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# MED'S DRAMATIC WALK OUT!

## "Regimentation"--Kirby "Bureaucracy"--Plueckhahn

### "I AM DISTRESSED"--MAGAREY

"I represent 300 students who will have no part of S.R.C. control of their Society," said red-haired, hard-hitting Dave Kirby, Med. representative on the S.R.C. during a heated, acrimonious and spirited S.R.C. meeting last Wednesday. Bitter personal exchanges flew between the Med. representatives, Messrs. Kirby and Plueckhahn, and the S.R.C. executive as the former emphatically insisted that the S.R.C. Regulations of the Societies Council, controlling Clubs and Societies, was bureaucratic, unnecessary and unhelpful. The climax of the meeting occurred when the Med. representatives resigned and left the Union buildings.

"We have run our Med. Society for over 60 years without S.R.C. control, and we will have nothing to do with a council that introduces such laws. You may change the laws, but the principle still stands. It is regimentation!" said forceful ex-serviceman Plueckhahn, in moving that the entire regulations be rescinded.

"It places control of all clubs and societies in the hands of the S.R.C. It is bureaucracy, and burdens secretaries with additional and unnecessary work. It does nothing to promote the welfare of such societies," said bland, respected Archie MacArthur, in speaking in favor of the motion.

#### MOVE FOR COMPROMISE TOO LATE

The discussion on the move to rescind the regulations lasted nearly two hours. Persuasive and compromising Kevin Magarey pointed out that the most offensive clauses—those relating to fines liable to be paid by clubs not complying with the rules, and the submission of all proposed constitutional changes to the S.R.C.—could be changed. (In-

terjections.) Sincere and quiet-spoken Wells and MacArthur, perhaps the two least moved by the intensity of the acrimonious discussion in which interjections, guffaws and personal comment flew backwards and forwards, suggested a sub-committee to discuss this. (Cries of "Give us action.") This constructive step was taken, eventually, but by then the Med. Society had ceased to be affiliated with the S.R.C. and Messrs. Kirby and Plueckhahn had resigned.

#### "SHOCKING ATMOSPHERE OF ANGER"

Speaking just before the gag was applied and the vote taken, President Magarey said, "I am most distressed. Mr. Plueckhahn is hostile. There is a shocking atmosphere of anger here." He urged that the regulations be accepted.

The move to rescind the regulations was then defeated, 10—8.

Dave Kirby then stated the Med. Society refused to be affiliated to the S.R.C.

"Damn it all, what sort of men are they? The voting goes against them, and they pull out," fired Magarey in a heated outburst, for which he subsequently apologised.

#### KIRBY STATES MED. VIEWPOINT

Speaking with great sincerity, Dave Kirby said: "We are accused of acting hastily and ill-advisedly. I deny this. I am acting on instructions from a considered meeting of the Med. Society. They directed me not in any way to accept these regulations. Our objection is to the principle underlying these regulations, that this Society's Council shall control all clubs and societies. We are not isolationists. Med. students participate to a marked extent in all student activities. But as our proposal that these regulations be withdrawn has been defeated, we hereby resign, and notify you that the Med. Society is no longer an affiliated body of the S.R.C."

#### MAGAREY FIGHTS TO KEEP MED. IN S.R.C.

It was quickly moved they reconsider their motion. Suave Socialist Don Dunstan said nothing could be gained by their action. Fighting desperately to keep the Med. Faculty on the S.R.C., President Magarey pointed out that the S.R.C. was still

in the embryo stage. (Interjector: "Stop being personal!") It needed regulations to help it function efficiently, while the Med. Society, with 70 years of tradition behind it, could be a very active body without any regulations at all. But that was no reason to attack regulations. The Societies Council must have them, he said.

Earlier he had outlined the S.R.C. reasons for the formation of a Societies Council. A Societies Council existed in all other Australian Universities, where they "codified and co-ordinated existing regulations, compiled a societies register and ran many of the facilities that societies should run but which are here tackled by the S.R.C., such as Orientation Week, the Book Exchange, The Procession, etc.

#### "STINKS OF BUREAUCRACY"

But Kirby and Plueckhahn were adamant. "The Med. Society can run their own show. The whole set-up

stinks of bureaucracy. We are better off out of the S.R.C."

A five-minute recess merely took the argument into a corner. Dave Kirby and Plueckhahn stood with their backs to the wall, surrounded by the sometime pleading, sometime hostile faces of Tom Gawne, Kevin Magarey and John Roder. Ever watchful, the Med. Society advisers stood near. Blows were nearly struck. A few minutes after resuming, Messrs. Kirby and Plueckhahn handed in their resignations and vacated the Union Buildings.

"We want nothing to do with an S.R.C. that can countenance such an arrogant regulation," said Kirby, after leaving. "We are strongly against the Med. Faculty electing representatives onto such a body."

They will present their point of view at a meeting of the Med. Society this week. Complete autonomy is their objective. "We refused to have our Society directed and controlled by non-medical students," commenced Mr. Cawte, one of the advisers. His parting cry, as the band faded away in the direction of Frome Road, was an ominous, "To the Barricades!"

However, the Union Secretary, Mr. Hamilton, will call for nominations from the Med. Faculty to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations, and the elections, if there are any, will take place within the next month. Meanwhile, the sub-committee to study the offending regulations of the Societies Council is already at work.

K.G.T.

## STATEMENT BY MED. REPS. PLUECKHAHN AND KIRBY

A statement handed to the co-editor of "On Dit" (K. Tregonning) shortly after their dramatic resignation by Mr. V. Plueckhahn, said:

"The body of students we represent (or at least represented) have had a faculty society which has functioned efficiently and to the satisfaction of most medical students for the past 70 years. Our constitution has stood the test of time. Apparently that is not sufficient for an embryo body which sees fit to propose regulations which force affiliated and registered societies to forward their constitutions to the Vice-President of the S.R.C. who shall submit it to the Secretary of the Law Students' Society for his general consideration provided that he be a member of the Societies Council constituted by this regulation.' Not only this, the S.R.C., by the proposed regulations, has power to disallow any amendments to the constitution of an affiliated society. The regulations also see fit to designate the duties of secretaries of affiliated societies. We cannot help but feel the happenings of the past months have been a slur on the mentality of students, and is an attempt

to regiment all student activity. It is but the thin edge of a wedge which may eventually destroy what little student spirit there is still lying dormant in this University. We might finally add that something has come out of the regulations—some little good—it has made the mildest and most apathetic people (i.e., medical students)—intensely angry and aware that there is an S.R.C."

#### APOLOGY

**J. JEFFREY F. SCOTT**, of 15 Millswood Crescent, Millswood, offer to Mr. Donald E. Thompson my sincere regrets for the letter written by me which appeared in the issue of May 10, 1948, of "On Dit," the publication of the Adelaide University Students' Representative Council. To Mr. Thompson, and to all who may have read that letter, I declare and admit that my allegations and insinuations against Mr. Thompson contained in that letter are wholly unjustified and untrue; and I promise not to repeat them. Dated this 24th day of May, 1948. Jeffrey F. Scott. Witness to the signature of Jeffrey F. Scott, D. A. Dunstone.


The Adelaide University Students' Representative Council joins in the above apology to Mr. Thompson, and expresses sincere regret for its publication of the letter above referred to. Dated this 24th day of May, 1948. For the Students' Representative Council, Kevin B. Magarey, President, John H. Roder, Secretary, F. B. Power, Ken Tregonning, Co-editors of "On Dit."

"He used women the way some women use men."

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SUSAN HAYWARD

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## NO FRESHERS IN FESTIVAL

The roles in "I Have Been Here Before" Drama Festival Play, written by J. B. Priestly and to be acted in Melbourne this vacation by the Student Theatre Group, have been filled by Kath. Fielden, Sheila Davies, Geoff Laycock, Max Kerr, Doug Taylor and Bob Donaldson.

The actors are all well-known theatre-groupers, and their weight of experience probably influenced their selection to the detriment of the enthusiastic but as yet untried freshers. Their selection has not been made without comment, and it is hoped the theatre group will not deteriorate into a closed company. However, the group should turn on a fine performance, and it is hoped Adelaide audiences will be able to see them before they leave.

They have Frank Johnston as producer, Bob Sanders as stage manager, and Barney Layton handles the decor.

Perhaps one of the most energetic of student activities, the Theatre Group has long been pressing for Sunday afternoon use of the hut, but have been constantly knocked back by the University authorities. I believe still another attempt will be made to obtain use of it, and if anybody can change the ancient Adelaide custom of "celebrating" a Puritan Sabbath, it should be the suave and diplomatic Donaldson, Theatre Group head. But I doubt if even he can get those gates unlocked on a Sunday.

Dark, lithe, handsome basketball player, Frank Zeppel, production organiser for the Theatre Group, announced that Mr. Beeby, former "Patch" producer from Perth, and now energetic dramatic art coach in the city, will produce the Student Theatre play, "Prunella."

The production is like a Cecil B. DeMille epic, with over twenty different roles, and I believe a lot of lobbying has been going on by determined groupers anxious for a part. "Final castings are not yet to hand," said Frank to our "On Dit" reporter, "but the play, a fantasy by Laurence Houseman and Harley Granville Barker, is well worth seeing. Student Theatre Group productions have reached a level of ability far above any other amateur acting in Adelaide, and if a few more students watched one of our plays once in a while instead of always patronising the American movie houses, they would be most agreeably surprised."

Incidentally, Mr. Beeby, whose son, Bruce Beeby, stars with Doris Fitton's Company, now has several students at his art classes, including short, stocky character actor, Max Kerr. Certain characters accuse Max of getting a commission on all new business, but Max (in character) says, "It's a malicious lie. I did not know men could be so cruel."

## Social Notes

### SOCIAL NOTES FROM ST. MARK'S

The Annual College Ball was held on Friday night, June 18, under the auspices of Jupiter Pluvius. The morning and afternoon witnessed a fine display of our patron deity's might, but the intercession of Bob Chapman (our 'weather-fella') about 6.30 p.m. induced him to hold off till morning. Co-patron Bacchus was next invoked, and responded with due bounty. There was a large marquee in the courtyard for the dances, drinks were served in the common-room, and all other items of interest were located in the men's rooms or studies.

Males seldom bother about the aesthetic qualities of a woman's clothing, their attention being focused as a rule more particularly upon the anatomical structure over which these anomalies have been draped. However, as this is a Social Column, let it be known that Miss Polly Binks was outstanding in a gown of swathed peacock blue with caracul trimmings, a bustle of ruffled masses of pale pineapple taffeta, and an arresting bodice of frosted white tulle with contrasting touches of frenzy pink and junior blue, the whole gown being garnished with irregular highlights of eau de nil green. On the other hand, we saw no fig-leaves.

An occasion for mirth was the contest introduced by Bert Bailey, when senior members of the College, and guests, were invited to eat a biscuit and then blow up a balloon until it burst. The winner was Club President Harley, whose mealy-mouthed but windy vociferations from the chair had long been testimony to us of his potentialities in this line.

A further highlight, we are told, was the streamer-dance, but unfortunately (for the reader) this reporter was covering another aspect of the Ball at that stage.

The supper was lavish, and we are still eating it for meals at the time of going to print.

### Personal

Various people distinguished themselves during the evening. One bright lad, for instance, dipped out on almost two hours of the official proceedings, including supper. But she grew calder and calder, so they re-appeared for the Military Two. We won't make any puns about Bob Mohr, or Harry Lander. With Sandover, of course, we just couldn't cope. Nor could he.

St. Mark's rugby team triumphed 35 to 6 over Old Collegians the next day, the most remarkable performance being three tries from Colebatch. Such phenomena have been attributed by our learned Meds. to alcoholic combustion, a diagnosis borne out by the stomachic experience of all players.

Finally, a word of wisdom from your reporter — NEVER accept a glass of that stuff called Tonic Ale the night after the night before, ugh!

# Archie and His Gang Go Alping

## St. Mark's in the Hills

At 10.15 on Sunday, June 20, a band of twenty Alpiners, some having been to chapel, assembled in alpine dress. For the benefit of those who have never been in the Alps, Alpiners may wear anything which is warm and comfortable provided that individual pieces of their clothing clash properly.

People appeared in various rigs, and here are some of the outstanding costumes: Archie Flywheel McArthur, that noted engineer and actor, was clad in sea-boots, and held the title of Grand Alpinier. Jim Boshier, in a particularly Boshinental outfit was O.C. transport, while Ian Steven, clad in several species of football jersey under a Naval great-coat, was in charge of "vittles." Ron Durdin (of Trans-Durdin fame) looked particularly mountain-like even to his U.S. Army boots. Don Bath was a little behind or vice-versa in his dress, and was bi-posteriorly symmetrical. Bob Holden wore jodhpurs, surmounted by a collection of draught-board pullovers and an illuminated bow tie. Bert Bailey wore plus-fours with roll-top sweater, white tie (unlaundered), and topped by a small hunting cap. (No horse.) Bob Mohr's head emerged occasionally from several sweaters and scarves to be covered by a Naval P.O.'s cap.

### THE VIBRATIONS OF ARCHIE

The party set off as soon as Archie got his car going—it burst into life with its vibrations in phase with the master's laughter. The convoy of cars, containing the climbers, and Mike Kempe's jeep containing the keg of lunch left at 10.30 and headed towards a predetermined quarry via St. Anne's.

Nothing eventful happened in the first stage except for a puncture in the jeep. The monotony of travelling by car was broken by Frank Slee's exhibition as a despatch rider.

The first quarry turned out to be the wrong one, so a short meeting was held and eventually, the right one was reached, just near Waterfall Gully. Here, the bodies went on foot and the jeep took the food and lunch on to another pre-determined spot which turned out to be Pre-, but not very determined.

Two hours of very hard climbing then followed, over very mountainous terrain. The rocks and grass (no rhyming allowed) were very slippery and many of the party went to ground several times. Part of the country was cow-country. Very few cows were seen, however, but a lot of evidence of their recent presence was trodden in during the day.

Several halts were called while there was a little smoking and a lot of "coo-eeing" for a few who had fallen upon stony ground, and lost their way.

### KEMPE'S DEFECTS

Eventually, the top of a mountain was reached, but the keg and food were about a mile away owing to a slight defect in Kempe's navigation. A new spot was promptly arranged, not far from the "old Coach Road," and the victuallers went ahead (after de-bogging the jeep) and set up the keg and had the chops sizzling when the main party arrived.

For a while they ate and drank, admiring the view of Adelaide (there being nothing else to admire) until great clouds of mist welled up the valleys and engulfed the climbers. The mist persisted until the really heavy rain came. The chops then had a strong taste of kerosene which was necessary to keep the fire going. Cold hands were clasped over beer glasses to prevent the dilution of their contents by the downpour.

After the eating and drinking, a story-telling circle was led by Archie and it brought steam from the surrounding sodden leaves. Very wet, mostly outside, the main party set course for home while the chauffeurs went ahead in the jeep to collect their cars and return to meet the real Alpiners farther down the road. Throughout the afternoon, many people were asked if they had seen Bert's horse. Most of them didn't

know he had one, as shown by their vacant looks.

The whole party arrived home at about 4.30 p.m. when the newly-renovated hot water system was put to good use.

## PASTORAL SYMPHONY

It is here at last, this film which was given such an enthusiastic reception in the great cities of the world. It is to be hoped that South Australian audiences will appreciate its exceptional qualities, and that we shall be shown, in the near future, other continental films of this high standard.

The theme—a moral and psychological problem of an extraordinarily complex nature—is treated with a subtlety and restraint which cannot but incite our admiration and wonder. The story is of a pastor who adopts a little blind girl; of the way in which he teaches her to master her disability, and of the very strained family relations which result from their increasing affection for one another. In a film of this standard, it is perhaps to be expected that a conventional "happy ending" be avoided; nevertheless, we must, I think, admire the consistency with which the only possible denouement is reached—a consistency which, admittedly, makes the story sad, but which also (and this is more important) makes it intellectually and emotionally beautiful.

With the exception of Jacques, who is a trifle colorless, the casting and acting are really excellent. Michele Morgan portrays the blind girl with great insight and understanding, even to the unseeing fixedness of her eyes so long as she is blind.

### Film Close to Book

Pierre Blanchard, as the pastor, is exactly what he should be; unfortunately, however, at times his expression makes it impossible to know that he is really sincere, a detail which is confirmed in Andre Gide's novel. The pastor's wife plays her exacting part very well indeed, successfully avoiding all exaggeration in the many moments of potential melodrama. The minor characters are exceptionally good; my only criticism concerns the organist who appears, unfortunately, as a caricature, for one brief moment in the church.

About the photography, I can only say this: it is so good that one is hardly aware of it. The many views of the snow-covered mountains are especially pleasing. The snow is, of course, symbolical of the purity which is the keynote of the girl's character.

The film is, naturally, in French. However, the English captions make it perfectly intelligible to an Australian audience. Indeed, a great tribute has been paid to "Pastoral Symphony" by a large number of people who, although they do not know a word of French, have unhesitatingly declared it to be one of the best films which they have ever seen.

—G.E.

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# New Zealand

## Hard to Get There, But Worth It

Australian students will be most fortunate if the N.U.A.U.S. arrange passages for them to and from New Zealand. I doubt if all are aware of the difficulties confronting Zealand, for the shipping position is most acute.

Although I could not travel by orthodox means, I was able to secure a passage on a freighter, and so was able to tour New Zealand during the last long vacation. This letter may reassure those of you who intend making the trip that your choice is indeed wise.

Once in New Zealand, if you have the least essence of an inquiring mind, you will find an infinite number of places to visit. By far the best way to see a country and to find out the nature of the people is to hitch-hike. One can cover most of New Zealand in such fashion, for the country is relatively evenly populated. On many occasions I was treated like a king, and the persons who gave me lifts and accommodation were quite fascinated, for Australia is farther away in their minds than is England. In some parts of New Zealand which must be seen, e.g. the Glaciers and Milford Sound; for they are gems in that country, it is not necessary to charm people with what personality you have, for there are no private homes in those regions. Consequently, accommodation expenses are sometimes rather high. I travelled alone and do not hesitate to recommend this to you, in any case it is foolish for more than two to travel together if you intend to hitch-hike.

### Five Wandering Weeks.

During five weeks in New Zealand I was able to follow an ambitious itinerary. From Auckland I set out on a most interesting, adventurous trip. (In the few words I am about to say it will be impossible to describe anything; with a map you will be able to follow and get an indication of what can be done.)

After leaving Auckland, I travelled to Hamilton, via the Waikato River valley, thence to the Waitomo Caves and back through Hamilton to Rotorua. My journey took me south to Lake Taupo, past the recently active volcanoes Tongariro and Ngauruhoe to Wanganui and Wellington.

Crossing to the South Island, I went via the Buller Gorge to Westport, Greymouth and the Franz Josef Glacier. From here I flew over the Southern Alps to Queenstown. To reach Milford Sound I travelled to Te Anau and went up the Eglinton Valley and through the Homer Tunnel. A three-day trek through the mountains brought me back to Te Anau.

### Used His Thumb.

Further thumbing resulted in trips to Invercargill, Dunedin, and Christchurch, whence I boarded a ship bound for Wellington. I caught the train back to Auckland to board a homeward bound vessel which called into Wangarei before steaming out into the Tasman.

My thesis then is this: Go to New Zealand, travel over both islands, and spend at least five weeks actually travelling, for every inch of the country has something to offer if you have an itinerant spirit. To pay for

your five weeks' travelling may require anything from £25 to £50, depending on your luck. The minimum is set by the fact that accommodation etc., in some places is only obtained by orthodox means. A tourist bureau estimate of the cost of such a trip as the one I have outlined is about £200.

### N.U.A.U.S. Plan May Flop.

There are whispers that the N.U.A.U.S. plan may fail, and I myself regard the idea as being rather optimistic. I say that for two reasons:

- (a) In New Zealand and Australia there are thousands of persons seeking passages; a visit to a shipping company will convince you of that.
- (b) If such a plan did eventuate, and students were given preference, much resentment would probably result, the consequences of which would be reduced hospitality.

If, perchance, you get to New Zealand and cannot get a return passage, I assure you that the Universities there have as much to offer as our own.

COLIN P. HOCKING.

## UNI. UNIT NEWS

Many have wondered just what had happened to the proposed Army Unit at the University. We were subjected to some high pressure publicity last term, and then, silence. But behind the scenes much planning and organisation has been going on, and some of the results are now to hand. The C.O. will soon be announced, and shortly after, enlistment will begin. To date, here is the set-up.

The Unit will be an infantry battalion H.Q. with two rifle companies and the accompanying, specialist branches. The decision to form a battalion H.Q. here offers wide scope to interested students, as the unit will be commanded by a full Colonel, with three majors and (at least) six captains under him, plus many lieutenants and N.C.Os. It is planned to fill all positions with students, who will be considered eligible for all ranks. Uniforms and all equipment will be issued free, and the post-war army rates of pay will apply.

A permanent Army Adjutant, Quartermaster and R.S.M. will be stationed here.

Night parades have been cut to a minimum, a few a year. Practically all training will be during vacation. It is not expected to fill the unit in its first year, but it is planned to secure most of the officers and N.C.Os. now, and next year a vigorous campaign will be launched, aimed at the freshers coming on from school cadet detachments, in an endeavor to reach battalion strength. To those with an eye on N.C.O. and officer rank, it would seem that this year is the shot.

# Christianity—An Insurance Policy

## Christianity: A Fire Insurance Policy to Keep You Out of Hell?

That may be your idea, but Dr. Hyman Appelman, leading American evangelist, thinks differently.

Speaking to a crowd of 450 in Elder Hall on May 17, Dr. Appelman gave us a clear picture of what he calls the "real thing" in respect to Christian living. As examples, we were told of a number of cases of outstanding young Christian men who were willing to put aside their own brilliant careers in order to further the interests of this real Christianity throughout the world. There was the instance of a young American graduate who, at twenty-four, with a brilliant academic record behind him and the promise of an excellent teaching position in an American University before him, chose rather the exacting and dangerous task of medical missionary service.

"Albert Schweitzer has been in the heart of Africa for years now; he sacrificed all that he was and had for the advantage of serving God."

### BEYOND CONTRADICTION

What is Christianity? This was the doctor's reply to this great question. It is firstly to believe what Jesus believed. "There's not one person who hasn't the honor and

good sense to admit that the mightiest brain and the greatest heart were in Jesus Christ. He said He was God. This is beyond contradiction."

The real thing is to desire what He desired. Jesus Christ's concern was never for Himself, but for His fellow men. Men to-day must honor so gigantic a personality.

Christianity consists in doing the works that Jesus did. "An impossible task? True." Doctor Appelman, to illustrate, spoke of a magnificent German cathedral in which there still stands a wonderful old organ, only permitted to be played on some extraordinary national day. On one occasion an old musician with flowing hair was eventually able to persuade the curator to permit him to play. The supple fingers of the old master brought such music from the grand organ that the curator was charmer by its beauty. After the triumphant grand "Amen" had sounded through the mighty cathedral the old man left the manual, and, to the anxious query of his listener revealed his name—Felix Burt Mendelssohn.

"If you will allow the Lord Jesus the freedom, He will produce music that will redound to God's honor and glory. My prayer is that you will give him the key to the manual."

## I.U.S. Report on Prague Demonstration

This is a summary only. Interested students may read the full report at the S.R.C. Office.

1.—The student demonstration in Prague, 25 Feb., 48, was convened without Czech union on civil authority. A five-member delegation was permitted to see the President, the remainder being ordered to disperse. The police exercised no special authority in dispersing the demonstration, and used restraint. One individual was accidentally wounded. Some 100 of the 5,000 demonstrators were arrested and sentenced, on administrative charges, to gaol terms of 7—10 days. Trial was according to the normal law of the country, and students, when visited in gaol, had no complaints.

2.—Action committees have been set up, and the Central Action Committees have evolved from the National Front Union. These action committees have evolved from the National Front Committees formed during the war by a political coalition of all resistance parties. The principal leaders of this coalition were Benes, Fierlinger and Gottwald. The National Front programme was drawn up and accepted.

3.—The Central Action Committee has notified the I.U.S. Secretariat that:

- (a) It will support the I.U.S.
- (b) It will exclude pro-Fascists and collaborators from the University.
- (c) It will implement democratic, but dormant, resolutions of the Czech Union.
- (d) It recognises its provisional character, and will submit to a democratic election by students who support the National Front programme.

4.—It is asserted by the I.U.S. Secretariat that the action committees were justified in suppressing the Prague National Union, because:

- (a) The Union refused to work in accordance with I.U.S. principles.
- (b) Union members were corrupt.
- (c) Foreign students, of whom there are many in Czecho-

slovakia, were excluded from faculty and union associations.

(d) One million crowns raised in the name of I.U.S. relief, was withheld.

(e) In the 1948 union elections, block votes cast by certain faculties, were in excess of their numerical representation.

5.—The action committees have declared their intention of implementing all sections of the 1945 National Front programme. This includes expulsion from Universities of all collaborators, all members of the League against Bolshevism, and all other pro-Fascist elements. The Secretariat admits that some injustice might be done by too hasty action of this kind. Cases cited include mainly protagonists of racial and/or class superiority. The Secretariat is investigating each case of expulsion, and will report to constituent National Unions.

### AUSTRALIAN RE-ACTION

At the executive meeting of N.U.A.U.S. held in Melbourne during the first term vacation, the following course of action was decided:

- (a) To protest against the action committees. It was considered that deputies of persons, no longer fit for office, should take over and not the action committees.
- (b) To approach the National Unions of Great Britain and the U.S.A. for their reactions to the report.
- (c) That Ken Tolhurst be asked to investigate the practicability of moving I.U.S. Headquarters, and that the opinion of I.U.S. Executive and the Czech National Union be sought in this matter.
- (d) That Ken Tolhurst recommend to the I.U.S. Executive and move at Council that the headquarters be moved, if possible and/or practicable.

Further information is expected regarding the expulsion of staff and students, and no attitude has yet been adopted on this question.

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# 'CATHEDRAL OF TREES' A CRY FOR COLLEGES

Some of us who were privileged to visit Western Australia during the long vacation attended a unique open-air auditorium, situated in one corner of the University's parklands, and run by the Adult Education people.

Such an auditorium has long been advocated for South Australia, though nothing has been done. Last year the local press loudly pointed out how an open-air auditorium was needed, and how the gardens by the Torrens provided such a perfect setting, and many people vocally supported the press. But there was no action.

The auditorium in the West is due to the energy and foresight of one man—Professor Somerville.

In 1927 he was the chairman of the University Grounds Committee, which was then considering several changes. He happened to read an article on a "Cathedral of Trees," in Oregon, U.S.A., where the haphazard planting of nature had in this particular spot caused the layout of the trees to resemble a Gothic Cathedral. He hit upon the idea of planting trees to a design so that when they were sufficiently grown they would be in fact "A Cathedral of Trees." Not only a place of beauty, but perfect for the presentation of all types of performances. The Senate of the University enthusiastically approved.

## ITS LAYOUT

From the Government Architect he obtained the ground plan of a Gothic Cathedral with seating accommodation for 2,000 people. The general aspect was of a nave and transept with a semi-circular platform at the S.W. or altar end. The outer walls he planted with a 12-foot wide thicket of W.A. peppermint gums. The place of columns to support the roof of a stone cathedral was taken by Norfolk pines. The planting was finished by the winter of 1927.

In the summer of 1945 the dynamic head of the Adult Education in W.A., Prof. Fred Alexander, was chatting casually to the accountant of the University, and moaning that most of the recitals, concerts, etc., organised by the A.E. had to stop around December "for it is too stinking hot to have anything in a hall." "Well, why not use Prof. Somerville's little scheme down by the river?" replied the accountant.

## IGNORED BY STUDENTS

It had been left to grow unnoticed. The trees had been slow in growing, and the students, for whom it had been designed, had taken no notice of it. But Prof. Alexander considered the pines had grown sufficiently, and in March, 1945, it was used for the first time, in presenting a musical recital. It was a great success, and now the Somerville Auditorium is immensely popular.

Every week in the long, hot summer, hundreds wend their way in the evening to the auditorium, where the pines tower around you and their scent mingles with that of the peppermint. It is a cool spot, close to the wide river, and has completely supplanted indoor halls for summer entertainment.

It is used to present light and grand opera, plays, music recitals, orchestral concerts, ballet and dance recitals. It is still far from perfect, and improvements planned for this winter include steepening the slope to the stage and changing the entrance, but the lighting and sound amplification has been expertly done, and there are few complaints.

The late Prof. Shann made exhaustive inquiries while in England, and could find nothing like it. Oxford, it appears, had one in 1773, but so many storms ruined so many trees that there is nothing left. Many U.S. universities and cities have open-air auditoriums, but are constructed of ordinary building materials, and there does not seem

to be an open-air auditorium of growing pine, built as a living tribute to the fine arts, anywhere else in the world.

## TERRIFIC DEMAND

That there is a demand for the entertainment supplied by the Adult Education people at the Somerville Auditorium is shown by the attendance figures: 3,600 to see Sara Luzita, the Spanish dancer, flown over from Melbourne; 2,500 to hear Paul Schramm; 12,000 saw the grand opera, "Marriage of Figaro," that ran an extra week; 2,000 to see the South Australians, Dick Watson, Barbara Howard and Fred Williamson star in "Cosi Fru Tutti."

The concerts are attended by all sections of the community, and are noted for their informality. Hundreds bring rugs and recline on the grass under the pines, and people wear their coolest clothes and relax. A far cry from the stilted and formal concerts in stuffy town halls, etc.

It is surprising that the immense popularity of this open-air auditorium has not led to similar auditoriums being built elsewhere. I know of no other in Australia, but surely if there was to be another, Adelaide is the place for it?

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## "EAT YOUR CAKE AND HAVE A REFECTORY, TOO"

(By Our S.R.C. Roundsman)

Staff problems in the Refectory may be cleared up in the very near future if students will help staff the Refectory themselves between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

Students offering their services will be paid at the Union rate of 2/3 per hour, said the Vice-president of the S.R.C., Miss Elisabeth Robin, when telling "On DIT" of the scheme.

The executive of the Women's Union had decided to support the plan, and recommend that women undergraduates offer their services.

If a great deal of support is forthcoming, a roster will be drawn up, so that each volunteering student may only be required to work once every few weeks.

About two students will be required each night.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. P. Rowe, has approached the S.R.C. with the request that men undergraduates also be urged to volunteer as helps. Mr. Rowe would like to see undergraduates doing more for themselves, and refectory help would be a step in the right direction.

## DIRTY LAWNS

Students lunching on the lawns are also asked again to return trays and crockery to the tables INSIDE the Refectory.

It is stated that the non-return of these items places a great unnecessary strain on Refectory staff.

Other services cannot be improved while staff must needs be occupied with this chore of tidying up after thoughtless students, Refectory officials say.

The four wastepaper baskets which peep discreetly from behind the gera-

Adelaide University boasts the least number of colleges per number of students of all Australian Universities. This is contrary to the fundamental organisation comprising the University as the hub with the so many spokes to the rim which represents the students. The strength of the wheel lies in the spokes—the absence in Adelaide. Probably, this of culture, apathy and the technical dented by recent outbursts both by

Far too many of our students are condemned to a life in "digs," which are in many ways unsatisfactory. "Wanted board by University student" is the daily testimony of the Advertiser to the paucity of favorable accommodation. These students often live at considerable distances from the University, and so are isolated from the essential extra curriculum activities. The more fortunate students who bask in the glow of the home fire miss the personal contact with other faculties, and develop an attitude to the University of a shop assistant to a store. Thus the student body degenerates into a series of individuals destined to be technicians to whom the University represents nothing but a degree store.

## The College Life.

College students have the advantage of ideal study conditions, regular meals, organised relaxation and of belonging to a small community of diverse faculties and walks of life. Ready access is available to all avenues of knowledge, and by impromptu conversations, at least a general conception of various viewpoints is gained.

Members of the same faculty greatly assist one another by the discussion of lectures and mutual study of difficult problems. For recreation, a library is available, whilst

students of all faculties combine their latent talents for the production of plays, variety evenings, discussion groups and for sport. In cities blessed with a number of colleges, keen rivalry exists between the various colleges, particularly in sport and pranks which promote good fellowship and provide beneficial relaxation and help release those subconscious inhibitions which become locked in the mind of the lonely individual. Only by a heterogeneous collection of students and faculties under the common roof of a college can ideas be fully fostered—surely a prime function of a University.

## Brisbane Sees The Light.

The lads of the land of bananas are constructing a complete new University (on a new site) that is ringed by colleges. As Brisbane serves approximately the same number of students, surely Adelaide can at least make up the deficiencies in colleges in an outburst of progress. Tribute must be paid to Dr. Grenfell Price who was responsible for the foundation of St. Mark's. This college fulfils a function, but can only cater for a few of the many—due to both limited accommodation and fees beyond the reach of many.

## Perth Sets New Style.

I believe the only solution to the problem of student accommodation is to compromise between St. Mark's and the Red saint, Marx—in other words, cater for the majority, but maintain the traditions of the old college system. The University of Western Australia has a hostel which is run on communal lines by the students for the students at the price of average board in digs.

A system of colleges could conceivably be run with students cleaning their own rooms, stoking the boilers and utilising a cafeteria dining room service. This would obviate one of the major expenses of colleges and dispense with domestic trouble at a time when the modern Australian is exhibiting an ever-increasing disinclination to wait on others. To ensure a continuous revenue, these colleges could possibly be used as holiday resorts for country people during the summer vacation. In the terminal vacations they would be havens for inter-Varsity representatives of other States. Tutorials in really necessary subjects could be arranged with discussion groups.

A code of discipline based on the present college system would be necessary—although some of the trivial restrictions could be safely abolished.

## The Wherewithal.

With the present system of taxation and the general economic set-up it is unlikely that new colleges will be established by endowments in the magnificent manner of St. George's, the pride of Perth. It is apparent that only by some of the renowned Playford progress following the lead of Hanlon of Queensland will the dream of all students living in harmony together, instead of existing as isolated individuals in far flung corners of the city, become a reality. Only by constantly living together will University students become integrated personalities and cultured members of the community of technicians poured in a yearly flow from a sweat shop.

Thus the introduction of more colleges with a reasonable tariff would be of definite advantage to State, staff, and students.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## I.U.S. DEFENDED.

Dear Sir,  
Some review should, I think, be made of Dr. Coleman's remarks and recommendations in relation to I.U.S.

We have, in this University, just passed a motion for reaffiliation with I.U.S. by a large majority, and unless seen in their correct light, Dr. Coleman's remarks might dampen somewhat the ardor we showed in that motion.

First and foremost, Dr. Coleman is a prominent member and special envoy of the World Student Christian Federation. This plumping for I.S.S. then is hardly surprising. I.S.S. originally was a department of W.S.C.F. and though it is now largely autonomous it retains, naturally enough, strong ties with the mother organisation.

I am ready to admit that it is a fine and worthy organisation, but even Dr. Coleman must admit that it has none of the projected scope or opportunity that I.U.S. has. To compare the nearly 30-year-old I.S.S. to the fledgling I.U.S. in efficiency and contact, is, I think, highly unfair of Dr. Coleman. I.U.S. is still testing its wings, but they will be, I prophesy, far stronger ones than I.S.S. has.

I.U.S. can necessarily cover more ground and can include more students than I.S.S. on every basis. Its constitution makes that clear. Such attacks upon I.U.S. as Dr. Coleman put forward, albeit in all good faith, can do no good to the young organisation, and throws no fair light upon the gallant efforts of those who made I.U.S. and those who are carrying it forward. As for Dr. Coleman's remarks about prohibition of I.U.S. in South-Eastern Asian affairs, surely the I.U.S. Tomovik report ridicules such assertions. M. Tomovik, an earnest young Yugoslav, spent at least six months in precisely those countries, named by Dr. Coleman, compiling his report.

So let us not forget Dr. Coleman's hobby-horse, and let us view his remarks in that light. It would be too bad to lose the spirit of world co-operation that won the reaffiliation motion by such a large majority.

R. S. BRAY.

## ARE MEN LIKE THIS?

Dear Sir,  
In reply to your correspondent of the last issue who attacked the appearance of University women students and compared us unfavorably to Sydney students, I would point out that he was obviously in Sydney during the vacation, when the women had plenty of time to dress up, and make themselves more attractive than during the term. Further, the Sydney girls were probably so sick of their men undergraduates, just as we are here, that they relished the opportunity of attracting new faces, and you couldn't have been in Sydney long enough for them to discover what a bore Adelaide men students are.

The average male student is callow, immature, and blundering, and I refuse to go to any trouble to attract him and suffer his furtive, groping love-making. I would suggest that "Observer" run away and play with whatever type of ball he plays with, and try and grow up a little.

Yours,  
"MED. IV."

## KNIGHT MUST FALL

Sir, "Observer" is to be congratulated on his frank and fearless onslaught on us women of the Uni. But the onslaught was unnecessary—our defences are down.

What was invaluable was his itemising our deficiencies. Too long have we felt ourselves unworthy of the gentlemen of this University. With what noble condescension, with what fine chivalry have they not greeted us? Deferential to our least wish, ever ready to carry a cycle up steps, or a heavy valise, to rise at our approach, to modify their manly talk in our presence; a thousand little acts of courtesy have they shown. And yet we have felt ourselves unworthy; with such gentlemanly men, can we really say that we have played the ladylike girl as we should have?

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and I, for one, am resolved to improve my appearance and manners. Did Galahad ride in vain?

Yours sincerely,  
PROF. GANDER.

## THE ODD ODE.

Dear Sirs,  
In response to Mr. Tom Gawne's sarcastic request for entries in the limerick competition, I wish to submit the following odd ode to Professor Sir Kerr Grant.

In days of yore a noble knight,  
Was bent on putting mills to flight,  
Thro' age, our knights, we do compel  
To show they won't put us to hell.

For traffic light and city cop,  
Our noble knight would always stop,  
Turning, parking were easy meat,  
Like clearing pedestrians off the street.

Our ancient knight drove on his way,  
For traffic laws to him were play.  
And so the licence he was given,  
For which he had thus nobly striven.

But heed ye all who drive a car,  
(Turn not again towards the bar)  
Look left and right, behind the fur,  
Be careful not to knock Sir Kerr.

And this, I think, should also make me eligible for the odd 250 cigarettes, etc., Mr. Gawne.

Yours truly,  
"W.S.L."

## BO IS WITH US AGAIN.

Sir,—Following the mob to the Lady Symon the other day, I was informed by Prof. Abbie that the especial benefit which was to be derived from a University education was a "well-equipped mind capable of forming a dispassionate judgment."

Following the mob to the Bonython Hall, I was informed that "an internal act of aggression is more dangerous than an external act of aggression, because it leads to further external acts of aggression." The speaker was the Chancellor of the University. He was referring to industrial disturbances.

Reading the mob's newspaper, I was then informed by Prof. Murdoch, in answer to the question, "What is an act of aggression?" that "Aggression is your enemy's policy. It is high time we gave up these misleading words."

Back to the Bonython, I was informed by the Vice-Chancellor, "Not for us the slogans or the waving

banners." Thence to the Lady Symon again, where the Industrial Relations Officer from Chrysler, Dodge, De Soto informed me that "strikes are only found in democracies. They were not known in Germany or Italy, nor are they to be found in Russia."

Dispirited, I wandered to the Richmond, where the barman, in the course of conversation, enquired, "Where does a University education get you anyway?" Being by this time slightly inebriated, I was moved to quote Prof. Murdoch's famous words, "The hope of the world lies, for a moment, in the universities." I repeat, I was slightly drunk.

Yours dispassionately,  
BO.

Sir,—AN OBSERVER has his head in the clouds. I, myself, have observed in this "University" numerous creditable representations of the more voluptuous Hollywood idols, but "Oh! my God, for a little intelligence, or even just a little savoir-faire!"

Yours truly,  
POPEYE.

## PROF. ABBIE'S SPEECH ATTACKED.

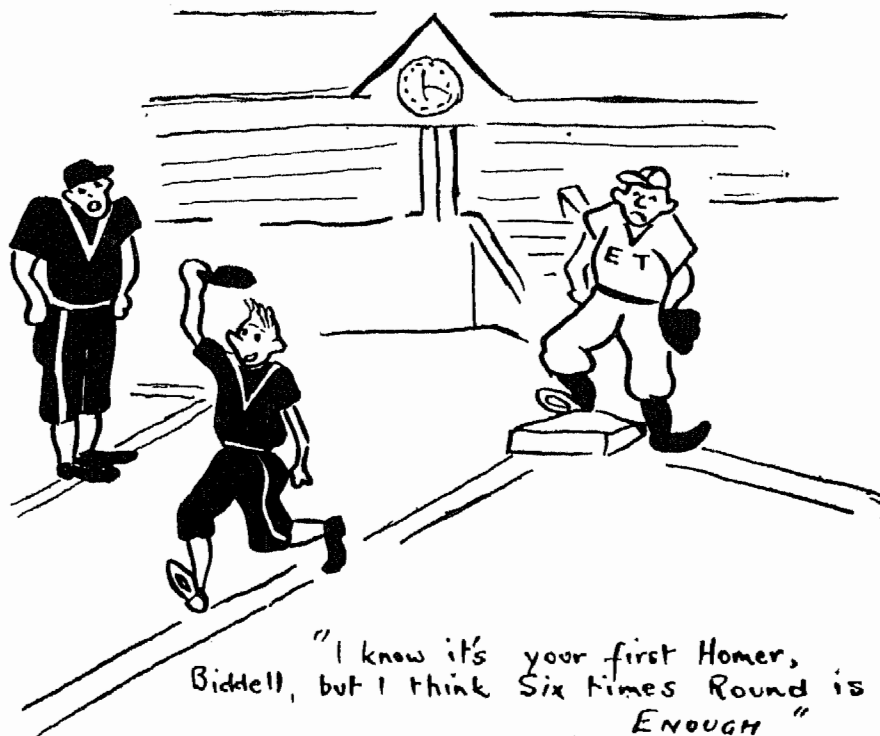
Sir,—Prof. Abbie's remarks about the desirability of recruiting civil servants from the ranks of graduates will be taken with a grain of salt by students who recollect that the

servants from the trained graduates of universities. This is a principle practically unique in governmental practice—the brightest and best-trained minds are completely excluded from control of the country." Prof. Abbie suggests that our foreign policy should be in the hands of graduates. The External Affairs Department is, in fact, largely staffed by University graduates.

Prof. Abbie further points out that we cannot expect too much from a Government that makes an annual grant to all its universities of only £83,000. No mention is made of the £300,000 per annum allotted to the Government-sponsored National University, nor of the hundreds of thousands of pounds paid each year in fees and allowances to ex-servicemen and assisted students studying at universities, nor of the hundreds of thousands of pounds being spent on new buildings in this University alone, nor of the fact that education has always been an affair of the State (Beware of Canberra Control) Governments.

The chief benefit, we are told, of a University training is the acquisition of "the faculty of impartial assessment of evidence and the courage to arrive at a dispassionate decision."

Yours,  
CHARLIE JOE.



Railways Commissioner has refused to restore interstate concession fares for University students, although such concessions are still enjoyed by chorus girls and other members of the vaudeville and theatrical professions. The Commissioner is a graduate and member of the Council of this University.

Yours sincerely,  
AN UNDERGRADUATE.

(We understand student concessions will shortly be restored, and we hope to have further news of this in the next issue.—Editor.)

Sir,—On a number of notice boards throughout the University there has been appended, for the last eight months, a legend to the effect that the Commonwealth Public Service has recommended the policy of selecting University graduates for positions in the Public Service. Graduates and intending graduates are invited to apply for interviews. Moreover, each Saturday morning there appears in the local paper, a full column advertisement for applications for vacancies in the Commonwealth Civil Service. Applicants for the majority of these positions are required to hold university degrees. Both the Commonwealth and State Governments employ large numbers of University graduates.

It is therefore somewhat surprising to hear Prof. Abbie say that "Australia does not recruit its civil

## THE CLARION OF CULTURE ATTACKED

Dear Sirs,—"On Dit" does not bear comparison with "Farrago" and "Honi Soit." I have at last managed to peer through the iron curtain and get a glimpse of these two distinguished contemporaries. While "On Dit" dillys with the sports, and dallys with the social notes, these organs of student interest interstate are keeping up-to-date on all the latest trends, tensions, and general information on world culture.

From reading "On Dit" no-one would know that there is a struggle to the death in Spain, Greece, Italy, China and the Near North between American "atomic" imperialism and democracy. Yet "Honi Soit" and "Farrago" cover these events even at the risk of having to omit some few items of student interest.

Surely Sir, one side of a question is better than none?

DEMOCRATICIST.

S.C.M.

Thursday, July 1.—Prof. Portus, "Thinkers With Blinkers," second in series of addresses on "The University"; will be given in Lady Symon Hall, at 1.20 p.m.

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You have probably noticed that for the last few weeks there has no longer been a gaudy and rather untidy notice-board in the foyer of the Refectory, outside the Ex-servicemen's room, but you have probably not taken the trouble to find out where it has gone or why.

At the recommendation of the officer-in-charge of notice-boards (Stewart Smith), the S.R.C. decided to remove the notice-board from the foyer of Refectory, and in future all notices are to be pinned up on the end wall of Refectory, on the glassed-in notice-boards just inside the door.

Opinions on this change have varied considerably, and in a recently-conducted Gallup Poll, the S.R.C. decision was by no means unanimously supported:

**Results of Gallup Poll**  
**In favor of new situation of noticeboard** ..... 38%  
**Against new situation of notice-board** ..... 46%  
**No opinion on new situation of notice-board** ..... 16%  
**The chief objections to the change were:**

- (1) Less people will read the notices put up, for few students will take the trouble to go out of their way to read them, whereas in the foyer they could be read in passing.
- (2) Lack of time to stand and read many small notices behind the glass means that most of them will be ignored and will become quite ineffective.
- (3) While standing in the foyer, waiting to use the telephone, there is no longer anything to look at.

The chief reasons in favor of the change were:

- (1) The foyer is now very much tidier.
- (2) All notices are now in the same place, whereas before some were outside in the foyer, and some inside, and that it is much better to keep all notices together.
- (3) The foyer notice-board was quite inadequate, and so many notices were pinned all over it that none could be properly read.

A number of students suggested that both notice-boards should continue, with notices of social value—balls, socials, concerts, etc.—on the foyer board for the majority to see, and other notices—sports, etc.—should be pinned inside.

James Forbes, the President of the Arts Association, is in favor of the new situation. He claims that as long as the notice-board is in the foyer, it will be cluttered up with large and gaudy notices to catch the passing eye, whereas on the inside board the size of notices is restricted, and "the majority of people have enough work already without producing enormous, gaudy posters." Also, University students are sup-

posed to be reasonably intelligent and capable of making their own decisions, therefore they should not need to be enticed and deceived by extravagant notices into attending meetings, dances, etc.

Bob Mohr, the President of the Liberal Union, is definitely against the notice-board being moved, on the grounds that as few students will take the trouble to go and look for notices, a far smaller percentage will read them than did in their old location. Most notices are put up, not to attract those already interested, but to attract the dozens of people who know nothing of the meetings or socials being advertised, and who will now continue to know nothing of them as there will be no bright and eye-catching notices to catch their eye as they pass. He suggests, however, that notices should not be put up until a week before the date they are advertising, and that the size of the notice should be restricted.

Don Bath, the secretary of the Engineering Society, is also against the new situation of the notice-board. He claims that few people will stop and look behind them for notices as they must now do on entering the Refectory, so that the new notice-board will rapidly become quite ineffective, and will result in many ridiculous and useless notices being put up, not only on that board, but all over the University, to attract the attention of the passing throng.

He suggests that the obvious remedy is a properly constructed notice-board right outside the Refectory building, near the entrance to the foyer, that all students could read

The Arts Association will hold its annual dinner this year at John Martin's on Wednesday, July 21.

The energetic committee is busily planning for it now, and last year's very successful show will seem a tame duck in comparison.

It will include a good dinner—as much as you can drink of whatever you want to drink—the best after-dinner speakers in Adelaide. Tickets, 13/6 each (includes everything), from the Union Office: M. Blackburn, P. Gross, P. Cleland, T. Gayne, J. Boehm, R. Dougherty, J. Callaghan, J. Forbes. Table plan at the Union Office. Get your ticket now.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Arts Association will be held in the George Murray Hall on Thursday, July 1, at 8 p.m.

**Speakers:**

- H. Piper, Esq., "Poetry To-day."
- V. Edgloe, Esq., "The Future For Art Students When They Graduate."

Supper.

**PROCESSION!**

**MEETING TO-MORROW!**

In case they have not been informed already, will the secretaries of all student body societies, clubs, sports clubs, etc., please remember to come along to the following meeting.

It is to discuss this year's University Procession and will be held in the George Murray lounge to-morrow (Tuesday, June 29), at 1.20 p.m. sharp.

What do you think?

**RADICAL CHANGE IN PLANS**

A limerick competition has been hanging moodily over the University for some weeks. The organisers suspect that the art-form has lost its vitality in the contemporary setting (cf. T. S. Eliot, "The Vitality of Traditional Art-forms"). In order to provide a suitable vehicle of self-expression, and the snapping up of £5, or a reasonable facsimile, a change has been made.

You may win £5 for producing a tolerable clerihew. This is essentially a verse of four lines, with rhyming couplets. There is no fixed rhythm, i.e., lines may be as long or as short as the "hewer" sees fit.

Sir Christopher Wren  
 Had to dine with some men.  
 He said, "If anyone calls  
 Say I'm designing St. Paul's."

Henry the Eighth  
 Had a thucceththion of mateth.  
 He thought that the munkth  
 Were a lot of lathy thkunkth.

These are from classic sources. What could be more modern than this vers libra? Can you do better? The chaps from St. Mark's have caught on quick—already clerihews upon clerihews are rolling in—we had six entries in five minutes from them.

The prize? Five smackers.  
 The cause? W.S.R.

The entrance fee? One bob.

Entries may be handed into any member of S.R.C. or W.S.R. executive committee or S.R.C. Office. The subject is the University Staff, or University personalities in general, if any. K.M.

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# University Stars in State Team

Last week the interstate selectors announced the State team to train for the Carnival in Sydney in August, and four girls from University A1 were chosen. They are J. Wood, M. McTaggart, J. Kelly, J. S. Haselgrove.

Congratulations to them all. For the first time within living memory, the University has had two teams playing A grade hockey. The A1 reached the end of the first round at the head of the list with Heathpool, the latter leading, however, by a small goal percentage.

But on June 19, Aroha reached top form, and A1 went under 7-4. During the first half, Aroha made the most of their opportunities and netted 4 goals to 1. Unfortunately, it is the failing of our team to "dig their feet in" until after half-time and it proved our downfall. The second half was extremely fast, and as each team scored goal for goal, any chance of winning seemed to gradually diminish.

This defeat should make us realise that if we are to hold our own in the intervarsity contest in Sydney this year, good brain-work is essential from the beginning. We must play as a team, and make use

of every available player in the team so that the work is more evenly distributed.

There is also the necessity for accurate shooting.

The second A team found the pace quite unusual, but as their forward line co-operates more and more, they should make progress in the second round.

C. Holder has been outstanding on the forward line, and certainly has an eye for the goal-posts!

Very often, the third and fourth teams have played short, but in most cases they still managed to win. One vacation match, however, found 7 C grade girls out on the field. They managed very well as the score was only 7-1 against. This says a great deal for them for even bothering to play a match with four members "in absentia."

The E grade team led the premier-ship list at the end of their first round, so keep it up, and let the next grade be the distant vision.

# Goals from Geisler Win Soccer

June 12 brought the University to Cohen Avenue to try conclusions with Olympic. The game began briskly, and thereafter the young Greeks began to run us off our feet. After Olympic had swept past our sweating defences on innumerable occasions, we roused ourself and Geisler managed to score for us. Olympic rallied, and in the latter part of the first half evened the score. After the change, the Olympic pace began to tell even further upon us. While we were manoeuvring in stately measures upon the ball, the volatile Greeks would swoop in and away. However, the maestro ruggedly forced his way through a turbulence of Olympics to score again, and so the game ended in our favor. Goal-kickers: Geisler 2. Best players: McGowan, Wright and Geisler.

The result was a triumph of great age over inexperience—the moral of the possibly apocryphal fable of Aesop "The Old Bull and the Young Bull" was never before so strikingly exemplified.

The B team were defeated by Ascot Park at Barton Terrace, 3-0. Best players: Kinnear, Casling and H. White.

### Westbourne Park Wacked.

On June 19, at Barton Terrace, after watching the B team soundly trounce the British Tube Mills, 6-0, a spiritually fortified A team trickled on to the field, gloomily scanning the horizon for the sight and sound of Maestro Geisler. A quarter of an hour later, the graceful loping figure of our skipper could be seen looming in all its horrid proximity,

but mercifully surrounded by a cluster of corner flags. After losing the toss we kicked off into the wind and sun, and pressed a depleted Westbourne Park side hotly back. Finally, McGowan swooped in to open the score. The battle surged evenly to and forth, until a few minutes before half-time, they scored with a beautifully placed goal.

At the change of ends we attacked, again with no result. Morale began to ebb. Rallying the boys after an ugly and obviously enemy inspired rumor that the beer was off had practically done its fell work, Geisler and McGowan surged forward. Casling passed the ball across goal and Wright battered it through with his head, and so the game was won. Although the fact that Westbourne Park were one man short took most of the glory out of the win, nevertheless the team played well as a whole. Geisler's return to form was most welcome after his severe injury last year. Tregloan's scarlet scone could often be seen battering the ball away from goals, whilst the handsome ne'er-do-well, Worthley, made less mistakes than usual.

Goalkeepers for B team: Stanton 2 Hoare 2, White 1, Napier 1.

The victory of both the A and B teams has made soccer history, and perhaps justifies our training manual in its definition of a Varsity player as "a sullen focus of silence moving in a tangled web of miscellaneous and conflicting advice and exhortation," or perhaps it is simply a case of what Stendhal might call "le divin imprevu."

# SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH "ANNIE"

A miniature Aussie Rules football match at O.B.I. last Tuesday afternoon resulted in a win for Varsity. We played some willing gentlemen from "Annie Get Your Gun" company. With the knowledge that most of them had not played for some time, we instructed umpire "Pluto" Thompson, who had no idea just what was in store for him, to give them a fair go, meanwhile to penalise Varsity as much as possible. The good crowd present, consisting of many lovelies from the company and interested Varsity students, relished the opening few minutes, and seemed to enjoy booing umpire Thompson. The game began, and "Annie's" rucks flew into the attack. Varsity players were hipped and shouldered this way and that, but umpire Thompson, a model of consistency, refrained from blowing his whistle. There were elements of rugby present. An "Annie" player seeking to pass to a team-mate would place the ball under his arm and run the length of the court before passing. Still umpire Thompson, remembering his instructions, did not make a sound. Varsity was penalised for laying a finger on an opponent's shoulder, whereas an Annie ruffian could push one off the court and um-

pire Thompson, that model of consistency, would say thoughtfully, "Yes, well you'd better have one shot."

### Holding the Ball

(Rousing) cheers greeted every score, and we also heard the cry, "holding the ball" mainly from the lovelies who had apparently watched their heroes play Aussie Rules. Several of the players were soundly reprimanded from the onlookers. In this case it was a victory of brain over brawn or rather experience over determination. Varsity players, picking themselves up dazedly from the floor (solid concrete), managed to carry on and win the day 48 points to 26 points. One thing about the foe. He was a nice chap. Having bashed your head against the concrete or piling on top of you in great quantity they would courteously stand by you and whisper, "Oh! Sorry mate!" and then rush off for some more fun.

A return match has been arranged for the coming Thursday, same place, same time—the O.B.I., Wakefield Street, at 4 p.m. We'd like to see another big crowd, so see what you can do. You can help by rendering first aid! G. LAYCOCK.

# Who is Varsity's Prettiest Girl?

To raise funds for World Student Relief, a "Miss University" competition is being launched in all the Universities throughout Australia. The successful candidate will receive a cheque for £20 and a trip to New Zealand with all expenses paid! Prizes for the runners-up will consist of an outfit of clothes, including shoes, stockings, handbag and cosmetics! State finalists will also be presented with similar prizes.

### WHERE IS "MISS ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY"?

All faculties and clubs in the University have been asked to sponsor one or more candidates, but sponsorship by a club is not compulsory. Any girl who feels fitted to compete may enter, and will be welcomed with open arms!

One nomination has already been received from Social Science—Miss Judy Aitkin—and many other faculties and clubs—Science, Arts, Med., Agricultural Science, the S.C.M., and the E.U.—have promised candidates. As soon as £40 is raised, a candidate is eligible for selection to go to Melbourne for the final judging.

The winning candidates from each State will receive a free return trip to Melbourne, lasting ten or twelve days, for the final selection before a panel of six judges. This will be in the first week of the August vacation, and the grand finalist will be crowned at a Ball in Melbourne, probably on August 20.

The crowning of the Adelaide finalists will probably take place at the Science end of term Ball on Saturday, August 14.

The finalists will be judged on:

- (1) General attractiveness—figure, posture, features, and clothes sense.
- (2) Personality — general intelligence, voice, mannerisms, social sense, conversation, etc.

- (3) Amount of money raised—but this will only be used where it is impossible to separate two candidates.

The Adelaide campaign will run from Monday, July 12, to Friday, July 30. Money-raising efforts must be limited to this three-week campaign, and money may be raised by any means—raffles, competitions, private parties, club functions, gifts, or by plain, simple extortion!

They will be judged by a panel of three judges. They are Lady Bonython, the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. Rowe), and the Director of the State Art Gallery, Mr. Louis McCubbin.

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Girls, here is the opportunity of a life-time, so don't waste it. Come on, all you shy violets, stop being modest or you'll lose a chance in a million. Don't wait to be sponsored by your faculty society — wash your hair, clean your teeth, show some initiative, and enter by yourself! You'll find plenty of people willing to help you raise money, and think of those prizes! Show the rest of Australia that their girls are not the only ones—Adelaide can beat them hollow!

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# BLACKS LACK ATTACK

## Collapse in Clash with Collegians

The rugby A's suffered defeat for the second time this season, again to the Old Collegians. The Blacks were without Botham, temporarily out with flu, and Jose, temporarily out, injured the night before. But this was no excuse for the negative game that took place, for the Park-side ground, although soggy underfoot, was no real obstacle to fast, clean-passing football.

At half-time all our hopes and fears remained unrealised for, after an even see-sawing struggle, neither side had managed to score. Returning to the fray, chastened by the words of coach, M. R. Hone, Esq., the side played better, long enough for Tregonning to wriggle through like a wingman to score a fine try, which he then converted. This was virtually the last part the Varsity were to play in the game.

The tide swung against us, and Collegian Perkins was soon in a position to refuse to score, after several gratuitous attempts, from a penalty. The scores were levelled when a Collegian winger took advantage of some clueless play by the stationary Varsity backs to walk through for a try, which Perkins converted.

Our fate was sealed towards the end of the game, when Perkins screamed down the side-line to add three more points, unhindered by several University players who watched him, seemingly hypnotised by such dashing play.

So the match ended, 8-5 in the Old Collegians' favor. The loss would have been worse, had it not been for sterling work by the University forwards, who held their own against the heavy Collegian pack. Phoenix, Kneebone and Hill were seen amongst their ranks, well supported by Neinaber at scrum half.

The back play was a different story, and can only be mentioned in its lighter moments. Perhaps the classic of the day was a forward pass by Forbes to Tregonning who was moving (yes, actually moving), at the time, but in the wrong direction.

We admired the forwards in general for their play, and in particular Ken Tregonning for showing a good example to University women

by taking a mud facial during a slack moment in the play. The result (a black eye) is not universally recommended.

In the final hand out of bouquets, a wreath must go to Bill Sandover, for his shepherding and kicking, and Peter Jeffries for his off-side play.

The University B's were also defeated, 19-0 by West Torrens. Griffin and Daugherty played well in front row, while Green and Mattner also stood out. Too many players tackled high, and there is a strong chance that the B team will be beaten by St. Mark's this week, if their play does not get more tiger in it.

### St. Mark's Win With Hangovers.

The day's only redeeming feature was St. Mark's win over the Old Collegians' B's. They outplayed them in every department to win 35-6. The forwards pushed hard and got the ball out to the backs who made many fine movements to dash through the Old Collegians, to score eleven tries, one of which Cotton converted. Good hooking by M. Clarke, and good tackling by Robinson, stood out in the forward play, and several of the backs surpassed themselves. Colebatch and Callaghan registered three tries apiece, and Ward, believing the longest way round to be the sweetest way home, made several spectacular roundabout runs, round and round.

The score was all the more surprising when it is remembered that the St. Mark's Ball had been held the previous evening, but it seems they play better on a hangover.

Readers may be interested to hear that popular Don Williams, Roseworthy Economics lecturer and last year Varsity player, has won a scholarship to the U.S.A., and leaves here around the first week in July. He climaxed his rugby in S.A. by playing for S.A. against Victoria last Saturday, and his departure will be a great loss to Old Collegians, his present team.

Students who were picked for the S.A. team included L. Perkins (Old Collegians), J. Botham, J. Phoenix, B. Neinaber, A. D. Jose and K. Tregonning (V. Capt.) from the Varsity side.

some nasty incidents were noticed.

It was very pleasing to see our boys ignoring this play-the-man tactics, and with little further experience they will benefit with these efforts. Opie, on the right wing, was most spectacular, but the majority of his efforts were wasted by carrying the ball too far, or when he had beaten the full-back, by not cutting in and having a shot himself. The full-backs, too, although defending ably, should tackle much sooner and back each other up. Too often the Grange forwards were allowed a clear shot for goal, where a really strenuous effort would have spoilt their shot. Phillips, in goal, did an extremely fine job, while Kidd and Richter were the most effective of the forwards.

The other matches I didn't see, but the other losers, C.I's, were most disappointed, apparently their play was well below par, and they expect to do much better next week.

A general meeting was held last Monday, and it was decided to pay 1/- per match per member for the rest of the matches this year. The captain of each team to collect the cash. This is to pay for the increased match fees, of which the Sports Union pay half.

Tregonning was elected chairman of the inter-Varsity committee, with Dave Drew, secretary. The committee itself consist of most of the AI and AII teams. A dance is to be held during the August holidays, so get your stock of chicks and grog now.

# FIVE HOCKEY TEAMS IN FINAL FOUR

Most teams continued in their winning vein last Saturday, and all but the AII's and C.I's show promise of being in the final four if they keep playing as well as they do. The highlight of the week, however, was the shocking display shown by the AII team. They were defeated 4-0 by Shell, whom they defeated 6-0 in the first round, and one can't help but think that they brought it on their own heads. Very few of the team have been seen practising in the last two weeks, and they seem to have dropped into the doldrums, where only vigorous training as a team will pull them out.

The AI have settled down to the new combination, where Tregonning, as centre-forward, is getting some much needed speed out of the forward line. Dick Gill, at left full-back, is steadily gaining confidence and his play is becoming more sound each week. The team, as a whole, made the Largs Bay eleven look like juniors, and if they can remain steady against stronger opposition, Grange will get a shock next time they meet. The most pleasing thing about this team, however, is to see all the forward line scoring goals. Last Saturday, Botten, Stokes, Tregonning, and Kirby shared the honors with two goals each.

### Dirty Play Countered.

The BII match against Grange was a willing struggle from the start. Unfortunately, Grange, as usual, couldn't withstand the strain, and

# FOOTBALL

## TWO VICTORIES AND ONE DEFEAT

Even if the umpire had been certified, as was loudly recommended by some supporters, Walkerville would still have gone under to the Varsity side on June 12. Speedier ground work was largely responsible for the home team's comfortable victory: 19-8 to 5-3.

Walkerville did not appear to realise that, unlike ludo, football is played by forcing oneself into something quicker than a brisk walk. They were obviously short of wind and pace. Some observers rather dully and very audibly suggested that they substitute brawn for wind, but the blacks were too mobile to allow this tactic to succeed. Plainly you cannot clout your opponent if he refuses to stay put while you do so. All of which lends color to the view that spectators who make loud noises should refrain from the use of words. Plain, honest sounds of approval or disapproval might be more appropriate.

Much fast and clever work was done by rovers Peter Butterworth and Wak. Basheer, who were ably abetted by John Day and Digby Harris in ruck. Hon. Sec. Don Brebner played vigorously and with pronounced success at centre half-back, despite the deplorable state of the club's finances. At full-back Chudleigh C. Dewar was impassable. Repeatedly he soared above the crowd with his undercarriage folded and plucked the ball away from their grasp with the apparent ease of a man picking cherries.

Our next encounter was with a "ten" at the home of John Day's parents on Wednesday, 16th. The occasion was a training run before the marathon Amateur League Ball at the Palais that same night. Excellent form was shown by all concerned, thereby enabling a victory to be recorded in record time. The rucks were swift and sure, and the rovers fed their forward line with admirable consistency. Never has the back line been nippier. In fact, the whole team was in deadly form. Two of the more photogenic members of the Rugby Club, with the glint of a lousy old Japanese cup still in their eyes, attended as guests—but luckily, no-one lost his partner. Mr. Day, on the piano, was accompanied by a deafening rendition of all the current luv songs. It was later found necessary to remove from the scene of the victory and accompany our charming partners (full marks, boys) to the Palais de Glide. Our special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Day for an excellent evening.

On June 19 we suffered our second defeat, this time at the hands of Goodwood on their oval. Final score was 15-9 to 15-6. After trailing all the way, Goodwood came with a rush near the end, and finished the better team. Most of our stars had a lean day. Perfect conditions on our own oval have probably tended to spoil our powers of adaptability.

Goal-kickers: Michelmore 7, Harris 3, Basheer 2, Butterworth, Davies and Day, each 1.

Best: Bednall, Michelmore, Watson, Bills, Duffy, Butterworth.

### FENCING

Doesn't it conjure up visions of a misty morning with all the accessories? . . . you know, black tights, white blouses, beautiful wigs, and, of course, the fair damsel sitting on the side lines with her fingers crossed.

Well, if you are interested in fencing for chivalrous reasons, or any other, you are asked to get in touch with Mr. P. C. Toope.

The Amateur Fencing Club was disbanded during the war, and is now in the process of being revived. So it is a little premature to be thinking of a University branch. But, on the other hand, sufficient enthusiasm can work wonders.

I gather that its great advantage is that it keeps your mind supple, as well as everything else . . . or do you adhere to the maxim that work is work, and play is play?

Anyway, it remains a particular godsend to Physical Education students and those with dramatic leanings.

# RANDOM HARVEST

A good example of versatility is Bill Sandover, ex-League player from W.A., and grandson of the donor of the Sandover Medal, W.A.'s Magarey Medal. After a season of Australian Rules with the University last year, he followed the example of his friend, Ewart Smith, and played rugby. He graduated into the A team after a few matches, played full-back in the inter-varsity in Sydney, and in his first season of rugby was chosen full-back in the State trials the other week, while Smithy was chosen as inside-centre. "You can stick your Sandover Medal," says Bill, "Rugby will do me!"

Heard a good story the other day that deserves re-telling. It's about the Professor of History and Political Science, Prof. G. V. Portus. The Sunday after Bradman had made 200 odd on the Adelaide Oval, the Prof. was preaching in the Cathedral. He gave it to them good and strong for over half an hour, and made quite an impression. A friend of his, sitting down the back, heard two men discussing him. "You know, it was brilliant," said one, "not only brilliant, but solid all through." The friend slipped closer, proud to hear the Prof's praises sung so high. "Yes," said the other, "I agree. But he should not have run Kippax out to get his century!"

The Health Service has produced some good yarns. I like the one where the doctor of the day examined some pale, thin student, and said, "You know, you should play some sport, build up a healthy body for all this brainwork ahead of you." And the student, most indignant, replied, "But, sir, I do. I'm a baseballer!" And there's the student who replied, when asked what exercise he did, "I take a brisk walk to the bathroom every morning!"

The inter-Varsity rowing was held on the Swan River over the May holidays, when a large crowd saw Sydney win from Perth and Melbourne. The Sydney crew is really a crack eight, as they lost by a length and later dead-heated, with the N.S.W. club eight that subsequently won the King's Cup in Hobart.

It is regretted that Adelaide did not make the effort, and one can only admire the decency of the Sydney crew in returning the visit of the Perth crew last year. For a club which annually receives a grant up around the £100 mark, our rowers are remarkably apathetic. The revival of inter-faculty rowing may mark the birth of new enthusiasm. It is hoped so.

State hockey team, recently announced, has been strengthened by the inclusion of brilliant Varsity players, Dave Kirby and Dave Drew. The junior State team, leaving soon for Melbourne, includes Hopkins, Ellis, Smith and Ian Hamilton.

### GOOD SHOOTING FOR WOOLSTON CUP.

The first stage of the Woolston Handicap Trophy was fired over 500 yards on June 19. Shooting conditions were excellent, and the resulting scores were some of the best we have seen since the club was reformed 18 months ago. W. Brooke and A. Tonkin, each with 77, were highest off the rifle; in the handicap 10 out of the 14 shooters reached the limit.

|              | Scores. |    |    |    |
|--------------|---------|----|----|----|
| C. Dinham    | 36      | 37 | 9  | 80 |
| W. Brooke    | 39      | 38 | 5  | 80 |
| R. Broughton | 37      | 37 | 9  | 80 |
| A. Tonkin    | 40      | 37 | 5  | 80 |
| J. Ivar      | 35      | 36 | 9  | 80 |
| K. Milne     | 35      | 36 | 10 | 80 |
| S. Kanef     | 32      | 33 | 20 | 80 |
| J. Michael   | 38      | 38 | 6  | 80 |
| G. Danks     | 38      | 36 | 7  | 80 |
| D. Provis    | 33      | 32 | 20 | 80 |
| C. Fuller    | 31      | 39 | 9  | 79 |
| G. Harry     | 37      | 37 | 5  | 79 |
| M. Kempe     | 38      | 35 | 6  | 79 |
| M. Wallace   | 34      | 34 | 6  | 74 |

The Woolston Trophy has been donated by Mr. H. E. Woolston, a former member of the club. The competition will be completed when the second stage is fired over 300 yards on June 26, 1948.