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Ladies Night at Bledisloe Medal Trials.

Debating Society's Double Attraction.

The Debating Society's double attraction on Friday night was not as successful as it might have been. In the first place, the debate lacked the interest which the subject has aroused on other occasions and, according to the judge, speeches showed a lack of preparation and the arguments were not up to University standard. Secondly, two of the entrants for the Bledisloe Medal preliminaries had to withdraw through illness. Misses Forde and Souter and Kingi Tahiwī, however, all reached high flights of oratory, and we can expect much from our lady representatives' efforts in Dunedin.

Following the debate, an elimination contest was held to select two speakers to represent Victoria at the Bledisloe Medal Contest in Dunedin. It was unfortunate that two of the entrants were precluded from speaking owing to sudden illness, and the task devolving upon the judges, Messrs. C. H. Weston, K.C., and J. Kane, was therefore merely to decide who, of Mr. K. Tahiwī and Misses C. S. Forde and D. Souter, was not to go. The speakers had drawn for order of speaking.

Te Rauparaha.

Mr. Tahiwī was the first to face the judges. He began quietly, telling in clear, slow and mellow phrases of the rise of the young Te Rauparaha, of the trust that he inspired in his people, and of how they followed this man whom they had placed on a tribal pedestal, and into whose hands they had delivered their destiny, on the long and hazardous pilgrimage from Kawhia to Kapiti. Mr. Tahiwī lost much of his effectiveness in his lack of knowledge of his subject, the constant reference to his notes becoming monotonous; but in his peroration he rose to great heights, and as the final words rang clear through the hall, "Quit ye like men; be strong!" we saw the old Maori warrior standing there before our eyes, vivid and picturesque.

Te Kooti Again.

Miss Souter was the next speaker, repeating her Plunket Medal oration of a few weeks before, on Te Kooti. She began much too fast, but she had the advantage over her predecessor of really making her hero live. Hers was a simple narrative of a romantic and turbulent life, and she seemed at times not to be holding her audience; but the description of "the early morning scene, tense with emotion," was well done. There was not nearly enough expression put into her work. She spoke too fast throughout, and yet one felt that genuine oratory was round the corner. For instance, her peroration always seemed to be coming but never quite arrived. No doubt with another week's preparation she will coax it into view. If she speaks slowly and gives attention to effect, she will do very well in Dunedin.

Our First Prime Minister.

Miss C. S. Forde was the last of the trio, and she gripped her audience from the first word. Her composition was poetic and imaginative

in construction, tending perhaps in places a little to over-statement; but the figure of John Edward Fitzgerald, that first New Zealand Prime Minister, with "a song upon his lips to encourage and inspire and a lantern in his hand to light the way," stood forth clearly before her hearers. We seem to have heard the phrase "pregnant with celestial fire" before. Can it be three years ago now? Keenly sympathetic was her treatment of her hero's last years, till "God's finger touched him and he slept," and moving was the apostrophe to the dead which provided her with a fine conclusion.

The judges then put their heads together, and Mr. Tahiwī was the unlucky one.

The Curtain-raiser.

Many of the audience were thankful that the debate on psychology and the treatment of crime was nothing more than a curtain-raiser. Candidly, if it had been the main attraction the audience, as well as the criminals, would have been in a fit state for the caring hands of the psychologist.

Mr. Griffiths opened for the affirmative. He argued on the general line that psychology, when applied to the treatment of criminals, tended to reform them and restore them as "useful and sane units" in society. He did not seem to make full use of the abundant factual and statistical material available.

An examination of the psychology section of the library would have strengthened his case considerably.

A Bandage of Verbiage.

Mr. McGhie wrapped himself in a bandage of verbiage and talked about the "vague, nebulous incomprehensibilities" which the affirmative let pass as psychologists. He stoutly defended existing legal machinery and methods, which were the product of many years of experience.

Hubbard knew more about psychology than the previous speakers, and drew attention to the important relation between crime and feeble-mindedness.

Dick Wild told a touching story of a poor, illiterate lad of 18 who was tempted to steal a gold watch; of how the psychologists repressed his repressions and confiscated his complexes. This tale brought hard-

Footballers Foot The Fantastic.

Last Saturday week the footballers, the harriers, the basketballers and other bits of things held the first Gym. dance of the year—dance as distinct from a hop. It was a great success. "Smad" has ecstatic memories of a super-fast floor, his partner's blue eyes, and an excellent orchestra playing the "Blue Danube" as a real waltz.

The walls were tastefully decorated with soap, lingerie, and petrol advertisements, while the hoary (haw! haw!) rafters were disguised by green and gold streamers. In fact the old place could hardly be recognised.

Certainly the highlight of the evening was the presentation of some of the blues.

Professor E. E. Murphy presented the football blues. It was recollected (with no doubt whatsoever) that the worthy professor had not honoured the building with his presence since the year of grace 1929, so you can see how really important the occasion was.

"Smad" and his blue-eyed partner returned from a journey (on which they had seen the football team in packed formation about an oblate object which, however, did not, on this occasion, contain air) to see Mr. Roy Jack and his partner in a beatific pose, and later learned that even thus he was winning the statue dance.

At a later stage in the festivities paper hats and confetti and streamers and bits of things were distributed, so we had lots of fun.

By and large, it was a good show, and, we hope, presages some more bright evenings for the coming winter.

TEN DAYS.

The 27th of July is one of the important days of the year, because, D.V. and weather permitting, contributions for "Spike" close on that day. It is ten days hence—long enough in which to write something but not for further procrastination. Please see ye to it.

ened members of the Haeremai Club to tears.

The best speaker from the floor was Mr. Brown. He said McGhie liked lettuce and that the legal profession was simply "the ancient and romantic art of keeping criminals at large."

Judge Disappointed.

Mr. W. P. Rollings was not impressed with the debate. He did not think the speeches were well prepared, and he considered diction and stance were generally bad. In short, it was not up to the standard of University debates. The speakers were placed as follows:—Brown, Wild, McGhie, McElwain, and Miss Hursthouse.

"Bon Soir, Madame."

"Bon soir, madame!"

"Smad's" representative had been carefully coached for the occasion, so he had no difficulty in insinuating himself into the French Club by uttering the magic talisman. The occasion was the annual Students' Night, on which the French students of the College (and their teachers) amuse the members of the club.

Two extracts from fairly modern plays were presented during the evening. The first had to do with the career of Alcime (Max Brown), a gardener who obtained a position as chauffeur. His main qualification was that he could sound the horn nobly and backfire like a road-hog. He was ably abetted by Misses D. Smith and Huntingdon, and Wells and Hatherley. Prof. Boyd Wilson provided some good comedy, although it was quite unexpected at times. This piece ended with the rest of the cast pushing Max off the stage in a well-contrived motor-car.

The second piece was also of a high standard. It dealt with M. Lambert (Dr. Keys), who was locked up in a looney bin through some unhappy coincidences. He used to get "tight" on soda-water, which "Smad" considers to be extremely reprehensible. Betty Turner and Hutcheson were good villains, and others who performed well were Sybil Williams, Hills, and Mitchell. Chesterman concealed his lines behind a bunch of flowers with varying success, and when Mitchell rocked the hall with his smiling, people made for the windows in case he started to laugh.

Infant Prodigy.

Rarely does a V.U.C. student attain the heights of authorship while still at College, and so we congratulate Sid Odell all the more on the publication of his "Handbook of Arthur Pass National Park." Particularly the photography excels. The photographs are not mere portrayals of typical landscapes, but artistic creations of a higher order. Besides an interesting historical account of the region, there is a detailed explanation of the place-names. For its accuracy we cannot vouch, but its comprehensive nature is suggested by the inclusion of such names as B. Limit (What does this stand for?) and Dead Chinaman.

Supplementary chapters are provided by experts, including Professor Speight, on different aspects of the region.

Overheard in the Women's Cloak-room.

"Well, that's a whole afternoon in the library wasted. I've been there since 2 o'clock, and he never even came in once."

Education in America.

On Sunday, June 7, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer paid us an informal visit. Mr. Cramer is Director of Education in the State of Oregon. He has been doing education research in Australia, and is passing through New Zealand on his way back to America. After he had been entertained to tea, he gave the residents a talk, not only on college life—that is, university life—but also on high and lower school methods of teaching, the examination system, and grading. When he had finished his most interesting talk the meeting became still more informal, chairs were drawn nearer to the fire, cigarettes were lit, and all awkwardness vanished.

Mr. Mason wanted to know how much communal spirit there is in the United States, and soon Mr. Cramer was plied with many questions, pertinent and impertinent, which he answered with an unusual ease of diction and fluency of language. Mr. Cramer showed a remarkable knowledge of New Zealand problems. Weir rejoiced to hear that students in Oregon had perfect academic freedom. Mr. McGhie wanted to know what would happen if a university went Red. Mr. Cramer thought that might be too severe a strain on the principle of freedom, for American universities, like New Zealand ones, are controlled from above and the student has no representative on the higher governing bodies.

Mr. Cramer explained that the English public schools were called public because they were exclusively private; English because they taught Greek and Latin; and schools because their essential interest was sport.

At the end of the discussion Mr. Mason thanked Mr. Cramer, and the residents entertained the visitors with two rousing hakas as a token of their appreciation.

PHOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

The Exec.'s decision to give £1/1/- for the photograph suitable for publication in "Spike" should please active and passive members of the Camera Club. With no restriction as to subject, and the photos to be considered on their artistic merits, it should be the perfect competition for cultured Varsity students. The entries, which Mr. J. W. Chapman Taylor has kindly consented to judge, must be submitted not later than Saturday, July 27. Contact prints will be accepted, though half-plate (or bigger) enlargements are the most suitable. No mounting is necessary.

Suggested subject for debate: "That psychologists should be placed in the hands of convicted criminals."

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Our New Executive.

"Ave Caesar, morituri te salutant," we are tempted to murmur as we view the new lords we have elected to rule us. The new Executive has just taken office, and "Smad" wishes to congratulate all the individuals and to hope that their reign may be long and lenient. There are many things to be done in the ensuing year, so that their time will be fully occupied; but we hope that absorption in the details of routine administration will not prevent them from keeping some attention fixed on the more important long-range questions of University policy. Election pledges lie behind, but their fulfilment is yet to come.

Fishbones.

By Prof. Hound.

"The Committee has not met. However, the past year has been one of considerably greater activity in this respect."—Building Committee Report, 1935. But they should not over-exert themselves in avoiding a meeting.

"He has ably piloted the paper through the shoals attendant on its re-birth."—"Smad" Report, 1935. Had Venus been piloted ashore from her natal froth, she would have had her arms to-day.

"The extremely favourable business arrangements of 1935 may not be available in 1936, and this is a fact which should be provided for"—ibid. As every schoolboy knows, a fact is something that, given time, may yet occur.

Income and Expenditure Account, 1935: "By Empire House, £109/5/1." Only a "mean, miserable, mealy-mouthed, parsimonious" Executive would have conceived the idea of retaining the odd penny.

"The students themselves have shown no interest in the building," the speaker said, "and none of the present members of the committee will serve them again."—"Dominion," July 10, 1935. This is understood as being a threat that the Permanent Building Committee will never again "not meet," but quite possibly Mr. Plank was merely quoting from the dialogue of his forthcoming burlesque, entitled "They Also Serve."

A Memory of the Future: The Permanent Building Committee held its first meeting on 1st April, 1936. The Secretary (Mr. Plank) was instructed to write to "Smad" immediately before the Stud. Annual Meeting, upbraiding the students for their apathy about bottle-gathering after student functions and saving the tinfoil from cigarette packets for sale as scrap lead.

Malcolm Mason at the Annual Meeting: "I shall be busy in the Women's Common Room." We had long suspected the prevalence of Freemasonry in that place.

Misleading cases. Kingi Tahwi v. Nankervis and McGhie (1935, V.U.C.L.R. 3)—a philippic is inadmissible as evidence of the terms of a contract. Nankervis v. Tahwi (1935, V.U.C.L.R. 10)—as to construction of words "damnable iteration."

Nature notes by C. S. Plank: "A borer has been not unknown to riddle a Constitution."

A resolution we had not the courage to move: "That every Commerce student on the Stud. Ass. Executive with more than twelve letters after his name be required to contribute to the salary of the typiste."

FOR PATRIOTS.

During a debate on teachers' "loyalty oath" legislation in Illinois recently, Representative E. E. Laughlin proposed this amendment: "That male teachers be required to wear red, white and blue collars, and female teachers red, white and blue cuffs; that at the opening of school each morning, teachers and pupils stand facing the north-east, extend their right arms, kink elbows to a 90-degree angle, and remain at attention for one minute."

We suggest this, with all deference, to the New Zealand profession.

COMING EVENTS.

A STUDENT EXTRAV.

Wednesday: Nat. Hist. Soc. Fish Culture—Mr. A. E. Hefford.
 Free Discussions: Club Dr Mitchell on Democracy, Communism, and Dictatorship.
Thursday: Law Students' Meet—Petition for Divorce, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith.
 New Speakers' Debate—"That the student is prepared to be instructed rather than think"
 Ex-medical Union—Mr. C. Stacey Woods (Canada) speaks at Nimmo's Hall.
Friday: Dramatic Club Reading—"Badger's Green"
Saturday: Haeremai and Basketball Clubs Fancy Dress Ball in the Gym.
Sunday: S.M. Tea—Webb Street Methodist Church.
Haeremai-Basketball Mask Fancy Dress Ball—Saturday Next.

Dear "Smad,"
 Following the semi-drunken outburst of one of the students at the General Meeting on Tuesday, it appears that the time has come to limit University activities to those who are members of the College—i.e., paying members.
 This year's Extravaganza was written by an outsider, who himself played the principal part, supported by many who, likewise, are no longer members of V.U.C. If the Executive wishes to guard itself against the ridiculous accusations made at the General Meeting, it should choose the author and cast of future extravas from present members, and not rely on people who are no longer connected in any way at all with the College. Far too many people use the different clubs for their own advancement, without helping Victoria either financially or in any other way.
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Foreign Contacts.

The approach of the yearly Rhodes Scholarship nominations and the extracts we publish in this issue from a letter of a recent graduate of this College who is now at Oxford make us long for the great advantages we could derive from further foreign contacts. Very rarely do we hear direct descriptions of activities in foreign Universities. Of this life we know only by hearsay and legend. For us Europe and America are still largely mythical continents, enticing in their romantic vagueness. It is because of this spasmodic and infrequent acquaintance with their interests and activities that we become encased in our own petty round of academic routine, and grow apathetic and cynical in the face of larger issues.

One way of enlivening New Zealand student life, as of improving our national life, is to extend our knowledge and appreciation of what others are doing. We want to know not what the newspapers tell us, not of the reorganisations of British Cabinets, nor of Roosevelt's plans for a gigantic N.R.A. propaganda movement, but of the everyday life that lies behind all this. These events will seem much more vital—and indeed can only be properly interpreted—if we view them in the perspective of the habits and life beneath the foam of newspaper headlines.

Particularly should the University foster these contacts. Far removed as we are from the centres of activity, we can participate but little in the highly-organised systems of student travel in Europe and America. There, every country has its student travel bureau, which organises travelling parties of students, who visit many countries, even attend vacation courses abroad, and all at an expense which would hardly enable a New Zealand student to travel to Tournament. The hospitality with which visiting groups of students are entertained while abroad, the international feeling and co-operation of the student body, marks one of the brightest hopes for the eventual growth of international understanding. Here, greater far than the activities of the League of Nations, lies a hope for future international peace.

What part has the New Zealand student to play in this? The only contact between New Zealand students and those of other countries is through that delightfully vague and abstract body, the N.Z.U.S.A. Though it receives some important-looking correspondence which has lately adorned our letter-rack, the contacts or information that the vast body of students receive from it are nil. Distance bars travel to the majority. But in the exchange of student newspapers and co-operation in such activities as the international student peace ballot, in the co-operation particularly of groups within each College with similar groups abroad, lies a vast field for improving student life. Our Anti-War Movement, for example, might have joined in the international one-hour student strike against Fascism and war on April 12. Such things seem trivial individually, but in bulk they build up that vast background which is essential if we are to grow from narrow national jealousies into full citizens of the world.

An Otago View of Us.

Before leaving these shores, Rhodes Scholar Lester Moller unburdened his soul on the difference between Otago and V.U.C. He does not think much of our method of electing an Executive, and, whether we agree with him or not, the Dundee method is well worthy of attention.

A Students' Council.

First of all there is a Students' Council, which is formed from representatives of each club. The method is that every club of over 50 members is allowed to elect one member to the Council and another member for every succeeding 50 members. It is the Student Council which elects the Executive, with the exception of the President and Men's and

Women's Vice-Presidents. The latter are elected by the University voting as a whole. In this way a representative Executive can be elected by the Student Council from members nominated from among its number; e.g., a member for sports, another for intellectual affairs, and another for the social side. The result claimed is that at no time are students voting for persons they do not know.

Capping.

Another point of distinction was that the Otago Exec. does not "run" Capping, but appoints a Controller (or Comptroller), who in turn appoints a large and comprehensive Capping Committee covering every activity. He is then responsible, but reports at intervals to the Executive.

THE COCKPIT.

IT CAME TO THE EARS.

Dear "Smad,"

Owing to the fact that I am ill, I am considerably handicapped in writing this letter. Its main justification is, of necessity, founded on the testimony of others. However, I feel that I can rely on the honesty of three people who were present at the Annual General Meeting and who have informed me of McGhie's remarks at that meeting.

In an endeavour to explain the outgoing Executive's conduct in regard to Mr. Phillips, I understand that McGhie, at the commencement of his speech, stated: "It had come to the ears of the Executive that Mr. Phillips wanted to write a full-length Extravaganza."

Now Mr. Phillips, quite rightly, has washed his hands of the whole disgraceful affair and would not consider replying to the Secretary's blatant misinterpretation. I know that you, Sir, will appreciate Mr. Phillips' position—a position into which he has been forced owing to the last Executive's undignified injustice and petty meanness. I feel, therefore, that someone should see that McGhie's remark is refuted. It is too important to be ignored. Does it not insinuate that Mr Phillips was "a pedlar" carrying a three-act revue about town, which he was hoping the beneficent Executive would buy?

This is, of course, absolutely untrue, and the Secretary should know that it is. As a matter of fact, a local amateur society had approached Mr. Phillips at this time, inviting him to write a three-act comedy which would have been produced by the society on completion.

From July onwards last year it was the Executive, or its members, both officially and unofficially, who from time to time approached Mr. Phillips asking him to write a three-act revue. Mr. Phillips told Mr. Burns that, for private reasons, he would be unable to make a decision till the end of August, and Mr Burns was satisfied with this tentative arrangement. In August Mr. Phillips finally agreed to accept the Executive's request to write the whole revue.

The question of the £15/15/- I shall leave out. It is patent that Mr Phillips had to deal with a body whose sole interest was money—not, as he thought, with a number of friends who were keen to give our traditional celebrations an added effect by enlisting, and paying for, the services of one who was not a member of the Students' Association.

Is it not obvious that the Executive were determined to "make money"? Who could they wish for to further their ends better than Mr. Phillips. It is clear to me that they were determined to have a snappy show, a show written, produced and headed by the man whose name and fame would draw the biggest crowd. The Executive approached Mr. Phillips, re-approached him, and have now reproached him. "It had come to the ears of the Executive." I challenge McGhie to substantiate his statement.

And lastly, I would like to ask those members of the Executive who wished to honour their obligations to Mr. Phillips, why they did not speak at the Annual General Meeting to refute McGhie's misleading remark, which a large audience must have accepted under the circumstances as authoritative and truthful, or does membership of the Executive mean abandonment of the principles of right and justice?

J. NESBITT SELLERS.

BUILDING FUND.

Dear "Smad,"

At the Annual General Meeting I asked for an explanation from the chairman, Mr. Nankervis, as to why the Building Committee had not met once during its term of office. No explanation was forthcoming. Instead, Mr. Nankervis avoided my question by reviewing several vague schemes which have been suggested from time to time, and which were already common knowledge. To make my position quite clear, I again asked the chairman to answer the question—namely, why the committee had not met. Again he merely hedged. It was not until Mr. Nankervis had been given full opportunity of presenting a satisfactory reply that I moved the motion of censure on the Building Committee. There was no discussion on the motion. After it had been carried with but a few dissentients and, incidentally, after a motion that the meeting pass on to the next business had been carried, Mr. Plank rose up in defence of the Building Committee.

He, also, spoke chiefly of the suggestions made for obtaining a new building, which topic was outside the scope of my question. Mr. Plank excused the committee on the grounds that as the students had done nothing to further the campaign, the committee could not have been expected to act. The absurdity of this opinion is obvious. Surely the function of the committee is to formulate a plan of action and give a lead to the body of students, just as the Executive is expected to act in the general affairs of the Association.

However, there is one point in Mr. Plank's speech that deserves consideration. He declared that the motion was an unfair and unwise reflection on those members of the committee who were not present students, and that it would result in their refusing to offer their services in the future.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Plank did not speak on the motion, as this misunderstanding would then have been avoided. It is well known that the responsibility of calling a committee meeting rests with the students' representatives, and the spirit in which the motion was moved and supported amounted to a censure on these individuals. In passing the motion I think the meeting realised that their own representatives were to blame.

However, if it is thought desirable, I am prepared to move the rescission of the motion at a Special General Meeting, but as the majority of students appear dissatisfied with the conduct of the Building Committee, I consider that a more definite motion should be passed. Accordingly it is suggested that disapproval of the slackness shown by the students' representatives be expressed and that it be a recommendation to the Executive to hold a thorough enquiry into the question of the Building Committee.

J. B. AIMERS.

OXFORD.

AS SEEN BY A WIKTORIAN.

George Joseph writes to P.J.S. from Brasenose College, Oxford, as follows:—

"Since I have been here, my viewpoint on most things that matter has materially changed. It's curious—the broadening effect of travel. I have come to the conclusion that

N. Zedders are insular-minded egotists, but lovable just the same. English people have a broad-minded good nature and tolerance for everything they can understand and an aggressive distaste for most things they can't understand, such as Epstein and Internationalism.

"Oxford is a wonderful place. It is the peak of cosmos. There is an intangible 'je ne sais quoi'—pardon the cliché—which seeps into one no matter how blasé one may think oneself. I enjoy every moment of my Oxford days. I succeeded in obtaining a Boxing Blue last term, and this makes things much brighter. Sport is a fetish here, and Blues are worshipped and asked everywhere. Here in Oxford one meets the finest type of Englishman, and I don't think there is a finer man. I've also represented my college in hockey, athletics, and coxed an eight, so altogether I'm getting a taste of everything. I'm doing D.Phil. in Law under Sir Wm. Holdsworth. The work is fascinating.

"Turning to the literary side of things, I have no complaint to make. I completed a novel last Vae., and am just now anxiously awaiting my agent's report thereon. I'm also engaged on an historical play in collaboration with an Oxford Don, and this promises to be rather a successful venture. We've already succeeded in getting a prominent actor interested. Anyway, look out for the novel—'Destiny Road.'

"Just now Oxford is en fete. It is Eights Week—the week of the University year, when all the Colleges fight for the Head of the River. I am coxing one of the college eights and so far we are doing quite well. People just pour into Oxford, and one can hardly move in the streets.

"This University is the centre of extreme thought. There's a club for every type of mental kink, and the Union has debates on some remarkable subjects. The political view is, without a doubt, Socialism, young idealists groping with stubby, immature fingers—rather pathetic sometimes—almost an opiate for the growing fear of mediocrity."



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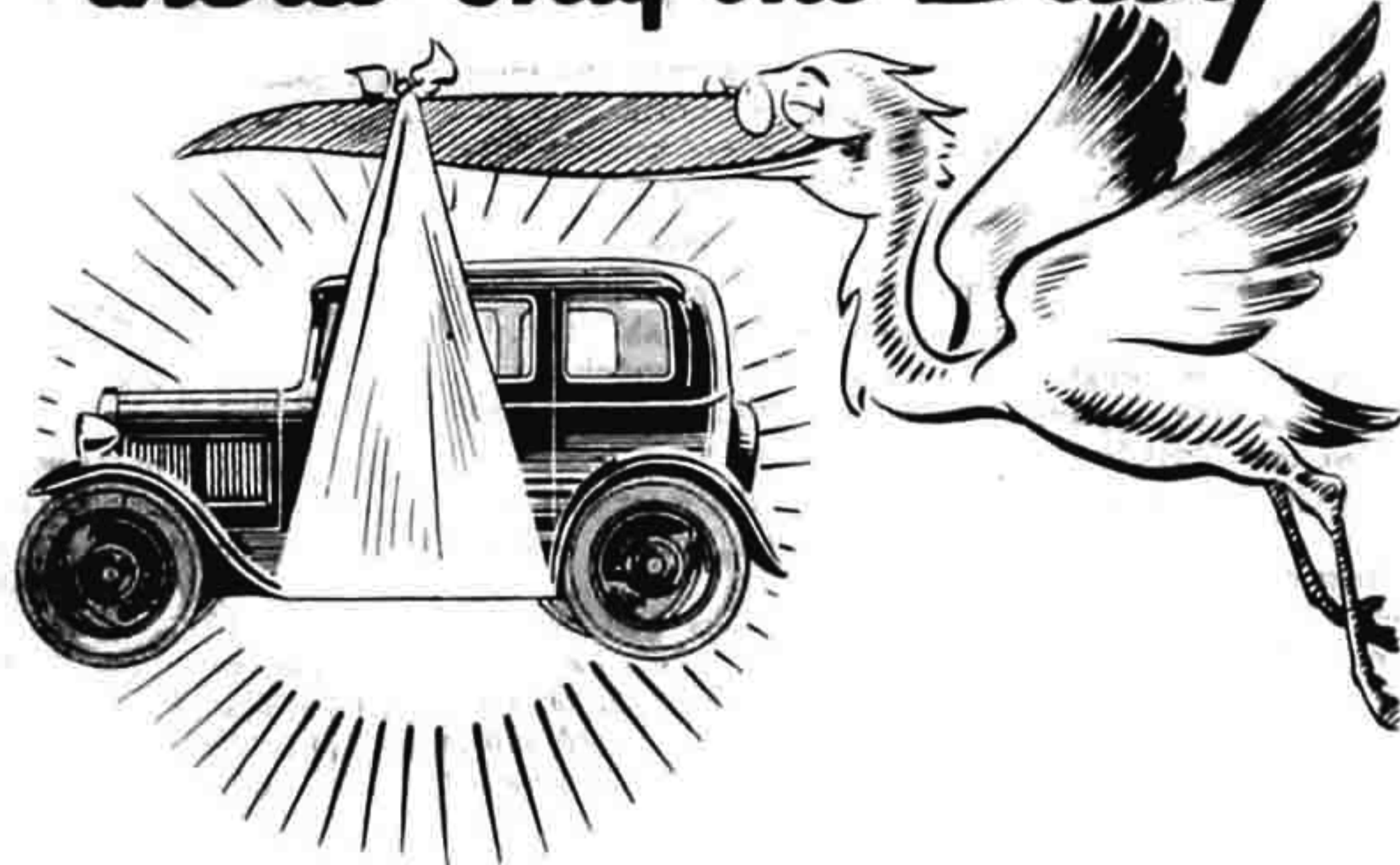
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SENIOR A'S WIN NARROWLY.

A Review of Form.

On Saturday the Senior A team played Melrose-Selwyn at Kilbirnie. They won 11-10. After their last runaway victory over this team the result was disappointing, especially since they were really lucky to win. The team has been showing greater promise over the last month or so, and one could now reasonably expect some good combination. The absence of Rae can in some part explain the poorer showings.

Missen played well again, but must improve his defence, not in going down or in handling, but in that power Rae, along with all good half backs, has of taking the ball off the feet of the forwards and kicking over his shoulder. Missen is good but, compared with Rae, is stodgy.

The falling away of the forwards in the second spell was disgraceful. They did not pack, and the hooking, which at no stage was good, became quite ineffective.

Tricklebank played his usual safe game. He has been criticised for his penchant for running with the backs, but his repeated successes are a refutation.

Overton is extremely sound on defence, and one feels that if the ball came from the scrum faster, so that he could get the ball before being smothered by breaking forwards, his attacking play would become much more effective.

The team looks also a reliable goal-keepers. Tricklebank is occasionally good, but is sometimes inconsiderably poor.

Wilson, in the forwards, is playing well. He pushes his weight in the tight and is always near the ball if the loose.

Hartop seems to have suffered a lapse after his early promising play, but it may be due to the lack of combined inside play, which makes every winger. He is playing much better now. Wild at times seems to reach the superb positional play of Kuro, the winger going full out, the opposition helplessly beaten by a clear catch.

The team shows at times really good football, and confirms one's belief in their real ability, but their failure at times, due to laziness or neglect of setting it scrums, sheer portents are disappointing. We hope that they can see out the season with its two inter-college matches, as we know they can play.

Administrative Apathy.

This year seems different from previous years in Varsity Rugby. Each year produces a crop of players who have lost confidence in the ability of the club to administer and organise.

What encouragement is offered to lower grade players? Where is the re-grading promised after the first three matches of the season? The last was apparently just an idle promise. Team coaches have been proved adverse to altering their teams. They have their 18 players, and injuries becomes the sole reason for promoting other players.

It is time that the Football Club adopted some measure providing for a re-shuffling of deserving players. Informal discussions are useless, and a committee could be formed having for its nucleus the captains of the various teams.

Rugby in the Junior Grades.

The Third C football team continued in their winning vein by beating Moera, the leading team, by 21 to 3. A large measure of their suc-

cess is due to their three-quarter line which is easily the fastest in the College.

The Junior A's ran the leading team in their grade very close last Saturday. The reason for their loss is easily told: a strange player at half; delayed passes—just the difference between defeat and success. The action of the first fifteen selectors in taking Missen to fill a vacancy in their team can only be described as shortsighted. The Juniors had everything to gain in winning their match, while the Seniors could not possibly alter the opinions that people have of them as a team.

RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL.

FOOTBALL.

Senior v. Melrose-Selwyn—won, 11-10.
Junior A v. Petone—lost, 6-3.
Junior B v. Berhampore—won, 27-0.
Third A v. Silverstream—lost, 39-3.
Third B v. Karori—lost, 25-8.
Third C v. Moera—won, 21-3.
Fourth A v. Wellington—lost, 21-9.

HOCKEY.

Men.

Senior v. Karori A—lost, 5-2.
Senior B A v. Wesley B—drew, 3-3.
Senior B B v. Karori—lost, 9-5.
Junior v. Hutt—lost, 1-0.
Third v. Hutt—lost, 2-1.
Fourth v. Wellington—lost, 2-1.

Women.

Senior v. Technical Old Girls—won, 1-0.

BASKETBALL.

Senior A v. Technical Old Girls—won, 14-8.
Senior B v. Randwick—lost, 17-11.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

New Coach for Club.

The club is fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Phyllis Quinlan as high coach. Miss Quinlan has represented V.U.C. four times, won her N.Z.U. blue in 1933, and represented Wellington province in 1932. She is very keen, and has high hopes for next Tournament.

A Centres.

The A centres are settling down now into a steady combination, but are still somewhat unfinished in their work. Positional play needs careful attention.

N. McLaren, the most reliable of the centres, keeps position well and is always steady.

M. Pilcher works well and is a good interceptor. Fails sometimes, however, to finish off an interception, thus losing any advantage gained. Must learn not to play out of position.

D. Grainger: A promising player, but needs to bias her passes more. Should play well with more experience.

Tech. Old Girls Defeated.

Either the presence of both the past and present coaches or a promise of strong criticism in "Smad," or both combined, seemed to have a good effect on the team on Saturday. They played a much brighter and speedier game, and deserved their win over Technical Old Girls by 14-8.

HARRIER NOTES.

Bagnall Again Runs Well.

Saturday was a big day in the harrier year—the occasion of the Wellington Provincial Championship. As far as the Varsity Club was concerned, it was also quite a successful day, too, the teams generally showing a marked improvement on past performances. In both the "A" and "B" grades the Varsity team finished sixth, 11 teams competing in the "A" grade and 17 in the "B." As far as individual performances go, Bagnall, Scrymgeour and Price in the "A" team, and Porter and Viggers in the "B" team, deserve special mention.

Bagnall ran a fine race to finish seventh, and was unfortunate not to secure a place in the team for the New Zealand Cross-country Championship to be held in Wellington shortly.

A RHODES SCHOLAR?

Dear "Smad,"

They tell me not to stand for a Rhodes Scholarship, my dear Editor, but secretly I feel I have great qualifications that would startle even the Professorial Board. This is my career. Could you help to secure my nomination, Mr. Editor?

I entered college 1925. After shirking homework, incurring the wrath of the headmaster, and alienating all and sundry, I belied all hopes by capping a really great career with a pass of 45½ per cent. in matric. in 1931.

In 1932 I came to V.U.C. They pounced upon me, but I managed to secure entrance. I soon showed them what a man I was. I failed in large quantities of terms, but pass sometimes. I booted at debates, heckled at annual general meetings, proved a big man with the women, took bets on the elections, played bridge with ardour and determination, got on the Common Room Committee, criticised the Caf, obstructed the passages and incurred Brookie's enmity. And what a lion I was in the Capping-time hakas and at the Haeremai Club's saveloy suppers! In short, I played for the Third C's in football and jeered on the sideline at Inter-Fac Sports. I also hold the record for a record drive over Salamanca road in the Freshers' terms tournament. I silenced would-be critics by crawling through B.A. final in 1934. Some day I might even pass M.A.

Now, Mr. Editor, can you not see every reason why I should be nominated for a Rhodes?

"BIG X."

TO G.B.

(Sing to tune of "The Minstrel Boy")

Now brave G.B. to the war has gone,
At his writing desk you'll find him,
His paper puttees he has girded on,
And his fountain-pen hangs down
behind him.

Skilled in the art of scathing words,
And quick to fling the petra,
He fights 'a war to end all war,'
etc. and etc.

Nay, rather, I suspect, he sat
And dealt in accents cursory,
Setting a most disgusting sprat
To catch a controversy.
Man of war, it seems quite clear,
Though spoiling for a fight,
Your bait will hardly draw, I fear,
An Anti-War Club bite.

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