

# THE INTELLIGENT FRESHMAN'S GUIDE TO THE UNINTELLIGIBLE

It was F. P. Dunne who said that you can lead a man up to the University but that you can't make him think. With this in mind the Student's Representative Council of the University of Adelaide has arranged to lead you up to the University through its Orientation Week, which will begin on Monday, 22nd March

If you eventually arrive at the back page you will find a detailed list of the many and varied activities that constitute Orientation Week, and which will fill your first week up at the University. You will probably come out of it with acute indigestion — mental indigestion anyway. You will be harangued by eminent men, and asked to sup with beautiful women; you will listen to scintillating oratory, and watch future F.R.C.S.s and Q.C.s doing things that in the years to come they will do their best to forget.

You may even do a little thinking.

We think, however, that you will probably be given no time for thought. The time for that will be later. You will look back on the emotional days (and nights) of the week you are about to undergo from the tranquility of your first week of lectures.

Then, we hope, you will begin to think, to speculate on all that you saw and heard in Orientation Week. And we trust you will profit by it.

## HOW D'YOU DO . . .

ALL that can be said to students coming to a University for the first time has, I suppose, been said. Yet in every generation and for every student this great beginning is unique and the problems confronting the new student change with changing times. None of you is likely to go seriously short of food because you have chosen to come to a University, and none of you will need to wait hours to make sure of gaining admittance to a lecture by a distinguished scholar. Most of you are privileged to come here without having undergone great hardship and sacrifice and therein lies a danger which you are not likely to understand if you share a popular view of the purpose of a University.

Let me briefly say something about that. As freshman you will not be concerned with some of the functions of a University; for example, with breaking new ground in the world of science and in the greater world of ideas, and with upholding and creating a sense of values which the general public may not yet be ready to accept. These things will not at first concern you, but you will lose much if you are not eventually influenced by them. I expect that most of you think that the primary purpose of a University is to give you degrees or diplomas entitling you, in your early twenties, to enter some chosen profession. If so, you are wrong. It would be nearer the mark to say that the University is more concerned with preparing you for leading full and satisfying professional lives twenty years hence than with providing you, when you leave us, with ~~you~~ will salaries which, as raw graduates and diploma holders concerned to give ~~you~~ deserve. More even than this, ~~the~~ ~~university~~ ~~is~~ ~~concerned~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~you~~ ~~a~~ ~~sense~~ ~~of~~ ~~values~~ ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~enable~~ ~~you~~ ~~to~~ ~~understand~~ ~~the~~ ~~complex~~ ~~world~~ ~~in~~ ~~which~~ ~~we~~ ~~live~~.

Whether these purposes of the University are fulfilled depends very largely on you. The University will not throw these things at you, and therein lies the greatest difference between the school life you have known and the world of Universities. A school is a highly organised mechanism; a University is not. You will be free to choose whether you will eventually leave with some mere professional qualification or whether you will seek and find material and inspiration for a way of life which could be rich and exciting during all your days. I welcome you to this great place of learning and wish you well.

March 1, 1954.

A. P. ROWE  
Vice-Chancellor.

## AND SHAKE HANDS . . .

YOUR Editor has asked me for a word to freshers. During Orientation Week you'll get lots of help and advice on how to adjust yourself to University life; so I won't burden you with more. You'll find this a queer mixture of a place. You'll be left alone as you were never left alone at school. You may waste your time for the whole year, and no one will catch up with you except the examiner. You'll no doubt have had lots of fun, but there's no future in that. On the other hand you may get down to your books in such real earnest that you are resolutely deaf to all the voices enticing you into various forms of extra-curricular activity. That may have a future—a breakdown or an honours degree; but it hasn't any present, and by the time you're my age you won't have a past to look back on either.

No one needs to work all the time. No one can afford to play all the time. We want your play to be as valuable as your work, and it certainly can be if you keep your eyes and ears open. Try everything once, a mid-day address or film, a debate or a discussion group. Pick the things you like best, and enjoy them. If the society you're interested in doesn't exist, organise it. This is a big broad-minded place, and there's room for you. The Union is meant to be your home from home. You can make it what it's meant to be.

You may be disappointed with the lack of facilities available, but the Union Council and the University are alive to that, and great moves are on foot in which you may have your share before your course is done. A hearty welcome to you all. Drop in to my office, or to Warden's Night (which you'll see advertised from time to time) and make my acquaintance; and don't forget that I'm available to help you with any problem at all.

FRANK T. BORLAND,  
Warden of the Union.

For Message from President of S.R.C., see page 4.



This time last year these people were Freshers. Now they are old hands. This time next year you'll be an old hand.

Adelaide University S.R.C.

# On Dit

## EDITORIAL

Like Murdoch and Horne at the outset of a "Much Binding" series, an editor is in difficulties trying to find his feet for the first edition of the year. It is left entirely to him. His staff is scattered—in Queensland, at Woodside, at Parkside; there is no news of immediate interest; there is no student climate for him to forecast.

What then can an editor say in his freshmen's edition? He could attempt the year's horoscope—but he would be a brave editor who did; he could bring out his annual "apathy" editorial and get it over and done with right at the start. He could, of course, keep his big mouth shut and devote the editorial space to a photograph of Eartha Kitt (his number one pin-up girl), thereby saving himself considerable cogitation and his readers considerable boredom. We are, however, forced to make the very considerable sacrifice of not publishing the dusky Eartha's portrait in order that we may have our little say about "On Dit."

In reality, "On Dit" is what you make it. We could turn out a paper each fortnight without your assistance, but it would be of no interest to you and would, of course, be denying the fundamental purpose of an undergraduate newspaper, which is to give the student a medium through which he may manifest his prides and his prejudices.

And in what ways do you make "On Dit" what it is? They are many. First of all you buy it and read it. Then if you agree or disagree violently with any opinion expressed in its columns you write and tell us so. Again, if you are a literary genius and wish to pass on to the world in general the fruits of your moments of inspiration, or if you are a critic and wish to issue a manifesto about the writings of Graham Greene or William Faulkner, the painting of Tintoretto or John Pippin, the music of Purcell or Hindemith, then the "On Dit" is your service. Through its exalted columns, to set your service. Through the columns of Margaret Robertson, our local Amazon, you will be able to have communion with your spiritual confreres. The page also welcomes limericks. No! Not that sort.

Of course, it need not be said that it is your activity, your virtues and your sins that we will be reporting. If you do nothing, if you live a dry as dust existence, then the news pages will be blank. If you do not go and heckle the politicians who will be invading the place, urging you to vote right, left or dead centre, then we will have to resort to publishing lists of attendances at lectures, or the yardage of paper towels used daily in the George Murray Basement.

Over the years the freshman has become increasingly vocal. This is a development in student life which "On Dit" heartily supports and does its best to encourage. A freshman need not feel that because he is a freshman he will not be listened to, or that his opinions will not be respected. He will, and they will. "On Dit" is one way in which the freshman may prove to himself that this is true. Get to it! From the beginning of term I don't want to be able to see my office for copy. By the way, I can do with a lot more staff yet. If you are a budding Clark Kent or Lois Lane, come up and see me sometime. I am on the first floor of the George Murray building.

## WOMEN'S UNION

The Adelaide University Women's Union was founded in 1909. Although women students now belong to the University Union, they have their committee of management, which deals exclusively with the affairs relating to the women members of the Union. This is the Women's Union Committee.

The object of the Women's Union is to provide a meeting ground and a social as well as an academic centre for University women. Membership is open to all women students who are entitled to the use of the Lady Symon

Building. The officers of the Women's Union for 1954 are:  
**President:** Philippa Cornell.  
**Vice-President:** Margaret Shanahan.  
**Secretary:** Jan Walsh.  
**Treasurer:** Jennie Coffen.  
**Librarian:** Pat Pak Poy.  
**Badge Day Convener:** Virginia Conrad.

## The Warden of the Union AT HOME



Mr. F. T. Borland, the Warden of the Union, is a person you will soon grow to know and like. He endeared himself to students by telling a certain newspaper that he was a Warden not a Warder.

The first Warden's Night for 1954 will be held in the Lady Symon Hall on Tuesday, March 30. It will take the form of yet another Welcome to Freshers. The Warden's Night is a week's frivolity to come along. Mrs. Borland hope that every senior Varden's Nights in the past, as well as to have never got round to it, will come and help to make the freshers welcome. Supper, of course, will be served.

For the benefit of those who do not know, the Warden of the Union and Mrs. Borland are normally "at home" to all students in the Lady Symon Hall every Friday night from Easter until about October. These occasions are quite informal. During the past two years there have been some of the most hilarious parties the University has known. We had a very amusing Eccentric Hop last year. Sometimes folk dancing or Scottish dancing has been a feature; sometimes a particularly attractive speaker has come along. But generally speaking it is a friendly evening where people get to know one another in a more intimate way. Last year the suggestion that an international club be formed was rejected, mainly on the vote of overseas students. Warden's Night to some extent fulfils the function of such a club in other Universities. It is, among other things, an international forum where ideas are exchanged and friendships made.

The Warden stresses his desire that this shall in no way interfere with other clubs and societies, and in token of this, has abdicated any claim to Friday night in Orientation Week.

Normally, however, Warden's Night will be on Fridays. Watch out for the notices, but come, anyway, on Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

Warden's Night wants you.

## “ . . . MENS SANA qui mal y pense . . . ”

The University of Adelaide leads all other Australian universities in the health service which it maintains for the benefit of students. This unique Health Centre is housed in a suite of rooms in the old Geology Building, the entrance being off the main drive, immediately north of the W.E.A. Book-room.

Among the facilities which you will find in this unit are:

- A waiting room.
- Two medical examination rooms.
- A cloakroom.
- A clerk's room.
- A Sister's room with a first class annexe for testing purposes.
- A store room.

In addition, there is a very modern, comfortable theatre which was provided for the Physical Education Department.

Sports teams which wish to view training films should make arrangements with Mr. B. F. G. Apps, Senior Lecturer in charge of Physical Education.

It is compulsory for all freshmen to be examined, and any other student wishing to do so may make use of the service. The examination is a thorough one and includes an X-Ray and a Mantoux test.

The Clerk, Miss Kelly, is on duty every day from Monday to Thursday, and

her hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and appointments may be made NOW.

In past years one of the most popular and useful services provided has been the Sports' Clinic. Here students injured during the previous Saturday's games may seek advice as to the correct medi-

cal treatment if it is needed. Those requiring advice must report by 11.30 a.m. Monday mornings.

Remember that this is a service of which the University is justly proud. A great deal of money has been spent to make it possible. Use it when you need it.

## OF MICE AND MEN

The first play to be presented by the Adelaide University Dramatic Society this year will be John Steinbeck's pathetic story, "Of Mice and Men." Performances will be given in the "Hut" on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd April.

The producer will be Jonathan Cole and the cast includes Jim Bettison, Michael Pryce, Darlene Johnson, Michael Gould, Keith Lokan, Graham Chinner, Hugh Williamsen and Philip Fargher.

The play, which is the only one of Steinbeck's stories ever to be dramatised, won the critics' prize as the best play in America in 1937.

A.U.D.S. season tickets and bookings for "Of Mice and Men" are now available at the S.R.C. office. The season tickets, which cost 5/-, entitle holders to book for A.U.D.S. plays at a reduced fee.

Later this term Brian Bergin will produce "Romeo and Juliet" with Anne Levy and Christopher Ketley in the leading roles.



# THE FOOT BONE CONNECKATA THE ANKLE BONE ETC., ETC.

The efficient functioning of any society—an international union, a national state, a municipality, a university or school, or even a tennis club—depends naturally upon its willingness to accept a degree of authority, self imposed or exercised. Your enrolment as an undergraduate of the University of Adelaide has made you, automatically, a member of a wide, but clearly defined society—part of a "universitas" or body of persons; in this case, of scholars. The government of this society is accomplished by a hierarchy of affiliated bodies composed, in the democratic tradition, of the elected representatives of the members of the Society itself.

## COUNCIL

The supreme administrative body of the University is the UNIVERSITY COUNCIL which consists of the Chancellor, who is the Chief Justice, and Lieutenant-Governor, the Honorable Sir John Mellis Napier, K.C.M.G., LL.B., the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. F. Rowe, C.B.E., and twenty-five members, twenty of whom are elected by the SENATE of the University and five by STATE PARLIAMENT. (The University is incorporated by Act of Parliament and is dependent upon Parliament for the major part of the where-withal with which to perform its functions.) The Senate, which is presided over by the Warden, the Honorable Mr. Justice Ligertwood, consists of all graduates admitted by the University to the degree of Master of Arts, of Science, Laws, Surgery, Engineering, Agricultural Science or of Doctor of Laws, Science, Letters and Music, and of all other graduates of three years' standing. You will

knowledge of a different kind, that of living a full and satisfying life as an undergraduate. To make this possible is the responsibility of another body, known as the ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY UNION of which you are a member by virtue of the statutory fee of £6/10/- which you (or the Government) paid when you enrolled.

This Union of which you have become a member has as its objects:

- to provide you, and the other members of the University who are its members with a common meeting ground and social centre.
- to promote your intellectual and cultural life.
- to represent you in all matters affecting your interests and to afford a recognised means of communication between you and the University authorities,
- generally to secure your co-operation in furthering the interests of the University.

The Union puts these ob-

composed of the following members:

- TWO MEMBERS appointed by the University Council.
- TWO MEMBERS of the teaching staff appointed

(f) ONE MEMBER is a permanent officer of the University Council who acts as Honorary Treasurer.

There has always been an undergraduate faction—at times strong, at others not so strong—which has argued that since by far the major portion of the finance of the Union is supplied by the student body, its representation of five on a Council of thirteen members is wholly inadequate. This faction has been particularly strong in the past year and 1954 may well see active steps taken to rectify what is regarded as a palpable injustice to undergrads. These moves

## S.R.C., 1954

### Executive:

President: Mr. D. H. Penny, Lincoln College, North Adelaide.  
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by the Staff Association.

- THREE MEMBERS appointed by the Students' Representative Council.
- TWO MEMBERS (one man and one woman) appointed by the Adelaide University Graduates' Union.
- THREE MEMBERS appointed by the Adelaide University Sports Association, two of whom are students.

will most probably emanate, if they emanate at all, from the body which most immediately represents you:

THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, or as it is more affectionately known the S.R.C., is a body elected annually by vote of the undergraduate members of the Union and consisting of both faculty and general representatives. The S.R.C. exists to:



A closer look at DAVID PENNY, who is President of the S.R.C. for 1954 and who is also Deputy Chairman of the University Union.

- Afford a recognised means of communication between the students and the University authorities.
- Represent students in matters affecting their interests and to promote student participation in the consideration of such matters.
- Encourage and co-ordinate the activities of student clubs and societies.
- Organise gatherings of students.
- Publish such magazines and periodicals as may be determined from time to time.
- Promote the social life and intellectual culture of the students.
- Collaborate with the Council of the Adelaide University Union in furthering the interests of the University.
- Join, affiliate with or co-operate with such University bodies or organisations having kindred aims as it sees fit.

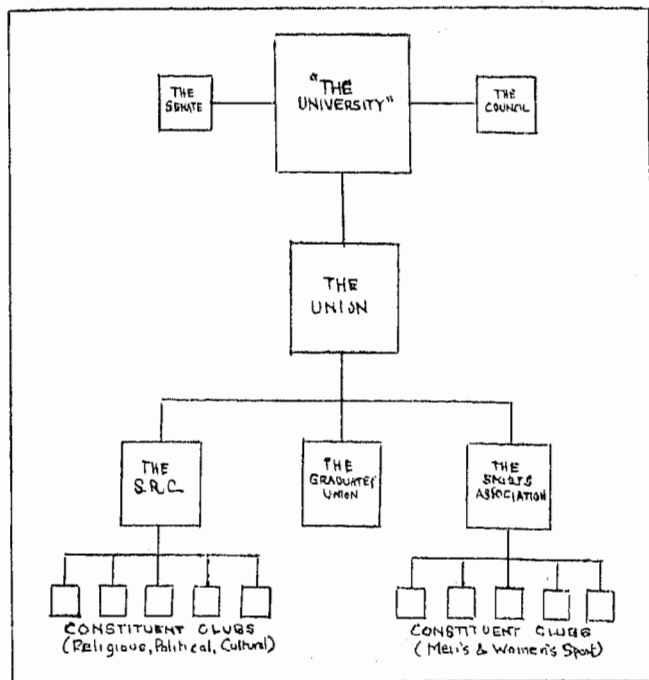
To interpret these ideals into positive action the S.R.C. receives from the Union an annual grant (from your or the Government's £6/10/-) and this grant is expended for your benefit in the following ways:

- The publication of "On Dit."
- Next week's Orientation Course which will introduce you to the undergraduate way of life.
- Financial assistance to Faculty Societies as well as generous grants and loans to A.U.D.S., the Footlights Club, the Camera Club, the Modellers' Club and other such bodies.
- The organisation of the year's whackiest day—Procession Day.
- The organisation of the year's two most brilliant social events—the Commencement and the Re-creation Balls.

### S.R.C.

At its frequent meetings the S.R.C. discusses and makes decisions upon every conceivable aspect of Varsity life—it looks after your interests concerning Commonwealth Scholarships, Refectory standards, the availability of supplementary examinations, and it represents your opinion in sending its delegates to the meetings of the National Union of Australian University Students' Council (N.U.A.U.S.). There will be more about this organisation later.

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find a list of the distinguished men who constitute the University Council at the front of the University Calendar which, by the way, you are entitled to free, gratis and for nothing but the asking at the Front Office.

These two bodies, the Council and the Senate form the "University" which in three, six or sixteen years' time will confer upon you the degree or diploma you have come up to obtain.

## UNION

But while you are obtaining that degree or diploma you will, we trust, be leading a double life—one in the lecture room, acquiring knowledge of a purely academic nature, and one outside the lecture room, acquiring

jects into practice through its constituent organisations, each of which is subject to the Constitution of the Union but had complete autonomy in matters governed by its own constitution. These constituent organisations are:

● THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL which is elected annually by the undergraduate members of the Union.

● THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

● THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES' UNION.

The governing body of the Union—the Union Council—is elected annually and





BOB MOORE, third year History and Political Science Honors man and well-known University orator, wit, and poet, contributes this thought-provoking article on the theory and practice of University life.

## SHAKE HANDS, SHAKE HANDS

SOON you will have your first day in the University. For the first time you will be a student. This may sound odd but you will soon find that being in a University is very, very different from being at school.

Whether you think you are adult or not you will be treated as an adult. You will be called Mr. or Miss in class according to sex, and whether or not you work at your studies will be almost wholly your own responsibility. There will be every temptation to spend a great deal of time in the Refectory over cups of coffee, or out on the lawns just talking. Some of you may think that this sort of thing is a waste of time, yet if you do not do it you miss all the very best that the University has to offer. Whether you like it or not the University is a talking shop and not only a place where you mug up to be a doctor, engineer, lawyer or for any other technical job.

You will miss, too, a great deal of what the University can offer if you do not take part in some University activity or other. You may have interests outside the University but you can be assured from those who have taken an active part in student affairs, be they sporting, cultural, political or religious that they have never regretted doing so.

I could even say this, if you do not take part, some part, in University activities your years at the University, years in which you grow to maturity, will be to some extent wasted. As I said before, what you do at the University is your own responsibility, so go to it and all the best.

DAVID H. PENNY, President,  
Adelaide University Students' Representative Council.

P.S.—Hints for freshers: 1.—Work in the library one night a week, it is a good place. 2.—Have one evening meal in the Refectory a week, you will enjoy it. 3.—Do not be frightened about wasting some time talking. 4.—For goodness sake, do not sit on the fence—be definite.

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# A Boxing Match and the Eating of Apples

I liken University life to a boxing match. Just as the boxer modifies his own body by the development of his muscles in the striking of blows, and by the acceptance of the impact of blows upon himself, and at the same time causes a reciprocal process in his opponent, so in a University each individual, by his very existence there, is modified by the giving and receiving of mental blows and adds to a similar effect in his fellows.

By R. C. Moore

essential characteristics of the University, fail to accord with these characteristics.

If I am right in placing so much emphasis on the personal element in University life; on the influence of personality upon person-

and conflict of ideas. Recognising this we shall seek to employ this characteristic to the best advantage in seeking to obtain the fullest realisation of the personality. We shall be bold, for only by being bold shall we discover what is real. We shall not hesitate to be different if being different means the gaining of fresh insight. Above all we shall examine all beliefs with the most vigorous scrutiny. We shall expect respect for our own views and grant no less to those of our fellows. Yet this tolerance, the essence of the civilised man, will not serve to obscure criticism but merely serve to make it constructive. Above all we shall look upon our life as an adventure. We shall seek to refine and develop, our sensibility, intellectually, emotionally and socially. We shall seek to become complete men.

## BOOKS AND LECTURES

So far I have made no mention of books or lectures. I have done this through no desire to belittle their place in a University. Ready access to books and constant contact with learned minds are essential to the broader purpose which I propose. I mention them only to insist that they are ancillary to this greater aim.

## DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONALITY

As I have already suggested, though living in a community in which the intellectual is the predominant plane, it behoves us to consider the whole personality. To neglect the emotional and the social is to fail in our aim to perfect the whole man—to develop a complete personality.

Inspired by the general atmosphere of criticism we shall refine not only our beliefs and opinions but also our feelings. We shall come to see what is real through constant rejection of what is unreal. Our appreciation of beauty both in the arts and in life will grow with our conscious effort. There shall be poetry in our lives, and the dross shall fall away.

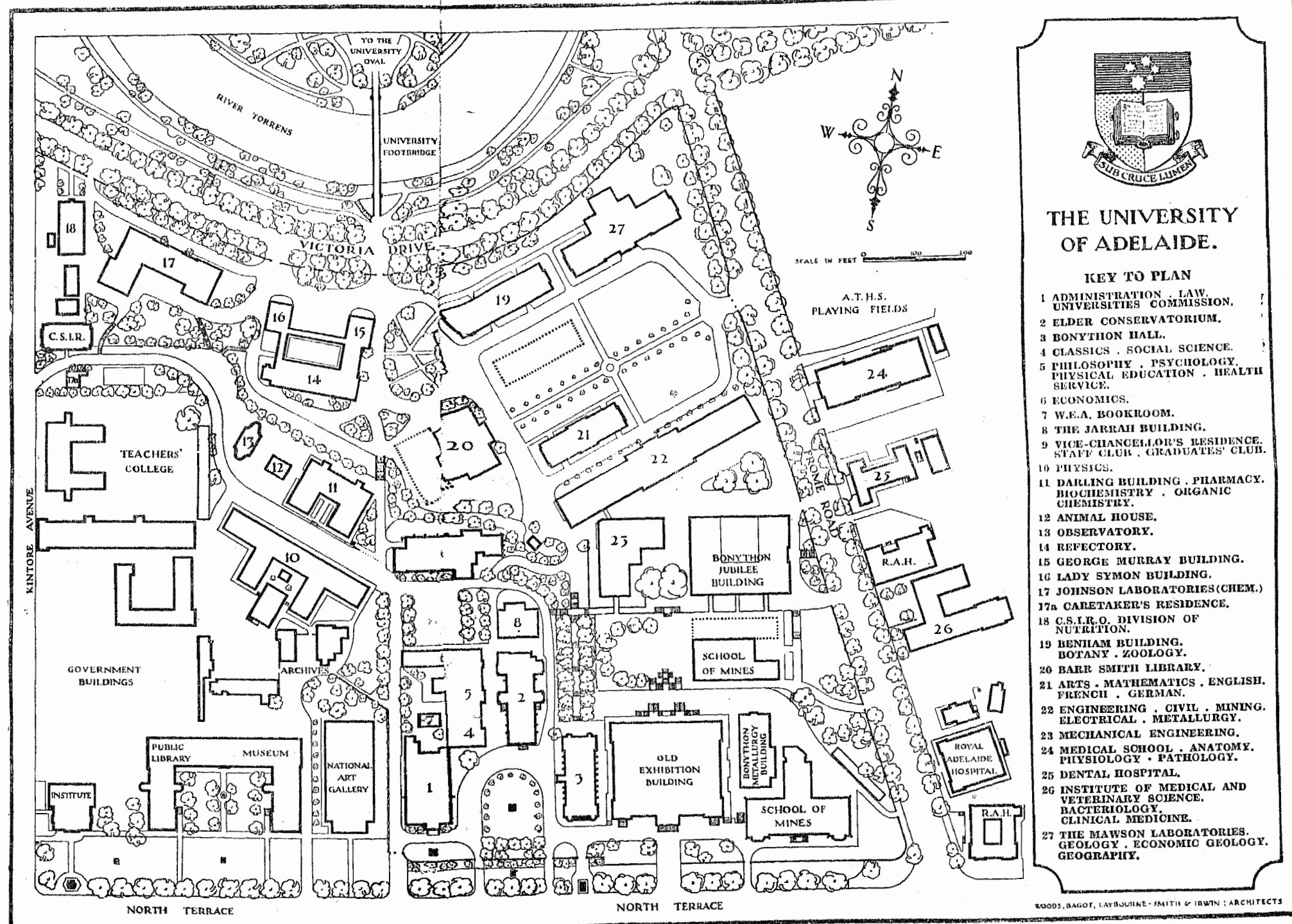
Just as we grow selective and critical in our intellectual searching we shall grow equally critical in personal relationships. We shall welcome romantic passion and refine our appreciation of it. Here, indeed, the appreciative and skilful may greatly aid the development of a full personality.

Rather than being the avowed foe of success in University life such experiences shall be considered prerequisite to full personal development. According to our universal canon of good taste we shall feel as great a sympathy for him who has never loved as for him who loves unwisely or in-artistically.

## SOCIAL SIDE

Above all, we shall not neglect the social facet of our personalities. In the continual communion of personalities we shall recognise the identity of purpose without which the individual is restricted. To this end, we shall take part in some of the many societies, not only for the sake of the worthy end which they pursue, but because we welcome the opportunity for self-expression; the opportunity for creative activity without

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The member of a University is engaged in a contest no less real for being often unconscious, and no less severe for taking place in an atmosphere of fellowship. Of course, in many ways the simile of the boxing match is singularly inapt. It seems excessively superficial and pays no regard to the fact that in a University one's "opponents" are multiple. It does, however, possess the inestimable advantage of emphasising the human and personal as-

pects of University life at the expense of the material. Here we see the essence of University life—the communion of mind with mind and the consequent modification of personality. A University is above all, a group of people. Its aims are peculiar and definite; its buildings are shaped by its aims, but we shall do best if we return always to the realisation that buildings and aims are secondary to the living spirit of those who are the University. Thus,

even this early we must insist that those who do not add to the communal life of the University fail in one of their essential functions. Perhaps our phrase had been more happily "University living."

## A CHALLENGE

To say that University life is something of a contest in which striker and stricken simultaneously undergo a modification of personality is to say nothing definitive of University life. Such a process is characteristic of any group of people living together—even of society itself. It is the extreme na-

ture of the process which distinguishes University life. Here, where the concern of all is, or should be, to challenge, analyse and pronounce, the interplay of personalities is vital. We have now little to add to our definition of University life. It is marked by the spirit of enquiry and the desire to test discovery by the clash of opinions. In this sense, to enter upon University life is to engage in a very real contest, and to have one's personality influenced not only by the normal processes of community living but by these processes in a deliberately accentuated form. To all about to enter University life I would say, "Recognise the nature of this contest and rejoice in it. Here is

adventure enough. Accept the challenge (for challenge it is) of the peculiar aims of the community which you are entering. Here you will find professors, lecturers and students (in their own modest way) all united in devotion to the ideals of knowledge and truth. This is real fellowship. Add to it by joining vigorously in all community activity."

It seems to me that the practice of University life is often very irrational. Even when the "boxing match" nature of University life is recognised and the spirit of fellowship and reciprocal influence is most fully appreciated, the majority of undergraduates at least, pursue paths which, while perhaps not incompatible with the

act of mere prudence to assure that our personalities, while being influenced, are moulded in the best possible directions. Indeed this might well be our primary concern in University life—to secure the best development of our personalities; to shun those who proclaim that the University exists to enable us to learn to do something, and to claim for our own those who believe that it is there for us to learn to be something. In doing this we shall be doing no more than recognising the nature of the fundamental currents of University life, and, as we shall see, justifying our claim upon the University.

As I have said the University is a place for challenge



# BE IN IT! YOU'VE PAID FOR IT

The Sports Association exists to provide the undergraduate with facilities for healthy exercise and recreation. It operates on a monetary grant from the Union and the Finance Committee allocates what money is available to the various clubs which are constituents of the Sports Association.

The Sports Association controls the following clubs: Men's Athletic, Baseball, Basketball, Boat, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Lacrosse, Rifle, Rugby, Soccer, Swimming, Table Tennis, Pennant Tennis and Non-Pennant Tennis. Women's Athletic, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Softball, Swimming and Tennis.

All full members of the University Union, that is, those who have paid their £6/10/- statutory fee are entitled to membership of the Sports Association, but no member is entitled to take part in any sport as a member of the Association unless he is qualified to do so under

the rules of the amateur body recognised by the Association as controlling that sport in this State.

It is the Sports Association which awards, to outstanding performers in the various branches of sport which it controls, Blues and Club Letters.

For all information about the various clubs controlled by the Sports Association you should approach Mr. K. T. Hamilton in the Union Office which is open from Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other information will be found on the Sports Association notice board which is situated at the back of the Refectory on

the left hand side as you go in at the main door. Each club has an annual general meeting, so if you are interested in any particular sport attend the annual general meeting of that club, notice of which will appear on the notice board we have just mentioned.

"On Dit" will this year, as in past years, give a very full covering in each of its editions of the preceding fortnight's sporting events. Watch the back pages for all sports happenings and for details of the various social events run by the Sports Clubs as well as for interesting information about leading University sporting personalities.

## FACULTY SOCIETIES

Each of the faculties in the University has its own society. At its meetings you will meet and get to know the people who are one or five years further advanced in their course than you are. You will be told all about these societies early in the year at lectures; but here is a little preliminary information.

### Arts

The Arts Association is a most ambitious body. It seeks not only to be the faculty society of Arts students but also to civilise the University. It is at once political and missionary. Thus, it merits the support of the vigorous and virtuous alike.

As the faculty society, the Association watches over the general welfare of Arts students, both in respect of their courses and in respect of their social activities. It seeks to foster a sense of community amongst the inherently individualistic Arts students by emphasising the sanctity of their calling. It behoves all Arts students to join the Association, even if only from the consideration of self-preservation. Moreover, in the near future, the Arts Association plans to join with its interstate colleagues in an attempt to raise the status of Arts students throughout Australia. Here is a project that Arts students cannot afford not to support.

Traditionally, the Arts Association has drawn much on other faculties who are interested in fostering an appreciation of the arts. We welcome such associate members. The arts know no faculty barriers. Our missionary activities comprise discussions, lectures, exhibitions, dinners, play and poetry readings. In short, the Arts Association offers to all—members, associate members and Philistines—the opportunity of becoming cultured. There is no subscription fee but a levy of 2/- is made to feed starving poets. Members of all faculties, those poets musn't starve.

### Pharmacy

All Pharmacy students automatically become members of A.U.P.S.A. (Adelaide University Pharmaceutical Students' Association) when they begin the course. The aims of A.U.P.S.A. are to bring Pharmacy students together for purposes social and educational. Informal dances, barbecues, hikes, etc., are held during the year as well the Ball in June. A picnic in conjunction with F. H. Faulding & Co., Ltd., and the dinner, are two more highly successful annual events.

On the more serious side, talks are given on various subjects of pharmaceutical interest, and films are shown periodically. Many of the functions enable students and their lecturers to talk together on a more friendly footing than is possible in the lecture theatre. A monthly news-sheet, "The Tincture Press", is distributed free to all students, and this contains details of coming functions, notes on recent events, and stories, poems, etc., in a lighter view.

The business of A.U.P.S.A. is run by the Executive, assisted by a Committee, consisting of two representatives from First Years and one from each of the other years, and by a Social Committee of about twelve members. These are all elected at the Annual General Meeting, which follows the tea held to welcome freshers at the beginning of the year.

Executive, 1953: President, Neil Bannister; Vice-President, Brenton Wandke; Secretary, Sue Martin; Treasurer, David Bishop; Social Secretary, Barbara Miller.

### Ag. Science

Full membership of this Association is open to graduates and undergraduates of the Faculty of Agricultural Science; association membership, at half fees is open to all other undergraduates of this University.

The objects of the Association are (a) to encourage a broad interest in agriculture amongst its members; (b) to encourage the exchange of ideas on agriculture amongst its members; (c) to foster an "esprit de corps" within the faculty; (d) to assist in the improvement of the faculty by any means within the Association's power.

The 1954 Executive, as it stands at present, is as follows:

President, P. Polomka.  
Secretary, M. S. Buttrose.  
Treasurer, P. A. Parsons.  
S.R.C. Rep., H. S. Hawkins.

### Medicine

First Year Medical Students,—

This letter is just to tell you a little about the Adelaide Medical Students' Society of which we hope you will soon be a member. After one of your early lectures, the Secretary will tell you some more about it in a more personal welcome to you.

The Society was founded in 1889 "to further the interests of medical work among students and to promote social intercourse among its members."

Besides its age, the Society can, as you are no doubt well aware, boast of world-famous ex-members far out of proportion to its total numerical strength.

## Nice stroke, Madam!

We would like you to join the Women's Cricket Club. No previous knowledge of cricket is necessary! If you have never played the game, don't let that deter you, because most of the present members of the club had never even held a cricket bat before they joined the club. And they now are very pleased that they overcame their feeling of, "Oh, I couldn't play cricket!"—a feeling which had previously made them hesitant about joining the club. So don't be too modest about it! Get your money's worth of statutory fee by playing this grand old summer game!

In addition to an attractive programme of matches lasting from October to April, we also take part in a most enjoyable Inter-Varsity contest with Sydney University. This event is the highlight of the season.

A welcome is extended to all women who come out to the Newcomers' Practice, to be held on the Wednesday of Freshers' Week, Wednesday, March 24, at 4.30 p.m., on the University Oval.

If you can't come at that time, write out your name, address, and faculty, and give it to Mr. Hamilton in the Union Office.

A special practice match will also be arranged on a date to be decided, so watch the Sports Notice Board!

For information, contact the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Cricket Club, Barbara Orchard, by leaving a message at the Union Office.

As far as you will be concerned, the society, besides acting on behalf of individuals, groups of the students as a whole in various matters which may arise, meets each month during the year, runs about five Clinical meetings and other purely social and sporting functions.

For this reason, if no other, you are recommended to take an active interest in the Society from the start of your course.

In the past, it has been the custom to instal you, the First Years, as members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting. However, owing to the increasing interval of time between the date upon which the clinical years begin work and the start of the University year, that meeting, as well as two Clinical meetings, have already been held, and your installation and official welcome as a member of the A.M.S.S. will take place at the first monthly meeting of the society in the Verco Theatre, Royal Adelaide Hospital, probably on Thursday, April 22.

You will receive more information about it well before that date.

### Science

The Association was founded in 1891 for the purpose of bringing into closer contact students and others connected with the University, who are interested in the various branches of science and to provide

the study of science by means of periodical meetings and visits to institutions connected with science, pure and applied.

Throughout the academic year meetings are held at intervals of about three weeks, at which a lecture is given by a member of the staff, or papers prepared by students are read and discussed. The Association has instituted an orientation course for freshers which is held during the first week of term.

Membership is open both to graduating and to non-graduating students of Science and Agricultural Science, and all freshers of Science are invited to attend the meetings.

Offices held in the A.U.S.A., 1953 to 1954:

President: Bill Brett.  
Vice-President: Rex Le Page.

Secretary: Miss Pamela Clayer.

Treasurer: Joe Gould.  
Committee: Bill Ewers, Julius Opit, Don Gemmill, Misses Margaret Stacey, Leslie Clark and Pamela Dunk.

ENGINEERS  
FRESHERS'  
WELCOME

George Murray Hall  
WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 24  
7.30 p.m. Supper  
Come Along!

Dear Freshmen, please find hereunder a list of

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## LUTHERAN

As the name of this society appears on the pages of "On Dit" for the first time, some may raise their eyebrows at the appearance of another religious group. However, we hope readers will be sympathetic in their judgments when they read the purpose of the Fellowship.

The purpose of the Lutheran Student Fellowship is:

1.—To gather young Lutheran University men and women and foster among them an interest in their Lutheran Church.

2.—To inspire in them a sense of their special responsibility as University men and women within their Church and to equip them for lay-leadership.

3.—To give them opportunity for discussion of problems common to University students and having a bearing on our Lutheran faith, and to provide as far as possible a solution and an answer.

4.—To provide apologetic material which may enable them to meet any challenge to the Lutheran faith.

5.—To foster fellowship. The L.S.F. extends a cordial welcome to all Lutheran students to associate themselves with its work. Any other students who may be interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church are also welcome to attend.

The majority of meetings will be held of an evening, as this will enable some of our graduate members to attend. A lunch-hour meeting will be held early in first term to arrange times for discussion group meetings, and also to elect a new executive.

## S.C.M.

Is religion really necessary?

What has religion to do with University life?

Does it matter what you believe?

Questions like these crop up in the minds of most people in the University. If you are interested in similar problems, the S.C.M. provides you with an opportunity to make an honest 'student-approach' to them.

Lunch-time study circles tackle these issues; this year, such subjects as psychology, religious drama, prayer and Bible study are included. Morning prayers led by students are an integral part of the programme. The fellowship of the Movement is also expressed in events like hikes, folk dancing and social evenings.

Students from all faculties gather at end-of-term conferences in May and August, for worship, recreation and study, centred on some aspect of Christian living.

The Australian Student Christian Movement is part of the World Student Christian Federation, which has one million members in over forty countries, and its headquarters in Geneva.

## MODELLERS

This club is, as its name indicates, for all those who are interested in models of any kind. The clubroom is located in the basement of the George Murray Hall, next to the table tennis room. Drop in and see the place sometime; there is nearly always somebody there who will tell you what is what.

The aero-modellers have made the most progress so far, and last year, with a plane built and flown by the President, Malcolm Kimbird, they won the State Class "A" team speed championship. If you want to learn to build and fly planes, they will be pleased to help you and let you practise on one of their planes.

The railroaders have been working on the club's proposed 18 ft. x 18 ft. "00" gauge layout and have completed sufficient benchwork to enable them to start laying track. They have 30 yards to start with.

There is a group working on radio control systems. They have a transmitter and receiver working and are experimenting with actual control mechanisms at present. Are you interested?

This gives you an idea of what is going on. As you will have gathered, the club is quite a new one, and should go a long way with sufficient members. Call in at any time; although the clubroom is locked when no one is around, there is someone there every lunch-time and at most other times, who will be glad to show you around.

Executive and Committee for 1954:

Presidents: Bob Hale, Jan Walsh.

Vice-Presidents: John Barrett, Effie Best.

Secretary: Anne Symons.

Asst. Secretary: Kathleen Meares.

Treasurer: Allen Gale.

## AQUINAS

The Aquinas Society is the Catholic student society of the University, and every Catholic attending the University is encouraged to take part in the social and spiritual activities of the society.

The Aquinas Society is a constituent of the University Catholic Federation of Australia, which holds an annual conference in one of the capital cities during the long vacation. Through U.C.F.A. we are also linked with Pax Romana, the international body of Catholic students and graduates.

You may become a member of the Aquinas Society by paying 5/- to the Treasurer, Margaret Shanahan. Membership entitles you to the free use of the very good library of books, pamphlets and periodicals (overseas and interstate) to be found in the

Aquinas Society room on the first floor of the George Murray Building.

The undergraduate President for 1954 is Bill Byrne and the other officers are: Vice-President, Michael Shanahan; Secretary, Graham O'Loughlin; and Committee members Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Noel Crowe and Michael Price.

## ANGLICAN

The Anglican Group has no formal membership, no subscription, and as little organisation as possible.

It exists simply to make it most practicable for members of the Church of England to live as Christians in the University, following Anglican teaching and usage; and to make this teaching and usage known to anybody who is interested.

Each Tuesday at 1.20 a short office is said, followed by an address from a priest on a point of belief or practice, finishing at about 1.55 p.m. In addition there is a celebration of the Holy Communion at the beginning and end of each term, and a one-day conference twice in the year. This is all meant for those who have not unlimited leisure, and who want to live the Christian life normally and naturally.

There is a committee, which is made up of George Waterhouse (President), Felicity Eggleton (Secretary), John Redway and Nicholson Wilson. Any of these will be pleased to pass on more detailed information.

The first lunch-time meeting will be on the following Tuesday, March 30, at 1.20 p.m. in the George Murray Lounge. Its topic will be, "Why an Anglican Group?"

Owing to shortage of space information concerning several clubs has had to be held over until next issue.

## LABOR

There is to be formed in the University within the first few weeks of term a new group to be known as the Labor Group. Details of the objects, general constitution and programme of this new group will be made available in the next edition of "On Dit."

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## LIBERALS

Since its inception one of the largest University undergraduate societies, the Adelaide University Liberal Union, gains many members because membership does not involve affiliations with any political party.

Objects of the Union are, firstly, to provide Liberal-thinking students with a meeting place; secondly, to educate its members in public government and international affairs. To these ends, the Liberal Union distributes to members Current Affairs Bulletins, and maintains a library of Government publications. Meetings—public and for club members only—are held regularly throughout the year. Top-line speakers are obtained for these meetings, and this year it is intended to revive the political debates of several years ago.

The Liberal Union is also a member of the Australia Universities' Liberal Federation. This is the co-ordinating body of all University Liberal Clubs, all of whom send delegates to the May vacation. At this meeting recommendations of the various clubs are considered and an overall policy decided. The Federal Government has taken particular notice of A.U.L.F. for the past two years, and several recommendations of A.U.L.F. have been adopted as Government policy.

The 1953 Committee of the Liberal Union is:

President: Jim Bettison.

Vice-President: Nick Birchall.

Secretary: Ian George.

Treasurer: Ian Wilson.

## SOCIALISTS

The Socialist Club extends the heartiest of welcomes to all new students to both the University and Teachers' College. We hope you enjoy your stay among us.

The Socialist Club—which has no party affiliations—includes within its ranks all those students who believe in the eventual destiny of Australia as a socialist country. Thus it unites Fabians with Labor Party supporters, with Communist Party supporters, with all other persons interested in the Socialist ideal. In attempting to do this we believe we are acting in the finest Australian tradition. A tradition which seeks to make us conscious of everything best in our past, and affirms our faith in the future of the simple folk, of whom we at the University are part.

With this in mind we promote guest speakers, discussion groups, cultural activities (folk dancing, films, etc.), camps and support all proposals for improved student conditions.

Early activities will be: A symposium on the general question of Socialism.

A screening in April of the much-praised Hungarian film "Madame Dery."

We welcome your membership (1/- per term).

Be in the fun at our Freshers' Welcome—all invited.

## CHESS

In 1948 the Chess Club was re-formed after a period of hibernation. Equipment was bought and many enjoyable matches were played. The re-formed club, however, had a short career and for a year or so now the abstract gaze of the Chess enthusiast has been missing from the Union. It is known that there is at least one freshman keen to see the club flourishing once more—there may be others, freshmen and old hands. Drop in and tell Pam in the S.R.C. Office if you are interested, and when sufficient names are available to warrant the calling of a meeting, a meeting will be called.

## CAMERA

To all photo fiends enrolling at the University this year the Camera Club sends its greetings and invites all fans—from the box camera stage to specialised work in color transparencies—to join as active members of the Club.

As the club's objects are to encourage and assist members in pictorial photography and provide facilities for the furthering of these pursuits, we welcome everybody in our midst—to help beginners and to learn from experts. Here are a few of the benefits offering.

1.—A complete darkroom fully equipped with a precision enlarger, developing and printing equipment, etc.

2.—Films and lectures by leading amateur and professionals throughout the year.

3.—Annual exhibition offering prizes in all divisions of photography.

4.—Picnics, outings, etc., for snap-happy members and friends.

5.—Curvaceous models for portraiture, figure studies, etc.

6.—Expert advice is yours just for the asking from masters like Messrs. Klee-man and Wheaton in color; Maros, Kaufman, Bettison and Co., of "On Dit" fame.

7.—Prospective affiliation with a leading Adelaide Photographic Society giving a wider scope in lectures and activities.

Patron: Professor Huxley. President: Mr. A. T. Klee-man.

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## E.U.

In your first year at the University you will meet many challenges. Here for the first time you are left to your own devices and your success or failure depends on the balance you achieve in your own life.

There is a tendency for work to swallow up everything else, or conversely, for work to be pushed aside in a general confusion of outside interests. These two approaches are essentially wrong: between them lies the sane attitude. The complete University life involves a fine personal adjustment. If you have decided that you cannot spare time for clubs or societies, then you are missing one of the chief aims of a University—that of using your gifts and personality to the full and identifying yourself with a way of life.

The Evangelical Union offers you full scope for active witness and a fellowship which is world-wide. We are a part of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions which is active in the Universities of the British Empire, U.S.A., Japan and several European countries.

Our activities, daily prayer meetings, weekly Bible studies, public addresses and holiday house parties are planned to increase our knowledge of God and to inspire confidence in Him and in each other. From this common spring we draw strength to live active Christian lives and so fulfil the main function of E.U. "to maintain in the University a constant and consistent witness to eternal and unchanging gospel of the Son of God."

E.U. Executive:  
President: T. G. C. Murrell.  
Vice-President: Margaret Brown.  
Secretary: Helen Lucas.

## BOXING MATCH

### Continued

which the personality atrophies.

Living, then in an atmosphere of tolerance, concern for truth and for beauty and in an atmosphere which assists our most wholesome development we shall become devoted to the things that matter.

## OF EATING

### APPLES

Although I have insisted upon the social nature of the University its ultimate impact is upon the individual. If we consider that in assisting the fullest realisation of personality it finds its real purpose, it will find its justification in your response to it. It may provide you with the ladder necessary to pick apples, perhaps even, to the more gifted, it will show the way to develop new kinds of apples, but these gifts are anterior to its real purpose, that of assisting you to discover whether apples are worth the eating.

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## THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ORIENTATION WEEK, 1954

### PROGRAMME

#### MONDAY, 22nd MARCH

- 2.0 p.m.—S.R.C. Welcome in Bonython Hall.
- 3.0 p.m.—S.R.C. Afternoon Tea for freshers in Refectory.
- 7.45 p.m.—Lutheran Fellowship Welcome, Lady Symon Hall.

#### TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH.

- 2.0 p.m.—Tour of Union, conducted by Mr. S. J. Jacobs.
- 2.30 p.m.—Lecture on use of Library by Barr Smith Librarian, Mr. Cowan.
- 8.0 p.m.—S.C.M. Welcome in the Refectory.

#### WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH.

- 9.0 a.m.—S.C.M. Prayers, followed by a tour of the University.
- 7.45 p.m.—Debating Club in the Lady Symon Hall:

"That Australia should be re-colonised by the British"

Pro	Con
(Inter-Varsity Team)	(Academic Staff)
R. C. Moore	Professor R. A. Blackburn
C. H. Stokes	Mr. H. W. Piper
G. S. Waterhouse	Miss E. J. Wadham

Supper and Discussion.

- 7.45 p.m.—Engineering Society, in the George Murray Hall.

#### THURSDAY, 25th MARCH

- 7.45 a.m.—Mass to celebrate the first meeting of the Aquinas Society, at Calvary Hospital, followed by breakfast.
- 2.0 p.m.—Commencement Church Service in the Elder Hall. Rev. W. R. Ray.
- 3.15 p.m.—Science Association meet the Staff.
- 7.45 p.m.—Aquinas Society Freshers' Welcome, George Murray Hall.
- Evangelical Union Freshers' Welcome, in Lady Symon Hall.

#### FRIDAY, 26th MARCH.

- 8.0 a.m.—Anglican Group Service, in the Lady Symon Hall.
- 1.20 p.m.—Lecture: "How to Study," by Mr. H. Wesley Smith, Academic Secretary to University.
- 2.30 p.m.—Women's Union Welcome: Afternoon tea and interesting talk.
- 7.30 p.m.—Science Association Freshers' Welcome, in the George Murray Hall.

#### MONDAY, 29th MARCH

- 1.20 p.m.—S.C.M. Meeting. Public Address in George Murray Hall.  
"The Christian's Task in the University."  
Rev. Frank Hambly, Master of Lincoln College.
- 7.45 p.m.—Arts Association Welcome, in Lady Symon Hall.  
Symposium: "The Artist's Place in the Modern Community."  
Professor A. M. Jeffares, Professor J. Bishop, and  
Mr. Robert Campbell.  
Discussion and Supper.

#### TUESDAY, 30th MARCH

- 1.20 p.m.—Camera Club Welcome, in
- 1.20 p.m.—Evangelical Union first Bible Study:  
"The Epistle to the Romans." Rev. G. Delbridge.
- 8.0 p.m.—Warden's' Night, in the Lady Symon Hall.

#### WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH

- 7.45 p.m.—Socialist Club.
- 8.0 p.m.—Liberal Union Freshers' Welcome, in the Lady Symon Hall.  
Revue: The Fabulous L.U. Revue, followed by Supper.

#### THURSDAY, 1st APRIL

- 1.15 p.m.—Evangelical Union Film: "Fact and Faith," in the George Murray Hall.
- 8.0 p.m.—First Performance of Jonathan Cole's production of "Of Mice and Men" for the Adelaide University Dramatic Society, in the Hut.

#### FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL

- 1.20 p.m.—S.C.M. Meeting re Study Circles.
- 8.0 p.m.—Second Performance of "Of Mice and Men."

#### SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL

- 1.15 p.m.—Science Association trip to Hardy's Winery.
- 8.0 p.m.—Final performance of "Of Mice and Men."

#### MONDAY, 5th APRIL

- 6.30 p.m.—Pharmacy Students Freshers' Welcome, in George Murray Hall.  
Annual General Meeting of A.U.P.S.A. Slides, Talk, and Supper.

#### SATURDAY, 10th APRIL

- 8.0 p.m.—Commencement Ball, in the Refectory.

## DEBATES

The Debating Club is the traditional forum for vigorous discussion within the University. The Club aims to foster both the exposition of opinions and the ability to expound them. To this end, it seeks not only to challenge the experienced speaker, but also to encourage the less experienced. The Debating Club offers the fresher the opportunity to develop confidence, poise and proficiency in the art of public speaking. For those who would extract the utmost from University life the Club offers the way to its essence—controversy.

The club's activities for the ensuing year will take the form of a series of lunch-hour debates and periodical debates at night. The lunch-hour debates are less formal, extremely entertaining as well as exceptionally edifying, and are designed especially to provide an opportunity for new and old debaters to make their marks. The audiences are very sympathetic. The debates at night are full-scale rehearsals for the Inter-Varsity debates which crown the club's activities. It is intended also that extra-mural speakers shall be invited to speak on controversial subjects.

Office-bearers, 1953-54  
President: Professor R. A. Blackburn.  
Vice-President: Mr. G. Fridman.  
Chairman: Mr. R. C. Moore.  
Treasurer: Mr. M. P. Schneider.

## FOOT BONE—Continued

Information concerning the various special and general clubs and the various Faculty Societies which operate under the aegis of the S.R.C. will be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

That then, very briefly, is the S.R.C. It is, you will remember, only one of the constituent bodies of the Union. There is also the SPORTS ASSOCIATION which controls the various sporting clubs and makes them grants in the same way as the S.R.C. does the non-sporting clubs. Information about the Sports Association and its affiliated clubs will be found on page six, which is the regular "Sports Page" of "On Dit."

Do you remember what was the first object of the Union? No, we don't suppose you do. Well, it was to provide a common meeting ground and centre for students and members of the University.

This it does by maintaining the Union buildings (Nos. 16, 17, 18 on the little map). These buildings are the Lady Symon Building, the George Murray Building, and the Refectory, and the cloister and cloister quadrangle that are contained in the block.

There is also the REFECTORY. This is the social centre of the University—it is here that you will meet and eat. You will see the old hands at morning tea from 10.30 till midday, at lunch from midday till 3 and at afternoon tea from 3 until five. This year, for the first time dinner will be served in the Refectory until 6.45 p.m.

The Refectory is also the scene of the S.R.C. balls and the faculty and club balls during the year.