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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ATTACKED!

CRITICISED BY STUDENT MEMBERS

The necessity and desirability of a reconstitution of the Union was realised last year by most of us. Under the old set up, too much time was taken up at Union general committee meetings with business of an administrative nature and the student representatives were unable to voice their opinions or crystallise their ideas on matters which were of concern to them. The time taken over purely domestic affairs and the presence of members of the staff hindered discussion on these matters.

Committee meetings had to be held "in camera" as some of the business discussed was of a confidential nature—salaries of the staff, etc. For this reason the members of the Union were never fully aware of what actually did go on in the Union—and quite a lot does go on too. Also, nobody knew what their representatives did or for that matter who their representatives were. They were not elected by their Faculties and were not bound to report back to anyone. If representatives did not do their job, and there were, of course, some of these, they could be recalled by resolution of the body appointing them—but where was the body that appointed them?

In the old scheme of things there was no continuity—there were few people on the committee to know what the mistakes of past years were and to make sure they did not occur again. Students were on it for a year—sometimes two—and by the time they had learnt a few of the ropes they had graduated and were out of it.

The Union was nobody's baby and nobody was very interested. Affairs reached an all-time low in about the middle of the war. Students were going all out to make sure they did get through. Many fell by the way-side and were whisked out into the world by the manpower authorities. Law students and arts students were not in protected Faculties and most of them joined up thereby depleting the ranks of "those interested." Worst blow of all was "On Dit" ceased publication and everyone became right out of touch with Union affairs and lost the chief means of expressing their opinions.

"On Dit" Gagged or Free

In 1944 "On Dit" was revived and in the same year the Union A.G.M. failed for lack of a quorum. (N.B.—This is a coincidence and the two events are in no way connected.) As a result of agitation by the editor and others it was decided to allow the editor to attend and report on Union committee meetings subject to a mild sort of censorship from the Union president.

The S.R.C. Idea

Last December twelve month, Perc Parsons, who was representing us at a commission conference in Sydney, was known to write home and say in effect that it would be a good thing if students in Adelaide were to interest themselves in and discuss the things in which students in other Universities were interested. Representatives from other Universities were well versed in all the

aspects of the questions brought up at this conference, and could speak with some authority of the views and opinions of those they purported to represent. The Adelaide conference brought this home to a number of others and the flaws of the old set up became painfully obvious as the year progressed.

At the Union A.G.M. and Men's Union A.G.M. last year, it was decided that a step in the right direction would be the amalgamation of the Men's Union and Women's Union committees to form what is known, for want of a better name, as the Combined Students' Committee. This was to be a student affairs committee to act as an advisory body, a stamping ground for student opinion and a precursor to a student representative council. Anyone interested could attend the meetings and speak on permission from the chairman. Unfortunately, this body met only thrice.

The Three Guinea Touch

Meanwhile, a University council sub-committee on student health had discovered the need for some sort of permanent body to administer to the wants of the Union. A body was required which was representative enough to cover the wide diversity of views within the Union, yet was not too unwieldy.

From these several sources sprang the idea of the Union Council and its constituents, and after everything had been sorted out, the mechanism was put into operation to effect the change, a drafting committee being set up to work out the form and function of each part of the Union.

At the end of last year the Union General Committee granted the Combined Students' Committee power to act for it on two matters—N.U. A.U.S. and publications ("On Dit," etc.) This meant that it now had some constitutional power.

This Year

From time to time reports were made to the committee that the new constitution was being considered by the University Council.

At the A.G.M. Mr. Jacobs roughly outlined the new constitution, a document which only a few students had ever seen or had the opportunity of seeing, and said that it would probably become operative from that evening onwards. The legality of this step was questioned and it was stated that the University Council had power to alter or supersede the Union Constitution without reference to the Union itself. Several of those present deplored the fact that such powers should exist and furthermore that the University Council should make use of them. It was decided that the new draft constitution should at least be posted on the notice-board so that members could at least see it and decide if they were prepared to accept it as it stood or desired to make further alterations to it.

So much is history.

The last issue of "On Dit" for this term will be on sale next Friday. To include articles unavoidably omitted from this issue, there will be 6 pages.

Why They Did It

The change-over from the old to the new could not be effected immediately because that would involve the election of an S.R.C. whose constitution is still very much in the air.

The Union Council must be set up this year to administer all the three guineas collected and allot them to the various constituents.

Further, it would be a good idea to give the Union Council a trial run this year so that when the whole lot came under the new scheme next year we would know the best means of approaching the several problems.

The University Council got its legal men on the job and decided that it did have power to alter the Union Constitution. To make the change-over as smooth as possible it used this power and set up the Union Council.

What They Could Have Done

The Union General Committee could have delegated all its powers to the Union Council for this year. The Graduates and Sports associations could have been asked to recognise the Union Council pro tem. In this there would have probably been little dissent or difficulty and the Union Council would have had all the power it required to function as it is now. This would probably have been acceptable to most of those concerned, and they would have co-operated willingly.

The new constitution could have been submitted to all the constituents for their deliberation, and after studying all the suggestions submitted, the new constitution referred to a special general meeting for ratification. In this manner the whole thing could have been done in a way acceptable to all and taking very little more time—another month or two would not have hurt.

The constituents could have been asked to elect their own representatives on to the Union Council—the C.S.C. acting for the S.R.C. There is no doubt that the same two reps. would have been appointed, but it would have been much nicer and much more friendly for them to have been elected instead of having to be "asked to act" by the higher powers.

What We Gain

With the formation of an S.R.C. the students gain greater autonomy in their own particular realm. Unsaddled from the burden of domestic responsibility and administrative duties they will now have time to devote themselves to their policy at N.U.A.U.S. conferences, contacts and exchange of ideas with other Varsities, holding bigger and better meetings, organising debates on larger lines, and criticising "On Dit."

They will retain control of the George Murray and Lady Symon buildings and the amenities they offer.

They will be well represented on the various advisory committees associated with the Union Council so if they make sure that their representatives are good ones, presenting the students' case and views strongly enough and reporting back to the S.R.C. regularly, they will be

sure that their voice is being heard. We also gain knowledge of what reps. are doing and can recall them if not satisfied.

What We Lose

The thing that the Union Council controls, in no small measure, is cash. We lose a great deal of the control we had over that very necessary commodity and we can not do much without it. Can we?

Previously, students had a strong majority on the Union General Committee so that if it did come to a show down—a most unlikely state of affairs—they did have power to out-vote the remainder of the committee. Under the new set up we do not have this majority—in fact we have a minority.

Gains on Other Fronts

The last objection can be answered by the fact that the Union councillors of riper years are not likely to throw out an application for a greater grant without giving it a fair hearing and due consideration. Already the sports grant has been cut down from £2,400 to £2,000, but there is a chance that this may be revised when budgets from the other constituents are to hand. If you think this is unfair and will require a revision of sports expenditure, then it is up to you to see that the case is put strongly and forcibly and if not then lick the reps. out. This goes for all organisations.

To date, the older members of the Union Council have shown a keen interest in S.R.C. affairs and have turned to it for help in some instances.

Where Now?

If we think that the University Council acted wrongly, even if they did have the power, then we must protest. The action was certainly unconstitutional and probably unnecessary. Preserving the autonomy of the Union may be used as a reason for protesting.

If we think they did the right thing, we must defend them.

If we think the student representation on the Union Council is sufficient we must say so. If insufficient we must strive for either more members or giving the present ones a double vote.

If there is anything we don't like in the constitution or anything we think is missing that should be there, we must discuss it.

We should have an opportunity to discuss this constitution.

Everyone should attend the special general meeting and voice their views and vote according to them.

S.O.S. From China

Roland Elliott, executive secretary of the North American Co-operating Committee for World Student Relief, who has just concluded a tour of the Chinese Universities, has sent the following cable to the Australian Committee for World Student Relief:—

"Visits interior and coastal Universities indicate that relief needs in interior will continue six months or in some cases a year; also for return migration. Financial and food crisis in coastal Universities, where our grants are the only hope of preserving the life of thousands of underfed students, makes essential promptest financial assistance from Australian students."

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THEATRE GUILD STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Neither the enthusiasm nor the scope of activities have shown any tendency to dwindle in the five weeks following the first meeting of students interested in theatre work. On the contrary, our actors and actresses are already treading the boards and a small group of seriously-minded, dramatic students devote two or three hours a week to the study of the histrionic art.

The aspiring players have been divided into two groups, the first working under Miss Barbara Howard, on Mondays, and the second, under Miss Patricia Hackett, on Wednesdays. Attached to each group are a complete consignment of decor designers, scene shifters, furniture lumpers, curtain pullers, and the rest of that unsung but indispensable band of stage workers. The two groups hope to present several one-act plays early in the second term. A few more actors to fill the gaps in the male cast would be a great help. Would those interested please communicate with Mr. Dunstan.

The development of the theatre from its origin, with special reference to the modern theatre, is the subject of the discussion group meeting in the lunch hour on Fridays. Mr. Allan Dunstan has worked out a plan of study and a large part of the "discussing" falls to his share by reason of his comparatively greater experience and knowledge of the stage.

Students did a great job during the Guild's recent production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and by the regular attendance of at least five of them on each of the seven nights for the purpose of selling programmes, etc., should have accomplished much in the way of dispelling the doubt with which some of the senior members of the Guild seem to have been possessed concerning student interest in Guild activities.

Watch the notice-boards for the announcement of a meeting of students to discuss Adelaide's possible participation in the coming Melbourne drama festival!

AQUINAS SOCIETY

It is pleasing to report that this year the Aquinas Society is breaking all records for attendance at meetings (except debates!). At the Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast held on Sunday, May 5, there were about 120 members present. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Roberts and the occasional address was given after breakfast by Rev. Father Bourke. It was most appropriate for Father Roberts and Father Bourke to officiate on this occasion as both are undergraduates here this year.

The debate, held in the lunch-hour on Wednesday, May 8, was poorly attended, but this was probably due to the counter attraction of 'Varsity Sports. The honors of the day went to Clem Nader's team, who denied that "The Present Plan of Partition in Germany is likely to prevent future wars."

The next function is a general meeting to be held in the George Murray Hall on Friday evening, May 31. It will take the form of an "Open Forum" discussion on subjects to be announced soon.

DELTA SIGMA FROLICS (By "Cuspid")

The second meeting of the Dental Students' Society on May 8, seemed to attract the interest of the Freshers more than did the first meeting, when their curiosity, more than their interest, was aroused—and satisfied!

Perhaps the reason for this lies in the fact that this meeting catered for them in a more human way, for it was the occasion of a sherry party given by Mr. Malcolm Joyner, at his home in Fitzroy.

Those present included the Dean

of the Dental Faculty, Dr. T. D. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell, the president of the society, Dr. M. W. Evans, and Mrs. Evans, and most of the students.

Host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, assisted by their charming daughter, Christine, saw that all present enjoyed themselves to the "full" (if they so desired).

The sentiments of the students present were expressed in a vote of thanks by Mr. G. I. Brown, seconded by Mr. J. R. Smerdon. A toast was proposed to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner—and family.

Women's Sports Day

Next Wednesday

GIRLS! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR FORM!!

BOYS! YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

RUGBY

There has been a marked increase in our practice attendances, and while this is very gratifying it behoves me to point out that this is not yet enough to keep both our A and B teams in the field. So if you want good vigorous exercise on Saturday afternoon turn out to practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays and you will get a game.

On Saturday, May 11, we were able to field two teams for the first time this season.

The A's played Port Adelaide, and, owing to the presence of a good referee, they were unable to deplete our numbers by adding to our casualty list. Although outclassed in the first half, 'Varsity fought back in the second part of the game, due mainly to good co-operation by the forwards—amongst whom Love, Williams and Kneebone were noticeable for vigorous and tireless play. The backs, however, had a day off and apart from Tregonning, their play was shoddy and uninspired. Carter shows great promise and played well in the last half on the wing.

Scores: Port Adelaide 10 points, 'Varsity 6 points.

The newly-formed B team was out-classed by the Old Collegians in a good game at Prince Alfred's College. Still this is understandable since they have yet to learn to combine properly.

Scores: Collegians 33 points, 'Varsity 3 points.

Owing to an excess of casualties our intended visit to the inter-'Varsity carnival in Brisbane has had to be cancelled.

GOLF

Three tournaments have been held during the term at Royal Adelaide, Kooyonga and Glenelg. On the results of these matches six players have been selected to represent Adelaide in the Inter-varsity Golf Tournament to be held in Sydney between June 4 and 8. The players are Laidlaw, Wilkin, Wilson, White, Griggs and Maddern. Jacobs will go as emergency. Laidlaw, Wilkin and Wilson can be relied upon to form a solid nucleus for the team, and the others are capable of occasional brilliance.

Cleland, Cawte, Dunstan and Doman also ran.

LACROSSE

The lacrosse season opened last Saturday week, with the A and B teams both playing on our oval. The A's played Sturt and lost 21-6; the B's played Glenelg and tied 11-11. Last Saturday, the A's had a bye and the B's beat Port, 14-2.

A's.—The A's were unlucky to meet in their first match a better balanced and more experienced Sturt team, whose combination and stick work reflected sadly our teamwork. The score at half-time was 9-3, and finally finished 21-6.

Lack of practice was evident in our ranks, and few of those in front of centre could raise a gallop in the last quarter. Hetzel stopped many hot shots in goal, Munday kept Colin Shelley, Sturt's star forward, fairly quiet, while Deland gave him good support.

Kenihan played very well considering he was in the middle of his final Med. exams, while most of the forwards showed form at times.

Goal-scorers: Hallett, Kumnick (each 2), Selth, Kenihan (each 1).

Best players: O'Sullivan, Selth, Munday, Ward.

WOMEN STUDENTS!

Come to the Lady Symon Hall at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, May 24, and hear a debate—"That no person under eighteen should be admitted to the University?" Sam Jacobs will adjudicate.

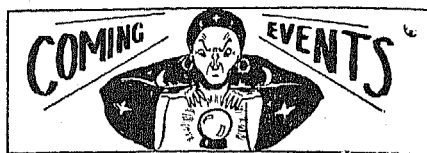
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Don't miss this grand time of fun and fellowship—come along—get your application in early.



E.U.

To-day.—Public meeting in Chem. II lecture theatre, "Is it true that Jesus Christ rose from the dead?" Speaker: Mr. Allan Burrows (ex-R.A.A.F.).

Monday, May 20, 1.15 p.m.—Bible study on St. John's Gospel, in Advanced Maths. room.

Friday, May 24, 1.15 p.m.—Meeting Lady Symon Hall: Speakers: Misses Mildred Cable and Francesca French, noted missionary travellers of Central Asia and Gobi Desert fame.

Monday, May 27, 1.15 p.m.—Bible study on St. John's Gospel.

Friday, May 31, 1.15 p.m.—Public meeting in Chem. II lecture theatre, "Is it true that Jesus saves?" Student speakers.

Arts Association

May 20.—Debate, in the Lady Symon Hall, 8 p.m., "That men know more about women than women know about men." Supper.

Women's Union Debating Club

Friday, May 24.—Debate, "That no person under 18 should be admitted to the University."

Science Association

Tuesday, May 28.—Excursion to Cooper's Brewery.

S.C.M.

Monday, 20.—Discussion Group, "Science, Christianity and Truth." 1.20 p.m., George Murray.

Tuesday, May 21.—Discussion Group on St. Matthew's Gospel. George Murray, 1.20 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22.—Social, to be held in George Murray at 7.45 p.m.

Thursday, May 23.—Discussion Group led by Mr. K. Newman. George Murray, 1.20 p.m.

Friday, May 24.—Discussion Group, "Peace and Reconstruction," led by Rev. T. Broomhead. 1.20 p.m., George Murray.

Wednesday, May 28.—Public address, "Why Worship?" Lady Symon Hall, 1.20 p.m.

Sports—Women's Athletics
Wednesday, May 29, University oval.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

MAY 20th . . .
MARK IT WELL!

Once again the fateful topic will be discussed and perhaps (who knows?) the problem will be solved, so that the minds of coming generations will never more be troubled by the inward battle.

Men! Will you stand by, uninterested, and see your fellow men fail for want of your moral support? Will you see your own sex mowed down by the onslaught of a band of females because they have no reinforcements from you?

Women! Come and see for yourselves that chivalry never existed where men believed that their dearest traditions were being violated. Come and see the final victory in the struggle which the Amazon ladies took up in earnest, and which has never yet been decided.

For all this and supper, too, come to the Arts Association debate on May 20: "That men know more about women than women know about men."

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OPINION

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C.S.C. PUTS ITS CASE (See Front Page)

Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,—We were under the impression that the new set up of the Union would give Students more say in affairs which concern mainly themselves (vide Handbook, p. 47). It seems, however, that a very bad start has been made, in that attempts are being made to foist the new Union Constitution on us without reference to a general meeting.

We are in the main in favor of the broad outline of the new set up but deplore the fact that no effort has been made to allow consideration of the new Constitution by the Union as a whole. We feel, for instance, that the omission of the later part of Clause 19 (giving general meetings of the Union power to make regulations which the committee was then bound to adopt) allows the Union Council, which does not proportionately represent the members as did the Union general committee, too much control over the affairs of the Union without any means of redress.

Therefore, we are calling a special general meeting to protest against the manner in which the new Constitution is being introduced. So as to save time and make the change-over, if decided upon, as rapid and as smooth as possible we intended moving at the same meeting that the Constitution be altered along the lines suggested. This will serve to bring the new constitution up for discussion and amendments can be suggested at the meeting.

We would urge all members of the Union to be present at this meeting both to voice the protest and to debate the new set up and its Constitution.

We remain, Sir, etc.,
A. KERR GRANT
J. P. KEEVES
D. L. SANGSTER
J. SCOTT
P. T. HETZEL

ALL SUBJECTS COVERED

Dear Editor,—Some unhappy students shed their brickbats in last week's "On Dit." Here are a few brilliant suggestions to cheer them up. I suggest: (1) The cultural standard of the average student be raised by installing a juke box in the Refectory with a large photograph of Joan Fontaine overlooking it; (2) a dog show be held at the Varsity; (3) the screws holding the bike shed hooks be tightened; (4) a special enclosure be erected in the Refectory for those grand old men of Science who smoke pipes near the queue—to get to your lunch it's a case of "through the smoke and flame I gotta go where you are."

If Miss Neild has 1/9 to spend she can obtain a book on musical appreciation at J. Taylor Pty. Ltd., Grenfell Street.

Yours sincerely,
"THE COLONEL'S GRAND-DAUGHTER."

"FUTILE . . . UNFAIR"

The Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,—Much has been said of late about whether or not the Sports Association should pay the fares of its Inter-varsity teams. With the present state of Sports Association

finance, the idea is both futile and unfair. Why should all students have to pay a statutory fee so that "the chosen few" can have a couple of holidays a year with expenses paid. Interstate teams are financed on "gate takings." With us, it is different. The point has been raised time and again that if members have to pay their own fares, teams may have to go away below strength. How many members are going to be prevented from making trips for this reason? The number is small! In any case, assistance can be given by the club itself (from funds raised by dances, etc.). And surely these trips are worth a little individual saving—a few less "burns" and a few less visits to "Mine Host."

If any money is left over after general expenses, why not devote it to oval improvements, purchase of athletic hurdles, cricket sight-boards, more lockers for the changing rooms, etc., and for the improvement of club equipment—something which is going to benefit "the conquering heroes" and "also-rans" alike?

I fear that the outcry is from people looking to get "something for nothing."

I am, etc.,

DONALD D. BEARD.

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THEATRE GUILD COMES TO LIGHT

The Editor,

Sir,—It seems that the staff of "On Dit" is not particularly interested in the Theatre Guild, as no notice has been taken of the Guild's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; a comedy supposedly written by Shakespeare; but translated into a mixture of outlandish farce and heavy tragedy (plus a "ballet"). The chief faults were:

(1) The speaking of the lines—it is unfortunate that the film of "Henry V" should not have been shown some months before the Guild production. The film demonstrates how Shakespeare's verse can be spoken both dramatically and poetically, retaining the rhythm of the verse and, at the same time, making the most of its essential dramatic import. "Henry V" is the answer to all controversy concerning "naturalism," "declamation," "sing-songiness" and "elocutionism" in the speaking of Shakespeare's verse. In the "Dream" we had examples of just about every style, varying from elocution to naturalism: only Helena (Enid Brown) made Shakespeare intelligible. The rest of the cast spoke clearly enough, but made nothing of the wonderful poetry which is the play's chief qualification.

(2) The heavy, leaden, tragic emoting in the middle verses—they should be crisp and dry and light. The essential dullness of this part of the play (the mix-up of the lovers) can be reduced by a light and un-serious treatment.

(3) The "ballet"—these poor girls had everything to contend with: the smallness of the stage (strewn with rocks, etc.), the stage-floor covering (of cloth), and the boredom of the audience. The ballet was entirely unsuitable.

(4) The rustics—these amiable and amusing men could have been warm and human, but were produced as unnatural caricatures in the style of the 19th century (although they did act very well in that style).

The whole of the Theatre Guild committee should have had an early preview (why not for every play?), for criticism and censorship. This is the only corrective, I think, for the present laxity of the Guild with regard to erratic producers.

I am, etc.,

"ANON."

[With reference to the writer's remarks in his first paragraph, we would like to point out that we are always willing to include news from all societies in any way connected with University life. On several occasions we have had to include slightly irrelevant matters to fill up space, because club secretaries are either too lazy or too inefficient to give us their material for inclusion, even after they have been asked. —Ed.]

BILLS' BAND HITS BACK

The Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,—Why must people insist on writing about subjects of which they know nothing? Tweedledum and Tweedledee are apparently at a loss to understand why Malcolm Bills' band does not play from music. Have these correspondents ever heard of improvisation? From the crass ignorance displayed in their letter, we assume not.

J.R.E. wants 'Varsity dances to include more old-style "stuff." A large percentage of Adelaide dances, unfortunately, are 50—50. He wants our dances to be "different" (ha! ha!). We suggest he pays a visit to his local Rechabite hall on a Wednesday night, where he may trip the light fantastic for 1/3, gherkins 3d. extra.

With reference to Miss J. Neild, we suggest that she waits till she is sufficiently mature musically before she attempts to spout such blah—acting on the assumption that she always attends the Varsity dances. In fact, might she not pullareddin?

Hopefully yours,

"SLUSH PUMPS."

SOCIALIST CLUB DEFENDED

The Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,—A disturbing, in fact a dangerous tendency is manifesting itself within this University. I refer to the apparently organised attempts which have been made recently at meetings of the University Socialist Club to stifle democratic free speech and discussion by resorting to primitive hooliganism. Students who are anxious to discuss in peace a certain aspect of political thought, namely Socialism, an aspect which has majority support in the Mother Country at least, are being prevented from doing so by childish interjections and catcalls on the part of an organised minority, comprised, unfortunately, almost entirely of ex-servicemen. If such tactics are the result of mere youthful thoughtlessness and high spirits they are simply childish and objectionable. If, however, they are inspired by sinister undemocratic motives it is time something was done to check a dangerous Fascist tendency.

I am, Sir, your etc.,

ROSS DUNCAN.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT—THIS TIME JUSTIFIED

The Editor, "On Dit,"

Dear Sir,—With your permission I would like to recount a little personal history which may help to throw some light on two points raised in "On Dit" of May 3.

I refer (firstly) to your pithy par. at the conclusion of the report on the A.G.M. of the Sports Association commentary on the poor attendance, and (secondly) the par. headed

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"football" with particular reference to the appeal to the "better members of the team."

I am a Fresher ex-serviceman with the inestimable advantage of having my £3/3/- paid by the Repatriation Commissioner.

I was foolish enough to imagine that provided I fulfilled certain other conditions I would at least have a "show" of representing the University at football in either the A, B or C grades.

One of the conditions was attendance at practice. Now, if any of my readers have attended a practice they will know the tremendous advantage possessed by the man who can call the Christian name of the gentleman about to kick the ball. It took me some time to learn these various names as not many of the "old hands" seemed particularly disposed to observe the normal decency of welcoming new men. Needless to say, I was not at any time approached by any official of the club.

However, I was still hopeful. It didn't require a mathematical genius to calculate that 54 men were required to man three teams, and at no time had that number appeared at training.

Alas, I failed to count the "better members of the team" who were apparently excused from practice, as per the abovementioned paragraph.

Needless to say, I transferred my efforts to a more—may I use the word?—democratic organisation and, wonder of wonders, received quite an enthusiastic reception.

Could this tale possibly account for the fact that there were only 31 present at the meeting and not 32?

Yours faithfully,

"FOOTBALL GEN."

[The paragraph referred to in the last issue reads—"Up to this date, practice has been poorly attended by the better members of the team. All should endeavor to be present, . . ." —Ed.]

S. C. M.

WEEK-END CONFERENCE

Holiday House
May 31 to June 2

GET YOUR APPLICATION IN EARLY

UNION COUNCIL FINANCE

The C.S.C. has been informed that the following grants have been temporarily decided on:—

Sports Association	£2,000
Union (including S.R.C.)	1,000
S.R.C.	500
Graduates	100
Additional Activities—	
(Health Scheme)	1,400

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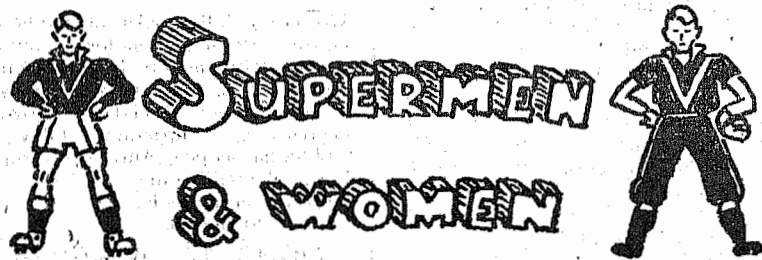
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SPORTS DAY

This year, the Varsity sports were held on our oval, last Wednesday week, before a big crowd of undergraduates and visitors.

The high jump championship was again won by J. Harbison from J. Stevens and M. Astley. Harbison broke his own record when he cleared 5 ft. 11½ in.

J. Stevens won the 100 yards championship from J. de Cure and J. Badger in 10¾ seconds. This was the second year in succession that Stevens had won the event.

In the 880 yards championship, K. Stevens won from Coulls and Allen in 2.5¾. de Cure, winner of the State half-mile, was beaten out of a place.

J. Harbison scored his second victory in the 120 yards hurdles,

extremely unlucky to injure himself when in such a good position, Harbison fully deserved to win, as he broke two records and set the new figures well above the previous ones.

Handicap Events

Ex-servicemen's handicap: B. Coulls, D. Kirby, O. Woodward.

Broad jump handicap: J. Potts, R. Fry, R. Duffy.

100 yards handicap: B. Snell, J. Potts, W. Richards.

880 yards handicap: R. Botten, J. Wallman, D. Mellor.

220 yards handicap: D. Stalley, G. Morris, A. Tregoning.

220 yards low hurdles handicap: P. Brokensha, D. Dunn, D. Williamson.

Hop, step and jump: E. Leske, J. Nairne, C. Johnson.

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JUNE 8

INTER-VARSITY BOAT RACES

The first post-war Inter-varsity boat race is to be held on the River Murray at Mannum at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 8. The last Inter-varsity was held at Penrith in New South Wales in 1939, and this is the first time that it has been rowed in S.A. since 1934.

It is interesting to review the history of this race, which is one of the longest of its kind in the world.

The first Inter-varsity race was rowed on December 20, 1870, between fours representing Sydney and Melbourne, over a 8½ mile course on the Yarra, Melbourne winning in 31 mins. 4 secs.

The following year, a Melbourne four again beat Sydney, but then

Hocking (cox), "Rollo" Pearce (emergency). The crew is being coached by Capt. Lance Bonnin, who stroked the last Inter-varsity in 1939, and it will go into training quarters at Mannum on May 24.

Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia will compete, but our crew is boating very strongly, and has every chance of a win.

The race will be broadcast over the national stations, but attendance at the course would be greatly appreciated, and would go far to make this contest a great success. (Although it is a fair way to go, a trip to Mannum to see the race would be well worth while, as it is one of the longest, if not the longest, boat race in the world. Apart from this, I think we owe it to our crew to go up and give it some moral support. They spend months in training and everyone knows how gruelling the row over the 3-mile course must be.—Sports Ed.)

After the race, the visiting crews have to be entertained, and several billets are needed for some members on the night of June 8, as hotel accommodation is limited. If anyone could possibly put up some one for this night, would they please get in touch with David Lavis.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The B and C teams have proved to the world and to themselves that they have the makings of very good teams. As yet, however, they have had no opposition strong enough really to test their strength. The B's have had two overwhelming wins, 11-1 against Plympton Park, and 12-0 against Largs Bay. The C's have been just as successful. They defeated Savings Bank 6-0, and last Saturday Teachers' College, 15-0. Mary Swann has been chief goalgetter for the C's and Janet Hazelgrove for the B's. The B's have had next Saturday's match postponed, and we hope that after that both teams will have a better opportunity to show what they are made of.

The A's have not been so successful. We lost 5-4 to Sans Souci who played with more zest and more push than we did. Our natural politeness seemed to get the better of us. In the match against Aroha we were defeated 9-5. This was really very bad as we have the makings of a team which should have put up a much better fight. Our main fault is that we are all much too slow on the ball (and perhaps on the uptake!) However, we are going to make a better showing when we play Greenwood after next week's bye. It is absolutely essential, though, that all the A's get out to practice, even if it is at 7.30! The poor attendance this Tuesday doesn't say much for the enthusiasm of the first two teams. And the A's daren't rest on their laurels—not yet!

FINISH OF EX-SERVICEMEN'S HANDICAP.—Coulls (on right) 1; Kirby (on left) 2; Woodward 3.



(At left)—Finish of 220 Champ. de Cure wins from Badger. (At Right)—220 yds. Handicap: Stalley 1st

defeating J. Bonnin and D. Williamson. Time, 16¾ seconds.

J. Tregoning won the shot putt from J. Prescott and J. Harbison at 38 ft. 4 in. In this event, J. Stevens spiked himself, and had to withdraw from the competition.

In the 220 yards final, de Cure beat Badger by 2 feet, with J. Linn third. The time was 23¾ secs.

The broad jump championship was robbed of some of its interest by the withdrawal of J. Stevens, but the closeness of the first three competitors kept interest high. R. Harvey won at 20 ft. 8½ in.

T. Legoe justified the claims of his supporters in the mile, in which he clipped 4 secs. off the record when he ran the distance in 4 min. 41¾ secs. R. Irving was second.

J. Harbison again broke one of his own records when he cleared 11 ft. 0½ in. in the pole vault.

In the 440 yards championship, de Cure won from Proudman and K. Stevens in the good time of 51¾ secs.

In the 440 yards low hurdles championship, Williamson won by inches from Perrét in 1 min. 0¾ secs.

The final points for the cup were: J. Harbison 16, J. de Cure 13, J. Stevens 8. Although J. Stevens was

Mile handicap: R. Potts, P. Brokensha, L. Morgan.

Relay: The inter-faculty medley relay was won by Arts (Stalley, Giles, Allen, Selth) from Ag. Science and Science.

The committee of the Athletics Club sincerely wishes to thank Mrs. Draper for presenting the prizes, and all others, competitors and officials, who helped make the day a success.

BASKETBALL CLUB

So far this season our A and B teams have been doing quite well for themselves.

The A team lost their first match against "Ladypeds," but this was almost to be expected as it was our first match for the season against a very "crack" team. We have, however, scored victories in our other two matches.

The B's have won all their matches so far, and in one of them, managed to "rock" the basketball world by scoring sixty goals in the one game—keep it up B's. And the C team—well, I think they would do better if a few more of them came out to the practices—perhaps they, too, would learn the art of winning from our new coach.

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