussion of the aims and objects of the Club, which it was agreed should be on the following lines:

1. To stimulate the students to an interest in their own affairs in the college and community.

2. This, it was agreed, could only follow from making the primary object the acquaintance of students with the main task before us, the winning of the war, and organising actively to assist this end.

3. By its efforts to assist other College Clubs back to life.

The Proposed Activities

It was decided that Activity should be the watchword. Lectures, films, discussions, campaigns within the College in accordance with the Aims. It was agreed that the Club, by its membership of people directly concerned with student activity, could provide a cross-section of student opinion and thus act as an effective link between the Exec. and student body.

Two further meetings have been held to finalise details. The date for the first meeting is Friday, June 9th, when the proposals will be submitted for approval and discussion.

EASTER YOUTH CONFERENCE

At Wellington this Easter a National Youth Conference was called, and V.U.C. was represented at the Conference and has a member on the committee set up—"Youth for Victory Committee." The Conference was well attended and fairly representative, considering the travel restrictions. Apart from the delegates from V.U.C., students were in various other delegations, including Catholic and Methodist Youth, Communist and Labour Junior Party representatives, and the Young People's Club.

The Conference was opened by Major Skinner, M.P., M.C., Minister for Rehabilitation. An able speaker, Major Skinner dwelt on the part youth is playing in the present conflict both overseas and at home. He had many interesting anecdotes of the front line, little-known facts about the fighting in Crete and in the desert and the part of New Zealanders in this struggle.

WORLD YOUTH

Major Skinner stressed the problem of Axis youth, a generation of young men and women, deeply indoctrinated with the Nazi creed and a blind acceptance of Nazism. He stressed that this was our problem. Some of these were misguided, some were taking the path of least resistance in a fascist country,

but others were the acum of the earth and a menace to humanity. He quoted an Austrian doctor whom he had met in London: "After Germany is defeated the policing of Germany should be handed over to the competent and reliable friends of the Allies and leaders of the underground movement in Germany—the German Communist Party."

Major Skinner spoke of youth rallies he had attended in Great Britain, where the young people, from school children onwards, came together to discuss problems affecting them, war policy, and the home front, where representatives of Free Germany and other Axis countries spoke of the underground movement in Europe. He spoke also of the wonderful mass singing at a Welsh youth rally.

YOUTH AND THE WAR EFFORT

This was a session devoted to the discussion of the position of young people in the services. The material was interesting but the discussion weak.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

The recommendations brought down and the needs expressed were interesting in obviously reflecting teaching experience and a knowledge of the subject, but some showed a rather woolly and Utopian approach to the question. For example, "Need for greater parent-teacher co-operation" showed real appreciation of a foremost educational problem.

YOUTH AND THEIR WORK

This dealt particularly with the question of apprentices and young people in shops, on the land or in industry.

YOUTH AND HEALTH

The discussion of the health of the young people was opened by Dr. H. Smith, District Medical Officer, who spoke at V.U.C. last year.

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Editorial

We have just passed through an important phase in the history of V.U.C. We have staged an Extravaganza on pre-war scale, with its full attendant tradition of rehearsal teas, Extrav. dances, and (next Saturday) Extrav. Reunion. This is important, not only in itself, as a focussing point for student enthusiasm, but also as marking a revival of full College life from its apathy of the last three years.

Many of the older part-time students, until recently overwhelmed by overtime in addition to lectures, have now more time to spend at the College. With these as a backbone, coupled with the enormous enthusiasm and co-operation from freshers and second-year students, with the spirited assistance of the Executive and very able production, Extrav. 1944 has been an overwhelming success. There are two people to whom especial thanks are due. They are Ron Meek and Mrs. Mary Boyd. Rarely in the history of the College have we had such a sympathetic, tactful and even-tempered producer. The cast themselves were extremely co-operative, even to the extent of spontaneously re-writing and immensely improving the prologue. It remained to the producer to bring this enthusiasm to a focal point and see that the show went over. He did it, and well.

The secretary of our Association, Mrs. Mary Boyd, has for a considerable time been carrying the tremendous burden of secretarial work, together with a full-time job and the running of a home. Her work in the background organisation of Extrav. was one of the most important factors in its success, and one of the least recognised. We wish to pay this tribute to her work.

Undergrads' supper and its cancellation has been the topic of much common-room comment. While the loss of our only yearly opportunity to meet the staff in a semi-formal atmosphere is to be deplored, it must be realised that a rallying-ground for the College has already been set up by Cappicade. The difficulties encountered by speakers and organisers in running the supper immediately before or after the Extrav. must be recognised.

We thus see the College taking on a new lease of life with the revival of one of its important pre-war activities. We hope that the enthusiasm and activity which followed this will not again peter out. Perhaps the Progressive Club should be able to make its most valuable contribution here.

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RIGHTS OF YOUTH

The committee passed a resolution on the rights of youth. In brief:

Freedom of speech, of assembly, of organisation, of conscience, and of thought.

The right of citizenship, that is, the active participation in running the affairs of the country, whether local or national.

Equality of sexes. No discrimination on the grounds of sex for wages paid.

The right to work.

The right to adequate working conditions.

The right to education. There should be no economic or social barrier.

The right to recreation and leisure.

The right to health—with emphasis on health rather than preventive medicine.

DUTIES OF YOUTH

It was not, however, mentioned in the resolution given to the press that the Conference recognised the "Duties of Youth."

The Conference was on the duties of youth, but the failure to mention this specifically in the final resolution has led to attacks from certain sections of the press. It may be stressed, however, that the committee set up was called "Youth for Victory Committee," which shows the general tenor of the Conference.

The V.U.C. delegate on the committee is Cecil Crompton.—*Juventus*.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"Ideas are dangerous—but the man to whom they are least dangerous is the man of ideas. He is acquainted with ideas, and moves among them like a lion-tamer." (G. K. Chesterton).

One of the tragedies of the last decade has been the scarcity of "lion-tamers" among the British public, especially in regard to world affairs. Only too often their minds were muddled, full of sentiment, living on clichés and slogans, unwilling to realise how complicated is the modern world and that the price of liberty is eternal intellectual vigilance." (Brogan).

Are you one of the "lion-tamers"? or are you one of the passive blotting-paper variety that soak in all slogans and clichés and drift along with the tide?

In any case, as 1944 will probably be a "year of destiny," realise your responsibilities and register your determination to join the 150 odd members of the International Relations Club whose aim is to study and discuss world affairs from an unprejudiced and objective point of view.

AN EASY WINNER

Sir Thomas Hunter, together with other local celebrities, Messrs. Hislop, Walsh, and Appleton, has consented to take part in an "Ugliest Man" competition run by the Communist Party for the Patriotic Funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,—Would you please allow me space in "Sallent" to thank all those people who worked so hard to make "The Zealous Zombies" a success? I have never seen before such a prodigious amount of co-operation and enthusiasm in connection with an Extravaganza, and that's saying a lot.

The valuable thing about this year's Extravaganza is, in my opinion, that it has re-introduced in its entirety the Extravaganza tradition at V.U.C.—saveloy suppers, Extrav. romances and all. Next year there will be about fifty competent Extravaganza actors at V.U.C., and the task of production will be much easier. Above all, I hope that this year's effort will stimulate students to try their hand at writing shows.—Yours, etc., RON MEEK.

Note From a Soldier

The Adriatic Coast is really very pretty with its small fishing villages and picturesque market towns, and in the sunset the boats coming in with their triangular sails would make Mr. FitzPatrick positively yammer. I then crossed the backbone and came to Napoli, and surveying the ruins of the ancient city increased the significance of the traditional "see Naples and die." Out of these ruins of a city whose people have concentrated on things material for over two centuries is now arising the spirit of a new Italy. Naples is the centre of the new Popular front movement, with the Italian Communist Party as its most vigorous element. Nobody wants any part of the King, Badoglio or any of the Savolans, except elements of the regular army. As the latter is now performing reasonably good service in the Allies' favour, the position is unfortunate as the army will emerge from the campaign with a certain prestige. However, I do not think this is a serious problem as the people are so unanimously behind Croce and other brilliant party leaders.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Social Committee at their first meeting in the second term were keen to keep the Extrav. spirit going.

Secretary Bogle reported on the successful conduct of the Extrav. dances, evidenced by the fact that no prosecutions have yet been commenced. Thanks to the prompt action of the secretary in rescuing a very mobile invalid's chair from a number of would-be invalids, it is hoped the St. John Ambulance Hall, alone among the places we visited, will be available again to us next year.

Max Eichelbaum, convenor, told us how Extrav. rehearsal teas and dances had been arranged.

There was general dissatisfaction with the attitude of the student body towards lending the social committee a hand. With a dance every fortnight or oftener, the bulk of the work still falls on the same half dozen every time, who attend all the dances without having much opportunity to dance.

Rationing is an ever present worry as our group conscience abhorred the black market. Any sugar left under the plate will be gratefully accepted.

After discussion, the following motion was passed, to be forwarded to the Executive:—

"We deplore the setback to social activities of the College caused by the cancellation of Undergraduates' Supper. Our experience of catering for

Back to Nature

At the annual general meeting of the Biological Society, which was well attended by freshers and others, the following committee was elected for 1944.—President: Miss Hazel Quinnett. Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Mary Land. Committee members: Misses Barbara Gibbons and Doris Filmer, and Mr. Tony Greyburn.

As Dr. Mercer was unfortunately incapacitated and could not address the meeting, four interesting biological films were screened. Dr. Mercer, however, gave a very interesting talk on Blood Transfusion last Tuesday.

The following Sunday the weather improved and Dr. Oliver led the trip to Titahi Bay. Here those of the party who were not interested in marine life scaled the rock cliffs to study the varied coastal flora there. The rest braved the rather high tide and dabbled in the rock pools in search of seaweeds and creeping crawling things. Many interesting specimens were found including several edible(?) crabs (all very much alive), a stranded dolphin (very dead), and others that were pickled and bottled and taken home for closer inspection.

The committee wishes to thank Dr. Oliver for his valuable assistance and his keen interest in our club.

Marshall Laird points out that he is now in the R.N.Z.A.F. and will be unable to assist Allister in escorting the Biological Beauties on such trips. He suggests that applicants for the position apply in person to the committee on the next field trip or lecture.

PAUL SCHRAMM

The Music Makers have arranged a Piano Recital

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 8 p.m. Room C.6
Students, 1/6; Visitors, 3/6

The best pianist in New Zealand playing classics and moderns.

BE THERE!

the dance on Friday leads us to believe that catering was not impossible."

The sponsors of the Progressive Club outlined their aims and asked for our help at the inaugural meeting. The Committee agreed to give every assistance.

We received a letter from the Principal approving the following programme of major Friday dances:—

May 26—Commencement Dance.

August 18—Winter Sports Ball.

September 15—Informal Dance.

October 27—Freshers' Finals.

November 10—Final Ball.

Subject to the condition that cars would not be permitted in the College grounds after 10 p.m.

We too were dissatisfied with the extent of the evidence left behind by thoughtless persons, and agreed unanimously that the following notice should be brought before students for their guidance:—

"In order to show our whole-hearted co-operation with the new licensing laws, and because we have been disturbed by the amount of drinking—probably by outsiders—in and around College functions, we have requested police assistance at the dances to be held on Fridays."

There will, of course, be the usual numerous tea dances (next one, June 10).

TWO BOOKS REVIEWED

Dawn in Siberia

A cycle of human social development is shown by C. D. R. Phillyss in "Dawn in Siberia," an account of the struggles of the little-known Buryatians against continual pressure from their enemies, the property owners within, and imperial administrators. The rise of individual wealth and feudalism, inevitable and sharply defined in such a fertile and isolated country as Buryatia, is traced up to its tyrannical climax. The cycle is completed by the advent of the Soviet Government, bringing back a communism on an infinitely higher plane than the early clan system.

Legends and a rich description of the country and customs of Buryatia reveal the nature of the people and their problems. Division of labour between rich horse-dealers and hunters comes when trade is introduced with furs as currency for foreign merchandise. This leads to slave-labour and feudalism.

History shows foreign exploitation interacting with the local magnates when Imperialist Russia conquers Buryatia in the seventeenth century. There are tales of unbridled greed and cruelty.

Such a history naturally brings out to its full extent the emancipating effect of the Soviet Colonial policy.

An interesting feature of the book is the parallels to be drawn to present-day situations. Puppet governments are made of self-seeking local powers; religion is used by conquerors as further impetus of persecution; the Imperialist colonial policy conforms fairly well to the treatment of backward nations in the British Empire. These are characteristics, then, of all totalitarian conquests.

We see also the history of this small country related to the history of the Soviet Union. The more closely the democratic system of the State approximates to complete freedom of secession, the rarer and weaker will the striving for secession be in practice.—LEVIN.

Battle Hymn of China

Agnes Smedley, journalist, after two years spent studying China's history, was unprepared for what she met when, impelled by what she calls her "historical curiosity," in 1928 she crossed the Soviet-Chinese border.

Her book is a living document to the incredible poverty and equally incredible heroism of the Chinese. For twelve years she travels over vast areas by train, motor-car, or, as is more usual, on horse or foot. Through the Japanese lines with guerilla units, through hundreds of Chinese hospitals lacking equipment, through the cordon sanitaire with which Chang Kai Shek encircled and fought the Chinese Soviet areas and armies, until the fight of the latter for national unity against the aggressive Japanese finally won the day. But even up to the time she left she spoke of the tragedy that allowed Chang Kai Shek to have among his assistants corrupt men who did infinite harm by maladministration, political discrimination and corrupt practices. Her main theme is the story of the endless devotion and sacrifice of millions of Chinese soldiers. "Victory will not be easy, but we will fight until victorious. We have our faith—tell

your countrymen. . . ." A procession of men throughout the years pass her on their way to the battlefields where capture means death, and a wounded man has little chance to live. The Japanese attacked Manchuria in 1931; since then China has not been at peace.

This book is dedicated "To the soldiers of China, poor, glorious pioneers in the world struggle against fascism."

V.U.C. Drama Club

"Though in the past this club has been slightly moribund" . . . (sic.)

ALL THAT IS CHANGED

PROOF:

ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1944

READINGS:

Tuesday, April 3—

"On Approval." Frederick Lonsdale.

Tuesday, May 30—

"We Have Been Here Before."

J. B. Priestley.

Tuesday, June 13—

"Sacred Flame." Somerset Maugham.

Friday, June 23—

ONE-ACT EVENING

Programme:

"Death Calls for the Doctor."

Translated from the Hungarian.

"Ways and Means." Noel Coward.

Scene from "The Women." Clare Booth.

And

A Melodrama:

"THE OLD-TIME THEATRE

★

Wednesday, July 5—

Mrs. Elsie Lloyd lectures on "Make-up in the Women's Common Room, followed by discussion and supper.

July 26, 27 or 28—

Entry for Drama League Festival.

Tuesday, August 1—

Reading. Not yet decided.

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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,

August 10, 11 and 12—

MAJOR PRODUCTION

BASKETBALL

The season started successfully for the Basketball Club by three successive wins at the opening tournament. The team played well together and play was marked by swift, short passes, good defence work, and accurate goal-shooting. The Senior B team were not so fortunate and lost their first match, although their play was up to standard. The goals need practice in shooting and some of the girls are uncertain about the rules. The following week the B team played Wellington College Old Girls, but play was stopped on account of the rain. The team were under a disadvantage in playing short in the centre, but the two remaining centres made a stout effort to keep the

SCREEN AND STAGE

— by Whui
STAGE

AIR POWER

To evolve a theory, to sell it to Mr. Disney, and to have him film it—that must be the dream of all American propagandists. Mr. Stokowski sold him the idea of good music for the million, Mr. Henry Wallace the idea of "good neighbourhood" (Saludos Amigos), and now comes Major de Seversky with airpower. What next? An Einstein-Disney six-dimensional musical called, perhaps, "It's the Relative Thing to Do?"

Technically the film is very good. The continuity is excellent, the facts are laid before the audience almost in words of one syllable, the cartooning is superb. There is no dialogue merely the voices of Major de Seversky and a commentator running ceaselessly through the film. Thus both theory and film must be good enough to hold the attention of the audience. They are. Music and sound effects are extremely well done—in fact the bombing and earthquake sequences are a little too effective for comfort.

From a humorised history of aviation, the film passes on to an airpower crusader's view of World War II. de Seversky says categorically—and very plausibly—that the war can be won quickly and cheaply—and only—by heavy bombing. But haven't both the Russians and the British found that the most effective weapon now is massed artillery bombardment? And, no matter what the new and startling method is, the infantryman does the cleaning up.

de Seversky advocates the knocking out first of enemy centres of production. But after months of saturation bombing, after bombing which the Major says will crumble her to the dust, Germany appears to be able to carry on.

The film is well done and plausible. But de Seversky lets his dreams carry him away in one most important feature. Let "Life" say it for me: "Good history, fine entertainment—but when the movie deals with the future, de Seversky's extreme ideas may do airpower a disservice by beguiling a fascinated public into the belief that the war can be won by dream ships which, unfortunately, are not yet a reality."

Well, although this doesn't seem to be a film review of the ordinary type, I do recommend the film strongly. It will stimulate both your imagination and your views on air strategy. And it is very entertaining.

game going. The following Saturday Training College B defaulted to our Senior B team, and last Saturday they were defeated by Wellington East Old Girls.

The Senior A team spoilt the promise they had shown of having a good season by being beaten by Wellington East Old Girls 24-9. The passing this time was wild and inaccurate. There were too many long passes and too much dodging about. We have now seen the Senior A team at its worst, and we look forward to seeing it improve, for there is no doubt that the ability is there. This has since been proved, for last Saturday the A team won from Tech. Old Girls by 17-14, after a hard game in Wellington's most unfavourable weather.

After I had seen a performance of "Love in a Mist," by the Wellington Repertory Theatre a well-known member said to me: "Well, I think we've hit an all-time low with this." And never was a truer word spoken. You would not believe that a play could be so incredibly futile had you not seen it. After its production in London a leading critic claimed that there was enough material in the play to make a good music hall sketch. And here we have it blossoming out as a full length play presented to about five thousand people by an amateur society of some standing. The plot is ancient: two stranded weekend couples, one married, one not: who sleeps with who tonight? The playing was competent in general—the cast did the best it could—but that of Elsie Lloyd and Lesley Jackson was outstanding, and between them they held the show together as it dragged its tortuous way from situation to time-worn situation, from bed to weary bed. The brightest spot of the whole evening for me was the entrance of Elsie Lloyd wearing what appeared to be a daintily trimmed chamberpot.

I wonder whether Repertory will ever dare to do a play "for the good of the theatre?" "The Corn is Green" and "Watch on the Rhine" seem to be its best offerings for a long time. Otherwise we have some footling nonsense like this, or else bad productions of Shakespeare. I'd like to see them accept the challenge of "Our Town" or "Of Mice and Men." But they are far too respectable. I know. I belong to the society.

FOREVER AND A DAY

— by Remdy

"A house is more than bricks and mortar—it is the people who live in it." This statement by one of the Trimble family is the theme of Hollywood's contribution to Anglo-American relations. The film deals with the Trimble family who lived in a London house since it was built nearly one hundred and fifty years ago.

Despite 78 stars, 21 writers and 7 directors, the picture displays a unity of treatment and theme in striking contrast to "Tales of Manhattan."

But why does a producer, like Renée Clair allow a slapstick plumber's mate to galumph his way across the screen, as out of place as mustard in a coal scuttle. There is clever directing too—the staircase keeping its form but changing its character with the years, the distracted father of the newly dead airman carrying flowers in a vase unaware of what he is doing. There has been a careful attention to detail and a regard for dramatic effect. The audience is made to feel the servant girl's frustration at not glimpsing more than a fleeting look at the Jubilee procession by not seeing it either.

Yet in spite of the unity of treatment, there is not enough dramatic effect in the theme to make the little man get out of his seat to clap.

The Health Sub-committee is now able to announce that this term all students will be able to avail themselves of the free medical exam. including, when necessary, x-ray tests.

SPORT

Excelsior (Deo Volente)

Varsity Sports Clubs are beginning to show the effects of the general livening-up of the College, and last Saturday the senior teams of the Basketball, Football and Men's Hockey Clubs won their matches in the local competitions, while the Women's Hockey team drew and the Soccer team were unfortunate in losing by one goal. These results should prove most gratifying to the coaches, whose work at the beginning of the season is always an uphill struggle after the long vacation. Moreover, preparations for the Extrav. necessitating the use of the Gym. for rehearsals, as well as the pre-occupation of individual players as members of the cast, made the holding of practices impossible. However, the last two weeks of steady work have proved fruitful and Saturday's results should be a happy augury for the remainder of the season. The material is there and this standard can only be kept up with regular attendance at practices.

Our Hockey Teams — Women

For their first match this season the Senior A team drew as its adversary that proficient team, College Old Girls. Varsity managed to keep them down to 5-2 and considering it was their first time on the field as a whole team, and against such experienced opponents, the result was quite encouraging. Varsity's goals were scored as a result of reasonably good combination and effective crowding-in at the goal. The halves, playing energetically, showed promising hitting power, although they tended to keep too far down the field. The full-backs were often caught out by not getting back into position after advancing for a tackle. However, there was some effective see-sawing between halves and backs. The goalie made several spectacular saves and kept up a good performance throughout the game.

In their second match the team drew with Petone Tech. Old Girls 5-5. The Intermediate team, playing one short, had a hard tussle against Technical College who scored 3-0 against them. The main fault was the inability of individual players to hit hard. However, a distinct improvement was apparent in the second spell and the team showed a certain amount of promise.

The Thirds won by default from Petone Tech. and in their second match defeated College Old Girls by 2-0.

The teams are not definitely settled yet so do not hesitate to come along to practices. There is still plenty of room for new players. Practices Thursday nights in the Gym.

EXTRAV. REUNION

will be held

SATURDAY, JUNE 10th.

Admission will be free and by invitation only. Cast, back-stage hands, and others associated with Extrav. should apply to Dennis Hartley or K. T. Fowler immediately.

STAR BOATING CLUB

— Men

The 1944 V.U.C. Hockey Club is the strongest the College has had for some years.

Club-captain Arch Ives and ex-A.U.C. club-captain Win Smiler, had a difficult task selecting the teams from the promising form which was displayed at preliminary practices, and selections are even now not absolutely finalised.

The Senior A team is again reasonably strong although last year's captain and full-back Ken Kiddle is unfortunately unable to play this season. Win Smiler has proved a valuable addition to the forward line, and his presence there is making itself felt in Wellington hockey circles.

The Senior B team is stronger than it was last year and though it has not yet won a game, promises to develop into a fairly strong combination with older members such as Arch Ives, Jack Barr and George Stacey holding it together.

The 2A team should develop into one to be reckoned with in the second grade competition. Barry O'Donnell and Colin Button form a reliable radius of experience around which to build a well-balanced and penetrating team.

The D.P.L. have again entered their team—the 2B team, which showed, by its defeat of Base Camp, a great improvement in form and an increase in strength.

Gib Bogle's 3A team, consisting mainly of new and inexperienced players, is shaping well and when it is settled down, should provide many surprises.

The 3B team has not yet had a very fair spin. The week's break disorganised and necessitated a default, but once it is finalised, it should enjoy a good season.

Winter is icummen in,
Lhude sing Goddam.
Raineth drop and staineth slop
And how the wind doth rammi!
Sing Goddam!
Skiddeth bus and sloppeth us,
An ague hath my ham.
Freezeth river, turneth liver,
Damn you, sing Goddam!
Goddamn, Goddamn, 'tis why I am
Goddamn!
So gains the winter's balm.
Sing Goddamn, damn, sing Goddamn!
Sing Goddamn, sing Goddamn, DAMN!

Football Club

The Football Club, beginning the season with a membership of over 80, entered four teams in the Wellington Rugby Union's competitions. Though several members are no longer playing, it is still hoped to retain four teams throughout the season.

Seniors: After defeating Marist, a Senior A team, in a practice match on Athletic Park, the Seniors lost their first Hardham Cup game to Navy by 11-0, but won their second match by 12-6. It was unfortunate that after the first game, Varsity should lose the services of Higginson (probably the club's best forward) and Tait permanently, and temporarily those of Cornick and Tweed, who were injured. Notwithstanding these setbacks the team managed to defeat Eastbourne by 6-5 on May 6th, and a depleted Training College side 19-6 on the first Saturday of the vacation, which naturally necessitated changes in the team, and the defeat by Upper Hutt 8-5 can largely be attributed to this cause. Several individual players are showing good form, notably Lewis, at full-back, Te Punga at five-eighths and Ryder at half, while Goodwin at first five-eighths is the best back in the team. Among the forwards Taylor is again hooking well, Brian and Barraclough playing good loose football and Grayburn and Cutler performing well in the tight.

Juniors: The Juniors began the season well by defeating Marist 10-8, but since then have lost to Petone 0-14 and Mangarua 5-11, though last Saturday they won from Oriental by 14-3. There are several good footballers in the team, notably amongst the forwards, but the backs lack cohesion and vigour, though Goldfinch, a speedy wing, and Macalister, five-eighths, are playing fairly well. Orr, the captain, is an admirable leader, and Kurtovitch a good hooker. MacLennan, Benseman and Caldwell are all playing well in their several styles. The team is fortunate in having the services of Jack Jeffs, an old club member, as coach.

Third Grade A have lost to Ponoke 9-16, Training College 5-6, St. Pat's 9-14, drawn with Wellington College 6-6, and defeated Oriental 6-3. The last quarter hour of play has generally been their undoing but individual form in the backs is encouraging. The two full-backs tried, Thompson and Haldane, have both been very good, as also have the wings, Saxton (unable to play any longer) and Williams. The inside backs, Treacy, Ackroyd and Berry, promise to develop into a dangerous combination. The forwards, under the captaincy of Igglesden, a good hooker, are a fine set, with Shires undoubtedly outstanding in all phases of play. Dowrick, Gibbons and Perham give him good support.

Third Grade B won their first game against Petone B by 25-5, but since then have lost to Miramar 8-14, Eastbourne 3-43, Wellington B 5-23, and St. Pat's Old Boys 3-9. Their leader, Drummond, at centre, is fast and a good captain, and both the wings, MacKenzie and Clarke, are playing good football. Of the forwards the best are Todd, Sherbourne, Hall and MacDonad.

It is hoped that now the vacation period is over, the team will become more stabilised and Third B will have a better chance.

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