“Finished Oratory”
Quoth Sir Patrick

God gave us all two ends to use
One to think with, one to sit on
It all depends which one we choose

This small verse provided the refreshingly informal introduction to the speech of Sir Patrick Duff, the new High Commissioner for Great Britain, who announced the winner of the Plunket Medal from the platform of the Concert Chamber last Thursday. Sir Patrick, who has seen in action the choice and master spirits of the age in the Parliament of Westminster, was still very favorably impressed by the general competence of the speakers in this Oratory Contest.

After being welcomed by his fellow-judge, the Rev. Lord Bishop of Wellington, Sir Patrick informed the audience of the standard by which speakers had been judged and contending that finished oratory was the most popular, he furnished an immediate, practical example by sitting down.

“The name of Plunket hangs like a benign influence over the whole of New Zealand,” said Mr. Howard Wedman, the third judge, who commented on the individual speakers. He offered criticism which was stimulating and trenchant, if not always kindly. Throughout this report the remarks in brackets are his.

Mr. Stan Campbell In the chair, gave a brief history of the Plunket Medal and hoped that the entrants would live up to the expectations of the donor. The evening opened with a piano solo by Leonie Pascoe. Miss Joan Taylor spoke on President Roosevelt. She gave a clear, if idealised exposition of his life and his great aims for America and the world. In slightly biblical tones we heard, “When they were hungry, he gave them bread; when they were thirsty, he gave them shelter.” Her voice was excellent but lacked modulation. (Miss Taylor is evidently a Right-Thinking Girl, but she has presented us with the standard matter of an evening paper obituary.)

Mr. Roy Jack betook his speech with a picture of Indian devotion to Gandhi. Then, exploring the way in which the British accepted “with masochistic glee” all charges levelled against them, he proceeded to “debunk the Ghandi legend.” (Iroy was confidently using but this speech lacked cohesion. The change from presentation as a saint to denunciation as a prevaricator was not prepared for.)

Mr. Ivor Davies, who was to have spoken on Job, had to withdraw because of illness which he was beset with according to Mr. Campbell, with the patience of his subject.

Mr. Kevin O’Brien took as his subject Josef Vizual. He outlined his difficult life (audience comment—Vizual dolorous!) as the first Catholic Bishop of Wellington. One recognises in Mr. O’Brien’s oratory a conscious restraint and sobriety which take away the vigour of his usual debating style. (This was a sentential Victorian biography. There were too many trite phrases. One walks to Makura through a Wellington southerly, not “in unfavourable conditions.”)

Mr. M. McIntyre presented his speech on Marie Curie with measured eloquence and emotion. His voice was moved as he pictured the years of struggle and victory. “The incredulous scientists could only bow before the superhuman obedience of a woman.” (I suggest this speaker derivéd his matter from a two-and-four-pencepice in The Majestic. His phraseology was ornate and a little old fashioned. It is wise not to pile on the agony with a British audience.)

Miss Kath Kelly spoke on ‘Tom Kettle, Irish poet, patriot and philosopher. Her manner was challenging and her delivery vital, yet somehow Kettle remained an incomplete figure. (We got into his life sideways.) But she revealed the quality of the man mind by pithy and picturesque quotation. Lack of clarity was one of this speaker’s chief faults. (She has a beautiful voice. I liked her sharp and bitter phrases. Gestures were inadequate—a despairing movement of the hands like the fins of a passing fish.)

Miss Neil Casey presented rather a different picture of Ghandi. She gave a clear account of his life and emphasized his spiritual virtues. She made him the saint, transcending the complete comprehension of his followers and the world. (Miss Casey’s phrasing was undistinguished but she presented an integrated picture of Ghandi. If it did tend towards the ideal figure, her gestures appeared more than spontaneous.)

They tell me, Sir...
The participation of a small group of students in the Trade Union demonstration last Thursday raised some interest in this dull hole. We have it from an anonymous and therefore unofficial source that this unofficial group, disguised as notables of business and the National Party, and accompanied by their haisy but shivering “wives,” had planned to lower away as we willy nilly the dignity of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. They were stopped, however, by a small band of constables, and were relegated to waiting and shooting from the bottom of the Parliamentary steps, and being stared at by the members of both parties.
The source expressed regret at their inability to carry out their full programme, but was delighted that with their horse and all they had taken quite an impressive part, as Versity paraders, and that the photos taken of them, and the refreshment afterwards...

Maintenance for the Gym will amount to about £140. Most, but by far the largest single item is the installation of additional furniture, now too inadequate for the number of students. The ideal student room would require an expenditure of £100 to make it habitable; some of this the Council may meet. The women’s common room have about £15 In their funds, and may require more.

The time has come for the evolution of a policy to be followed in making club grants. Is the Association to be the fairy godmother to all clubs? In my opinion it is time that the clubs did something to help themselves financially and not rely on foot-lifted applications for grants. However, that is only my opinion and need not concern members of the Committee other than this year’s Finance Committee to formulate a comprehensive financial policy.

We should also consider under this heading our policy towards subsidies for the Winter Tournament this year and the Easter Tournament next year. The maximum subsidy per person the Executive can make is £2, but this figure will certainly not be granted. Nevertheless, we will have approx. 40 players going to Liverpool this year and will also have to foot our contribution towards the legitimate Tournament expenses otherwise than entertainment, which is met by Otago. Also are we to supply ourselves with representa- tive badges? The Easter Tournament will be able to inspect the representatives at a charge of 10/- each.

The Building Fund...—In the last few years approximately 1,000 per year has been added to the Building Fund, and while this is satisfactory, even larger sums will need to be added to increase more rapidly the size of the Building Fund. While it is not our province to discuss the ways and means for raising funds, we should nevertheless be prepared to bear some substantial cost to raise sufficient to erect the building.

They tell me, Sir...

Mr. L. Neuberg opened and closed his speech with the NZSO motto “Sapere autque—Dare to be wise.” The speaker was daring too. In taking for his subject not a man of action but an act or an intellectual figure, a scholar—Erasmus of Rotterdam. One of the foremost thinkers of the Renaissance, Erasmus was the advocate of tolerance and enlightenment, refusing to adopt a par- tisan attitude in the Reformation crisis. (Mr. Neuberg presented interesting matter in words which were good and dry, without sentimentality or book- learning. While the judges considered their verdict, Mr. John Davis and Miss Pascoe entertained the audience with musical items on the violin and piano. Sir Patrick Duff announced the result of the contest.

First: Mr. Neuberg.
Second: Miss Kelly.
Third: Mr. Jack.

“MAY SCRATCH THROUGH” SAYS POOLE TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

A report presented to the Finance Committee by Exec. Secretary Marc Poole covers a wide range of topics from club grants to cafeteria. The Finance Committee has met and it appears possible that a raising of the Stud. Ass. Fee will have to be moved again.

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

The announcement in the papers of a publication entitled "Research and the University" seems to have occasioned another of those bursts of public interest in University affairs. This pamphlet, prepared by Professors Farquhar, Allen, and Eccles, and Drs. Pepper, Parton, and Packer, contains little with which anyone will disagree. In brief, they do not accept research and teaching as separate functions of a University teacher or student. In fact, what they are proposing is merely the application of the principles of the Research Committee's report of 1925, from which they quote the following: (1) "The proper inter-action of teaching and research is of the very essence of the highest education"; (2) "Teacher and student in a University should be engaged jointly in a voyage of discovery in search of truth"; and (3) "A teacher of science who is himself untouched by the research spirit is...incapable of fulfilling the higher ideals of his position."

And the result, they say, is the loss to New Zealand of so many of its graduates. With all this students will agree, but this happy state represents an ideal, and to achieve it a complete reorganisation of the structure and syllabus of the University would become necessary. The present student is required to learn only specifically assigned sections of work as defined in the University calendar, and it is considered wasted effort to go beyond this. Hence the outlook will be mainly towards teaching, since that is what gets the degree.

Experimental training is in reality so weak that the difficulties of independent research only become evident on reaching honours standard, at a stage when they should have been put far behind. Nor can we expect the staff of the College to carry out investigations if they have to prepare for anything up to fifteen hours of lectures a week on a cognate and supervising laboratory classes for over two hundred students. Professor Florence, with whom we are indebted for our copy of "Research in the University," told us that during his period at Manchester, there were eight members on the lecturing staff of the physics department for as many students as there are taking physics at Victoria College today. To quote from the pamphlet: "There are certain basic requirements which must be fulfilled if the University is to play its proper role... These are (1) the University must be supplied with adequate finance; (2) the academic staff must be large enough to ensure individual members sufficient freedom from teaching to undertake serious research...; (3) the provision of the necessary space, apparatus, and...assistance; (4) the provision of...periodical literature on a greatly increased scale; (5) a break with isolationism tendencies, that is, the recognition for the need for contact with colleagues within and without New Zealand by attendance at conferences, congresses, etc.; (6) the provision of means of publication of research by means of a University press; and (7) the recognition by controlling bodies that research activity should receive due reward in such matters as status and promotion."

We see, therefore, that the solution depends solely on finance. Graduates can hardly be expected to remain in a country where there is no recognition and repayment of their work. The arguments that there is no scientific tradition in the country, that the population does not warrant it, or that the staff are unable to cope with it, all reduce to this. The University of New Zealand has the reputation of being the least costly University in the world, and it is time we lost this pride of place. — E.O.H.
FILM and STAGE

I have been pondering for some days on how I should review UNCLE HARRY, Training College's major production for the year. Should I: 1, have sympathy with the writer, and be sympathetic to the work of the College; or must I be quite frank? I have decided on the latter course: I think and hope: TC will agree. Frankly, I was one of those who really did shut my eyes. I am aware that almost insurmountable difficulties faced the producer with the leading man character that we are asked to be sympathetic to. I am not sympathetic, have to judge the play on what is presented to us. If the difficulties are too great, then the production should be postponed. The two most outstanding faults were that UNCLE HARRY was under rehearsed and that the actors were simply not good enough to do the play.

Why was this particular play chosen? I had a glance at it briefly and thought it quite a sound, serviceable job, but quite obviously it is not included in the group of plays I could even think of as possible candidates for presentation. The opening is bad, and the writing uneven. There are far too many cliches used and some of the characters seem a trifle unreal. However, I honestly do not know whether their work was overpowered by that of the actors, vice versa.

With two exceptions, the acting was uniformly bad. Leonard newly discovered Uncle Harry, had a tremendous task to portray the development of a young man from a bad home and turn him into a calculating murderer. And from there into a psychopathic imbecile. He is not侦查 what it means to be a murderer, and his makeup was so very sketchily that he had nothing at all to do with the character. (I may say here that the makeup was one of the worst features of the play.)

Percy, for the part of Harry is intense, but the casting was off the table, Brenda Jane and Aileen Casey, were extremely underdistinguished. I don't think they knew what they were doing. The reason between these two women give considerable scope for good acting, and it is a pity that advantage was not taken of that scope.

I am a trite inclined about the writing. The young man with much to do and much to think, found it difficult to decide whether she was really trying to act, or whether she had no idea of doing real. The latter, because surely arina akimoto and nutria sideling the characters of the type of play this is. In the course of the play, the audience are subjected to a series of the absurdities of a suspiciously costumed. How, in the first scene, was泼royed and Ms. Monon) I found a curious character—indeed, but this is largely the fault of the writing. I didn't know what she was doing most of the time she was on the stage, and the poor girl obviously suffered considerably in the role. She had to work hard and by the end of the play I was quite bored.

I found inedible tedious. The play has a bad opening, but it is a pity that I had not the chance to see the whole. I think I cannot judge the play on what is presented to us. If the difficulties are too great, then the production should be postponed. The two most outstanding faults were that UNCLE HARRY was under rehearsed and that the actors were simply not good enough to do the play.

able, was excellently cast as a policier inkeeper, and about the only person in the play to sustain any sort of character. Mr. Thomson, I suppose, transferred his everyday character upon the stage, but he was fortunate in getting away with a part which called for exactly that sort of character. I don't wish to have said he could be so successful in a role which called for acting of even the most minor type. I must add to this delightful tale a word about the sets. Why have they in the theatre? From what I can see, they don't do a thing. There is no 'cut' on the small-time crook, and I would like to question also the use of the stage. I am not, of course, supposed to be paying him; it appears to me to be something that was not done.

A single brief reference to a job in a fur ware
doesn't seem to me to indicate the real big-time crookedness.

Mr. Cary Grant is, I think, not very

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

"What should we do with Japan?"

M. P. SHAW

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 8 P.M.

— CONTRIBUTIÓN

You are the lovesome that poets sought With small success to capture in their lap You are the golden dream opalescent To visionary ecstasies. You give me meaning to that strange do-light A light that is indescribable, which one derives From watching sunsets, or the mystic night Watch the pale moon to grassy hill sides given. And yet you are much more than this, it says, Be that the knowledge of you that does exist Makes all things seem to be with wonder kissed So that each rapid passing night and day Becomes phantasmal and of small design; With you the only real and lovely thought.

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Film

One film was the beginning of an odyssey which was the beginning of a journey which became a victim of circumstances. Mr. Brincker, who is usually very cap-

FILM

"NOT THE LONELY HEART"

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The Melodram

None but the Lonely Heart is a very popular film of a type which has been turning up on the screens with remarkable frequency. The story is a romantic, and is of the same type as I have reviewed in recent months. The director, Mr. Drey, who is usually very cap-

 text end

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SCM DEBATE: TRUMPH —
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SCM members turned up in large numbers to support their speakers on the question of whether Christianity is the only solution to present-day chaos in a society that has been attacked and defended their ideas and for the right of Christianity to monopolise all the better traits of human nature. Following are pro's of the various speeches:

Joseph Miller: The subject is more suited to meditation in the silent watches of the night. Roy Jack: Christianity implies the recognition of a god. It suggests that Christianity offers the only solution to man. If Christianity is not true, many of its adherents would be out of favour with their God.

Ally Moore: Ethics a part of Christianity and cannot be separated from it. If Christianity is true, then there is no such thing as evil.

From the Floor

Kevin O'Brien: This is a dynamic speaker. He has maintained a theme of literary and practical ethics. Roy Jack: If we accept Christianity, the question of how to act in different situations will be answered.

Barbara Johnson: Woman needs a belief in the essential goodness of Man. A woman without faith is a danger to society. Woman needs faith to have the strength to act.

Mathematics of Earthquake Waves

In their third meeting for the year, the Society was privileged to hear Mr. W. Jones, of the Seismology Division of the Department of Science and Industrial Research, lecturing on "Seismic Waves."

In his mathematical treatment of the subject, Mr. Jones explained that seismic waves are produced by volcanic explosions, earthquakes, and explosions, and that their velocity is determined by the physical properties of the medium through which they travel.

Mr. Jones also discussed the different types of seismic waves, such as P-waves and S-waves, and their characteristics. He explained that the velocity of seismic waves depends on the type of rock or soil through which they travel, and that the velocity is greater in solids than in liquids.

The lecture was well received by the members, who showed their appreciation by a round of applause. Mr. Jones was congratulated on his excellent presentation and his clear explanations of the complex subject.

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Four o'clock Monday morning saw everybody unstrung for the six-mile tram to the swing bridge where the truck was booked for 8 a.m.

Rock and Rain

A small party of trampers and a rope spent a Sunday recently at Tita Ham, Wairarapa, for a trip to the Southern Alps next summer. After being hauled over the top of the pass, with only the fact that the fellow trampers to assure them that at least one end of the rope is still attached to something resembling Mother Earth, they still maintain that rock-climbing is the noblest of all sports, for does it not build the body, uplift the soul, soothe the mind and strengthen the ties of friendship (bowlines in this case) all in one operation? You should try it sometime.

Ski Films

Acquainted by those who know as the best ski instructional film seen in this country, is "Fundamental Principles of Skiing" which was screened lately by the Tramping Club.

Ruspehu in Retrospect

Between the two showings of the film an interview was presented by Robin Oliver and Jim Witten-Hannah on their experiences on Ruspehu a few weeks ago. (See illustration in our issue of July 11.) This was advertised as "How to set foot on a live Tindoll," but as no pictures were available of this famous circus act, Mr. Witten-Hannah's explanation, even from a scientific viewpoint, while Mr. Witten-Hannah presented some philosophic aspects. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides prepared by Mr. Oliver's photograph.

A Sea Coast Scenario in 3 Acts

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Time: Sunday morning. Place: Suburban train terminus.

Cast: (a) Assortment of Americans; (b) Bubbles and Doodles McLaughlin. Properties: Cook Strait, one bench, silk stockings, dancing slippers, parasols and other miscellaneous tramping equipment.

Act I: The act is far too unique for publication.

Interlude: Song—"I'm not going to travel bare legs for anybody."

Act II: Shameful soliloquies by Safficer reporter as his indelicate ego conceives this script.

Finale: The villain abducts two heroines and drowns it up the South Karori stream. They have been heard of since.

Mystery: Boy who takes Girl to Red Rocks soon get Run Around.

At Home and Abroad

Biol Soc Move from Lecture Hall to Zoo

A large number of students turned up to hear Prof. Richardson, who began his lecture by giving a brief survey of the development of applied parasitology since the end of the last century. Applied parasitology covers all parasites of man and the animals and plants useful to him. From about 1850 until the end of the first World War applied parasitology was almost completely confined to tropical parasitology, which includes malaria, sleeping sickness, etc. Work on these diseases proved of tremendous value and developed a definite technique on how to attack parasitic diseases. At the present day tropical parasitology has just about been worked out, and Prof. Richardson described the large field that applied parasitology now covers and gave examples of parasites in bees, fish and oysters which have been successfully attacked.

On Saturday Mr. C. J. Cutler, Curator of the Wellington Zoo, took a number of keen biology students around the zoo and answered numerous questions. Mr. Cutler gave the students a good insight into the running of the zoo and explained his various duties from extracting a cancer in a lion's back to mending a monkey's arm broken by some irresponsible person. The animals—bouquet

"Salient" offers congratulations to Shirley McLeod, recent winner of the British Drama League's playwriting contest. Shirley is a part-timer with a position on the staff of the "Domino". Her winning play was one act farce, "Gun Play." Good luck to our future dramatists.

Swords Club Thrust Forward to Success

The Wellington Swords Club is at last affiliated and a team entered in the Winter Tournament consisting of Stuart Cathie (captain), Beryl Adams, Bill Ord and Peter Hampton. The team has been appreciably weakened by the loss of Pix Hurrell, who sustained a foot injury whilst playing football, and who (according to our coach) was certain of gaining a Blue. However, we still have high hopes as Bill and Peter, after comparative newcomers to the club, are shuffling well.

The Committee for the year is:-


Our honorary instructor is Mr. Dickson, and the club is extremely grateful to him for his unfailing interest and patience (he certainly needs it). The team is putting in plenty of solid practice and their thrust will not make any contribution towards the Wooden Spoon.

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"Reader's Digest" Exposed!

That digests are an important and highly dangerous cultural development was stressed by Mr. W. J. Scott, sometime lecturer in English at W.T.C. in a discussion at Weir House on Sunday evening, July 29. Cultural standards are not set by men of integrity and intelligence, but by those whose only aim is sales and whose technique therefore is to appeal to the lowest common emotions and ideas of the greatest possible number. The Beaverbrook press provides the best English example of this tendency and the "Reader's Digest" is Exhibit No. 1 of the United States.

Mr. Scott quoted an advertisement in which it was claimed that in an age where knowledge had expanded to such a degree, the "Reader's Digest" provided a summary of the chief lines of progress and gave the average busy man an integrated view of the various fields of activity. For each edition of the "Digest" 30 editors worked 5,000 hours, selecting the best articles from 500 of the best magazines, and rewriting them in a sparkling, snappy style which gave them new zest and vitality.

Mr. Scott pointed out that the best magazine for which exports were written, in fact, was the "Digest." Most of those whose articles were quoted were already in popularized, simplified form and the further abridgment of these resulted in their being so far away from the reality of their subject matter that they became virtually unrecognizable.

"Biography" and Politics

From even the "slick" magazines habitually digested, by no means the best articles were taken. Most popular were shock emotions rich in "human interest," and "dramas of everyday life." Snappy biographical sketches, especially of the "Poor Boy Becomes Millionaire" type, that haven't a fact in them, came next on the list. Popular science was still further simplified and thrust into a stereotyped mould of optimism and wonder. All the romantic or sensational elements in scientific research were played up at the expense of the science itself. Those who obtained the scientific facts in this way began by thinking that all things are possible to science and ended by believing in magic.

In industrial relations and politics, the "Reader's Digest" is an intransigently reactionary journal which claims impartiality. Jobbery and corruption are commonly exposed in trade unions, though not in big business. Renegades from Communism such as Max Eastman and Jan Valtin, are employed to give "inside evidence" of the "Left." Fascism is only seldom touched on, especially before the United States entered the war.

Mr. Scott instanced as an example of the "Reader's Digest"'s political tactics a very subtle combination of two ideas expressed in different articles in the issue of October, 1944—just before the Presidential elections. The inference one would draw from these two articles was that the American way of life was endangered because Communism (1) controlled the CIO and the CIO was a major force in the Democratic party.

Colonial Problems in S.W. Pacific

From the chair Dr. Beagahole introduced Colonel Powles to the audience who immediately put his audience at their ease with his bright, conversational manner. Introducing his subject, the speaker outlined the history of the "trusteeship" doctrine of administering dependent territories, or to quote the League of Nations Covenant "the sacred trust of civilization." The Canberra Pact and the United Nations Charter, he stressed, both specifically state the word "trust" and it is the belief of the world's greatest states that agree that the interest of the inhabitants is paramount. Colonel Powles then referred to the growing belief that joint mandate of the islands is better than a single nation entrusted with government.

Education

Continuing, the speaker touched on the separate problems of certain islands. In all these South West Pacific territories the native population was increasing; Samos the most, New Caledonia the least. The common problems of all the islands, despite their cultural and economic diversity, are easy to find; health is perhaps the paramount one, although the easiest to solve. Another problem, in fact the missions found it necessary to translate the Bible into 324 languages with surprising success. It is not surprising when we find that of New Guinea's 2,572 schools, only six are government schools.

Exploitation

For, says Colonel Powles, if the country is to be made self-supporting, Big Business, with all its bad effects, must move in to develop it. On the other hand, the natives will only become "museum pieces" if we keep on paying out to them for ever. Another side of this question is the labour problem. Whence the labour? Indentured labour is inefficient and condemned by its originators. There are thus only two ways of solving this problem—one is the native works for himself or as a servant of the white man. Farming (in Fiji) and copra production (in the New Hebrides) are the first steps towards self-sufficiency in the former way, but the industrial problem remains to be solved. New Caledonia with its silver and nickel industries is a blot on French colonialism.

However, concluded the speaker, if, as was promised in the Canberra Pact, a South Sea Advisory Commission is set up, the immediate problems of the next ten years, which are health and education, may be handled with some hope of success. England, New Zealand, and Australia, if they cooperated, would have control of 99 per cent of the native population, and that would be an excellent start.

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The team set down for Winter Tournament stands so far; Phillips, Smiler, Towns, Tin, Laurensen, Nash, Gajadhur, McLean, Osten, Johnston, Lilliceb, Griffin.

The absence of Ken Middle will be felt badly in the full-backs, although Osten can be relied upon to do his best when the backs are in a tight spot. The problem of a goal-keeper has yet to be decided. Our regular, Brian Barry, is unable to go, and this gap in our last line of defence will no doubt cause many an anxious moment in Dunedin (for VUC at any rate). However, emphasis on that point will have to be the order of the day, and it will be up to the half line to work doubly hard to keep the forwards moving. Noel Brown, our regular centre, is also unable to travel, but Kamal Gajadhur will no doubt make a good flat of it in his place. Allister Maclean is now combining excellently with the forwards in front of him, and great things are expected of him at tournament. In the forward line, Ian Laurensen is the man we are looking to for the initiation of attacks, and his progress lately has been highly encouraging.

Strong Women’s Team

In view of the impending departure of the Women’s Senior A Hockey team for Otago, to add to the laurels already won by the Senior B and Junior teams in their games with Canterbury, opportunity is taken to consider briefly the talent available.

Vivienne Rich, as wing left, shows good stick work and consistent form in a difficult position.

Ruth Russell and Julie Flett play a sound considered game, and produce upon occasions a surprising hit.

Quena Turner fills the position of right wing competently, showing good co-ordination and adaptability.

Doris Flinner, in changing her game from centre forward to right half, has experienced many of the pitfalls of her new position, and has now settled down to a quietly effective style of positional play.

Nan Thompson and Jean Miller play colourfully as half-backs, and have developed a style and stickwork that half-backs of lower teams could well study.

Sue Iott, right full-back, during her first season in senior hockey, has shown the happy knack of turning up unhurriedly where required. We look to her future with interest.

Margaret Beatty, left inside, has given point to the attacks of the Senior B forwards. Her scoring shot, except for occasional lapses, is notably quick and forceful.

Joy Underwood, to play goalie, is showing considerable promise in that position. Her dash and discrimination as a Senior B full-back gives her a strong claim for promotion.

Margaret Ross, emergency and Senior B centre half, plays a determined and consistent game.

Daisy Flinner, left full-back, makes an able captain, and is largely responsible for the team being the strongest fielded for many years.

It is unfortunate that two outstanding players, Marion Warwick and Una Kenner (who have caught the eye of the Wellington selector) will be unable to make the trip, as also Mary Seddon, dashing Senior B right wing.

We wish the team every success and await results with confidence.

Brand New Kirk Cup
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Maths and Physics

Tuesday afternoon dawned bright and clear. At about 1.15 the mixed hockey curtain had been raised, but long before that Kelburn Park had been filling with excited spectators.

This mixed hockey game was very funny. Following the scheme initiated last year, one side wore shorts and the other were skirts. Viv Rich again refereed, and Ivor Ting, playing for Maths, Physics and Geology, kept the score fairly even as well as looking very dashingly in his gym tunic. Chem. Biology won 4-3, and it was just as well, too, in view of what happened to them in the football.

The football match was taken quite seriously. They had a real referee, dressed the referee’s way, blowing his whistle, and everything. From the moment Mr. Moore managed to kick off, an expectation hushed descended on the spectators. They were all lined up along the footpath and no doubt the hearts of the young ladies in (say) the Physics department were put-up as they viewed the match. (say) the Physics department, locked with their rivals in combat upon the muddy field.

At half-time the score was 5 nil.

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In the second half MPG decided to change sides with CB and it was soon apparent that their new end of the field suited them much better. Except for a few scrums and line outs, they scored pretty regularly. It is felt that no good would come to potece or any one, of scoring in the second half of the game. Suffice it to say that in spite of the device resorted to by CB supporters in an attempt to save the day, the MPG team were the winners. They were presented with the winning new Kirk Cup by Professor Kirk himself.

But now a few words about the device employed by the MPG players to bamboozle the victorious MPG team. Towards the end of the second half, the evil genius of the Chemistry department were observed getting up to a bit of no good on the southern side of the field. A light southern breeze was blowing. Suddenly dense white smoke belched forth from some containers placed by the chemists. This spread swiftly across the field and for a minute or two it was very difficult to play the ball with risk of collision. But, alas for the CB side, the breeze freshened and dispelled the smoke screen to such an extent that play continued unabated. Thus the first attempt to introduce chemical warfare failed; and it might be fitting to close this report with the pious hope that in future fieldsmen will be taken to see that the game is conducted in the British tradition of fair play.

THE EDITOR regrets that, owing to time, space and overrate, he has been unfortunately forced to considerably shorten reports notes with inclinations of Tournament News only.
SPORT

WINTER TOURNAMENT

A week from today, about sixty students from VUC, representatives of eight winter sports clubs, will be travelling to participate in the first official New Zealand University Winter Tournament. Their hosts will be Otago University, and appropriately so, for it seems fitting that the oldest and largest University centre in New Zealand should have been selected as the venue. It will be an inaugural Tournament.

The sports which will be represented are: Women's and Men's Hockey, Harriers, Soccer, Men's Basketball, Table Tennis, Fencing and Golf. A debating team will also be travelling to contest the Joynt Scroll.

Noticeable by its absence is Rugby Football, which for reasons unknown as a recognised NZU event, these clubs will no doubt increase in numerical strength and general status in future years. Skiing is also included in the programme this year, but the proposed arrangements for the Ski Tournament involves so much time and expense that the VUC has found it impossible to send a team.

A superficial examination, however, reveals that the major winter sports are, in general, co-operative rather than individualistic as in Easter Tournament. It seems odd such a popular sport as Fencing has not found a foothold in New Zealand. Noticeable by their presence are some newer clubs whose rejuvenation was encouraged by the prospect of a tournament, viz., Men's Basketball, Fencing and Golf. With the establishment of the Winter Tournament any necessary to play out the requisite number of matches for any one particular sport. With only three or possibly four playing days in which to conduct the large number of events, the problem of arranging a suitable programme with the minimum of clashes becomes a sticky one. Further, there is likely to be a tendency to overwork the Tournament, if, indeed, it is not already overloaded. Much will no doubt be learnt by the participants.

The question of dates this year has also presented a problem, but one which appears to have been understood and satisfactorily disposed of, not by only students, but by College authorities, that the date set down for the departure of VUC teams (August 15) is in the middle of the last week of the term. Such overlapping is unnecessary. Although Otago has emphatically set the dates for this year, it is unquestionably desirable that, if Winter Tournament is to succeed as an annual event in future years, it will have to be run (travelling included) over a greater part of the year common to every College participating.

However, in spite of all the imperfections and difficulties, Winter Tournament, 1945, will simply be what every participant makes it. There is absolutely nothing to prevent any VUC competitor from deriving the full mental benefits of such an inter-University event—the development of team-spirit and a sense of generous sportsmanship, and the last amazing impression of genuine good-fellowship. — I.T.

Weir Hold Out

Burn Shield.—The annual match, Weir House v. The Rest, for the Burn Shield, was played in extremely bad conditions on Kelpurn Park last Saturday. By a narrow victory of three points to nil Weir retained the shield for the fifth year in succession.

Any expectation that baseball would be out of the question, and Weir, playing with greater keenness and determination, proved themselves slightly better at the game of soccer into which the game developed. They overshadowed The Rest pack in line-outs and loose rushes, but were deceptively beaten for the ball in the set scrums. Nevertheless they contrived to hold a territorial advantage for the major portion of the game, and would, on the run of play, have a little ball to do with that.

The only score of the game came early in the match when Weir cleverly picked up the ball near the line and dived over.

Seniors.—Congratulations to J. P. Murphy and R. T. Shannon for gaining selection in the NZU team which played Otago on July 14.

In its club games the team lost to Onslow 3-29 and beaten Berhampore 26-0. No greater contrast could be presented than that shown by the performance of the backs on the two occasions, their play being well below standard on the first day. The forwards, apart from Shannon, Dunn and Bennett, an energetic trio, did not seem nearly vigorous enough against Onslow, but against much weaker opposition the following Saturday, they played fairly well.

Juniors.—After a good win, 19-3, over Oriental, the team was perhaps a little unlucky to lose to Woburn 13-14. The general play of the juniors in the last two matches has been extremely pleasing, and at last a good set of backs is making full use of its opportunities. Ackroyd as full-back was faultless against Oriental, and has scored 20 points in his last two games. Berry at five-eights and Drummond on the wing, are a couple of first-class men. The forwards are energetic but light, and feel the affect of their lack of weight rather badly at times. The consistent Shires is showing fine form, and Wilson and Perkins give him good support.

Soccer Hopefuls

The team which is travelling south to the Winter Tournament is composed of the following:—The Moore (goalkeeper), played for Training College last year and is one of the most reliable members of the team. He always appears on the best of form.

Roy Dickson (left full-back), in his third year with the club, has proved one of the strongest and most consistent links in our defence and is a first-class back.

Brian Sutton-Smith (right full-back), another ex-TC player, shows plenty of dash in his defensive play, though he has had little experience as a full-back.

Alex Williams (left-half) has played most of the season with our E team where he has shown consistent defence play.

Colin Richardson (centre-half), a member of the school rep. team which six thrashed Australia before the war, and a Victoria Blue in 1943, is undoubtedly the star of the team. Bruce MacRae (right-half) is more accustomed to forward play, where he has proved most active, originating many of the Varisty attacks.

Jack Williams (left-wing), a 1944 blue, is playing better this year than last, and feeds the inside men well from the wing.

Harry West (inside-left) is a solid forward and follows through well.

Jack Walls (centre-forward) was one of the founders of the Victoria soccer team, was a Wellington rep. last year, and is a blue of two years' standing. His ball-control is exemplary and he has scored most of our goals.

Fair Sherani (inside-right) has good control of the ball but was unfortunate to injure his knee earlier in the year.

Bruce Weir (outside-right), the writer of the report, is prevented by natural modesty from eulogising his ability.

Harry Tidder, who generally plays at left-half, is unfortunately unable to travel with the team.