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NEW STUDENTS' PAPER CALLS FOR CHANGE OF OUTLOOK

Making a sensational entry into the journalistic world of Malayan students, the "Malayan Orchid", published by Mr. Lim Chan Yong of the Medical College for private circulation within the two Colleges, called for a new outlook among the peoples of Malaya. "We call for a new outlook among us—an outlook which will form a solid foundation on which to build the structure of the Malayan nation.

"Malaya is more than a century behind the times politically, economically, and culturally. To leave her in this state is a crying indictment on our generation.....

"Individual effort unrelated to the whole can accomplish nothing, but holding our hands together we shall be able to welcome a new era in our country," the paper asserted and called for collective effort.

On the question of the University the paper alleged that there is a "hushed silence on the University front". Expressing urgent need for a University the paper sought an explanation for "all this reluctance and delay".

"When we want or are promised something, we invariably get something which is quite different. Considering this we can't prevent doubt and fear to creep into our minds," the paper declared.

Discussing the future University Students' Union, the paper recommended the sound and very practical system of constituency elections. Analysing other suggested systems and pointing out the dangers that these would lead to, the paper

maintained that this "method recommended by us and supported by many of the students, in addition to avoiding these dangers, does not, unlike other systems, presume nor postulate the inequality of sexes".

"Concluding, the paper contended that the greatest benefit of the new system of constituency elections would be a "practical training in self-government".

AN APOLOGY.

The Editorial Board wishes to apologise for a grave error committed when writing about Mr. J. T. Christie in the last issue. The Officials of the Union referred to were the members of the present Committee and not those of the last academic year. This error was due to the fact that the present Committee came into office towards the end of the last academic year. The Board regrets that the ambiguity has caused misunderstanding, and begs the pardon of those concerned.

WAVE OF RESIGNATIONS HITS COLLEGE SOCIETIES

MORE RESIGNATIONS FROM MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Following the resignation of the Sports Secretary, Mr. N.N.S. Selvamony, Messrs. Henry Oh, the Third Year Rep., and Tan Teik Beng, the Hon. Treasurer, tendered their resignation to the Managing Committee. Mr. Tan, however, has subsequently withdrawn his resignation but those of the other two have been accepted. By-elections for the vacant offices and for the additional three independent members voted for by the Union general body, were

held on 21st January.

The following were elected:—

Sports Secretary—

Mr. Lim Cheng Pa.
3rd year Rep.—
Mr. Chong Hon Yan.
Independent Members—
Mr. Fong Chu Chye,
Mr. J. J. Puthucheary,
Miss S. Devi.

Chess President— Mr. S. Sothi.

Secretary— Mr. Tye Cho Yoke. Mr. Henry Oh had also resigned from his Chairmanship of the Chess Club. The President and Secretary of the Art Club have also resigned and so have the President and Secretary of the Music Society. Another resignation is that of Mr. Beda Lim from his position as Assistant Secretary of the Managing Committee. This last resignation was made so as to give him more time to devote to the "Undergrad."

RAFFLES COLLEGE OFFICIAL ORGAN ON THE MARKET.

The much awaited Bulletin is at last on sale, at 50 cts. a copy. The market is not particularly brisk. However it has found enough response to justify publication.

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Impressively bound with a College crest on the cover, it contains about forty pages of matter, made up of texts and extracts of important speeches, including one on College life from the feminine viewpoint on page 37, reports of sports activities and articles on topical subjects such as housing and Trade Umonism.

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Expressing bitter disappointment over the delay in establishing the University, the editorial stated that "the rosy dreams" of the present third year students "bears no hopes of realisation because the slow and stately progress of elephantine administrative machinery does not heed the calls and desires of individuals. The progress of higher education in this country has been very lame and slow and although we are aware that the University is almost upon us, it is very disappointing, that we have no definite assurance from those responsible that the University will be created in the twentyfirst year of the life of our

College Girls To Hold Send-Off Party For College Ex-Secretary.

TEA-PARTY AT 4-15 TO-MORROW.

Our newshound understands that an exclusive but informal farewell party will be held at Mount Rosie Hostel for Mr. McIntosh, who is due to leave shortly for 'home.'

Mr. McIntosh who was, until lately, Secretary of the College, was appointed Bursar-Designate at the end of last year. He has been succeeded by Miss Butt.

STUDENTS TO LAUNCH SECOND SCIENCE EXHIBITION. One Week Display Opening 30th Jan.

The Raffles College Chemical and Physical Society has decided to follow up last year's successful "Science Without Tears" display this year with one on a much larger scale.

Interviewed, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the exhibition said that the purpose of the exhibition was to clear the fog of mystery that mars the layman's view of modern science. He also hopes that a display of this kind will instil confidence in Malayans and prove that local students have ability and resourcefulness, and besides prove in whatever measure they can that Malaya is ripe for a University.

"This exhibition," said the Chairman, "will be the result of a joint effort by all members of the Society without whose co-operation nothing would have been possible."

Sunday, Jan. 30th has been fixed as the opening day and for one week. It is open to all members of the public and school students; members of the M.C.U., the Stamford Club

and other bodies have been specially invited.

The articles to be displayed include a lie detector which should prove useful to the C.I. D., a burglar alarm which should interest anybody possessing anything liable to be stolen. "selsyn", an instrument that reveals the tricks of the casino, various refineries such as those for sugar, alcohol (should be interesting to many), perfumes (ladies please note!), and explosives (?).

The mathematical section includes an instrument to trisect angles, believed to be the first of its kind, puzzles, etc.

Winding up the interview the Chairman said that once the University is established the increased facilities will allow a wruer scope for such exhibitions, and that it may be possible for exhibition tours to be organised.



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AN APPEAL

The University of Malaya looms large in the foreground of inter-College relations nowadays. Everyone is University-minded in the sense that he or she clearly sees the multitudinous possibilities which such an institution has to offer. To realise the probable advantages of having the University and what one could gain from it for oneself tends to evoke a strong desire for working towards that end and that end only. In clamouring for the immediate setting up of the University, therefore, personal gain appears to be the main motive force.

While considerations of personal interest are not to be condemned, such sentiments if not tempered with thought for the welfare of the student community, is highly undesirable. Hitherto, the average student has about the interest and unflatteringly large proportion of the sum total of his interests. Few of the more public-spirited ones, a very rare species at best, can look far beyond the needs and interests of their own Unions.

The University of Malaya Students' Union is a new and very much more ambitious project, an object for loyalty with which students of both Colleges are now confronted. Its very connection with the magic word "University," that "open sesame" which to so many careerseekers seem to provide the key to the store-houses of success, cannot fail to stir whatever little community feeling is inherent in their nature. To the socialite, the University would conjure visions of new and more brilliant social opportunities. The book-worm sees larger libraries and more academic worlds to conquer. But the unfortunate few whose visions are not obscured by dusty old tomes, or dazzled by bright light and glittering floors, who do not think their careers too precious to risk in a good cause, will have to shoulder the burden of constructing and running the new body.

Need for an immediate and concerted effort by members of the Union of both Colleges in preparing for the fusion of the two bodies into the University Students' Union is realised by these few who show great alacrity in appointing a Joint Committee to draw up a new constitution. But the instrument which is to serve as a guide and testament of the larger body, which is in the making, will be of little value if the material which is to go into the construction of the new Students' Union is yet unready for that higher purpose. The long years of inter-College rivalry which has ingrained in the minds of students of our Colleges, a habit of being antagonistic, suspicious and even contemptuous of members of the other Union, coupled with almost complete segregation of members of the two Unions, make a successful fusion of these bodies a Herculean task indeed. Only unfailing goodwill and unswerving determination to understand and sympathise with each other can bridge the gaps which any manmade constitution is bound to leave. On the human element depends the workability of the constitution.

So far several attempts have been made to lessen the feeling of rivalry, and to eradicate the tradition of antagonism which years of mutual disparagement, in speech and deed, have built up. Nothing has been so deplorable as the relations of students in these higher seats of learning in the past. For this reason, any attempt at improving relations, however ineffective, should receive the support of every right thinking student.

The recent ban imposed on barracking at inter-College matches is a highly praiseworthy move on the part of the Managing Committees of both Unions. What is surprising is that previous Committees had never even thought of the idea of suppressing this most unintellectual and undignified practice which has made inter-College sports meaningless, dangerous to the participants, and detrimental to inter-College amity. Occasional joint debates and combined College teams have in recent years fostered some sort of feeling of common interest. Such moves are very satisfying and indicative of progress.

However, these measures do not suffice. What is really needed are not such occasional, sporadic events—or such negative action as enforcing gentlemanly decorum at inter-College games. Conscious and planned effort to promote a feeling of fellowship and of being workers towards a common goal should be the target for both Unions. Only thus can their members be prepared to co-operate effectively in the larger Union envisaged in the near future.

A joint sub-committee should be commissioned to delve into the problem of improving inter-College relations. It should be given wide discretionary powers to implement whatever measures it believes would remedy the situation. Time is scarce, hence the imperative necessity for immediate action.

The fact that students in both Colleges live apart in widely separated hostels and therefore have little opportunity to get to know each other—an excuse often given for lack of understanding between them -need not be regarded as an insurmountable obstacle. Nor should the blame be shortsightedly attributed to the fact that members of the R.C.U. and the M.C.U. have to pursue amerent courses of study. These are minor and static obstacles which can easily be removed or got around. What should really cause anxiety and therefore need to be eradicated are dynamic forces such as a move in the direction of isolationism, or propensities towards the formation of cliques based on faculty, race, or any of the hudred-and-one other excuses whereby harmful elements may set up cliques. These forces are like so many wrenches thrown in the machinery of the University Students' Union. For its successful and uninterrupted functioning these forces should be traced to their origins and summarily rooted out before they grow into sufficient dimensions to be a nuisance. Not only should this be done, but all precautions should be taken to see that conditions are made unsuitable for their growth, for prevention is always better than cure.

IN A PENSIVE MOOD

TO A GIRL IN A PERSIAN MARKET.

Thou dark Persian beauty, thy smiles fragrant
As the jasmine enchant my nomad-heart
And the whip in your hand, its lashes plant
Love scars in me; and if my soul could start
Like a starling on its flight, towards thee
It'll take its captive self and seek to stay
A prisoner in thy heart, cag'd in glee.
Yet flight of soul is too dear loss to pay,
And so to thee I send this flight of thought
Hoping to earn for my slave heart a slave
Of wondrous charm like thee: for what treasure
Greater than silks of Samarkand has caught
My wanderer-heart? 'Tis thy beauty brave
As jasmines at night, sweet beyond measure!

"AL RASHID."

Hostel Committee Formed For Student Welfare

Following the resignation of members of the Food Committee and other untoward incidents, students unanimously resolved to form a Hostel Committee to look into the affairs of all hostelites. It was agreed that the Committee should consist of five elected members and two ex-officios, namely the President and Secretary of the Union. The following were elected:—

Messrs. J. J. Puthucheary, K. G. Yogam, Fong Chu Chai, J. T. Christie and Shariff Hassan,

This new Committee is now responsible for the maintenance of hostel regulations, discipline, and welfare. It is also to take over the duties of the erstwhile Food Committee.

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MEDICAL COLLEGE UNION ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

In the Annual General Elections of the Medical College Union held on January 22nd, 1949, the following were elected office-bearers:—

President: Wong Poh Lam. Vice-President: Lim Sian Lok Hon. Secretary: Gan Kok Leong.

Asst. Treasurer: Seah Cheng Siang.

Sports Secretary: J. S. Mahadevan.

Lady Representative: Miss Nalama Navarednam. Lady Sports Secretary: Miss

Yolan Kong. Editor: K. Kanagaratnam.

Indoor Sports Secretary: Gow Siang Yew.

Literary Secretary: Lim Boon Par.

Besides these, four Committee Members were also elected:—

- 1. Syed Mohd. Alhady. 2. S. D. Williams.
- 3. Lim Kee Jim.
- 4. Avtar Singh.

BUILDING THE MALAYAN NATION

The increased political consciousness among the peoples of Malaya is perhaps the only legacy of the War for which we have to be thankful. But so much time is being spent on patting ourselves on the back at our awakening that we fail to recognise the need for taking advantage of the change and planning constructively for the achievement of our goal, be it self-government or independence.

FIRST STEP

The first step in our march to this goal is, as pointed out by the "Malayan Orchid," a change of outlook. Praising ourselves for our new political consciousness is of hardly any use, if we still think in terms of those days when our needs were served by the particular community to which we belonged. To-day, circumstances should make us think and act as parts of a larger whole-a nation and not as members of small communities. If once we people of Malaya can regard ourselves as Malayans, we would have cleared the first hurdle in the path of our progress towards our goal.

No doubt there are many obstacles to be overcome before we can think in terms of a nation. But obstacles, are meant to be overcome not avoided.

SACRIFICE NECESSARY

Perhaps the first obstacle is the different cultural traditions of the major communities in this country. In our case, at least, if we are to hope for a brighter future, we have to forget the past. The immigrant peoples have to forget their race, possibly their language and even closer ties, if any new national consciousness is to develop. As in America we have to choose a national language, and start from scratch as far as cultural tradition is concerned. A synthesis of the different cultures is, of course, welcome, but if such a synthesis is not possible, then we must be prepared to start from scratch. This, undoubtedly, requires a strong conviction that the sacrifice of our present racial identities is in the interest of the nation-to-be, and a strong will and courage to execute the conviction./ If we are to make this great sacrifice, the remaining obstacles will be merely minor ones of growth and development, and so long as the seed sprouts, there is hope that it may grow into a big strong tree, provided it is given the necessary care and nourishment.

MALAY AND ENGLISH SHOULD BE COMPULSORY

The educational system as it exists to-day, and as it will be when the new government plan is put into operation, is not conducive to the development

G. J. PUTHUCHEARY

of a national outlook. As it is now, children are taught their vernacular language very early in their lives and this tends to create a complex, which, though national in other places, unfortunately becomes communal in this country. The new government plan only serves to accentuate this complex. Therefore perhaps the first concrete step towards nation-building would be the overhauling of the educational system. Malay should be adopted as the national language and should be compulsory in all schools. English, of course, should be taught side by side with Malay, as it is being done at present in vernacular schools, for no one can deny the scientific, commercial and international importance of English. On reaching the secondary stage, the student should be allowed the option of studying his vernacular or any other language instead of Malay. Students should be allowed to continue studying Malay if they prefer to do so. There should be nothing to bar students of Indian or Malay origin from studying Chinese or vice versa.

The advantage of such a system would be that children of different racial origins will grow up together and the dividing influence of vernacular languages will not be introduced until much later when a spirit of brotherhood, tolerance and a consciousness of being fellowcitizens have been firmly rooted in the minds of the students. The study of vernacular languages will then lose its disintegrative tendencies. Besides fostering the fusion of the races, this system would also be the acid test of the allegiance to Malaya that many people claim, either through sincerity or expediency.

MALAYANISE EDUCA-TIONAL SYSTEM

Secondly, the school curriculum and method of teaching should be re-orientated to suit Malayan conditions. There must be an intensive and extensive Malayanisation of textbooks and a drastic purge of such elements as are detrimental to the national cause. Perhaps some people may argue that a beginning has been made in this direction and that some textbooks used at present are very Malayan. I fully agree that a beginning has been made but it is necessary to progress further until a complete Malayanisation takes place. For example, history should not be merely the study of the growth of the British Empire or of England in relation to the world, but rather the history of Malaya in relation to other

ful history, perhaps not as bloody or glorious as that of England, but of definitely greater importance to Malayans. Likewise, the history of China, India and the Middle East is of more importance to Malayans than a detailed history of England. Malayan students should be taught with a greater emphasis on all things Malayan. They should be taught as much of Malaya as a schoolboy in England is taught of his country, and with that knowledge as the basis a progressive study of the world in general should be instituted. As conditions are, a student

in a local middle school soon becomes conscious of "remote control" from the land of John Bull. Such a state of affairs kills the national sentiment in the student and he is lost in admiration of King Richard the Lion-Heart while he has hardly heard of such Malayan heroes as Hang Tuah and others.

COMBAT COMMUNALISM

Another problem we Malayans have to tackle is communalism. Let us learn from the experience of India and keep this venomous serpent in check. To-day there are a number of communal bodies striving to get their grip on the country and turn it into a blood bath.

To counteract these destructive influences, those of us who believe in the possibility of the evolution of a new nation, should band ourselves into progressive non-communal bodies and work for self-government, towards which aim the fusion the different races is but the first step. Undoubtedly, there will be among us, people with different convictions as to what sort of government we should have, and to how society should be constituted. Such differences are inevitable but they are definitely healthier than communal differences. Let the wishes of the majority prevail so long as differences in such petty things as colour or racial origin do not affect the position of the individual.

A further step towards the fusion and consolidation into one people, of the different races in this country, will be the creation of national citizenship. All those who are willing to give their undivided loyality to the country should be accorded citizenship. The right to citizenship should not be based on the degree of pigment in the skin, the country of origin, or the language spoken, but on the readiness to take an oath of allegiance and loyalty to Malaya and the willingness to sacrifice other allegiances, loyalties and even traditions. The oath will be the real test of sincerity, and its proof.

Out of the heterogeneous collection of races in this country we can evolve a new nation if we try. Sacrifices have to be made on all sides, but however great the sacrifice, we must set our hearts to achieve this

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MAN IN THE CORRIDOR

APATHY OF UNION MEMBERS—

An Appeal.

Records in the past indicate that Union office-bearers have in the main come 'croppers' in their Diploma Exams. There are exceptions, of course; many have done well and gone on to win greater academic honours. But it is, I think, a well-known fact that, as a rule, office-bearers have not done as well as have been expected of them.

Why? It is not that they were mentally incapable of tackling exams; they had disproved that by getting through their Diploma Part One Exams, and they had been thought fit by the best of their fellows to run the Union. The only real reason I can see for their failure is that they did not devote sufficient time to their studies.

Now, whose fault was that? I think the fault lay with the other members of the Union. They, in the main, thought that their duty as members of the Union ended-with the elections, and left everything to that small Committee and whatever sub-committees it co-opted. They stood aside, as it were, and watched the efforts of the few to run matters as if they did not concern them in the least and countries. Malaya has a colour- then descended on them un-

mercifully, like a ton of bricks, | when the slightest thing went wrong. As a result, those gallant few, devoting more time than they should have done to Union affairs, had no alternative but to 'flunk' their exams.

Many of us have taken lessons from past history and refused to take up any office lest the same fate befall us, and as a result we have in the past two elections seen a ridiculously long string of "I decline" before someone whose enthusiasm got the better of his fears really decided to stand.

It would be far better, if we as a Union, learn to correct our past mistakes. Let us not abandon our committee as soon as we have elected them. Let us try to instil into them confidence that they can call on each and every one of the members to do anything however trivial or however arduous, for the Union at any time; let them feel that they have our whole-hearted and sympathetic support; that their job is not entirely thankless, and that they need not, on taking office, devote too much time to their duties. Let us shake off this apathy of ours, this 'tida-apa' spirit that hinders whatever progress the Union tries to make.

In this respect, I think the Singaporean non-hostelites are the worst offenders. They do not attend any meeting, whether business, sports or social. Their day in College ends at four in the afternoon and even at mid-day for some; as a group they consider themselves as outside the Union-as far as 'extraacademic' activities are concerned. As someone suggested they might as well have applied for postal courses of lectures. Let them come forward to do their part. Whatever small part of the task they can shoulder is at the same time lifted from the shoulders of those others and will help to make distribution of labour more equitable. The more the supporters at the base, the stronger will the Union be. Let us work TOGETHER and nothing will be impossible.

CONSCIENCE.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Letters bearing nom-deplumes will not be accepted unless accompanied by the name and address of the correspondent.

Editor-in-chief.

Raffles Prepares To Meet Medicos

Though Hilary term has begun with the students settling down to their academic work with more seriousness, interest in the sports activities has not slackened. The most important sports events during this term will be Athletics and Soccer. It is most unfortunate that Athletics in the two colleges has to be held during this term when the season is off in the rest of the country and particularly when this term is likely to be an extremely wet one. The difficulty about holding athletics during the next term is that Trinity

term is final term and training would be impossible with the feverish 'mugging' and the 'burning of the midnight oil.' The diploma examinations take place in June, after which the college closes for the long vacation. These difficulties do not, however, apply to soccer which does not need such hard and systematic training. As such, though the all-important inter-college match will be played off during this term, interest in the game will continue throughout even the

INTER-COLLEGE ATHLETICS

The last Athletics Captain, in his report in our Magazine, said that our failure to win the Kay-Mouat Cup last year was attributable to the fact that there was a lack of more sprinters of the calibre of Abdul Karim. This, we believe, has been more than compensated for this year by the large number of promising athletes that are among the Freshmen.

YEO BENG POH: Beng Poh who hails from the Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, is a budding young sprinter who is already in the limelight in Selangor and who should soon be catching the eyes of the Singapore public this season. Beng Boh s best times in the sprint events place him among the best in Singapore. He has done the 100 yards in 10.3 secs and the 2zv yards in 23.6 secs. Though handicapped in height and without long strides, he is extremely fast. If he does not dive too deep into his academic pursuits, we look forward to his repeating, if not bettering, his Selangor performances in Singapore. In the recent Singapore Chinese vs. Selangor Chinese Athletics Meet, held in Singapore, it was Beng Poh who won the 100 metres.

LEE HOO KEAT: Lee Hoo Keat who is from Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh is a long distance runner. He is said to have done the One Mile Race, at his best, in 4 mins. 50 secs. His later performances have been in the neighborhood of 5 mins. 7 secs. If Hoo Keat, too, is able to maintain this standard under present conditions we expect to have our One Mile Record of 5 mins. 7 secs. held by Yoshida shattered this year.

Please look out for the next issue for more about the potential record-breakers we have among our Freshmen. Until then, it would suffice to say that our prospects of winning the inter-college athletics this season seem very bright. Nevertheless, good and hard training is essential.

SINGAPORE'S BEST-LEGGED MAN

We are proud of Thong Saw Pak who in the Singapore Weight Lifting and Body Beautiful Championships held in Singapore last month, was judged the best-legged man in Singapore. Besides, he was also successful in some of the weight lifting competitions. Saw Pak is a keen weight lifter and has to his credit a number of victories both in Singapore and up-country. Saw Pak also comes in useful in Athletics both for the Shot Put and the Tug of War.

ATHLETICS

James E. Henry, the athletics captain, has begun work early and a fair number are already in the field every evening, training. In the light of last years experience the job of the athletics captain is no easy one and we hope that Henry will have the whole-hearted co-operation of the entire student body in his work.

Those who have known Mr. Morrell and the very hard work he put in during the last year, know that in him athletes in Raffles College have a great friend. His interest in us did not stop with coaching. We had to look to him for help, and he did not hesitate in the least to give freely of his time, energy and experience.

He has kindly consented to help us again this year. At a meeting of athletes on Friday the 14th, Mr. Morrell spoke to a group of athletes. He stressed the point that only systematic, regular training together with sufficient rest and regular habits would make good

athletes. At the same meeting, the Combined Colleges representative at the Singapore AAA Committee said that Mr. Strickland the President of the AAA who had lately returned from England, full of enthusiasm and inspiration from the London Olympiad, had announced a number of new plans for the encouragement of athletics in Singapore. Among other things we look forward to the organization of training, and the construction of a cinder track. The announcement of Singapore's intention to participate in the Empire Games to be held

Always Use:

TENNIS CLUB

Mr. C. Ganasalingam, the Tennis Captain, has announced the formation of the Raffles College Tennis Club for tennis enthusiasts, both students and members of the staff. At a meeting held on Monday the 17th, the following were elected office bearers:—

Captain—
C. Ganasalingam
Hon. Secretary—
Arthur Rajaratnam
Hon. Treasurer—
Chee Chin Bok.

Nominal Subscriptions of \$4.00 per staff member and \$2.50 per student member are to be levied.

The team has not been playing many games against outside teams as yet except for one against the Graduates, which we won 3—2. The Secretary, we understand, is now arranging a game against the Singapore Railway Institute.

SOCCER

Abdullah the Soccer Captain has also lost no time in getting his men down for training. Soccer seems every year a Raffles game ... it has been so since the re-opening of the Colleges post-war. Matches have been arranged with outside teams, and the team will be going into action shortly. Prominent among new additions to our football strength is S. G. Dorairai. who has been a regular player for the well known TPCA of Selangor. Dorairaj has also represented Selangor inter-state games a number of times. As our men are still in an early stage of practice, we have little else to say in this issue.

THE ALEXANDER SHIELD BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Annual tournament for the Alexander Shield has just begun and we would wait until the preliminary rounds are over before we discuss the likely winners.

However, we take this opportunity to point out that in the engraving of names in the shield our Captain has forgotten that the first winners were Mr. Tan Ah Fee and others. We feel strongly that their names should be inserted without any further delay. The 1946—47 winners were:—

Singles-

Champions—Tan Ah Fee Runners-up—D. R. Daniel Doubles—

Champion—Tan Ah Fee and Khoo Lay Liang Runner-up — Chua Ban Chuan & Koh Eng Kiat Mixed-Doubles—

Champions—Tan Ah Fee & Miss Sylvia de Costa Runners-up—D. R. Daniel & Miss Yvette Lopez.
Mr. Tan Ah Fee was triple-champion that year.

Ladies Assistant Sports Captain

Miss Annamah Manicavasagar, has been elected Assistant Sports Captain, Ladies Section. Hockey practices have begun and we hope that Miss Manicavasagar will arrange matches with outside teams. There are a number of Ladies' Teams in Singapore and we are eager to see our Ladies, who have been practising under the expert coaching of Mrs. E. G. Dobby, matched against them.

BRIAN MARKS

We congratulate Brian Marks on his having established his position as fullback in the regular Singapore State side. He has been playing creditably in all State games. His brother, John Marks, also represented Singapore against the Johore State side lately.

in New Zealand in 1950 is specially welcome and should be added incentive to serious training.

CRICKET

SEASON BEGINS
The cricket season has

The cricket season has begun not with net practices as one would expect, but with matches that should have been played much later. A handful were to be seen at one or two practices and with that, the Captain has thought it fit to play off two annual matches, the Inter-Faculty and the Inter-Hostel.

FMS HOSTEL WIN INTER-HOSTEL MATCH

Kailasapathy 156 in season's first game.

The F.M.S. Hostel were winners of the annual interhostel match played on Saturday, the 15th. Batting first, the winners were all out for 207 runs. Kailasapathy contributed 156 runs and the only other batsman with double figures was K. Rajendram who scored 16 runs.

The Eu Tong Seng Hostel were all out for 178 runs. Top scorer for them was the new-comer C. T. Arasu, a Pahang State Player, with 74 runs. P. Rajendra and A. Rajaratnam scored 57 and 19 runs respectively.

NARROW VICTORY FOR THE FACULTY OF ARTS

Chelverajasingam's first hat-trick of the season.

The Faculty of Arts won the Annual Inter-Faculty match on Sat. 22nd, by the narrow margin of 21 runs, against the Faculty of Science. Top scorer was Kailasapathy with 53 runs. Brian Marks—29, Pasupathy—10, Sathianathan—15, and Yusuff—11, were others who reached double figures.

The Science men 'went down fighting' in grand style. Dorairaj, who opened with C.T. Arasu, scored 16 runs. Rajendra, the Captain, scored 38 and Peter Foo 10 runs.

The most outstanding performance of the day was Chelverajasingam's hat-trick Chelva, who was awarded a bat for the best Raffles College bowling performance in the last Inter-College match, has begun the season well, capturing 3 wickets for 15 runs.



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