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WEIR HOUSE

One of the immediate results of war conditions has been the opening of a new phase in the history of Weir House. On the retirement of Professor Gould as Warden the Weir House Management Committee was unable to find a suitable man to fill this office, and as a temporary measure decided that discipline in the House should be the responsibility of a small committee.

This committee consists of three students elected from the House and acting under the supervision of Sir Thomas and Prof. Wood. The permanence of the committee depends on its ability to manage the affairs of the House, and the success of the scheme depends entirely on co-operation and support by every resident.

The House realises the extent of its responsibility to the Management Committee and appreciates their confidence. So far there have been no difficulties and there is every reason to believe that the scheme will prove a success.

House opinion can be gathered from the following remarks:

A Warden.—There seems to me to be no reason why students who are being trained to hold responsible positions should not be capable of looking after themselves.

Old Resident.—The new arrangement has stimulated the spirit we knew in the House in pre-war days.

Committee Man.—Er—er—Who is to be the Women's Licensing Authority?

Fresher.—The full meals, they are a good thing, boy.

For Staff Comment.—Ask Jean.

ELECTIONS

Students—are you interested in the people who lead your activities, who guide your affairs and administer to the needs of the student body throughout the year? Do you realise that at the forthcoming elections twelve persons who are to represent you during 1943-44, to decide upon and follow an official line of action in all student affairs, are to be chosen by you? Then think carefully—study the list of nominees, discuss them, and vote with a sense of responsibility. All details, such as the list of financial Stud. Ass. members eligible to vote (freshers are not eligible) are posted on the main notice board. The polling is to be held on the 25th, 28th and 29th of this month, between 4.0 and 8.15 p.m. in the main hall. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 30th.

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ANTI GRAVE-DIGGING

Health is wealth, and there is no reason for the university student to be poverty-stricken in this respect. This is the opinion of a large body of V.U.C. students who realise the value of periodical physical check-ups as a necessary feature of student life and a safeguard of the students' future. College life brings together students from all sections of the community, imposes severe mental and physical demands on the individual, associates the students in close personal contact in lectures and laboratories and so paves the way to the spread of contagious disease or the rapid development of concealed physical weaknesses. Periodical physical examinations can detect much concealed disease at an early stage in its career and by bringing the disease under early control save the student from future sorrows and the treatments needed if the disease continues unchecked. A minor ailment may not count for the student starting out on his university career, but if unchecked may, in the course of a year or two, be aggravated by the constant pressure of work and become serious enough to put a stop to study or at least break in on the continuity of his or her work. That is a pity, when vigorous university students are

urgently needed to help New Zealand not only during this war period, but just as much later on, during the change over from war to peace.

Medical advice is essential to all who take part in sport. It is infinitely better to be able to play hard, fast games knowing that you are A1 in health, than to cause your captain and friends worry by suddenly having to give up the game just because you did not realise your duty to yourself and your responsibility to the team.

All this can be avoided. Let V.U.C. be the first to take a step in the right direction. The proposal that a part-time Medical Adviser be appointed to V.U.C. has been put forward. This Medical Adviser would undertake to give a general medical examination to all students enrolling at Victoria University College, to be followed by periodical overhauls in subsequent years.

Why should a student lose one of the best gifts of life by not attending to this matter when it is most urgent? This is a scheme that all students should take a vital interest in, so study carefully "things to come" and learn more about this worth-while endeavour for V.U.C.



£35,000,000, the Third Liberty Loan, would cover the entire R.N.Z.A.F. expenditure for 1943.

MEDICAL BURSARS

The Minister of Health was interviewed by the Otago University Medical Students' Association delegates on the awarding of medical bursaries. Mr. Nordmeyer stated that the procedure of awarding bursaries was as follows in order of preference.

1. To graduates and near graduates; scholarship holders; bursars and students with credit pass; those with Medical Preliminary, Higher Leaving and an average of 55% in University Entrance; those without other qualifications who had received over 60% in University Entrance.

2. Regarding those who had completed their medical intermediate,

students with higher degrees or diplomas; scholarship holders or bursars; students with Higher Leaving and over 60% in Medical Intermediate; those who had not received 60% in Medical Intermediate but whose financial circumstances appeared to merit a bursary award.

3. Those who had completed Medical Intermediate and one year's further study—under this heading awards were made largely on the grounds of difficulty in completing the course without some form of assistance.

(This matter is selected from *Critic*—official organ of O.U.S.A. of June 3.)

COLD CASH

Is Freedom worth it?

There is no need for us to write magniloquently about freedom and liberty. Our freedom as students has always been apparent. Those few who were at V.U.C. in pre-war days will be able to tell of the gallant and continual fight of students here to maintain their "civic liberties" in the face of attack. It is to defend this freedom that our friends have left for the fighting front and we too can pay a small share.

It Is Ours . . .

This war is our war—it is the war of our people and the loan is the loan of our people. If we make a great success of this loan, as should be the case, it is certainly true that we would not be the first country to do so—America, Australia, England and Soviet Russia have all supported highly successful loans.

Were the loan to prove unsuccessful, the failure would do great damage—it would necessarily imply further heavy taxation, thus breaking down the whole war economy which is now based on stabilisation. This would react most heavily on the working class and lower income groups such as students.

Stabilisation.

With the shrinking supply of consumable goods available to the people it is both necessary and desirable that excess purchasing powers be put to work in the interest of the war. The more effective rationing and price control become, the more necessary and desirable it will be to attract money back into the war effort.

Eureka.

The money for the loan will come in part from money already saved or invested in banks, companies, etc., but they are a comparatively minor source of supply. In the main the money will have to come from those who receive a regular wage, as do the workers, and one might well add—the students.

Our Privilege.

It is true that £10 and £1 are rather fantastically large sums for the average V.U.C. and T.C. student pocket, although any wage earner can afford the latter. Group savings schemes and N.S. Bank Book have made it a practicable plan for all (yes, even YOUR) income.

The LIBERTY LOAN is for our country and our people—for God and King and Country, if you will, or for those left-wingers—remember the tradition of "Arms for Spain," and that this is more revolutionary than singing the Red Flag. This is an appeal, not to the other guy, but to you—it is your destiny to be living today—you don't like the war—very well, help to destroy Hitler.

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EDITORIAL

Mens Sana In Corpore Sana

The problem of student health is fundamental to the whole field of higher education. It is a problem to be tackled realistically and without flinching. These times have proved the place of the University in New Zealand and shown clearly that the University is the training ground for the citizens, the teachers and the scientists of the future. The people of New Zealand have made their contribution and their sacrifices to provide this training ground, and for this they have the right to expect that there shall be a steady flow of competent citizens, teachers, and scientists from the University Colleges.

The introduction of periodical physical examinations is a contribution from the students to the people of New Zealand. It adds the words "corpore sano" to every sheepskin handed down from the Senate. It is a step, a long-needed step, in the rounding out of higher education, and it is a step that the student body must take if they are to keep faith with the past and honour the obligations of the future.

The first item is the decision. Your part in this places in your hands the power to save future lives, or to condemn future students to weeks or years of suffering. If this proposal does not go through, ten years from now the price may be paid in the lives of fellow students in whose bodies disease has raged unchecked because undetected. In the near future you will have the chance to support or reject this proposal. There can be no doubt of the outcome from a student body capable of sound, clear and intelligent thinking.

The second item is co-operation. The health of the student body is no more and no less the sum of the health of individual students. Each must play his or her part in the programme if the ultimate aim is to be achieved. It is your health, and the health of the students of future years with which this project is concerned. You will have your part to play, a small but essential part, and without your co-operation in the safeguarding of your own health, the project cannot succeed.

Victoria University College can lead the way to a great advance in the field of higher education. The time has come, the choice and the future will rest in your hands.

"THE CREATIVE TASK"

Mr. Wadman has completed his series of three addresses on problems of today, Art and Religion and Man's Opportunity.

The first lecture on May 26, entitled "The Thunder and the Rock," surveyed the development of the modern state of mind. In the second lecture on June 2, entitled "The Habitual Vision of Greatness," Mr. Wadman criticised modern mass standards in art and literature, the lack of a sense of craftsmanship due to the profit system and the absence of any real notion of serving the community. A recurrent theme of this lecture was that the Christian attitude to art involved humility towards creative artists, a constant search and growing appreciation for beauty and a rejection of all base art.

Having in his first two lectures outlined the situation in which we find ourselves, he proceeded in the third, on June 9, to sketch the task which confronts us. The creative task of the individual was that he should achieve an integrated personality and consciously co-operate with God's purpose, giving time and devotion to the Church and S.C.M.

The average attendance at these interesting lectures was about thirty. Whether the challenge, particularly of his last lecture, will be accepted is something which may be observed only in the life of Victoria College.

a letter

Dear Sir,—I can understand "Not Very Very Amused" in your last issue being so indignant with "Law Student," who got so annoyed about a supposed "small minority" of anti-Fascist students. But I can also understand how deeply upset "Law Student" is. I deeply sympathise with him and respectfully suggest the following method to do away with the nuisance of which he complains. It's quite simple, really.

Beat Fascism! Then the anti-Fascist minority wouldn't have a leg to stand on. Bet that'd nark 'em.

And how to beat Fascism? Well, I take it of course that "Law Student" has been for some time an active member of the Home Guard or E.P.S.

But has he thought of the even more crushing weapons against Fascism and of course against "the very very anti-Fascist minority" as well? How about National Savings? Every 6d. is a punch in the eye for Hitler. Would he be prepared to take over the organisation of a group at the College? It's about time we had one, surely.

Then again, the Stud. Ass. want to run another work day for patriotic funds. What about helping with its organisation? Every penny in the patriotic funds is a nail in Hitler's coffin and the coffin of the "very very anti-Fascist minority" too.—Yours, etc. J.W.

A 'Cello Recital

Room C6 was packed to capacity when Marle Vandewart and Dorothy Davies gave a recital of sonatas for 'cello and piano—one each by Beethoven, Paul Hindemith (an exile from Nazi Germany), and Brahms. The occasion inaugurated a practice which we may well hope to see continued—namely, that these two players, who intend to give further public recitals in Nimmo's Hall, will try out each programme on a College audience beforehand, enabling those who wish, to go again and rehearse the music in town, and at the same time providing themselves with the opportunity to warm up to the playing. I.S.S. funds benefited by about £10 at this last concert, incidentally.

The Beethoven sonata which opened the programme is of extraordinary interest, because for all its "earliness" (it is his Opus 5), it gives glimpses here and there of the young Beethoven reaching out after his greater self. The first movement is laid out on big lines, with a slow introduction, a whopping big exposition of fresh, brilliant ideas in the Viennese taste, and a suggestion of a cadenza towards the end. All the time one is hearing suggestions of the G major piano concerto, and the middle period piano sonatas.

At the end of such a movement it was not surprising that applause was unrestrained, latecomers were let in, and the 'cello was re-tuned in the relaxed atmosphere, with the result that the second movement (and the last, as there is no slow movement to the work) was taken by some members of the audience to be the Hindemith sonata. And typical Beethoven that it was, this "Hindemith" delighted those who had expected the worst.

Can they take it?

What must they have felt when they actually heard the Hindemith? I have not heard of any outbursts of abuse, or even seen the puzzled looks of the diffident, but myself I found Hindemith lively and musical as ever—a first movement full of verve, a rush of exciting ideas uttered in a musical tongue which admittedly becomes intelligible only to the zealous listener who has lent his ear to plenty of modern music. Then a hushful slow movement with whisperings of some silent tragedy. (Here the effect on the audience was plain to the ear; heads were bent to catch every sound in a delicate texture.) And finally a very lively ending-movement, again with a rush of ideas and tricks to please.

It was a help to have a rough "thematic analysis" done beforehand, illustrating the main themes and figures, and what happens to them.

The third sonata was the same Brahms sonata that was played at the last Vandewart-Davies recital in town, Op. 99 in F. It is music for voluptuaries, for all its many passages of extreme technical difficulty—Brahms in the mood for which he was frequently chastised by G. B. Shaw in his music-critic days. But it was played much better this time than last, and everyone was glad to have heard it, particularly, no doubt, those who had a bitter taste left from the Hindemith.—A.A.

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New Zealand

ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING?

BOOKS

Lin Yutang, Bernard Shaw, Ibsen, Huxley, a load of Penguins and magazines—these were the profits from the Book-Drive Tea Dance. We have to hand it to the Exec. for thinking out this very successful means of collecting books for the current Book Drive for military camps. The dancing was in the same happy spirit, supper good, and decorations new and interesting.

A highly successful Tea Dance then—not only for those present, but also for the Army, who will get our books.

ESPERANTO

During the first world war, as in the present one, there was great talk of post-war reconstruction. The League of Nations had as one of its objects the promotion of better social relations between nations. As a means to this end the introduction of Esperanto into all countries was decided upon. However, most of the great nations were more concerned with economic problems, and until now little has been done about the matter.

A few words concerning the language itself would not be out of place. Esperanto is an international auxiliary language freed from the difficulties and apparent absurdities of present national tongues. It is a blessing to students; it can be learnt in one-tenth of the time taken to learn French, the reason being its regularity, scientific construction and simplicity. Most of the main roots are found in the chief national languages; an Englishman can recognise sixty per cent. of the words at sight, as can a Frenchman or Italian. Spoken, Esperanto is pleasant and fluent, with phonetic spelling.

This international language does not aim at displacing national tongues, but is meant as an auxiliary and, as such, has many advantages. When an Esperantist travels to a foreign country he is welcomed by club members in the various towns; he stays at a private home and is taken about the country, conversing with ease and feeling a common tie with his hosts. What a benefit to the diplomat! At congresses, representatives of nations could understand speeches directly without the usual two-minute condensation by an interpreter. Technicians are using the terms of the auxiliary tongue and can read Esperantist translations of new developments almost immediately, without the customary two years' delay for multilingual translations.

There are about fifteen million Esperantists in the world, mainly in Germany and Austria, until Hitler smashed the German organisation in 1933.

The tragic failure of the 1919 peace conference and the League of Nations was mainly due to complacency. Reconstruction after the present war will not be in capable hands until the peoples of the world realise that this is their responsibility, and that their strength lies in unity. It is in the furthering of this unity in particular that the value and utility of Esperanto lies. —D.S.C.

If we were suddenly turned into angels we would be but domestic pets kept by God.—A. Clutton-Brock.

FINAL EXEC. MEETING

First things first. The most vital thing, of course, was the report and programme submitted by the sub-committee on Student Health. For full details see our front page. The scheme was strongly recommended and promised full support by the Exec., who had every confidence of similar support from the Council.

A permanent committee is to be set up to handle I.S.S. matters. One of its first jobs will be to determine the precise allocation of New Zealand funds arriving in Switzerland. If this is considered to be unsatisfactory, directions will be sent indicating the particular channels into which our funds should go.

The Building Fund introduced some discussion into the agenda. This is a fund, started many years ago, and under the trusteeship of the Hon. W.

The N.Z.S.C.M. message to N.Z. U.S.A. has also been sent to individual execs., it seems. It was referred to our own S.C.M.

A letter was received from the N.Z.U. Press Bureau demanding that a more active interest in College publications be taken by individual executives. This implied criticism applies less to us than to other colleges, we feel. We have an Exec. member on "Salient" staff and keep a close eye on "Spike."

Sir Thomas is still concerned with poker playing in the Common Room, and commends the Executive in their decision to deal strongly with offenders.

Training College extends thanks for the strong lead given by V.U.C. towards affiliation of T.Cs. and hopes that pressure will be kept up.

In conjunction with the wives of

Strange things, executive meetings. When reporting them one is brought rather sharply to a realisation of the importance of this body and of the enormous potentialities for militant progressive action, for a strong voice and a firm lead in all student matters. Few students, it seems, understand this. Their executive, elected each year, has in its hands the power to promote or to retard such vital issues as affiliation with Training Colleges, formation of a Students' Union, recognition by and representatives on the governing University bodies, and full participation in the war effort. Students must take more interest in their leaders and, particularly at this time of the year, must discuss and criticise their policy, vote for or against them with responsibility, and come along to the annual meeting prepared to criticise and suggest, to condemn and commend.

Perry, intended for the construction of Student Union buildings at some future date. Constitutionally, four shillings from every Stud. Ass. fee must go into it. It was moved that this year the surplus from income and expenditure account, plus a two hundred pound account in the Post Office, be added to the fund. It was objected that when the time was ripe for such a building we should be in a position to demand it of the Government as our rightful due, and that the money would be better in Liberty Bonds, maturing in 1947 and providing a nucleus against the depression years, than tied up in trust. The motion was lost on the chairman's vote but went through when the income and expenditure surplus was deleted. The motion must, of course, be ratified at the annual general meeting—the committee is not empowered to dispose of more than fifty pounds at a time. Here is a chance for you to give your opinion. Do you think that we are entitled to the buildings at Government expense, or that we should build up our own fund by painful endeavour? Let your vote express your opinion.

staff committee, our sub-committee on the problem of board for women students have discussed the problem at length and arrived at a scheme which has operated most successfully in overseas universities for many years, namely, that of a woman part-time member of the staff, whose job it is to assist all women freshers, especially strangers to the city, to find board. A list of all good boarding houses would be drawn up and students recommended to them. In the case of arguments with landladies, an older person, with experience in handling these strange products of our society, would be of great comfort and assistance. A letter recommending the scheme and suggesting suitable persons, is to be sent to Sir Thomas.

It was reported that the dispatch of parcels overseas was to be done by the Patriotic Fund organisation and was under way.

The final item was the election of Sgt. Morry Boyd, retiring President, as our representative on the Council. A vote of thanks was passed for the good work of Doug. Edwards, last year's representative.

DEBATE

MOTION: That jazz and swing music has no place in the cultural life of this College.

FRIDAY, 25th JUNE

8 p.m. - - In the Gym.

Come along, you jive addicts and classical fiends. It's going to be a grand fight!



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FILM REVIEWS

Our Opinions—

She Was Only a Landlady's Daughter

The most hilarious double feature I've seen in years inexplicably ran only a week at the Paramount.

In "One Thrilling Night" newlyweds on a one-night honeymoon suffer a maddening series of intrusions and frustrations from the moment the young husband climbs into bed alongside what he fondly imagines is his soul-mate coily wrapped in blankets but is actually a male corpse. Naturally he regards it as a poor substitute but it is nothing compared to the indignities he has yet to suffer.

"Banana Ridge" began where the other left off. In parts it was unashamedly bawdy. The world's most improbable plot hinged on the dubious paternity of a young man who grew up to be as seductive as apparently his mother had been in her youth. Several men had been billeted on her mother's farm during the Great War and all of them had a finger in the pie, as it were. Alfred Drayton and Robertson Hare (cunningly disguised as Jim Winchester) having both been starters, endeavoured to meet their possible obligations by sending the young Cassanova to "Banana Ridge," Drayton's rubber plantation in Malaya, as assistant manager to Hare. There he would have no contact with their womenfolk except Mrs. Hare, "the most scrupulous mem in Malaya." The plan is a flop, but the picture is a riot.

Hare and Drayton, veteran campaigners of stage and screen, were excellent. It mattered little that the women were the usual English producers' misconception of "alorin'" and the young man about as seductive as Mahatma Gandhi, for they were merely incidental to the antics of the two comedians. Finally, it was pleasing for once to hear the English language used and spoken correctly.

Bette Davis Again

Freshness of scene and dialogue atones for a rather slight theme. "The Great Lie" is a picture to be seen only once—a second attendance would expose the pathetic obviousness of plot and characterisation, with the single exception of Bette Davis, who gives a convincing and thorough interpretation of that most unusual film constituent—a really human being. The others are usual types, at times well acted, though both George Brent and Mary Astor barely escape contrast with Bette Davis' polished performance. She escapes both the heavy tragedy of her former parts, and the awkwardness of "The Bride Came C.O.D." It is absorbing and very good entertainment.

Leslie Howard, one of the regrettably few English actors and producers who have given the public consistently first-class work in "Pygmalion," "49th Parallel" and "Pimpernel Smith," was on a plane travelling from Lisbon to London which is believed destroyed by enemy action. This is a great loss to his wide public.

"What frenzy hath of late possessed the brain,
Though few can write yet fewer can refrain."

—SAMUEL GARTH CLAREMONT.

A Yank at Eton

Mickey in his natural habitat splashing round with the girls of Smalltown, is pretty poisonous, but it's heaven compared with the bumptious lout hobnobbing with the plutocracy. If the Rooney is America's ideal of an adolescent, then I prefer the milder New Zealand variety, even though it may have come from Wan-gan-oo-ah. The moral of the picture, if such a thing exists, was by no means plain. Even at the end, with Mickey aping the aristocracy, one had the feeling that Eton was streets above his infantile mentality. Despite the good slap-stick with the taxi, and the fight in the night club, the general effect was of loathing for "vital" American youth, and admiration for the restraint and dignity of the Etonians. We thus have a film deliberately boosting the English Public Schools, surely the most outmoded aspect of an obsolescent society. Their effort in maintaining class distinctions is dangerous to democracy, and except at the very largest, that is, the most expensive, the teaching very mediocre. We see the results even at Victoria, in those snobby individuals whose outlook is permanently marred by the feeling of superiority drilled so assiduously into their little brains by the "prep" schools and "collegiates" of God's Own Country. I have heard it said of a friend that "he had been to W— but fortunately he had managed to get over it." Why should we suffer such a boost, from Hollywood of all places, of that cancerous system whereby a man may display his filthy lucre by endowing his son with the right to say, "When I was at Harrow" or "Damme sir, at Eton . . ." or "at King's College we would have horse-whipped the bounders." J.M.Z.

They All Kissed The Bride

They all did it once except Mervyn Douglas, who did it about ten times—and that is about all the bearing that the title has on the picture. For the rest, the same suave gentleman proceeds to melt Joan Crawford's stony heart. He succeeds after a jitterbug contest and plenty of alcohol. The picture has a typical story where the head of some million dollar firm falls in love with some poor penniless female and is constantly amazed at the ways of the "lower classes." If this type of picture is mainly produced for its artistic merit, then this merit is too subtle to be detected. After you have seen the picture you ask yourself: "Whose intelligence should be underestimated—mine or the producer's?"

CULTURE

Proletarian culture is not something that has sprung nobody knows whence, and it is not an invention of those who call themselves experts in proletarian culture. That is all nonsense. Proletarian culture must be the result of natural development of the stores of knowledge which mankind has accumulated under the yoke of capitalist society, landlord society and bureaucratic society. All these roads and paths lead and have led to proletarian culture.—LENIN.

"SEND HER DOWN, HUGHIE!"

Hughie having co-operated a little too heartily, nearly all sport was abandoned for the week-end, even trampers being discouraged. Consequently there is little of interest to note except the announcement of summer sports blues and the activities of the proverbially tough harriers.

In regard to the latter, though of course we sympathise deeply with the member of the slow pack who cut his hand on a stone, we regard the incident with triumph as conclusive proof of our long-established suspicion that this decrepit band creeps along on all fours.

We congratulate the eleven people to whom college blues have been awarded. The awards are particularly interesting considering the arguments advanced by delegates to N.Z.U.S.A. recently when it was decided no N.Z.U. blues would be awarded during wartime. Is Victoria's the correct attitude? We think so!
A.O'B.

BLUES

SUMMER SPORTS

1942-43

CRICKET.—D. D. Beard, R. W. Burnard, O. J. Creed, P. B. D. de la Mare, J. A. Seator, G. H. Stringer.

WOMEN'S TENNIS.—A. Reed, J. Strange, N. Turner, R. Turner.

MEN'S TENNIS.—B. O'Connor.

Better Luck Next Time

There is something about the word "snow" that makes the normal person definitely excited. (Trampers, too, for that matter—Ed.) Especially when one has had some experience with this beautiful stuff, and even more so when that experience has been in the form of skiing. When fourteen enthusiasts set out for Holdsworth on King's Birthday weekend, however, the normal excitement was somewhat damped by the rain which had fallen during the preceding days; and this dampening was not without reason, really, because when we got there the mountain was nearly bare.

But having carried skis all the way from Wellington, they just had to be used, so with British bull-doggedness, and with what little snow there was, right up under the peak, and with the help of shovels and spades, we constructed a ski run. And the run was good enough for the midget McLaughlin if for nobody else—hurting over tussocks and lord knows what, this diminutive individual made the most of it.

The arrival on Sunday of ten Boy Scouts was interesting, because of the fact that they had come equipped for conditions considerably warmer than they found. With no cooking facilities and about one sausage each, the result would have been rather pathetic had they come to an empty hut. The great Chorlton acted in his usual good samaritan manner, even to the extent of robbing his pillows of straw for the benefit of the visitors' beds; but even this did not prevent them from kicking and fighting over what blankets they did have.

Anyway, all things considered, it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip—nobody seems to regret having carried skis all the way to Holdsworth for only a few flakes of snow.

The Spartan Club

Last Saturday, while football and hockey enthusiasts stayed home and watched the rain, the harriers were out in force braving the elements.

Running from Wadestown the fast pack made a swift circuit of Ngaio and Khandallah, a journey coloured by a succession of anecdotes by Dicky Daniell. Unfortunately it missed its members Ian McDowell and Miles O'Connor who were both unable to run on account of leg injuries.

The slow pack were forced (oh, so reluctantly) to shorten their run because one member cut his hand rather severely on a stone. However, with admirable promptness the E.P.S. experts rendered first aid and the casualty returned under his own power complete with bandages and sling made from a miscellaneous assortment of socks and belts.

On the 12th June about twenty runners set out from the Island Bay bathing sheds with every expectation of returning for afternoon tea in half an hour.

The fast pack made good time up the Melrose Ridge until it found its progress blocked by military reserves and private property. Deeming it more prudent to avoid armed sentries, the club captain went to seek a householder's permission to pass through his property. This he obtained just as the last runner had finished trespassing. The pack had proceeded a little further when mutiny raised its ugly head. Disregarding the captain's protesting bleats, most of the pack decided to go down to see the Varsity-Training College football match at Kilbirnie. It was a great game and they noted with interest a potential recruit in the Varsity half-back, but thoughts of that afternoon tea soon made them head for Island Bay at a smart pace. Instead of an irate club captain awaiting them, they were surprised to find themselves the first home. Some-time later the slow pack arrived and later still the loyal members of the fast pack returned from an extensive tour of Wellington which had included Newtown, Brooklyn and Ohiro Bay.

Almost one hour overdue all hurried down to Mr. J. O. Shoreland's residence mumbling excuses and apologies. However, the same generous hospitality as in previous years soon forgave this tardiness, and weary bodies were revived with sausage rolls, cream cakes and endless cups of tea.

The club has high hopes of success in the first inter-club run of the season to be held at Miramar next Saturday. It is to be hoped that Ian and Miles have, by then, recovered sufficiently to compete as their presence would greatly improve the club's chances.

Women's Hockey

This season three teams have been entered in club competitions, though we have not yet fielded three full teams on one Saturday. We need more players urgently to ensure that the Intermediates will not have to be scratched. Beginners especially are welcome. Thursday night practices are now being run to a definite programme with points of interest for all.

The Senior team has won three matches and lost one, and on present form is likely to make Senior A grade at the end of the qualifying round. The team did well to beat Petone Technical Old Girls, last year's Senior B winners. Mary Seddon, as right half, played a fine game in this match. The re-arrangement of positions, Daisy Filmer coming up to centre half, Joyce Climie going to left full back and Irene King to right wing, seems to be working well. At left wing, Vivienne Rich is playing consistently good hockey, and combination among the forwards is improving.

To date the Juniors have won two matches and lost two. Shona Bell at right full back and Betty Boyes at right wing are playing well and keeping to their positions. The centre half, Pat Gardner, hits well and keeps on the job. The left inside, Marie Simpson, has picked up the game very quickly, and already has several goals to her credit.

The intermediates have not yet fielded a full team, and have had to default two matches. Of the two games played the team won the first and lost the other. Shirley Jonathan is showing great promise as a full back for this team.

Basketball

Last Saturday, the Senior A team lost to the undefeated Island Bay team, 16-13. Again the team had the misfortune of playing one short, Peggy Huse replacing Gay Lorrie in the defence third, and Thea Muir playing in the forwards, to leave only two girls in the centre. In the first half the standard of play was high, and by half-time Island Bay had only managed to obtain a lead of four goals. In the second half heavy rain interrupted play for about ten minutes, and when it was resumed, the ball was sodden and hard to handle. The final score was a tribute to the improved co-ordination and timing of the University team.

The Senior B team was defeated by Taupo, 16-4. This team had its full quota of members, but as several of them were new to the team, it was difficult to successfully combine their activities. Weather conditions again did not improve play, but Taupo proved themselves the superior team. The club wishes to welcome Jennie Grant, who is back with us again, and to thank those girls who helped us out by playing with us last Saturday.

*Brassit brownes and broken banes
Strife, discord and waistes wanis,
Crooked in eild and halt withal,
This is the bewties of the fute-ball.*
—ANON.

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HEALTH CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME.

Monday, 21st June.—Health Talk. Dr. Richardson. Time, 6.30 p.m.
Friday, 25th June.—Films, 1-2 p.m. Biol. Department.
Monday, 28th June.—Health Talk. 8 p.m. By Medical Practitioner.
Wednesday, 30th June.—Films, 1-2 p.m. Biol. Department.
Friday, 2nd July.—Health Talk. 8 p.m. By Overseas Army Doctor.
Monday, 5th July.—Special General Meeting and Talk by Doctor of the Health Department.

THINGS TO COME

Wednesday, June 23.—Afternoon, Kirk Cup, Kelburn Park.
Thursday, June 24.—Gramophone Club. Music by Bach.
Friday, June 25.—Annual Executive Elections, 4.0 p.m.-8.15 p.m.
Saturday, June 26.—Tea dance in the Gym. at 5 p.m. 7.30 p.m.: S.C.M. Address and Discussion at Pat Ralph's, 50 Mitchell St., Brooklyn.
Sunday, June 27.—World day of Prayer of the World Student Christian Federation. Service at 4 p.m. at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, followed by tea in the hall.
Monday, June 28.—Annual Executive Elections, 4.0 p.m.-8.15 p.m.
Tuesday, June 29.—Annual Elections, 4.0 p.m.-8.15 p.m.
Wednesday, June 30.—Annual General Meeting of the V.U.C. Students' Association to be held in the Gym. at 8 p.m.

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