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AGAIN we reach the end of the College Year. The 1933 session has come and gone. And despite the fact that this year there have been fewer students at the College than for some years past, interest in all College affairs has not decreased. With the coming of Weir House, great things have been anticipated, and Weir has, without doubt, made a difference.

This year's session has seen vigorous attacks on the 'Varsity Student by several public men, and by the press. With an astounding lack of sense of proportion, these people held the University up to the public as a den of sedition and revolt. But the stir has passed, and we hope that by now there has come to those concerned, perhaps in some small degree, an understanding of values.

College affairs have not been allowed to lapse to any degree. Clubs have kept going well, and have been strongly supported. Although not very successful at the Annual University Tournament, Victoria was well represented, and will come again.

Therefore we look forward with confidence to 1934. With this issue "Smad" makes its last bow for the year, and extends to the Staff and Students of the College best wishes, and to those who are sitting examination in November—Good-luck.

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## Men's Common Room

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AN effort is being made to make the Men's Common Room into something like a common room of a University College. When good furniture was purchased for the room last time, one or two students seemed to forget where they were, and act as if they were on the Rugby field again. So much damage was done that the Common Room Committee was introduced, but could not gain much support owing to the nature of its constitution, which did not meet with approval.

However, now that the new Common Room Committee, elected by popular vote, has taken over, we hope to see conditions in the Men's Common Room improved. And whether this improvement takes place or not, depends to a great extent on the men students themselves.

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### EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Students are requested to patronise the firms who advertise in this magazine, and don't forget to mention "Smad."

Contributors are reminded that all contributions must be signed, and are requested to indicate if a non-de-plume is to be used.

## NOTES AND JOTTINGS

The Editorial Staff wishes to thank those who during the year have helped to bring out this College paper. Those who have helped with contributions have made the editorial staff's work lighter, and we are indebted to them.

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We learn with regret of the illness of Mr. R. H. C. MacKenzie, Victoria's ex-All Black and ex-President of the Students' Association. "Crow" is very well remembered at College, and we hope that he will soon be fully recovered.

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Mr. W. G. Kalaugher, Victoria's Rhodes Scholar, and N.Z. Olympic rep., is again back in New Zealand, but only on holiday. W. G. is a master at Marlborough College, in England. We hope that W. G. has an AI holiday.

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With the College year almost over, and examinations almost on us, thoughts turn to the long holiday afterwards. And during that time students will have plenty of leisure, so we would remind them that humorous articles, verse, and sketches for next year's Capping Book will be very welcome, and so when holiday time comes, get busy.

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- H. R. C. Wild and K. J. Scott, for gaining the distinction of being V.U.C.'s nominees for the Rhodes Scholarship.
- Misses A. Harding and A. Davidson, for gaining places in the Wellington Women's Hockey Representative Team.
- R. Morpeth, for winning the Harrier Championship of V.U.C. for 1933.
- A. F. T. Chorlton, for gaining the Union Prize for Debating for 1933.
- R. Burke, for gaining a place in the Wellington Third Grade Representative Rugby Team.
- J. Wells, for making the Wellington Representative Team against Manawatu.

## Student Christian Movement

At the annual general meeting of the Student Christian movement reference was made to the Summer conference to be held at Geraldine. The finances of the S.C.M. were also mentioned, as it was seen that there is still a large portion of the V.U.C.'s quota to the N.Z.S.C.M. to be raised before the end of November. Miss Joyce Sewell and Mr. E. B. Davies were elected life-members of the Club. Miss Sewell was president of the Club during the past year, and vice-president the previous year, whilst Mr. Davies was secretary for some years. Both have given great help to the S.C.M. at V.U.C.

A week-end camp will be held on the 18th—19th November and all students are cordially invited to attend. Notices about the camp will be posted later.

The Annual Conference of the N.Z. Student Christian Movement will be held at Geraldine. Enrolment forms may be obtained from the S.C.M. executive members and it is hoped by the Club that a large delegation will go from V.U.C. and help to make it a successful conference.

### G. F. DIXON STICK.

A keen ex-student of the College Mr. G. F. Dixon has shown his interest in Victoria in many ways, and the Hockey Club is extremely indebted to him for his latest gift. Mr. Dixon has presented to the Men's Hockey Club a stick, which will be known as the G. F. Dixon Stick, for the team which each year puts up the best performance. This season the stick was won by the Junior Team, captained by H. W. Dowling.

## 1933 in Review

Weir House opened, and students in residence there.

V.U.C. Cricket Team toured the Country Associations during Christmas and New Year, and finished tour with an unbeaten record.

'Varsity Women's Second Division Tennis Team won the Grade Championship for 1932-33 season.

Victoria College Junior B Cricket Eleven won Junior B2 Championship for 1932-33 season.

N.Z. University Annual Tournament at Auckland. Victoria winners of the Basketball Shield.

V.U.C. retained the Speight Trophy at Easter, by drawing with Auckland University College in a thrilling match.

V.U.C. winners of the first water-polo match with Auckland University College at Easter by 3 goals to nil.

Visit from an Australian University Football side, playing matches against the separate University Colleges and test matches against the N.Z. University. Victoria University College defeated the visitors by 21 points to 15.

Roy Diederich captain of the New Zealand University fifteen in the first two tests against the Australians. J. Wells, and W. A. Edwards, members of the N.Z. University Team.

Otago winners of men's and women's divisions of the annual University Hockey Tourney.

Victoria College Senior B Football fifteen defeated by Massey College in the Annual match between the Colleges by 6 points to 3.

Miss Z. Henderson and Mr. A. F. T. Chorlton V.U.C.'s representatives in the annual Joynt Scroll Debating contest.

A. Katz won the Plunket Medal for 1933 with his oration on John Reed.

Canterbury University College winners of Rugby match with V.U.C. played at Christchurch by 28 points to 4.

Annual Rugby game against Te Aute College saw V.U.C. team of selected players win by 7 points to 5, thus becoming holders of Pickett Cup.

A. F. T. Chorlton, winner of the Union Prize for Debating for 1933 for highest points scored during year.

V.U.C. Free discussions Club published for the first time a magazine "Student" which was banned by the Executive after two issues.

R. J. Nankervis, President of the Students' Association for 1933.

Harrier Club gained third place in the Shaw Baton A grade relay, and fourth place in the Provincial Championships.

H. R. C., Wild and K. J. Scott nominated by Victoria for the Rhodes Scholarship.

R. Morpeth won the Harrier Championship of V.U.C. for 1933.

## Quick Turns—No Recalls

### THE BIG HOUSE.

With the latest restrictions on the liberty of Weir House members, we are fully expecting that the next step will be compulsory ringing of the Warden for permission to speak over the 'phone to the inmates.

### TRUE JOURNALISM.

Joey Mountjoy, at the debate on the Press, was holding up the Press in bygone days as an example, and wished for men like Defoe in the modern journalistic world.

"But why not Ananias?" came a voice from the audience.

### ADVICE.

Keep to the straight and narrow,  
And never dare to stray,  
Live the quiet life, lad.  
Don't try to do it gay.  
Be a real "blue nose,"  
Give all strong drink 'he slam,  
Don't meet pretty ladies  
Two weeks from your exam.

### STILL NEW.

The old Haeremai Club stunt, "Have you heard the news?" was one of the Australian Rugby team's (the Wallabies') best diversions on their trip through Africa. Evidently it was new in the land of the Springboks.

### OUTDANTE-ING DANTE.

Perhaps we can blame that home brew craze. At the Football and Haeremai Club Smoke Concert, owing to good oiling, things went as smooth as smooth can be. That is, until the function was over. Then, to the horror of the committee, it was found that as well as several glasses and goblets, a keg (empty, of course) was missing. Now, a keg is a fairly large object to make away with, but some one had done it. However, the committee's sleuths got on the trail, and the errant keg was retrieved.—still empty.

### SIDE-LIGHTS ON VICTORIA.

Ian Campbell, during the week "Spike" was out, showing more speed than a Harrier. . . . Charlie still criticising. . . . Wyn Mason making the library his stamping ground, is he after the job of Haka leader for 1934? . . . Bridge fiends doubling and redoubling under Tournament Rules in the Common Room . . . the rest swotting . . . swotting . . . swotting.

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# Weir Gives Us the "Dinkum Oil" On The Lads

## And Says Goodbye

Dear 'Smad,'—

It is very gratifying to note that there is only one more vacancy in the House, and already three applications have been received for this place. This result must be very pleasing for the Management Committee, and it would seem fitting to round off this year with a few comments on our Roll of Students, set out below:

**Adams.**—Hails from the Queen City; believed to be a debater of some standing.

**Alpers.**—Does not like girls who make a noise at the House.

**Bradshaw.**—Favourite song, "Dawn is Breaking." Interested in Norfolk Island (peaches?).

**Bright.**—The rival of Ronald Colman. Takes a long time to shave.

**Brown.**—Debater; diplomat; no relation to "dirty Old Brown."

**Birks.**—Good at broadsiding when his racer starts.

**Baker.**—Wine, women and song.

**Carlyon.**—The strong silent apple-eater.

**Clark.**—The "bully" of the House.

**Clare.**—Always on the run. Secretary Harrier Club

**Clinkard.**—"Off" in the Stilly Night."

**Connell.**—Too meek on the football field.

**Coittier.**—Comes from Taranaki; quite at home in the lab.

**Curtis.**—Hobby: Saving beer-bottle tops.

**Chorlton.**—He went South; Joynt Scroll went West.

**Campbell.**—Editor of "Spike," which speaks for itself.

**Donovan.**—Nobby. Darling of the Dining Room staff.

**Edgley.**—Knows what time to get home from a dance.

**Ewing.**—Trips the light fantastic.

**Eade.**—A stylish walker, with plenty of action.

**Finnigan (2).**—Two wild Irishmen.

**Gidall.**—K.C.B. (Knight of the Cold Bath).

**Grover.**—Not so quiet; did daring things at Tournament.

**Gray.**—Keen on shes. (My mistake, I mean skis).

**Henderson.**—A would-be Legionnaire.

**Galbraith.**—Likes lady friends to see him play football.

**Hall.**—"Doc" hails from Christchurch. A man of weight.

**Hawthorn.**—A good footballer in the tight.

**Horsley.**—Harrier, wrestler; hails from the River City.

**Heenan.**—Always in the right, even in football.

**Jackson.**—Comes from Sunny Nelson. Ever had sun-

stroke, Barry?

**Keating.**—Has agreed to pay the telephone rental this year.

**Lomas.**—The surgeon of the future: A man who bleeds for his country.

**Lyons.**—Has no use for left hand, so leaves it in trouser pocket.

**Mason.**—"Fat" has a pretty fiery time.

**Masters.**—A worthy Miramar football player.

**Moore.**—Who gave you that black eye?

**McLeod.**—A disciple of Kara Pasha.

**McIntosh.**—Keep the Rowing Club Afloat, Mac.

**McGhie.**—Reformer, writer, debater; interested in everything.

**Mules.**—Supporter of the Legion. Good old Woodville.

**McNaught.**—Plays chess in the lab. with Trevor.

**Naylor.**—From his talk you would think he came from Taranaki.

**Nicholson.**—Has the misfortune to room with Wild.

**O'Connor.**—A tough guy with the women.

**Odell.**—Why do you spend your week-ends at the Hutt.

**Park.**—Movements are in the dark.

**Paul.**—Slim, sinuous, and streamlined.

**Redwood.**—Why so many visitors, Charlie?

**Rosevear.**—Timaru "Smoko." Why bring that up?

**Russell.**—The Wildcat

**Sage.**—A bright boy; but see Edgley.

**Sainsbury.**—(Georgeous). Pugnacious, but wears glasses.

**Shaw.**—Misses whacking the boys.

**Scott.**—(Pete). Unauthorised entry and despoiler of roads.

**Stewart.**—A Jazz Baby.

**Turnbull.**—Goldminer, life-saver, lawyer—a two-fisted he-man.

**Thurston.**—Big Bill from the Bull Country.

**Wansborough.**—A recent arrival.

**Walker.**—One of the rowdy element.

**Wild.**—Educated among the turnips. Delcianna.

**Willis.**—Hobby: Wooing. Red-haired women only need apply.

**Withey.**—Owns an imposing bookcase.

**Wilson.**—Has decided to donate a seat for the telephone box.

**Palmer-Jones.**—(Tin Pants). Fond of women and tall stories.

**Buist.**—Another of the rowdy element.

**Vickerman.**—How many lectures have you missed this year?

**O'Shea.**—Gay, debonair. Playboy of Broadway, Jazz crooner, bedtime stories.

**Kerr.**—A real starter.

**O'Reilly.**—As yet has no daughter.

**Whitworth.**—Jazz King.

**Len.**—A good Scout.

Go thou forth

And fortune play upon thy prosperous helm.

—Shakespeare.

## Military Unit for Victoria College

The movement now afoot for recruiting a V.U.C. Volunteer Corps shows distinct possibilities of success. A feature of the proposition is the postponement, until all views have been heard, of decision as to the type of training to be undertaken and the particular unit to which the corps will be attached.

Such corps cannot exist without a reasonably large membership, and to discover whether such a membership can be secured several students are making enquiries whenever men of the College foregather. Better than waiting to be approached would be to signify your interest by having a talk or by dropping a note to one of those students whose names appear upon the bright and interesting placard displayed on the notice board.

The Defence Department will probably make considerable concessions if a sufficient response is obtained, and here it should be stated that this movement is purely a College one. It is not instigated by the Department. These concessions will probably take the form of an almost entire absence of parades during the academic session, and before the exams. and special concentrated training at times more convenient to students will be substituted.

This idea seems to appeal to most. There will be a week's camp annually at full pay, and that in itself should be a sufficient inducement to most. Under the new Volunteer system the work in the camp is much more interesting than formerly, and an enjoyable time is always spent by those who pass a week under canvas. What with sing-songs, interesting and instructive training, shooting, mock battles, joie de vivre, etc., everyone at camp has a jolly good time. Both the esprit de corps displayed and the friendships made will stand you in good stead in the future.

Owing to the rapidly approaching November examinations, no recruiting will take place this term. Therefore all you need to do now if desirous of joining is to indicate your interest in the idea, and you will be communicated with after the exams. are over.

If this corps is formed, V.U.C. will have the honour of establishing the first Varsity corps in New Zealand, apart from the informal arrangement between the Medical faculty at O.U. and the R.A.M.C.

## What is True Function of Modern Press

### Debate at University

Holding what was perhaps the most orderly meeting of the year, the Debating Society discussed the subject, "That the modern daily press fails to perform the true function of journalism." Messrs Watson and Fortune spoke for the affirmative, and Messrs McGhie and Edgley for the negative. The audience was small but select.

Mr. Watson defined the true function of journalism as the presentation of an objective account of affairs in which the public is interested. He contended that the accounts generally published in the daily press are not objective or impersonal, but, on the other hand, he said, misrepresentation, suppression, and selection of facts obscured the truth of the report.

In lighter vein, Mr. McGhie maintained that the papers gave the people what they wanted, because they could not carry on otherwise. Since New Zealand was a capitalist state, he added, it was natural that capitalists should finance the press. He quoted the case of papers which do not pay because of their political bias.

Mr. Fortune, seconding Mr. Watson, advocated a system of state control where the present condition which he considered most unsatisfactory could not exist.

Mr. Edgley seconding the negative, seemed to have been sufficiently interested in his subject to amass a few facts, and his speech provided a pleasing contrast to the meanderings and theorisings of some of the other speakers. His case for the press was well thought out.

The audience then joined in the battle. Among those to speak were Mr. Larkin, who thought that advertisers and other influential powers dictated the policy of a paper; Mr. Mountjoy who wished for a return to the earlier methods of journalism, and to that of Defoe in particular; and Mr. Scott whose light and carefree speech provided a contrast.

Dr. McIlraith the judge placed Mr. Mountjoy first, Mr. Larkin second, and Mr. Fortune third. The audience voted in favour of the affirmative

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# From Open Veldt

## Student's Impressions

(Part Two of an Article by an African Student at Otago University.)

In speaking about the necessity for skilled and trained students in Africa, the writer says:—

A number of teaching positions in our Missionary Schools are now filled by matriculated students. Therefore, there is still room for African graduates.

Many Government bodies are now realising this demand for qualified Africans. The Transkeian Territories General Council is providing 50 scholarships for native students at Fort Hare College. It has also voted medical scholarships for native students going abroad. I am getting one of these scholarships.

Now, would it be wise for any Bantu student to remain in New Zealand, when there are such opportunities awaiting him in Africa? Why should he think of remaining in New Zealand when there are lands, cattle, sheep, and horses which he would get in his country without payment?

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BANTU.

One of the outstanding qualities of the Africans is their courteousness. They are courteous in their contact with others and in their expressions. Senior people must be addressed as father, mother, brother, or sister. Laughter is their outstanding characteristic. They laugh even in the most trying circumstances. They have a deep sense of gratitude for kindness or favour done. An African sometimes presents an ox to a descendant of people who did a good turn to his ancestors two or three generations back. They have a sense of humour. Most of their humour is expressed in action more than in words. They have a gift for languages—English, Afrikans, Greek and Latin do not form a stumbling block to African students.

They are communistic people. If an ox is strangled in one home, members of the tribe are entitled to the feast. They are friendly and sociable, but can be very unsociable and unfriendly when they have cause to do so.

They have a soul for music. When working on the roads and in the fields they work with a musical accompaniment, one man being the precentor, others joining in the chorus.

Nature has given them remarkable patience.

They have patience in their work and with others. Their patience might be judged by the way in which they have borne white domination for so many years without civil disobedience.

They like living in peace, but when they take to the fight either they must be destroyed or their enemies.

They have world-wide renown for their loyalty to friend and Master. One New Zealand gentleman has asked me to look up a native servant who was faithful and loyal to him during the South African War.

On the other hand, Africans are very independent. If an African accepts a gift from one, that person should be sure that that African honours and respects him.

This spirit of independence is due to the fact that tribal custom did not permit dependence on others. A man who did not possess cattle did not enjoy state rights to the same extent as those who possessed cattle.

Although not suffering from race pride, they are very proud of their race and colour. Nothing makes an African think of apologising to any race for his colour. Africans are extremely sensitive. A facial expression or slight deviation from the recognised form of speech might be taken as a deliberate insult by an African.

Such, then, being the racial characteristics of the African, no Bantu student would think of living in a foreign country, where he would constantly meet with unpleasant remarks levelled against foreigners. Personally I would not live in a foreign country even for the sake of saving my life.

Sometime back there used to be a narrow slogan, Asia for Asiatics, Africa for Africans, and West for Western people, but our economic and educational interests are so interdependent that such a narrow slogan cannot be put into practice without hindering the progress of the world.

What remains, therefore, is that each country should respect interests and desires of people in other countries. One writer expresses this view well in these words:—

"What we need at the present time is a clear, honest thinking and a realisation of this fact that the things we most need are needed by people in other countries."

### NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS AND FOREIGN STUDENTS.

Few students in New Zealand seem to realise the marked difference between the students in New Zealand and in other countries. New Zealand

# to N.Z. Fernland

students differ from the students in other countries in outlook, manner, interests, and in ways of expressions. I say this after meeting English students visiting South Africa for conferences, and after meeting European students in South Africa and Australia, and after studying with African students. These differences may lead to real misunderstandings between New Zealanders and foreigners.

Such expressions as "Dirty Dog, Dirty Cow, Go to Hell" may be taken in a different spirit by foreigners, even if they were not said with intention to offend.

Some time back a European student came to New Zealand and found life so unpleasant among the students that he decided to end his life in a tragic way. Now, I feel sure that another tragedy will be witnessed if no change takes place with a certain group of students in New Zealand. There are students who fling expressions with no regard to other people's feelings.

I have been collecting the impressions of foreign students in New Zealand. One European student informed me that students in New Zealand did not take any interest in him. He informed me that his class mates did not speak to him. Another European student told me that students, as well as people in New Zealand, were always telling him that his country is going to the dogs. I also have heard many people saying this of this country. Now, this student felt this remark very much, just as any New Zealander would feel hurt if such a remark was made about New Zealand.

Such being the difference between New Zealand and foreign students, where lies the solution of these differences?

New Zealand students must endeavour to study the outlook, temperament and disposition of their visitors. Foreign students will reciprocate the compliment by studying the characteristics of New Zealanders, and thus common understanding will be established.

## "SPIKE" EXPLAINS

Dear "Smad,"

Would you afford me the opportunity to make some explanatory comment on my recent article in "Spike" on legal education?

This article was written with only one object, namely, to criticise the system of legal education. Unfortunately the method which was adopted has given the impression that a personal attack was being made on the members of the staff of the Law Faculty and those responsible for the legal curriculum at this College alone.

This was intended in no way whatever. It is a principle with which I am completely in agreement

that all matters involving the qualifications of the staff should be dealt with by the Professorial Board or the Council, and that student publications are no fit place for allegations of a personal nature. But charges made against the system are easily read as though made against its exponents, and I very much regret that this should have occurred in the present case.

It has also been inferred from my article that the attack was specifically against the system in vogue at Victoria College, in contradistinction to that at all other colleges, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere. This, too, was an inference which was not meant to be drawn from my remarks. Inevitably my criticisms are limited by my experience, and I cannot speak with direct knowledge of the instructions at other universities. But having thus been necessarily limited to Victoria College, I in no way meant to imply that the system used here was especially open to criticism.

In the main, the teaching of law from a standpoint which would take into consideration other than purely legal criteria is a question of syllabus, and in this there is nothing in which Victoria College can be singled out for especial indictment. Assuming that the law faculty legitimately restricts its teaching to what the law is, as ascertained from judgments, text-books and legal articles, I gladly admit that the teaching is efficient and successful. Even for the limited purpose of expounding the law as it is, the lecture hours cannot be said to be too many, and the time available to the students themselves, most of whom work all day in offices, is so restricted as to forbid any teacher under the existing regime from deviating far from the prime task of exposition. Besides, the limitations of an examination system and a short academic year make it impossible for a lecturer to deal with many aspects of his subject even though he personally might attach great significance to them. The same can indeed be said of any university operating with the same system. All this is conceded, and the criticisms were not of the staff but of shortcomings in the operation of the system under which they were perforce obliged to work.

As to the complaints regarding both the professional attitude of the lawyer and the apathy of public opinion, these can be made, in my opinion, in most English-speaking countries; and the plea for a better recognition of the social significance of law is but a restatement of a view which has been voiced not only here but in almost every part of the Western world.

The article, though based on consideration of the local position, was believed to be of general application, and that, and that only, is the construction which I have at all times desired and intended should be placed upon it.

The article was not handed to the sub-editors for their consideration, and they were in no way responsible for its inclusion.

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## Case Law for Our Collegiate Student Jurists

VITCHMILERISKI v. McCALUMNIATE.

(Damage—damages; damager—damagee; books—bookies—Brookeys).

LORD McNAUGHTY: This circumstances of this case are remarkable. As the defendant (who is Vice-President of the Weir House H2 O Club, Nice-President of the V.U.C. Model Railway Club, and Twice-Member of the Associated Stewed Asses) was leaving the Libery run by "The Bookies (Unassorted) Ltd.," a heavy volume—by one Pound—fell sixteen feet from an upper shelf and was distressfully damaged through landing upon an attache case which, in defiance of the Regulations, he had introduced into the very portals of the Libery! The Libationary in charge, having a hazy hang of the doctrine of do-and, propounded the Rule, expounded the Regulation, confounded the rascal and impounded the rubbish. He now sues for the cost of repairs to the book and his scattered nerves.

It must first be found whether there exists between the plaintiff and the defendant any relationship not, of course, consanguineous—which would be interminable or not. I think it is only too clear that the innuon of the Libery as a place of amusement is a sufficient nexus. The Libationary's consent to the "Comments Chronicle" (vide official "SMAD," 12 G. 1 at p. 10) connotes a certain conception of his constabulary. He cannot waive the taught, for if he did, then we should be infra-red time with ultra-violent communism, hunted by innuendoes, chased by Cannons and (horrible dictu) concomitant Free Disgusting. He must maintain gross silence until—as at 2YA (venerable pile)—the tacet is over and the Antient Guy Forks Celebrations re-established in the sacred precincts. Ichabod! no more the Education student sang-Froid, nor did the Here-am-I Club sinn fein.

The defendant, too, is under uncertain obligations: e.g. he must pay rapt attention whenever the robot says, "Stop talking," to the Lore Wing and when he hears the Halsbury bay, and must limit his communication with other students to the phonetic system—when it is installed. He must secure a Prof. as common vouchee, and must watch the Notes Board in case a regulation is foisted upon his unsuspection. He may not smoke but may fume, though strange to say there is always a draught "on the house." Like Stychnus in the fairy-tail, his

status is quasi-servile (distinguish serf, surf, seraph, serif, sheriff, and the S.C.M.)

Secondly, did the defendant step into any breaches—of his duty? An attache case is not really a dangerous thing, it is merely an instrument of larceny. I cannot see any unavoidable mistake, there has been too much mis-taking in the Libery, and it is now the quintessence of abstraction: fortunately this case was "M.T." and the burden did not run with it. The accident was not inevitable, as the defendant should have shifted more smartly—he knows by now that his dilatoriness might have deposited him, deserted in the dark, dark, dark, to felis way out like the Office cat (if they have one yet to deliver letters to Weir House and save postage—suave qui poste.) He offended the Lares et Penates of the Libery and incensed them with his odious case, so they retaliated with a brutum fulmen, which missed as the comic aberration of a blot on the escutcheon had not been voted on.

I am inclined to consider that there was such contributory negligence that its categories, too, are never closed. For is it the natural and probable consequence of shelving books that they shall fall out? Res ipsa loquitur. Therefore the plaintiff also is liable to the uttermost fluke at the bitter end of the chain of causation. Apart from the probability that the Notes to "Beware of the Books" will be misread as "Beware of the Brooks" the Libationary cannot by such placardly means escape and dun the defendant. He must not discriminate, fairly or unfairly, between readers and books; he owes to his charges a duty commensurate thereto. There is a state of continuing negligence set up by either party, each to each, and they can sell out so far as this Court is concerned.

Obiter I may remark on the peculiar feature that he took the book exactly one second to fall the distance. This seems an infringement of the Rule regarding rates of progression within the College buildings and the police or Common Committee should look into this: it may need a Commission of Inquiry.

—M. B.

### A BRIDGE PLAYER'S SAGA.

How my heart leapt when I beheld  
Four Aces in my hand,  
I called, and visions came to me  
Of playing out a grand.  
And Charlie passed, and Percy passed  
My partner was content,  
I soon saw why, alas, alack,  
When to the depths we went.

## Field, Track and Court

(BY "SIDE-LINE.")

### HARRIER PRESENTATIONS.

The season concluded with a light run at Kelburn, followed by an appreciative social hour at the residence of the Club's president, Mr. G. F. Dixon. In the course of the afternoon, Mr. Dixon presented the medals and trophies won during the season: D. Cairns, for the Novice Race; F. T. Thompson, with a miniature of the Sherwood Cup; R. Morpeth, for the Club Championship; and M. O'Connor, as runner-up; whilst K. S. Sheard won the Runs-in. Mr. Dixon then referred to bygone days, quoting instances of the perpetuation of friendships founded in College life, and showed how sporting activities promoted by past generations have contributed to a fuller College life to-day.

### BOXING NOMINATIONS.

Three men have been nominated by the V.U.C. Boxing Club for places in the N.Z. University Boxing Team which it is hoped will be sent to Australia this Christmas. The men are G. I. Joseph (fly-weight), W. C. Hart (light-weight), and J. B. Kent (welter-weight). We wish all three the best of luck, and hope that this Christmas will see them on their way to Australia.

### LIKELY TOURNAMENT STARS.

Of the players who will be available for the N.Z.U. Tournament at Tennis, in the men J. J. McCarthy will no doubt be V.U.C.'s first string. A continually improving all court player, Jock volleys and smashes well, but would probably improve by imparting more speed to his shots. His brother, P. A., too, excels at volleying, but he relies too much on placement, and should put more sting into his ground strokes. W. B. Gosnell, on the other hand, relies to a great extent on the speed of his ground strokes, and would greatly improve his game by improving his net play. J. A. R. Blandford, a mercurial player, whose form is somewhat erratic, has a remarkable eye, but must learn not to drive his volleys, whilst F. Donovan, a young player, who, when in form, plays a splendid game, is inclined to watch the ball with insufficient care, and often does not concentrate. A. Hutchison has a pleasing style, and smashes well, but must impart more speed and length to his ground strokes.

Of the women, lack of practice accounts for many of their faults. Miss S. Phillips is an improving player who is developing a good forehand drive, whilst Misses M. Bell, G. Norman-Jones, N. Webber, P. Edwards, E. Cook, J. Dunn, and M. Mules all should become match-winning players with practice. One thing to be remembered is to avoid wild shots whilst practising.

## When Cricket Has Them All On their Toes

### Great Match Finishes

(By "Side-line.")

There are those who will tell you that Cricket could never be exciting, but it is obvious that they have not seen many games. For during the past years in Wellington the important games have very often had most unexpected endings.

Most of our post-war overseas visitors have found at least one of their games in Wellington a hard-fought and stern battle. For instance, the 1924-25 Victorians were defeated by Wellington in a memorable finish, when Ebeling fell to Badcock with only 19 runs needed for victory. What a cry went up all round the Basin Reserve that day when Ebeling turned to see his spreadeagled wicket.

Two years after Warwick Armstrong's Melbourne team played here, and the second test match against New Zealand was a thrilling high-scoring game.

There was no hope of a decision in the three days allotted to the match, for New Zealand, who had batted first, were batting again when stumps were drawn, and the score was 410 for four wickets. That match will always be remembered by those who saw it for the two great innings played by Roger Blunt, 104 and 103 in the same match.

The 1927-28 Australians, under Vic. Richardson, had good cause to remember Wellington. Vic. had one of the best Australian teams which have ever visited us with him that year, and since the tour was being looked upon in the light of a trial of the players in view of coming tests, the Australians were not giving much away. Therefore when they won the toss on a Friday morning, Vic. Richardson took no chances, and decided to bat, opening the innings with Ponsford and Woodfull. The Victorian record-breakers soon got into their stride, and gave the team a good start, which, however, the remainder of the side did not take the greatest advantage of, and the Australian Eleven was all out for 375—not an impossible score.

Wellington set out to catch it, but failed to save a follow-on, tallying just 206, and Vic. Richardson, following his decision to play the game with full seriousness, enforced the follow-on. Wellington went to the wickets once more, and disaster overtook the side, so that when stumps were drawn on Saturday fifty odd runs were needed to save an innings defeat,

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and there were only two wickets to fall.

The Cricket Association, thinking that the game would probably be over after about half an hour's play at the outside, decided that admission on the Monday would be free, and there were quite a number at the Basin Reserve when play resumed on the Monday morning. Perhaps they hoped that something unusual might by chance happen. And it did.

The ninth wicket for Wellington fell early, but James and Massey, Wellington's last men in, grimly stuck to their wickets, and, batting superbly, hung on till lunch-time, when the score stood at sixty above the Australians, and Massey and James still batting.

Lunch had not been provided at the ground, so both the teams and officials had to adjourn to the Grand Hotel in town. Who had expected that this would happen? Certainly not the Cricket Association. The ground and stand were well filled when James and Massey went out to continue the innings, but the partnership, after adding scarcely any more to the pre-lunch score, was broken, when Massey fell to Morton, the Australian fast bowler.

Australia, wanting 62 to win, opened the second innings with Grimmett and Oldfield. Judging the way the last two Wellingtonians had batted, the wicket appeared good enough, but Australia was to find different. Both Grimmett and Oldfield were back in the pavilion with the score 13. Badcock had struck a patch, and was almost unplayable. Alexander followed, but fell early, as did Oxenham and Schneider—Badcock and Brice between them were routing the Australian Eleven. Richardson had sent Kippax in, and then, when Schneider fell, Woodfull followed. And were the crowd appreciating the desperate attempts of the Australians to avert defeat. Kippax gave a chance immediately, and then Brice got him. Richardson took no more risks; he went in himself. Six wickets were down for 50, and Australia, after being on the Saturday in an almost unassailable position, had slumped to the situation of an almost desperate team. Richardson and Woodfull saved the side, and the game, which had appeared would be an innings defeat for the locals, had turned into one of the closest finishes seen on the ground. . . . And the Cricket Association had thrown away the biggest gate in years.

Again, in 1929-30, the Englishmen will remember both games played in Wellington. For the first game played, Wellington versus M.C.C., was one where the fortunes of the play changed with every day. However, after being ahead on the first innings, Wellington were left with over one hundred to get, and the only two batsmen to go in, two men, Dempster and McLeod, who had been injured on the day before. However, so well did these men bat, that when stumps were drawn owing to rain, they

## Weir Defeats St. John's in Rugby Game

### House Backs in form

#### WEIR v. ST. JOHNS.

On 9th September, the first Saturday after vacation, a fairly strong team from the House met a representative team from St. John's Hostel in a football match on Kelburn Park. The House lined out as under:

Ewing, McNaught, Sainsbury, Wild, Donovan, Shaw, Willis, O'Shea, Eade, Bradshaw, Gray, Carlyon, Brown, Thurston, and O'Connor.

The game was of an open nature, due mainly to the fact that most of the House forwards left the packing to someone else, and preferred to play as extra half-backs, with the result that the visiting forwards did well in keeping the ball in the tight. Had the visitors fielded backs of a penetrating type, the score would undoubtedly have been different. The House backs made several good passing rushes, and much amusement was caused when Donovan with a clear field, tripped over a few blades of grass. The final score was 17-11 in favour of Weir, and Mr. Cooke held the whistle. Later a very welcome afternoon tea was served in the Common Room, and everyone agreed that it was a pleasant game, and it is hoped that this match will be made an annual fixture.

were still at the wicket, and, batting confidently, had reduced the deficit to 60. So it was anybody's game.

As for the second game played by this team in Wellington, who will ever forget that famous innings of Dempster and Mills, who gave New Zealand that splendid start for the innings of 276 for one wicket.

And then that game, Wellington v. Auckland, when Wellington, left with 505 to get, batted out from afternoon tea on the previous day to stumps on the final day, to draw the match and take the Plunket Shield, one of the pluckiest innings yet seen in Wellington.

And some people will tell you cricket can never be exciting.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## PHOTOGRAPHY AT V.U.C.

Dear "Smad,"—

In the last "Smad" we see that as far back as 1903 the ugly accusation that we are tending to become little more than a night-school, was levelled at Victoria College. The seriousness of this charge and precisely what it would signify if true, there is no need to emphasise to all staunch sons of the College. Truly it is impossible to permit this venerable institution of ours to become such a poor and futile thing, as a building made of brick wherein we crammed for examinations, a place where true culture is of no consideration at all! And yet, let us seriously consider the matter; are we doing all we can to prove this charge a false one?

To be sure, worthy and commendable efforts in the right direction have been made in the past; but are we accomplishing enough? With due deference the answer is definitely no, and for this reason: It has been said that every man (and woman) has the instincts of an artist.

Unhappily the great majority of us lack the skill in draughtsmanship necessary to give us true satisfaction. Let us not despond. Science has given every one of us the perfect means of self-expression. That is the art, the glorious art of Photography. The ease and simplicity of this art, and yet the difficulties encountered in reaching its pinnacles, must appeal to all.

Therefore support is wanted for the V.U.C. Photographic Club, whose birth is predicted next year. From the button-presser to the most practical reflex-wielder, you can, every one of you, gain great benefits from such a club.

Otago, Canterbury, and Auckland Colleges have a Photographic Club. Why not Victoria?

—H. L. W.

## JOHN REED AS A PLUNKET MEDAL SUBJECT.

Dear "Smad,"—

Tardiloquent's sneering reference to John Reed as "just a second-rate Yankee reporter," and his rebuke to the Debating Society for allowing so cheap a character to be spoken on in the Plunket Medal Contest is further proof—if any were needed—of the vicious parochialism that so stultifies our cultural life.

Disregarding the moot point of what a person must be to be "noted in history" and the extremely

relative nature of such distinction (how famous is Te Rauparaha in Japan or even in the United States?) it did not require a Plunket Medal address to establish John Reed's name, nor can it be detracted from in the columns of "Smad."

The most concrete testimony to his fame are the memorial John Reed Clubs—numbering more than 500 throughout America—composed of revolutionary students, writers, and artists. My copy of his book, "Ten Days That Shook the World," dated 1932, was in the twelfth (English) edition of 100,000 copies; the book, of course, has been translated into more than a dozen languages, and is famous everywhere as the finest brief account of the Russian Revolution of October, 1917. John Reed and his work are known and cherished by all fighters in the great revolutionary cause in which he died.

—ALFRED KATZ.

## 'VARSITY BLAZERS.

Dear "Smad,"—

Is it not about time that the present creation was scrapped and a blazer introduced? During recent years 'Varsity blazers have undergone a few changes, usually from bad to worse, and this is especially so in the last transition.

The present effort's immediate predecessor was not attractive, but if one wanted a blazer of some kind or another one might perhaps buy it. The present creation seems to be unsalvageable—for obvious reasons. Occasions where free and easy dress is the order of the day (such as Freshers' Welcome) demonstrate that almost any blazer is preferred to the present 'Varsity one.

Now that the various Old Boys' Associations are issuing attractive blazers, an effort should be made to produce a 'Varsity one which appeals. The blame cannot be placed on the colours—the present "Blue" shows that they can be used to good advantage.

My personal view is that the present form of "Blue" (green blazer with gold braid, and pocket) should be the standard, ordinary 'Varsity blazer.

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but I realise that a howl would probably result from "Blues" if some distinction is not made.

I suggest that the Executive give the matter careful consideration, and, if necessary, obtain supplies of different combinations of colours and invite opinions thereon from the Students.

—"SENEX."

(We understand the matter has been raised at a recent Executive meeting, and is being gone into thoroughly by the Executive.—Editor.)

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### LET'S GET AIRMINDED.

Dear "Smad,"—

It was recently suggested that a Volunteer Unit should be formed at V.U.C. I observe, by notice displayed, that such a unit would become attached to the Artillery or Machine-gun Section. Might I suggest that the unit, if it does eventuate, should endeavour to become attached as an Air Force Section.

Defence by air would undoubtedly be a great factor in the event of war involving New Zealand. It is worthy of note that all the leading nations of the world are paying ever-increasing attention to this important branch of defence.

The qualifications necessary for the Air Force demand not only strict physical fitness, but youth and intelligence—such attributes are to be found in University students.

There is reasonable hope to suggest that should University students show sufficient keenness then the necessary facilities for training would be established.

I suggest that this proposal should be fully investigated before a decision is reached as to what branch we are to become attached.

—L. R. SCEATS.

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### EXECUTIVE LETTER.

Dear "Smad,"

I have to report the following activities of the Executive since my last letter to you.

A new supply of College pads has been printed on heavier paper, and these will be sold at the Cafeteria at sixpence each instead of ninepence as previously.

Mr. J. B. Black, B. Com., has accepted the position of Honorary Auditor to the Students' Assn. for this year.

New cover designs for "Smad" are being considered, and any suggestions will be welcomed by the Executive. Any students who are so inclined are asked to forward their designs (drawn twice the actual cover size) to reach the undersigned by 15th

February, 1934.

A grant of £75 has been made to the V.U.C. Cricket Club.

The V.U.C. Harrier Club has been granted permission to promote an inter-University-College cross-country race next year.

A proposed design for a Weir House blazer has been approved by the Executive.

As this is the final issue of "Smad" for 1933, I wish, on behalf of the Executive, to take the opportunity of wishing students a pleasant Summer vacation and the best of luck in the Exams.

D. M. BURNS,

Hon. Secretary V.U.C.S.A.

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### "SPIKE" ARTICLES.

Dear "Smad,"

I wish to make clear my position with regard to articles by "Perseus" and "X.Y.Z." in the last issue of "Spike."

These articles were accepted in pursuance of a policy of endeavouring to present both sides of the questions dealt with in the magazine. Though not a member of the S.C.M. or the Evangelical Union, I went out of my way to invite their contributions; and in the same spirit, though not a Communist, I asked students of communistic leanings to present their points of view.

With the methods of Communism I personally do not agree. What is more, I went to the length of an article attacking communist conceptions in the "Spike" of 1932, and there expressed views which I still hold. But I considered this no reason for not publishing articles devoted to their views, and I am convinced that this was a fair interpretation of the right to free expression of opinion.

That the articles can be considered as transgressing the law of sedition did not occur to me at the time of publication, and the articles were published in all good faith. Furthermore, I wish to point out that the action of the Executive in recommending that the offending portions be blocked out was taken with my strong approval.

I should add that both these articles came in at the very last moment, and for this reason did not come before the notice of the sub-editors at our ordinary meetings, and were published without their knowledge.

I. D. CAMPBELL.

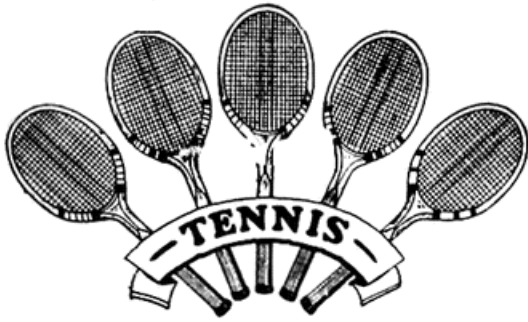
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