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IS DUPLICATION NECESSARY?

At the recent informal Union meeting, it was suggested by one of the Editors of this paper that the time had come to put an end to the strict division of the sexes into two buildings; the plan proposed was that the lounge in each building should be kept as a lounge for men and women respectively, but that the Lady Symon Building should be common to both, and the George Murray Building used as a common lounge.

We understand that the matter came before the Men's Union Committee last week, and although no resolution was passed the feeling of the meeting was against such an innovation. Campbell Menzies, the vice-chairman, has tried, strictly unofficially, to present the view of the committee, and we have added the arguments on the other side.

THE PRESENT VIEW

At the Men's Union Committee meeting on Friday the question of allowing women into the George Murray Building was brought up for discussion. While no formal resolution was put, the feeling of the committee was overwhelmingly against the idea.

Men, it was thought, had felt for a long time the disadvantage of not having a building which they could call and use as their own. Now that they have one, they wish to keep it. While they are willing to mix with women in most features of Varsity life, they do want some place where they will be able to do as they like without the restraint of the presence of members of the other sex. They will work, study, discuss, dance, or play with women, but most men prefer to be able to relax by themselves. They realise that women probably have similar feelings with regard to men, and they have no desire to gain admittance to the Lady Symon Building.

The matter of libraries is at present given more weight than it deserves, chiefly owing to the fact that the Men's Union has no library. But it will not always be like that. There have been suggestions put forward which may quite possibly solve the situation, and in a few years men hope to have a good library of their own. They are not prepared to concede that there will be much unnecessary duplication in books, and the Committee feels that arrangements could be made between the librarians or secretaries of the Men's and Women's Unions whereby lists of books in each library could be furnished to the other, and borrowing of books in either library made possible through the respective librarians or secretaries. Unless more cogent arguments are advanced, it is most unlikely that the Men's Union will allow women the use of its building.

Negro Debaters

N.U.A.U.S. VENTURE.

A team of negro debaters from Le Moyne College, Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., will arrive in Australia in July of this year. They are the guests of the National Union. The team consists of Boris G. Alexander, the manager, James Spencer Byas (aged 21), and Charles Webster Gilton (aged 22). The team will start in Brisbane and end in Western Australia. We are not yet certain when the team will be in Adelaide.

Alexander is a graduate of the old Imperial University at Moscow, but left Russia because he was anti-Soviet. He graduated at Harvard, is a naturalised American citizen, and at present the head of the Department of Economics and Government at Le Moyne, which is an all-negro college. "Farrago" also states that "he is a big shot radio news commentator. He broadcasts daily on the nation-wide Yankee network."

The actual talkers, Byas and Gilton, are both from the same school and (Continued at bottom of column 4.)

THE NEW IDEA

We suggest that the whole idea of having separate buildings for men and women is puerile in principle and putrid in practice for the following reasons: One, it assumes a totally unwarranted distinction between the sexes; two, it results in useless and unprofitable duplication within the buildings; three, it leads on occasion to highly ridiculous results. These three objections are all met by the new scheme: this is so obviously true in regard to the first objection as to need no elaboration.

The second objection is a very serious one, and we shall deal with it mainly in connection with the duplication of libraries. We believe that the M.U. Committee are considering the idea of having lists of books contained in each made out, and making the books available to all, although still keeping the libraries separate. We are impressed chiefly with the startling efficiency of this scheme. Let A be the librarian in the George Murray, and B the ditto in the Lady Symon. A mere male wants to borrow a book from the Lady Symon. He approaches A, who approaches B. B looks, finds the book already out, and so reports to A. Subsequently, the book is returned; B gives it to A, who presumably signs for it; A then hands it to the mere male, who also presumably signs. And the whole process is repeated when the book is returned. As a method of wasting time and energy this is unparalleled. We suggest that the logical plan is to make one library, thus saving considerable space and the necessity of two librarians.

As to the ridiculous practical results, we need quote only one instance. In the depth of winter, a girl talking with girls, or a man talking with men, are able to do so in buildings provided with every comfort, including heating. A girl and a man have to conduct their conversation on the bitter cold ground of the Refectory lawn, or in the Refectory itself, which is equally cold, the only effect of the log fire being to warm the backside of portion of the teaching staff. The new scheme, by making the Lady Symon Library common to men and women, would enable the present men's library to be used as a lounge for both, thus answering the third objection to the present regime. In conclusion, we can understand people enduring inconvenience for the sake of a good principle or enduring a bad principle for the sake of convenience, but to suffer gladly both inconvenience and bad principle is beyond our comprehension. Let us know what you think.

GRADUATES' WEEK PROGRAMME

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS : SPORTING : DEBATING.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: 8 p.m. University Ball at Refectory.

SATURDAY, MAY 14: Rifle Shooting—Grads. v. Undergrads.

MONDAY, MAY 16: Reunion of Graduates and Past Members of the University at the Refectory.

(Preceded by short business meeting of the Graduates' Union.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18: Sporting Contests: Grads. v. Undergrads.

2.00 p.m.—Baseball, Tennis (Men), Tennis (Women).

2.30 p.m.—Hockey (Women).

4.00 p.m.—Basketball, Lacrosse, Hockey (Men).

5.00 p.m.—Rowing (on the Torrens).

Debating: 8 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.

Women's Debate: "The Way of the Transgressor is Hard."

Men's Debate: "That Adelaide is Becoming a City of Culture."

N.B.—ALL GRADUATES WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATES' UNION WILL BE MADE HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY UNION FOR THE PERIOD MAY 11-18.

RALPH TATE SOCIETY

It is a commonplace amongst medical students that medicine is learnt in the wards from a study of patients, and not from lectures or text-books. But it is not so fully realised that science generally is learnt in the field, not in the lecture room; in the laboratory and not in the library.

In the Adelaide University the amount of field work done by students of the natural sciences, especially biological ones, is insufficient. Possibly there is too much of the lecture and too little of the laboratory, but I may be biased in saying this, for I would welcome the scrapping of all formal lectures.

To overcome this disability, a Ralph Tate Society is being formed within the University. This society has four objects:

1. It will provide University students with an opportunity to prosecute original scientific work in the field.

2. It will increase our knowledge of South Australia, and should add something of importance to the general body of scientific knowledge.

3. It will provide budding research workers with opportunities to prepare papers for publication.

4. It will serve as a tribute to Professor Ralph Tate, the pioneer of the natural sciences in South Australia.

These objects will be attained by the organisation of natural history surveys of various areas—the study of the Murray lakes and the Coorong, the desert, the mallee, the inland ranges, and the off-shore islands. Similar work has been successfully accomplished by the McCoy Society of Melbourne University, which owes so much to the keen interest of Dr. R. E. Priestley and Professor F. Wood Jones.

Any students who are interested in such a society will be welcomed, especially if they have some definite interest or aptitude which might prove useful to it. This appeal is not directed to Science students only, but to everyone.

If you are interested, get in touch with Leigh Parkin, Pat Mawson, or Frank Fenner, and watch "On Dit" and the notice boards for further particulars.

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have done good courses. We understand that the visitors will be willing to speak either pro or con in debate on the following: The American New Deal, Parliamentary as opposed to the Presidential Government, the League of Nations. This allows of a wide scope and there should be some excellent contests.

WOMEN'S UNION ENTERTAIN WIVES

On Wednesday afternoon the Women's Union was at home to the University Wives' Club. Helen Wighton received the guests, who were then labelled and introduced to the students. Two small plays were produced by Miss Hewett, and she is to be congratulated on their undoubted success. The first depicted the romance of a maiden in those grim days when Cromwell's brave men and the handsome cavaliers fought for the honor of their respective causes. It seemed a little unfair that the cavalier had the longest foil, but it mattered not—the villain and our Roundhead won his lady. The second play was of a later date, when all emotions were under well-bred control: our hearts bled for the elder sister, played very well by Vivian Oldfield.

Afternoon tea was served by many willing students, and the artistic merits of the plays were discussed. A guest was heard to define honesty—that praiseworthy attribute—as transparent and unreal. Such words from Lady Hicks caused considerable astonishment, until it was realised that she was talking about decorations for the University ball.

Helen Wighton welcomed the guests and spoke for the students in saying how much we looked forward to meeting them. Mrs. Davidson thanked us on behalf of the Women's Club, and announced that Mrs. Harvey Johnston and Mrs. Macheth were to represent the Wives' Club on a committee which is being formed to investigate the need of a women's college in Adelaide.

MEN'S UNION DINNER

Owing to difficulty in fixing a date, the dinner has been postponed until next term. Watch the notice board for the new date.

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PROVOCATIONS

The Buyer Sold

"Don't ask if, ask which. Don't give a customer the choice between something and nothing; don't ask questions easily answered in the negative; frame them so as to lead to the answer you want." This is the advice of Elmer Wheeler, the originator of "Tested Selling Sentences." A soda jerker asks if you will have an egg in your malted milk. Almost inevitably you answer "No." But a Wheeler-man holds up an egg in each hand and asks whether you'd like one egg or two. Automatically you answer "One," and the milk bar takes an extra twopence.

In 1927, Wheeler was on the advertising staff of the "Baltimore American." A storekeeper complained that while ads. seduced crowds into his shop, the crowds didn't buy enough when they got there. Wheeler went behind the counters, listened, watched, and soon saw that the trouble was in the assistants: their cackle and manoeuvres were haphazard and uninviting.

From these observations, Wheeler evolved a technique for pushing across all the most unsellable articles on the market. He and his staff work by a process of "reductio ad absurdum." For example, they found that assistants were using 146 different blurbs to sell "Barbasol" shaving cream. By trial and error, they eliminated all but one sentence, for at one store where men were asked, "How would you like to cut your shaving time in half?" sales of Barbasol had tripled.

On Wheeler's advice, service station attendants who used to ask, "Check your oil?" now say, "Is your oil at proper driving level?" "It gets them in the corners" quickly disposed of square fly-swatters. "It won't rub off" increased sales of white shoe cleaner 300 per cent. "Have you ever used a scientific toothbrush?" sold out several months' supply in one week.

Wheeler's activities extend beyond shop counters. He advises furniture removers to arrive with soap and towels, and, before touching the furniture ask where they can wash their hands. He advises vacuum cleaner touts, once inside the door, to look for birds, dogs, and children. If there's a canary, the "Tested Sentence" is "Will it sing?" if there's a dog or child, "What's its name?" This explains how one salesman saddled with vacuum cleaners 92 per cent. of the unwilling people he tackled.

For hotels, Wheeler coached the staff to quote prices from "£14 14/- down," instead of £7 7/- up." After many trials he discovered that the best thing for a bellboy to say when showing a guest to his room was "Have you been with us recently?" If he hadn't the boy ran glibly over the hotel's finer points.

Once, Wheeler claims by his technique to have saved the life of a man threatening to leap off a narrow ledge eighteen stories above the street. One of Wheeler's associates was hustled to the scene. She tested sentences on him. Not surprisingly, "Shall I get you a cup of coffee?" didn't work. Neither did the offer of a glass of wine. Finally, she tried, "You look silly on that ledge! Get down before your wife sees you making a fool of yourself." He got ungraciously down.

Wheeler is constantly asked to expound his principles before groups of business men. He says that his files contain 105,000 sentences, tested on 19,000,000 customers. He does not, however, claim exclusive possession of magic words. He points to talented amateurs: for example, the railway porter who, instead of a stale, "Carry your bag?" asked, "Which train are you catching?"

Incidentally, if you keep a dog, don't put up the sign, "Beware of the dog." Wheeler has proved that it isn't nearly so effective as "Beware of the hungry dog."

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A balanced mind, like a balanced gait, is an excellent thing to possess, but unhappily, particularly among students who are segregated into rather self-conscious faculty groups, the tendency is towards an unbalanced mind and towards a personality which blinds itself to the very existence of certain of its facets, whilst it emphasises, sometimes with ridiculous insincerity, others.

Every man has within him more than one self, and each self must of course find its satisfaction in its own manner. But unhappily man is often afraid to recognise and respond to the desires of the motley group of selves of which he is constituted. Instead he selects certain for satisfaction, and neglects the others. The reasons for this neglect are many—the chief is perhaps the desire to conform to a pattern, the fear of being thought odd.

Whenever we ignore some of our component parts we have a vague sense of dissatisfaction and frustration, a dull desire. It is only when we achieve a balanced personality by responding to the desires of, and welding harmoniously together, our different selves that we can live the full life and win happiness.

A charge of lack of mental balance might well be preferred against many University students. There are those who have so deliberately neglected the existence of certain aspects of their personalities that they spark on one plug only—there is the scientist who denies the importance of the Arts Association, the Football Blue who freezes at the sight of a novel and is, or pretends he is, completely unmoved by music. And there are those in every faculty who think it's all rot anyhow. None of them know what they want, but they are, vaguely, dissatisfied. This may seem to be of small moment to others, but unhappily, these people will afflict others by their boredom.

Mental unbalance is excusable in some cases, but it has no right to be the attribute of us to whom are given so many opportunities of development. It is our duty to ourselves and to all with whom we may come into contact, to exploit our facilities, and to extend our interests. A rich and varied experience is far preferable to a cramped and stunted life. Drink deeply if you would be happy.

Meeting of Science Association

On April 27, the Science Association met in the Refectory lounge at 8 p.m. to hear the results of the excursion to Swan Reach, undertaken by some of the members in December, 1937. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President was in the chair, and after preliminary business asked Mr. Fenner to explain the aims of this excursion and of the proposed Tate Society. Many thanks are due to Dr. Madigan for undertaking the responsibilities attendant on this excursion.

Mr. Fenner stressed the importance of field work in every branch of science, and regretted that undergraduates had, in most cases, little chance of practical experience in the field. The Tate Society would provide this opportunity.

Mr. Pilgrim, the official photographer of the Swan Reach excursion, showed the camp site on the banks of the Murray, the character of the surrounding country, and the cave. It was the rumors of this cave which had first attracted attention to the region. The local residents proved singularly ignorant on the subject, but one and all attested that its average length was about 12 miles. In fact, there was a man who entered at Swan Reach and came out at Loxton . . . Mr. Pilgrim gave a straightforward, unassuming account of the struggle through the cave, and of the touching separation of the men into two groups to explore various branches. Finally, the longest of these proved to be 800 yards, and harbored no characteristic flora or fauna. During the rest of the week spent at camp the students pursued their own branch of science, the reports of which were then read at this meeting.

Miss Warhurst spoke on the geology of the area, and mentioned some of their practical difficulties, such as

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What I Would Like to See in "On Dit"

SCRAPS FROM AN ARTS STUDENT.

It has sometimes seemed to the writer that too much space has been given up to reports of society meetings: unless these can be written up really amusingly—and the test is whether those who were not present are amused—or unless something was done or said at the meetings which is of general interest to the Union, these reports should be kept down in size. Many people would sympathise with the Dental student who last week was tempted into a rather ill-mannered reference to "S.C.M. and P. and I.R.C. rubbish"; an unfortunate phrase, but the feeling behind it is understandable. For instance, on the question of British foreign policy and the resignation of Mr. Eden, we have had long letters, a very long report of what was admittedly a feeble debate, and another long letter discussing the questions raised at the debate—all for the P. and I.R.C., the petulance and extravagance of whose attacks on Mr. Chamberlain invites a very small degree of confidence in the value of their discussions on international affairs, which alone can give them the right to a share in the paper.

"Provocations" is on the whole excellent; the principle, as the Law students suggested, could well be extended to allow the paper to publish more and better articles. "On Dit" should not be purely news and gossip.

A final and very small point: could the proof-reading be improved? This would put the finishing touch to a recent very marked improvement in the paper's set-up.

Communism Criticised

The value of the New Day was shown once again on Wednesday, when a large number of students, and others, attended an address by Father Owen Dudley on "Communism." We were pleased to see many new faces at this talk, but hope that their attendance is only the first of many, and that they will not confine their enthusiasm entirely to addresses by Catholics.

The President of the Union (G. S. Bridgland) was in the chair, and introduced Father Owen Dudley to us. "Fellow workers, the subject of my talk is Bolshevistic Communism." The newspapers of the Western world represented the Communists as madmen, but the truth was that the Revolution was a deliberately planned thing, not the sudden product of crazy revolutionaries. Lenin, the leader, had his soul steeped in the doctrines of Karl Marx, and always had the ends of the Revolution clearly before him. He was soon joined by those dissatisfied with the Czarist regime—notably, the army, who had just been through a badly and corruptly managed war. Once the party had started to grow it was joined by the people, who were equally discontented with their treatment under the old system. Lenin gained control of the Soviets, and so gave a legal appearance to what was in fact a revolution, but which was carried through with little more than street fighting. This is, at first sight, surprising, and can only be explained by the appearance of a striking and dynamic personality at a critical time in a country's history. It has happened before, and may easily happen again.

After these introductory remarks, Father Dudley turned his attention to the position of Russia at the present time. He saw force and terrorism rampant, but recognised that as inevitable, as force is essentially a political weapon. Hence terrorism was merely a means to an end, and was not in itself a thing to be deplored. Bolshevism is more than a political system, it is a creed, by which the workers are to live—a creed with which to change the whole world to Socialism. With this, the creed of Bolshevism claims to embrace the whole world. Its philosophy is dialectic materialism. Religion is relegated to the position of an opiate for the people, and hence disclaimed. The family life, sacred to all Christians as the nucleus of the State, is abandoned, and there is no morality left whatever. Bolshevism is a perfectly logical conclusion for materialists; in fact, Father Dudley said that if he were a materialist he would also be a Bolshevik, although he thought in practice the self-sufficient state was not enough: man must aspire to something beyond his own powers.

At this stage, it was announced that Father Dudley would be pleased to answer any questions. The first was that the new Constitution gave freedom of speech, and so how is terrorism in political life possible; but Father Dudley declared that this clause of the Constitution was a myth.

Mr. Partridge asked why no criticism was made of the political systems of Italy and Germany, but it was pointed out that the title of the address was "Communism." However, Father Dudley said that in his own opinion Germany was quite as bad as Russia, but Italy—where the Pope had effectively stopped Mussolini's ambitions—was considerably better.

Mr. Menzies asked if Australia is in danger of Communism, but was reassured that, provided we acted sensibly, we were safe.

Mr. Wallace suggested that Communism had in itself the means to effect its spiritual regeneration, but the speaker did not think Communism would succeed, although perhaps the people of Russia would go through a second Revolution and so cleanse themselves.

Mr. Johnston asked if Communism had not produced economic justice, and also why the speaker held that the economic system in Russia was worse than that in Italy. The reply was that a classless society was impossible, and that the economic system of Italy does, de facto, work better than that of Russia.

**PRIVATE FACES
IN
PUBLIC FACES**

There has been a certain amount of muffled activity in the furnishing and improvement line recently. The knocking and scraping sounds which issued a week or so ago from that inflammable piece of architecture, The Hut, were traced to the Dramatic Guild's attempts to extend the stage there. Then Misses Paine, Hewett, and Irwin, as the refurbishing triumvirate, have been darkly nursing color schemes and pieces of linoleum for the Lady Symon. Their chief difficulty has been in finding a sufficiently restful color scheme for the rest room.

The ping-pong table was coaxed downstairs somehow, and is now in continual use. If the numerous old tables, cupboards, hockey sticks, etc., etc., are to remain in a jumbled mess around the said table, new rules of play will be necessary, as at present the idea is to hit the ball into a corner where one's opponent will get stuck behind some empty shelves and broken junk, and be forced to forfeit the rest of the game.

Some of our most prominent students are booked to speak over the air—to the extent even of a national talk, within the next month or two. It is rumored that the A.B.C. has ordered three clapping machines to set these courageous people under way, while several of their less voluble friends have offered to go along as noises off.

The other day a certain fellow got stuck into a power of grog, so next morning, finding his gut in a bad way, and mindful of the caustic fluids that had passed into it, took a cup full of warm water and stood waiting to see if it baked. Just another case of the soft tube with the hard life.

Now that colds are so prevalent, cigarette smoking has gone out in favor of sucking jubes. Quite often a fellow will hand around his tin of pinus insignis and nitro-glycerine tablets, and a haze of medicinal effluvium will be seen rising from the assembled company.

BASEBALL.

The match between the A's and Goodwood on Saturday was a curious mixture of good and bad baseball. The first half of the match up to the fifth innings resulted in Goodwood piling up an overwhelming lead of six runs to one. From then on 'Varsity's fielding improved, and they were able to hold Goodwood comfortably, no runners getting past first base during the last four innings. An improvement was also made in the batting, so that a run was added in the seventh and ninth innings.

Goodwood drew first blood by batting home Hill after having the bags full with none down. Swan evened for 'Varsity by smashing to Dew at centre field and coming home on the resulting wide throw. Dew, however, had his revenge in Goodwood's fifth innings, when he hit one very hard to short stop, who threw still harder, enabling Dew to encircle the diamond with great ease. This really started the debacle, and with the help of a couple more errors and three hits Goodwood were able to send three more men across the plate in this innings, thus clinching the match. 'Varsity were unlucky not to score another run in the last innings, when an unorthodox play by Taylor (third base for Goodwood) resulted in Kilgariff being put out at the home plate.

Swan played well for 'Varsity, obtaining two hits and registering 16 put outs, with only one error—quite an unusual performance. Catt, Kilgariff, and Reilly also played well and occasionally attained to brilliance.

Safe hitters for 'Varsity were: Swan (2), O'Grady, Kilgariff, Reilly, and Nitcherlein (1).

The B's, in a close match against East Torrens, managed to scrape home by one run, winning 9-8.

SPORTING

Editor: D. C. Menzies.

FOOTBALL.

EXCITING WIN BY A POINT.

The team had a great win on Saturday against Prince Alfred Old Collegians. The margin of one point in our favor is sufficient to indicate that the excitement was intense at the end. After being six goals down a few minutes after half-time, the whole team played magnificently to overhaul Prince's lead and get their nose in front halfway through the last term. From then on the advantage swayed from one side to the other, with our chaps just ahead at the final bell.

To single out anyone in particular for praise seems rather unfair to the rest of the team, because every man pulled his weight at some stage of the game. However, we feel justified in mentioning that Bob Elix played one of his cleverest games for a long time. Bill Madigan always seems to have something left in him which enables him to battle through to the end, while King South's leading and passing on the half-forward wing left little to be desired. On the other half-forward wing, "Pretty" Hammill played a sterling game, and his goal right at the end sent everybody into a frenzy of excitement.

We would like to mention everyone individually, but let it suffice to say that it was a game that will be long remembered by all who saw it.

Scores: 'Varsity, 17-13; P.A.O.C., 17-12.

Best Players for 'Varsity: Elix, Madigan, South, Brown, Hammill, Masters, Betts.

The B's didn't get on so well this week, losing to King's Old Collegians, 6-15 to 13-11.

The C's had a good win against Muirden Old Scholars. Scores: 'Varsity, 8-11; Muirden, 7-11.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

It has been very difficult to report the finals of the tournament, owing chiefly to the fact that a succession of wet week-ends interrupted play. We publish below, however, those who have been successful, and to each of them we offer our congratulations:—

Open Singles Championship: Lock, R., d. Homburg, J. H., 6-3, 7-5.

Open Singles Handicap: Masters, H. L., d. Thompson, J. R., 9-3.

Club Singles Handicap: Wesley Smith, H. E., d. Hallett, R. F., 6-5, 6-2.

Club Singles Handicap: Thompson, J. R., d. Gurner, C. M., 9-5.

Women's Singles Handicap: Miss B. Welbourn d. Miss N. Walker, 9-2.

Club Doubles Handicap: Hammill, R. D., and Hill, J. S., d. Magarey, B. A., and Magarey, J. R., 6-5, 6-3.

Women's Doubles Handicap: Misses B. Mills and B. Welbourn d. Misses J. Ward and J. Hewett, 6-5, 6-5.

Mixed Doubles Handicap (semi-final): Cowell, D. F., and Miss M. Cowell d. Elix, R. H., and Miss M. Hargrave, 6-5, 6-1.

Final: Brown, R. F., and Miss B. McIntosh d. Cowell, D. F., and Miss M. Cowell, 6-5, 6-3.

Invitation Mixed Doubles (semi-finals): Cleland, P. F., and Miss L. Piggott d. Elix, R. H., and Miss J. Stuckey, 6-3, 6-4; Brown, R. F. and Miss B. Winterbottom d. Masters, H. L., and Miss A. Rix, 6-4, 6-3.

Final: Cleland, P. F., and Miss L. Piggott d. Brown, R. F., and Miss B. Winterbottom, 4-6, 6-5, 6-3.

RIFLE CLUB.

This club held a practice on Saturday, May 7, in preparation for the forthcoming inter-'Varsity match, which will be held during the next vacation.

Two rounds of ten shots and two sighters were fired, and the best scores were:

Name	Score	Total
C. H. Mutton	47	49 — 96
H. E. Woolston	47	48 — 95
A. B. Robertson	46	48 — 94
W. C. R. Brooke	46	46 — 92
F. B. Harris	44	47 — 91
J. Barrien	45	46 — 91
E. G. Robinson	45	46 — 91

HOCKEY.

Last Saturday's matches showed a great improvement. Instead of all three teams losing, as in the first matches, the A's drew, the B's won (yes, won!), and the C's, by a noble effort, managed to field ten men this time and lose by a goal less than last week.

A—Parkside, 3-3.

In the first half, particularly in the first twenty minutes or so, 'Varsity showed great form, and were ahead 3-2 at half-time. Afterwards, however, we could do nothing. Parkside's forwards played exceptionally well, and it was all we could do to hold them to one goal and keep level. Newland and Close again played well at half-back, and Hargrave and McPhie were the best of the forwards. Goal

LACROSSE.

The severe criticism of our forwards in "On Dit" and elsewhere, has evidently had some effect. On Saturday, against North Adelaide, they played much better, and for a time it looked as if they would win the game for us. But the rest of the team did not play very well. Nicholson let his man get away from him several times, with disastrous result, and Cottle, in the last quarter, was quite unable to check his man. The scores indicate a severe defeat, but for most of the match we had quite a chance, and were gradually reducing an early deficit. In the last quarter, however, we could only get one goal, while our opponents netted seven. Duffield was all at sea with the bouncing ball and unusual kind of goal, and stopped very few shots. At the other end, Barnfield gave position very well, but was inclined to hold the ball too long. Martin and Snow showed definite promise, and should become reliable forwards. Result:

'Varsity lost to Norths, 18-9. Goal throwers: Barnfield (4), Taylor, Snow (2), Martin.

Best players: Barnfield, Snow, Martin, Isaachsen.

The B's and C's are both very inexperienced teams, and should not be discouraged by defeats in their first matches. Some of the new players gave definite promise.

B's lost to East Torrens. Goal thrower, Runge. Best players: Formby, Frame, Ryan.

C's lost to St. Peter's. Goal thrower, Gooden (2). Best players: Harris Smith, O'Sullivan.

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B Defeated Toc H, 2-1.

It was with an extremely self-satisfied smirk that the B's returned with the only victory. As they have quite a good team, it should not be their last. Knight and Dennis hit the goals, and Dennis, Bowen, and Crisp played well.

C Lost to Parkside, 7-0.

To the C's we can only say, "Persevere." Perhaps it will be long before you can hope to score a goal yourselves, but if you continue this improvement, who knows but that you will in a few months be losing only 1-0. The best players were Partridge, Aitchison, and Simpson.

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Fugue in G Minor (the "Little" Fugue).

Gigue from Partita in B Flat. Slow Movement from Concerto for Two Violins.

"Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi." B Minor Mass.

Last Movement from the 6th Brandenburg Concerto.

The 1st Prelude and Fugue. Monday, May 16, 1.25 p.m.

RUGBY.

University A defeated Army by a narrow margin, which would have been much greater if the forwards had been better trained. The backs played well, and several individual performances enabled us to score. We were reasonably strong in all departments, except in the tight scrums. We won finally, 13-11. Tries were scored by Edwards, Reilly, and Jeffries, and Edelman converted twice. Best players were Edwards, Jeffries, and Reilly.

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IN DEFENCE OF LEGALISATION

WRITER OF ARTICLE REPLIES.

In reply to last week's batch of letters condemning legalised abortion, we have received several statements of support. We are again handicapped by lack of space, and have to acknowledge receipt of unpublished letters from W. Ross and "Promiscuous Polly." In particular, the Med. who submitted the original article has defended his scheme at some length. We welcome the interest which this discussion has aroused, and trust that it has helped to clarify the principle involved. The matter is now closed.—Ed.

ABORTION NOT IMMORAL

ENGINEER AND TWO MEDS. IN SUPPORT.

The Editor, "On Dit."

I was dismayed at the fusillade of replies to my article on "Legalised Abortion," all of them opposed to my suggestions. As I glanced down the column, and saw a heading, "The Perfect Organ," I thought I had found at least one supporter, but the letter turned out to be on a different subject.

As the perpetrator of the original article, I believe I have the right of reply. And, first of all, I should like to make it clear that the problem is not one which concerns me personally.

Secondly, I don't consider that your correspondents have been honest with themselves in their replies. To say that they were "inconsistent from beginning to end," or to talk of "the thorough illogic" of their statements, or even to refer to their "misguided philosophy," and similar beating of the air, instead of discussion, would be beside my purpose. I thought that, in intellectual circles, at any rate, the crude old "argumentum ad hominem" had died with the Middle Ages. There are two possible inferences—one, that it didn't die with the Middle Ages; and two, that your correspondents are not intellectuals.

They all appear, moreover, to have indulged in what may be called "the argument after the conclusion"—that is to say, they approach the discussion with their minds well made up.

The type of argument produced by this attitude is not reasoning, but is generally known as propaganda. This is not a question for sentimentality. In any case, anyone who had seen a foetus would not be so enthusiastically sentimental about the messy object, and wouldn't submit such verbal junk as "inalienable rights of unborn children." What about the "inalienable rights" of the spermatozoon, or of the ovum, for that matter—we are all too ready to disregard them.

But the question is not one of sentiment. The position is that many single women become pregnant, often in circumstances in which marriage is not a possible solution. I am an apostle neither of purity nor of promiscuity. I consider that they are both abominable crimes. But that has no bearing whatever on the practical problem with which we are confronted, and which I still think was adequately

The Editor, "On Dit."

There are several aspects of this question of abortion about which your indignant correspondents seem to be ignorant. They all completely ignore the fact that abortion is carried out very extensively in Adelaide, often with fatal results.

A gynaecologist informed us, not

outlined in my original article. And I submit that the consideration of social problems is not going to be furthered by the attitude that everything that does not correspond to ascetic mediaeval principles (not practice, mark you, for mediaeval practice, even within the Church, was very liberal) is outrageous and beyond the pale of discussion.

And I deplore both the abundance of emotion and the deficiency of reasons in your correspondents' letters.

In conclusion, I should like to point out to Mr. Barbwyer that if he has a piece of cake he may eat it, or he may keep it, but even wish fulfilment will never come to the rescue and grant them both.

In the same letter, he approves of "self-discipline" as a proper solution to the sex problem and disapproves of abortion. His "self-discipline" might very well be described as "abortion before the fact," or "abortion by intention." The difference is simply one of time, not of intention. He will probably say this argument is foolish, because it is unanswerable, but even that would not be an answer, though it would be characteristic of his approach, which is simply to make nasty statements about me and abortion and to avoid argument studiously. Just to say that abortion is fundamentally wrong gets us nowhere. If he had said why it was fundamentally wrong I should have been everlastingly grateful to him.

If we are to have children, let us have them deliberately, and not accidentally. Deliberate abortion, deliberate use of contraceptives, or deliberate self-discipline all fall into the same class as means of not having children that we don't want, the first and last rather less pleasant means than the second.

If civilisation stands for anything, it stands for mental progress, and that means that we achieve results deliberately and not by accident: it is a war against chance, in which chance elements are being eliminated as much as possible. It is possible to eliminate the elements of chance in the having of children, and if we are a civilised people we shall make use of the means at our disposal.

I am, Sir,

PERCIVAL PIGNETTING.

very long ago, that it would pay the S.A. Government to teach those people who practise abortion how to perform it aseptically, because of the number of cases which are admitted to the Adelaide Hospital suffering from septicaemia. This side of the question is very important. Abortion is carried out at present, illegally, with a

large percentage of fatal results. If the same abortions were done under proper medical supervision the fatalities would not be so heavy.

The institution of a medico-legal board, to which those desirous of procuring an abortion must apply, combined with rigorous suppression of "illegal" abortionists (their only other resource), would effectively prevent the promiscuity feared by your morally impeccable, but heartlessly impracticable correspondents. Homes could be provided where unfortunate girls who had been led into temptation might retire, if their application to the board were fruitless.

Abortion is undoubtedly immoral if it leads to promiscuous sexual relations. But who can say that it will? After all, though your correspondents do not seem to think so, there are a few right-minded people in our midst, and those who maintain so ardently that legalised abortion would lead to promiscuity must suffer from leanings in that direction themselves.

It may be immoral, but it is equally immoral to permit the present state of affairs, where both mother and child so often die, to continue. Does the philosopher who hides behind "A Lover of Decent Living" consider one potential life, plus an abstract moral issue, to outweigh two human lives?

These suggestions may be open to criticism, but at least they are constructive and do not run down a courageous attempt to solve a social problem of immediate importance.

A. R. MAGAREY.
J. FAIRLEY.

The Editor, "On Dit."

Our Med. student deserves praise for proclaiming what, to the normally balanced mind, is sound logic. There is a move on foot to substitute psycho-analysis for imprisonment, although obstinate conservatives would bar the way. May common sense also pervade the matter of abortion.

Miss Helen Devaney asks, "Does he understand what morality is?" Obviously, yes! Young lady, please do not forget that morality is founded only on tradition, and tradition is not necessarily truth. That is one of the strongest arguments levelled at Roman Catholicism. Consider some aspects of the laws of social morality.

It is a law of social morality which pours the punishment due to its parents on an innocent illegitimate child. And yet the parents are morally bound to admit the child to this realm of torture. "A Lover of Decent Living" almost drew me to tears with his pathetic description of murdering a child that never was. And I cried myself to sleep at the thought of the analogy of going to some place and blowing to pieces a beautiful artistic structure that was never there.

And the same moral laws, contrary to the laws of nature, would prevent an unmarried woman from bearing children. If the Creator did not wish her to bear children, she would have been created barren. Removal of this law would minimise abortion.

But, still, this wonderful morality is the creed which so many of us blindly idolise. "Let there be light."

Who are the enemies of abortion? It is not the disease itself that matters to these people, but the manner in which it was contracted. Which brings us to this point: Many people, self-styled religious, are really quite pagan in this respect. They seek only to save one soul in this world, but their faith is not so unshakeable as to prevent them from covetously watching the joys of life which they forgo. Their only way out is to snap and snarl, and so prevent anyone else from enjoying life's fullness. If this succeeds, they miss nothing in this world and gain everything in the next.

Barbwyer's argument assumes that fear withholds man from what "Withered Virgin" calls "sin." He cynically regards mankind as a mob of cowards. Not so God's man. The removal of prohibition in U.S.A. did not react in an orgy of drunkenness. And it is fair to assume that man's mind is not so depraved that legalised abortion will drag us down to the level of uncultured, animalistic sexual gorgons.

Being an engineer, I hope that I, too, have not disgraced my profession.

"RICHY."

Once More the Lecture System

To the Editor, "On Dit."

Several times last year there appeared letters of heartfelt criticism of the present lecture system. Being then but an inexperienced Fresher, I was unable to appreciate their significance. Since then I have had the honor to migrate to a second year Science class, and the Professor of this particular department happens fortunately to be with us in our views on this present system, and we have typed notes. Instead of lectures, we have, therefore, discussions, which rather add to than detract from the interest of the subject, and we can say, at least, that here we will have no more objectionable "dictation tests." I cannot understand why other lecturers don't follow suit. It is true that not all subjects can do entirely without lectures, and perhaps the Science Faculty is rather handicapped in this respect. Since it seems that first year students must have lectures (this seems unavoidable—they are not, I suppose, sufficiently responsible at this stage to work alone, in the eyes of their lecturers), I cannot understand why they are not put in the same form as the first year Physics. Here we have the course set out in book form, and the student is able to supplement the notes from the lectures. It has not yet dawned on lecturers to first year classes that as their courses are not so radically different from year to year, this can be done. It seems, in the Faculty of Science, at any rate, that the advances in knowledge from year to year cannot affect to any great extent the first year classes, as the ground covered is very general, and is not built on the more fundamental research being carried out, as in the case of second and third year classes. As the latter are usually small, I see no point in lecturers wasting their breath when a yearly revision of the set course, in printed form, plus weekly or fortnightly discussions with the class, will cover the ground and clear up any difficulties that may arise. I sincerely hope that some lecturers, at any rate, will take the hint of

"A SUFFERING SCIENTIST."

WE'RE ASKING YOU.

Father Owen Dudley, in his address last Wednesday, stated that Mussolini's policy has been influenced and altered by "a certain gentleman called the Pope," who appears to have a propensity for "knuckle-rapping." This being so, we should like to know whether that recent vital change in Fascist policy—viz., the introduction of the goose-step—is to be attributed to Benito or his offsideer at the Vatican.

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measuring beds on a sheer cliff face. The cave was formed by water percolating through the limestone when the water level of the Murray was higher.

Miss Barrien explained the type of botanical survey that had been possible, and mentioned the distribution of different ecological types over a strip of land between river and swamp in the Murray valley.

Mr. Aitchison showed the map which was made by the two engineers, under great difficulties, inside the cave. He pointed out that the mouth was at a higher level than the end.

Miss Mawson talked on the zoological work which, owing to the short time available, was confined to a special branch being studied by Miss Cleland—that on larval trematodes and their various hosts. Other members of the party were very helpful as fishers, dredgers, frogcatchers, and general hunters.

Mr. Fenner was an active entomologist, and also anthropologist. He found, however, no trace of early life at the cave mouth.

Mr. Fenner concluded the report by asking those who wished to form such a society to give in their names and qualifications for consideration by an advisory committee, comprising the three professors of natural science.

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