

SPORT

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Once again the standard was high at the Annual Athletic Spotrs held on Saturday, 15th March. Perfect weather conditions prevailed, but it was disappointing to see poor entries in the championship events as well as the small number of spectators. Worse was to come, however, when the Old Boys' Race was cancelled through lack of entries. (All boys leaving at the end of this year must ensure that this shocking state of affairs is not duplicated in 1970).

Nevertheless, competition was keen and records still vulnerable: Mark Johnson ran very strongly to clock 53.7 seconds in the Intermediate 440 which clipped 0.7 seconds off the five year old mark held by M. Morris. His afternoon's activity included winning the 880 as well as the 110 yards hurdles where he set another record of 15.3 seconds. Jumping with great determination, H. Clark gave an impressive display in the Junior high jump, setting a new record of 5ft ½inch. B. Crocker accounted for the fourth record when he won the Senior three miles earlier in the week. Lapping all other competitors he clocked a splendid 15min. 38sec.

P. Hickey and J. McQueen again proved their dominance in the Senior sprint and hurdles events, while P. Lister almost rain out of pit by clearing 20ft 2in in the long jump. A. Martin did well to scale 5ft 7in in the high jump—only missing the record by half an inch. Perhaps the closest race of the day was the Senior mile where B. Crocker narrowly defeated B. Gilbert.

Intermediate sprinting was again closely contested with B. Binnie having a slight edge over S. Underwood. F. Hutchins, in throwing near to the record, was in good form with the shot. Although M. Johnson dominated the middle distances, J. Gilbert provided a stern challenge in the 880 as well as running a fast time in the mile. Both D. Whiteside and C. Field turned in good performances in the triple and high jump events.

Besides the efforts of H. Clark, diminutive D. Taumata showed promise with some good wins in the Junior middle distances. As in the Hansard Sports, V. Temata had comfortable victories in the 100 yards and hurdles.

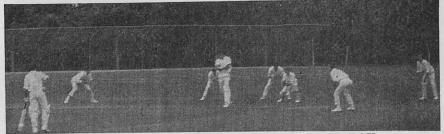
TRAMPING

SUMMIT CLIMB. The Tramping Club held its annual summit climb on Sunday, the 16th of March. About eight-five boys took part, with three masters.

We arrived at the plateau at about ten to nine after picking up Mr. Mace at the Mountain House. There we left the buses and walked around the Manganui Gorge to the Manganui ski grounds, then followed the normal summit route to the Policeman Bluff where we had a rest and had something to eat. The weather at this stage was fine, with a little cloud above and below us. After this pause we started up the East Ridge route up the eastern face of the mountain, which consisted of climbing up a couloin (or gully) for a short distance and then following up a lawal ridge, with a bluff a short distance to one side. At about 7000 feet, we began a traverse across the face of the mountain to the crater entrance. Af about this point the weather packed in, with a cold wind blowing and clouds covering us. When we reached the crater rim, we decided that we could not go to the summit, about two hundred feet above, as many of the boys were feeling the effects of the cold. We climbed down the "Chimney", a natural rock tunnel into the crater, and then out through the northern entrance and down the Lizard. We carried on down to Tahurangi hut where we had our lunch (at four o'clock), and where one of the masters who had got lost following voices in the mist caught us up. After we had eaten, we walked around to the plateau where the buses were waiting.

We thank Mr. Mace for guiding us to the summit, and also the masters and boys who made sure the party got down the mountain through the fog safely.

The School's new two-way radios proved their worth on this trip. Also noticed on this trip: certain junior members found ice axes useful tools for chipping at rocks; one boot that began to go down the mountain again without anyone in it; an injured head owing to someone carelessly kicking a rock loose; some cold hands and bodies because of insufficient clothing. Some senior boys gave their gloves, etc. to junior boys suffering from the cold.



SCHOOL V. WELLINGTON COLLEGE, FIRST DAY CRICKET

School v. Wellington College

In fine weather the Wellington captain won the toss and elected to send School in to bat. School suffered some early setbacks but good scores from Bob Duell (23) and Bill Kydd (29) saw School through to 8 for 97. A ninth wicket partnership of 50 between Terry Jordan and Mark Christensen (17) took the score to 147. With a last wicket partnership of 31 between David Webber (19) and Jordan (42 not out), School were dismissed for 178. The best Wellington bowlers were P. Brooks (2-46), G. Lindsay (3-47) and C. Lynch (4-28).

Wellington started briskly in their first innings, the first 45 runs taking only 25 minutes. After being 2 for 70, the Wellington batting collapsed quickly, being all out for 126. Principle scorers for Wellington were Captain G. Moody (42) and S. George (25). School bowling honours went to Hamish Morrison (3-44) and Mark Christensen (4-25).

School opened their second innings with a lead of 52. An opening partnership between Maurice Tuffery (20) and Bill Kydd (17) saw School off to a good start. However after this the next eight wickets fell for only 31 runs. Thanks to another good tail-end partnership between T. Jordan (14) and D. Webber (10 not out), School reached 95.

Wellington fought back well due to some excellent bowling by inswinger G. Lindsay (6-52 and C. Lynch (4-23). A feature of these two was that they bowled 68 overs out of their 97 overs for the two School innings.

This left Wellington requiring 148 runs to win, in $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. At tea they were in a good position being 3 for 70. However, fortunes changed rapidly after tea due to some spirited bowling and fielding, the bowling honours going to Francis Hill (2-25), Hamish Morrison (2-22), Bob Duell (2-16) and Terry Jordan (4-15). A feature of the innings was that Jordan's four wickets were all caught by Francis Hill.

Wellington were dismissed for 120 which meant victory to School by 28 runs. Wellington batsmen who scored well were K. Atkinson (30), B. Lindsay (20) and G. Lindsay (24 not out).

It proved to be a most enjoyable game for both teams, not just because of the result, but for the nature in which the game was played, Wellington proving to be most friendly and enjoyable visitors.

NORTH ISLAND INTERSEC SWIMMING CHAMPS

Although the chauffeur of the red Holden station wagon had a bit of trouble with 3 gears (claims he's used to four), the swimming team of Chris Wetzel, Dave Knapman, Francis Hill, Andrew McDougall and Tony Murray arrived at the Lido pool well ahead of schedule.

The next day turned out fine for the North Island Intresec Swimming Champs. The so called "cream" of North Island secondary schools were gathered. A long hot day followed with all our swimmers making the final except for McGregor, who spent an interesting afternoon soaking up stray rays and observing the female student scene at the baths (which, according to renowned sources is in the ratio of 5 girls to 1 boy).

By the end of the day Andrew gained a 2nd in the 110yds Senior freestyle, Chris 3rd 110yds Junior freestyle and 4th in 220yds freestyle. Dave was 6th in 440yds freesytle and 110yds backstroke.

A quiet restful evening was had by all!!!??? and we departed next morning stopping at a Lake just out of Wanganui to observe the lake swim.

Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Rattray for managing us and to the rental company whose car slowly fell to bits en-route.

Composed by Mr. T. McGregor Murray.

TENNIS

School tennis facilities are reaching a high standard at the moment. The three Gully ground courts have been re-surfaced and newly marked along with the McNaught courts. Thanks must go to Mr. Sinclair who has worked hard for these improvements to become a reality. A new Volley Board area has been proposed and this will be situated in the McNaught Court vicinity. As yet much work has to be done in the of clearing the area of grass and levelling the ground. Voluntary work by the boys will no doubt see this achieved.

Last Wednesday the School team—D. Evans, L. Borok, A. Zaloum, M. Hine, L. Dean, E. Pita, and I. Duff as reserve—beat the Stratford High School 11 games to 1.

ROWING CLUB 69

The Club so far this year has competed in one regatta, at Wanganui. None of the crews had a very successful day, although this could have been expected as it was the first racing experience for the majority of crews Most of the boys had at least two races where experience was gained in start procedure, race technique and racing over a 2000 metre course Lake Karapiro is the venue for the Club's most important regatta, so it is hoped that the experience gained is used to advantage

The Senior Eight had a race in the Jury Cup Regatta at the end of last year and easily won the Schoolboy event. This year Mr. J. Beasley (N.P.R.C.), as he has done for the previous two years, is coaching this Senior Eight. This expert assistance is greatly appreciated and we hope he will stay with the club in years to come. Up until now the crew has had many long rows at a slow rating, only recently have they begun the fast work.





RICHARD HORROCKS, (bow). Carrington. First year in Eight; No. 1 in the first Four last year. A very dedicated oarsman who has fine style and endless reserves of strength.

GARRY INMAN, (2). Carrington. First year in Eight. A fill-in for injured crewman last year at the Jury Cup, but has filled the same gap well this year.

STUART MacKENZIE, (3). West. First year in Eight—the most inexperienced oar in the crew but a tall young boy who is filling out fast and who should be invaluable next year.

DAVID WILSON, (4). Pridham. First year in the Eight; No. 2 in last year's first Four. A stylish oar who is finding his true form.

FRANK GECK, (5). Carrington. Third year in first Eight. Biggest and most expeirenced oar; in boat. This strength and knowledge of the sport is an inspiration to all other rowers in the Club. Brother is a "red coat" oarsman.

LARRY O'NEIL, (6). Carrington. First year in Eight, stroke of last year's first Four. A strong oar who has been able to iron out many earlier problems.

PETER HODGES, (7). Pridham. First year in Eight, No. 3 in last year's first Four which came second in the Springbok Shield. A solid, powerful oarsman, stroking well.

BARRY BOYD, (Stroke). Carrington. Second year as stroke, having stroked last year's crew to a second in the Maadi Cup. His judgment of timing, and his personal stroking is showing great improvement with experience.

GREG WINKS, (Cox). Moyes. A tiny fifth former who is having his second year at the helm. He coxec' the senior Eight extremely well in last year's Maadi Cup heats and final

HISTORICUS

ROWING CLUB

On Tuesday, September 15th, 1940, a small band of enthusiasts presented themselves at the training quarters of the New Plymouth Rowing Club for instruction. Mr. Playton instructed them on technique. After School returned in 1941 only the more advanced members were able to go out in the boats.

In the '41-'42 season a large number of boys were interested, and practices were held every night after school. In 1942 practcies had to cease because of lack of facilities, many boys were disappointed.

In 1954 the School Rowing Club was reformed by Mr. J. Stewart with 14 members, all beginners. Boys were soon in the New Ply mouth Club's training dinghy on the water, this dinghy being fitted with the apparatus of the conventional rowing skiff. In 1955 Clifton Rowing Club generously offered the use of their clubhouse and equipment. Boys travelled to Waitara twice each week and Saturday afternoons where Clifton coach, Mr. G. Topless, gave expert help.

At the beginning of '55-'56 season the School welcomed the new music master, Mr. N. Lynch, who was a University Blue in rowing and coxing. The first plywood eight was purchased from West End, Auckland, that year.

In 1957 the School undertook the building of its own shed by the Waitara River, and this was completed in 1958. Subsequently the building was enlarged and now is 70ft by 40ft, with showering and dressing facilities for the boys.

In 1962 the School "eight" won the Maadi Cup— emblem of national schoolboy rowing supremacy—on Lake Karapiro. This crew was stroked by P. Hagan and coached by Mr. T. McKeon, Mr. Lynch having left the School the previous year.

Last year the School had one of its most successmul seasons by being second in both the Maadi Cup and the Springbok Shield (fours) events. These placings show that the School is still one of the top Secondary School rowing clubs in New Zealand.

Old Boys have made a notable contribution to University rowing while R. C. Geck (Waikato), T. Dobbie (Wellington), M. Irwin (Hutt Valley) and R. Webster (Auckland) are Redcoat Reps.

To Rowing Club.

I had the opportunity and good fortune to be at the Waitara River a few days ago when the Rowing Club was practicising. I was particularly impressed by the first Eight which has been trained to a very high standard by their able coach Mr. Stewart and they are magnificent to watch on the river. I was surprised to see so many younger boys out there and if they are as keen in a couple of years as they are now they will do well.

Rowing is made to look easy by a good Eight—so on being offered a row I snapped up the chance—it is not easy at all and I nearly managed to capsize the boat.

Very best of luck at the Maadi Cup boys—you should do well this year.

R. Waddell.



The 2nd Eight

SCENE by Periscope.

Pridham's new front entrance and Senior Housemaster's new study are nearing completion. The new construction has been painted and now only requires a few final indoor fittings.

Work has started on Room 27 and Lab 5 making way for a new building which is to hold a power transformer. When completed it is expected to have eased the now heavy load on present systems.

Sunday evening films have started screening, the boarders so far seeing two, namely "The Password is Courage" and "Operation Crossbow". This year Eric Newlands is at the helm, he is hoping to have screenings every second Sunday.

The boarders say farewell to two colourful members; Chuchval Poonbundhit (Charlie) and Donald Davidson (Illya). Charlie is carrying on to Polytechnical (Wellington) and Illya is doing an apprenticeship in Hamiton.

It is noted that F.D.C. and Sacred Heart Girls' College also have a combined Upper Sixth class system. In one particular class there are a handful of girls and a seventeen-year-old boy involved in regular inter-school travel. One sixteen-year-old girl drives the small car containing the girls plus the one boy from school to school.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

This year the Astronomy Club consists of forty enthusiastic members under the able guidance of Mr. Whelan and Mr. Gush. Two successful meetings have already been held on the top ground; the first concentrated on study of the moon and the second of identification of the principal stars and constellations telescopic observation of Jupiter. Future meetings will be held at fortnightly intervals and later on we hope to visit Tikorangi Observatory.

CLUB FEATURE INTERACT CLUB

This year the club got away to a slow start. The Annual Meeting and election of officers took place in early March. President this year is Norm Collie and Vice-President is Ian Holyoake. The club meets every Thursday in Room 25 at 12.30 and all 5th and 6th formers are invited to attend.

What is the purpose of Interact? "To provide opportunity for young men to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding."

What does an Interact Club do? It carries out various service activities. Constitutionally, the club is required to have at least two service projects annually, involving most of the membership. One must be in the field of creating international understanding; other local service projects may contribute in that they may be fund raising projects to finance a project.

Does Interact have any goals? Yes. Development of leadership; thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others; awareness of the importance of home and family; respect for the rights of others; acceptance of individual responsibility; recognition of the dignity and value of all useful occupations; gaining of increased knowledge of community national and world affairs, and action toward the advancement of international understanding and goodwill.

Why should a school welcome Interact? Because Interact is dedicated to the principle of serviceserving school and community, and because it extends the horizons of its members through its principles of international understanding. It thus reinforces and extends the work of the school.

These are just a few answers t the many questions people asia about Interact, and it is hoped yo now understand a little more about it.

Remember --- "Service befor self."

BELL TOWER

One senior prefect and a member of 6A was heard to plea in anguish "Stop the world while I get off" when a biology test was announced.

Overheard last Sunday during the open climb in a conversation between two third form trampers, one a definite malnutrition case-"If Tub can make it to the top with a 40lb 3 week ration pack, then hell!-so can I".

Rumours have it that Carrington prefects are a bunch of no good metho's-witness their patron pictured on the roof and the mysterious disappearance of Richards bottle of pure straight 100% proof.

Has Fanny actually married? Who was that Tinney-looking bird roving round the Lido Pool in Palmerston last wekend? Answers in next week's continuing episode of "Fanny".

WHAT'S ON

28th MARCH: Rowing: Maadi Cup heats and Repecharges, Christchurch. 29th MARCH: Rowing: Maadi Cup finals, Christchurch. Athletics: Inter-sec Sports at F.D.C. 1st-2nd APRIL: Rugby: 1st Group trials. 3rd-8th APRIL: Easter holiday. Rugby: 1st XV plays N.P.O.B. Senior B (as part of N.P.O.B. Jubilee celebrations). 9th APRIL: Rugby: Final 1st Group trials. 13th APRIL: Rowing: Open day.

NIGER

We were pleased to note a greatly improved attitude and effort in the Athletic Sports, with Turner, Strawbridge, Rendall, Gilmer, Simons, McMillan, McDougall, Pope, Middleton and three of the prefects, Barrie, Duck and Brad gaining places in finlas. Congratulations to Simons and Barrie on their selection in the Inter-sec Athletic team.

Commendation must also go to Wilcox, McMillan, Collierook, Wood, Herdman and to Tub and Duck for scaling the molehill last Sunday. For such a worthy cause we would like to see a lot more boys joining the Tramping Club.

Best wishes to Top-Dog and the boys for Karapiro and Christchurch.

Heard in a recent conversation to a prefect over the phone, "I must, I must, I must increase my _____!"

HOUSE NOTES

PRIDHAM

The House congratulates Underwood, Evans, Martin, Pyselman, Bond and Kirby on their sleection for the Inter-sec athletic team; also the more senior Housemaster who, with his recently acquired board, obviously intends to kill the Fitzroy surf—Is it true that surfboards are unbreakable?

The cricket team made a brilliant debut against Moyes with some hidden talent emerging from the folds. A notable feature of the first days play was the ordering from the field of a certain tubby gentleman by Umpire Morris. His decision was raucously accepted by both the players and the crowd on the hill.

The combined 6A Maths and Physics periods have proved their worth to at least one member of the Pridham common-room—rumour has it the romance is rapidly blossoming. Meanwhile we await further developments.

EAST

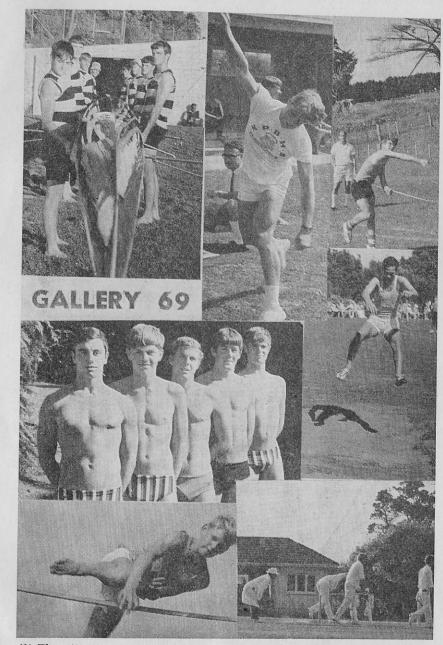
The annual college cricket match between the 1st XI and Wellington College saw a fine individual performance by East's Terry Jordan. Coming in to bat in the first innings with the score 98 for 8 he played a vital innings of 42 not out, hitting 2 sixes and 4 fours and then a solid 14 in the second innings. Terry then, followed this with a bowling spell on the last day taking 3 for 8 off 3 overs at a stage when Wellington looked like running School close.

Pleased to see we have 2 national title holders in our House: David Knapman and Russell Philp were members of the Fitzroy Junior Life-saving team which had particular success at the Gisborne Nationals, winning the Junior 6-Man R. and R. title and being well placed in every other event they competed in.

The Hansard Cup events show we have some promising runners in N. Sole and V. Temata. Temata's ability was also shown at the School sports by his wins in the Junior hurdles and 100 yards. Other good performances on sportsday from East boys were seen from A. Nowell, I. Archibald and E. Peters.

WEST

With the Hansard Cup come and gone, we can only look back on the good performances—both individual and House. Congratulations to Carington on retaining the Cup for another year and also to West for a very good third. Good performances were seen, by boys in the House. Paul Lister, Brett Gilbert, Bryan Crocker and Murray Monaghan performed well in senior events. Bryan created a new record in the senior mile. Jeff Gilbert and Larry Scrivener competed well in intermediate events. Brown, Kisby and Benton competed well in junior events.



Flex. (2) Trig. (3) Accioq. (4) Don't jump on that shadow. (5) Glamour.
(6) Not out! (7) Clarkie record breaks.

Boys also performed well in the annual sports. Paul Lister, Brett Gilbert, Jeff Gilbert, Bryan Crocker and Murray Monaghan competing well again. Bryan created a new record in the senior 3 mile.

A good perfromance was seen by the West House cricket team—but to no avail—Carrington managed to "scratch" a win by 7 runs. Ronnie Jackson scored a very good 50 for West. Extras also scored well—21.

Notable features of the game were:— The controller "trundling" around. A parade-ground-like appeal for lbw. "Peewee" dominating the field. Short pads for rather long legs.

A good performance was put up by the House tennis team—keep it up. Archie Zaloum was selected to play against Stratford—congratulations.

CENTRAL

What a neck and neck struggle for supremacy the Hansard Cup Sports proved to be. It must have been the extreme desire of the Carrington boys to retain the trophy that pulled them through. Central came a gallant last—but we did our best. We found that webbed feet aren't too good on dry ground! We gained most of our points in the hurdles where McIntyre "blazed" his way into second place in the senior event and Burkhart and Russell second and third respectively in the intermediate event.

House plays are to be presented near the end of this term. If you are interested in helping with the production of Central's play, see Lou Borok.

When will records remain static? Not this year anyway as B. Crocker, M. Johnson 2, H.Clarke and F. Hutchings proved when they broke five at hte Athletic Sports. Some very fine personal performances were recorded. As a result of these, H. McIntyre, G. Eversfield, R. Russell and T. Burkhart were selected to go to the Inter-Secondary athletics at Francis Douglas on Saturday, 29th March.

MOYES

Having already shown its form in the Swimming and Hansard, sports, it is encouraging to note that the House has extended its efforts by soundly beating Pridham in the inter-house circket played on the gully-ground. Moyes began well with a fine 'opening stand by "Wiz" and Hamish, and the others who followed kept up the pressure.

Moyes 197 for 8 declared; Pridham 83 for 9.

Outstanding were—Meataxing—"Noose", Starring—"Durry", Stunting —A. Grant.

Rugby seems to have already set into the House. The touch-Rugby practice on the Gully on Sunday revealed many talented junior players and this is very pleasing indeed.

Under leadership of J. Mace, the House play is now well under way. Jim has to help him some very talented young actors such as "Wiz", "Woody", "P.J." and of course some well qualified managers such as "Noose" and "Mac". Good work boys and the best of luck.

Generally the House is proceeding along well in the sports and congratulations must go to all those who gained places in the Annual Sports.

CARRINGTON

Congratulations to the boys selected for the Intersec team. Des Whiteside has had to withdraw from the Carrington contingent to have a cartilage operation. J. McQueen, P. Phillips, P. Raymond, M. Johnson, B. Binnie, S. Hall, D. Willis, G. Simones and B. Smith have been selected to compete for the School at Francis Douglas. The House cricket team, consisting of Bob Duell (captain), B. Smiht, A. Tichborne, M. Christensen, R. Batley, G. Kidd, G. Lind, T. Murray, E. Willis, I. McDougall and V. McIntyre, played the first round of the Bates Cup competition against West on the Gully. After a shabby start the team scored 101 runs—Christensen 29, Tichborne 19, Lind 14, Willis 14. West replied with a total of 94 runs. Bowling for Carrington, Duell 4-33, Christensen 5-27. A narow win by 7 runs to Carrington. All aspects of the game will have to improve if Carrington wants to do well in the Bates Cup competition.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

DRAMA

The Inter-house Drama competition is starting near the end of this term and some enthusiasm would add to the success of these contests. There is a wide variety of subjects and they will prove most entertaining.

Here is a short summary of what some of the houses are doing.

CENTRAL: Central is producing a modern play written last year by the 1968 Drama Group and it was first performed at the British Drama League Festival last year. It is called "The Practice" and concerns six people in an atomic fall-out shelter during an atomic war.

PRIDHAM: Peter Withers has written a play especially for this contest and it should prove quite funny. "The Doubtful Misfortune of Li-Sing" is a satirical revue of the boarding establishment.

EAST: "Mr. Hackett's Prize" is the title of East's play and is concerned with a man who wins a crossword competition.

CARRINGTON: George Bernard Shaw can always be relied on for some good entretainment and "Poison, Passion, Petrefaction" is no exception.

MUSIC

This year 1969 has seen most members of the Brass Band return to School, however, we still miss the talent and personalities of Andy Baker, the two Boyds, No. 6, Jeff Bruce, Bruce Grey and Peter Jackson—some of whom are conspicuous by their absence. Whereas last year's band was a predominantly senior one, this year the juniors predominate in number, however this has not detracted from the enthsuiasm with which the band as a whole is practising for the forthcoming Music Festival. The enthusiasm among the boys is reflected in the formation of two Jazz groups of about 12 musicians in each there is only one piece of regrettable news that of the holdup in the music arrangements.

Last year saw the unprecedented "production of "Goonerama"— "a variety show with a difference" which included Pop groups, a masters trio and light drama. It is hoped that this variety show idea will carry over to this year seeing as there is so much talent around the School.