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REFERENDUM

Vote This Week

When the motion ratifying the decision that National Union disaffiliate from the International Union was put to the vote and lost at last Friday's (18th) meeting, University rightists, after unsuccessfully challenging the legality of the voting, sought a referendum.

In accordance with the constitution of the Students' Representative Council, the referendum has been called, and voting takes place all this week, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Here is a full story of the events in the I.U.S. dispute so far:

When the debate began on Wednesday, Mr. Hermes, speaking for the motion, quoted Tolhurst's report as saying that the purpose of I.U.S. was to fight for the creative development of the young intelligentsia, and then alleged that the members of the body were a mob of "gutless wonders." Mr. Bray agreed that I.U.S. was leftist-minded, but rightly argued that in the event of a national schism, the loss of Queensland from N.U.A.U.S. would be far less important than the loss of the latter body from I.U.S.

Mr. Moore then compared I.U.S. to a mad dog, but Mr. Medlin was able to point out that this beast had some remarkable achievements to its credit. The debate was then adjourned until Friday.

SWABS NOT TAKEN

Upon resumption, Bray proposed that Medlin should be allowed to continue, which motion was carried despite Scott's point of order that swabs should be taken on all participants. Medlin again concentrated on I.U.S. achievements, particularly those of the various bureaux and the work done by the executive for World Student Relief. Magarey, who followed, went on to attack Mr. Hermes' allegation that I.U.S. was Communist-dominated. "And even if it were," he declared, "surely affiliation is desirable so long as its activities are legitimate. At any rate it is not the type of organisation that brings out the worst factors of Communism such as class hatred. Internationalism is a bigger and more important question than peace or war, and we must not forget that the Russians, like us, are human beings."

INTERNATIONALISM—NO DICE

Mr. Molloy seemed to take little account of the principles enunciated in Magarey's peroration. The crux of the matter was, to him, whether it was worth undergoing the risks involved in affiliation with I.U.S. just for the sake of "getting some Internationalism." Leaving these "risks"

undefined, he went on to declare that to receive benefits from I.U.S. was analogous to murder, a somewhat difficult

HOW TO VOTE

The question put in the referendum this week is:

Do you instruct the S.R.C. to ratify the N.U.A.U.S. decision on its disaffiliation from the I.U.S.?

The relevant N.U.A.U.S. motion is as follows: "That the N.U.A.U.S. Council, after considering the activities and the history of the International Union of Students, resolves to give notice of disaffiliation from the International Union of Students and to inform the International Union of Students that the N.U.A.U.S. deems this notice to operate (so far as any obligations or commitments are concerned) as from the date of passing of this motion."

Brennan/Rogers.

Carried 14/12

All student members of the Adelaide University Union are entitled to vote.

point which few members of the audience could grasp.

The final speaker simplified the discussion by pointing out that its basis was not whether

leftish students only would support affiliation. Since I.U.S. was not primarily concerned with politics but with student needs and interests, then the question of affiliation should be decided not by a political bias but by a just consideration of I.U.S. achievements in regard to these needs and interests.

VOTING FIGURES

The chairman having read the motion of disaffiliation, it was then put to the vote. On a division the votes were 115 for and 60 against, the motion thus failing to get the required two-thirds majority by two votes.

POST-MORTEM

Several attempts were then made to revive discussion. It was alleged that the voting had exceeded the allotted time, and was therefore invalid; and that Mr. Hieser, who had saved two No-voters from casting their votes wrongly during the division, had been guilty of corruption. Finally, in a concerted attempt to reverse the decision, the Yes-voters gave notice that they would seek a referendum, and began at once to collect the forty signatures necessary before such a referendum can be held.

Social Science Week-end

by Diana Lorking

FIRST student conference week-end of the Social Science Students Association will be held at the Mylor National Fitness Camp on April 2.

This was announced at a general meeting of the association on March 17 by the Vice-president, Mr. J. Tarbath.

As this was mainly to be an opportunity for freshers to get to know one another and the 2nd year students, there would be only one guest speaker, Mr. Clegg, the Sec. and Organiser of National Fitness, who is himself a Social Science student.



Miss Lorking House, Mt. Lofty. Students hoped that Mrs. Wheaton, the Lecturer in charge, would be present, as she doubted if she would be able to come to the April

Conference.

There would be several guest speakers at the May Conference, one probably being Miss Mary Smith, the Psychologist. Invitations would also be sent to the supervisors of agencies, where students carried out their practical work.

What's On

MONDAY, MARCH 28:

9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Referendum: Do you instruct the S.R.C. to ratify the N.U.A.U.S. decision on its disaffiliation from I.U.S.? All student members of the Adelaide University Union can vote in the Refectory.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29:

9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Referendum in the Refectory.

1.20 p.m.—Local Sub-Committee Science Faculty Bureau. The S.R.C. has authorised a general meeting of all students of the Faculty of Science to: 1.—Accept the Terms of Reference for the Science Faculty Bureau. 2.—Elect the Local Sub-Committee for 1949. Lady Symon Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:

9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Referendum in the Refectory.

1.15 p.m.—Rifle Club. Annual General Meeting. Freshers welcome.

1.20 p.m.—Chess Club. Annual General Meeting. Beginners invited.

8 p.m.—Commemoration. Bonython Hall.

1.15 p.m.—E.U. Public Meeting. Dr. F. C. Schwarz, "Communism and Religion."

THURSDAY, MARCH 31:

9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Referendum in the Refectory.

1.15 p.m.—Liberal Union Public Address by Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Conservative M.P., and chairman of the Young Conservatives.

1.15 p.m.—E.U. Public Meeting. Rev. John Drakeford, "Facts of Faith." George Murray Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1:

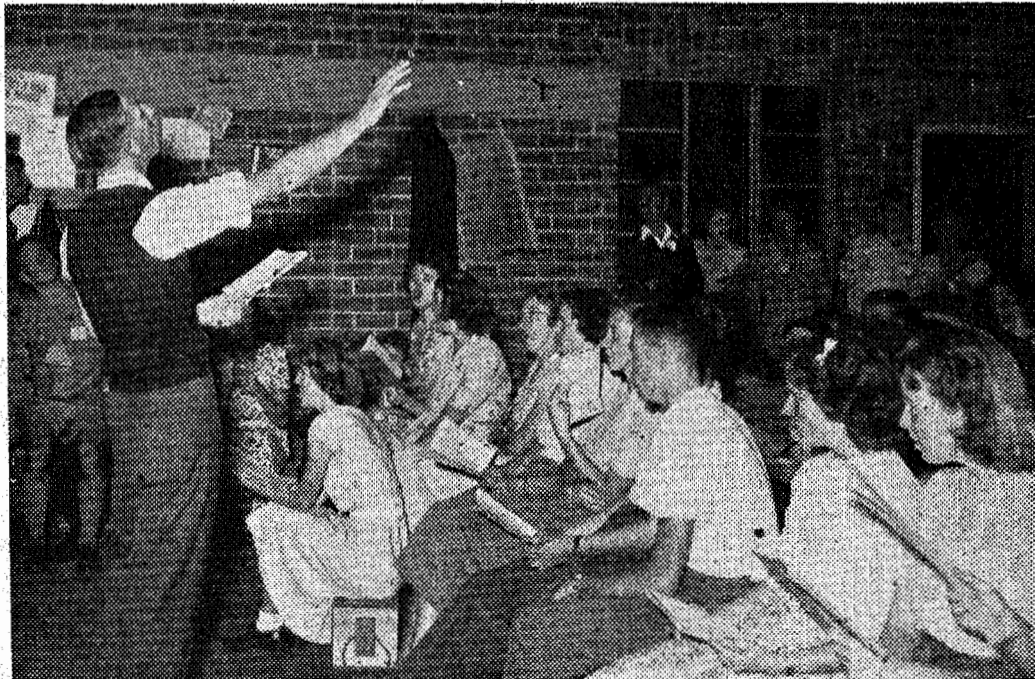
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7.30 p.m.—Fabian Group Freshers' Welcome. Chop Picnic at Brownhill Creek.

Student Theatre Group—Auditions for One Act Plays will be held some time this week. See notice board for further information.

Words from West



REVIVAL MEETING? No, just a candid shot by photographer Keith Stevens at the Student Christian Movement welcome hike. The hike wound up in the Kensington Gardens Scout Hall, where the illustrated sing-song took place. John West, S.C.M. President, leads the chorus. Unspecified S.R.C. members may be seen in the audience.

RANDOM HARVEST

I think there must be many people at the University, I hope most, who are disgusted at the action of a group of irresponsible children, medical students so-called, who took a complaint about an internal University matter to the office of "Truth." The rights or wrongs of the particular matter in question don't enter into it. The point is that they should have taken a matter such as this and made it the subject of press comment. Have they no feelings for the University as a venerable and rather wonderful institution conferring on them an incalculable benefit, and to which they are extremely fortunate to belong? I have no doubt the boot is on the other foot and these gentlemen consider the University is fortunate to have them as members. I wonder do they realise that their fees represent about one-tenth of the value they get out of the University in both a tangible and an intangible way (that is, of course, if such a thing can be measured in mere money which I am inclined to doubt). Don't they think that perhaps common decency, to place the thing on the lowest level (probably the only one they would understand) would dictate a sense of objective obligation and loyalty to this institution. If a complaint cannot be settled satisfactorily within the University then take it outside (if it's important enough), but leave the University first. Don't in short, bite the hand that feeds you.



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Apropos of the last paragraph—it's about time many of us began to look on the University as something to which we are proud to belong—something living, vital, and complete, which needs and should get our loyalty and affection in return for what it gives us. One of the most disquieting tendencies abroad in Australia to-day is the ever-growing habit of taking everything and giving as little as possible in exchange. Don't let that happen at Adelaide University.

My "co-harvester," Ken Tregonning, was kind enough to introduce me to you last week — albeit, it was pure Tregonnicology (to reintroduce a phrase first coined by Magarey), but thoughtful of him nevertheless. It's a pity that he had to produce his first column of Random Harvest un-introduced or rather, un-introduced to those who had the good fortune not to have to read "On Dit" last year. Those who did read it knew

12 Students Dead Says I.U.S.

Shooting by police on a student demonstration in Calcutta resulted in the death of twelve students, reports the latest bulletin from the I.U.S. News Service.

The bulletin says: "A student demonstration in Calcutta on Tuesday, January 18, was shot upon by the police. Four students were killed and twenty injured. The students were demonstrating in protest against Dutch action in Indonesia."

"On Wednesday, the 19th, students demonstrated outside a hospital demanding the bodies of the martyred students. Police again fired on the students, killing eight students and injuring forty. Thus a total of twelve students were killed and sixty injured."

The I.U.S. Executive Committee, meeting in Prague at this time, immediately sent

EXAM T.T.S.

Examination time tables should be published at a reasonable time within the Union Buildings, in places where they were readily accessible to students, it was alleged at a recent S.R.C. meeting. This resulted from the inconvenience caused to many students by the placing, last year, of the time tables in the front office building. The recommendation took the form of a motion, which was forwarded to the Union Council. Union Council heartily approved, it was reported by the student rep.

him well purely through having to wade through anything from four to eight pages of drivel every fortnight, nearly all written by Tregonning. I am told he even wrote most of the letters to the Editor, signing them "distressed fresher," "two female undergraduates," and other equally whimsical and subtle nom-de-plumes. You see I have already started to introduce Ken to you which, of course, is the least I can do. A little more about this clearcut, straightforward, young man. He has blue eyes, clean features, a rock-like chin, and broad shoulders tapering down to a wasp-like waist. He is about the only History Honors student I have ever struck who has absolutely no ideas about anything—least of all History. He is a teetotaler, misogynist, and might be said to play rugby. He had a very distinguished war career mainly as a Roman soldier in the film of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra." And last but not least before I leave this man whose vaporings you will read next week, you can be sure that any ideas or expressions of opinion in his column are not his—he hasn't got any. They are probably stolen from someone else or taken out of a book.

—JIM FORBES.

cables to the Prime Minister of the Government of India, Pandit Nehru, and to the Prime Minister of the West Bengal Government expressing its vigorous protest against this police action, and demanding in the name of the 3,000,000 students belonging to I.U.S. that an immediate inquiry should take place and that those responsible should be punished. Another telegram was sent to the students in India expressing deep sympathy and solidarity with Indian students at this time.

NEW HOSTEL FOR SYDNEY STUDENTS

Concerned at the lack of accommodation for interstate and country students, the Australian Red Cross Society has converted its Neringah Convalescent Home, Wahroonga, into a hostel for C.R.T.S. students.

The home accommodates 25, but is now being enlarged to take 10 more.

Students are admitted to the hostel on the recommendation of the Registrar at the University, and pay a nominal lodging fee. They are provided with recreation and study facilities.

Russia's Last Weapon

Seen by him as Russia's last weapon of defence, Mr. Burchett described her use of veto power in the Security Council as understandable, if not necessary.

This was, perhaps, the most noticeable flaw in a well-balanced, tolerant, if somewhat inadequate talk given by Mr. G. H. Burchett, an ex-Methodist minister and roving correspondent in Europe, to members of the Socialist Club and others last Wednesday, at lunch-time.

Many of those present no doubt came along to jeer. And though they may have been deterred from this by Mr. Burchett's age, they also found little to jeer at in his

matter. His appraisal of Eastern Europe was not unqualified. He found much to praise in the spirit with which the people of those countries were facing economic and other problems, but he did not ignore the defects in the administrative systems and policies of the Governments.

Perhaps he saw more defects in British and American policy than in Russian. Moreover, in advocating complete disarmament as the way to world peace, he did lay most of the blame for the heavy armament programmes of today to America, and her refusal to submit the atomic bomb to international regulation. The inadequacy of such remarks is obvious, and needs no comment. But these things are unimportant. What does matter is the sincerity with which he could proclaim that political philosophies don't really count, and the selflessness with which he supported U.N.O. and the cause of Internationalism.

Thus Mr. Burchett opposed the Cominform, as well as the Atlantic Pact; thus he saw the starvation in eastern Germany, as well as in the west (though possibly a little more in the capitalist areas), and thus the British "Balance of Power" policy, and the hatred directed towards Slavs by Westerners, were anathema to him.

The spirit in which he gave his address was an object lesson to all shades of political opinion. It is summed up in this astounding fact: that a speaker at a Socialist Club meeting could declare the world's greatest tragedy to be President Roosevelt's death.

tion to inflict a horrible story about a lion, a hunter, and a mother-in-law upon his audience.

After much irrelevant discussion, the pangs of hunger quietened the more eloquent members, and the meeting adjourned to the new common room for supper. Unfortunately, the freshers, not knowing their way about the hospital, found supper in full sway when they had eventually found their way downstairs.

DENTAL CHATTER

By "Cuspid."

The lecture theatre at the Dental Hospital was filled to capacity with the largest gathering of dental students in the history of the society at the A.G.M. on Thursday, March 17. When the first years had eventually tired of giving each other rides on the dental chairs (i.e., on those that still work), the meeting was called to order, with Messrs. Napier and Pfeiffer in command.

Mr. Napier, last year's secretary, gave his annual report of a relatively successful year, despite the fact that there were only three meetings. He extended congratulations to the unfortunate members of the faculty who had become engaged and even married during the year, and hoped that the added responsibility would in no way hinder their work. Messrs. Smart, Marriot, and Wallman achieved renown in the sporting world last year.

The treasurer, Mr. Trott, gave a healthy financial report, but was rather alarmed that the "Coke machine" was not showing the profit that it might, due to the fact that certain students were still under the impression that Coca-cola was provided free of charge to weary dental students.

Mr. Marshman was elected president of the society, and after pointing out that the dental student of to-day was very much the same as those of his day, with regard to virtues and sins, he took a mean advantage of his posi-

C.F.A.S.

1,908 University and Technical College students received benefits from the Commonwealth Government under the Financial Assistance Scheme during 1948.

More than half of them came from families whose adjusted family income was less than £300 per annum.

For approximately one-third of them it was less than £200 per annum.

Of these 1,908 students, 249 came from Adelaide, being divided up in the various faculties as follows:

Medicine	-- -- -- --	86
Science	-- -- -- --	43
Engineering	-- -- -- --	39
Arts	-- -- -- --	15
Dentistry	-- -- -- --	21
Agriculture	-- -- -- --	8
Veterinary Science	-- -- -- --	1
Law	-- -- -- --	11
Economics and Commerce	-- -- -- --	11
Architecture	-- -- -- --	2
Social Science	-- -- -- --	6
Music	-- -- -- --	1

FINE ARTS REVIVED

Fine Arts Society activities are in future to be organised by the Arts Association.

Announcing this at the Arts Association A.G.M., Mr. Jim Forbes, president of the Association, said that the Fine Arts Society was defunct because there was only one remaining member. This member, Mr. John Hantken, had approached the Arts Association, requesting it to include Fine Arts among its activities.

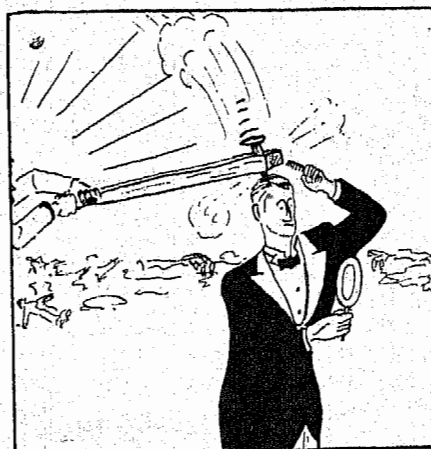
The meeting approved of the acceptance of Fine Arts into the Arts Association, and a sub-committee of five persons was elected to arrange special functions, such as music recitals, an art exhibition, etc., as it saw fit. The committee comprises Mr. J. Hantken (chairman), Mr. R. Ashwin, Misses Laffen, Murdoch, and Martin.

A national faculty magazine and the buying of text-books in bulk are two proposed activities of the Arts Faculty Bureau announced by Mr. Marc Clift at the last meeting of the Arts Association.

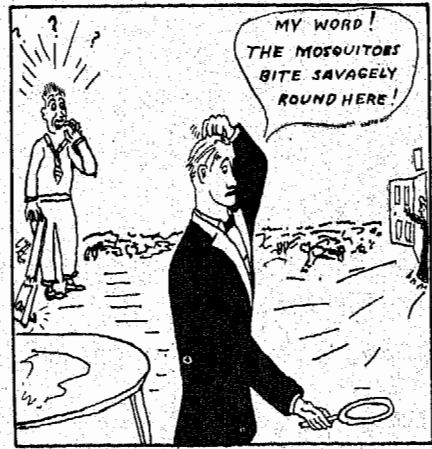
Mr. Clift is local director of the Arts Faculty Bureau, and also national director of the Bureau, which has its headquarters in Adelaide. The work of the Bureau is to collect information on the Arts courses which may be undertaken in the different Australian Universities. This information was available to students, so that if one certain University offered specialised courses of a nature not offering in Adelaide, then changes of course could be arranged. Useful work has been undertaken in Europe along these lines, said Mr. Clift, and it was hoped to do the same in this country.

Overseas scholarships offering to Arts students, full details of which were not known to the majority of students, would also be fully publicised, so that the most could be made of opportunities which are available to students.

FLASHLIGHT RAZOR



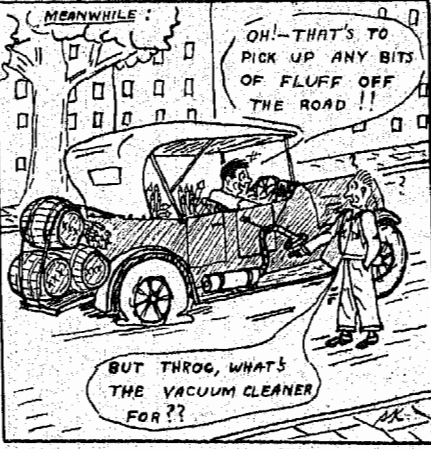
Flashlight's thoughts are suddenly disturbed by a brutal attack.



Unmoved by such treachery, he at last comes face to face with—



Slop-Room Sal, owner of the saloon and terror of the Mid-West.



Unaware of Sal's offer, Throgmorton leaves for a secret destination.

WHAT WILL SHE DO? WHAT DOES FLASHLIGHT WANT? SEE NEXT WEEK!

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EDITORIAL

Too Much To Ask

THE lack of continuous and complete facilities in the Union Buildings is keenly felt by those who regard the University as more than a "place where . . ." The present understaffing of the Union Buildings allows them to be open for general use only in the daylight hours, but if the staff were increased, even by one, it would be possible to keep both the George Murray Building and the Lady Symon Building open until 9.30 or 10.00 p.m. for the use of students. There are many who feel the need for the use of the lounges, libraries, administrative offices, committee rooms, showers, dressing-rooms, and lavatories during the evening, yet none of these facilities are available after 6 p.m. True, societies can book the use of a hall, or library, but this is not the same as offering the students free continuous use of their own buildings. For instance, in Melbourne, the Union Buildings are open until late at night, with all mod. cons. available. There is a continuous locker and cloakroom service, in which students may "check" their belongings. Hot water is always available at every wash-bowl, and in every shower. Soap and clean towels are provided EVERY day. There are also several shoe shine stands, which are provided with black and brown polish and brushes so that students may shine their own shoes. A small cafeteria supplying coffee and light snacks is open until 8 p.m., and lounges, libraries, clubrooms, offices, etc., remain open for use until ten or eleven p.m.

Perhaps all this is too much to ask of Adelaide, or is it? Union facilities have been lacking for too long. There is a definite task for improvement which lies before the Union and its house committees. Let us hope that they will meet it.

Playground Of The Rich

ONE of the old misconceptions which the students thought was losing ground was that the University is the playground of the rich. But a look at the prices for the "Commemoration and Commencement Ball" in the Refectory last Saturday night was a convincing argument that you have to be rich to play here. 13/6 a double ticket is red-hot, especially for the first hop of the year. Where does the money go? The dance was held on Union premises, there was no liquor, and the supper was quite ordinary. Any connection between the rise in prices and the fall in attendance is purely co-incidental. The ads. said "you can't afford to miss it." Most of us couldn't afford to be in it.

THE EDITOR.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Increased Student Representation
On Union Council

by R. S. BRAY
(Men's General Rep. S.R.C., Union Councillor,
Local Sec./Treas. N.U.A.U.S.)

THERE appears to be a widespread misunderstanding regarding this matter. Many people seem to be under the erroneous impression that the S.R.C. desires a majority upon the Union Council. Nothing could be further removed from the truth either in thought or practice.

The relevant motion passed as amended by the S.R.C. asks for an increase in student representatives from three (2 from S.R.C., 1 from A.U.S.A.) to five (1 extra from the S.R.C., 1 from the A.U.S.A.). Representation from without the student body is eight members, and the S.R.C. asks that this number should remain the same. Simple arithmetic will show that students will still remain in a considerable minority should this move be accepted.

It should be stressed also that neither I, as the mover of the motion, nor, I believe the S.R.C., desire a majority upon the Union Council. The reasons for this move were twofold. Firstly, many of the Union's objects are directed towards one aim, being the co-operation and communication between the authorities and the staff on the one hand and the students on the other to further the general interests of the University. The S.R.C.'s motion then attempts to give these objects a more satisfactory and a broader basis than was formerly the case.

Secondly, the students are by far the most numerous members of the Union, and pay by far the largest portion of the fees. This, the S.R.C. felt, entitles the students to a broader representation. Also the Union Council controls and administers the Union Buildings which are used by students to a far greater degree than other affiliated bodies. On the other hand the S.R.C. is fully cognisant of the fact that some of these buildings were presented by graduates.

Summing up, two points must be stressed. Firstly, that the S.R.C. has never contemplated at any time this year the idea or the possibility of dominating the Union Council and that any intimation that such is the S.R.C.'s intention is a complete misrepresentation of the facts. Secondly, that the very aims and objects of the Union itself are, by this proposed adjustment, given a wider and more real meaning.

Welcome Address — (Concluded)

This week we present the concluding portion of the address given by the Vice-Chancellor of the University to first year students at the request of the Students' Representative Council. To continue . . .

PLUCK up your courage, say what you think and make the society stronger and better for your presence. I am so anxious to stress this matter that I will give you an example of a society which I think could conduct its affairs in a better way. The society will not mind my criticising it because it is perfectly free to run its own affairs and it knows that, though I may express my personal views, I should not be foolish enough to try to control its activities. (The Vice-Chancellor then said that he would like to see a debating society run on different lines from the present one. He deprecated the Inter-University debating competitions and said that at a University debating society meeting, all present should be free to speak and should vote at the end of the debate.)

I have given my own views on debating as an example of the attitude of mind I think you should adopt. Be as critical as you like. You have more power than I have to alter what you do not like. Take what is offered here, or change it; but do not ignore this vital part of University life.

You may wonder why I stress these matters. It is because I do not believe that even those who think only in terms of entering a profession will get what they want simply by attending lectures and working in laboratories. A man may perhaps be a great poet or a great painter and yet be a recluse. But in most professions much will depend upon your understanding of people, on your knowing people, liking people and even on people liking you. It is perhaps a sad fact that an engineer appearing before a Board of Management to propose a scheme is the more likely to have it accepted if he can explain it in an attractive way and if members of the Board like him. So with many other professions. It is here, in this University, that you can learn much besides facts and formulae which will later on be vital in your careers.

What should you choose from this book prepared for your guidance? That is a delicate matter for me to touch upon, but I will risk giving two or three opinions. First, you will not be likely to enjoy a full University life without a healthy body, and I strongly advise you to take advantage of the Voluntary Health Service Examination, which is free of cost. Then there are two political clubs. Do I advise you to join one of them? I do not. I hope, however, that many of you will join both of them. In all democratic countries there is a desperate need for able leaders. If the democracies can attract to political life the most intelligent, most selfless, most knowledgeable and most industrious members of the community, I doubt whether it matters much what kind of a political label they wear. Such men will serve their country wisely and well. So my advice is to learn about all political parties without getting too excited about any one of them. Another activity here

is the University Regiment. I hope that in five or ten thousands of years' time a University Regiment will be unnecessary. Until then I think it well that you should join it.

Then there are the three religious Societies. This is a secular University, which merely means that you are free to hold any religious views you wish or none at all. For myself, I believe that some kind of a faith beyond the affairs of this material world is essential to a full life and indeed to the preservation of truly democratic countries. I hope, therefore that you will join one of the Societies, though I do not much mind which you choose.

You are most fortunate in having an Art Gallery next to the University. Here you can spend a quarter of an hour or so of your lunch time looking at a few pictures, which is the way an Art Gallery should be used. The Director has told me that he will make arrangements for talks on the pictures to be given to you. Then you have the Elder Conservatorium in which are given lunch-time and other recitals.

This University is indeed a treasure house and the curious thing is that the more treasures you take from the house, the more it possesses. I urge you to take to the full, but I also warn you that to take them will not be easy. It will not be natural like eating and drinking nor as easy as seeing second rate films. As with everything worth while, great effort will be needed, particularly in the first stages.

Now another matter. The very essence of a University is a vital contact between teacher and taught. You, as freshers, will not feel this to a great extent during your first year, but whenever possible I urge you to seek discussion with your Professors and Lecturers. Be drawn as by a magnet to the first-class minds you will find here. The teaching staff may not be able to give you the time you would wish, and I will tell you the reason. I have found, in my ten months of life here, this University to be a wonderful place, a kindly and inspiring place. For the most part its buildings are excellent. The one sad part of the picture is that the University has not sufficient annual income to afford an adequate staff. You may have seen the statement by the Premier that the University needs another £100,000 each year. The whole matter is under consideration and it would be improper for me to say much on the subject. I will, however, say this. If we get this money, most of it will be spent on additional teaching staff, the best we can get, so that teacher and taught may the more easily get together. I trust that all this will come next year. Meanwhile, we are a poor family and you can help by treating the grounds and laboratories as though they were your home, and equipment as though it were yours.

Dull would he be who could stand here and look upon you without emotion. You stand at a gate. You are a privi-

leged class because only about one in thirty men and women of your age come to a University. Politicians have, in these days, to give the appearance that all men are equal, which is of course biological nonsense. You have been born with, or have acquired, more than the average desire for knowledge and ability to learn. On you is cast the burden of leadership, particularly in the professions. Because you are privileged, you must give the more, and for you there can be no 40-hour week.

In this hall are men and women who will be known in the land; great doctors of the future who will ease man's lot on earth; great engineers who may solve the problem of the supply of power for South Australia, and great and inspiring teachers who will hand on the torch of learning to those as yet unborn.

There must be few, indeed, of you who are standing at the gate without doubts, without fear and without uncertainty. Ought you to have come here? Have you chosen the right course? What will the world be like when you graduate? Will Australia still be prosperous by virtue of the price of her primary products, or will it be difficult for you to find a place in the world's affairs?

I do not know the answers, but I would like to end by reminding you of a quotation spoken by His Majesty the King in a Christmas broadcast message when it seemed that only defeat and ruin faced the British Commonwealth of Nations:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Show me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he said to me, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God.' That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."

Swoon List

The following list was compiled by the lasses behind the counter in one of the University Depts. They insist that priority is allotted only on the pleasantness of the men's attitude to them in the course of duty; no knowledge is claimed of the man's academic, social, or wolf rating. The majority of better known "Campus Captains" whose names do NOT appear below, apparently dole out their charm in small doses. For obvious reasons, the informant must remain anonymous.

- (1) R. Mohr
- (2) J. Pounsett
- (3) L. Gillam
- (4) G. Wahlquist
- (5) D. O'Connell
- (6) W. Lilburn
- (7) J. Chittleborough
- (8) B. Vogt
- (9) K. Neighbour
- (10) I. Seidler

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Precisely what the learned Doctor proposed to do about this superfluous ninety-odd per cent. we shall never know, for he was, we are told, carried off by the Un-American Sentiments Commission and screened. But we here are still undemocratic enough to be allowed to publish the test.

Score two for every "yes," one for "doubtful," nil for "no"; then check your results.

A.—Did you, as a fresher, willingly submit to "initiation" into your faculty society? (Score double if you liked it.) Score.....

B.—Do you think that the Barr-Smith Library is tolerably good, architecturally? Score.....

C.—Are you a keen member of the Socialist Club? Score.....

D.—Are you a keen member of the Liberal Union? Score.....

E.—Do you think that Folk-dancing and/or Folk-singing is a necessary part of Christian ritual? Score.....

F.—Would you take seriously any function called "Ballad Barbecue"? Score.....

G.—Does "Natstud" mean anything to you, and, if not, does it fail to make you think of horses? Score.....

H.—Do you excuse the standard of the Student Theatre Group plays on the ground that "after all they're only beginners"? Score.....

I.—Do you really think that Refectory is a good place to spend the greater part of your day? Score.....

J.—Do you take notes at EVERY lecture you attend? Score.....

K.—Do you think that, generally speaking, the last two processions have been FUNNY? Score.....

L.—Have you been known to clap, giggle, or stamp your feet at any lecture other than Prof. Sir Kerr Grant's? Score.....

M.—Are you impartial in religion and politics? Score.....

N.—Do you think that the originator of this test is insane, or even merely eccentric? Score.....

O.—Do you, when you write letters to "On Dit" invariably use an alias? Score.....

P.—Have you ever been known to speak of the University "Crest"? Score.....

ANALYSIS

Score 20-30.—Quite insufferable. You, being a man, probably wear dark grey trousers and an ill-fitting tweed jacket; being a woman, probably hope to become a teacher. In either case you are pustular and a follower of herds. Were it not that somewhere beneath your appalling manners you have a soul answerable to its Creator, you were better removed, and that quickly.

Score 10-19.—You are growing worse, or growing better. In either case you are not at the moment fit company for gentlemen and/or scholars.

Score 5-9.—There is hope for you if you pray, but fervently.

Score 0-4.—Your standards are high, and you try to live by them. You appreciate wit, deplore the obvious. You might gain something by being here, but your chances are vitiated by the presence of all the others. Were there more than ten of us, I'd suggest we form a breakaway University.

SCIENCE INITIATES FRESHERS

Freshers once again thronged the portals of the Lady Symon on Tuesday night, the 15th, to undergo their induction into the ranks of their fellow scientists at the University.

Highlights included a survey of icebox temperatures in Rundle Street milk bars, bun-eating. (Look! No hands, Daddy!) by fresherettes, whose treacly tresses rather tickled our fancy, and a spectacular march through town by Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a photographic record of this event.

PHYS. ED. FORUM

Freshers, all sexes, all faculties, are invited to avail themselves of the two deck-tennis courts situated between the refectory lawns and the motor bike park. They are for use of all members of the University, and are available at all hours. There are no fees, no political, racial or religious discrimination, and previous athletic history means nothing.

Later in the year inter-faculty matches will be arranged so everybody is advised to get in all the practice they can for these events.

Also notice that if you delay your games till the dinner hour, an interested audience of demure damsels is assured.

To E.C. Who Interests Himself in Witchcraft

Look out, my friend,
'Tis a subtle craft:
Where will it end?
Was it I who laughed?

The words are old
and Widdershins:
The light grows cold,
The spell begins.

The words come out
With a mandrake's cry:
There are things about
In the waiting sky.

The powder thrown,
The flame burns blue:
I'd leave alone,
If I were you.

MICHAEL GLEESON
TAYLOR.

Castle's in Spain

Sir,—Your critic's review of the S.T.G. production of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" is no less than a mass of irresponsible rubbish, and airy pretensions. It fails, we might almost suspect studiously, to attend to any of the functions of responsible and authoritative criticism, and devotes itself to a few observations on the private reactions of the critic to the play.

The excellent characterisations of Oliver Powell and Brian Hartshorne, the charming stage personality of Glenys Wemyss and the two boy-players (Chris Brock and Kath. Pope), and the easy poetic grace of Patricia Lloyd are breezily tossed aside, as is the solid drilling and efficiency of the production by Iris Hart, and in particular the snappy team-work of the slapstick crew (Frank Zeppel, Hartshorne, Morgan and some minor supports) which maintained a racy tempo at all costs. An original and interesting set designed and made by students were presumably too mundane a matter for the consideration of your library-critic.

Not that the play was without faults; they were there alright and bad enough ones at that. Some of the love scenes were distinctly sticky, some of the boisterous characters were not boisterous at all, and worst of all one principal character knew his lines so badly that his partner's performance was partly spoiled through continually giving him cues (but then your critic, who gave unending praise to this character is not a theatre man and could hardly be expected to see the obvious). Nonetheless, we may judge that the play leaped these hurdles from the constant howls of appreciative mirth from the nightly overflowing auditorium (a sample of "audience participation" unmentioned by your critic).

As to the impossibilities of staging Elizabethan drama on a picture-frame stage—Olivier, Alfred Lunt, and I feel confident in dismissing them with amusement.

In brief, Sir, it seems a pity that you are unable to find as a drama critic a person of reliable theatrical experience, with a clear idea of what the responsibilities of criticism are, instead of a casual commentator with no first-hand knowledge of theatre, who, as I have said, believes his job to be no more than to make a few observations on his personal reactions to the play. If we cannot have responsible critiques, let us have none at all: this sort of thing does little good and great harm to the theatre.

ODELL CROWTHER.

FINES

Breaches of regulations will be fineable, with a maximum of £1, according to a motion passed by the S.R.C. The actual fine will be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

DIRECTOR DOES A SVENGALI

"The stage is an actor's medium; the film a director's."
(Sir Laurence Olivier.)

"The Fallen Idol" is an expansion by Grahame Greene of one of his short stories. It is an adult, unusual, uncommonly good film. It is inevitable therefore, in view of Laurence Olivier's words, that a discussion of "The Fallen Idol" must centre on its director, Carol Reed, who has inherited the mantle of Alfred Hitchcock as England's foremost movie director.

He makes one film a year ("Odd Man Out" was his 1947 contribution), spending four months on an extremely detailed preparation of the script, six months on shooting, and the other two months on cutting, dubbing and other tidying up chores.

The emphasis in a Carol Reed film is always laid on story value and characterisation, and he has, in fact, gone on record as saying that a director's function is "the job of conveying to the audience what the author had in mind." When one remembers that in this case the author is Grahame Greene, one of England's greatest contemporary writers, it is easy to see why "The Fallen Idol" is such an uncommonly good film!

Now, a director's tools in performing his job are essentially his actors and his camera. In this film, however, Carol Reed breaks startling new ground, opening up opportunities for expression that no director has ever had before. He uses a puppet, a

plate before him, and the conversation of the other two becomes a confused mumbling. He looks back to them again and stray words are once more audible.

This technique is not carried through to the end of the film. Why, or even where, it is dropped, I cannot say with any certainty, but dropped it is, and this cannot be any-

RIVER LIGHTS

The apple-skin surface of
the river
Is bruised
And wrinkled
And brown,
And from the opposite
bank
The Park lights wag their
golden tails

In the water.
A city river
Is always muddy and
dark
With lies,
With city lies.

Yet the terriers of truth
Sit on the bank
And wag
Their
Tails.

—Ian V. Hansen.

thing but dissatisfying. In the last twenty minutes, the camera is the conventional, impersonal observer: Phyl, and therefore the audience are no longer part of the action.

With the exception of Michele Morgan, the cast cannot be faulted. This is not meant as a criticism of Michele Morgan, for she is the most subtle, and at the same time most intense, emotional actress I have ever seen.

But this is not her kind of role—and no amount of good acting can overcome miscasting. Michele Morgan is ethereal, out of this world, but Julie, the typist, is plain and just a little bit dowdy; she must match the butler of Ralph Richardson, who, incidentally, is nothing short of magnificent. Celia Johnson, perhaps, was the actress for this part.

Among the lesser players, watch particularly for Wilfrid Lawson, who appears for half a minute as a clock checker, Jack Hawkins, a noted Shakespearean actor, who plays of all things a most believable detective, and Dennis O'Dea, who plays yet another police inspector (he was also in "Odd Man Out," remember?)

To sum up, this film must be seen, for a film by Carol Reed, as I mentioned earlier, happens only once a year. And note the fact now, that the title of his 1949 film will be "The Third Man."

FRANK ZEPPEL.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contributors are reminded to write on one side of the paper only. Keep it brief. Do not exceed 500 words. Pen-names may be used, but author's name must be available, although not necessarily for publication.

Correspondents failing to comply with these requests may abandon hope of ever seeing their tomes in print.

Heads I Win—Tails You Lose

Sir,—I am more than bewildered. In fact, I am annoyed — annoyed to discover that so responsible a person as the President of the S.R.C. should have so low an opinion of student percipience that he should permit so perfect an example of political "Punica Fides" to be perpetrated as that inferred by the motion presented with his cognisance and under his supervision at the Special General Meetings on I.U.S.

I refer to the motion which says, in effect, that the Adelaide S.R.C. ratifies the decision of the N.U.A.U.S. to disaffiliate from the International Union of Students.

A venal attempt is being made to use this motion by astute, though tortuous, political lucubration to prevent ratification of the N.U.A.U.S. motion by a negative means and thus to destroy its effect.

The catch, of course, in a motion presented in the above manner is that it has to be passed by a 2/3rd majority. A considerable difficulty when you realise that, although the voting in this instance was 115 FOR and 60 AGAINST, this large majority was not enough for its passage.

If the President of the S.R.C. permits such a result to be used to prevent ratification of the National Union decision he will not be keeping faith with the student body he leads. Moreover, he will not be worthy of the responsible position he holds.

While there were a few votes short of the necessary 2/3rd majority, conversely there was not a 2/3rd majority against. The S.R.C., therefore, cannot use this result as a directive to refuse ratification. On the contrary, the very substantial majority, after two days restrained public discussion, should persuade the S.R.C. to use their discretion and ratify the N.U.A.U.S. decision to disaffiliate with the money wasting, politically prejudiced I.U.S.

Should the S.R.C. still desire to refuse ratification and remain affiliated with I.U.S. the onus still remains with them to obtain a directive by taking the positive action of placing before an S.G.M. of Union members motions con-

taining the honest phrasing of their intentions.

The only legal alternative is for the S.R.C. to suspend decision on the N.U.A.U.S. motion which will then become automatically ratified by a technical device of procedure known as a motion of time. In other words, if the S.R.C. has not indicated its intentions by April 1 its vote will be taken as being in the affirmative.

I would advise the President of the S.R.C. to consider deeply before committing any rash action which may jeopardise his position.

Having regard for the money required to finance our excursions with I.U.S., and the fact that it is taken from student finances, it is well to remember that this year the S.R.C. has been forced to charge an all-time high of 13/6 for admission to the Commemoration Ball.

Up to the time of writing, legal auditors have been forced to spend several days perusing the chaos of last year's S.R.C. (of whose executive our present President was a member) with as yet undisclosed results. This should give the S.R.C. food for deep meditation.

O Temporal O Mores!
DON THOMPSON.

I.U.S. Opinion

Sir,—This week the Socialist Club and a few well-meaning but misguided members of the S.R.C. will be doing their utmost to ensure that the I.U.S. referendum motion is lost; it's up to the rest of us to see that it's carried and by a big majority. There are many reasons why we should have nothing to do with this Communist-dominated organisation; here are a few of them:

(1) Everyone seems agreed about the extraordinary relations existing between I.U.S. headquarters (situated in Prague) and the Czechoslovakian Government — one of Russia's satellites. The I.U.S. Secretariat is financed by the Czech Government, owing to the inability of member constituents to pay their fees; free office space is also provided. The Communists are willing to do this because the prestige which they thereby gain and the influence they can exert on Secretariat officials make it well worth the trouble and expense. Remember, the man who pays the piper calls the tune.

(2) The democratic countries have tried to exert their influence on I.U.S., but have been outnumbered in voting strength and therefore have had no effect on the policy of I.U.S. There is no hope at all of altering the position; there is no prospect whatever of lessening the control which the Communist countries are exercising over I.U.S. affairs. While we remain in I.U.S., we ally ourselves with official I.U.S. support for the Communist armies in northern China, and the rebel forces in Greece. In these circumstances, the only honorable and prudent course is to get out of I.U.S.

(3) Don't make the mistake of thinking that I.U.S. unites

all the students of the world. Many countries, including the United States, Holland, Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland, are not affiliated with I.U.S.; others are contemplating getting out. Most of these countries refuse to affiliate because I.U.S. is Communist-controlled and Communist-financed, with its headquarters behind the Iron Curtain. These reasons should be good enough for us, too.

(4) N.U.A.U.S. has to pay I.U.S. about £800 a year as an affiliation fee. It cost about £150 to send Tolhurst to Prague last year. Add to this our debt to I.U.S. of £50, and it would mean a fair-sized bill for 1949. This money would be much better spent on student facilities within our own country.

(5) Over the question of I.U.S., Canberra University College left N.U.A.U.S. last year, and Queensland will pull out unless the National Union disaffiliates from I.U.S. It is not unlikely that Sydney would do the same, and Melbourne, with a strong Liberal S.R.C., won't be very happy

Faculty Bureau." The latter is part of the I.U.S., and according to Mr. Medlin and others, one of the worthwhile parts.

The following is quoted from "Trepine," the journal of the University of Queensland Medical Society, and is an extract from a letter by Dr. Whyte (Queensland Rhodes Scholar) to the President of the U.Q.M.S. Dr. Whyte represented that Society at the Students' International Clinical Congress.

Dr. Whyte reports on the various functions and discussions held by that Congress, and then goes on to state: "In all these matters and in many more, there was striking unanimity. But not when politics entered. And politics did enter even though the British Medical Students' Association, which arranged the Congress, laid it down originally that it was to be concerned solely with medical problems of common interest. Organisers were vague as to how the discussion on the Medical Faculty Bureau (M.F.B.) originated. It was through the M.F.B. discussed, and non-medical politics entered to split the Congress asunder. This to my mind was terribly serious. To hear a Polish student say he had started the Congress with great optimism, but by the end it had faded, and he had become pessimistic for world co-operation and peace, was an absolute tragedy. I myself have no hesitation in condemning the I.U.S. from the Medical Congress point of view. . . . In a world-full of suspicion and disagreement, we are a profession privileged to have common ground where we can meet in sincerity and agreement. We must take this opportunity. International Congress of Medical Students must continue, and these plans for student exchanges, medical assistance and the like which we all approve must be put into action. We must avoid suspicion and division. Fields which are not common to all—color, nationality, politics—must be barred. It is obvious that under the present I.U.S. medical students are divided.

V. D. PLUECKHAHN.

Letter-Writers

Starting from the next issue the "Letters-to-the-Editor" department will be enlarged to two pages to cope with the increased business. It will even have its own Editor—Robin Ashwin, of "Cross Keys" fame.

should N.U.A.U.S. stay in the National Union. We would then be faced with the delightful situation of destroying national unity in a futile attempt to achieve international unity. Is it worth it?

(6) Furthermore, we should support the decisions of our own National Union. The Communist "Guardian" (28/1/1949) enthusiastically backs I.U.S. and the "Communists and other progressive students" who supported it at the N.U.A.U.S. Congress. This should be enough to make undergraduates who oppose Red control vote "YES" in this referendum.

BRIAN R. COX.

I.U.S. and Med. Students

Sir, Mr. Medlin and other pro-I.U.S. students have quoted the running of the "Medical Faculty Bureau" by the I.U.S. as being one of the tangible and useful functions of I.U.S.

Last year 100 young medical graduates and students attended the Students' International Clinical Congress held in England. Amongst the 24 countries represented were America, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Holland, Poland, Norway, South Africa, Austria, Brazil, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Malta, Sweden, Switzerland, Burma, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Nigeria, North Ireland, Vietnam, and Australia.

The discussions were conducted in three groups—"Principles of Medical Training," "The Faculties for Medical Training," and "The Medical

the S.R.C.'s inability to help us, be held in the Lady Symon Hall and not in the George Murray as previously arranged.

ROBIN MILLHOUSE.

S.C.M.-er Explains

Sir,—The answer to your question in last week's editorial about pamphlets, "who provides the necessary money?" is, we do. All the movement's work is financed by voluntary donations, not subscriptions, from individuals in the membership or fellowship. The income from this source maintains a full-time staff of six people in Australia; Leila Giles is the Field Secretary in Adelaide. A certain sum is also sent to the World Student Christian Federation of which the A.S.C.M. is a constituent.

MARC CLIFT,
Secretary.

Mazy Hazy

Sir,—Your correspondent Mazy states that the first thing he was taught on entering this University was the TRUTH of evolution.

Now that just shows how good our University is. No one else knows the truth of evolution. Weismann-Michurin don't know it.

Two questions to Mazy, please, Mr. Editor.

1.—Has he ever heard of gene mutations?

2.—Has he ever read Ly-senko?

I assume he hasn't or he wouldn't make asinine assertions.

Yours, etc.,
R. S. BRAY.

Mazy Crazy?

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Sir,—One "Mazy" proclaims that Socialism is the antithesis of evolution. This is a moot point.

It may be that Socialist Man, using the world's resources for the common benefit of the human species, would be better adapted to survive the rigors of an atomic environment than Capitalist Man, who continues to misuse such resources for the pecuniary profit of the few.

One thing, however, is certain. The blatant arrogance of "Mazy's" ignorance marks him out for imminent extinction in the inevitable process of natural selection.

THE TARSHIS BABY.

More Blues

Sir,—Although I did not see the 1948 Varsity Revue, I would like to point out that the objection raised to "Blue Boy's" criticism by Mr. Donaldson and others is an invalid one.

It is not one of the necessary qualifications of a critic that he should be a skilled exponent of whatever he is criticising. If that were so then a large proportion of the literary, music and art critics of to-day would be out of a job. "Blue Boy" does not claim to be able to write or produce a better revue. He is probably well aware that he could do neither, but this does not disqualify his criticism.

B. WILSON.

Against "The Kid"

Sir,—I should like to protest against the attempt of "The Kinsey Kid" to justify the use of suggestive sketches in the Varsity Revue.

While ranking himself with the greatest writers of literature in a campaign for a more natural outlook on sex, he supports the very thing which helps to label it "dirty" in so many minds.

A humorous sketch cannot help but degrade a serious subject like sex, which, however "clean" it may be, is no matter for the public stage. Let us have frankness, by all means, but not to such an extent that sex is made a basis for jokes and skits, which do not amuse, but even embarrass an audience of any taste.

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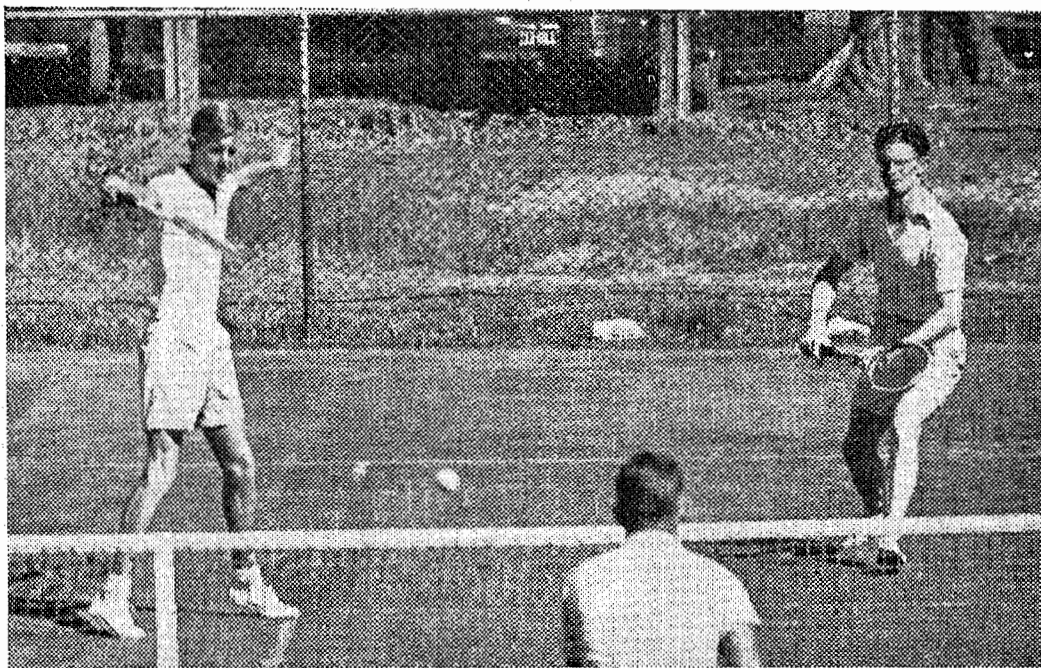
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TENNIS TEAM SET TO WIN

All three tennis teams seem assured of a position in the final four

The district team occupies fourth position at the moment, and is almost assured of remaining in the four after a meritorious victory over Kensington last Saturday. Frank Lonergan had his best win for the season when he defeated Max Newcombe, 6-2, 6-4. Jack Nitschke battled for almost two hours to win the deciding rubber for Varsity, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, giving us the match, 5 rubbers to 4. The A Pennant team are in top position being unde-

feated, until last Saturday when they were unlucky to lose to Woodville, 5 rubbers to 4. However, they are certain of the minor premiership. Graham Brookman and Kevin Allen are undefeated in doubles, a good performance. The B Pennant team occupy third position, and have every chance of going premiers. Its performance is all the more creditable as on several occasions players have been taken from the team to fill vacancies in higher teams.



M. Astley (left) and F. Lonergan (right) help to get "A" team in final four.

ATHLETICS

With the final inter-club contest on March 26 and State Championships on April 2 and 9, Varsity athletes have a busy programme for the next three weeks. Our position as inter-club premiers seems assured, and our next objective is the Walsh Shield at the State Championships, and then creditable performances at the Intersvarsity in Brisbane.

Varsity Sports

These are to be held on Wednesday, April 27. All lectures are cancelled for the afternoon, permitting all who wish to compete to do so.

The programme is posted on the athletics notice-board, and consists of all championship events to decide the Varsity Cup, plus 100 yards, 220 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile handicap. Entry fee is 1/- per event.

Footballers' 440

Replacing the ex-service-men's 100 yards this year will be a new event, "The Footballers' 440." This will be a one lap handicap for all who play winter sports, provided

LACROSSE CLUB

The Lacrosse Club extends to all a hearty invitation to take part in its activities.

There will be a game for all every Saturday afternoon, and practice times are arranged to suit the convenience of all interested. Watch the notice-board for an announcement in this respect.

We point out that this year the annual Intersvarsity will be held in Adelaide during the second term vacation, with teams from Melbourne and Perth participating. Both teams will be in Adelaide for approximately a week, and arrangements for the usual celebrations are being made. Among other advantages to be gained by playing lacrosse we mention that teams play on good ovals for the vast majority of matches—and this applies to B and C as well as A grade.

Anyone wishing to take up this sport can join by coming out to practice. It does not matter whether or not you were good at sport at school—there is a place for everyone in lacrosse. If you want to know anything further about the game just contact any player, come out to practice, or phone the Acting Secretary (G. M. Ward—F3988).

Crockery and Trays on Refectory Lawns

Student Members of the Union are reminded that Crockery and Trays taken from the Refectory on to the lawns and cloister steps must be returned to the collection tables in the cloisters. In the near future it is intended to take disciplinary action against offenders.

ELIZABETH ADAM,
Secretary, S.R.C.

they turn out in football tops. Running shoes are prohibited. The prize, however, remains the same. All entries must be handed to any of the following by April 9—Bill Proudman, John Harbison, Greg Markey, Tony Dinham, John Lade, Randall Butler, Jim Lawrence, Peter Harbison.

Athletics Ball

This will be held in the Refectory on April 9, at 8 p.m. Admission is 8/- a double ticket, with supper provided. Finish off your summer season at the Athletics Ball.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Football Club was held on Thursday, March 17. Digby Harris was appointed practice captain with Don Davies as his assistant. Don Brebner is the third member of the selection committee until the final appointments are made on the day of the first match. Brebner continues as secretary and Alan Dowding is his assistant.

Practice has commenced under the able guidance of Harold Page, and will be held regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now on. All are welcome, so come along and impress the selectors with your form.

The club has been invited to send a team to Clare for a match on April 9. Some of the older hands—evidently eager to get into form for the Intersvarsity—supported the idea with great gusto, and so a team will be sent.

There will also be practice matches on April 2nd, 9th (for those not going to Clare) and 16th (which is Easter Saturday). The grounds for these matches will be announced shortly. We have all too little time to prepare for the season, so that we cannot afford to waste any opportunities for getting really fit. The necessity for this becomes even more obvious, as the programme provides that the first three matches for "A" team are against Exeter (at Largs Reserve), Semaphore Central (at University) and Woodville (at Woodville), and for the "B" team are against Christian Brothers Old Collegians (at Graduates' Oval), Railways (at Railways), and Goodwood (at Graduates).

Finally, the Secretary is anxious to get all the registration forms signed as early as possible, so if you have not yet signed up, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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INTERVARSITIES THIS YEAR

FIRST VACATION

Men

Athletics in Brisbane.
Boat Race in Brisbane.
Tennis in Brisbane.
Golf in Sydney.
Rifle in Hobart.

Women

Athletics in Brisbane.
Tennis in Sydney.

SECOND VACATION

Men

Australian Rules in Sydney.
Squash in Sydney.
Soccer in Sydney.
Table Tennis in Sydney.
Baseball in Brisbane.
Basketball in Adelaide.
Boxing in Adelaide.
Rugby Union in Adelaide.
Lacrosse in Adelaide.
Hockey in Hobart.
Fencing in Melbourne.
Ski at Mt. Hotham.

Women

Basketball in Brisbane.
Hockey in Brisbane.
Ski at Mt. Hotham.

INTERVARSITY RESULTS 1948

Athletics ... won by Sydney
Baseball Adelaide
Basketball (Men's) Sydney
Boxing Queensland
Cricket Melbourne
Golf Sydney
Hockey Adelaide
Football Melbourne
Lacrosse Adelaide
Rifle Shooting ... Adelaide
Rugby Sydney
Soccer Melbourne
Tennis Melbourne
Table Tennis ... Adelaide
Basketball

(Women) Melbourne
Cricket (Women) Adelaide
Hockey (Women) Sydney

Teams did not compete in the following Intersvarsities: Rowing, Swimming (Men's and Women's), Women's Athletics, Women's Tennis.

A.G.M.
RIFLE CLUB,
1.20 p.m.,
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 30th,
GEORGE MURRAY
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CONTRIBUTORS

You are reminded that copy is to be in by Wednesday noon, of each week. No exceptions.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A very successful meeting was held last Wednesday when the following officers were elected: President—Miss B. Wall; captain—Miss J. S. Haselgrove; club sec., M. Swann; match sec.—S. Butrose; treasurer—V. Moore; selection committee—J. Wood, M. McTaggart.

It was decided that practices would begin on Wednesday, April 6, from 4-6 p.m. Miss Teesdale Smith will attend the practice as coach.

Raising of Intersvarsity funds was discussed, and it was decided to proceed with arrangements for the end of term ball. All intending players please give their 10/- subscriptions to V. Moore at once, and don't forget the initial practices. There will be a practice next Wednesday after commemoration, to run off some of that Xmas stiffness.

BOXING CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Boxing Club will be held in the Gymnasium in the George Murray Basement on Monday, April 4, 1949, at 1.15 p.m. Business will be election of officers for 1949, and decisions on Intersvarsity contests.

Cordial welcome is extended to all freshers. Previous boxing experience is not necessary.

COLLEGE SPORT

Ath-Spa Swimming Carnival

The College is divided, according to the initials of the surname, into two houses, Athens (A-L) and Sparta (M-Z). These houses take part in friendly competitions during the years, known as Ath-Spa contests.

The first of these contests for 1949 was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 9, in the form of a Swimming Carnival at the Olympic Pool. Every kind of aquatic event has its place, from novelty turns such as musical apples and beginners' races, to handicap and cup sprint events.

Results: Cup winners—Men—J. Judd G. Bryce (tied with 10 pts.), B. Evans, 7 pts.; Women—V. Duffield, 9 pts., M. Moss, A. Torr, D. Edgar, 6 pts.

Ath-Spa Relay—Athens, by a touch in 4.29 4/5.

Final House Result—Athens, 56, Sparta, 26.

Sorry the loudspeaker broke down, and your cags didn't go over, Mr. Molloy.

MEN'S

BASKETBALL

The A.G.M. of this club was held in the George Murray Hall on Monday last, with a good attendance of prospective players. Practices will be held in the O.B.I., Wakefield Street, on Friday nights, as soon as this court is available. Anyone wishing for further particulars about this sport or club, are asked to contact the Secretary, F. J. Slattery, c/o "On Dit."

RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 1.20 p.m., in the George Murray Library.

Business will be the election of officers for 1949, a discussion of ways and means for the Intersvarsity to be held in Hobart and any other business which we have time to discuss.

All intending members will be welcomed, more particularly those who at present cannot get along to practices.

In view of the forthcoming Albert Trophy, all those who are considering shooting this year should attend the A.G.M. to give the selectors a chance of picking out possible team members.

SOCCER

The A.G.M. was held successfully last week and now the season is under way. Practice matches are being held this Saturday (April 2) for everyone who is interested in playing this season and to give the selectors and coaches a chance to organise the teams.

The Second Division and Junior (under 21) matches begin on April 9 with the Reserve (Fifth Division) the following week, so that all players should now be in full training, and it is hoped that Wednesday afternoons will see much greater activity on the soccer field from now on. Early training for the hotter days does not require a ball to be kicked around, but more concentration on long distance running to improve the condition of the players is essential, as every season players are slowing down to a walk at the end of the first few matches. However, ball practice in trapping, heading and tackling should not be overlooked, and players who follow these rules will be at their best when the season opens.

Some training films are available, and will be shown shortly. They are of general sports interest, and all are invited—see the notice-boards for the actual time and day.