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EXCLUSIVE TO "SMAD"—INTERVIEWS WITH EXECUTIVE CANDIDATES.

By working for days at light pressure, "Smad" has been able once again to present its readers with the very latest in news service—exclusive interviews with the candidates for the forthcoming Students Association Stakes. It is understood that the keynote of the coming contest is to be the building fund, and the old school tie.

The Nominations:

- President:**
Mr. H. R. C. Wild (elected unopposed.)
- Men's Vice-President:**
Mr. E. Blacker.
Mr. J. C. White, LL.B.
- Women's Vice-President:**
Miss N. M. McLaren (elected unopposed.)
- Hon. Secretary:**
Mr. R. C. Connell, LL.B.
Mr. D. R. Currie.
- Hon. Treasurer:**
Mr. E. G. Budge, M.A. (elected unopposed.)
- Committee (Two to be elected):**
E. Blacker, A.M. Inst. C.E.
L. O. Desborough, A.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.
R. W. Edgley.
M. Liddle.
P. Macaskill.
M. J. Mason, B.A.
M. H. Oram, B.A.
A. R. Perry, LL.B.
J. N. Sellers, B.A.
- Women (Three to be elected):**
Miss I. E. Dickens, B.A.
Miss P. M. P. Edwards, B.A.
Miss H. M. Fletcher.
Miss G. N. Kean.
Miss S. M. Sanders.
Miss M. J. Stock, B.A.
Miss D. Tossman.

Mr. H. R. C. Wild, LL.M.
"I have not got much to say," said Dick looking coy.

He believes that the Executive's job is to carry out the administrative work of the Association and that is its main function, and a steady building up of the building fund should be maintained.

He also emphasised the fact that there are at present too many dead clubs in the University.

He is Vice-Captain of the Football Club and was Chairman of the Tournament Committee. He is elected unopposed to the Presidency.

Miss N. M. McLaren, new Women's Vice-President, refused to give us any information regarding her committee work at the College, but we know that it has been varied and useful. She did, however, say that the calibre of the women at V.U.C. made any one of them fitted to be an Executive member.

Mr. E. G. Budge, M.A., has been Secretary and Chairman of the Men's Common Room Committee, he is Secretary of the Commerce Society, and President of V.U.C. Tennis Club. He is at present Assistant Comptroller of the Cafeteria.

Mr. E. Blacker, A.M. Inst. C.E. when asked what his aims were, at the Hockey Dance, wanted to know whether we meant to-night.

He is in favour of processions being held if of sufficient merit, of a strenuous effort to get a new building within the next four years, and of student representation on the College Council. He is not in favour of half blues.

He is Captain of the Football Club and First XV., a committee member of the Cricket Club, and also Captain of the Social team.

Mr. R. C. Connell, LL.B. Being Editor of "Smad," Mr. Connell was not over-reticent. "My aim, if elected," he said, "is to provide a billiard table for the men's Common Room; to push the building fund; to equalise graduation fees, and to arrange for the payment of November exam. fees later in the year, as in Australia. Mr. Connell is the youngest LL.B. in New Zealand, a member of the Committee of the Law Faculty Club, and Hon. Secretary of the Wellington Law Students' Society.

Mr. D. R. Currie declares that his aims are to get exams shifted away from the Winter Show Building, to carry on with the excellent work of the present Secretary, and to abolish the Prof. Board restrictions on student activities.

He was reluctant to say more, but he is Vice-President of the Science Society, on the Committee of the Free Discussions Club, and Chairman of the Men's Common Room Committee. "Smad" indubitably wishes him success.

Mr. L. O. Desborough, A.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z.

is at present Secretary of the Football Club. When interviewed, Mr. Desborough was in a hurry to join Mr. Blacker in extending the big hand to the Massey College First XV, who were on their way south to play Lincoln Agricultural College. Nevertheless we had time to ask him what he thought of the banning of the Proceh. Mr. Desborough considers that provided the fun is clever and clean, no ban should be placed on Capping activities.

Miss I. E. Dickens, B.A. After much hectic telephoning, we eventually arranged an interview with Miss Dickens, whom we found charmingly modest. Perhaps that is because she is Secretary of the Women's Club. Miss Dickens was not to be drawn on

HOCKEY DANCE

Brilliant Success

Of course "Smad" (equipped with partner) was there; and next in order of importance were the Commissionaire; the visiting representatives; the chaperons; Mr. Bradshaw; the Maori Melody-Makers; and hosts of other fine people whom we all know. Even Mr. Wild (incomplete as to partner, complete as to Badminton racquet) unofficially "appeared" for a few brief moments.

The dance was off the mark bright and early, and the music went round and round with vim; the dancers went round and round with lesser vim, as they jostled one another in their hazardous journey across the super-crowded floor. We gave Mr. G. F. Dixon full measure of applause as that worthy Wikitorian received from Prof. Rankine Brown his retrospective Hockey Blue. We listened to Auckland, Canterbury, and Otago giving their hakas, and to our own rather dismal effort in response; and then "Smad" went outside to see the Commissionaire.

The Commissionaire was non-committal; he had made no coups; he was not prepared to say whether or not he favoured Prohibition; he was opposed to physical violence. "Smad" snorted expressively and returned to find the dance still merry and bright. "Smad" was there at the beginning: "Smad" was in at the death.

the question of Capping, nor on that general student administration; and (loud praises from us!) she did not mention the building fund.

Mr. R. W. Edgley, the present President of Weir House, is Captain of the Boxing Club, and has been awarded a New Zealand University blue. He is also a member of the 1st XI and Secretary of the Cricket Club. Mr. Edgley is also Treasurer of the Debating Society, is on the Committee of the Law Faculty Club. Mr. Edgley considers that the control of students' affairs, club and social activities should not be in the hands of past students. He is also in favour of keeping on-side with the public.

Miss P. M. P. Edwards, B.A. On Sunday night I interviewed Miss Pat Edwards as a prospective candidate for the Executive—a delightful experience.

It appears that she is a high light (metaphorically only) in the Tennis Club, the Debating Club, and the Dramatic Club. She is (or was a Tennis blue for two years. She has a cold bath before breakfast every morning. She dislikes "Smad." She has no opinion of the Professorial Board. Altogether the ideal candidate.

CHAOS OUT OF ORDER?

Debating Society

Feeling they had not the confidence of a large section of students, the whole committee of the Debating Society except Mr. A. F. T. Chorlton resigned. Tony, in accordance with Regulation so-and-so etc., called for nominations. At the meeting on Friday, the minutes of the last committee meeting were read and Tony was quite in a flurry whether it would be constitutional for him to initial those minutes, as he was the only member of the committee present. That was soon settled.

Then the fireworks began. Evidently there was a list of nominations, all proposed by the same people, but one of the nominators was also one of the nominees. Of course that particular nomination was invalid but the point in question was—would that invalidate the whole shebang?

Fierce discussion raged until somebody moved that the time for reception of nominations be extended as there were several who would have been nominated except for a misunderstanding as to the final time of entry. The chairman inveigled strongly against this, ruling that it was decidedly unconstitutional. Mr. H. R. C. Wild then took the chair and proceeded with the elections which resulted as follows:—

Vice-President, Miss M. Shortall; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Edgley; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. E. Jack; Committee, Misses D. Souter and M. J. Stock, Messrs. Scotney and Perry.

Impromptu debates then beguiled the time till supper.

Miss H. M. Fletcher is a candidate for the Committee. She will be completing her B.A. this year, and is a prominent member of the V.U.C. Students' Christian Movement. Miss Fletcher was like most of the women candidates, in that she was decidedly non-committal, but we gathered that she would like to see every endeavour made to improve the standing of the College in the eyes of the public.

Miss G. N. Kean was, we are afraid, caught off her guard. "Smad" approached her as she was lading cream out of an enormous basin, in preparation for supper at the Hockey Club's Dance.

Under these conditions, Miss Kean declined to make any remarks to our representative, but she groaned audibly about unclean crockery in the Gym. kitchen, and said she was a member of the Hockey Club Committee and an A Hockey player.

NEW SPEAKERS' DEBATE.

The above debate was held on Wednesday last in the Gym., the subject being that "In the Present Situation a Dictatorship is preferable to Democracy." Messrs McGlynn and Hatherly were billed to speak for the affirmative, Miss Dickens and Mr. Duncan for the negative. Mr. McGlynn, the White Hope of the dictators, took the floor first. However, he had hardly go into his stride before his pains came upon him, and he was forced to sit down—amid the cheers of the opposition. This was a great disappointment to "Smad," as a special reporter had been sent to cover this brilliant young Irishman's speech. Mr. Hatherly took his place, and overwhelmed the audience with a flow of facts and figures. From this he wandered into a discussion of French temperament, ably opposed by Miss Dickens. The proceedings dragged along until Mr. Malcolm Mason took the floor, and gave a short but very bright talk on the personal habits of Messrs. Mussolini and Hitler.

But how I run on! The ultimate winner, Mr. McCulloch, was discovered on the floor of the house, with Miss Dickens, second.

THE PUGS FORE-GATHER

Last Thursday, "Smad" sauntered into the Boxing Club's annual meeting, to find Mr. Armour presiding over a group of hard-faced pugs. The retiring Secretary apologised for his failure to post the Annual Report upon the Notice Board owing to "business difficulties."

"Smad" listened to the account of the team's fine showing at Easter; to Mr. Campbell's outburst against the weighing-in system; to Mr. Edgley's suggestion for regular weekly winter training in co-operation with Training College; to Mr. Drummond's snoring; to the election of the following Committee:—Club Captain, R. W. Edgley; Vice-Captain, A. H. Armour; Sec.-Treasurer, W. P. Edwards; Committee, Messrs. Campbell, Lima, Stewart and Tossman.

Mr. M. Liddle.

We were cheated of a telephone interlude with the melodious voice of Mr. Liddle. Martin has been transferred to Auckland, and is due to depart in a few days. Mr. Liddle will therefore be withdrawing from the election.

PLUNKET MEDAL

Oratory Contest

Messrs. Scotney, Terry, Aimers, Scott and Speakers: Misses Shortall, Souter and Stock and McGhie.

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The Plunket Medal

In our last issue, a correspondent declared that the question of the making of the Union Prize a preliminary hurdle to the Plunket Medal should be considered. Our considered opinion is that this view is right—the present method of selection being by no means correct.

In the event of more orators than the requisite number entering what could be more just than a preliminary trial should be held. Not only would it give those selected a little, perhaps necessary, experience but at the same time it would give the other participants experience which they place before the prize, and which now does not obtain.

This seems to us to be one of the many matters which a lethargic-growing University should take in hand.

Mr. P. Macaskill,
as a student of long standing at V.U.C. spoke long and vociferously to our reporter. He urged students to take more interest in Varsity affairs, and especially to advertise the College favourably to the public, so that membership of the V.U.C. Students' Association might be a boast and not a confession. He instanced the appalling apathy of students by saying that out of a College of 700, only about 150 braved the discomforts of the Gym. to see "Journey's End"—a production of an exceedingly high standard.

In conclusion, Mr. Macaskill suggested that subsidiary organisations such as Weir House should see that their fixtures do not clash.

Mr. M. J. Mason, B.A.
has had a formidable career of Club service in V.U.C. He is President of the Haeremai Club, and was last year President of the Weir House Association. In addition to these offices, Mr. Mason has held that of Swimming Club Captain for two years, he has been a blue for three years and has represented his College at Tournament four times. There are three main planks in his platform: the removal of unnecessary restrictions imposed by a public-pandering Prof. Board, the maintenance of the standard of blues, and the pushing of the building fund. (Have you heard of it?)

Mr. M. H. Oram, B.A.
was taken rather by surprise, for "Smad" rang him in the very early hours, this morning. Mr. Oram is a member of the retiring Men's Common Room Committee, and also Secretary of the Men's Hockey Club. He wears plus fours. He wishes to propose two points to the electors: first, the more direct representation of students in general college administration; and second, the provision of bigger and better grounds and College buildings. Of these two policies, Mr. Oram said he was definitely in support.

Mr. A. R. Perry, LL.B.
asked to justify his existence, stated that his aims are: a drive among clubs and students for a year to put us in a suitable position to ask graduates, public and Government for financial support; in order to prevent any further trouble with club accounts, the

Executive should lay down a standard system of bookkeeping for clubs; the justification of the autonomy of the student body by the maintenance of its rights, particularly by student representation on the College Council.

He is Treasurer of the Wellington L.S.S., ex-Secretary and committee member of the Debating Society, and last but not least, Secretary of Federated Mountain Clubs of N.Z.

Miss Susie Sanders,
who will be completing her B.A. this year is a candidate for the Committee. She is now Captain of Victoria House for the second time, is a member of the Swimming Club Committee, and has twice represented her College at Tournament. Miss Sanders is also Secretary of both the Glee Club and the Ladies' Gym Club. When approached concerning her policy, Miss Sanders was reticent, but we gathered that she would like a new hostel for girl students, that she would like to see debates livened up a bit, and that she would do her utmost to push the building fund.

Mr. J. N. Sellers.
Nesbitt was surprised to find himself nominated. Out of his astonishment he gave us the following aims: to show the Prof. Board that a Capping Controller has been appointed by January next for a procession (having at least ten stunts and £20 spent on it); to make strenuous efforts to participate in Mr. Savage's 1940 Bounty; to overcome the general apathy descending on us by a general brightening up of things.

He approves of the action of the Executive in writing to the Dominion.

He was a member of the Debating Society which was asked to resign, once a member of the Haeremai Club's Committee (in its hey-day) and last year's News Editor of "Smad."

Miss M. J. Stock, B.A.,
who was elected to the Executive in October, 1935, was exceedingly modest, but we gathered the information that she is on the Committee of the Women's Club, the Swimming Club, the Debating Society, and also on the New Speakers' Committee. Miss Stock emphasised the need for teamwork and efficiency in Executive matters

SCIENCE SOCIETY BLOWS BUBBLES

On Tuesday, 16th June, the Science Society heard Mr. Saxton lecture on "Soap."

After a little judicious soft soaping, the lecturer explained to the great unwashed just how little soap was brought into the world.

The chemical mysteries of fats and raw materials were difficult enough to follow, but "Smad" struggled bravely until met by an overwhelming bombardment of laundry soap, toilet soaps, shaving soaps, soft soaps, hard soaps and washing powders. It left us just too limp to cope with the recovery of by-products. Mr. Saxton replying to a vote of thanks, remarked that it was all good clean fun, but that he washed his hands of the whole affair.

and suggested it might be a good thing to cut some of the rowdiness associated with the more dignified functions of Capping.

Miss D. Tossman
is President of the V.U.C. Dramatic Club, the only flourishing intellectual institution in the College. In speaking of the building fund, Miss Tossman said that students should bestir themselves in the matter, and not leave all the work to the Committee. It was also important, she said, to make a favourable impression on the public in order that undesirable publicity of the kind to which the Students' Association has been subjected recently, should not prejudice our chances, when we do eventually take round subscription lists for the new Student Union building.

Mr. J. C. White, LL.B.
Last year's Editor of "Smad," John White is standing for the Vice-Presidency. His offices this year are:—Delegate and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tournament Committee, Chairman of the Wellington Law Students' Society and Chairman of the Law Faculty Club.

His aims:—"I should like to see the Executive continue as an efficient business organisation with however, the ideals of the true University for its chief consideration. Interest seems to be flagging in some of the leading Clubs—the reasons should be sought out and removed. A Capping Committee should control Capping Week and every endeavour should be made to reinstate the Procession. "Smad" should . . ." ("100 words up," we thankfully remarked gathering up our papers.)

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 24: Maths and Phys. Society, "Electro-Magnetic Radiation," R. L. Meek. Photographic Club, Lecture on Enlarging.

Wed., June 24, Thurs., June 25, Fri., June 26: S.A. Elections. Rev. C. F. Andrews, Physics Room.

Saturday, June 27. Plunket Medal Speeches, Concert Chamber.

Monday, June 29, Annual General Meeting of Students' Association.

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THE DEAREST SPOT DEBATING SOCIETY EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL REPORT

Victoria House

The Victoria House veterans not so forcibly ejected are this year decidedly in the minority, owing to a large influx of Training College students. Several of our old members judged it expedient to depart, referring freedom to rules and regulations, although the survivors have found these bearable. The contingent from Training College pulling its weight in the world by becoming adept at mantua-maker's seams (whatever they might be!) and plasticene elephants.

We duly went along to Tournament and nobly cheered the losers. We took part in the Extravaganza, and did we enjoy it?—Anne Howe! We still make the usual noise, spend some time in work, grumble at the usual things. And did we have—yes?—

A DANCE.

On Saturday, June 13, a transformed Common Room was packed with dancers and the stairs did stout work as pseudo-armchairs. The best and brightest from Varsity, Training College, Weir House, and even a few gate-crashers were there to see the fun, and, if we can believe their assurances, it was "A Very Good Thing."

We are told on good authority that our novel flower decorations are now to be seen adorning certain studies at Weir House. The House has a reputation for its suppers. This one was of a savoury turn, evidently an innovation to one visitor who offered to hand round the cakes!

Well, here's to our next!

SPIKE

At this time of the year students are expected to become Spike-conscious. Spike is the official organ of University opinion, and, believe it or not, does not desire to be weighted in any particular direction. The remedy lies with the contributors, and it is impossible for Spike to receive too many contributions.

"Let not the ancient student toss his head,
Nor fresher yet approach our throne with dread."

In other words, everyone who can write at all should write for Spike. And do not forget the Guinea Prizes for the best literary and photographic efforts.

Nature Note.

Radio Record of 19/6/36: "Mr. Redmond Phillips, the author of the Victoria College Extravaganza—and the 'leading lady' in most of them."

OUT OF DATE IN 1871—

"Lectures were once useful; but now, when all can read, and books are so numerous, lectures are unnecessary. If your attention fails, and you miss a part of the lecture, it is lost; you cannot go back as you do upon a book."—Dr. Johnson in 1781.

Proves Its Merits

Following on its great success over C.U.C. in a recent radio debate, the Debating Society sent a team to try conclusions with the redoubtable Hutt Valley Debating Club.

Kingi Tabiwi, Max Brown, and Nesbitt Sellers completely persuaded a receptive audience that War is quite on the cards (quite!).

With his usual fluency and satanic plausibility, Kingi stressed the close relations between war and trade. Mr. Renner (Hutt) unfolding a map, demonstrated the utter absence of Japan from Europe. Mr. Brown, with his well-known fund of stories, indicated that a German "lamb" was bent on aggression. The other Hutt speakers mingled brotherly love with the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. Mr. Sellers went all psychological, but not Freudian (at least, not much).

Mr. Evan Parry anticipated his judicial position with a masterly summing-up and awarded V.U.C. the verdict.

THE "TAKARAZUKA GIRLS"

By "Noppo's Sayonara."

While in Japan, we saw many entertainments of various kinds but the one that we voted the best, was the "Takarazuka Girls," performing in the Takarazuka Theatres in Tokyo and Osaka. The programmes change every month and consist usually of two dramatisations of Japanese tales (in old Japanese costumes) alternating with two musical comedies of the "Student Prince" type. The Japanese stories were only moderately enjoyable, because they depended for much of their effect on witty dialogue, quite unintelligible to us. But the European-style musical comedies made us take notice. The costumes, the scenery and the lighting were breath-taking in their lavishness. The stages were larger than any in New Zealand, and being of the revolving type enabled the shows to go on without breaks. The singing and music were quite good and for the most part original, although we noticed one or two tunes that had been plundered from popular hits such as Jack Buchanan's "The Grass is Green."

The ages of the girls ranged from sixteen to twenty. All male parts were taken by girls who were naturally a little unconvincing. Even less than that of a Western woman does the walk of a Japanese woman resemble that of a man. The figures of the girls were scarcely ample enough to look well in ballet garb, although a few of the fellows maintained that they were quite as well proportioned as the average New Zealand girl. Nevertheless, some of the girls were exceedingly beautiful even to Western eyes.

The performance begins at 5 p.m. and finishes at 9.45 with intervals of fifteen minutes between each of the four productions. The Japanese do not applaud as we do in unison at the end of a song, but individually as a particular line appeals. The clapping is done gently and does not, therefore, interrupt.

V.U.C.S.A.

The following are extracts of the report to be presented at the Annual General Meeting on the 29th inst.

Executive: In October 1935 Miss M. A. Harding, on her departure from Wellington, found it necessary to resign her seat and Miss Joy Stock was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. H. R. C. Wild during his absence on tour through the "lurid East" received three months' leave of absence.

Building Committee: At the last Annual Meeting it was recommended that your Executive consider revision of the Constitution of the Building Committee. After careful consideration your Executive decided that revision was unnecessary.

The Committee has had several meetings, formal and informal during the year and has made considerable progress.

Cafeteria: A committee was appointed to inquire into conditions in the College Cafeteria.

Finances: Audited statements of the Association's accounts for the year are posted and show that the finances are satisfactory.

Gymnasium: The life of the building now appears to be about five years and your Executive appeals to all members to realise the seriousness of the position and to leave no stone unturned to bring about the establishment of a new building. (This seems true.)

Passing reference is also made to the purchase of periodicals, the retirement of Mr. E. T. Norris, and reports of Tournament Delegates and Men's Common Room Committee are attached.

THE DANCE

Noise, noise, noise!
Everywhere!
People talking—girls and boys
Shouting, laughing, dancing,
Not a care.
Somewhere—music indistinct,
Just a distant rhythmic beat
Holds this mass of shuffling feet
Together.

Noise, noise, noise!
Everywhere!
People talking—girls and boys
Shouting, laughing, dancing,
Not a care.
I hear it, yet I heed it not, nor speak;
I feel soft hair against my cheek,
A gently-moving body held quite close—
We two together!

—B.P.

DISCREET ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the sudden departure of two members of our reporting staff we have two vacancies for junior reporters. Applicants please leave a note in the rack addressed to "The Chief Reporter, 'Smad.'" Either sex. Freshers in particular are urged to bring out all lights from under bushels.

GREEN CHEESE

Superfluity.

The vine leaf straggles
Round my hair;
I cut my hair.

The vine leaf straggles
Down my throat;
I cut my throat.

Beauty and the Beast.

Sequestered Profs.
Students stewed.
Ah, Naked Truth—
Too nude.

Soul Struggle.

Miss me,
Fair
Commissionaire,
But
Oh dare
Not
Kiss me.

Commissionaire.

Tea and skittles
For us.
Beer and victuals
For you.
Go to,
Love,
Above.

Mud.

Dough
minion—
Whoa!
minion.

Education of Lady Looking in Trophy Cabinet.

Oh!
Come and look!!
I say!!!
Look look!!!!
Look look look look!!!!

—P.B.A.

RIFLE CLUB

Keeps Up Traditions.

It is impossible to review adequately in a few words, a Club's sport for a full season, but the following notes may be of general interest.

The club fired right through the season with aperture sights, and entered a team in the annual Wellington Interclub (Union Shield) Match.

The College entered a team in the Tournament event (Haslam Shield), and came third, winning a Tournament point for the leading rifle matches. First an inter-score in one of the practices (600

yards application). This was the first Tournament point gained by the College in Shooting since 1932. Tournament time was very busy. There was a conference of delegates to consider the formation of a University Shooting Council, and there were also two unique College match between skeleton

teams of two men each (won by Otago with V.U.C. second), and later a match between the four skeleton teams combined and a team of eight men drawn from outside Clubs affiliated to the Wellington Rifle Association. The University won by a small margin. College Blues in Shooting have been awarded to Messrs. A. A. Gawith, B. D. A. Greig, G. T. Ryan and J. B. C. Taylor. These are the first Shooting Blues awarded since 1932-3, and the recipients are to be heartily congratulated. Space does not permit a statement of their performances, which, however, have already been enumerated in "another place."

Altogether an enjoyable and profitable season, with the "Tangirira" wreck as a fitting finale.

RESULTS IN A NUT-SHELL

Football—

Seniors v. W.C.O.B., lost 14-13.
Senior B v. Petone, lost by default.
Junior (1st Div.) v. Hutt A, won 13-3.
Junior (2nd Div.) v. W.C.O.B., won 9-0.
Third (1st Div.) v. Ponoke, won 21-3.
Third (2nd Div.) v. Hutt, lost 0-22.
Third (3rd Div.) v. Marist, won 24-4.

Hockey—

Third A v. Hutt, won 1-0.
Third B v. Wesley, lost 11-0.
Third C v. Wesley B, lost 2-1.

Basketball—

Senior A v. Wellington East, lost 28-6.
Senior B v. Wesley, won 20-16.

HARRIERS.

On Saturday afternoon over a five-mile course at Lower Hutt, the Dorne Cup was run for. Out of nine teams, Varsity obtained sixth place with 544 points. The best individual performance was put up by D. Cairns who finished seventh with a time of 30 mins. 38 2-5 secs. There were 186 starters in the event, of whom 161 finished.

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WIKITORIA! Ake! Ake! Ake!

In the most thrilling final for years, Victoria won the Men's Hockey Tournament and the Seddon Stick by defeating the holders, C.U.C., by one goal to nil. It was a magnificent match and a well-deserved victory. Every man in the team played like a hero, and "Smad" was scarcely restrained from dashing on and falling on Shaw's neck when he scored the winning goal. Superior combination among the whole team and the unorthodox defence, together with the fact that V.U.C. maintained the offensive continually were the deciding factors in Victoria's success. C.U.C. put up a valiant fight. Their efforts to penetrate the defence in the last few minutes of the game showed their dash and determination. They were not beaten until the final whistle blew, and Victoria's supporters relaxed after what were nerve-wracking moments of tension.

Altogether a brilliant display of hockey, particularly as both teams had already played a hard match in the morning. In the semi-finals, C.U.C. beat Massey 4-2, and V.U.C. beat O.U. 3-1.

The Women's Tourney was won by O.U. with an unbeaten record.

V.U.C. v. O.U.

On Monday morning the grounds at Karori were sodden after overnight rain, but in spite of this the game between V.U.C. and O.U. was a fast one. Victoria adopted offensive tactics from the start and were on top throughout. The short passing game of the forwards, the nippiness of the halves and the speed and steadiness of the full-backs were too much for O.U. with their hard-hitting open type of game. Victoria's first score came from an opening by Shaw, completed by Webb. Following fast up and down play, O.U. ceded a penalty corner, and from the resultant scramble in the circle, Stewart drove through, making the half-time score, V.U.C. 2, O.U. nil.

V.U.C. maintained the pressure in the second half, but it was not until half-way through the spell that, from a movement down the right, Webb scored again. O.U. now had a turn on attack and from a scrimmage in the circle, Warren netted. Though taking things easier, Victoria's defence held, and the game ended 3-1.

The Final.

The game of the Tournament was between C.U.C. and V.U.C. when they met in the deciding match. Despite a thorough rolling, the ground was still heavy, yet the hockey seen was among the best displays for many a day. Both teams worked tirelessly in a hard, fast game in which there was no letting-up. As against O.U., V.U.C. attacked from the start and kept up the pressure with such effect that C.U.C.'s defence had little opportunity of recuperating. The Canterbury forwards were a brilliant combination, but whenever they got away there were always green men between them and their objective. The three full-back formation supported by the halves functioned perfectly. Whenever there was a free-hit against them, Victoria were marking their men and rarely missed an opportunity of intercepting the long, hard passes of the Reds. The first spell was a struggle, both teams straining to gain the advantage. First the green forwards would go away in a short passing rush, closely supported by their halves, only to be sent back by hard clearing shots from the full-backs. Then it would be C.U.C.'s turn. Down would charge their forwards in a speedy dash, the ball travelling among them in long, hard flights.

From nowhere, almost, would appear a speedy Victorian back, followed by two others, and the rush was stemmed. Half-way through the spell, Webb had a shot at goal which soared over the net. It is difficult to say which side had the better of the first half; both teams were putting all they had into it and there was little between them. Half-time came with no score.

On resumption, Victoria took up the attack again and were continually laying siege to the Red goal. The pace was beginning to tell on Canterbury, but they defended strenuously. The four half-backs were a source of great strength to Victoria, and their support on attack was very disconcerting to the opposition. At this stage of the game, the green forwards were within striking distance several times but failed to finish off promising movements. The Canterbury full-backs were called upon to battle strenuously and did so with hard, clean drives. But V.U.C. gave them little rest and with ten minutes to go, from a movement down the right, Shaw secured, broke through the defence like a flash and sent a beautiful shot into the corner of the net. C.U.C. now attacked with great determination and the closing minutes when the light was fading, were anxious ones for V.U.C. supporters. The tension was terrific, especially when C.U.C. gained a penalty corner. But the defence held and the Seddon Stick had found a new home.

The team won as a team in which combination and positional play counted for everything. Special praise is due to the coach, Mr. Jacobsen and his system, the success of which should be a source of as much satisfaction to him as it is to us.

BASKETBALL.

Though there were six girls absent from the teams, travelling to Auckland to the Training College Tournament, and one down ill, Varsity decided to make an effort to play their two teams as usual. So the clarion call went out far and wide requesting emergencies and past players to lend their aid, with the result that in Senior A were Phyllis Quinlan and Isobel Morice, of ancient fame, and Norma Cannons, a fresher—her first game—and Joan Maysmor from the B team. While in the B team was Joan Young, who played for V.U.C. last year.

In the Senior A match the score of 28-6, less to Varsity, is no indication of the continual struggle which ensued. Though Wellington East had no difficulty in scoring goals and goals and goals, they did have difficulty in maintaining possession of the ball. Phyllis Quinlan played well in defence and the centres succeeded in considerably rattling the opposition in the second spell. Sylvia Hefford improves with every match. Congrats! Varsity on not defaulting.

The B team scored a triumph over Wesley, the score being 20-16. By the way, Marjory Gibbons is a versatile sportswoman. Last Saturday she played for V.U.C. Hockey team against Canterbury in the morning, and in the afternoon captained V.U.C. Basketball team against Wellington East. (We are not sure about Saturday night!)

Points from the N.Z.B.A. Rules (1936):—

No player shall bounce or bat up the ball more than once before taking possession.

No player shall defend an opponent when another is already so doing.

The referee has the power to stop the game in the event of coaching from the sideline while the game is in progress.

The N.Z.B.A. also cite the following guiding principles:

1.—Use the whole court. Move freely in your third; avoid crowding.

2.—Speed is essential—to this end the ideal handling of the ball is to take it and pass it on practically in the one motion; the short swift pass is the most effective.

3.—In defence, close attendance on your opponent while the ball is in her team's hands is the first rule; this to be changed instantly when the ball is captured by one of your own players.

4.—Added to good court play there must be accurate goal-throwing; this is gained by consistent practice.

FOOTBALL.

The Seniors, after leading 5 nil at half time, and 13-nil early in the second spell, were unfortunate to be beaten 14-13 by Wellington College Old Boys. Varsity scored three good tries, which Fitzgerald converted, to their opponents' two. Two penalties gave Old Boys the extra points.

The game was very keen throughout and from the outset Varsity attacked strongly. Parsons, playing his first game for us at first five, showed up well, making the first opening for Wild to score. For the rest of the first spell play was very even, both sides striving for the advantage, but good defending held play in the balance.

Old Boys' forwards carried the attack into Varsity's twenty-five on resumption, but Reid saved, made a good opening and sent on to Fitzgerald, who scored from a great run. Soon afterwards, the Green backs were away in a fine passing movement which saw Wild score again. After a successful penalty kick, Old Boys began to throw the ball about more and scored by the posts. This was followed by another penalty and then some tough going for both sides which ended in Old Boys crawling into the lead with an unconverted try.



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