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COMING EVENTS.

The following is a list of events in the near future that everyone should endeavour to attend.

Friday, 5th: Freshers' Welcome.
Saturday, 6th: Freshers' Tennis Tourney.
Tuesday, 9th: Law Faculty Dinner.
Wednesday, 10th: Boxing Club Tourney.
Friday, 12th: Dramatic Club Production.

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Freshers—Welcome!

BE THERE EVERYONE!
Friday, 5th March, 8 p.m.

When lectures finish this Friday evening it behoves all students to repair forthwith to the gymnasium. There, the Freshers' Welcome and Dance will be held in the way dictated by time-honoured tradition. This is the initial college social event of the year and there is no excuse for absence on the grounds of "swot," or exams, for anyone.

To "freshers" it affords their first glimpse of College life as a fraternity of young people. Every Fresher must be there—if "Smad" had its way pressure would be brought to bear to ensure 100 per cent. attendance.

The proceedings will commence punctually at 8 p.m. with the singing of the College and Haeremai Club songs, which will be conducted by Dick Simpson. The most important of these songs, which are printed below and in the S.C.M. Handbook, should be committed to memory by all students. Representatives of the Professorial Board and the Executive of the Student's Association will be present and they will impart words of advice and encouragement to all and sundry.

The revelry will then adjourn to the floor above where all will be invited to dance. You may not be a dancer of the Fred Astaire or the Ginger Rogers calibre, but who the Hell cares anyway, certainly not Students at 'Varsity dances; and this above all remember, 'faint heart ne'er won fair lady.' Admission is free to all freshers.

The College Hakas!

LEADER.

ALL.

Huakina	Hei
Huakina	Hei
Te nei ruiei ruiei ruiei	Kas-as-as Hauwe
Te nei ruiei ruiei ruiei	Kas-as-as Hauwe.
Tena I pakia	
He ringa ringa tauranga ki whoi	
hukumai	
Era hika runga wei	Era hika nuka wei
Era hika runga wei	Era hika nuka wei
	Era hopi hopi hopi hopi
	Piri piri-piri piri
	Piri piri-piri piri
	Ki na nei
	He; ho; ha:
He ringa ringa pakia kia rita	
He wai wai ta kia kia rita	Heke na nei hoku
Ringa te ringa tauranga Kairanga	
motonu	
Kato kato	Hei
Kato kato	Hei
Kato kato whangamai miro	Wei wei weratu
Whangamai miro.	Wei wei weratu
Weratu weratu	
Wera wetau	
Wera wetau	
Ete etou ata.	

College Songs

The Song of Victoria College.

Chorus:

Air: "Clementine."

Oh Victoria sempiterna
Sit tibi felicitas
Alma mater peramata
Per aetates maneat.

Aedem colimus Minervae
Acti desiderio
Artes nosse liberales
Hoc in Hemispherio
Aedem colimus Musarum
Sub Australi sidere
Nos a Musis maria longa,
Nequent dividere

Studiosi, studiosae
Captant sapientiam
Circa centi turbulenti
Auferunt desidiam
Omnium Collegiorum
Surgit hoc novissimum

Ergo vires juveniles
Exhibent fortissimum.
Corpus sanum ne sit absense
Properamus ludere
Subter jugum occupantes
Fuste pilam trudere.
Voces dignas Cicerone
Audias effundere
Oratores, Oratrices
Et sellas pertundere.

Haeremai Club Song.

We are the Club, the Haeremai
Club,
The Haeremai Club are we.
We are the boys who make the noise
Up here at the V.U.C.

So open your lungs and bellow
And let outsiders see
That we are the club the Haeremai
Club,
The pride of the Varsity.
We are the ones, the rowdy ones,
The rowdy ones are we.
We wear bow ties and we eat pork
pies
Up here at V.U.C.

We may be green and yellow,
But we are always out for fun.
For we are the Club, the Haeremai
Club,
The one and the only one.
We are the knabs and not the
snobs,
The aristocracy.
We want cigars and hotel-bars
Up here at V.U.C.

Come all you gay young fellows
And let us have a spree,
For we are the Club, the Haeremai
Club,
The pride of the Varsity.

We're the Boys From Up the Hill.

We're the boys from up the hill,
Victoria,
We're the boys from up the hill,
Victoria,
We're the boys from up the hill,
We give the girls a hell of a thrill,
Wiki—wiki—toria!

And when we come we have some
fun, Victoria,
And when we come we have some
fun, Victoria,
And when we come we have some
fun,
We show the crowd how things are
done,
Wiki—wiki—toria!

The crowd don't like to hear us yell,
Victoria,
The crowd don't like to hear us yell,
Victoria,
The crowd don't like to hear us yell,
The jolly old crowd can go to hell,
Wiki—wiki—toria!

They put us in the foremost pew,
Victoria,
They put us in the foremost pew,
Victoria,
They put us in the foremost pew,
They treat us just like standard
two,
Wiki—wiki—toria!

The shellahs say we must be good,
Victoria,
The shellahs say we must be good,
Victoria,
The shellahs say we must be good,
We wouldn't be angels if we could,
Wiki—wiki—toria!

Executive Doings Much Work Accomplished.

To the average student the Executive of the Student's Association appears as a body which reigns but does not govern. The necessity for its existence seems to be recognised by most but the credit is certainly not given to these students who undoubtedly perform a great deal of work in an exceedingly careful and conscientious manner. One has only to attend one of their meetings or peruse the minutes to see that they are not quite the ineffectual sluggards some people regard them.

Much of the questions they are called upon to discuss are matters of dull routine but during the vacation several meetings have been held and many decisions of some moment to the College have been arrived at.

The Inter-College Tournament, one of the events of the year, is to be held at Christchurch and a subsidy of 7/6d. has been approved for each team member representing Victoria.

At the last Executive meeting the question of forming a branch of the N.Z. Students' League at Victoria was raised by Mr. Marks. The League, according to Mr. Marks, is a world wide organisation with no political front and having its headquarters in France. A branch is stated to be in existence at Otago. While remaining singularly reticent on the aims and ideals of the League, Mr. Marks made his mission the excuse for a particularly outspoken denunciation of Executive ineffectuality. His comments in this direction, besides being rather beside the point, lost much of their effect when he confessed to not having taken much interest, himself, in student affairs. His request, however, for a meeting of students, was granted.

The Capping Ceremony will be a little later this year owing to the fact that the Opera House will not be available on the usual dates for the Extravaganza. Arrangements for this latter event are in the hands of the Preliminary Organizer, D. Christensen, who seems to have things well in hand. Several writers are at work and prospects seem bright for another good show. In view of last year's successful season it has been decided to run the production for four nights, if conveniently possible. This proposal has met with the approval of most of those connected with last year's performance.

An endeavour is being made, too, to arrange for a midnight matinee to follow the undergraduates' supper in place of the usual dance in the gym.

In view of the need for finance for the Building Fund Committee's proposals the Executive is putting before the Annual General Meeting of the Student Association to be held this month, the suggestion

that the Association's fee be raised to £1 5s. 0d. It is felt that the improved times will induce a favourable response to this very reasonable request.

The question of coaches for Varsity sports is at present occupying the attention of a sub-committee of the Executive. The suggestion is that a full-time coach be employed to give assistance to all the major sports clubs. We hope to hear more of this very shortly.

Following no response being received to communications from the Secretary, the Commerce and Literary Societies have been disaffiliated. It is a pity to see these two clubs coming to such an undignified end, but the Executive has no choice in the matter since it is useless pampering clubs that have virtually outlived their usefulness.

Apart from "Bob-hops" the only dances to be held in the gym this year are the Freshers' Welcome, one each for the Summer Clubs and Winter Clubs, and the Final Dance. This should guard against a repetition of some of last year's expensive fiascos.

In future a copy of the minutes of Executive meetings is to be posted on the notice board. If these are read, as they should be, it may serve to give some idea of the volume of business that is dealt with by this much maligned body.

BLUES.

The Executive have authorized the award of the following V.U.C. Blues.

"Smad" offers its warmest congratulations to the recipients on their respective successes.

Basketball: J. Grainger, E. Overton M. B. Pilcher, M. O. Bell, M. C. Gibbons, S. S. Philipps, S. Heford, N. M. McLaren, S. Fraser.

Football: R. B. Burke, G. G. Rae, M. O. Ekdahl, E. Blacker, W. Tricklebank, H. R. C. Wild, G. E. Wilson, W. R. Cunliffe, R. A. H. Russell, L. O. Desborough, B. G. Jackson, W. G. Thurston.

Harrier: D. Cairns, A. G. Horsley, A. G. Bagnall, D. R. Scrymgeour.

Men's Hockey: P. N. Grant, F. H. Stewart, H. J. M. Abraham, P. E. Webb, F. L. Newcombe, G. W. Shaw, W. F. Johnston, T. E. Eggleton, N. F. Innes.

Women's Hockey: J. Bacon.

SHORT HAKA.

Potena potena kete rule aha
Kapa kawi kapa kawi kete rule aha
Owakana owahiana
Owakana owahiana
—hei—hei—heha—heha.



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WELLINGTON, MARCH 3rd, 1937

To Freshers

With the continued influx of Training College Students and the facilities for free University education being made available by the Government through its resuscitation of general Bursary awards, we believe that we shall be welcoming to Victoria this year a record number of freshers. The lean years of depression have had their effect on University life at Victoria, and this has been manifest during the last few years by a slackening off of interest in College life generally, that is apart from pure study. Last year the re-opening of the Teachers' Training College brought to the various 'varsity clubs much fresh and enthusiastic talent. But it is to 1937 that we are looking for a renewed outburst of vigorous and progressive activity in all branches of College life. From you who are entering her portals for the first time, Victoria expects not merely selfish attention to the purely academic side of life here, but also a healthy and lively interest in those College institutions, which, if you will only realize it, can not only make your whole existence fuller and more interesting, but can also provide stimulating intercourse with other students without which no one can acquire that broad culture which should be the "raison d'être" of all University education.

We welcome you, therefore, with the sincere warmth of 'Varsity fraternity, for two reasons. Firstly, for your own sakes. We can assure you that you are coming to a worthy almer mater whose traditions and achievements are more than comparable with those of any other College. We hope that the years you spend here among us, be they few or many, may be entirely pleasant and successful.

Secondly, we welcome you for the sake of the College. We feel certain that each of you has some contribution which he or she can make to the life of this College, and if everyone of you is prepared to co-operate in this way, there will be begun upon her a new era of achievement, the like of which has not been seen for many years.

DO THOU LIKEWISE.

Charlie Plank's record, given elsewhere in this issue in an abbreviated form, serves not only as a challenge to his fellow-students, but also as a means of showing how wide are the ramifications of the Students' Association and how much skill and perseverance are required to keep the machine moving. There are men and women in the College whom you will not see shining in the lecture room; you will seldom find them in the library; you may wonder what they do. But if you could attend the Committee meetings of the larger and more active clubs and of the Executive and its various sub-committees you would find them at home talking with the quiet conviction which comes with knowledge and understanding. Their jobs are perhaps thankless and at the worst the only reward is the melancholy satisfaction coming from the knowledge that a job well done is a reasonable excuse for missing a section. On the other hand the rewards may be very great. The experience of human nature and the lasting friendships formed out of the mutual respect for ability and reliability are things to be prized.

They are able to carry out their tasks successfully because they have been trained for them either in business or better still in the many smaller duties which are always requiring to be done at V.U.C. and which require nothing more than keenness and reliability. This is where the young students can take up the challenge. This shows they will fit themselves for those greater responsibilities which the older generation will soon thankfully and yet regretfully be laying down.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

"Smad" exists an organ of student opinion and in order to enable it to fulfil that purpose students must contribute to it. Articles, letters to the Editor, poems, comments on current events, in fact everything of interest to students will be published.

experiences on record for the attention and guidance of others.

"Smad" is to some extent a newspaper and in order that it may chronicle student events an efficient reporting staff is essential.

We appeal to volunteers of either sex who are willing to participate in the production of this paper. If you are desirous of assisting us please communicate at once to the Editor.

CONVERSATION PIECES.

We were pleased to see Professor Hugh MacKenzie's name figuring in the new Year's Honours List as a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. It is an honour well deserved as we feel sure all V.U.C. will agree.

Mr. R. C. Bradshaw has been appointed to the College Staff in the capacity of Lecturer in Commerce subjects — a very commendable choice, and speaking of "choice" brings us to Bob's recent engagement to Miss Boyd-Wilson; double congratulations!

We shall miss Dr. I. L. G. Sutherland up here this year but he has our heartiest congratulations on his appointment as Professor of Philosophy at Canterbury College.

As the new Warden of Weir House, Professor T. A. Hunter early achieved popularity and we wish him a pleasant and successful regime.

At a recent meeting of the Executive the following appointments were made for the ensuing year. Editor of "Spike," N. T. Clare. Editor of "Cappicade," Ted Blacker. Preliminary Organiser for the Extravagaza, Derek Christensen.

Mr. N. A. Ashenden has accepted the position of Honorary Auditor to the Student's Association.

It is understood that the architect has prepared plans for the new Science Wing and that the work of construction will be begun as soon as these are approved by the College Council.

Brass blazer buttons for the College Blazer are now available from the cafeteria of the Executive room, price 9d. per pair, a pair being the requisite number on the blazer.

In order that all ambiguity shall be avoided in connexion with the Blue of the Rifle and Swimming Clubs the Executive have decided that "Sh" is to be the mark of award of a Blue in Shooting and "Sw" that in Swimming.

C. S. Plank, M.S.C.

Last year it was "Smad's" pleasant duty to congratulate Charlie Plank on being elected, while still a student, to the small select group of those who have been honoured with life membership of the Student's Association.

This year it is for us to say farewell ere he departs on promotion to Palmerston North. He will no doubt be down at Capping to have his lately won B.Com degree conferred but henceforth his interest in our affairs must of necessity be a watcher's.

His record is a truly imposing one; Secretary, Committeeman and Vice-President of the Exec.; Tournament Delegate and Chairman of the Tournament Committee; member of Blues Committee and Building Committee each for four years; Cafeteria Controller; four years Secretary and four years Chairman of the Tennis Club; five years in various positions in the Hockey Club, etc., etc.; College Representative and Blue in Tennis; College Representative and College and N.Z. University Blue in Hockey.

It sounds imposing — it means more than it sounds for it is safe to say that no major project in the administrative life of the Association for some years past has failed to arouse his eager interest — occasionally accompanied with vigorous criticism, usually with energetic, capable and untiring support.

Freshers—V.U.C. Welcomes You !

MESSAGES FROM CHAIRMAN OF PROFESSORIAL
BOARD
AND PRESIDENT OF STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Once again a new University year is dawning and several hundred young people fresh from secondary schools and colleges are standing on the threshold of a new life. To those "freshers" who are coming to join us at Victoria we extend a very warm welcome. You will very soon realize that 'Varsity existence is different from anything else you have ever experienced. You will find that your success in every phase of College life will depend entirely on one person—yourself.

Everyone here is prepared to help you and assist you in every way possible, but you must help yourself first. The messages below express, on the academic side, through the Chairman of the Professorial Board, the attitude of the Staff, and on the wider social side, through its President, the views of the Students' Association.

Professor Mile's Advice.

"I have much pleasure in welcoming to Victoria University College the new students of 1937. Your first aim, without doubt, is to equip yourselves for your chosen profession. As most of you come directly from school, a few words about the differences between School and University may be of use. At school you probably studied five or six subjects and had your work set and supervised at very frequent intervals. At the university you will be studying two or three subjects much more intensely than at school; and although there may be a weekly exercise and three or four short tests in the course of the session you will have very much greater freedom in organising your work. I would advise you very strongly to keep up to the work covered in lectures. It is a disheartening experience to go through the session only half understanding the lectures. It is very difficult for a university teacher to be in anything like such close contact with first year students as a school teacher is with his pupils, but I do assure you most sincerely that the members of the staff are glad when their students have recourse to them in their difficulties. In particular, as Chairman of the Professorial Board, I want every student to feel free to approach me for advice.

"A university worthy of the name is something more than a professional school. Whether you are a student of Arts, Science, Law, or Commerce, I hope you will take some part in the wider social life of the College.

"In these days of rapid change it behoves us all to have opinions about the great problems of human nature and of society; let us by reading and by discussion see that such opinions are reasoned ones. We are fortunate in having at Victoria College an admirable library; to make the best use of a library requires training, do not therefore hesitate to seek the guidance of the librarian and his staff. There is a place for browsing and desultory reading, but I take it that you will generally read with a definite purpose. I have myself found it a sound principle, when I really wanted to gain knowledge, to read the big books on a subject. Having done this, by all means read short brilliant sketches of aspects of the subject. To confine one's reading to the latter is rather like making a dinner of savouries. When you have settled down here and understand the New Zealand University System, you might find

it interesting to read Newman's "Idea of a University" and Flexner's "Universities: American, English, and German."

"In conclusion, I cannot wish you a better fate than that, when you have finished your three or four years at Victoria College, you may be able to look back at them with the same pleasure as I do at my four years at Knox College and Otago University."

President Wild Speaks.

"The authorities behind our education system require the passing of examinations as the sine qua non of our future careers. They therefore provide us in this College with a building to work in, degrees to work for, professors to lecture to us, and fees to pay. It is left to the individual to do the work. Whether he gets academic distinction or academic annihilation is a matter for him. If we don't work no one will make us—the professors are paid notwithstanding. The student must be his own taskmaster.

"In the same breath the same authorities tell us that man cannot live by examinations alone. A balance of interests, we are told, is essential. This we know to be true, and this, we also know, we must provide ourselves. The Student's Association represents our attempt to provide that balance of interests in this College. Its job is hard because many of us are at Training College or in offices, and only the few are students pure and simple. In these circumstances the tendency is for the College to become a degree factory or a night school and it is this tendency that the live student body is forever organising itself to fight.

"What interests does the Students' Association provide? In all there are 29 clubs and societies, each of which urges the fresher to join its ranks. Every ordinary sport is provided for. If yours is not an ordinary sport it is a simple matter to form a new club. It is unpardonable for the university student to join an outside club. Intellectual pursuits are represented by 15 societies ranging through interests scientific, historical, political and religious. Some of these clubs will be found lethargic or dying but whether or not the present officers are slacking there is always room for action and enthusiasm.

"This is a democratic place. Because he is a newcomer the fresher should not imagine that he must keep out of things. Quite the contrary. Seniority counts for little

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Committee Plans Big Campaign
For Building Fund.

At the meeting of the Building Committee held on the 23rd February, two reports were considered dealing with, firstly, the requirements of the proposed building and, secondly, how the necessary funds can be raised.

The new building is to be erected where the present gymnasium stands. It will be a four-storied edifice comprising facilities the provision of which has been sadly overlooked in the past. Chief among these will be the Assembly Hall wherein will take place General Meetings, Dramatic Club shows and Debating Society meetings. Possibly, too, it will be used for the bigger University functions such as Capping and the Plunket Medal Contests. A College Hall has long been lacking at Victoria and we look forward to the early realization of this ideal. There is also space in the suggested layout for a Cafeteria, Business Rooms, and more especially Common Rooms. These latter deserve special mention, for, besides the men's and women's rooms, there is to be a lounge or, virtually, a Common-Room which is at the present time a very definite necessity.

Plans For Raising Funds.

Of course, the all-important question is, how is such a plan as this to be financed? A second sub-committee has investigated this aspect of the scheme and, briefly, their proposals are these: At present there is £1,634 5s. 7d. on hand. With a view to augmenting this sum sufficiently to begin work at an early date the Government is to be appealed to for half the cost of the building, £20,000, or failing this, a smaller grant together with a pound for pound subsidy.

At the same time there will be instituted a direct appeal to all students who have passed through Victoria and to those citizens of Wellington who are interested in the College as a cultural centre. No such widespread appeal has so far been made in the history of the Building Fund and in view of the more favourable post-depression outlook the time seems propitious for the launching of such an ambitious scheme.

Besides anticipated profits from University activities, there is a life assurance endowment plan. This consists in contributors taking out life assurance policies and assigning them to the Trustees of the Fund, thus providing capital on which a loan could be raised in a short time.

The entire conception of the Building and the financial campaign has been exhaustively and enthusiastically considered by the committee and they merit encouragement. It is incumbent upon us as students at Victoria in 1937 to do our part in the organisation work which is immediately ahead.

here and ten years difference in age leaves us on the same level as students. The fresher's only disadvantage is that he cannot represent in this year's Tournament and his vote is worthless (though his voice is not) until after the Annual Meeting.

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Do not leave it until next year. The College wants you to participate now! Help us to get rid of this inferiority complex, this "Wooden Spoon Mindedness." Our appeal applies equally to all students. Let us make "Victoria Victorious" in the realm of sport this year.

KING WILLOW.

The N.Z. team for England has been announced and all will agree that Blandford is one of the really "hard luck" cases, after his brilliantly successful wicket-keeping this year coupled with his fine batting and 'keeping against the M.C.C. team last year. Another 'Varsity man of whom we had high hopes was Tricklebank who, a couple of years ago, was one of the most promising fast bowlers for years. But after his trip to Japan he did not quite strike his old form, and this, combined with a wet summer, robbed him of his chance. Now we have had our moan, and that's that!

The Senior XI under the captaincy of McMillan, has had a season of varied futures and now occupies a place in the middle of the championship ladder. Blandford's batting, including a fine century, and his 'keeping have been outstanding, as have the batting and bowling of Tricklebank. Lunn, a newcomer to the Seniors, has played some fine knocks, and Stevens has made some useful 30's and 40's. This player has an average of 50, and has rarely been out this season, so he might with advantage be promoted on the batting list. Harpur has done well with bat and ball, though a tendency towards "gallery play" at times spoils his effectiveness. McMillan has bowled consistently well.

The 2nd XI under the captaincy of J. B. Stephenson, are at present half-way down the championship ladder. The most successful players have been Knowles, Johnston and Stephenson, all of whom have performed really well.

The Junior B.I., captained by Evans, has not had a very successful season, though there are several young players in their team who will later reach the higher grades. Evans has managed the team well.

Pat Kain's and "Spud" Murphy's teams have had, oh, such a jolly season! Usually a man or two short, but they have enjoyed their cricket. Modesty forbids that we recount their deeds.

Ted Blacker's paradoxically social-serious team has been going great guns, and is at present second on the ladder—"and soon will be first" says their captain, who, when asked who is their star performer proudly pipes "One Blacker."

RACQUET AND BALL.

Amidst telephone calls and vile epithets "Smad" interviewed the Chairman of the Tennis Club. "The season," he said, "had not been the best for tennis," as a matter of fact it had been — rotten. The Club had suffered a serious defection by the loss of J. McCarthy, who left Wellington recently for Hawera. "Jock" has been a ranked player in Wellington for a number of years, and has represented 'Varsity the maximum number of times. He is, at present, the holder of the N.Z.U. singles title. Nevertheless the First Division Team have done exceedingly well and will probably finish third in the competition. The Second Division Ladies, the Third Division and Fourth Division Teams are all holding their own.

The extremely unseasonable weather has made it practically impossible to get through the Club Championships with the usual precision? But they are now slowly dragging to a conclusion.

The Men's Ladder has been particularly active—due no doubt to the fact that the possibilities for Tournament are very open. Sanford, Brock and Thawley, have all climbed the ladder, while Hartley, the most promising of last year's Freshers, secured a place on the Ladder and quickly rose to fourth place. Perkins still retains his pride of place unchallenged. We hope some day to have a player good enough to beat the N.Z. doubles champion.

The Ladies' Ladder has not been nearly so active. However, the present four top players, Dorothy Briggs, Stella Phillips, Janet Grainger and Pat Edwards will soon be leaving us, and a golden opportunity exists this year for Freshers and young students to fight their way by medium of the Ladder into the Tournament team.

Now for a word to Freshers. Saturday afternoon is Club day. Come along as often as you can. Give your name to the committee member with the shed and sets will be arranged. Play is permitted all day Sunday. As a rule games are not arranged on Sunday. Afternoon tea is provided on Club days at a small charge. If you wish to play Interclub at the end of this year — start now before you are busy with exams and challenge up the Ladder. Rules, Ladder, etc., are in the Gym. Watch the Notice Boards.

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ATHLETICS.

Owing to bad weather which kept the other athletic clubs from competing before the end of January, 'Varsity was read to turn out as soon as anybody, thus constituting a record. But we had not been doing nothing, so to speak, because early in the season the previous and the present Club Captains, viz., Stan Eade and Tom Birks, gave a social evening and saveloy supper at which the guest of honour, Mr. McCormick, delivered a first-hand talk on New Zealand's famed representative, Jack Lovelock. New members were welcomed and the evening was such a success that there is hope of holding another and inviting the Olympic Games starter, Dorrie Leslie, to attend and relate some of his experiences.

Further activities of the Club have been two Club meetings, much postponed on account of rain, at which members have had a good chance of obtaining competitive experience. Results of these meetings are as follows:—

Club Meeting held on Monday, 22nd January, 1937:

50 Yards: H. G. Bowyer, E. D. Clarke, R. Freeman.

300 Yards: H. G. Bowyer, E. D. Clarke, A. H. Gorrings.

600 Yards: L. S. Black, A. A. Congalton, W. J. Newall.

100 Yards: H. G. Bowyer, A. H. Gorrings, H. Arnold.

1000 Yards: L. S. Black, T. A. Rafter, W. R. Birks.

300 Yards: H. G. Bowyer, A. H. Gorrings.

Discus: C. R. Stephenson, F. Fortune, M. Mason.

At the end of last year we lost Phil Bowie, one of the best athletes the Club has had, who was transferred to Auckland where he is producing excellent times. However, a number of our members are shaping nicely now and we are glad to congratulate Lin Black on winning a place in the Provincial Team against Canterbury.

At the first Dewar Shield meeting 'Varsity did not enter in the Grand Parade, but was represented at the second meeting, on which occasion Mr. Kitto declared the parade 100 per cent. better. The lads in the green and gold blushed becomingly but were unable to deny the truth of this. 'Varsity gained second place for the Shield and was followed by a string of Clubs whose combined score only came to within half a point of ours. Nevertheless, the Club badly needs fields events men, and is big enough to train them. So all physically sound men with aspirations for Tournament honours are urged to come and make friends at the next Saveloy Supper, not to mention the training nights on Kelburn Park, 5 p.m. onward every week night.

And don't forget, Interfaculty Sports on Saturday week!

WATER WINGS.

Despite adverse weather, the members of the Swimming Club have been putting in steady training during the season, though they have been unable to repeat their spectacular performance of last year in winning the Peck Shield 1½ mile handicap teams' harbour race. Nevertheless this season's team was one of the six only out of 12 to finish, thereby showing the keenness and fitness of our men.

Both A and B Grade water-polo teams have had a successful season, and we are pleased to record in particular the achievements of Mason, captain of the A's, who, in the trial game to select the Wellington Reps., scored 5 out of the total 7 goals secured by both teams, thus decisively playing his way into the Rep. team.

Most of the older members who have been in past tournament teams are ineligible this year, so that there are golden opportunities for new swimmers of both sexes. Extensive trials, particulars of which are posted on the board, are being conducted, so that all who have any pretensions to speed in the water will have an opportunity of being selected.

And don't forget the big social and sporting event of the 1st term—the annual Inter-Faculty Swimming Carnival which will be held at 8.15 p.m. at Thorndon Baths on Wednesday, 10th March!

BOXERS ARE BLOSSOMING.

Roy Brien, complete with gloves, was looking businesslike showing Barney Campbell how to "pick 'em off" when "Smad" sidled up, pencil poised. "The Tournament team's prospects" we cried, and "You shall know all" quoth he, surveying with satisfaction the tired bodies of his perspiring trainees. "Of last year's team O'Connor, Edgley and Armour, the prides of my heart, have all developed a mysterious malady, known as "Boxers' Nose." Meek and Edwards have retired, like Gene Tunney, to their books. Campbell and Barnes are again starters and I expect them both to finish on their feet, Campbell to win. Of newcomers, Walsh will win, while

Bowling, Moore, Mander and Mil-ship and H. G. Bowyer was second lar are good men and true. But in the 440 yards. In the Long Jump J. McIntosh took third place. you out!" But "Smad" alas, was 'Varsity also won the Relay. not heroic.

Swimming.

The Club's Annual Carnival will be held at the Thorndon Baths on the 10th March at 8.15 p.m. Programme: Men's and Ladies' Championships, Freshers' races, and Inter-Faculty relay and water polo.

Tennis.

A Freshers' mixed doubles tournament will be held next Saturday—Black won the 880 yards champion—if fine.

SPORTS SHORTS.

Athletics.

Congratulations are extended to the following who met with success at the Wellington Athletic Championships held last Saturday: H. Abraham won the 220 and 440 yards hurdles; R. Freeman also obtained a third in the former. L. S. Black won the 880 yards champion—if fine.

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