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TONIGHT — WE DANCE!

The Commencement Ball, to be held in the Refectory and surrounding buildings tonight, promises to be one of the best balls of the year. There was an early demand for tickets, and bookings have been heavy during the past week.

Students who were unable to purchase tickets at the S.R.C. office will be able to pay at the door tonight. Late yesterday afternoon some students were still arranging groups of friends to attend the ball, and some last-minute bookings are expected today.

An "On Dit" reporter who interviewed a number of students this week found that some girls were planning to stay away from the Ball because they had "nothing suitable to wear." Favorite excuse among the men was "I can't dance."

Many of these people changed their minds when our reporter explained that the Ball is not a fashion parade, and that most of the men are below-average dancers, while the rest are even worse.

Refreshments will be available for those who like to drink between dances. Popular Bruce Gray will provide the music, and dancing will be from 8 p.m. tonight till 1 a.m. tomorrow.

So if you want five hours of fun for only 15/- double (12/6 if you're a fresher),

you'd better be quick. . . . Why not make that booking right now at the S.R.C. office?

Aboriginal water colors on show

The Art Group wishes to make known to all freshers and other students its exhibition of Mr. Gordon Simpson's collection of aboriginal water colors, now open in the George Murray Library.

This may be seen at lunch time, from 1 to 2 p.m. Already the paintings have aroused considerable interest

and the exhibition will, it is to be hoped, be only one of many such activities during the year. Film evenings, discussions, and perhaps sketch week-ends, will later be held.

An annual general meeting date will be published in the next issue of "On Dit."

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• Annual tug o' war

KEEP OFF THE BRIDGE!

On Friday, April 5, the annual tug-o-war between the Medical and Engineering students will be held near the University Footbridge.

During last year's event the footbridge was dangerously over-loaded, and probably permanently damaged.

The bridge was built to take ten people, and if loaded again like last year, it would probably collapse, with the loss of many lives.

This year's event WILL NOT be started until the footbridge is cleared. Re-

member! KEEP OFF THE FOOTBRIDGE!

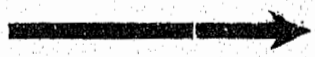
MALAYA

The Government of the Federation of Malaya has introduced new regulations to tighten school discipline and help Headmasters counter subversion among students. The new regulations follow a recent demonstration by students at a Chinese High School in Penang. The Headmasters have been entrusted powers to suspend or expel a student for any reason they think sufficient.

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

With Orientation Week now in progress, student attention is focussed on Adelaide, and we are concerned for the moment with things that are happening in our own University. In this edition of "On Dit," by way of contrast, we bring you news of student activities in many parts of the world. Not all of it is pleasant news; some of it reads like a chapter from an adventure story. We hope you will find time, in these busy days, to read about student events overseas.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR NEW MURAL?



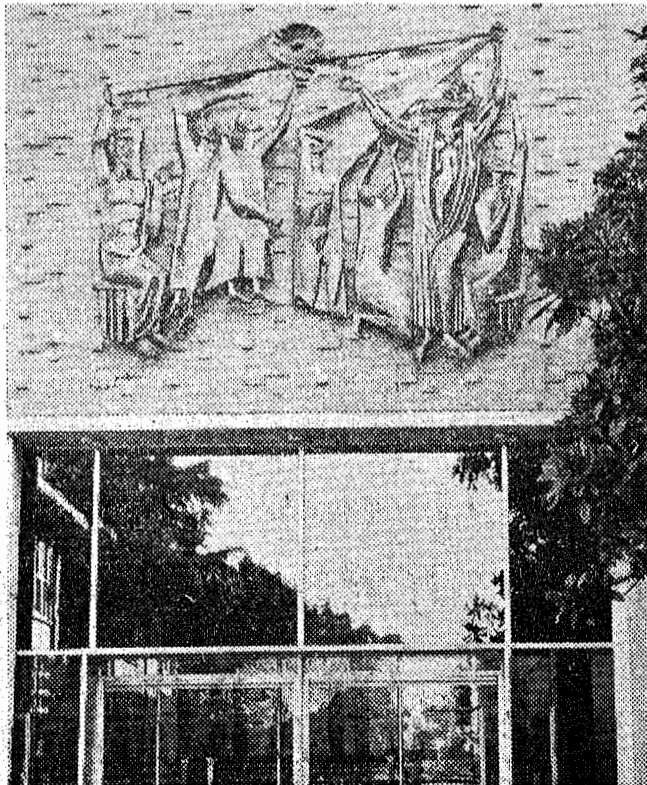
On the right we publish a photograph of the new mural in the Refectory. The mural was specially painted for the Union by Mr. Charles Bannan.

Students, both old and new, have commented upon the mural's design. Some like it; others cannot understand it.

But what do YOU think? Do you like it? Does it convey any meaning to you? Write and tell us YOUR opinion, and we'll publish a selection of the best letters in a later issue of "On Dit."

On the left is the mural above the entrance to Melbourne University's Wilson Hall.

—Kaufotos.



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ON DIT

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Live a little!

Orientation Week activities are in full swing, but soon the many and varied freshers' welcomes will come to an end, and the University will settle down to another year's work.

For the moment, attention is focussed on freshers.

Perhaps, then, this is an apt time to ask the freshers, "Are you making the most of these early days?" It appears that most students are indeed doing their best to attend as many as possible of the special functions arranged for them.

But some new students are still sitting on the fence, and have not yet made any real effort to sample University life by taking an active interest in the things that are happening for their benefit during the first days of this term.

If you have not yet attended a club welcome because you have no one to go with, if you're one of those people who find it hard to "mix," if you are lonely and are worried about starting a new way of life among strange people, then this is your opportunity to stop worrying and live a little.

From your Union Diary select one or two clubs that specially appeal to you. Attend the freshers' welcomes of these clubs, and if you're still interested, keep up with their activities during the next three terms. If the freshers' welcomes of the clubs you select have already been held, contact club members or call at the S.R.C. office and ask someone for more information.

You'll soon discover that most students are friendly, interesting people, who are willing to listen to your point of view and help you become acclimatised.

In showing your enthusiasm to learn the ways of the University by joining fully in club activities, you will make friends. For it has been said that "nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm; it moves stones, it charms brutes."

Grasp your opportunities now, before time takes them from you!

*With doubt and dismay you are smitten,
You think there's no chance for you, son?
Why the best books haven't been written,
The best race hasn't been run.*

—Barton Braley, "Opportunity."

ROMAN CATHOLICS MEET IN HOBART

"The Mystical Body of Christ" was the subject of this year's University Catholic Federation of Australia Conference in Hobart.

Twenty-one of the 220 delegates at the conference, which was held at St. Mary's and St. Virgil's Colleges, were from Adelaide.

The Hungarian people were offered forty pounds, and many Masses and prayers from the conference.

Archbishop of Hobart, Most Rev. G. Young, D.D., opened the series of talks with his Doctrinal Address. He said:

"Christ did not merely come to re-make humanity by drawing men to Himself.

"He drew them into a society that He invested with offices and office-holders; He reached down into the heart of humanity and taught them, and elevated them to a Divine level of existence, performing within them a work greater than that mighty exercise of power whereby He threw the stars into space, and whereby He controls the planets.

"Christians, recognise your dignity! This is reality. This is the cosmic fact. You, too, are consecrated. These priests are consecrated.

"The purpose of this consecration and intrinsic changing of man is to make you like to Christ.

"In other words, He came to be not merely the Head of a religious society over which He would have the title of Head by being its Founder.

"No. He came to head a new humanity that would be vitally united to Him by 'interior influx'; not merely by exterior government, but by intrinsic interior influx of Divine life.

"We have seen His make-up (God and Man), and now we see this, the consummation of His mediation between God and man."

Mr. James McAuley, well-known Australian poet, said: "No man should be forced

to embrace the Catholic religion. It is a cardinal Christian doctrine that the act of faith must be free.

"The liberal and sounder view is that the freedom of the act of faith which is essential to Christianity requires on principle that no civil disadvantages should be attached to disbelief; otherwise civil society is exerting a pressure on conscience.

"The mediaeval situation where assent was forced by judicial torture is unsavoury to the modern mind."

Mr. B. A. Santamaria, of Melbourne, said:

"A basic characteristic of modern nationalism is that the nation is completely a law unto itself. The idea of national sovereignty on which the modern law of nations rests is one of absolute freedom of action, untrammelled by law."

He suggested four ways in which Australian Catholics could help "to make Christ communicable to the rest of the world."

"Firstly, let us understand—and make understood by all Australian Catholics—the real meaning of the Church considered as the Body of Christ.

"Secondly, it is, I believe, our duty to realise that nationalism is not a virtue, but an evil.

"Thirdly, we should make the object of our policy to follow the mind of our present Holy Father, who obviously desires the creation of an effective international order.

"Fourthly, I believe that we have a duty to build Australia rapidly as a multi-racial nation, rather than to

monopolise our resources for the wealth of a tiny racial group."

Rev. Dr. Percy Jones, Lecturer in Music, Melbourne University, told the conference:

Prayer "is an exquisite awareness of God which generates in us an act of love.

"It is not just thinking about God, because this can be just theological study. Something further is needed to make it prayer—and that is the union with God which comes from loving contemplation, for it is the will that unites us with God.

"Our very nature demands that that possession (of us by God) find expression in some outward form.

"This outward expression is not just a kind of safety valve, or a bubbling over. This outward expression intensifies the internal possession."

Rev. Fr. D. Quinn, S.J., recently Rector of Aquinas College, said:

"Christianity is the absolute and perfect religion because it is the perfect bond between God and men.

"It is such a bond through Christ, the God-man, who is one with God, one with men.

"Without a human mother Christ would not have been of our race. . . . Thus Mary holds the unique position in relation to the Mystical Body in that her willing co-operation was necessary as a condition of its existence."

INDONESIA

At the beginning of February the University of Indonesia simultaneously celebrated the 7th anniversary of its foundation in Djakarta, Bogor and Bandung. The copious celebration programme in Djakarta included an allegoric parade, receptions, sports competitions, a cultural evening in the State Palace, radio broadcasts and theatre performances. The Student Film League held a film festival for adults and another one for children. Although this was only the 7th anniversary of the university as a whole, the Faculty of Medicine, for example, has been in existence for 105 years, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine for 50 years, the Technological Faculty is 36 years old, and the Faculty of Law has 32 years.

PEN-SKETCHES OF PERSONALITIES

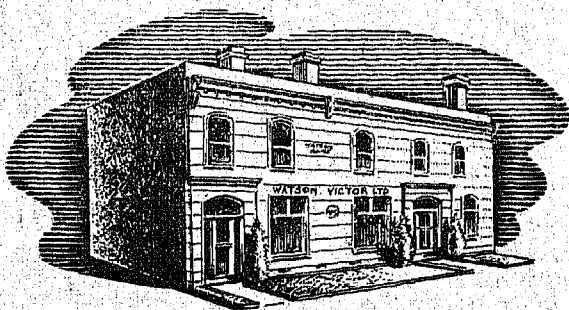
Mr. Ken Hamilton (right) recently retired from the position of Union Secretary after 22 years' service.

In that time Mr. Hamilton has seen great changes take place within the University. He will this year be secretary of the Sports Association.

New Union Secretary is Mr. H. Swales-Smith, from Manchester University.



Caricature by Laurence Schneider.



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● Teplitzky walks out NATIONAL UNION UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Dissatisfaction was rife at the ten day N.U.A.U.S. Council meeting held in Sydney during the vacation, and the hard-worked executive came under fire on several matters.

Feelings ran high, and at one stage David Teplitzky, N.U.A.U.S. President, resigned and left the meeting. He returned when Council would not accept the resignation.

Most under fire was John Martin, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, for accounts were in a very unsatisfactory condition. In such a body as National Union, with a changing executive, administrative difficulties are great. Council laid down several conditions for the guidance of future executives.

In ten days of continuous meetings there were new and significant ideas. Most important was the resolution to employ a full-time Research Officer to cope with a research programme which has far outgrown the capabilities of an honorary executive.

This man will have the qualifications to enquire deeply into such matters as the adequacy of the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme, Aboriginal Education in Australia, the difficulties facing overseas students in Australia, the expansion of medical education, the financial needs of the Universities, failure rates, and other vital affairs.

His research will enable delegations to Canberra to speak with authority when undertaking the improvement and expansion of University education.

The plan to appoint a Research Officer was the most significant thing to come out of Council. This man is to be paid with an N.U.A.U.S. fee rise from 3/3 to 4/6 per student; his worth will be inestimable.

STRONG WORDS
In strong words, Council

condemned happenings in Hungary:

"This Council declares that the Universities of Hungary are controlled and directed by the Government, which is repugnant to the fundamental principles of the University system; and this Council condemns the violent suppression, with the aid of foreign troops, of demonstrations in which students demanded the restoration of certain University rights."

It was obvious that constituents had been horrified at events in Hungary, and that they were determined to make some statement on their attitude. The statement shows the concern felt in Australia for Hungarian students.

ABORIGINALS

Three aboriginal students matriculated in 1956—Irwin Lewis and Geoff Penny, of W.A., and Margaret Williams, of Casino, N.S.W. Council was happy to see this development, and proudly hoped that its Aboriginal Scholarship Scheme may have provided some impetus. Geoff Penny will go on to the Teachers' College in Perth; the other two will probably apply for our scholarship.

National Union is anti-political. Council had to struggle all the time against a strong under-current of politicisation and interstate rivalry.

Herein lies the main danger to the future of N.U.A.U.S. These two sub-

versions eliminated, it can do much towards student welfare in Australia.

COPY

All copy for the next edition of "On Dit" must be in by Friday, April 5. Copy may be left at the S.R.C. Office. Contributions should be legibly written on one side of the paper only.

Well-known Adelaide record expert LES CASEY will review recent recordings for "On Dit". His first article appears below...

RECENT RELEASES

KLC549 BRAHMS:
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The orchestral writing is also on a very large scale, it fact, it has been referred to as a symphony with piano obligato.

Rudolf Serkin gives one of the greatest performances of this work that I have ever heard. I think that it could be placed in front of the very fine Backhaus recording, except possibly for the orchestral playing under Ormandy, which is not as well recorded. The piano has recorded very well, and the surface of the disc is good.

LPM18310 BEETHOVEN:
Pianoforte Concerti—No. 2 in B Flat Major, Op. 19; No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58. Wilhelm Kempff, with the Berlin Phil. Orchestra, conducted by Paul van Kempen.

This record offers wonderful value for money, which we must admit is a deciding factor for most collectors. Add to that the wonderful performance by Kempff and the Berlin Phil., and you have a disc which will please almost everybody.

I say almost everybody because there is one little disappointment in the Fourth Concerto, in which Kempff doesn't play the usual Beethoven cadenzas but, I presume, his own. They come as a jar after one has been

In the Faculties

Dental Students' Society

Membership of this select society is strictly limited to the ever-decreasing numbers of undergraduates of the Dental Faculty, upon the payment of an annual fee.

Although small, the Society is powerful, and larger faculties continue to admire the organisation of functions such as the Annual Ball, Picnic, and Dinner, as well as the brilliant annual magazine, "Probe."

Such a massive burden of organisation should not be borne by the few senior students entirely, and therefore ALL freshers should make every possible effort to attend every function organised by the Society.

The Freshers' Welcome is this year being held on April 3, at 8 p.m., and freshers are assured of a really great evening.

The Annual Picnic is to be held on Sunday, April 7, and it is on this day (and night!)

that the first rude awakening to the less serious aspect of Dentistry takes place.

At the A.G.M. of the Society this year the business discussed did not really rate as important, but it is through this column that every member of the Society can express his or her thanks for Mr. P. R. Applebee who, as secretary last year, turned in a really tremendous performance.

Officers elected for 1957 are:

President—Mr. H. D. Kenmare.

Vice-President—Mr. C. M. Sommerville.

Student Vice-President—Mr. P. R. Applebee.

Secretary—Mr. G. C. Hall.

Treasurer—Mr. B. C. Burfield.

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4th Year Rep.—Mr. L. Y. Chow.

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INDIA

Universities and colleges in India have been advised by the Central Ministry of Education to limit the number of students to 800 to avoid overcrowding which is considered one of the main causes of indiscipline among students. It was suggested that the ratio of teachers to students should be brought to the level of one to 25. The Ministry, while indicating that grants to such universities as did not take steps to prevent overcrowding might be discontinued, is reported to have expressed its willingness to give financial help to enable them to restrict the number of students in affiliated colleges. Previously, the University Commission headed by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan had recommended that the number of students in a college should be restricted to 1,500.

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• In Paraguay, South American hot-spot . . .

STUDENTS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!

If any Australian student complains about the difficulties under which he considers he is studying, he should give some thought to student conditions in other countries and be thankful. The conditions, for instance, under which students in Paraguay struggle . . .

Paraguay became independent in 1811 in conditions of relative prosperity. But between 1865 and 1935 a succession of wars with Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Bolivia wrecked the country completely. A population of 1,300,000 a hundred years ago fell at one stage to a mere 400,000, and is even now only a million.

On top of this the country is now under the nationalist and totalitarian Colorado Party which, backed by the army and police, has had seven Presidents in the last eight years. There is no liberty of assembly or press, no political opposition, there are concentration camps in the interior to take the numerous political prisoners.

Agriculture is under a big company monopoly, and about 20 per cent. of farmers own their own land. Industry is inimical, travel communications almost non-existent. Sixty per cent. of the annual budget goes to the army and police. Forty-five per cent. of the inhabitants are illiterate. The standard of living is very low.

HIGH FEES

In this background we can now view the University. The majority of 2,300 students must work to keep themselves, as scholarships do not exist, and fees are high. The best professors have been exiled or sacked by the Government.

In April, 1956, a rapid series of events led to some easing of Government controls over the University.

Student delegations from the Argentine and Uruguay were visiting the country, and a series of public meetings were arranged within the University. Increasing activity by a small group of the public, probably police-organised, attacked the foreign delegates and broke up the meetings. A planned dance had to be cancelled because the place was surrounded by armed bands.

The next day the Argentine students were arrested by the police. The Paraguayan students protested; their leader was beaten by police. With the Uruguayan delegation, they began a parade of protest. Police broke it up, wounding several students.

ARMED THUGS

Government students then announced that the Argentine delegation had been released. The Students' Assembly approached the police to verify this, found the Argentinians still detained, and furthermore, were given thirty minutes to disperse. The Assembly barricaded themselves in the Faculty of Medicine, and remained until armed police and thugs removed them with vicious fighting.

Many students were badly beaten, including one of the

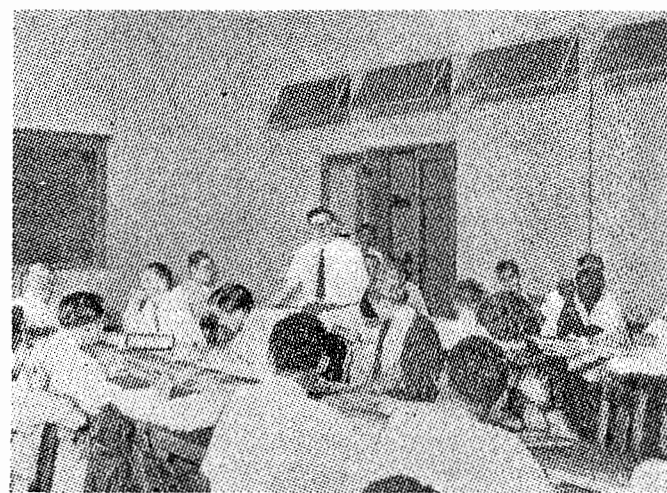
Uruguayan guests. Two hundred and fifty students were arrested, thirty were taken and "punished."

They were beaten, made to stand naked in the cold rain until several fainted, were forced to work under filthy conditions, and were then confined in the interior for several weeks.

Meanwhile the Students' Union, the F.U.P., declared a students' strike. During the rest of April and May many of the public joined the students in a series of violent clashes with police, producing many more wounded and arrested. But under the continuous pressure, the Government finally yielded far enough to establish a new University law which, while improving the situation slightly, leaves the University still under virtual Government control.

This only describes the position in Paraguay. Reports at the Sixth International Student Conference in Ceylon in September last show that a similar situation exists in Venezuela, that in Cuba scores of students have died in clashes with the police, and that the University there was thoroughly ransacked under the pretence of "looking for arms." In Cuba 1 per cent. of the Government budget is allocated to education.

It is under such conditions



Australia's David Teplitzky speaking at the sixth International Student Conference in Ceylon, where the report on Paraguay was presented. —Cosoc.

as these that many students must try to work. Students are dying for academic freedom and University autonomy. When we understand this we realise what precious things these are, and how fortunate we are to be studying in an Australian University today.

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"On Dit" Staff Meeting, Tuesday, April 2, 1.30 p.m., Publications Room, first floor, George Murray Building.
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Fresher camps great success

The two University Freshers' Camps were held this year at the National Fitness Council camp at Christies Beach. About 60 students, two-thirds of whom were freshers, attended each camp.

Those who attended the first camp arrived at Christies on the afternoon of Monday, March 18. Students were shown their sleeping quarters and the lay-out of the camp.

After an enjoyable meal everyone assembled in the mess hut for films and talks. Camp President, and Vice-President of the S.R.C., Michael Smyth, talked for a while about the S.R.C., and answered a number of questions.

Then Camp Director Mr. Apps showed some color slides of previous camps. First slide showed Mr. Borland chopping wood, and was enthusiastically received by everyone, including those who had to get up the following morning to chop wood for the boilers.

Later in the evening a film was shown on the life of the Australian aborigines. The film gave the girls a free lesson on how to cook, and introduced some novel ideas for a backyard barbecue.

During the second day most of the time was taken up with swimming, badminton, and discussion groups. After dinner, two debates were held: "That women should propose," and "That men should wear beards."

After the debates everyone went on a hike to Christies, about a mile or so away. As some of the students had never been on a night hike before down rugged rocks and along soft sands, the excursion was in many ways educational, as well as entertaining.

On the last night in camp there came a number of

honorable visitors — chaps like David Evans and Sam Abraham, to mention only two. In fact, the last night was a memorable one.

There was a play all about a girl who didn't have a dress on her wedding day—most ably presented by members of the Dramatic Society, under the direction of Greg Branson. Then the freshers staged a play which demonstrated how difficult it is these days to live peacefully in a flat.

After supper there was a dance, which enabled people to get to know each other a little more. Afterwards another hike continued on from where the dance left off.

But reviewing seriously the events that took place in those three days, it seems incredible that such a likeable and sensible group of young men and women could ever be found together in one place at the one time. The camp was successful, and its success was perhaps due to the efforts of no person in particular, but to the combined attempts of all to make the three days worth while and enjoyable.

All who attended the camps would like to express their appreciation to every person who labored hard to get things organised, and especially to Mrs. Smith, who kept sixty stomachs full at each camp.

Hear Tony Adams, Tim McDonald discuss Red China at the first

UNION NIGHT.

8 p.m., April 5, Mawson Lecture Theatre.

THERE IS A SOCCER CLUB — but only just

Freshers and others please take note! If you are a soccer fan, the University Club is in urgent need of your services. We want fresh blood!

There is a Soccer Club—but only just!

Our ancestral heroes inwardly groan and tremble at our plight. Those who gave birth to the club in 1935 cry out in agony as they see first class soccer players lured away from her hallowed playing fields into enemy camps.

With pride they recall their blood-stained victories and their gory 12-0 defeats. (And still they come!) Goalkeepers of yore proudly display their broken limbs; bald heads made bare by perpetual retaliation in defence glisten with dignity, and our star forward forefathers,

who continue to be forward, raise their sons with a golden soccer ball at their feet. But they all cry out at their sons' distress.

According to our statistician's report, many of these illustrious sons have reached this University.

We reiterate. Our forefathers were naturally forward, and we are justly proud of their multitudinous classically raised progeny.

But alas, these multitudes have either lost that golden ball at their feet, betrayed us, or even substituted it for one of those egg-shaped things.

To those who have strayed, therefore, we ask them to mend their erring ways and join the ranks of the immortals in the Soccer Club. We are, further, continuous-

ly shamed by our opposition, who have made their way into First Division Soccer.

History reminds us of our splendid tussles with Juventus, our do-or-die encounters with Beograd, and our gentlemanly contests with Birkalla and Prospect.

In our many gallant defeats we have consequently helped these, and most other teams, into First Division. We now wish to enlist your aid to boost our standard.

Surely the time has come for soccer players who attend the University to regain pride in her own team, and to emulate the feats of the others.

Yet only players who do not lack in grit and determination can fulfil our programme.

As a final reminder, our picturesque soccer field is large enough to cope with all robust aspirants, and will welcome once more the drum of many training feet.