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Solid Hack-work and Purple Patches.

"Smad" duly received its copy of the 37th Report to the Association, and now firmly believes the statement that the Executive is handicapped by a mass of hack work. Perhaps the past year can be best described as a "solid year" with occasional purple patches. For instance, the Executive is to be congratulated on paying the way for the new "Smad," and, from the sublime to the ridiculous, checking the loss on the Cafeteria. Capping—the best for years—was carried through by the hard work and enthusiasm of the organisers and a large body of the students, while to Otago goes all the credit for Tournament. "Smad" notes with extreme disapproval that the Building Committee did not meet once during its term of office. As all University reports are taken as read, we publish below some of the more interesting extracts which indicate future action.

Building Committee.

Your Executive reappointed last year's representatives. . . . The Committee has not met. However, the past year has been one of considerably greater activity in this respect. During the visit to Wellington of the Director of the Carnegie Institute your Executive attempted without success to obtain a grant from this source. Considerable publicity centred on the project during the Capping Celebrations, and your Executive earnestly recommends that the numerous vague theories at present in circulation be subjected to early and close scrutiny, and if found workable put into operation. The end of the coming year should at least see a site chosen, the plans drawn and an active and continuous canvass for funds in progress. During the year the fund has increased from interest, Students' Association grant, proceeds of the Capping Book, sales of "Spike," and grants made by the Dramatic Club. Your Executive records its warm appreciation of the Club's action in paying profits from their productions into the New Building Fund, and suggests that it is an example well worthy of emulation by other clubs.

Numerous replacements and repairs have been effected in the Gymnasium, but its annual upkeep is a constant drain on the Association's finances, and its facilities, even when bolstered up to the very limit, are so pathetically inadequate that your Executive appeals to every member to spare no effort in working towards that most cherished ideal of Victoria University College—a new and adequate Students' Union Building.

"Smad."

Your Executive was of opinion that "Smad" in many respects was failing to fulfil its objects, and accordingly introduced a complete change of organisation and format to provide for its issue as a weekly publication in newspaper form. That this course was justified may be gathered from the fact that the number of members who are annual subscribers has risen from 80 at the end of the 1934 session to something over 300 at the present time. Your

Executive recommends that definite steps be taken to increase the subscription list, as even 300 is a relatively small number when it is realised that there are some 700 students at Victoria College. The extremely favourable business arrangements of 1935 may not be available in 1936, and this is a fact which should be provided for.

The Tournament Report.

Tournament 1935 was for us an unforgettable occasion. The Wooden Spoon again found its way to Wellington, but the least we can say is that our six points were four times as many as we got last year. With Tournament at Wellington next year we should be able to field our best representatives, and the prospects must be counted as bright.

As everyone knows, the responsibility of next year's Tournament lies with us. It will be for us to ensure first, that every detail of the vast organisation necessary is carried out thoroughly, and secondly, with the machinery running smoothly, to spare no effort to repay the hospitality and kindness which we have received at the hands of our hosts of recent years.

Finances.

Although we have ended this year with a small surplus of income over expenditure, it was mainly brought about by reduced grants to clubs and a smaller transfer to the Building Fund, last year there being an additional £50 transferred. Our main source of income, Student Association fees, fell this year by £90, while smaller profits were made on the various functions with the exception of the Capping Revue, which netted a handsome profit of £109. The total transferred to the Building Fund from the Association's funds amounts to £125/9/7, it being decided to transfer the profits from both "Spike" and "Cappcade" to the fund this year. Unfortunately the results from the Cafeteria are not very satisfactory, but after due consideration during the long vacation certain alterations were made in the running of the Cafeteria, with the result that for the three months of this year there has been no loss on trading.

The New Executive.

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J. M. Wogan.

H. S. Sivyver.

ELECTIONS.

"Times is on the move, dearie!" said the charlady in "Peccadillo" (why bring that up?), and they certainly moved in this year's election campaign for the Executive. Apart from the vice-presidents and secretary, all positions were decided by the ballot-box. Bob Bradshaw and Ronk Scotney provided the electorate with something to argue about, and the odds were difficult to choose in the Presidential campaign. Thirteen modest violets contested the two vacancies for committeemen, while six Amazons fought for three positions as committee women.

An electioneering meeting fell through owing to bad and hurried organisation. Full publicity to the campaign and all candidates was given by "Smad," and next year it should benefit from this experiment. Of certain transactions in the Men's Common Room we shall say nothing except that they did much to stimulate interest in the campaign. "Smad" induced all candidates to state their platforms, and we take this opportunity of giving the successful candidates notice that it intends to see that those platforms are not shelved and forgotten.

WEIR WORRIED BY MAID AND

MENU.

Anti-Social Tendencies.

At the recent House meeting Mr. Baker suggested that although the residents were not starved, some alterations to the menu would be a decided advantage. He demanded more fish and more and better soup. The majority of residents, however, considered that the less they saw of soup the better.

Mr. Scott condemned the practice of abstracting large supplies of tea from the communal jug as being definitely anti-social.

Animated Meeting Concludes

the Association's Year.

Building Committee Censured.

(Received 11.50 p.m., Tuesday, July 9.)

"Smad's" special service worked far into the night to furnish the following report of the Annual General Meeting of the Stud. Ass. held last night. The meeting was well attended and animated, though hooliganism prevailed throughout and resulted in many pearls of wisdom being cast before those who had no desire to hear them.

The meeting opened with a haka, instead of the customary prayer, upon the last public appearance of Mr. Nankervis. The great must all pass on! The Secretary rose with becoming dignity and read the minutes. Most of the time we could only assume this from his moving features, due to interruptions from gentlemen who, though maturing in years, seem to be lacking in wisdom.

It Had Not Met.

Pertinent parts of the Annual Report having been read, we got down to business. Mr. Aimers wanted to know why the Building Committee had not met. Mr. Nankervis gave a full biography of building operations which had not occurred, but tactfully refrained from answering the question, which, on being repeated once, twice, and yet again, still received no answer. Mr. Aimers then moved a vote of censure on the Committee for not meeting, and this was carried with gusto. Mr. Plank then objected, saying that the motion merely meant that the pot (the student body) was calling the kettle (the Building Committee) black. The Scourge of the Executive, Mr. Tahiw, then took a hand.

Mr. Willis complained that he could not read some pages of his report, but Mr. Chairman pointed out that this might well be due to other causes besides bad cyclo-styling.

Tahiw Again.

We then listened to Kingi Tahiw, who held a brief for Redmond Phillips. We were told of a "mealy-mouthed, parsimonious Executive" which was "too mean and miserable" to give Redmond his dues (or "his pound of flesh," according to Mr. McGhie). After a preliminary skirmish with Mr. Nankervis, Kingi crossed swords with the McGhie, who produced from the filing cabinet at his elbow the necessary documentary evidence to rout his accuser. Kingi then left, but business continued.

The Accounts.

The accounts were passed subject to some haggling over adhering strictly to the terms of the constitution. Even the Cafeteria accounts passed this stage without any argument, and the Treasurer explained all questions without difficulty.

Amendments to the Constitution.

Machinery amendments to clauses dealing with the Elections were passed without trouble, and Mr. Bradshaw explained the alterations

to the blazer and blue. Mr. Plank then took the floor again, and we passed his proposals for stiffening up the blues' qualifications, including a rule of 60 per cent. representation. We were told that the question of half blues was under consideration, but as yet nothing definite had been decided. At this stage Mr. Tahiw returned, fortified, to renew the battle.

Records and Cafeteria.

Mr. McGhie had no difficulty in passing a resolution providing for the appointment of a records officer to take charge of our "valuable records." Mr. Plank again came forward to sponsor the formation of a committee of inquiry into Cafeteria organisation. The President and Mr. Jackson (otherwise known as "Baron Jackson of Somes Island") then had a passage of arms, and Mr. Kennard criticised the Secretary for writing to the "Dominion" on Marathon meetings. Mr. McGhie nobly took all responsibility for the action. Mr. Wild spoke at last, but nobody seemed to hear.

After the Meeting.

We had a look into the Exec. Room after the meeting, where we found a very nice breakfast of scrambled eggs and toast awaiting old and new Exec. members. A little later we heard a speech being made, and then rather weak strains "For they are jolly good fellows" came up through the floor-boards. The members of the "Smad" staff joined in.

It is too late to-night to give due consideration to important questions raised at the Annual Meeting, and "Smad" therefore proposes to review these in subsequent issues.

DER TAG.

In an endeavour to comply with the College constitution, which states that "Spike" is to be published during July or August, it has been decided to make July 27 the closing date for contributions. That is to say, there only remains a fortnight in which to write, finish or polish your masterpiece. In theatrical and art union parlance, there will be definitely no extension. Club secretaries are asked to submit their club notes by the 22nd—a week earlier. This will materially assist the sports editor in his task of arranging the notes—always a difficult job owing to the limited space.

THE STAFF:

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B. D. Zohrab.

Film Rights or Private Press?

Prof. von Zeilitz placed this happy alternative before imminent authors of the Literary Society. He gave them the choice of publishing small volumes at their own expense and retaining sole proprietors of most of the copies, or of winning name and fame by pandering to the public taste for "best-selling types." He mentioned a few types from modern fiction: a romantic dentist; the noble physician who engaged, made love, was like a soda rack, whose fortune lay in forged transusions from his own artery; the country doctor and his grudging struggle for existence in a pitiful competency of midnight confinements; the lover who loves sheep and sports with husbands with extravagant loves but who never had half those loves; country women with a passion for the "scented dark moon"; the prostitute, the grand mother, the modern girl, hard, cruel, lying, envious and chewing her own lips.

The discussion of the modern girl type led to argument about the possibility in art, or any other kind, of the perfect woman. "Most interesting," said Prof., "but I never felt any urge to describe the perfect woman."

THE GYM. AGAIN!

At the time of going to press the decorations for the Ball on Saturday night were transforming the "old barn" but the hammering and tramping did not help the Dramatic Club's reading of "Almost a Honey-moon." Another argument for a new building with sound-proof floors but for the present we would suggest a little more co-ordination between clubs to avoid interference with one another's activities.

HAEREMAI CLUB NOTES.

The Committee of the Haeremai Club has asked us to advertise the fact that some of the costumes hired for the Procession have not been returned. Naturally it will be a drain on the club's finances to have to pay for these, and it is therefore hoped that those responsible will remember that the costumes were only lent to them.

WE ENQUIRE OF AN EDINBURGH STUDENT.

The worthy doctor had just returned from his studies in Edinburgh. We asked him some questions about bits of things.

"What was the position as regards academic freedom in the University?" we asked with poised finger above the typewriter.

"There was no question about it. There were no restrictions other than the law of the land. The University had no cause or desire to interfere with anybody."

"What would be the effect of students passing a resolution to the effect that they would not fight for King and country?"

"On the University authorities, nothing at all."

"And Capping?"

"The ceremony was rather quaint: you were capped with the seat of the breeks of James I's tutor."

"What! the seat of his trousers?"

"Yes, you were tapped on the head by that insanitary rag. The idea is that Edinburgh is the seat of learning, ye ken."

So even away yonder among those bonny Highland hills, in the hallowed halls and venerable vestibules of a great university the major issues of life have been raised.

COMING EVENTS.

Thursday: Photographic Club—"Light Filters," by Mr. J. T. Salmon.

Friday: Debating Society—"That the treatment of convicted criminals should be placed in the hands of psychologists." Also Bledisloe Medal preliminaries.

Monday: "Does Communism Work?" Max Riske.

Tuesday: "Physics of X-rays" Mr. J. A. Strong, M.Sc.

WANTED, VOLUNTEERS.

Anyone willing to assist in the sale and distribution of "Smad" for, say, an hour a week, between 5 and 8 p.m., on Wednesdays and Thursdays, is requested to leave a note in the rack for Mr. Wicks. Any help in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Before settling down to business last night we had to rescue our pugilistic reporter from a drunken brawl.

Controversy.

Rarely does a paper given by a student open up such a wide field of controversy as that read to the Free Discussions Club last week by Ian Campbell. In claiming that the two alternatives before the world were Communism and Catholicism, he glibbed at the vast mass of intellectuals who oscillate between these extremes with a sceptical pessimism that is gnawing and futile. Here is a challenge that should be taken up, for the vast number have obviously satisfied their consciences with the adoption of a middle course. Yet in the discussion that followed there was but very slight challenge to the statement that between them these two doctrines provided the one and only solution to world troubles. There was a dangerous unanimity of theoretical opinion which contrasted very strongly with the more pragmatic attitude of most intellectuals. The great majority of those present were neither Communists nor Catholics, yet they implied an acquiescence in the benefit of one of these courses. The apparent opposition of Communism and Catholicism or their similarity as compared with more pragmatic activity offers a wide field for fresh controversy—fresh controversy that is badly needed at the present. Indeed, in our quietude we seem to justify Lord Salisbury's complaint to the House of Lords: "My Lords, we are too much of one opinion."

Social Activities.

An outstanding want in V.U.C. life at the moment—and a want which was hardly mentioned in Election manifestoes—is the dearth of social activities. An occasional dance seems to mark a shy attempt at social conviviality; but where are the "hob hops" and the saveloy suppers of former years? In the words of our drinking classic, "all gone."

In the place of some of the infrequent and relatively expensive dances at present planned, would it not be infinitely preferable to have more numerous and less formal functions? An idea suggested a short while ago was that no Gym. function should be dearer than 2/- double, and it is well worth supporting, if only to stop the present trend. After all, papers like "Truth" must be given "copy," and what will become of them if we cease to provide hectic functions for flamboyant write-ups?

Fascism for New Zealand.

The debate, that New Zealand should become Fascist, on Saturday, June 29, was very poorly attended and again indicated the slackening of interest in the society's debates.

Opening the debate, McElwain presented us with a theoretical Fascism transcending the brands at present in operation. It was based on two principles—the hierarchy of ability and the principle of abstinence—the latter meaning that satisfactory institutions were left alone. New Zealand is moving with the other countries towards economic nationalism which, added to the increasing organisation of individuals into groups, must result in Fascism.

"Nonsense By Violence."

An apologetic Katz did not want to destroy McElwain's ideals, but felt he must do so pro bono publico. He contended that the hierarchy of ability had more chance in the present system and that the principle of abstinence was merely the will of the dictator. Fascism is merely "nonsense defended by violence," a negative theory attempting to promise all things to all men. The corporate State idea is only the "big selling appeal of Fascism." It contains all the attributes of Capitalism and has nothing new to offer.

Red, Brown, and Black.

Barker, apparently trying to be on-side with all parties, came forward clad in a red sweater, brown coat, and black trousers. "Smad" had some difficulty from this stage onwards, owing to interruptions from two young ladies of the same name who were fighting in the next seat and playing with "lollies." We heard Barker say, however, that a policy of economic nationalism and a

graded hierarchy of the intelligent minority would be good for us.

Fascism Means War.

Freeman read a lot from books, examined the lovely pre-Nazi Revolution careers of some of the German leaders, and said Fascism must lead to war.

There were a number of speakers from the floor. Miss Forde attacked Fascism as a Capitalist bludgeon. Women would cease to be emancipated and would be nothing but the producers of material for the slaughterhouse of imperialistic war. Taylor (No. 1) reminded us that Fascism in practice allowed no opposition and no freedom of expression. Taylor (No. 2) told us that Fascism was based on love and the teachings of Christ. Scotney, in a forceful oration, pointed out that in every activity Fascism must lead to war.

The replies were too long to be reported, and we waited for the judge. A vote was taken first and the motion was lost by 3 votes to 15. Prof. Williams placed Scotney first, Katz second, and Miss Forde third, and found that the main fault with the speeches was irrelevancy.

PRIZE-GIVING.

The Exec. has most graciously announced that they are prepared to grant prizes totalling £2/2/- for contributions to this year's "Spike." Two prizes of £1/1/- each are to be awarded—one for literary composition and the other for photography. These prizes are open to all financial members of the Stud. Ass. Here, then, is a wonderful opportunity to recover one's Stud. Ass. fee.

Fishbones.

By Prof. Hound.

Fencing (Round No. 1):
The engagement of Dorothy Souter and John Holderness has been announced. We congratulate them very heartily.

Cr. to Students' Building Fund—One Plank.

Things we have never heard of before: The Students' Association Permanent Building Committee.

"Yet V.U.C. will bring this misfortune on itself if numbers abstain." Who said "Smad" editorials were dry?

"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." But who wants to be a higherling?

"Vote! For we have only ourselves to blame—and rightly do we merit the penalty if we fail..." Whoever fails to blame anybody for anything—even himself—at V.U.C.?

Sinister significances: Placing the advertisement of E. Morris Junr., Ltd., immediately below the List of Candidates.

"Dance.—At last the drought has broken." Yes, but we noticed it at the Capping Ball.

"He is taking his M.A. this year, but will still be connected with the University next year." What a gloomy euphemism!

This week's simile:
"As changeable as a 'Spike' poster."

A certain venerable professor mentioned during a lecture that a peculiar type of foxglove had come up in his garden. However, he went on to inform the class, he had nothing to do with it!

A slightly revised version of a short poem by "X" in a recent issue of "Smad":

FRIDAY.

Friday is not my day
In the Caf. at V.U.C.
It's the day for dogfish pie
(If not held down would rise on high!),
Coffee hot (and burnt as well),
On Friday, Caf. can go to—well!

True Story (not Prof. Murphy's).

At Thorndon station the other night there were three gentlemen in a slightly pickled condition. After much handshaking two of them got safely on board as the train moved out. A policeman accosted the other for making an unseemly noise, and when he could stop laughing he pointed to the departing train and said: "Those two chaps came down to see me off."

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Dear "Smad,"

When the 'Varsity's pure-minded innocents (so far only two have been observed) conduct an entirely private correspondence in the presence of some of the chivalry of Weir House, it seems a somewhat painful reflection upon the latter that such correspondence, when left trustfully, if advertently, in the Library, to their tender mercies, should be seized upon and made the common property of the denizens of the dens of dissipation in that hostel. Sir, such behaviour is unworthy of the noble reputation for pious uprightness of spirit and well-nigh sanctimonious integrity possessed by that institution. I trust that the God-fearing respectability of its inmates will be so outraged that public meetings for repentant meditation will be held by all those responsible.

Surely the rumour is unauthorised that reference is to be made to the contents of this purely flippant and private epistle in your journal? If there is any suggestion of foundation for such a tale, Sir, I warn you that I shall henceforth cease to take a copy of your paper—lent me each week by a friend.

INJURED IF NOT SO INNOCENT.

The Outburst Itself.

[Here is the lovelorn epistle that we print as of interest to Freudian Psychology.]

Beloved,

This is the last message. I was going to write in blood, but decided that ink was cheaper. I am going to drink myself to death for your sake, or else I shall hurl myself from the battlements of the third floor on top of you as you stand looking sadly in the letter-rack where never more will you find a letter of mine. Cruel maid, farewell, I have only one injunction to give you with my parting gasp—er snort. Beware of a middle-sized, chubby, dark man with a roguish smile. Thine to eternity,

Heartless one,

THE SKELETON.

P.S.—Think of me sitting on a cold marble slab, clad in a wisp of cloud, dimly playing on my mouth-organ to you below.

P.P.S.—I have decided you are not worth the effort, after all, and am going to South Africa to shoot—er—convert big natives instead. Perhaps they will send you my head on a salver. You could use it as an ornament for the drawing-room mantelpiece when the chubby, dark man has taken my place.

HARRIERS.

Last Saturday the Harrier Club held its annual handicap race over a new course at Karori. The race, commencing at the top of Marsden Hill, completed a mile circle before proceeding along Wilton Road to the Reserve. A steep ascent through the bush on to the summit of the ridge provided a fitting preparation for the long sprint down Parkvale Road to the finish. The 17 starters were despatched at varying intervals by Mr. G. Sherwood, the scratch men giving handicaps up to 12 minutes. Owing to the difficult nature of the course, some of the runners had trouble in following the correct route, but keen racing was the order of the day, a cool wind on the summit assisting all to a speedy finish. T. Price was the winner, and

Revolution?

After a bellicose excursion to the back benches, suggesting that he was either Dempsey or George Walker, Ian Campbell assumed a cherubic smile and assured us that he was not Professor Murphy, Adam Smith, or the Apostle Paul. The fundamental assumptions were that he was Ian Campbell and we were the intelligentsia either steeped in a "proud, timeless idealism" or "rickety and neurasthenic chatterboxes who occupy themselves in inter-planetary oscillations somewhere in the great space between the Communist Party and the Labourists." He proceeded to paint the empty and hollow life before the mere intellectual seeking to maintain "a delicate equipoise on the fringe of things," the inhabitant of T. S. Eliot's Waste Land:

What shall I do to-morrow?
What shall I ever do?

The hot water at ten, and if it rains a closed car at four. And we shall play a game of chess. Pressing lidless eyes and waiting for a knock upon the door.

As an alternative to this waste land there are but two orthodoxies: religion or revolution—Catholicism or Communism. These two are similar only in their relentless attack on things as they are, and in the manner with which they revile Liberalism and pragmatism, "that most homespun and unphilosophical of all philosophic systems."

What, then, is to be done? No sooner is the question asked than these rival Messiahs are furiously opposed. The fundamental difference is that the Church relies on a spiritual interpretation of history and a warm rejection of any form of economic determinism. For the Communist, God is an imaginary picture projected upon the universe, which reflected the daily experience of Government among men. These pictures change, it is claimed, with changing political experiences. For the Catholic, man's political forms are very largely shaped by his religion. It follows that the root of all social injustice lies not in the fact that capitalism is a system of exploitation, but simply in the absence of human charity. "Material greed is the cancer of our system— for which Socialism has no cure." The crisis has nothing to do with the inevitable economic breakdown of capitalism, but is a function of the moral degradation of individual men.

There is thus a cleavage in the final solution offered. For the Church a certain degree of inequality is inevitable, and against the Communist ideal of "classless" society is placed the ideal of classes still existent but permeated with Christian charity. The Catholic supports private property as against the social programme of nationalisation of the Communist.

also put up fastest time, covering the 6½ miles in 43min. 23sec. G. Oliver was second and F. B. Shorland third. The order of the fastest times is as follows: T. Price, 43min. 23sec.; F. B. Sherwood, 44min. 32sec.; W. B. Lang, 45min. 23sec. The scratch men, A. G. Bagnall and M. O'Connor, finished at the end of the field, having run at least a mile beyond the distance.

Teams for the provincial championships on Saturday are as follow: A. Grade—A. G. Bagnall, M. O'Connor, T. Price, W. B. Lang, A. G. Horsley, and D. R. Scrymgeour; B. Grade—P. Porter, D. A. Viggers, D. Cairns, F. B. Shorland, M. McElroy, R. Miller.

LAW FACULTY CLUB.

A quorum for the Law Faculty Club Annual Meeting on Thursday last was only found after much seeking in the highways and byways, and there were only twenty present when the meeting finally commenced.

The good works for the year included the Welcome Dinner to Prof. Williams and the presentation of nine volumes of notable trials to the University Library (to be found in the new book section). The Treasurer of the Stud. Ass. added a rider to his verdict on the balance sheet re the dinner. It was resolved unanimously that a strong letter be written to the Stud. Ass. deprecating the misguided zeal of the Treasurer in making comments without a proper knowledge of the position. The charge at the dinner was low to meet the poor law clerks' slender purses, and further, no grant had been applied for since 1929.

Mr. Wild thought the club should amalgamate with the Law Students' Society. He apparently had an eye on some more guineas for Stud. Ass. funds. Mr. Larkin, in the chair, had already ruled one Wild suggestion as frivolous and an abuse of process, and Mr. Perry disposed of this suggestion by pointing out that many members of the Law Students' Society were qualified men.

There were quite a number of offices to be filled, so most of those present were elected. The first care for the incoming Committee is the Law Ball, which is to be held in conjunction with the Law Students' Society on August 16.

THE PACIFIST.

Dear "Smad,"

Prof. Hunter described Hobbes as a pacifist. "Not one," he said, "who believes in peace, but one who clears out when fighting commences."

Isn't this the attitude of most of the husky he-men of V.U.C. who follow this cult of pacifism?

—G.B.



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Football.

Senior v. St. Pat's O.B.—won, 11-3.
Junior A v. Ponake—lost, 12-11.
Junior B v. Kaiwarra—won, 26-0.
Third A v. Ponake—drew, 3-3.
Third B v. Hutt—lost, 15-3.
Third C v. Wellington—won, 40-3.

Hockey.

Men

Senior v. Wesley—lost, 4-3.
Senior B.A. v. Technical—lost, 5-2.
Senior B.R. v. Huta—lost, 4-2.
Junior v. Wellington—lost, 4-1.
Third v. Karori—lost, 3-1.
Fourth v. Wesley B—lost, 3-0.

Women

Senior v. Ramblers—won, 2-0.

Basketball.

Senior A v. Awatea—lost, 17-9.
Senior B v. Isia Ora—lost, 23-8.

FIRST XV WINS.

On Saturday Varsity defeated St. Pat's Old Boys 11-3. Although Varsity had the better of the game, they were lucky to win in that O'Connor, usually a very reliable goal kick, missed no less than eight attempts. Two were magnificent kicks from half way, missing by only a foot or so. Tries were scored by Chesterton, Paul, and O'Regan, who converted his own try.

Unofficial Criticisms.

In the absence of the official selector, "S. and" listened in to some of the well known critics and gathered a few pearls. One of the latter-day critics heard to say that the Varsity line-up was like politicians—once they were in they could never get out. The same person was not much impressed by the team's performance and, in a very underhand "Gossip" manner, said of his remarks, "because of the law of libel, I can't be published." We gathered from him that Missen was too slow in getting the ball away; that Paul would do better if he did not stand straight behind the half; and that the standard of football was not as good as when he played.

Another pearl was picked up from a keen Varsity supporter. "Overton's a good boy; he'd do well in a goal team." This remark started a discussion the outcome of which was that Overton would go far in the football world.

Amongst others singled out for criticism were:

Diederich. The club captain again turned out and played one of the best games on the field.

Russell. Worked hard throughout and was particularly good in the line-outs.

Eade. Another forward who was continually on the ball. He was inclined to get off-side a bit too much.

Wilson. Played solidly during the whole game.

Tricklebank. Was safe and was finding the line with long, well-directed kicks.

Incidentally, this game followed precedent. On every occasion that Varsity and St. Pat's have met, the losing team in the first round have turned the tables in the second.

We understand that, as a result of the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Tahara awoke this morning with a very sore head.

THE STANDARD OF OUR BLUES.

The present position as to examination and awarding of blues is confused and unsatisfactory. Merit and ability are at present matters for personal interpretation. With the closeness of those responsible for the nomination to those nominated, the position becomes open to many dangers. This situation cannot be escaped even by the final judge, the Blues Committee. The proposed amendments in the constitution with respect to the awarding of blues are not far-reaching enough. The "sixty per cent." clause, besides penalising full-timers who are absent during the long vacation, will have no effect in such sports as boxing and rowing.

There are two proposals which are worthy of thought in considering the amendments to the constitution: Firstly, that some definite standard should be set up before the awarding of a blue. For example, a standard might very well be set of 63 seconds for the 100 yards free-style. Any sprint swimmer who failed to prove that he could swim 100 yards in 63 seconds or under would automatically be rendered ineligible for a blue. Athletics might also conform to such treatment.

Secondly, there is the advisability of relegation of some sports into the half-blue class. Reasons for the proposed change are: (a) Small club membership; (b) some sports pursued only for tournament and otherwise have no club activities as such; (c) minor place in college life. Full blues might be given only in tennis, rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics, and basketball.

This change of standards, if carried into effect, may lead to a change in the evaluation of present and past blues. This, leading to higher standards and seemingly fairer allotment, may be effected soon, or our blue will become only a name.

BLUES.

N.Z. University Blues.

Congratulations to the winners of New Zealand University Blues:—
Athletics: B. M. McIntosh.
Rowing: J. F. Eggers.
Boxing: A. H. Armour, D. J. Boswell, and J. Hott.
Hockey: Misses J. Grainger, M. A. Harding, and M. Nelligan, and L. B. Denby and F. H. Stewart.

V.U.C. Blues, 1934.

Athletics: P. T. Bowie, W. R. Birks, S. G. Eade, and T. A. Rafter.
Basketball: M. O. Bell, J. Grainger, I. M. Morice, S. S. Phillips, K. M. Wood, and J. N. Watson.
Boxing: R. Akel, A. H. Armour, D. G. Boswell, R. W. Edgley, J. Hott, and R. J. M. Meek.

Cricket: R. C. Connell, D. S. Dean, R. W. Edgley, R. S. V. Simpson, W. Tricklebank, W. T. Viemeyer.

Football: E. Blacker, R. Burke, S. G. Eade, I. M. Elliott, G. G. Rae, J. H. Ruru, R. A. H. Russell, J. B. Thurston, H. R. C. Wild, and D. W. McIlwain.

Harriers: A. G. Bagnall, T. B. Shorland.

Hockey: Women—M. C. Gibbons, M. A. Harding, N. M. Webber; men—C. G. Camp, L. B. Denby, D. W. Foster, F. Newcombe, K. Struthers, F. H. Stewart, and W. F. Viemeyer.

Rowing: R. P. Hansen.

Swimming: M. J. Mason.

Tennis: Women—Misses D. Briggs, P. M. P. Edwards, and T. R. Gill; men—W. R. Gosnell, J. J. McCarthy, B. J. McCarthy, and N. A. Morrison.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

Why the A's Are Losing.

Why is the play of the A team deteriorating. Obviously they have not improved during the season, as Awatea, whom they beat easily in the first round, beat V.U.C. on Saturday by 17 goals to 9. This is unfortunate, because, considered individually, the team is probably better than any at V.U.C. for some years. The causes are probably three: loss of enthusiasm; almost total lack of of practices; and exams. Though members cannot do anything about the third, we certainly can cure the other two. Wake up, A's, and aim at five wins to finish off the season.

A and B Defenders.

One noticeable improvement in the A defence is the development of accurate combination with the centres after a defence throw-in. Standing on the 12ft. line to receive the throw-in, S. Fraser has not been quite so reliable in the last two matches as she was previously, but once in possession of the ball is usually able to pass to M. Bell, who has no difficulty now in getting the ball to the centres. Both M. Bell and S. Phillips have been intercepting well.

The B defenders are improving with every game. In a recent match against United the defenders proved themselves more than capable of adapting their play to the constantly changing tactics of the United forwards. In their last match, too, they combined well with their centres, M. Lancaster making several good interceptions. The defence third of the B team must concentrate on getting free more quickly after an attempt at a goal.

Congratulations, J. Grainger, on being selected as a Wellington provincial representative.

HOCKEY NOTES.

As yet no successor to Dhyan Chand has been discovered, but recent form reveals that the hockey strength is not confined to the Senior A team. Tournament showed up two halves with possibilities in Grant and Eggleton, while P. Webb more than justified his inclusion. In the forwards Shaw might be considered the season's find. He is an opportunist with a quick eye, speed and, moreover, one who "shoots to kill" in the circle. Monteath and Stanley are forwards also deserving of mention. Our Plunket Medal orator has lost none of his pristine dash, whilst Clarke and Burrow, two other seasoned players, are still always reliable in the centre-half position.

In the lower grades we can anticipate a bright future for Instone, Pickering, Evans, Lancaster and Stafford.

Led by "Snowy" Williams, the Senior A team have not met with the continued success one might wish, but are yet expected to lower the colours of leading teams.

We would remind members that the advice tendered by Coach Jacobsen on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Gym is invaluable, and "Smad" proposes to keep a note of some players who are resting upon their laurels and giving practices a miss.

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