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Votes.

At last the day is on hand, and the Election lists reveal heavy competition in the lower grades, with comparatively little for the higher places. This is a pity, for as Sid Odell, last year's returning officer, pointed out, our present system of voting becomes almost farcical with large numbers standing. In one case, at least, in last year's election it was a matter of luck rather than electors' preference that decided the day; and with a list of 13 candidates for two positions on the Men's Committee, the position is likely to be repeated. A reform of the voting system is urgently needed, though, unfortunately, it cannot be put through for this election.

Apart from the Men's Committee, competition is more reasonable, though perhaps too sparse. Remembering the important issues and the campaign for reform that "Smad" has been endeavouring to foster, all students should make certain of recording their vote and seeing that others do so. Nothing is more unsatisfactory than an Exec. elected on a very small percentage of votes and therefore not truly representative. Yet V.U.C. will bring this misfortune on itself if numbers abstain. We have published comprehensive interviews with all the candidates, so that there is no longer the excuse of not knowing the individuals. Vote! For we have only ourselves to blame—and rightly do we merit the penalty if we fail—if an unenterprising Exec. creeps in on a minority vote. The interviews reveal a remarkable unanimity in the ideas of future advance: what is wanted is enterprise and time to carry them out.

Dates for voting, July 4, 5 and 8, 4 p.m. to 8.15 p.m.

Prof. Hunter on Debates.

The suggestion made by Professor Hunter at the New Speakers' Debate is worthy of close consideration by the Debating Society Committee, for he seems to have solved the problem of avoiding much irrelevant matter which we hear at many of our debates. If both sides met beforehand, as he suggests, and agreed on a definition, ambiguities would cease to cause the usual difficulties and various interpretations of the subject would be avoided. We would suggest that the matter be taken a step further by advertising the subject in the form finally agreed upon, so that all those who intend to prepare speeches will not waste their time and energy on unnecessary research.

Another benefit accruing from the adoption of the Professor's suggestion would be to keep speakers within defined limits and so prevent digressions on pet opinions—a practice which is much too prevalent. Debates should be dialectic and should not be occasions for irrelevant expressions of political opinion or propaganda. The hall-mark of a good debater is the ability to present a case on any subject either for the affirmative or the negative, and this can only be achieved if we bear in mind the words of the Earl of Rosebery—words which he suggested should be placed above a debating society's doors: "No one is bound hereafter by any opinions he may express within these walls."

The Candidates.

PRESIDENT.

R. C. Bradshaw.
A. H. Scotney.

WOMEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT.

H. K. Hurley (elected unopposed).

MEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT.

H. R. C. Wild (elected unopposed).

SECRETARY.

A. T. S. McGhie (elected unopposed).

TREASURER.

H. M. McIntosh.

A. G. Wicks.

A. F. Wilton.

COMMITTEE.

(Women—three to be elected.)

C. Childs.

S. Fraser.

J. Grainger.

A. Harding.

A. Nisbet.

N. McLaren.

(Men—two to be elected.)

W. R. Birks.

E. Blacker.

C. M. P. Brown.

I. D. Campbell.

R. C. Connell.

M. J. Mason.

R. C. Morpeth.

R. R. Roberts.

A. H. Scotney.

J. N. Sellers.

H. Siver.

K. Tahiwi.

J. C. White.

Griffin Gulls His Guards. Moving Story.

One day "Smad" went to a meeting. A nice-looking boy with a sad face gave him a paper, one side of which contained some bits of things about the war, the other side the doleful reporter used to draw faces.

"Smad" thought it must be a meeting of the Anti-War Movement, which seems to have been hibernating. It was—I mean it was a meeting.

Then a man called Freeman called a man called Free—ah! ah!—and he said bits of things about Abyssinia. There was a wicked villain in the piece called Muss O'Leeny, who wanted to have the Abysses in his debt, so he wanted the Abysses to have schools and bits of things; and to have schools (enter Prof. Kirk) they'd have to borrow money from Italy. So there you are. It's all solved. The whole of the situation is made clear, and the Ethiopians' skin didn't change after all, and the geography of East Africa wasn't important. Then Mr. Free sat down.

Then a rather inoffensive looking, most respectable man came forward. He was Mr. Griffin—the Mr. Griffin, don't you know—what?—yes!—the Mr. Griffin. To begin with, he told lots of funny stories about Australian politicians.

Then he began a moving tale of the Great Farae; how he, a mere innocent, had strayed into the fell clutches of Fascism and the powers of war, how he had fooled the whole of the Customs by a pair of Woolworth's 1/6 glasses; how the police had looked for him in a dust-bin and all the time he wasn't there; how he was in Australia and how he wasn't; of moving mass meetings in Melbourne and slipping past spies in Sydney; how he was faced by the difficulty of a foreign language (even as you and I, dear reader).

Then he handed "Smad," who was lapping it all up, some real sob stuff: how he was arrested and tried; how the Movement wanted him to face the dread powers and be a martyr, and how he did; how he and Kisch went to face the law together and won (Kisch cost £1524 12s. 1d., but Mr. G. didn't know how much he cost).

Then Mr. Griffin (exit Prof. Kirk) sat down. Then Mr. McGhie asked some questions about bits of things. Then Mr. Brookie appeared in the doorway to see the reason for disobeying his light signals.

Then we went home.

And if the Anti-War Movement doesn't organise a bit better when they have such good speakers at hand and such an important doctrine to spread, then they, as a College Club, deserve to get the support they are getting. —D.G.M.

WESTLING NOTES.

Religion or Revolution?

Ian Hardy Krushkcampbell v. B. H. (A.C.) Kellyra.

Wednesday, July 3.

Just Before The Start.

Stud. Ass. Candidates Reviewed.

We have pleasure in presenting to readers the notes of a series of interviews with candidates who are offering themselves for election to the Stud. Ass. Executive. The list does not, of course, include the four who appeared in our last issue. Our aim is to bring to the attention of the electorate the records of candidates and their general outlook, so that voters will have some idea of the qualifications of those they are voting for.

BONK SCOTNEY, B.A.

Bonk is standing for President and Committee. He has already had two years' experience on the Exec., being Men's Vice-President in 1933. He is taking his M.A. this year, but will still be connected with the University next year. A believer in "complete academic freedom but not license," he considers the present attitude of the Exec. and College Council in this matter is "reactionary." He supports student representation and the Building Fund. There is "no hurry" about the latter, though, and he thinks there is no reason why this generation should sacrifice itself unduly for the sake of future generations. He is definitely in favour of improving the University's relationship with the public, and has a scheme for appointing a liaison officer to "rope in foreign and local celebrities to speak at University." The amalgamation of certain clubs would be one of his aims—e.g., S.C.M. and E.U., F.D.C. and Literary Society. He also believes in having the Club elections at the end of the year.

McINTOSH.

The job of Treasurer, for which position Mac is standing, is very arduous, and as Assistant Treasurer of the old Exec. he realises this. He has only one subject this year, however, and says he can devote plenty of time to the work. His efforts would be directed towards an improved organisation of Cappcade and a better distribution of the funds which are collected from the Stud. Ass. fee. Mac thinks the Tournament delegation is treated too well at the expense of other Varsity touring teams. He was for three years Treasurer of the Rowing Club, and is now Club Captain. He is also on the Athletic Club and Commerce Society Committees.

A. G. WICKS, LL.M.

Arthur Wicks, Secretary of the Cricket Club, Treasurer of the Law Students' Society and Law Faculty Club, and Circulation Manager of "Smad," is another candidate for the Treasurership. He has had a number of years' office experience of accounts, and, having completed his LL.M., is now taking accountancy subjects at Varsity. He is particularly interested in the Building Fund, but in this matter and in the organisation of the Caf he was not prepared to criticise the present efforts without a fuller knowledge of the position. "Smad" nearly came to grief on the tennis court steps during the interview, as a result of which Arthur added, as a plank in his platform, their renovation or substitution by an escalator.

A. F. WILTON.

Alan Wilton, Secretary and Treasurer of the Boxing Club, Treasurer of the Haeremai and Cricket Clubs, and Committee member of the Football Club and Commerce Society, is standing for the Treasurership. He thinks that the Caf organisation could be bettered, so that the price of a meal, at present "more than a three-course meal in town," could be reduced. The Building Fund might well be increased by a system of voluntary weekly subscriptions from the students. He is completing his B.Com. this year, and therefore, despite the imposing array of activities, would have plenty of time to devote to the arduous duties of Treasurer.

CLAIRE CHILDS.

As befitting her role of Secretary of the Literary Society, she made straight for the material. It seemed that the Caf. was the plague-spot of University existence and needed re-organisation—with special reference to the provision of pure water (for drinking, she hurriedly added). Or there should be a drinking fountain somewhere round the College. Then imagination blossomed out to providing a Sports Ground,

which was only slightly less important than the Building Fund, and to the playing of Badminton in the new Gym. As the surrounding electorate become more clamorous for its "panem et circenses," she merely paused to chastise the new Glee Club for not admitting her.

SHEILA FRASER.

Basketball secretaryship worries set aside, Sheila, too, was caught at the Weir House dance, and seemed little inclined to ponder on the imminent collapse of civilisation or the horrors of war. All the important points had already been expounded, and the crucial thing was to push them ahead actively and not just let them lie as paper promises. We were keyed up for fireworks when the wretched music broke in. Even she could not be rhetorical in face of the "Blue Danube."

JANET GRAINGER.

Janet was under great difficulties, for we had to extort a platform from her to the lilting strains of the Weir House dance. Two kinds of potatoes in the Caf., thick gravy (or was it strong?), and besides that brighter and better organisation—more kick in things. Asked to justify her existence, she returned a carte blanche; her partner threatened to tell of her childhood, so we disappeared in alarm, remembering only her feats in hockey, basketball, and tennis.

AUDREY HARDING, B.A.

When approached Audrey was loath to admit anything. It was with great reluctance she admitted that she played hockey at all, let alone that she was on the Hockey Club Committee and had a New Zealand University Blue. As for the Election, she said she had only decided to stand at the last moment and had not had time to work out a Wikitorian Formula.

NORA McLAREN.

"This electioneering business is wholly vile," was this comment by "Smaad's" reporters. "If 'Smaad' does not countenance what we say, others will." Like most women, she has a high opinion of the quality of all her sex, and thinks the Exec. could do with more female members. "All the women candidates are all-round sports, rational thinkers, and good workers." (From a consideration of a cased, Weir House (under strict rules, of course) we passed to business. Miss McLaren thinks men are too mean and that commerce students especially are obsessed with sundry details. She is a strong supporter of the Building Fund and progress.

AUDREY NISBET.

Like most of the women candidates for the Committee, Miss Audrey Nisbet had little to say to "Smaad" and confessed she was "very unconstructive." We fully appreciate this becoming modesty in the Secretary of the Women's Club, but it makes the reporter's job difficult. She is not seeking election to right any wrongs against women—she considers they "have a pretty fair spin," and it is the University as a whole which should be considered.

TOM BIRKS, LL.M.

Tom stood last year for Committee, and this year, having completed his degree, he will have plenty of time, if elected, to attend to University affairs. Last year he was Chairman of the Haeremai Club and on the Weir Committee. This year he has been Records Officer of the Stud. Ass. and Teams Manager of the Football Club. Having seen the other colleges, he appreciates the lack of facilities here, and will therefore be prepared to support the movement for the Union Building. Sport and social activities would receive his special support, for he considers V.U.C. has plenty of college spirit and it is only a question of fostering it.

TED BLACKER, A.M.I.C.E.

Captain of the First XV and captain of the social team at the Cricket Club, Ted Blacker seeks election to the Committee. It will be noticed that he has already obtained an honours degree, and he says he would have plenty of time to devote to the work. He thinks there should be complete academic freedom, and he "wouldn't care two straws for public opinion" on this question. With regard to the Student Building, he does not think "the present students should be impoverished for the benefit of the Building Fund. Some funds should go towards the reconditioning of the Gym and Men's Common Room." He supports the move for student representation on the Council.

MAX BROWN, B.A.

Max was last year's Rhodes Scholarship nominee, and he will probably apply again this year, now having additional qualifications in a Senior Scholarship and a Sir Robert Stout Scholarship. As a member of the "Smaad" staff he has been a tower of strength. If elected he will have plenty of time for the job and, incidentally, he is the only full-timer standing. Last year he was Chairman of the Debating Society, and this year is Chairman of the F.D.C. and is on the Weir Committee. He is full of enthusiasm and says "The great essential is to preserve the University as an active centre absolutely free and independent."

IAN CAMPBELL, LL.M.

Senior Scholar in Law two years ago, his proudest feat, so it seemed to "Smaad," was the presentation of the Drinking Horn competed for at Tournament for the first time last year. Clubs: Tramping, F.D.C. (to which he has given several addresses), Literary Society (which he helped to found and of which he was the first Secretary). Edited the 1933 "Spike"—the best for years—and has contributed much for "Smaad."

Refusing to talk to the "gutter press" he confided to "Smaad" that, though the Building Fund and Tournament are

the most important things in sight, and money must be raised for these, it is far more important to preserve a certain student independence, and independence of the 'Varsity—we must not be dictated to by outside interests. As he is taking no lectures this year, he will, if elected, have time a-plenty to devote to Stud. Ass. affairs.

R. C. CONNELL.

We had only a very short opportunity of interviewing Dick Connell, who is in his final year of the LL.B. degree, a member of the First XI, and on the Committee of the Law Faculty Club and Haeremai Club. His interests at the moment are the Student Union Building, cricket, and the introduction into Victoria of the game of Soccer.

MALCOLM MASON.

Malcolm has hanging at his scalp-belt the Presidency of Weir House and the Club Captaincy of the Swimming Club. Prominent in the Haeremai Club, he was one of the principal organisers of this year's successful procession and Capping hooleys.

Hitting straight into social activities, he said that the principal thing was to stimulate interest in these. Half the chaps were half-hearted, and the rest did nothing. Especially let's make next year's Capping And at Tournament we can make the men's social side better than any of the past three, particularly with a good haka party to keep things rolling. Let's rehabilitate ourselves in the eyes of the public with good shows, Cappings and clean sport.

RODGER ROBERTS.

Rodger Roberts has had a number of years' experience at the University, and he has some constructive proposals to place before the electors. As secretary of the Haeremai Club he has ideas for haka parties at Tournament. There should be a closer co-operation between the Exec. and Common Room Committees, and he thinks some minor matters could well be attended to by sub-committees selected from the student body, leaving the Exec. longer to deal with the major issues. He would like to see the Exec. run on a more businesslike basis. He believes in academic freedom, but he would bar the door to the press reporter when certain controversial subjects were under discussion.

KINGI TAHIWI.

Kingi Tahiwi is Secretary of the Hockey Club and a member of the Debating Society Committee. His exploits in that direction are well known. He is strongly in favour of "full academic freedom," as he considers restriction only results in a dangerous repression of feeling. Student representation on the Council and greater efforts towards the Union Building will be supported by him. The aim of the University should be to free itself from the necessity of bowing to public opinion. An Exec. had more to do than ordinary routine administration: its aim should be to make the University "a real and positive factor in its environment."

J. N. SELLERS, B.A.

Unfortunately our reporter could not interview Nesbit, as he was in bed ill. We are glad to be able to report, however, that he is well on the road to recovery and will be full of enthusiasm on his return to University. He proved himself an able News Editor of "Smaad," and we were very sorry when pressure of work made it necessary for him to retire. We understand that, if elected, he will adopt a policy of greater action.

HAROLD SIVYER.

Another newcomer to politics, Harold Sivyver, is at present Secretary of the Men's Common Room Committee and is a member of the Tennis Club Committee. In answer to a question on academic freedom, he thought it should be restricted if the privilege was abused. He is in strong agreement with the proposal for student representation on the College Council and for greater activity towards the Student Union Building. He is in favour of keeping on good terms with the public, as we have "much to gain from having good friends in the city."

JOHN WHITE.

Now, perhaps our most formidable job remained to catch the Editor off his guard. At first he refused to wield the power of the press in his favour or reveal the sordid details of his life.

Last year, however, he was Secretary of the Cricket Club, on the Committee of the Law Faculty Club and Students' Law Society, and Sports Editor of "Smaad." This year he is General Editor of "Smaad," a member of the Law Faculty Club Committee, and a member of the Cricket Club Sub-Committee dealing with the formation of the N.Z. University Cricket Council. He has one subject to complete his LL.B. degree.

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1935: Graduated.
Left V.U.C.

Brookie: "Stand by for the Time Signal!"

Ken Scott: "Dearly Beloved Brethren, my text for to-day is, 'The fly knows the way to the fish-shop, and the worm to Weir House. A pound of sausages in Cuba Street is better than a cow at Kaitoke. But he who possesses nothing hath the first right to it. Sufficient for the day is my opinion thereof.'"

Doug. Burns his boats.

Motto for Weir House (in worm Latin): "Nolite vermiculum calcare."

Spiritual Society.—At the first meeting Mr. E. F. Hubbard, secretary, introduced Mr. Robert Browning, who gave an interesting and graphic account of the Youth Movement which arose at the University of Hamelin (in Brunswick) in direct consequence of the financial policy of the local Government. The lecturer eulogised the work of Prof. P. Piper, who, he declared, had anticipated modern educational technique.

A REMINDER.

Exam. Fees are due on July 10.

Mr. Padraic J. G. Smith denies that the local dailies have been publishing his photo in error as Stanley Baldwin's.

Aimers says the only gymnasium fixture he disapproves of is the Gymnasium.

Graduates: Things that pass in the night.

Rheumatic Society.—A reading of Mr. William Brookspere's successful play, "The Taming of the Steward," is announced for an early date. The play is said to be one that "clicks."

Raffeteria: All's well that ends well.

Our literary digest: Mr. Cochran claimed in all seriousness that "Bacon was more concentrated than Lamb."

Confessional of the week: "Sin is good enough for me." Mr. Kelly at New Speakers' Debate.

"Crepys" opines that if Birkys keeps a diary of College events as conscientiously as the original Pepys kept his, student affairs will be rescued from oblivion, if not effluvia. If he followed "Pepys's" (how do you make that blessed word possessive?) suggestion to keep a Rogues' Gallery of pasyt studentys and a "Morgue" of scrapys from "Truth" and the "Free Lancys," the Stud. Ayss, should do a thriving business running its own Intourist.

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THE COCKPIT

BUILDING COMMITTEE SPEAKS.

Dear "Smad,"

As honorary secretary of the Students' Association Permanent Building Committee, I wish to comment on the subject of the Students' Association's proposed New Building.

The Permanent Committee consists of the president, the treasurer, and representatives of the College Council, a representative of the teaching staff, three representatives of past students and two representatives of present students. Students may well ask what this committee has done or is doing.

Some time back meetings of the Permanent Committee were held, and after a number of schemes to raise the necessary funds were discussed, it was decided that, due to the general financial depression, a smaller amount would be collected by making an immediate appeal than by waiting until the depression was not uppermost in the minds of our supporters.

Briefly, the schemes that will be put in hand as soon as the time is ripe are these: Firstly, students, past students, and well-wishers of the Association will be asked to take out endowment insurance policies and assign them to the Association. Secondly, requests will be made to past students and others to make donations and to provide for legacies in their wills. Thirdly, an appeal will be made to the Government to provide either a subsidy on money raised or to grant a straight-out sum.

In addition, the preliminary steps were taken to run a big art union, but this idea was abandoned, as the authorities considered that such a scheme was not in the best interests of the College.

A recent edition of "Smad" quoted some criticism of the Executive in connection with the fund. In this criticism no mention was made of the £100 that is put away annually from the Association's funds towards this building, additional to the setting aside of funds raised from the Extravaganza and the Capping Book.

Now in my turn I ask, what are the students, either individually or collectively as clubs, doing towards this proposed new building?

At one time a Building Fund Committee, composed entirely of students, existed, but this was disbanded or, to be clearer, "fizzled out."

The Womens' Gymnasium Club, which has on three occasions made substantial donations to the Building Fund, has shown a very practical interest. The Dramatic Club, too, is applying the profits from its productions towards augmenting the fund, and I understand that shortly a revue is to be held for the same purpose.

With the exception of these clubs, we as students are doing nothing but grumble and criticise.

There are many ways that students can assist. For instance, one club could sponsor a monster entertainment in the Town Hall or other suitable public hall. The first half of the programme could be items provided by prominent present and past student entertainers. The second portion of the programme could be a short comedy produced by the Dramatic Club. The talent available is sufficient for a number of such concerts.

A Science Exhibition held at the College for three nights and arranged by the Mathematical and Physical Society and the Science Society would, if a small charge for

admission were made, produce a substantial contribution to the Building Fund as well as providing a good advertisement for the College.

The clubs generally might reduce their requests for grants from the Students' Association funds and thus allow a greater amount to be set aside for the New Building. Clubs might also hold bridge parties or their annual dance, or, in conjunction with other clubs, balls in aid of the fund. These are just a few of the ways in which clubs could assist.

Such functions as I have mentioned would merit and, I am sure, obtain the support of a large majority of present and past students.

The Building Fund now stands at about £1300. Some £20,000 are required to erect a building suitable for our needs.

Unless we as individuals, clubs, and Association show our enthusiastic desire for a new building and not just a general discontent of our existing facilities, and, what is more, initiate movements to raise funds by our own efforts within our own Association, then we cannot hope to obtain monetary assistance from the Government. Neither can we expect more than a lukewarm support from the past students or other well-wishers of the students.

By all means let us advocate a five-year plan, but also let us put some individual effort and enthusiasm into our project, accompanied by more than a little personal sacrifice.

C. S. PLANK.

THAT COCKTAIL HABIT.

Dear "Smad,"

I have come to the conclusion that to be "tight" a man has to have a drop of Scotch in him. But there is no room for cocktails in this world, although I feel that there is still a bit of cocktail in me. It was my mischance, some may say mysteriously, to get acquainted with Hazel Walker, popularly known as Hazey, eldest daughter of Johnnie Walker, great posterior of Bacchus, at the Massey College Ball in Palmerston North. After a night of it I can assure you that the Walker spirit pervaded my every vein.

You do not give a hang how the world goes on. It makes one realise that Bacchus is not only the god of Mirth but also of Politics: for when George Goats and Gordon Forges, his posterior, embarked on the "Meet" they did not give a damn for the tales (or tails) they left behind them. Will they bring home the bacon? Or do they want a Ransom paid before they come back?

You see, dear "Smad," like Major Douglas, who is a financial comedian, Goats and Forges are Bacchanals. So are we. We are good people, aren't we all? Mind you, this is a dining-room and not a drawing-room yarn. Might I suggest, on these premises, therefore, that a Bacchus Club be started? The only qualification required is that you should help others. But God help the man who is caught helping himself.

Let there be a new Creation, and Bacchus be the god. Let there be light, so that when the Angel of God sees the "Waters" he shall shout "Amen!" And we in turn shall sing, "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end."

SLIM LIMB.

STUD. ASS. ELECTIONS.
REMEMBER TO VOTE.

Dr. Kagawa Writes.

Dear "Smad,"

Can we say that an engine has no design when it works?

This universe is full of mechanical schemes, as all mechanical engines are designed by human brains.

This universe must have been designed by wisdom. We have many natural catastrophes and sufferings, but if we do believe in the theory of creative evolution through these calamities and sufferings, this universe is directed to have more values; and to me the theory of creative evolution is simply designed for development.

Even bacteria and diseases have their places in the variations in nature. Catabolism and metabolism in the physiological world are most wonderful phenomena. Though we may have catabolic phenomena, we cannot ignore the wonderful preservation of health. So when people point out only the catabolic aspect of the human body and think that there is no design in it, he is ignoring the other side of the world.

Even death has its evolution. Studying the evolution of death, we come to the amazing phenomena of sexual selection. Lower creatures have no natural death. Only highly-developed individual organisms test death.

Looking as a whole, evolution leads up to the human consciousness. With human consciousness we can never deny the purposeness in life. It may not be absolute purposeness in the universe, but we must allow relative purposeness in nature, and that purposeness is revealed particularly in human consciousness.

Unless there is certain law of purposeness in nature there is no chance for relative purposeness appearing in consciousness. Logically speaking, from nothing something does not come out. From blind nature relative purposeness has no chance to appear because there is certain law in consciousness in cosmo. We feel the reality of ego. If we feel the reality of ego we must believe that there is cosmic law of ego as an engine has a design, and behind design there is a designer. This cosmic purposeness must be taken as designer of the universe.

That is my answer to those who deny the designs in nature and designers behind the design.

TOYOHICO KAGAWA.

RECORDS REPLIES.

Dear "Smad,"

May I reply to Mr. Pepys' inquiries published in the last issue of "Smad"?

No schedule of the duties of the Records Officer has been drawn up, but the first duty is to compile a list of all past and present members of the Association and a record of their student activities and achievements. This involves a thorough search through old "Spikes," College records and photographs, and the collection and collation of information derived from many sources. Another duty is the custody of the Association's official copies of College publications, such as "Spike," "Smad," and "Cappie," and the binding of such periodicals into suitable volumes. In addition the Records Officer has the care of documents, photographs, etc., which may be of historical interest; but it must be pointed out that the Records Officer is not historian of the College. He is merely the custodian of such of the Association's records as are considered worth preservation.

W. R. BIRKS

Law Students Note.

The Annual General Meeting of the Law Faculty Club will be held in A2 on Thursday, July 4, at 8 p.m. As the meeting is being held at somewhat short notice, we have been asked to bring it to the notice of members of the faculty. We understand that the usual motion for the dissolution of the Club is not being moved this year, and, despite the fact that it is a busy week, law students should all be present to elect a representative committee for the coming year.

COMING EVENTS.

Wednesday—See Wrestling Notes on page 1.

Thursday—Law Faculty Club's Annual Meeting. Stud. Ass. Elections.

Friday—Stud. Ass. Elections.

Saturday—Football, Athletic Clubs, etc., Dance.

Monday—Stud. Ass. Elections.

Tuesday—Stud. Ass. Annual General Meeting and announcement of Election Results.

"Some Aspects of Statistical Method" (Dr. J. T. Campbell, Ph.D.).

Wednesday—Exam. Fees must be paid by this date.

Dance.

At last the drought has broken. Years seem to have passed since the last 'Varsity dance, and it was left to Weir House to rescue us from the mire of monotonous work. Credit goes to "Sandy" Sandford, John Hatherly, John Holderness, and Dick Hutchens for organising the show, and that they did it well was proved by its success. After we had been whirling round for some time, Mason got one home by announcing that the next dance would be the "first official dance." Shocked at our impropriety in doing anything so unofficial as beating the starter, we decided to explore. Here was another disappointment: that residents were expected to keep their partners on the ground floor. Whether this was for the sake of the partners or the other floors appears uncertain, but we returned to the dining-room, carefully concealed with decorations, to partake of an abundant supper, burst a balloon or two, and show off our steps. One expresses the pious hope that dances and social functions may become a bit more numerous in future.

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'Varsity defeated Miramar last Saturday by 14 points to 6. A welcome change of form saw the Seniors play together as a team for the first time this season.

The forwards played with vigour and backed up well. Although the opposition was weak, it cannot detract from the good showing and the decided improvement which has been made. It was disappointing to notice the way the team eased up in the second half after they had established a commanding lead. This has always been a fault in 'Varsity teams, and has lost many matches. The seniors for 'Varsity were O'Rourke, Wild, Barker and McElwain. Tricklebank converted one score from the sideline.

Impressions of the Play.

The seniors of Rae were badly missed when he left the field at half-time. O'Rourke went in to half and McElwain did not on the wing. 'Varsity lost much of their certainty and purpose on attack.

The forwards in the first half played very well indeed. Eade played in the scrum more than usual. This helped the half from the inside. The scrums, and with the forwards' backs, rather the half was better and more quickly served.

Comments on the Players.

Paul: The general play was good, but he still shows a tendency to pull one stride too far.

Tricklebank: Still handling was excellent, but a bit good. He is possibly a bit too good, and this is the most important shortcoming in a referee's play.

Wild: Handled in good form. Overton combined with him, but was inclined to pull back too much.

Barker: His work was the subject of a great deal of criticism. He should have been a good deal better at a centre, but he was another to gain experience.

McElwain: It is unfortunate that he will not be playing very often from now. His speed has scored many a fine try for 'Varsity.

A specimen of this match was "Holly" (Horn South, the NZU selector). His presence probably accounted for the greater determination shown. If 'Varsity keep playing as they did last Saturday, they cannot fail to secure a fair proportion of players for the trip to Japan.

Players who must catch the selector's eye are Wild, Rae, Eade, Barker, Blacker, Russell, and Lima. Another forward who may develop is Armour. For the first half of the season he failed to prove his place in the team. He has shown of late decided improvement and should at this stage be given careful individual coaching.

FOOTBALL.

Seniors v. Miramar—won, 14-6.

Junior A v. Upper Hutt—lost, 16-8.

Junior B v. Eastbourne—won, 12-0.

Third A v. Athletic—won, 22-0.

Third B v. Miramar—lost, 6-0.

Third C v. St. Pat's O.B.—won, 18-0.

Fourth v. Petone—won, 9-8.

BASKETBALL.

Senior A v. Kia Ora—lost, 25-19.

Senior B v. United—won, 12-8.

SPORT NOTES.

The Hockey Club is fortunate having at its disposal in N. R. Jacobsen the best coach in New Zealand, but the attendance at training, though better than previous years, certainly does not suggest that they are aware of this fact.

"Snow" Williams has been responsible for the Hockey Club calling a meeting of the captains of teams every week. This is an excellent innovation which the Rugby Club might very well copy, and is a decided encouragement to younger players. The fruits of their policy may be seen in the inclusion of Grant in the team that played at Christchurch.

The first-year members of the Fencing Club are progressing very well and a general all-round improvement is shown. A four-man team entered in the interclub competitions in conjunction with the Wellington Swords Club, have done well. Interest is taken in sabre fighting, and a certain amount of free tuition is being given by members of the Wellington Swords Club and the K.N.R.

The blue-sheep of the mosquito family is the malaria-carrying anopheles, which fortunately is practically non-existent in New Zealand. Success in combating this gentleman is due primarily to Dr. Ronald Ross. Practical methods of fortification against the species common to New Zealanders include pig-culture (it's the little ones we get it), and the application of concoctions comprising kerosene, citronella and ("Smad" hazard) gambusia and nicotine. "Smad" appreciated in this address the absence of Kirkian technicalities.

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The space in the Cockpit is limited and we therefore ask correspondents to write as concisely as possible and endeavour to keep within a limit of 350 words. Please note, 'Adamaneve,' that letters must be signed by the contributor before they can be accepted, but of course the writer's signature need not be published.

Executive Meeting.

The meeting of the old Exec. on Tuesday was, as usual, lengthy and a number of important questions were discussed.

New Skis.

The earlier business, such as the cost of the new N.Z.U.S.A. room and the quality of the material in the blue blazer, was interrupted by the entry of Mr. Perry with refreshing talk of mountain slopes. He wanted a pair of skis, but after an almost too thorough investigation the Exec., who were feeling poor, decided that the Tramping Club was not proficient enough to warrant these new skis.

Hockey Reps. Get Their Way.

Representatives of the Hockey Clubs (the women being particularly fierce) gained their object, and Mr. Wild's remarks on "precedents" were disregarded. Members of touring hockey teams are to be financially assisted.

Peace and War Ballot.

Blues' recommendations were quickly disposed of, but a letter from Canterbury asking the Stud. Ass. to organise a ballot on the peace and war question roused discussion. There was disapproval of the proposed questionnaire—cautious murmurings were heard: should the Exec. be associated with these things?—was it the Exec.'s business? Supper intervened, however, and, strengthened by coffee and' asparagus' rolls and some judicious arguments from Nora McLaren, the Exec. passed a motion of approval and support without any audible dissension.

Valedictory.

A moving farewell letter from Hong Burns was read, and everybody seemed to realise how greatly his services would be missed.

Accounts and Annual Report.

The accounts were lengthy and troublesome, and it was 11.15 before the first item on the agenda was reached. Everybody was nearly asleep and McGhie read his annual report without arousing any criticism.

TOO SUCCINCT FOR MAN.

Dear "Smad,"

The Cockpit has already been groaning under a burden of religious controversy arising out of Dr. Kagawa's address, but I thought a somewhat remarkable statement of Napoleon's might be of interest to your readers, especially as its clarity and brevity are a welcome change from the abstruseness of some of your correspondents.

"My religion is very simple," Napoleon said. "I look at this universe, so vast, so complex, so magnificent, and I say to myself that it cannot be the result of chance but the work, however intended, of an unknown omnipotent being, as superior to man as the universe is superior to the finest machines of human invention. Search the philosophers, and you will not find a stronger or more decisive argument. But this truth is too succinct for man. He wishes to know respecting himself, and respecting his future destiny, a crowd of secrets which the universe does not disclose. Allow religion to inform him of that which he feels the need of knowing, and respect her disclosures."

F.C.

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Dr. Kagawa gained some of her pre-Kagawa glory on Wednesday last, when Mr. Phyllis, addressing the Science Society, inferred (the gentleman did not state it) the similarity of behaviour of the homo sapiens and the entes periglares, this latter species, i.e., the mosquito, being the subject of an interesting discourse. The fact that it is only the female mosquitoes that bite was explained as being due to their need of proteins for reproductive purposes. Following a brief survey of the manner in which the youngsters breed, came the secret of combating them. The password is

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