Exec. Will Ask Students to Raise
Stud. Ass. Fees for Building Fund

Recently announced by the Executive, a Special General Meeting
will be held on Wednesday, March 21. Its purpose: to promote
specifier action for the proposed Students Union Building.

Motions will be put forward by the Exec. asking for further finance
from students and for coherent student opinion on the requirements of
the new building.

A special meeting of the Students' Association is called very rarely: the
matters to be discussed are always of considerable importance. Two have
been called since the beginning of the war: in 1941 a vote of no-confidence
in the Exec. following the banning of certain material in "Spike," was
moved and defeated, while last year a special meeting approved of Exec.
plans for the formation of our college health scheme. Commendable init-
ative has been shown in this proposal to place detailed recommendations on the
new building before the student body.

The present Students' Association building was opened in 1909. A very few years later the Executive de-
ed that as a Student Union Build-
ing it cut very little ice, and pre-
pared plans for a future and more ambitious block. The Building Fund
was started, to be administered by
two trustees appointed yearly by the
Exec. and with a permanent allocation of four shillings from each Stud. Ass.
fee.

TWO MOTIONS

In this year of our Lord, 1945, the new building is in sight. Two things can expedite its commencement: a
swifter enlargement of the fund, and a concrete decision on the amenities which the block is to provide. The
Special General Meeting will be asked to vote upon two motions presented by representatives of the Exec.

That the Stud. Ass. fee be raised to 32/- per annum, the increased revenue to be devoted to the Build-
ing Fund.

Moved by Mr. McDowall, seconded by Mr. Bogle.

The present fee is twenty-five shillings. This increase will allow

11 and 6½ per cent to each student per year to the Building Fund.

That the specifications for the
new building be as set out below.

Moved by Mr. Danieli, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Discussion and voting to be taken clause by clause.

The new building can be in our
life if we work for it. This
meeting is only the beginning. Later in the year the Exec. hopes to inaug-
urate a full-scale finance drive. If
the mooted procession becomes a
reality, all profits from this year's Extrav. will go to the Building Fund.

The new building includes a decision on the site, discussion of plans submitted by Mr. George
Dixon and a series of arguments over
number of common rooms, size of
theatre, and a mooted architectural
competition for plans.

Minutes of the committee first ap-
peared in 1935, the recommended
building site then being that of the
present gymnasium. May 1936, saw
plans submitted by architects Swan
and Young. After much discussion
these were rejected, and from 1936 the
committee ceased to meet. In 1944 the committee was again con-
vened, its composition being: Trustees: Messrs. Dixon and Carrad,
Carrad, representatives: Messrs. Rhinelander and Boyd (student repre-
sentative to Council); Professorial Board, Prof. Gordon; Past Student,
Mr. Macaskill; President Elect, Mr. Storke; Executive, Messrs Barr and
Steele.

Of major importance is its decision on the new building: Subject
to expert approval, the recommended
site lies directly between the College
entrance and Salamanca Road (see
cut, p. 4). Mr. Dixon's plans making
 provision for excavation into the hill-
side. Discussions on the size of cafe-
teria, duplication of the theatre and
dance floor, number of committee
rooms, concourse or no concourse,
etc., have, however, reached a satis-
factor. This must be resolved by the
Special General Meeting.

FINANCIALLY

Financially, the situation is fairly
good. Pounds for pound in the Govt. has
good. Pounds for pound in the Govt. has
agreed to provide £25,000. There is
in hand £4,000. Increase: each year's
practically £1,000, interest £240, stud. Ass. fees £240. Extrav.
part from war years: £300. McCarthy Trust £100, endowments and
donations £100. By the YTC Jubilee
date, 18th April, 1949, a non-sanguine
hope might be £15,000. With this sum
doubled by the Govt. and a further loan of £20,000 backed by the signa-
tures of prominent ex-students, the
foundation stone might be laid. Given
approval at the forthcoming general
meeting of the Executive's motion to increase fees, this date might be
improved.

For draft specifications of New
Student Union Building, turn to
page 4.
THE CRIMEAN CONFERENCE

"We, by this declaration reaffirm our faith in the principles of the Atlantic Charter, our pledge in the declaration of the United Nations, and our determination to build in co-operation with the other peace-loving nations a world order under the law, dedicated to peace, security, freedom, and the general well-being of all mankind."

No session of the war has opened with so much inspiration and hope for the peoples of the world than this of 1945. The Crimean Conference decisions, announced on February 12th, bring the promise of emancipation to all peoples and to all nations. They are impressively comprehensive, dealing with almost every aspect of present and post-war problems with a full and realistic application of principles previously defined.

For, from the Atlantic Charter of August 14th, 1941, through the Moscow, Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and Teheran Conferences, to the Crimean Conference of February 12th, 1945, we have an unbroken and striking development of democratic principles and programmes of action.

The static and abstract view of the Atlantic Charter principles put forward by many Tories in England is now shown to be completely unreal and without support. The specific decisions on Germany, for example, insist on the complete destruction of Nazism before any consideration of Germany's re-admission to the community of nations, and dismiss for ever the Tory plan for the de-industrialisation of that country. Or again, the invitation to France to join the Control Commission for Germany and to attend the San Francisco Conference discards the view of those who planned to exclude her from consideration as a power in the post-war world. The decision on Poland, which envisages the inclusion in a democratic government of democratic leaders from Poland and from the Poles abroad," and the final words on the new happy Yugoslav situation, are a triumph for the people's support of the Atlantic Charter and its programme.

The decisions and lead given on the international security organisation reaffirm the principles of Dumbarton Oaks. U.N.R.A. is decisively established with full support. And the proposal for meetings between the Foreign Secretaries proves the success and value of their previous Moscov Conference.

Each individual point in the Crimean declaration is a victory for the anti-Fascist cause. In the statements of this Conference are realised the principles behind the struggle for the Popular Front, and for which the men of the International Brigade fought and died. They are a vindication of the policies of the left.

We are fighting a people's war. Here is the complete people's charter, based on the reality of co-operation which is and must continue to be the spirit and experience of the United Nations.

Of great importance also is the declaration of full support for the Crimean Conference by the World Trade Union Conference on February 16th. Here the elected representatives of the workers of the United Nations pledged themselves to give not only full support for the armed struggle but also for the establishment of peace, according to the Crimean declarations; and insist on the importance of the unity by which alone we can fulfil them.

We of VUC would do well to associate ourselves with this declaration, not only in support of the Crimean principles, but pledging "our every effort to preserve and strengthen this essential unity and to conduct a determined struggle against those forces within our lands which seek to weaken our unity and sow seeds of distrust and suspicion amongst us."

For the fulfilment of the Crimean decisions and the attainment of a better life for all! —K.J.H.
Students Overseas Write Home

SALIENT '45 will endeavour to run a regular half-column of news from our students overseas. We ask for letters—scrapbs of information about your friends and acquaintances in the Services. These should reach the Editor at least four to five days before publication and will be returned via the letter racks. If required, portions of letters may be marked "Not to be printed."

John Williamson, writing from Fiji, expresses his appreciation of the chocolate and "Victoria Calling" sent him in his last letter. Allan Greer, who is a Flight Sergeant in the Air Force in Canada, "can't wait to get back to Australia". He will be home in six months, and, recently, met up with two friends from Melbourne—also Bob Harkness—all Commerce students.

P.M. S. Cooney, otherwise Sam Sconce, "had a most pleasant surprise in receiving a parcel of four bars of real chocolate...so-called rare and ever-welcome commodity in war-time Britain."

A long letter from Hugh Mackivich who is stationed on Norfolk Island with the Metropolitan Traffic of the R.N.Z.A.F., describes the people and life on the Island. He was surprised to find out that both he and his brother George hoped to be home in time for the Fresher's Welcome.

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This year I intend to review as many films as possible in these pages, but primarily in reviewing I will go to what I consider the best films and the time of issue. I hope there will be few reviews of the ordinary mediocre film (the "please, right away, I'm thru with that"
affair). The film mentioned here is "Salient" which I take as two-fold: firstly as a band of supposedly intelligent people, we should be interested in seeing, discussing and reading about intelligent films, and in trying in some way to stimulate interest (within the low level) in which film critics see so many bad films that they seek diligently for the good ones, this column might bring to your notice a worthwhile film tucked away in some little local theatre.

These films warrant chancing, by the way. Hold up hands those who saw
"Salient"—to Whui. Quite a number. And most of you took a matrix or hitch-hiked to Lower Hutt to see it, didn't you? For my first critic this year let me say that this is the best film I have ever seen, and probably the finest that has ever been made. A grading system will be adopted this year, and, chiefly because the LISTENING has the perfect method, and anything else would be a poor imitation, we will use stars, viz.:...the important films;...worthwhile, but not screen history;...just plain movies;...slightly better than tedium. The colour doesn't signify one of the aflakers of all time. I think this is because there is one type of film will be signified, viz., comedies, drama, melodrama, farce, etc.

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**SUMMER STORM**

**Melodrama.** It's a great pity that the first use of our grading system should involve a low grading, but this is a film of such constant situation that it is unavoidable. The story is alleged to be by Teneke, a statement this gentleman would indignantly deny. The setting is Russian; at least, I was so advised. The acting, apart from that of George Sanders and one or two others, is bad, and, in the case of Edward Everett Horton, simply awful. Apart from all this the actual direction seems somehow wrong. I think this is because there is one type of film will be signified, viz., comedies, drama, melodrama, farce, etc.

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**COMING EVENTS**

Wednesday, March 7—
Drama Club evening.

Friday, March 9—
Freshers' Welcome, 8 p.m., in the Gym.

Wednesday, March 14—
Swimming Gala night, Throndon Baths, to select Tournament Team.
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Exec. Seeks
Student Views
On Draft Plans

With the help of the Building Committee the Executive has compiled the following list of requirements for its new Student Union Building. They have been compiled with a view to both practicability and essentiality and it is felt that they should be broadly feasible with the funds available.

The following notes and queries have been raised during these preliminary discussions, and are now offered for general debate. Any suggestions for improvement will be welcomed and should be referred to a member of the Executive.

1. Concours.—The Executive feels that the building should be so designed that there is a general thoroughfare where the notice boards can get the necessary publicity.

2. Theatre.—There has been a division of opinion on the desirability of having a separate theatre. On the grounds of economy it is not possible to provide separate space for theatre, gymnasium and dance floor in the concrete building, and on the ground that there is a considerable need for a permanent theatre the Executive is of the opinion of the difficulty of reaching a satisfactory compromise between a theatre and dance floor, the Executive favour separation of these facilities and doubling of the dance floor and gymnasium, which are less incompatible. This solution of the difficulty does not have the full support of the Building Committee, who recommend a separate gymnasium and a hall with portable seats.

It should be borne in mind that it will probably be possible to use the present building for some time after the new one is built and after that it may be cheaper to erect a separate wooden gymnasium to provide the space in a ferro-concrete building.

3. Cafeteria.—The present cafeteria is happily overcrowded with its present accommodation between 70-80. Allowing a restricted area basis if 15-28 sq. ft. per person (this includes provision for kitchen and service space) it will be possible with a minimum Committee seating capacity of 150 to effect a much more efficient service. It is felt, particularly by the Building Committee, that it would not be necessary to accommodate more than 150 at one time.

4. Committee Rooms.—The Executive is unable to envisage the necessity for more than three Committee Rooms. These would also be used by small music groups and some provision in this direction would increase the utility of such rooms. Another possible use would be to make them available for clubs and societies not large enough to use the Theatre.

THE SPECIFICATIONS

THEATRE:
3,500 sq. ft. Permanent theatre to hold approximately 500. Permanent seats and a stage preferred. The stage should have adequate space above the prosценium and the stage to be as large as compatible with general dimensions of the building.

Dressing rooms: two in number and equipped with dressing tables, mirrors and wash basins. To be placed near the stage and to be reasonably sound proof.

Property Room. 200-250 sq. ft. equipped with carpenter’s bench. Foyer. To include ticket office, etc. Projection Box. To be equipped with facilities for 16mm. and 35mm. projection and spotlights for stage.

General. It is desirable to have motor access to the theatre, both to the main entrance and to the back stage.

DANCE HALL:
5,000-3,500 sq. ft. plus bandstand and ticket booths. Includes use for boxing and table tennis, tennis volley boards, etc. This hall should be sound proofed and must have reasonable acoustic properties and a sprung floor.

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP:
Executive Room. Approx. 220 sq. ft. to contain conference table, lockers, etc.
Public Office. Facilities for the sale of College publications, sweets, tobacco, etc.

Records Room. At least 250 sq. ft. preferably including a safe.

Offices. Two small offices, one for Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, and one for the Club Secretaries.

Publications Room. Working and storage space for duplicator and small printing press. Tables and space for editing publications.

Storage Room. Space for storage of properties and sports gear.

Dark Room. Equipment to include running water, water heater, electric points and light trapped ventilation. Meeting Room. To accommodate approx. 50. Equipped with blackboard and projector screen.

Committee Rooms. Not more than three in number. Two should be sound proofed—one to contain a piano and a grammaphone for music for small groups.

GENERAL CONCOURSE:
Leading to locker rooms and with ready access to Students’ Association offices. To contain the notice boards, letter box and telephone booths.

Large entrance doors are to be a feature of the Concourse, which must be so placed that the main traffic of students passes through it.

CAFETERIA:
To have seating accommodation for a minimum of 150 persons. An area of 3,000-3,400 sq. ft. would be necessary to provide service space, kitchen, stores, pasty, etc. Vehicle access or a goods lift is essential. Includes a sandwich or modified milk bar.

SUN BALCONY:
To be as large as compatible with the more essential facilities.

COMMON ROOMS:
Men’s Common Room, Women's Common Room, General Lounge—windows to the floor and built-in furniture where possible.

Locker Rooms to contain lockers, boxes, showers, w.c.s., mirrors, etc.

Reading and Writing Rooms to lead off the General Lounge and to contain tables and newspaper racks.

General Lounge to contain the letter racks.

MEDICAL SCHEME ROOMS:
Two rooms suitably equipped for the medical examination of students.

The Editor regrets that there has been an unusually heavy demand on space made by topical and important material. It has therefore been necessary to hold over reports on—
- Exec. appeal for blood donors.
- Senate move for University press.
- VUC entertainment of C.U. Drama Society.
- Revision of VUC song book.

The proposed site—directly between the College entrance and Salamanca Road.
PLANS LAID EARLY
FOR 1945 EXTRAV.

High on the priority list at vacation Exec. meetings was appointment of Extrav. officers for 1945. The lesson of early starting has been well learned. Three scripts are known to be in existence, although incomplete. Competition, however, is a good thing in this direction and further scripts are solicited.

The following Extravaganza officers for 1945 were appointed by the Executive at their meeting of 11th Feb.:—
Assistant: I. C. McDowall.
Treasurer: J. D. Steele.
Business Manager: M. Twogood.
Publicity Controller: S. Campbell.
Horace Manager: R. M. Danieli.
Musical Director: Norah. Cummings.
Social Committee: C. G. Bogle.
Ticket Controller: M. Poole.
Interval Entertainers: G. S. Bogle.
Passed: C. G. Bogle.
Committee: Jack Barr, John Carad, Huddy Williamson.

The form of this year’s show is expected to be that of a revue, i.e., three or more short aspas with footlight entertainment during scene-shits. This may be changed in favour of a full-length play, however, if a script of sufficient merit is submitted. Discussed plans have included a procession. A decision on this will rest on the attitude of the police, availability of trucks and petrol, etc. Finances raised by it (if any) will be halved between the Patriotic Fund and ISB.

GALLANT RESCUE
BY S.S. COBAR

Well Known Students
Dunked

SALIENT, ever with its ear to the ground, is reporting the facts behind the grim tragedy that stalked in Wellington Harbour on one late Saturday, Principal of the drama of death was Michael Benge, Dennis Hartley and freshers Allen Martin.

All was well when the yacht “Salome,” 605 tons burthen, set sail for Day’s Bay. With fair weather on the lee, a trim, snug ship, and a happy crew, the day augured well for the voyage. Up forward, deck-hand Benge kept a keen lookout for land-lo, down aft midshipman Hartley hailed on the main-sheet and Skipper Martin kept a weather eye open. The cabin-boy was at the helm. All went well as a marriage bell. But it was not to be. Suddenly the sea, in one of her smiley, treacherous moods, smacked up and tossed the voyagers out. The boat capsized, and the grim battle against the fates began. The crew, soaked through to the underwear, cast around for aid. Not a sail was there in sight. Alone on the vast bosom of the ocean they lay, with their ship toppling on the fretful wave. Above, a seagul, lone denizen of the deep, circled slowly. But nothing daunted by the tragedy, the crew, drilled for such an emergency, went into action. With Hartley steering on the keel, and Benge up the mast pushing, the ship was slowly righted. A fraticle struggle took place ‘gainst the elements. As the crew bailed, the waves, mountain high, rolled over the cockpit. Despitalting the crew looked to a watery grave. “Nearer My God to Thee” was sung in chorus as the water lapped round their mavel. But ho! A sail! Can it be that help is at hand? It is—it is the good ship “Cobar,” laden with emigrants to the new land. She is hailed—she does not see. She sails past—and despair settles again on the stricken ship. And then Fortune smiles—the Captain of the Day’s Bay Ferry Boat enquires the crew. She comes alongside, the tharows along with spectators. Saved, saved in the nick of time! One by one the crew is hauled aboard. But where is Hartley? Drowned! Yes, the body is afloat bottom up, after sticking to the ship to the last. A wreath is thrown from the “Cobar,” and the sad ship moves off, with the crew, safe and sound, drying in the boiler room. (It was discovered later that the report of the drowning of this man was slightly exaggerated.—Ed.)

And so ended this tense drama of the sea, with its heroics against the elements. The rescued crew, after their long exposure, were in sad case, but are now fit to receive suitable visitors.

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Press Distorts Truth on Mismanagement of Affairs in Greece

During the past two months the peoples of the Allied countries have witnessed with alarm the grim sequence of events in Greece since its liberation from the Germans. The announcement of an agreement between the ELAS and the Government for the cessation of hostilities, freedom of trade union organisation, press and assembly, has come as a welcome relief in a tense situation which tended to undermine British prestige in the Allied Nations.

While it must be remembered that the main defeat of Fascism in taking place on the Eastern and Western European fields and in the Pacific and China, the mismanagement of affairs in Greece has been perturbing in the extreme and calculated to shake Greek faith in democratic British intentions.

Throughout the whole area, people of all ages and countries have had little opportunity of learning the true facts but have had to digest the garbled and unconvincing reports of our daily press. Even news reaching the British public has been found impossible to reproduce without comment these biased reports.

"Public opinion outside Greece," says the "Sunday Observer," "has had the last few days and weeks been served with evidence from one side only. It has heard the story of Mr. Churchill, Papandreou and General Scobie." (And, we might well add, Sir Walter Citrine.) The leaders of ELAS have not been allowed to tell the world their version of the events. The prosecutors have spoken at their will while our representatives have had no say at all."

Cut-throats and Ruffians!

The first remarkable thing that strikes the student coming to this tragic subject is that the Greek Guerrillas.partly by us but mainly by weapons captured from the Italians. It fought so well that, outside the larger towns, it liberated the major part of rural Greece. Its forces, estimated at 80,000 men, are organised on a model similar to that of Marshal Titos. In control, with several able officers, are Prokopis Skoulos and Spyros Amodis, leading figures in the intellectual life of the country, with two bishops among them. These are the men at whom Churchill and our NZ papers sneered as "merely the leaders from the mountains." These "cut-throats and ruffians" faced the hard life of the mountains while others sat passive under the German yoke in Athens.

Greeks have bitter memories of a native Fascist regime under General Metaxas. If they were recalcitrant to the gun-arsenals, it was because they defied a return to that nightmare of oppression and assassination. In support of their cause was the transfer to Greece, now clear of the enemy, of two picked Corps, the Moundain Brigade and the Sacred Battalion, recently fighting in Italy. These two Corps were formed in Egypt during the days when the greater part of the Greek Army and Fleet threw off its allegiance to the King and declared for the Republic. The republican troops were disarmed and interned by us, the royalist minority was emboldened in these two corps under officers in the King’s confidence.

Our War Babies

The EAM, who had agreed to disband their forces by December 10th, were startled by the arrival of these corps and difficulties arose. After negotiation with the Cabinet, these difficulties were overcome, the ELAS was to maintain forces equal in strength to the two favoured corps. This compromise was shattered by the intervention and veto of General Scobie. Next followed two major blunders. The first was the firing of the armed Athenian police on an unarmed crowd. It was they, and not the guerrillas, who started the shooting. The second was Churchill’s decision to maintain Papandreou in office despite his willingness to resign. Scobie’s broadcast that he would support Papandreou with armed force recklessly provoked the pride of the Greeks. They were having no surrender of any kind from them by British bayonets. As reason for these actions, Mr. Churchill stated that he was “determined to uphold the constitutional government.” The King restored the Government eight years ago. Since that day, without a vestige of representative government, this brave, but illiterate, country has lived under a rule of force. There was no right, save that of might, to uphold.

Return of the Conquered

The next step was the setting up of a Regency Council under Archbishop Damaskinos and General Plastiras. Memories of the latter are not pleasant. Some twelve years ago Plastiras was set up as the strong man of the Greek ruling class and enjoyed a brief period as premier. His verbal cannonades against the left-wing and democratic forces in general led to his swift retreat to an Aegean island. Our daily press makes a virtue of Plastiras’s return to his country after twelve years of exile. But why in exile? Only because the atmosphere in Greece was not healthy for a would-be dictator who had tried and failed.

And now, unsatisfied with distasteful facts about the Greek Liberation Movement, Sir Walter Citrine, ever willing to do the dirty work of the most reactionary elements in Britain, has returned from Greece with thrilling stories of atrocities committed hand-in-hand-the Greek People. These stories savour of the exposed German stories concerning the alleged Russian murder of Polish officers. Sir Walter saw the corpses, but not the corpses. It is interesting to note, as far back as December, the serious charges of atrocities made by the representatives of the Liberation Movement against General Scobie’s forces. These are reported to have happened prior to the Greek Mountain Brigade (commanded by the Quillig and Szekulak) in whose hands they suffered torture and death. The parallel is rather interesting. After these bits on our history it is heartening to see signs of solution of the Greek problem. A satisfactory settling is only to be achieved through the free election of statesmen holding the confidence of the whole people. Particularly of those who have proved their patriotism in the mountains.

Let us be prophetic. The free elections which are promised for the near future will demonstrate beyond doubt that far from being a "gang of ruffians and terrorists" the National Liberation Movement of Greece (EAM) is THE GREEK PEOPLE—P.D.C. (Attention is drawn to an article on Greece in our issue of August 9, 1941.)

EXEC. DEPLORE LATENESS OF CALENDAR

A motion that a letter be written to Mr. Robinson, Registrar of the college, making that the college calendar be produced earlier in the year, was passed with acclamation at a recent Executive meeting. It was pointed out that the calendar this year was not available until half way through February, which left only two weeks for incoming freshers to study lecture times and make final decisions on courses. Had time been available, the material handed to the printer in December, it is estimated that college would have been available by January.
THREE TEAMS FIELDED
Cricket Club in Strong Position

SENIOR XI
Badly beaten by Old Boys in the vacation game, the Seniors are now showing signs of getting down to real business.

In the Old Boys' game, Barbers' century was the predominant factor in the team's defeat. The burst of the attack fell upon Woolley, Wilson and Smyth, who divided the wickets, but the only batsmen to do any good were Wilson, Colquhoun and Lewis.

In the next game, Karori batted first on the easiest of wickets, and the Senior attack did well to limit their total to 226. The Senior openers failed badly, but Smith and Woolley settled down to a really good partnership, both getting fifties.

In spite of good knocks by Paeta and Colquhoun, the side missed by 34 runs.

Against Hutt, the Senior team, though weakened by the absence of Paeta and Wilson, showed good strength. Battling first on a wicket that was a bit sporting, the side put on 221 runs. Smyth batted patiently for 88 in conditions unsuited to his style and both Blakely and Colquhoun showed rare aggression.

On the second day, 17 Hutt wickets fell for 291 runs, 178 in their first strike and 155 for 8 down in their second.

Nearly an eight-point win! The Senior attack fell upon Woolley, Brian and Smyth. Great credit must go to these three bowlers who kept going with the minimum of rest. Apart from one or two lapses the fielding was first-rate.

SECOND XI
Henry Moore's boys are doing very well in Second Grade. They are second in the Competition, and have high chances of winning it. Apart from a loss with a weakened team to Hospital and a draw with Institute-St. Pats, they can show a record of good wins.

Batting is the weak point, and some of the younger members could learn much from Harry Bailey in the field. A big loss recently was Olsen, a man who could be depended on to get wickets Saturday after Saturday.

Mulhins is still too erratic, but Henry Moore is serving up the wily agate as of yore. Skipper Moore's policy is to give the younger members of the side every possible chance with the bat, and those to show up well include Loveridge, Gudagud, Vaas, Olsen and Berry. Bailey and Moore can give them too.

THIRD XI
Laurie Berg is now in charge of this keen side, and is showing real form with the bat himself. Others who usually get few include Bowie, Duval, West, and for bowling there is Watson, McWilliams and Bowle. This side is at a disadvantage in having a fluid personnel. It is a happy team, which enjoys its cricket even if only moderately successful.

On Anniversary Day a couple of University teams had a most enjoyable day's cricket on Kelburn Park, with Springer, Wilson, Moore, Wilde and Berg doing well in their own respective departments.

CAFE-RIA

— a lying jade

Rumour is a lying jade, but the fickle lady hath it that at the time of a party arranged for the children of the staff, Mr. Coutts, a well-known English professor, contributed to the amusement of the infants (and himself) by beating out a boogie-woogie on the cafeteria cash-register. We now have it from thoroughly reliable sources that the Cafeteria accounts are out of balance by a matter of several pounds. Negotiations with the auditors are proceeding.

TRAMPERS RESTORE
CHRISTMAS TRIP
Activities at Re-union were spirited.

After a break of three years the Christmas trip to the Southern Alps was restored this year. The location was the Waimakariri Valley, somewhat tame to the experienced, but with plenty of climbing to offer the learner.

The party was small (six) and flexible. The climbing was reasonably successful, the weather unreasonably unsuccessful. Four cliffs were made, Mrs. Harper, Armstrong, Campbell and Isbel. A night was spent in the new Alpine Club bivouac at Waimak. Falls, but mist prevented an attempt on Rollston. The projected Three Passes trip was abandoned when the weather broke.

The November club reunion at Akatarawa appears to have consisted of beer-drinking and boisterous singing by theever present. There was no tramp ing, one senile member actually using a taxi.

Watch notice-board for details of trips early this term.

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SPORT

Easter Tournament!

"As yet a possibility, a certainty if transport permits," reports Dicky Daniels, men's vice-president on the Executive. Other things being equal, it becomes evident that Easter 1945 will see a mass crusade of sportsmen to the New Zealand University Tournament, centred this year at Auckland.

Typically enthusiastic, using Eastbourne's grass courts to best advantage, the Tennis Club has already provided more prospective entrants than vacancies. Similarly, but nearer the metropolis, Kelburn Park presents an encouraging spectacle these Monday evenings as lightly-clad fleet-footed athletes assemble for training.

Hibernation, resuscitation, inspiration—thus the life cycle of the swimming and rowing clubs. What is lacking in proficiency is certainly counterbalanced by enthusiasm.

Interviewed, slick-haired Benny O'Connor pointed out that of all clubs its boxers alone were short of competitors. Those interested in the trip would be advised... training is at Koolman's Gym.

To be or not to be—the merits of basketball as an autumn sport were debated by many fervent, often foaming critics. Basketball as a winter sport is much preferred, but the socially minded all agree that, were it omitted from the Tournament, the female percentage of the party would be dangerously reduced. Sex ruled over logic— and basketball is definitely on the court for 1945.

So miniature rifles plan a revival. Exec have it that their vacation was spent filling in pink forms and hacking red tape. However, to the nett result of their efforts, Victoria will soon owe the staccato tune of .22 fire in the gym.

This is the situation to date. Further information will be unravelled with the approach of Easter.—B.M.

ATHLETES IN FORM

For several weeks after the Christmas holidays the Athletic Club seemed likely to waste away altogether, but a few keen men kept at it and the approach of the Provincial Championships on February 17th provided a big incentive to training.

A large team was entered for the Championships and the Club is to be congratulated on its good third place in the McVilly shield competition. In the Championships the hurdlers were outstanding. Owen Drummond carried off the 120 and 220 yds. events and Ben Spurr, who has made comeback to lead Gib Bogle home over the innumerable hurdles in the 440 yds. hurdles. On the flat Tony Munden ran a great race to beat John Goldfinch in the 440 yds. and Ian McDowell managed to stay up to second in the 880 yds.

As usual Victoria were not so proficient in the Junior and Field events. In the former, Benjamin and Higgs were both placed and in the latter, Ray Ullick, an ex-C.U.C. man, was second in the Hop Step.

A very welcome stranger was E. R. Apperley, who, in his first outing since his return from overseas, scored a third in the javelin. We are very pleased to see him back with the Club and hope he will be soon right back on form.

With four Provincial titles and the chance of a national champion either, the Club should be able to put up a first class team for the Tournament in Auckland at Easter. The selection for this all-important event will be made after the Inter-Pac meeting on March 17th. If you have ideas about a N.Z.U. Title for the Tournament, let's hear them on Kelburn Park or Monday evenings at 6.30 p.m., and the Inter-Pac meeting are your affairs.

WEATHER NO BAR TO VUC SWIMMERS

College Team Holds Strong Position

The V.U.C. Swimming Club has been going strong all season. Club events are held at 8 o'clock every Wednesday night and a Varsity polo team plays every Thursday night.

Recently the club members competed at the Karori Swimming Carnival. The Varsity Relay team finished strongly, gaining second place. This is a victory not only for Varsity's physical perfection, but also for their integrity. Several other teams were disqualified for handing in false times to the handicapper.

The club captain, B. R. Hands, continues to exhibit a degree of enthusiasm horrifying to club members and alarming to the public. This spring he has completely overhauled the entire club and is now one of the best swimmers in the country.

The club has a comprehensive list of events for the coming season, including the Inter-Club and Inter-Varsity meets. The club will be looking forward to a strong showing in these events.

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