

DENTISTRY.

EX ORE.

The dental students held their second monthly meeting in the students' room at the Dental Hospital on the 18th May, at 8 p.m.

The guest of the evening, Dr. Ray Newling, gave a lecture and clinic on "Composition Impressions." Some new ideas and technique were shown regarding the use of this much abused material.

Miss Packer, a fourth-year student, gave a short paper on the "Dental History of Gold." Both papers were cordially received, and a vote of thanks accorded after the old Spanish custom.

The meeting closed towards midnight with a supper, provided by the capable hands of Mrs. Goodall.

Boat Club.

All members of the University crew are now back from Tasmania. We trained for 10 days before the race at Franklin, on the Riven Huon. The course runs past the town, and is quite a nice one. But as an Inter-Varsity course it does not approach our own at Mannum. The crew thoroughly enjoyed the chance of rowing twice a day in daylight, and under the expert coaching of Mr. Facy, and made rapid headway. The only casualty was bow's strained wrist. This put the crew back in training, but Mr. Facy had them at their top on Saturday, June 4th. W.A. led Sydney after the first two minutes, with the other four crews together, just behind. Rounding the bend at the half mile, Tasmania steered wide, and their oars hit Adelaide's for a couple of strokes. This was unfortunate, coming at a critical juncture, but did not materially affect the result. After the crews had gone a mile they had found their places in the field, and the order did not change to the finish. Tasmania made numerous efforts to pass Adelaide, but our stroke kept his crew well together, and always had something up his sleeve.

After the race we went to Hobart for the dinner, and all enjoyed themselves in their various ways. Most of the fun was occasioned by the speeches of Sir Herbert Nicholls and Mr. Erskine Watchorn.

At Franklin, the good townfolk spent the whole time we were there doing their best to entertain us. The coach held out valiantly against all this gadding about, and the honours were about even.

The organization of the Tasmanians for the comfort of their visitors was masterly, and an object lesson to all.

He who hesitates is—

It is pointed out that a part of the delay at the cafeteria counter during lunch hours is due to that common failing of humanity, irresolution. In other words, some people take up much more time in coming to the decision to have pie and sauce than others do, and they unfortunately wait until a long line of people are standing behind them before commencing their meditations on the subject. To grow to a point, it is—choose your food quickly, and thus save the time of those who are waiting to be served.

Literary and Debating Society.

The society held its third meeting in the Lady Symon hall, on Monday night. Attendance was rather smaller than usual, due, one hoped, rather to the wet weather than the prospect of the evening's entertainment.

Three papers were read: Nan Cussen on "Alice Meynell," Lillemor Andersen on "Two Swedish Authors," and Peggy Hambidge on "Arnold Bennett." Miss Andersen's paper, especially, was interesting for its rather unfamiliar subject and pleasant literary style.

After the papers, a dramatic performance was given: "The Stepmother," by Bennett. Audrey Gregory played a part for which she was excellently suited, with her habitual charming self-possession; Lena Cohen (aided by cigarettes and earrings), made an attractively sophisticated lady-novelist. The stethoscope which John MacFarlane wielded with such mastery, gave the audience no occasion to doubt his profession; our President played a most difficult part (in which he had alternately to be a smart reporter, dutiful stepson, and ardent lover) with nice distinction.

After a simple, hearty supper of jubilee cake, coffee, and jubilee cake, the society danced. We thank Barbara Polkinghorne for playing for us.

"Iphigeneia in Aulis"

Greek tragedy was played, possibly for the first time in Adelaide, in S.P.S.C. Memorial Hall, on Friday and Saturday of last week. "On Dit" wishes to congratulate Mr. F. K. Barton and the producers.

Courage, skill, and patience are needed to revive Euripides in an age which prefers action and "human appeal" in its drama to stately declamation and study of character, which knows the Greeks only as stiff figures on vases, and sculptors of broken statuary. But the tragedy was definitely a success. Very wisely the producers had dispensed with some of the paraphernalia of the Greek theatre; the actors wore no masks nor boots, and a certain amount of stage-effect was employed. The settings, in fact, were quite the best I have seen in an Adelaide theatre, and the costumes fitted them perfectly. Agamemnon's tent loomed hugely in graceful folds against a dull, purple sky before dawn; the faces of the general and his slave were lit by the dim flaring of a torch. The orchestral pit had been filled in with a simple and beautiful arrangement of steps and platforms in neutral grey upon which the chorus sat dispersed, commenting on the action. Two tripods, bearing incense, smouldered on either side the proscenium.

Sandford's interpretation of Agamemnon was in the best style of the Shakespearean hero. Arden as Clytemnestra, Gundell as Iphigeneia, and Corney as Achilles, may be singled out for praise. About the only criticism one need make is that the acting of the principals contrasted in its maturity with the more obviously school-boyish acting of the others.

One incongruous element was painfully present: the audience. Those who did not appreciate Greek tragedy (and they seemed a majority) were determined to give no quarter for those who did. Consequently some of the effective passages were ruined by tittering, shuffling, and the characteristic St. Peter's hooting.

"ON DIT"

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*"Doth sometimes counsel take
And sometimes tea"*

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EDITORIAL.

In the bickerings of our correspondents over the formation of a Labour Club, a number of important points have been raised.

It is unfortunate that the inspiration came from Melbourne, for that might quite well indicate that the demand for some such body was factitious, not to say factious; it may also indicate that the proposed club would be tied to a political programme not now regarded with favour by the Law.

More, it has had the effect of giving the matter the undesired publicity of the Press.

But it is rather naive, and possibly dangerous, to assume that a Labour Club must necessarily belong to the left wing; that assumption is in itself evidence of the need for some body devoted to political discussion.

We are encouraged to think that both the need and the demand are now demonstrable facts.

It is dangerous that a people so dependent upon politics as the Australians should yet remain so politically immature. It is quite true that we understand the technique of politics fairly well, but there is little sign that our political education has gone much beyond this.

Discussion on public questions nearly always takes the form of canvassing or blackening the personal qualities of politicians.

That "Lang is Right" is countered by an emphatic but equally unintelligent rejoinder about the "mad dog in politics"; but in the quarrel of rival catchwords, important political issues are lost sight of, or ignored.

Even more dangerous is the tacit assumption that the proper method of dealing with an opponent is to remove him.

Democracy is not so much a matter of government by consent as of government by discussion, in which all sides of a question are looked at, in which extremist views are modified by common interests.

It is not improbable that those who contend for the right of democracy by forcing their opponents to be free, have already surrendered themselves, ignominiously, to the horrid principles of Fascists and Communists.

Political clubs within the University might quite well serve the dual function of education in politics and education in democracy.

They might, of course, equally well serve to exasperate unintelligent controversies over political personalities, or to break the ordered calm of Academic life with orgiastic baptism in muddy ponds.

We can see no reason, however, why the existing Union should not promote the former of these objects.

Could not both Labour and Conservative thinkers arrange to discuss their respective objects, to the delight of the beholders, within that organisation!

This is usually received in good part at a more or less humorous performance, but one felt very strongly that the school authorities might have taken much better

precautions to ensure an honourable reception for homeric heroes, come to life again after twenty-five centuries of oblivion.

S.C.M.

We are now able to publish the series of mid-day addresses for the year. The first address was planned to ask the questions: Why? What are we here for? Have we one purpose in life? Some think that problems such as these are simply irrelevant and do not exist; others that the problems are too vast to be solved. But THE problem is there. The approach to the answer is found in the Nature of the Universe, in its structure and delicate balance which is being revealed by science, and in the "Nature of Spirit." The human spirit, Professor Stewart said, is known by what it has accomplished in science, art, poetry, morality, philosophy, religion. Spirit is the most living thing we know, and it is the nature of spirit that it seeks to find the source of its being, to seek the unity in the system, to strive ceaselessly to reach order out of chaos.

Rev. L. C. Parkin sounded the challenge of One who revealed human spirit in its most perfect form. Christianity, it has been said, has been tried and found wanting, but Christ's way of life is still untied by the mass of people, because, at its basis is the faith in the conquering power of good.

The rest of the series follows on from this point. What is to be our attitude to private property, to nationalism? Is it one of mere indifference or of a sincere desire to examine fearlessly and courageously the present social system in the light of the best we know? If we are true to ourselves, and to the spirit of the University, then we must face up to life in all its phases, and we must expect to be confronted with unpleasant facts.

The S.C.M. asks you to make an effort to attend the following meetings:

Second Term.

July 1st. What of Private Property?—E. G. Biaggini, B.A.

July 15th. The Challenge to Nationalism—Prof. Hancock.

July 29th. The Fatherhood of God—Rev. E. A. North Ash.

August 12th. The Call—Dr. G. H. Wright.

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL, 1932.

Sports.

The Graduate v. Undergraduate sports were held on the afternoon of May 18th. Again the afternoon was a success, matches being played in lacrosse, baseball, men's and women's hockey. This year it was impossible to arrange a football match, nor does it seem likely that graduates can be got to play basketball nor to arrange a rowing crew.

Exhibition.

This occupied the afternoon and evening of the 19th. The afternoon was set aside more especially for conducted parties of school children, with great success; about 800 children attended, and about 200 other people.

The evening programme attracted some 1,300 people to the grounds. There was no doubt about the excellence of the displays.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the way in which people flocked to see the magnificent Barr-Smith Library.

Carnival.

There were about 1,400 present. The undergraduates were responsible for a great deal of the enthusiasm. The result was that even the weather did nothing to subdue hilarity and gaiety. This represents a definite advance on last year's carnival.

Sideshows.

The side shows were a little put out by the rain, and apart from two they could not be called a great success. The "Top Hat" sideshow proved to be the greatest attraction, probably due to the raucous voice and "showman" air of its conveners.

Supper and Sweets.

The supper was a great success, and the Refectory, in the capable hands of the Women's Union, looked delightful. They are to be congratulated on their efforts, both here and in the preparation of sweets.

"Flashing to the heart of the matter . . ."

We have great pleasure in announcing that the next of the lunch-hour addresses will be delivered by Mr. Villeneuve Smith, K.C., in the Refectory, on Tuesday, June 28th.

Mr. Villeneuve Smith will give us some reminiscences of the late Earl of Birkenhead, and members of the Union are requested to lunch early on that date, to save the speaker's remarks from being augmented by the clattering of forks, pushing of chairs, eating of soup, and other noises incidental to the University at lunch.

Ball Committee.

Chairman: The President of the Sports Association (Professor A. L. Campbell).

Joint Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. R. Burns Cuming and L. T. Ewens.

Messrs. J. L. Hayward, K. A. Macdonald, Misses S. Burns Cuming, H. Fletcher, R. Hone, E. Sudholz.

The Ball is to be attended by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven), Lady Hore-Ruthven, the Chancellor of the University (Sir George Murray), and the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell).

List of Debutantes at Forthcoming Ball.

The list of debutantes is: Misses Ruth Watson, Nancy Ray, Dorothy Ray, Elizabeth Erickson, Jean Callaghan, Flora McKay, Audrey Parker, Rona Warren, Margaret Corpe, Patricia O'Dea, Mary Coles, Margaret Parsons, Kathleen Ewens, Jean Dowie, Gerta McAree, Leila Watson, Sheila Long, Helen White, Barbara Winterbottom, Zeta Walsh, Patricia Salter, Dorothy West, Joyce McGay, Jean Thorn, Gladys Child, Mavis Morrow, Phyllis Lawton, Marjorie Pearce, Margaret Weidenhofer, Nancy Clayer, Mary Conrad, Elizabeth Wells.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor

Sir,—The fact that those who work not are considered ineligible to eat is perfectly well understood by your readers. There is, however, the time factor to be considered, which I should like to put forward for consideration. This is all important, after work, food must follow, and quickly, otherwise the subject dies, or is incapable of performing more work. In the interest of the working population of the University then, may I urge upon all and sundry that they should exercise their choice on the viands displayed in the Refectory with much speed? It is annoying and deleterious to the inner man to be forced to wait in the queue, while the next person carefully weighs the dietetic value of one bun against one slice of jub. cake with or without. Perhaps the solution would be to have printed tables setting out the required information, but in default of this, could not all users of the Refectory choose blindly, but above all rapidly, thus shortening the time and transit of the queue and avoiding risk of serious harm to the ravenous. Yours, etc., GULP.

To the Editor,

Sir,—One is gratified to observe that the University is showing signs of awakening from its torpor, except for the occasional relapses of the Law fraternity, whose proceedings, we are told, "while not orgiastic, were yet quietly and continuously riotous." Another equally disquieting factor, revealed by the last issue of "On Dit," was the existence of "Anabaptist." One prefers that such people should remain asleep, than that they should awake to growl at the disturbance of their rest. The mention of a Labour Club fills "Anabaptist" with horror and dismay; it calls up vivid pictures of a ducking pond in Melbourne, and this train of thought leads him unerringly to the River Torrens. The incident in Melbourne does fill every right-thinking individual with horror and disgust, not at the activities of the Labour Club, but at the rank intolerance and barbarism of supposedly cultured University "Anabaptists." I can say quite frankly that I am not a communist, but I cannot blind myself to the rottenness in the present social system. Further, I emphatically protest against the mock heroic strains of one who "sees red" at the slightest provocation. May I suggest that the extreme orthodox is as great a danger to society as the extreme radical, or, in more familiar terms, that Anabaptist is as great a social menace as the most violent communist. The time is ripe for free and frank discussion, not for hot-headed counsels. We can surely try to sort out the order of the present disorder, or the disorder of the present order, if we claim to be true University students. Therefore, sir, I plead for a common sense attitude towards social questions. Why not arrange for an interesting debate between Zoon Politikon and Anabaptist? Such a contest should appeal to all right-minded students. I am, Sir, "UNORTHODOX."

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—I agree with "Zoon Politikon" that it is most unfortunate that we have no Labour Club in this University, but I consider it most fortunate that we have had no such disgraceful scene as occurred in Melbourne last week between members of the Labour Club and other University students. Our Australian Universities are truly in a parlous state when students (so-called "thinkers") cannot allow freedom of thought and freedom of speech to a fellow thinker. These are the Universities that are to produce the leaders of our people! May we be kept from such leaders as these! The biting shame lies, however, in the feeling that this is by no means peculiar to Melbourne—the seed of this bigotted intolerance is rooted in our University also, but it has so far been hidden from sight by the thick crust of apathy by which our students are bound. When will our students wake to the true meaning of education, when will they achieve that Truth-ideal which will equip them in the highest sense to be leaders of the people? "AREOPAGUS."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I draw attention to the state of affairs which exists in the matter of the University blazer? There is in plain fact at present no University blazer. Both resident colleges it is true have their own, whilst the blazer of the Sports Association masquerades under the title of the "Varsity blazer."

The body which is truly representative of student life in this University is the Students' Union, and the power of issuing blazers, which appears to have been arrogated by the Sports Association, should reside with this body. The issue of Blues is, of course, a matter solely for the Sports Association, but in view of the fact that the blazers, unlike the Blues, are not conferred, it is nothing short of an iniquitous imposition on non-members of the Sports Association that this body should be allowed complete control of the so-called "Varsity blazer. Trusting that this injustice will be speedily rectified, I remain, Sir, etc., "AJAX."

The Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my meditative progress about the University I have frequently been confronted with glaring posters, demanding such officiously personal questions as: "Do you ever think? If not, come and join the S.C.M."—or something of that sort.

For a time I have managed to evade their insistent demands, but of late have felt myself drawn, as by a serpent's eyes, into the coils of metaphysical speculation. Can it be that members of the S.C.M. never think, and consequently desire associates of like nature? Or is it (I may have misread their statement) that they consider themselves the only thinking body in the University, and sufficient advocates and mediators for those who would like to think but are not sure how to begin? Or again, does it mean that they themselves would like to start thinking, but feel the need of a little mental stimulus and support?

However, this is a quibble. The point in

issue is that, however earnest their aims, the methods they employ are not calculated to attract anybody, save perhaps a rabid tub-thumping salvationist. This may at first sight appear a harsh judgment; the S.C.M. is most careful to make its pill palatable by the old defensive argument—almost an apology—that a Christian may be quite a decent sort after all. This is not the cry of men dashing into battle; it is the excuse of a religion with its back to the wall.

An undergraduate of quiet tastes may like to join a study-circle. But after reading that such circles are composed of "typical Australian youth, bright, and eagerly seeking a better way to a higher life," he shudders into his shell, and goes off to read Aldous Huxley by way of antidote. The normal "Australian youth," one feels, finds such ebullience of tasteless enthusiasm and puerile blague merely an occasion for a hearty wicked laugh.

Religion is a difficult and deep thing. It is the natural impulse of an ordinary mortal to dismiss deep things with a modest and uncomfortable laugh. The ordinary mortal seems to find it easy enough to laugh at religion as it stands, but when his laughter is deliberately provoked by the unconscious absurdities of the religionists . . . I remain, Sir, etc. "JULIAN IN DESPAIR."

To the Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—I am glad to take this opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, all those who contributed to the success of the recent University Exhibition and Students' Carnival. The committee realizes that without the support and active co-operation of members of the University staff such a function as this exhibition could not have been contemplated. The willing assistance of students in all University departments and in the various faculties and undergraduate societies had much to do with the success of the function as a whole and of the carnival in particular.

The committee will no doubt wish to express its thanks more formally to members of the staff and students concerned with the organization of the various activities connected with the Exhibition and Carnival, but I may, perhaps, acknowledge here the help received from the organizers of graduate teams, the headmasters and headmistresses whose co-operation made possible the special session of the exhibition for schools, the officers and members of the Women's Union who controlled the supper and the sale of sweets, the management of 50L, Adelaide, the students who organized and operated the side-shows, and the many who acted as gatekeepers and ushers and in similar capacities.

To all those who have so generously given their help it will be gratifying to know that, when a substantial contribution has been made to charity, the Union and the Sports Association will probably receive more than £100 each. I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

R. R. P. Barbour,

Chairman Exhibition and Carnival Organizing Committee.

Sports Notes.

Aquatics at Largs Reserve—and Elsewhere.

Conditions were not quite ideal for football, definitely not. Some of the team were completely submerged at intervals in the miniature lakes; not little Jack though, it takes a lot of water to cover all his anatomy. However, it seemed to cause no change in 'Varsity's football results, the A's continuing their run of victories, and the B's . . . well, can't you guess? During the 'Varsity-Semaphore Central match several competitions were held. The main event, the Open (mouth) Duck Shoot, was won by Johnny Funder, whose brilliant effort brought rounds of applause. Some of the local supporters voiced (and how!) their objections to the colour of Johnny H's shorts, but, those of us who happened to notice, considered this a minor detail. Now to get down to the relatively unimportant matters, the team played well in the first half to obtain a lead of 6-4 to 0-3. The second half was even, the final scores being University 10-6, Semaphore Central 5-10. McFarlane, who has played great football in his first season, was the best of an even side.

The B's were again unfortunate in being below their full strength. However, they are not down-hearted and should spring a big surprise in the near future.

The C's were disappointing in their first match, but everyone still expects big things from them this season. The captain and Vice-Captain are Messrs. W. Putter Harris, and J. Russell Barbour, respectively.

Too Wet for the Ball Game.

Most of Saturday's baseball matches were postponed. 'Varsity A still share second position with West Torrens.

Lacrosse Disaster!

The first round was concluded last Saturday. The No. 1 team was surprisedly defeated by Sturt, 10 goals to 8. The chief trouble seemed to be in the forward lines, where Cook at 1st home was not fed sufficiently. It is unfortunate that the other two forwards are more accustomed to throwing goals from 1st home than feeding from 2nd and 3rd.

The No. 2 team showed marked improvement and were level at 7 goals each in the last quarter. It should not be long before they record their first win.

Are Spectacles an Advantage?

The men's hockey team also disappointed. Down 3-0 at half time they almost evened the scores in the last half, losing 3-2. Bills scored two nice goals, and A.U.S.A. ex-President Barbour did well to prevent a third from a neat mashie shot (or am I mixing my terms?).

After the match there was some argument as to whether glasses (not those containing beverages! there's no doubt about those!) are an advantage. Jock (2 eyes) says they become so covered with mud that one surely can't see. Jack (4 eyes) retorts that they do keep the mud out of your eyes. Wally (4 eyes), however, was on Jock's side (for reason see "Advertiser," 13/6/32).

LAW.

"GREAT ARGUMENT ABOUT IT AND ABOUT."

On Tuesday, 10th April, the Law Students' Society debated a question of Contract Law as it relates to insurance companies, with special reference to contracts uberrimae fidei. The question was set by A. S. Blackburn, Esq., V.C., who occupied the bench. Mr. T. G. Heath, with him his learned junior Mr. M. S. Sergeant, appeared for the plaintiff; he was opposed by his learned friend, Mr. Martin Young, who appeared, with his learned junior Mr. S. H. Menzies, for the defendant.

Certain other eminent counsel spoke, in addition to the four counsel briefed by the parties, and there was a considerable amount of close and heavy argument. The Court directed judgment to be entered for the defendant, with costs, and intimated that the case presented considerable difficulty and raised certain questions which were res integrae.

At the conclusion of the case, before the Court adjourned, Mr. Young moved a vote of thanks for the judge; Mr. Heath seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Inter'Varsity Athletics.

In the first week of the vac. eight of us set out for the athletics in Melbourne. The team comprised: A. H. Young (capt.), D. C. Cowell, O. E. Niechterlein, N. Fricker, W. D. Verco, C. M. Swan, J. O. Wore, and D. M. Reid.

We were greeted in fine style by several Melbourne chaps, among a crowd of photographers, and were treated royally throughout the week, among other things, at the civic reception given to visiting teams by the Lord Mayor.

The athletics themselves were not quite as good. Melbourne and Sydney fought it out for first and second, respectively, and even if Adelaide did come a bad third, at least Tassy and Queensland failed to score. For us, Andrew Young came second in the quarter; Darcy Cowell second in the hundred and twenty hurdles; and the relay team (Wore, Fricker, Swan, Verco), third; these, alas, were our sole triumphs.

RESULTS OF BASKET BALL MATCHES—7/5/32.

"A" grade: 'Varsity I, 18 goals; Ocheerio I, 46 goals.
"B" grade: 'Varsity II, 23 goals; Spartans, 36 goals.
"C" grade: 'Varsity III, 19 goals; Dauntless, 39 goals.
"D" grade: Forfeit to 'Varsity.

Have you an inferiority complex? Cure it by writing to "On Dit." You can achieve same. You can influence public opinion. Whatever your views, you have only to express them boldly and freely, and our great public press will snatch them up and convey them to the four quarters of the globe!

The indignant wrath of one of our correspondents concerning Labour clubs and communism has already blazed in the newspaper columns of South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales.

See if you cannot create a furore in the London "Times." You might achieve a notice in the "Daily Mail"!

NINE PUBLIC LECTURES

on TUESDAYS, at 8 o'clock.

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The Australian Aboriginal, Part 1
3. JUNE 28. DR. FRY.
The Australian Aboriginal, Part 2
4. JULY 5. MR. WOOD
The Origin and Significance of Sex in Plants
5. JULY 12. DR. PENNYQUICK.
Colloids
6. JULY 19. DR. BALD.
William Hazlitt
7. JULY 26. PROFESSOR HANCOCK
Machiavelli
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