Extrav 1947—"Till Barrett's Reef Comes Against the Mighty Fonganella"

"Utopanella"—The monicker of Extravaganza 1947—and such a brisk, crisp and risque 120 minutes of mudley saturated with songs and dripping with puns the maligncd public of Wellington have not yet suffered. And as if the punishment were not to fit the crime, there is the possibility that the inhabitants of Napier—Proud City of Hawke's Bay—will be likewise inflicted.

Descending late from their daily torens, the weary and the bleary have of late oft detected something of a minor seisnic disturbance epicentred near the Gym. Close investigators have revealed that once sombre edifice in the apparent throns of chronic diarhoea, pulsing violently the rhythm of varied and eerie sounds emittered during intervals through shattered window and splintered weatherboards. But only the men of steel who have penetrated the fog and the gorg, the mist and the schist of the upper floor will realise the brutal truth—rehearsals have begun.

Veteran of Extravaganzas and Producer of two former shows, John McCrery, foaming at the lapynx, and blasting from the lungs uses his physical endowments to advantage. Interviewed he said "Quiet Please!"

And not insignificant beside him Musical Director Jeff Stewart—an Honest Guy, but still an adept at the shrewd and the-lwed in song and lyric; he is conducting some of the most brilliant of Extrav Musical scores yet realised.

The stage is set—the producer litting in the gallery, the audience giggling in the pit, and Stage Manager Huddy Williamson jiving in the wings—Let the curtain rise on "Utopanella," Extravaganza 1947.

The 1947 Extrav. will be shown to ogling Wellington audiences from Saturday, May 17th, till the following Thursday. Rehearsals for the Show commenced on March 31st—seven weeks before the opening of the show! The whole show was rehearsed on Sunday, April 27th, with still three weeks to go! Rehearsals to date have not been a general success due to too much exuberance and general pandemonium, but have rather been typified by hard work from all members of the cast, the wardrobe and props. dept. The orchestra has been formed, a company of over twenty members, and has put in three practice nights a week. The show is shaping extremely well but the tempo must be increased until it reaches fever-pitch on the opening night. Artificial stimulants have not so far been necessary.

The Comedy Horonists

The script for this year's epic was written by those Kings of Korna—McCreary and Higgin. Their brainchild "Utopanella" is distinquished by the fact that it has, of all things, a plot—an unified complete and cohesive. In spite of this they have subplots and ballets, liberally sprinkled with eggspew/Bludty and crudity which evry show a piquant flavour for which all Extrav's are noted.

The scene opens on the good ship Fonganella, just prior to the cataclysmic catastrophe which leaves her high and dry on the rocks for two years. The plot of the Lyric. Pour Government of this microcosm is complicated by the desinations arising from the presence of Bimbo, Communists and small bourgeois opportunist in the shape of a Shakespearean troupe. The attempts of the fairy godfather, J. J. O'Malley, to steer a middle course to his own advantage, prove abortive, and the show ends in a true Shakespearean deploration, leaving Antiporus, the common man, happy in his abysmal ignorance.

Original Songs

One outstanding feature of Utopanella is the number and variety of songs and choruses. Jeff Stewart, the Lyric Writer, has proved his worth and used his talent to the utmost. In the first act alone there are twelve songs and choruses, with plenty to follow in acts two and three. The opening of Act II is sung in comic opera vein, but Jeff's idea of comic opera is decidedly modern. Although that rug-cutting masterpiece "Dig Me a Solid Spade" has not been used, there is no lack of variety in melodies and lyrics. Original.
Professor McHenry Speaks to Political Science Society

The Political Science Society was very fortunate in securing Professor McHenry from the University of Southern California as the guest speaker for its inaugural function. The visitor, who is no stranger to the British Commonwealth, has made an extensive comparative study of political trends in both the United States and the Dominions, and he is present on sabbatical leave with the object of surveying eleven years of Labour administration in this country.

In his introduction Dean McHenry drew attention to the fundamental differences between the United States and its Presidential system of government and the British Commonwealth, which has adhered to the more efficient and stronger Cabinet system. He outlined the historical basis of the United States constitution based as it is on an essentially 18th century philosophy as advanced by Locke, Montesquieu and Thomas Paine. Checks and balances, and division of sovereignty were to ensure forever the democratic form of government and guard the Republic from autocratic rulers. The South American Republics laid on the whole accepted the example set by their big Northern neighbour with the result of Peron and Vargas supremacy in Argentina and Brazil and similar forms of dictatorship in the remaining countries of the Southern half of the Continent. The visitor made no secret of his preference for the British system based on two strong political parties with a responsible Executive sitting inside Parliament. In support of this premise he quoted examples of shortcomings such as the deadlock between the two Houses of Congress, Presidential inability to govern, and the defeat of his party in a mid-term election, the lack of Executive control over Civil Service appointments and the still important remains of the Spoil System. In favour of the Presidential system of Government, Dean McHenry contended that Congress is not a merely "rubber-stamp" which like the House merely discusses, but in the end submits to the Government on all important issues of policy due to party discipline and the all-powerful Whips. Congress can override Presidential vetoes and it jealously watches over foreign affairs. The "voice of the people" is forever audible in the lobbies and halls of Congress. (One wonders if Congressmen were greatly perturbed or troubled by popular sentiment against the recent Anti-Strike legislation.)

Questions Too

At the conclusion of the address, questions were submitted to the speaker. It was noticeable that Professor McHenry was far less elusive in his answers than he was during his introductory remarks. Asked about...
Another Instalment of British Socialism

Our London Correspondent

Spring has come at last. After the rigours of winter and a disappointingly wet, cold Easter, we have been enjoying calm, cloudless days, transforming the spirits of the people and the appearance of the countryside. With the automobilizing trees budding and put forth leaves.

With Spring came the Budget, which met with a very mixed reception. The tobacco tax is certainly a heavy blow. Cigarettes at 3/4 for twenty, tobacco at 4/- an ounce, are indeed luxuries which many can scarcely afford. The "Daily Worker," and left wing Labour generally, have condemned it roundly as denying to the masses what has become almost a necessity, whilst leaving it for the rich people who can pay. It is doubtful whether it will effectively reduce consumption, which makes it merely a heavy ungratified tax (it produced the fall of that consumption must be reduced somewhere (since we are not "allowed" to discriminate against America) and all schemes for rationing face the very real problem of the great variety and individual demand, with the consequent certainty of an enormous black market, either in cigarettes or come up.

The new taxes on bonus issues and distributed profits have naturally been condemned by the Tories, on the usual basis of tirades about robbing the widows and orphans (i.e., of stockbrokers), ruining Labour, and reducing incentives (i.e., of profit margins of fifty per cent. common in recent balance sheets). The real criticism also applies to the concessions and income tax allowances, in that they hardly go far enough. But the Budget is balanced and by orthodox standards it is a moderate one, but it is a severe blow to the revolutionary socialist-one (which no one expected). It is, fact, the only criticism that W. J. Brown, M.P., in his unconscious homonymic polecite in the “Evening Standard,” could level against it, but it was neither too easy (which he would have liked personally) nor too austere.

The case of the civil servants who were dismissed or refused transfer, apparently at the secret instructions of M.L.S., a branch of military influence, is extremely disturbing. No public case has been brought against them, and their sole crime seems to consist in their communist beliefs. Such police State methods are deplorable, particularly in the English public service, whose record of fairness and openness is long, honourable and unique. The Civil Servants’ Union is actively taking the matter into its hands and it is to be hoped that they will expose and eliminate this danger to civil liberties.

Cercle Francais

A French Club has at last been formed at VUC bringing us into line with the other colleges. The UC and C.U.C have similar clubs well established already, and UC has started this year.

The aim in forming the club is to interest the French students in language once prosed, lectures, and exams have been given. In order to do this it is important to have a club in which the majority of students would be able to take an active part.

The officers of the club are:
Patron: M. Gazel
President: Miss F. M. Huntington
Secretary: A. S. G. Butler
Committee: Elisabeth Florence, Barbara Fugger, Geraldine Lawrence, J. Finlay, P. Hopfen, J. G. McArthur.

As we have been rather late in starting, we will only hold four evenings during the second term this year. The dates have been arranged so as not to clash with the meetings of the Wellington French Club to which a number of students belong. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28th. Watch the notice boards for the program.

SCM BOOK SALE

The New Zealand Student Christian Movement is holding a sale during May, a large range of books of special interest to students, which will be sold at greatly reduced prices. A list of the books is on display at SCM Headquarters, 153 Featherston Street, and see for yourself.

MANSFIELD

of the short story, and her position in relation to New Zealand writing. The unreliability of all sources of biographical material is emphasized, and of the immortal collected works and adolescence spent in Wellington, her departure to England for numerous European journeys from there, we experienced with Professor O’Malley, as a short story writer, her husband, John Middleton Murry, should have so successfully barred the way to a more personal and complete understanding of her journals and letters. It is blinding that most of her early material was published in England and that it is regrettable that he controlled and reedited the greater and more important autobiographical writings which she published after her death.

Katherine Mansfield as a short story writer has been considered unique. Her development of the techniques, though attributed by some to a close observation of the writings of Tennyson’s and Browning’s, is as a new and original form of writing—rather an interpretation of character and technique. Mansfield’s style is a characteristic pattern of the 19th century. Critical opinion is divided as to whether or not she did something vital and original for the short story.

Although she did most of her writing in England, it is with gratification that she turned continually to the scenes of her childhood and youth for the sources of her material; and it was with pride we claim her as a New Zealand writer.

Lunch Hour Bach

Starting in the second week of term, on every Wednesday at 12.15 to 1.45. Mr. Frederick Page will play the second book of Bach’s "Well-Tempered Clavier." Pieces by Buxtehude and Fugues will be played at each recital, while the remaining books of the series will last for six weeks. Whether you are a serious student of music or just a dilettante, you will find these recitals the most enjoyable half hour between having lunch and speeding back to the Library at 2.
RELIGION AND EDUCATION

Exchange Article calls forth protests

Religious dogmas, therefore, cannot be considered as exempt from critical enquiry. We make this statement in order that we may safeguard ourselves against misinterpretation.

Such misinterpretation is likely to be forthcoming in view of the fact that Professor Taylor has not adequately dealt with the function of religious experience. To us there appears no necessary conflict between the "fundamental basis of religious faith" (rightly interpreted) and the University Education.

Religious Experience

It is necessary then to consider what are the fundamental bases of religious faith. This takes us on to a consideration of the nature of religious experience, because faith is the outcome of such experience (as it is likewise the basis for further experience). Now it is the essence of the religious experience that it signifies both a passive and an active adjustment of the universe to a new and unimagined reality. There is a note of submission, but also one of inclusion. It is not a question of mere adjustment, but an ontological attitude. It is the nature of our being. It includes such feelings as reverence and abundance.

Such an experience becomes faith (in our interpretation) when it is used as the basis for the concrete workings of intelligence, the affairs of daily life. This faith, built on supposed communication with some incapable, transcendental being but its roots in the natural religion experience.

Doubt

As stated in the introduction we believe that doubt is an essential prerequisite for the concrete workings of intelligence. But, although the 'dogma of doubt' is a healthy enough proposition in itself, doubt is a restricted one. That is, while the open minded attitude for the best correlation to the wide-open universe, in itself it is insufficient. Doubt is not enough. The progress of intellectual inquiry in University Education is to be fostered as much by religious experience as it is to be made effective by doubt. It is just such experience which, transferred from dogmatic objects, makes the ideals of life a possibility. Without such a religious background, true ideals will not become real for us.

Another Criticism of "Fogus" Article

Professor Taylor's article in your issue of April 33 deals with an important question, but does not appear to me to do more than restate part of the problem. No honest attempt is made by the Professor to consider possible approaches to the question. He admits personal bias in his last paragraph, and then proceeds to make two definite statements. He adduces no proof for the latter one, except the quality of Russell and Whitehead, neither of whom, although eminent in their particular fields, can be called impartial or even remotely so when dealing with religious matters.

In his opening paragraph, the Professor states the fundamental question, "What is a God?" a question which must be answered if one is to have any logical basis at all. The article fails to state whether attempts have been made to answer the question, and whether any success has attended such efforts. The way in which the article omits to do attention to the endeavors in this field by men as eminent as the learned professor or even E. W. Russell leaves the inference that the only satisfactory answers are supplied by faith alone. Later on an effort is made to whistle away the bases of faith, and this leaves an uninformed reader with the general impression that religious belief is after all an unstable and inconsistent thing.

I have not time, and I do not desire to occupy the space to which we are allotted, to write the article as it stands. It is a shallow treatment of what it admits in its subject, but it is very wide field, and therefore requires an extensive rebuttal.

Taylor Doubted

Nevertheless a great deal of truth is stated, and I feel that wrong inferences are drawn largely on account of the omission of important aspects of the subject. For instance the Professor says, "Nothing can influence closed minds," leaves it to be determined whether he means religiously or scientifically. There is much more to the problem than he permits himself to see.

and understanding into the lives of others as a pre-requisite of their own self-expression (W. T. "American Education Under Fire"). Doubt alone could not accomplish this.

Agnosticism

Professor Taylor's mistake is in confusing agnosticism with that of Dewey would say, a shadow cast by the eclipse of the supernatural. We must doubt in order that we may find out, not because some Murray, inaccessible and superstitious beings lurk behind whatever we can know. In this case our doubting is a step forward in the ascent of a pale and impotent skepticism. Obviously Taylor is committed to the desirability of the use of doubt. He should be more careful, however, in the use of his weapon. There is no fighting two without having first thrown down the dogmatic idealistic "Fogus" and also the naturalistic religious baby.

As Whitehead says, "Exactness is a fake" (Ingersoll Lecture, 1911). But he also says: "The fact of our religious vision, and its history of persistent expansion, relativizes the concept of saints." Apart from its-meta, human life is a way of living within the sign or purifying up of a mass of pain and misery, a bagatelle of "transient experience" ("Religion in the Modern World")--

B. SUTTON-SMITH and P. S. WILSON.

Tournament

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that Tournament plays an important enough part, and it would be a mistake to cut out the small amount of money we have so far put into the arrangements for Tournament. I am sure that the arrangements for Tournament have been a great success, and I think it would be a great pity if we were to cut back the arrangements for Tournament.

In conclusion, I will add an appeal to all club secretaries and team members in the future. Keep in close contact with your Tournament Deluxe.

P. G. MORRIS
Senior Tournament Delegate

unproved hypotheses, too much unscientific argument and too much left to inference. When dealing with a subject that the scientifically equipped writer could well have avoided all the flaws and submitted a thesis treatment of the subject either for or against religion. I do think, however, that the article's attempt to cover too much ground in a limited space, and secondly that such ground was covered in a way that is not convincing scientifically. There is too much

not the sporty type...
Reply to Swedland

Dear Sir,—Mr. Swedland's considerations as to the essence of science are interesting but too reductive. His demand—"controlled experiment"—excludes even a large part of chemistry besides sciences such as meteorology, geology.

Lord Kelvin considered the essence to be measurement. All sciences as they become more complex become mathematical and metrical—this would seem due to innate limitations of the human mind. A third school considers scientists intuitively know what science is.

If science cannot be defined, certain aspects can be shown. Essential to a science is a theory to correlate many facts. Conclusions arrived at statistically without a theory or with unsubstantial theories are of little interest, even though often of utility. Much meteorology is still statistical with no unifying theory.

Discrimination of facts is a second demand. Coincide calls it selection and I understand "controlled" means discriminate. There is an infinity of facts but most facts are too special to be of interest. Implicit in the above is observation of the external environment.

The argument is the same as between formalist and intuitivist schools in other branches of knowledge.—J.R.J.

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Professor Goldschmidt, geneticist, has come and gone—but the trumpets which heralded his arrival are muted at his departure, and, while here, he added not a micron to its stature! Not that the Professor failed to substantiate his claim to an eminence position in his special field of science—that will never be disputed—but that he used this very eminence from which to propagate his own political and philosophical beliefs and opinions, dressed up in the guise of facts—this is the measure of his failings.

His first salvo was fired soon after his arrival in New Zealand in a published interview with the "Listener." Even allowing for the fact that "journalists don't write to tell the truth but only to make what they call, a story," this book, entitled "Science and Politics Won't Mix," was far from being the disclosure of a reasoning and well-informed scientist. The latter part of the article degenerated into a shrill attack on science, especially genetics, in the USSR, and particularly on the person of Lysemko. To quote, "unfortunately this man went in for theoretical, and wild unproven ideas which are based on unrecorded experiments and are worthless to science.

Strange, is it not, that although the Vavilov-Lysemko controversy has been for years and is said to be in the scientific (non-scientific) press of Britain and America over the past eight years, there appears to be no sign of any attempt by Lysemko's detractors to repeat the experiments and thus settle the matter in the only way open to scientists.

That Lysemko, in his earlier theories, was "guilty" of making claims which went beyond the evidence of his experiments appears quite likely; but this is a failing to which any scientist may fall. In fact, biologists among us may recall that Dr. Goldschmidt himself once held a rather extreme theory that, as J. B. S. Haldane puts it, "all genes differing from the average are merely rearrangements of the standard type of chromosome..." and he therefore incorrectly to speak of genes in the wild or standard type of a species," and later, "Goldschmidt argues that therefore genes are an illusion." Whatever the fate of all this, there can be no doubt that if it continues to be the case that any attempt to prove that such theories are false is to be condemned, even for the sake of science. And so with Lysemko! His theories should have had the same effect but most of his opponents outside Russia seem to be content with their mere verbal refutations, which are worthless to science.

Later he says, "he (Lysemko) got political power and was able to suppress complex scientific studies in the USSR, and so everybody works only according to Lysemko's views."

Let any of his latest works be referred to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 31, 1947. There they will find a review of the current work of Soviet genetics from which it is evident that, far from the ideas of Mendel, Vavilov, Morgan, Sturtevant, Wilson and Fischer being "diluted to a science," all forward to a "unified" Lysemko: "It is more than passing strange that the "laws" of Soviet genetics finds himself overlooked in such a review. Could it be that there is in fact no such "laws"?"

Had the Professor continued himself

Wet—No Fish

A group of thirty hearty vagabonds from the Tramping Club spent Anzac weekend at Waiwera. The trip was very well organized—even I had to carry a tent. Harry Eavon as leader prepared a very comprehensive list of instructions. Everyone obeyed these and took no prunes, sheets or nighties.

Those who are not familiar with this particular track may be interested with this description. The track was relatively easy to follow. We had found the beginning, but some of us were rather lazy about the beginning—yes the girls hitched a ride right past the turn off. Part of the track follows an old bush tramline, which is easy to follow if you don't slip on the wet sleepers or fall through and break your neck. Some of us tried that, too—no casualties reported. The track then follows a stream up, crosses a plateau and goes down the Arapoto to the Otaki River. A few minutes padding—"if the river is low enough"—brought us to the Aviary. Bill McLeod and Lester Paul had the welcome mat out and a billy on the fire singing and telling yarns—both new and old. Harold Gretton tells me confidentially that the singing was of a particularly high standard—he should know. Maybe we could record a few more of the men for Extrav.

Six o'clock saw some of us up and getting ready to move back to civilisation and Extrav. rehearsals. On the train our chat, as it can rain in the Tararua. Still, who's worrying about a little rain, or even a very happy weekend, and came back to respectable society thoroughly enjoying the signs of double bunking and all other good things connected with the Tramping Club.
Biol. Soc.
1. A Talk by Miss Ralph on the Cinderella Ball—Miss Ralph was well filled on the night of Tuesday, April 22, to hear this talk by the Director. The talk was introduced by Mr. Hall, who was secretary of the Biological Society when it initiated the lecture list.

There followed a description of flying fish which the party saw while on the boat. A discussion on the so-called “flying” of these fish was interesting. Miss Ralph then described the electron microscope which she saw in Boston.

A series of 60 coloured lantern slides was a feature of great interest. We saw Universities in California, New York, and many in Canada. Most of these sported a beautiful campus, with long, tree-lined paths, some of them nothing of swimming baths and sports grounds. All students are required to do a certain amount of Physical Education and to partake in sports as a part of their course. Most Universities have a compulsory medical examination of all students entering for a degree course. Other slides showed places the party visited, such as New York city and the Rocky Mountains.

2. Anzac Week-end Trip to Taupari Valley—Sixteen biologists and geologists set off for the Taupari on Friday morning, beginning a most enjoyable and productive trip. The main feature of the day was the adoption of a new method of studying the biology of the valley. Two quadrants, each of 12 feet radius, were chosen, and every plant and animal in these areas was identified. Next day we went up the valley and studied aquatic life and birds, while Midge McCaughan, geologist adviser, stayed in the hot and cooked a six course meal. After the meal, the trip, Alayne Crawford, botany adviser, stayed for the small hours setting up fung, while next day, Marshall Labir, ex-entomology leader, was kept well occupied identifying species.

3. Film Afternoon.—Films were shown of the bird and marine life of the Great Barrier Reef.

4. A Trip to Kapiti Island will be held in the first week of the May holidays. The party will be limited to 20.

The last available records show that the players played very well with the Upstarts in April 1938. On Saturday, April 15th, eight years later, the Old Poyers (past students of Victoria) thrashed a team of present-day students by 31 to nil. Each team consisted of four double pairs, the players and results being:

**Present:**
1. H. Burns
2. M. Pither
3. C. Scott
4. R. Stout

**Upstart:**
1. G. Neale
2. H. Ngata
3. B. Reddy
4. K. Frankerd

The boys of the 1st match, Pither and Ngata combined well and the latter played some deadly cross-court shots. However, the highlight of the afternoon appeared when post-mortems of the high degree of physical fitness that can be obtained from it, and secondly because of the amount of teamwork it builds up within its members.

To the people who say "I haven't the time" or "I don't know the rules," just send the following:

Each of the four teams plays one competition each week. Usually the A team plays on Tuesday night, the C and D teams play on Thursday night, and the B team on Saturday morning. The time spent is about 30 minutes. The next proof fact is that 20 of our 20 members had never played the game at all, until three weeks ago; yet their progress has been remarkable. The A team, now playing in the B grade but with every prospect of promotion into the A grade at the end of the first round, has secured the services of several new but experienced players, namely, L. Piper, an acquisition from the Hunt Valley; and Murphy, a centre with overseas experience, and these, together with Morris, a promoted B team player, have joined the "old school"—Anderson, Swindale, Crowder, and Beecroft (captain of the team)—and are being welded into a very efficient combination by L. Cross, a very experienced and able coach.

Both Murphy and Beecroft have been placed in 1947 Wellington Rep. Teams. The B team with several newcomers, among whom are Hitchings and O'Keefe—both very promising players who seem capable of holding their own, with the loss of C and D teams have every prospect of outstanding improvement.

Swords
With a membership of nearly fifty the swords club is continuing its meetings this year with an increased enthusiasm. As dark green skirts have been procured by the women members, Tuesday night gatherings now have a much more uniform appearance.

Members of the club attended and, we think, enjoyed the annual dinner, held at The Tavern, to which we were pleased to welcome our instructor and Mrs. Disson. The dinner was followed by a dance at the Majestic Cabaret.

With the increased membership of the club, not nearly sufficient foils, masks and jackets are available, but with supplies in the shops and the hope of a further grant from the Exec., the committee is confident that the club will remain as adequately equipped as it has been previously.

Tennis
The games were being held. Colonel Beere and Mr. S. Etchelbaum made a interesting and informative address concerning "the cup." Several facetious comments were made by Ken Frankerd until it became too clear that an "actual" cup was being sought. This had been presented by Mr. Etchelbaum but with the lapse of eight years had been quite forgotten. When it is unearthed from its present hiding place it will be engraved and presented to the veterans. The "Upstarts" team wishes to thank the opponents for providing the cost of the balls and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Mr. Etchelbaum, whose efforts made the match possible, is congratulated for his keenness and his astuteness, but we warn him that "Old Poyers" has had its day. (No reply needed."

Women's Basketball
The 1947 season has started well for the Basketball Club. We have entered three teams in the competition. As yet the teams have not been graded, but we hope to have two Senior B teams and one Junior A team. We have been practising hard for the last three weeks and all the team are now very happy. The influx of many talented Freshers into the club has heightened our chances of success in the competition. We are confident that we will be more successful this year than we were last year.

The committee for the year consists of Gay Nimmo as President, Ada Reid as Vice-President and Marie Irwin as Secretary. Other members of the committee are the team captains.

Men's Basketball
At the annual general meeting held recently the following officers were elected:
- Club Captain: P. J. Anderson
- Sec.-Treas.: L. B. Piper
- Committee: B. Beecroft, L. D. Swindale

The popularity of the game has increased remarkably and the team after 130 on a Sunday at the Sports Centre, Wakefield Street, or 5 p.m. on a Tuesday; the four Varsity teams can be seen in action.

The Club is very keen to promote the game in the College; firstly because

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Winter Sports Clubs Prepare for Coming Season

Once again sports clubs have got, or are getting, their 'winter weight' with the seasons coldness (can be seen clouding the winter air). Kelburn Park resounds to the vigorous coaching of a multitude of footballers; while in odd corners other groups of sportsmen get into huddles over tactics. Hockey, soccer, outdoor and basketball are very vigorously slaving to keep fit), though many stiff and weary limbs are still being dragged homewards after the season's early games.

Unfortunately for the clubs concerned, and perhaps fortunately for many others, the Gym, will not be available for regular practices until after Christmas. However, the eight clubs are doing their best under difficulties, and we hope this will not prove a major drawback in their activities during the season.

Hockey

After two practices had been held at Kelburn Park, it was possible to make a tentative selection for the six teams to be entered for the local competitions. Of the seventy-old men available, more than half have returned to their teams, and it will be impossible to allocate them to new teams until the competition has been in progress for a week or two.

The Committee has been looking for a non-playing coach—but so far without success. The task is a heavy one for any coach, especially if the teams are to be competitive. The selectors have been trawling for new boys, and it is not unexpected that some boys who may have been playing for other teams will be found playing against them in the local competitions.

Hockey Ball

The Men's Hockey Club is holding its second Annual Ball on Friday, June 6, in the Roseland Cabaret at 8.30 p.m. A very cordial invitation is extended to all students and their friends to attend this gala occasion.

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Seniour A lost to Ota小镇 6-18. They were beaten by a better team, though it remains to be seen whether or not the team can maintain their freshness and vigour throughout the season.

Junior A beat Athletic 15-6. The prospects of this team were distinctly encouraging. The forwards worked well and gave their backs a boost of confidence. Once again lack of fitness took its toll, though the team showed signs of developing into something good.

Graded B lost to Waitakere 4-3. If one can judge by keenness and by last Saturday's performance this team would finish first in the competition. The forwards played well and the backs made a fine job of their task.

Senior B lost to Taipas 2-2. There is good material here and it should be in a position to win the prize for the best game of the season.

Junior B lost to Oriental 6-2 after leading 6-3 at half time. Once again lack of fitness took its toll, though the team showed signs of developing into something good.

Graded A lost to 4-3. If one can judge by keenness and by last Saturday's performance this team would finish first in the competition. The forwards played well and the backs made a fine job of their task.

Second B lost to Petone 8-2. This team, like Third A, comprised mainly of fliers, played very well to defeat the redoubtable Petone XV. on their home ground. Keenness of the forwards and good tackle by the backs were a feature of this team also, and we expect to see them in the top half of the ladder at the end of the season.

Third C lost to Berhampore 3-6. It was unfortunate, we thought, that only nine of those whose names appeared on the board turned up for this game. Some of the men, we heard, were unable to play, but many did not play because of their inability to turn out.

You cannot, for any reason, turn out on any particular Saturday night, notify either your coach or Cathle MacLeod, Teams' Officer, Phone 46-509.

Table Tennis

1947 should prove a record year for the Table Tennis Club. Success was seen of the wealth of new players at the opening at the Star Boat Club last Monday (there was an attendance of over forty) to indicate that Yarfill should be very much on the market in Wellington table tennis from now on.

It is proposed to enter eight teams in the Wellington Association Table Tennis competitions, i.e., one in each grade from "A" to "H." and we also have strong hopes of wresting the Table Tennis Shield from Auckland at the Winter Tournament in August.

An innovation in Wellington table tennis this year is the institution of an "H" grade. This grade will be confined to players who have not played inter-club table tennis in the past. So if any freshers are interested in table tennis but have not yet to play competitively this is the opportunity to begin. The first month will be of necessity devoted to the classification of teams, but later the club will determine the number of teams in each grade, "A" and "B" grade players will be available to coach new players.

Any information concerning the club will be answered any time during the day by the Secretary, A. W. Graham (Tel. 42-986). The Club Captain, K. Wood (Tel. 44-10).