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## News From Other Universities.

### MOSCOW SUMMER SCHOOL.

"In the summer of 1933 a group of young Americans went to Russia to organise an institution for summer study in the Soviet Union. The summer session has since become an integral part of the Moscow State University, and in 1934 the Anglo-American section had over 200 students, from Canada, England, the United States, Mexico, Latin America, Scandinavia, and the Far-East. This year provision is being made for 500 students from U.S.A. and Canada alone.

All instruction is given in English by a Soviet faculty of professors and specialists, and prominent Soviet leaders address the school from time to time. The State University of Moscow certifies academic credit to foreign students meeting the requirements of the university and completing a course of study in the Anglo-American section. Courses offered for 1935 include: Arts in the U.S.S.R., literature of Russia and the Soviet Union, and philosophy of dialectical materialism. Students are allowed to enrol in three of the possible dozen courses, which constitute 90 classroom hours in a period of six weeks.

Outside the classroom the living conditions of the student at the summer sessions are designed to approximate those of the typical Soviet student. With this in view, the dormitory type of accommodation is provided. Russian students are extremely friendly and eager to fraternise; acquaintances spring up readily.

—"Honi Soit" (Sydney).

### THIS "FARRAGO" BUSINESS.

During the year "Smad's" efforts to start an exchange with "Farrago" proved unsuccessful. This extract from "Proletariat" explains the reason.

"This year 'Farrago' has been, to all intents and purposes, non-existent. Two negligible issues have appeared in the eleven-week term (excluding the pre-term Freshers' 'Farrago'). . . The Labour Club pointed out in 'Student Affairs' that a situation had been reached in which students were entitled to demand from the union an account of the money paid by them, part of which was supposed to provide a weekly 'Farrago.' It became obvious almost at once that the Labour Club was voicing the opinion of the majority of students.

"On May 14 an open Forum was held, at which the strength of the student feeling became apparent. Then the Students' Representative Council called a general meeting of students to discuss the question. . . the meeting forced the election of a student committee of four to in-

vestigate the situation. . . This committee has, we understand, investigated the union's finances and has made certain recommendations. . . One suggestion is that a plebiscite should be held on the desirability of 'Farrago' continuing to exist."  
—"Proletariat" (Melbourne).

The following comments on the Bledisloe Medal Contest are an extract from the Otago "Critic's" interview with a judge or judges unnamed. We acknowledge the graceful compliment of the heading:

### VICTORIA VICTRIX.

"The general standard," he said, "was very high indeed, but there were one or two common faults. Miss Forde was the only competitor to make any effective use of gesture. Most of the male speakers did not seem fully to realise the distinction between oratory and debating. The subjects were in some cases too wide in scope, demanding a considerable amount of narrative or explanation. Though diction and pronunciation were on the whole very good, there were some surprising mispronunciations."

"And what of individual speakers?" I asked.  
"I would mention Mr. Hart and Mr. More for their subject-matter, Mr. Bennett for his vigour and conviction, Miss Cahill for her dramatic and emotional intensity."

"And Miss Forde?"  
"Miss Forde, I should think," he replied, "was awarded the medal for her oratory."

### Fitzgerald.

The applause which Miss Forde (V.U.C.) received at the conclusion of her oration was some indication of the effect she produced on her audience. The introduction, again, was much of a recitation, but in her treatment of her subject she showed a technical skill and oratorical power which seemed to indicate that she was sure both of the effect she wished to produce and of the means of producing it. She made excellent use of a very sympathetic voice, and her treatment of recurring phrases was most effective. The greatest advantage over the previous competitors was that she was able both to use her hands very expressively and to dispose of them when not in use.

Miss Soutter (V.U.C.) was almost as unfortunate in speaking last as Mr. Hart had been in speaking first. She was perhaps almost too familiar with her subject and found it hard in places to avoid appearing to deliver a recitation. Her emotional ending was, however, excellently delivered, and he turned to me with an interested gleam in his eye. "I suppose you realise," he enquired, "that we have just heard the only attempt at humour of the entire evening?"

## Down With Intellectual Timidity.

On Friday last Professor Clarke, the distinguished advisor to overseas students of the London Institute of Education, gave an absorbing talk, full of penetrating psychological insights and charming in its easy familiarity of manner. His subject was: "Some Phases of Education in New Countries."

The newly-transformed Institute of Education was to become a forum, Prof. Clarke said, for students of education from the new countries. It was here that the great common problem of the countries of the British Commonwealth might be hammered out—how to shape citizens of the immemorial British type who would yet draw from and represent the richly diversified cultural backgrounds of the respective colonial countries. There was a common core in the culture of all the "new countries"—the Graeco-Judaeo-Roman heritage of Europe—but they each had their own unique contribution to make.

### What Is a New Country?

To help discover this, we must analyse what it was that gets the "new countries" apart. Geographically, said Prof. Clarke, sketching on the blackboard, they form a broken crescent—a curving chain of continents—North and South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. But it was not adaptation to new geographical conditions that singled out the new countries. "What is the geographical justification for drinking whisky? Any climate at all!" In the fact of transplantation by the salient feature of the new countries. Their colonisers, heirs to history and a way of life of their homeland, opened a new chapter of history when they settled and created a new country. They tried to re-create their old life in the new country, but they couldn't help making a new life, meeting their needs by modifying features of the old appropriately to meet the new conditions?

### Fear of the Naked Idea.

Certain inevitable weaknesses of the new countries were thus derived. Feeling a need to put together a whole culture at once, the colonists erred on the side of "all-at-onceness." Because of their great successes in mastering Nature and their material needs, they were tempted to over-simplify all human problems into mathematical and material terms. This led to over-optimism, bluntness. Professor Clarke drew loud applause when he referred to another outstanding weakness of the new countries, New Zealand included—intellectual timidity. "We think an idea with its clothes off an indecent spectacle and hasten to clothe it in formula and conventionality." Fear of the ideas of a new social order—which cuts off the sources of future inspiration—was a belated fault.

## Students Fight War Menace. Our Own Peace Ballot.

Everywhere students are stirring against war. . .

At Brussels, in January, 2000 student delegates from 83 countries attended a World Congress of Students Against War and Fascism. Representing practically all the organised student anti-war groups in the world, they pledged themselves to the task of winning students for "the fight against imperialist war, Fascism, and cultural barbarism."

In America, 250,000 'varsity' students came out of their lecture-rooms on April 12 for a one-hour strike against war! Many of them pledged themselves "to take no part in any war the Government of the United States might undertake." A nation-wide questionnaire, organised by the "Literary Digest," canvassed the opinion on War and Peace of about 250,000 students from 87 universities.

Canadian students have balloted and taken a firm stand against war. At McGill, an anti-war strike has been carried out.

Australian students have also taken up the campaign.

Everywhere students are stirring . . . waking up to the danger of war . . . realising the necessity of defining their attitude towards all phases of the war problem.

### What We Are Doing.

And how best to do this? Not to be left out, New Zealand students are beginning to get down to business in taking their stand on the question. We are going to have our own Peace Ballot. This will be the best way of clarifying our ideas on war and of putting the issues involved in the present situation vividly before students. With Mussolini's threatened rape of Abyssinia, the danger of a first-class war becomes immediate and a questionnaire seems to be the best way of consolidating feeling against war. The executives of each of the four Colleges have approved the idea, as has the N.Z.U.S.A. as a whole, and the Anti-War Movements of A.U.C. and C.U.C. (these last two newly

### Wake Up, New Zealand!

The strength of the new countries lies in their strong sense of social solidarity, the spaciousness of the full and leisured life they confer, their experimental spirit, and the fact that, being heirs to two cultures, the old and the new, they can correct the faults of each. Each of the new countries has a distinctive contribution to make, to mark her place in the sun. Wake up, New Zealand!

Our contemporary, the "Dominion," states that law classes at V.U.C. are expected to drop in numbers after next year. This is comforting news to many who expected to come a third next November.

formed), V.U.C., and a special committee at Otago have the job of advertising, popularising and securing discussions round the Peace Ballot. It is hoped that a uniform ballot will be ready for circulation simultaneously in all four Colleges early in September. Meanwhile the form of the ballot is being talked about in each of the centres. This is the most important thing to decide—then on with the job.

### A SUGGESTED BALLOT.

An idea of the type of questions can be gained from the following draft ballot, which has been suggested and approved by the V.U.C. Anti-War Movement. It consists of ten questions—

(Answer Yes or No.)

- (1) Do you accept Mr. Forbes' statement, "If Britain is at war New Zealand is at war"?
- (2) Do you regard New Zealand and British re-armament as a safeguard against war?
- (3) Do you oppose repressive legislation which forms a part of war preparations (e.g., suppression of freedom of speech, assembly, organisation)?
- (4) Do you oppose service overseas?
- (5) Do you oppose service in New Zealand?
- (6) Do you oppose auxiliary service (medical, administrative, industrial)?
- (7) Would you delay your opposition until the outbreak of war?
- (8) Is personal refusal of service sufficient without organised resistance?
- (9) Are you in favour of strikes to prevent war?
- (10) If strikes fail, will you resist war by force?

Suggestions and criticisms are wanted. Leave a note in the rack for Secretary, Peace Ballot Committee.

## O.U. Dram. Society

"At an O.U. Dramatic Society reading it was intimated that the play chosen for public presentation was J. B. Priestley's "The Roundabout," and that this was to open the newer and greater His Majesty's. We gathered from Mr. Napier's remarks that the clamourings of the Repertory Society, the Operatic Society, the Competitions Society and others had all been firmly quieted and the O.U. Dramatic Society selected by the theatre management for this honour. Hence, we are told, the strongest possible cast is required, so go to it, children, and knock 'em cold."—"The Critic" (Otago).

The V.U.C. Dramatic Club must envy the support Otago gets from the big city. Good luck to your venture, O.U. Dram. Soc.!



**GO COSTER OR ANYTHING.**

"You are cordially invited to the best dance of the season and assured of an unsurpassed good time. Nothing will be spared to see that you have a good time."—Yours sincerely, C. S. Plank. Tall talk, Charlie, but somehow we've an idea you can deliver the goods. It does promise to be an exciting Coster Ball. The Coster idea, the perfection of the Tennis Club's organisation, the snowstorm in the letter rack, but best of all the flexibility of the dress suggested, to wit, "coster costume," evening dress, fancy dress, hard-up costumes, lounge suit."

Saturday, August 3, in the Gym.

**"COCKTAIL PARTY."**

The Building Committee did not meet, so to make up for this all students should meet at the "Cocktail Party" to be held in the Gym on September 6 and 7. "Smad" understands that the Dram. Club have mixed some delectable drinks for consumption by students. By coming along and joining in the fun, you can do your bit to add another £15 to the Building Fund. Keep it in mind. . . The brightest and snappiest non-stop revue that Salamanca will ever know. . . Don't miss the Dram. Club's "Cocktail Party" in aid of the Building Fund.

**THE CAF.**

At the end of last year, when the heavy fall-off in custom became obvious, Dick Morpeth carried out a reorganisation of the Caf. that put it on a reasonable financial basis. Since then complaints about prices and food have rolled into "Smad" thick and fast. A thorough investigation is obviously needed, and so we are glad to see the Exec. set up a Committee for this purpose. With a smaller number of students than in previous years, and consequently a falling patronage, it is obvious that either service must be reduced or prices raised. These are not happy alternatives. The Committee cannot be expected to work wonders, but it may reach a compromise between these alternatives which, with extra economies that can be introduced, will help to maintain the popularity of this very important part of the Students' Association activities. All students can help by volunteering ideas for reorganisation rather than eternal complaints.

**Good Luck!**

A. E. Fieldhouse (James MacIntosh Scholarship) and Don McElwain (Post-graduate Scholarship in Arts) provide this year's quota from V.U.C. to the "export of brains" trade. Both will have left before the next issue of "Smad," so we take this opportunity of wishing them the very best of luck.

Fieldhouse will leave on July 31 with the All Blacks, for the Institute of Education in London, where he will take a Ph.D. in Education, with special reference to music. He has been teaching at King's College this year.

**Don McElwain.**

Don leaves on August 9 on the Marama for Sydney, whence he will proceed by the Maloja to London—the University of London and a Ph.D. in Psychology. Coming to Victoria with a B.A. at the beginning of last year, he took an active part in all student affairs, sporting and academic—debating, Free Discussions Club, football blue, athletics—through the whole gamut or diapason or whatever the relevant metaphor may be. He is also the first Weir House man to travel on a scholarship, so in his old age, perhaps, he will toddle back something of an old original. As a special treat to readers, he has promised us some impressions from Sydney under the conditional title, "Sea-sick in the Tasman," to be followed by "Moving Moments in the Atlantic" and "London Through the Looking-glass."

**BRIDGE EVENING.**

The bridge evening held in aid of the Women's Common Room funds, last Saturday evening, was a highly successful function. The players were warned that the bridge would be progressive, and it certainly did progress favourably. Charlie Plank claimed to be the best player because, by some means, he finished with the highest score, and was duly presented with a new pack of cards (not Woolworths'). But we doubt how this verdict will be received in the Men's Common Room. Until supper the play continued feverishly. Hilda Hurley was the presiding genius, while Malcolm seemed to do most of the talking. His activities culminated in carrying the trays of hot sausage rolls for supper, which Dick Simpson and McGhie distributed with the deft touches that only an experienced waiter can exhibit. After supper Chinese bridge, Grab and Pelmanism took the place of bridge, and the evening concluded as merrily as it had begun.

**TO LOVE.**

Come away, love, come away;  
Flee these dull hours  
And walk with me in fairyland.  
O'er mountain and glen, by river  
and lea,  
Through thicket and copse, I shall  
lead you.  
Come away, love; come with me.  
Though these we flee be rich, love,  
None more rich than thee.  
Though these the spirit of life, love,  
What spirit is fairer than thee?  
On the edge of the forest sweeping  
Far out beyond our eyes  
Lie now Elysian fields.  
Come away, love; come with me.

The attack culminated in a haka which, we think, did more than argument to persuade our visitor that we did have something of our own.

**Fishbones.**

By Prof. Hound.

"With becoming modesty he (Mr. Birks) said he had not done very much, and added that it was a lifetime job."—"Smad's" report of the appointment of a Records Officer. It is understood that the Building Committee are seriously considering co-opting Mr. Birks as a member.

"Educational relationships make the strongest ties," quotes "Smad." This appears to be the slogan the Women's Common Room Hunt Club is looking for.

"Fishy Lecture," "Fishbones," "Tale of a Fish"—all in last "Smad." This scaly little rag might well be described as "a schnapper-up of unconsidered trifles."

Prof. Hound,  
Fishbones Specialist,  
V.U.C.

May I, through your column, make a suggestion to the Building Committee?

The amenities of student life at V.U.C. are restricted by the absence of more adequate Stud. Ass. quarters. Furthermore, it is generally agreed that V.U.C. is a jolly good place spoilt by too much study. Cannot the College part of the institution be transferred to the present Gymnasium, and the Stud. Ass. headquarters be located in the brick building, with the Stud. Ass. in control of such building? The present library would make a fine social hall, if suitably converted. It might not be quite so easy to convert the College Council, but that would be the job of the Building Committee.

I am,  
Waiting for a good nibble,  
SARDINE SAMMY.

Looking through a recent gramophone catalogue, I came upon the following inspiring announcement:

Sensational debut of  
VALAIDA  
(Queen of the trumpet),  
playing  
"I Can't Dance, I've Got Ants in My  
Pants" (Foxtrot).

It looks as though she had a pretty thin time!

"When I was a new member I was frightened to open my mouth for six months," quoth the veteran, Mr. Bradshaw.

He could probably eat two Caf. pies after that.

**"MOCK PARLIAMENT IN OTAGO."**

We have a permanent one in Wellington.

**ANNUAL LAW BALL.**

On learning that the Law Faculty Club and Law Students' Society were holding the Annual Ball in the second week of the holidays, we dashed along to see the secretary, Mr. Jackson ("Baron Jackson"). "Smad" was admitted to the sanctum and invited to read a document which indicated that the processes of the law (summons issued by the Supreme Court of Revelry) are being used to ensure that St. Francis' Hall is full on Thursday, August 22.

"Let you and each of you all excuses being laid aside attend. . . ." So runs the summons, and "Smad" joins the voice of the law in commending the Ball to students. It is one of the outstanding social events of the season, and, as profits are being donated to the Building Fund this year, it is certainly worthy of full support from all students.

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DAY OR NIGHT

Mason and Gough were the two main "biters," Mason opining that New Zealand's individuality lay in its social experimenting, and Gough, that it lay in "staying what it was."



**THE COCKPIT.**

**THE CAF.**

Dear "Smad,"  
In order to assist the committee appointed to investigate the Cafeteria, the following suggestions are put forward by "one who has suffered," for due consideration:

The factor which should not be lost sight of is that, in the absence of either adequate space or up-to-date equipment, it is unreasonable and futile to expect that the Cafeteria, even under the best manager, can offer as good a meal as can be obtained from a more suitably equipped restaurant elsewhere.

If this be recognised, it seems that either of two courses must be followed in order to improve upon the present service—

(1) involves the expenditure of whatever is necessary (a) to procure adequate equipment; (b) to make more space available.

(2) In the event of the first scheme being condemned, scheme 2 would necessitate a recognition of the folly of biting off more than can conveniently be chewed and a reorganisation of the existing scheme to provide for better use being made of the facilities now available. For instance, the cooking of soup and vegetables should be possible, even with the plant now available, and if a supply of pies, cold meats, etc., were obtained from (say) Hill Bros., Ltd., on Lambton Quay, they could be served at reasonable prices with the soup and vegetables prepared by the Cafeteria. The pies could be heated and served hot (not warm). This applies to soup also, and as an alternative, savouries such as chicken patties, Cornish pasties, etc., could be obtained from the same place. This should result in an improvement on present conditions by the provision of better, if less ambitious, meals, while not involving a great increase in prices or a loss of variety in the menu.  
CATH. McCLYMONT.

**THE WORLD PROGRESSES.**

Dear "Smad,"  
Your recent leader on Professor Hunter's suggestion regarding debates has led me to ask through the "Cockpit" whether the Debating Society's Committee is taking any action in the matter.

On examining the syllabus, I notice that on August 31 the subject, "That the World is Really Progressing," will be debated. This seems to be a particularly vague and comprehensive subject, and it is therefore a good opportunity for the experiment of advertising the meaning of the subject as agreed upon by the leaders (Messrs. Edgley and Aimers).

This experiment would give an added interest to the debate and would stop speakers from coming prepared with material on all manner of topics which could be discussed under the subject.

F.C.

**"DOES COMMUNISM WORK?"**

After his overflow meeting in the Gym., Max Riske will again talk about his Russian experiences and their application to New Zealand, to-night, in Room A1. This is your last opportunity to hear Max Riske this year. Questions, criticisms, interjections, potshots and, above all, attendance invited.

The many friends of Frank Denz, late of the Wikitoria Science Wing, and now of London University, will be pleased to hear of his approaching marriage to Miss Cicely Render, of Wellington, who leaves next week for England.

**Berhampore.**

**AS SEEN BY A WIKITORIAN.**

Coriobustus O'Callaghan writes to "S.J.P." from Braisedsteak Barracks, Berhampore, as follows:—

"Since I have been here, my viewpoint on most things that matter hasn't materially changed. It's staggering—the stabilising effect of staying in one place. I just keep right on here, and find that, although foreigners still seem stupid, my neighbours aren't half so bad. They not only tolerate me, but welcome my presence, and only get worked up over such incomprehensible atrocities as Modern Hart and Hintellectualism.

"Berhampore is a gorgeous place. It is the super super. There is an indescribable 'Qu'est-ce que c'est?'—forgive the claptrap!—which oozes out of one no matter how much of a greenhorn he may be. Naturally I revel in every second of this scintillating upsurge. Recently I excelled even myself by getting the Berhampore Boys' Brigade Badge, which makes me positively refulgent. You see, the Boys' Brigades are all the rage here, and to get the badge is the aim of every genuine Berhamporevian (Boron, for short). That is really why Berhampore is such a lovely place—it's so full of boys wearing their badges, and fine, upstanding, full-chested youngsters they are, too. I've also won eminence and distinction in marbles and tag, and am leader of my hoop brigade; so altogether I'm absolutely sitting on the top of the fence. When I have time to stay home, I do a modest meed of knitting—fascinating work.

"I'm also able to say that the Australians have nothing on us in barrow-pushing. I recently completed a circuit of Athletic Park with my trolley, and am anxiously awaiting to hear if my record time will be recognised by the Inter-suburban Trolleypushers' Federation. I'm also writing a history of the development of the trolley and go-cart from the earliest times—this in collaboration with the Minister of Transport, whose assistance I have consented to accept. Anyway, look out for my coming masterpiece, in my new Berhampore brogue, entitled 'Adelaide Road.'

"Just now Berhampore is en route—to the Chewing-gum Championships. I'm coaxing the P.K. Pack, so we are doing quite well. People just jam into the alleyways, and you've hardly room to wobble your chin.

"Berhampore is the home of extreme offspring. There's a crib for youngsters with every type of bib, and the Mothers' Union has Baby Shows with some remarkable subjects. The general view is, without a doubt, Plunketism—young squealers with stubby, immature fingers—rather pathetic sometimes—hardly an opiate for the growing fear of paternity."

—CATO.

**WEIR HOUSE NOTES.**

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Henry K. Ngata at the recent General Meeting. Henry complained that he had been given only one piece of toast at breakfast on Sunday morning, whereas others who came in later received two pieces. The House was sympathetic and understanding.

It is understood that the Minister of Education, during his recent visit to Weir House, was primarily concerned as to the number of residents that came from New Plymouth.

**Glee Club.**

"Smad" interviewed the maestro of the Glee Club on Friday night, in an endeavour to solve the mystery of this body. Apparently the club has two objects—one on paper and the real one. The former, according to the words of the maestro, is "to foster, etc., an interest, etc., in musical, etc." Despite much prompting, the real object was not disclosed. The club intends taking the unusual course of applying for affiliation, and then for a grant.

"Already we are under contract (It is wiser to steer clear of contracts.—Editor.) to the Dram. Club to stage two short items at the Revue 'Cocktail Party' in September," announced Mr. Hutchens.

"Are you taking precautionary measures in case of disapproval?"

"No! Music for music's sake; if others don't like it, we will," replied the Maestro, like the artist he must be. (Prolonged applause by chorus.)

The club has ambitious schemes for Tourning and Capping. "Smad" has visions of Choir Contests in future Tourning—and at many of the unofficial entertainments.

**HERESY.**

The head of one of our greatest educational institutions has declared that such problems as the relative merits of democracy, autocracy, Fascism, Communism should not be discussed except in seminars with very advanced students. All others must be confined to material on democracy alone. If President Butler's injunctions are followed, the ordinary Columbus graduate will tumble into the welter of adult political discussion an innocent babe, knowing no more than that there are horrendous heresies abroad in the land which he can combat successfully only with waxed ears. And the wax that is permanently impervious to the insinuations of the political Evil One has not yet been put on the market.

—Dr Alvin Johnson in The Journal of Adult Education.



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### CANTERBURY COLLEGE GAME

On Wednesday last V.U.C. lost their third inter-College game of the season, this time to C.U.C.—32-14. According to the Christchurch Press, "Canterbury College showed marked superiority in all departments to dominate the first spell and most of the second, when V.U.C. showed occasional flashes of what was probably their true form."

The game was fast and open throughout, the C.U.C. backs and forwards often combining in devastating rushes.

The forwards were completely overshadowed by the C.U.C. men and got little of the ball from set pieces. Dick Burke, late of V.U.C., was the opposing hooker. (Nuff said!) With their fair share of the ball, the V.U.C. backs might have added a few more points.

Miles and O'Regan, the wingers, were the best of the backs. The former proved himself a strong, determined attacking player and a very sound defensive back. Wild was noticeable for his defence rather than his attack. He kept Heenan, the C.U.C. centre, quiet all through the match. Rae played his usual sound game at half.

According to reports (very few), the forwards played well. However, we understand that most of them have ceased their lessons in Japanese prostration.

### HOCKEY NOTES.

The "Diamond" games have come and gone, and the conclusion of the first round finds V.U.C. occupying a low rank in the hockey ladder. In the past, Varsity teams have been known to win championships. When one looks at the resolute Strack brothers leading their opponents and persisting at 7 a.m. on Kelburn Park, one realises that the days of loose are past—that there were giants in those days. Probably what are required are full-backs who practice less who work and forwards who fight.

A house of fame at Karori, however, is that there are still players of skill and speed who, with consistent practice, may yet gain representative honours. Senior and junior teams alike seem effectively enough between one circle and the other, but appear to have lost the re-fighting capacity.

The single out individual players, apart from Senior A, has made a notable rise from third grade within a year.

Abraham leaves little to be desired as a left wing.

Again, the Senior B centre-forward, is probably unequalled for stick-work.

Meanwhile, when given the opportunity, is proving a forward with the right idea.

Being a promoted Junior full-back is a good last line of defence, and the familiar figure of Froud is still a source of annoyance to opposing forwards.

### 1935 WEIR HOUSE L.R.!

The Warden of Weir House recently put up a notice requesting the inmates not to linger unduly under hot showers, as the water bill was going up by leaps and bounds. "This practice will be found most enervating," ran the notice, "and must be discontinued. This is the appeal to Reason; if it fails..."

We regret that the appeal bore the endorsement "Dismissed with costs."

### IMPROVED RUGBY.

Showing much-improved form and greater individual determination, the Seniors emerged easy winners by 17 to 3 against Petone. For the first try Harpur made an excellent run, beating several men; handed on to Chesterman, who finished off the movement in a very determined manner. The next try, to O'Regan, was the reward of smart following-up. The next try was due to a good run by O'Regan, who handed on for McElwain to score. The final try was the result of an excellent run on the blind side by Wild, who passed infield for Rae to score.

Early in the second half Petone directed a regular barrage of "pots" and free-kicks at the posts. If they had a good kick in the team, it might easily have placed a different complexion on the game.

### Individual Players.

Tricklebank was in excellent form with his line-kicks. His place-kicking was still poor. Wild was shifted into first five-eights and immediately speeded up the attack. This position has never been filled satisfactorily this season. Rae maintained his usual good form. Blacker played a solid game and came to light when most needed in the second half. Russell showed good play in the line-outs. Chesterman played with determination. The forwards as a whole played very well. The hooking improved, and there was a better control of the ball in the loose scrums.

### TRAMPING CLUB.

(By "Ice-Axe.")

Since the last issue of "Smad," trips undertaken by the Tramping Club have been of a more regular nature. Members are looking forward to the Tararua winter trips—ski-ing at Kime, the inter-club sports meeting, the Southern Crossing. Those intending to make the National Park trip (August 24-September 2) must notify the leader immediately.

An interesting trip was made on June 22-23, when the V.U.C. Club combined with Tararua T.C. to climb Titi and Maungani. The weather was misty but not cold, and after various minor deviations the tortuous ridge (shown straight on the map) was negotiated.

The Orongorongo Ranges have been visited on three occasions, but weather conditions prevented the completion of one. Incidentally 'Varsity was well represented on the wrong side of the Orongorongo River, when it flooded suddenly overnight.

### FENCING.

Though sadly handicapped by lack of supporters, the Fencing Club still continues on its way. It is to be hoped that more students from 'Varsity will come to realise the benefits and pleasures which can be obtained from indulgence in this form of sport. Canterbury have taken it to their hearts, and we are told that they have now some 50 active members.

The weekly lessons are progressing as usual, and the new members are showing great aptitude in their handling of the foil. They have shown that fencing is not as difficult as some people believe, and all that is now required is for some other beginners to come along and wrest their laurels from them.

A ladder will shortly be started for those members who are at the fighting stage, and persons interested will be gladly welcomed as spectators at these matches.

Recently some of the members were given their first lessons in sabre-fighting, and they very quickly picked up the simpler attacks and parries in that branch of sword-play. It is to be hoped that the R.N.V.R. will again be kind enough to come up on the club's night and to give some further lessons with the sabre.

### COMING EVENTS.

**Wednesday, 31st**—Max Riske: "Does Communism Work?"

**Thursday, 1st**—New Speakers Debate: "That the principle of freedom of speech should be maintained."

**Friday, 2nd**—Law Students' Society Moot. (Will Case.)

**Saturday, 3rd**—Tennis Club's Coster Ball.

**Saturday and Sunday**—Ski-ing Trip to Kime

**Tuesday, 6th**—Students' Night at "The Geisha."

**Thursday, 8th**—F.D.C.: Dr. Sutherland leads discussion.

Debate v. League of Nations Union "That the League should not employ force against warring nations."

**Friday, 9th**—Debate: "That Britain should assist in maintaining Abyssinia's independence."

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