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YE OLDE RAGGE.

O Best Beloved, the dog saw it all; ay, and he felt it too, poor beastie.

'Twas one hot summer afternoon when the dog had sat him down under a desk in a lecture room to think out the week's doings. He wanted to be very quiet to do this great thinking, O Best Beloved.

The blowflies droned against the window pane, in the distance there was the hum of voices—the dog was happy.

Suddenly around the door came three people (the dog did not tell me what kind of people, O Best Beloved, but perhaps you know).

Steadily they approached the dog's desk. How his heart fluttered. Luckily, however, they sat down full four yards from the dear beastie, and he turned all eyes and ears.

Slowly each person drew out a pencil and some paper—it looked so dull, O Best Beloved, that the poor wee beastie sighed a sigh. Then he heard them say that three issues of "The Ragge" would be produced this term, and that the price would be 1½d. per copy. When, however, he heard that the first issue would come out on Thursday, April 18, and thereafter regularly every fortnight, he wagged his tail from left to right with glee. So pleased was he that he arose and rubbed himself against the chair, and yapped in a subdued tone. Thereupon one of the more brutal of the three said something the beastie did not understand, and smacked him across the abdomen seven or eight times.

The dog slunk away to calm his emotions. He only thought one thing, but it was a big thought. He didn't tell me what it was—perhaps you know, O Best Beloved.

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TAKE NOTE!!

Women Students.

1. U.W.U. Annual General Meeting, April 22, in the Lady Symon Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

2. Sports Day, May 1, on University Oval.

Graduates.

Meeting, April 19. Miss P. Lade will speak on her Indian trip.

C.U. meeting, Friday, 1.20
Dance Club, Saturday, Refectory.
Next "Ragge," Thursday, May 2.

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SPORTS MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Adelaide University Sports Association was held on Monday, April 8, in the Refectory. A large number of students was present, and much interest was shown in the question of the award of Blues.

This is briefly the position: In addition to the award of a Blue for special merit, it was proposed to award Blues when a person has participated in three inter-Varsity contests, or is a member of a winning inter-Varsity team. The supporters of this proposal produced several convincing arguments, but one section of the meeting, led by Mr. Rollison, was not in favour of the proposal as it stood; and drew up an amendment to the effect that awards should be made under the above conditions, subject to the veto of the club committees. The amendment was carried.

Subscriptions have been raised, and are now: Men, 35s.; women, 15s.

The officers of the Association for 1929 are: Chairman, Mr. C. T. Madigan; Deputy Chairman, Mr. M. W. Evans; Secretary, Mr. D. Mitchell; Treasurer, Mr. H. Read.

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A DIALOGUE.

Scene: University Drive.

Undergrad. A: "Hail, blithe spirit! How dost thou, this fine day?"

Undergrad. B: "Well enough, friend! But I have a burning question to ask thee. What is this I hear about students playing cards in this our new, our spacious, our wonderful eating-house?"

U.A.: "Hast thou not heard then?"

U.B.: "No, forsooth; but I long to know."

U.A.: "Well, I shall tell thee. As thou knowest, we poor undergrads spend many a pleasant hour each morning with our delightful professors in the luxuriously furnished lecture rooms. And thou also knowest that at noon we reluctantly hie us to the Refectory, there to partake of goodly nourishment."

U.B.: "Aye, aye, these things I know."

U.A.: "This pleasing duty, done, some of us desire to join in a game of cards."

U.B.: "But why, friend?"

U.A.: "I shall unfold to thee our motives, which are beyond criticism, as thou wilt see. We desire to further the social life of the Varsity, to meet our fellows from the foreign Faculties, and to foster spirit of camaraderie: Liberté, égalité, fraternité. Thou knowest the idea."

U.B.: "Thy purposes are truly commendable."

U.A.: "Aye, but it behoves me, friend, to confess that we also desire to play because we enjoy it. Although we are never so happy as when at lectures, yet a little recreation of this kind does, well, relieve the monotony and sharpen our wits."

U.B.: "Stout idea!"

U.A.: "Then thou deemest it beneficial to all concerned."

U.B.: "Aye, capital! Indeed, I am so enamoured of the scheme that I should even go so far as suggesting that card-playing ought to be introduced into lectures, not that they need brightening up—don't think that for one moment—but we could do a lot for our 'Varsity that way, eh?"

U.A.: "Without a doubt. Pray do not let this scheme drop. Agitate until thou canst persuade professors and students alike to abandon their pleasant lectures for 'fresh fields and pastures new'."

U.B.: "Settled, indeed! Adieu!"

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There once was a chairman named Madigan,
Who said, "This will have to be done again,
You cannot refuse
Two dozen blues
Only 'cos the players can't PLAY the game."

SOCIETY NOTES.

Medical Students' Society.

At the annual general meeting a review of a very successful year was given by the retiring Secretary, Mr. R. V. Pridmore. The society is especially grateful to Dr. John Corbin for his untiring work on its behalf.

The following officers were elected for 1929: President, Sir Henry Simpson Newland; Secretary, Mr. J. D. Rice; Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Jolly.

Twenty new members were admitted to membership after going through the preliminary ceremonies which are a tradition of the Medical School.

DANCE CLUB.

The Adelaide University Dance Club meetings will be held in the Refectory this year.

The opening dance for the season has been arranged for Saturday, April 20, and all past and present 'Varsity students are heartily invited.

There are ten dances held during the season, including two long nights and a fancy dress ball.

Supper is served at each meeting, and the Collegians' Orchestra has been engaged for the season.

Committee, 1929: Miss Irene Thomson-Webb, Miss Violet Plummer, Miss Madelin Angel, Miss Win Preedy, Mr. Ashley Cooper, Mr. Frank Chapman, Mr. Harry Johnston, Mr. C. E. Gregory.

RAY PHILLIPS, Hon. Secretary.

ISABEL FAIRHEAD, Hon. Asst. Sec.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Rev. J. H. Allen, B.Sc., of India, will address the midday meeting on Friday, April 19, at 1.20 p.m. on "Can we believe in a personal God?" Mr. Allen is a graduate of this University, and he has had twenty years' experience in India. He is a man who has proved his worth, and can be depended upon to give us something good.

WOMEN'S UNION.

At last the Women's Union is in its new home, the Lady Symon Building. On March 25 Sir Josiah Symon performed the opening ceremony in the presence of a large number of people. After the ceremony the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea in the Refectory, and any who wished could inspect our palatial residence.

On March 27 the Freshers' Welcome was held, and after tea in the Refectory a jolly evening was spent in the Lady Symon Hall.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Engineers held their annual general meeting and freshers' social in the Refectory on Wednesday, April 10, at 7.45 p.m.

Words of welcome and advice to freshmen were tendered by Professor Chapman, Mr. Reid (Dean of the Faculty), and Mr. Gartrell.

After supper the freshmen on the society's invitation were present at and took part in an interesting performance in the Hydraulics Lab., which was later continued in Rundle Street, all of them showing great aptitude and skill in performing the various engineering works allotted them. [Ed.'s note.—According to the caretaker no one was hurt!]

The society's officers for 1929 are: President, Mr. W. M. Morgan; Vice-President, Mr. D. T. Mitchell; Secretary, Mr. Ray Duncan; Treasurer, Mr. Clive Corbin.

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LAW STUDENTS.

Law students held their annual meeting on Thursday, April 4. It was most successful. It was resolved that the Faculty be asked to classify exam. results as credit or pass, in place of first, second, or third class pass. After supper freshers were called upon to answer some grievous charges. Messrs. McEwin, Downey, and Pick were the judges [?—Ed.]. Accused were not represented by counsel. [Shame.—Ed.]

Officers, 1929: President, Professor Campbell; Treasurer, Mr. L. J. Doyle; Secretary, Mr. J. Q. Evens.

Next meeting, Thursday, April 18. Mr. F. V. Smith will give an address.

A gallery party to "The Girl Friend" will take place on Friday, April 26.

LITERARY AND DEBATING.

The first meeting was held on April 11. Papers were read and a play staged. The society has great hopes for this year.

[Note.—The Editors, being unionists, refuse to poach on the preserves of the secretary concerned any further.]

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ST. MARK'S.

St. Mark's have gone to sleep:
Is it laziness, or what?
Or plots, maybe, too deep
To write an honest not'.

[Oh, St. Mark's, how could you?—Ed.]

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SOCIAL INTERCOURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Scene I. The Lecture Room.

Students. If you wish to obtain the very best from your course of lectures, the following rules should be adopted. They will be found very convenient if one wishes to have an uninterrupted social chat with a friend.

1. **A Dark Corner.** If this is impossible, choose one most remote from the "homo sapiens" who is inflicting his remarks (dull or otherwise) on you at the moment. If one is of small stature, refuge may be taken behind some studious fellow who has shot up like a weed, provided he does not bow himself too reverently over his book when taking notes.

2. **A Studious Look.** This may be a little difficult of attainment for some, but the desired result may be obtained by

- Wearing spectacles.
- Frowning intensely at timed intervals.
- Assuming a bright, intelligent look at timed intervals.

3. The result can most satisfactorily be obtained by cultivating ventriloquism. One can then stare steadily at the Prof. with an immovable countenance, and yet be comfortable conversing with one's neighbour upon the newest pattern in neckties, or the latest shape in hats.

Scene II. The Library.

If you really wish to enjoy those long periods in the library, to exchange thoughts with a friend, and not to let the tongue atrophy in disuse, perform the following actions. In this case a slightly different course should be followed.

1. After sitting down, first remove the hat (if a woman; if a man it should have been removed long ago). This gives a workmanlike air to your movements, and also gives the impression that you are to be a permanency for some considerable period. Smooth the hair (during this process it is considered necessary by the women to cast dark and furtive looks around, lightened by an occasional ray of anguish when a hairpin strikes home. It is not safe to start the conversation at these moments).

2. Rise with a preoccupied air and an anxious frown, and wander round the library collecting as many books as is possible without arousing adverse comment thereon.

3. Return to your seat, and build up the books around yourself and your friend until you are satisfactorily lost to view. Any large bags are useful to place on the top, sandbag fashion. This will give a finished air to the structure and also help to deaden the sound.

4. You can now talk undisturbed, provided that you remember occasionally to rise with the frown and the air and seek another book. This deceives enemies as to your employment, and also adds to your fortifications.

"WOOGLES."

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The Editor 'Varsity "Ragge."

Dear Sir,

Would it be impertinent to enquire exactly what the function of the C.U. is in University life? Of late we have seen it in the forefront of the struggle for a unifying 'Varsity spirit, and have appreciated its true public-spiritedness in shouldering the burden of the "Ragge," in issuing 'Varsity handbooks to prospective undergraduates, and in initiating these same undergraduates into 'Varsity life by means of freshers' welcomes. But is not this work which could or should be done by such bodies as the University Union or Students' Council, if these bodies are on their job? How then does the Christian Union seek to justify its existence, and what is its programme apart from such activities as mentioned above.

Has the C.U. any function to perform which no other University body can perform? Has it a contribution to 'Varsity life which it and no other organisation can give?

I am, yours, etc.,
"INTERROGIANS."

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SPORTS NOTICES.

Lacrosse Club.

New members are heartily welcomed to our club, as we are desirous of forming a fourth team. There are also vacancies in the higher teams, and freshers are urged to start now and get used to their sticks.

Rifle Club.

The Rifle Club held its annual general meeting on Tuesday, March 22, and the following officers were elected: Captain, Mr. S. W. Thompson; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Brooke.

Next Saturday, April 20, practice will be on, and all those who can come should do so, as inter-Varsity is in Sydney on May 29 and 30. Meet at the Railway Station at 1 p.m. and get a free ticket! Picture night for inter-Varsity at the end of the term.

Albert Trophy, Port Ranges, April 27, 300, 500, and 600 yards.

Freshers desirous of taking up rifle shooting should note that fares, rifles, and ammunition are supplied by the club.

Hockey.

The annual general meeting was held on April 10. Mr. W. Harrison was re-elected Captain and Mr. F. W. Arden Vice-Captain. Professor Campbell was made President. Coach, Mr. J. H. Swann.

The Hockey Association has decided by amalgamating several clubs to form two separate grades, so that closer and more even play and better hockey may result.

Women's Hockey Club.

The annual general meeting was held on Thursday, March 28, when the following officers for 1929 were elected: Captain, Miss H. Morris; Vice-Captain, Miss F. Gault; Secretary, Miss E. McDonnell.

Members and freshers desirous of playing hockey should attend practices at 4 p.m. every Wednesday.

Women's Basketball Club.

All women interested in basketball are urged to attend practices on the University Oval on Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m.

The officers for 1929 are: Captain, Miss C. Ure; Vice-Captain, Miss B. Pitt; Secretary, Miss L. Sparrow.

Football where art thou???

Baseball Club.

The Baseball Club is looking forward to a successful year. Mr. R. V. Pridmore is Captain, Mr. J. M. Dwyer Vice-Captain, and Mr. L. J. Pellew Secretary. Practice on Wednesday. Come down and have a hit. [What about it, Secretary?—Ed.]

Athletics Club.

Mr. Martin Young is Secretary. Get into form for the sports on May 17. [What about this too, Secretary?—Ed.]

TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

This year's Students' Council is now firmly established under the leadership of Mr. S. Edmonds (President) and Miss R. Ballantyne (Vice-President). The various clubs are controlled by this council, as well as by their own committees.

1. Literary and Debating Society.

Has held its first meeting, which took the form of a students' interpretation of a law court. This society provides opportunities for all your literary ability. Seize them!

2. Glee Club.

Meets fortnightly under the able leadership of Mr. F. Grattan, and is at present preparing a number of fine operatic selections for the annual concert. This needs the support of every College student.

3. Social Club.

Provides the lighter side of life, and few need any invitation to the waltz.

4. Sports.

The winter games are just beginning their practices. For women, hockey and basketball provide

ample facilities. If you come down you are almost certain to get into some team, and so be sure of regular games. Football and athletics offer the same attractions to men. Make a practice of turning out to games on Wednesday afternoons. Remember that the Interstate contests will be in Sydney this year, and we want to send the best teams yet.

A FRESHER'S IMPRESSIONS.

To one who has had an ordinary school career the life of a fresher is most interesting and full of surprises. At every turn things are different from what one expects.

For example, the fresher is about to attend his first lecture. About ten minutes before the hour he makes his way, with trembling footsteps and a light of expectation in his eyes, to the lecture room.

As yet only a few nervous people have arrived. They look like freshers too. At one minute to eleven several people stroll in, talking and laughing. The chattering continues. Of course, everyone will hush their noise and assume a solemn air when the Professor himself, that distant, awe-inspiring person, comes in. But no! To his surprise, at his entrance the noise subsides only a little, and the bulk of the students seem unimpressed with the dignity and seriousness of the occasion. Without even a "Good morning, ladies and gentleman," the great man begins. When about five minutes have slipped away a student arrives, breathless with hurrying. Late for a lecture? How could they?

As if the fresher has not been sufficiently disillusioned yet, more shocks await him. When the time draws near for the lecture to end women put their hats on and powder their noses; men shut their books with a bang and shuffle their feet, ready to hasten away at the earliest opportunity. The great man ceases, gathers his books, and sails out amid universal chattering. Alas, lectures are not treated with respect after all, and school was different!

But every surprise is not unpleasant. For even though the fresher may never have risen to a higher position than fifth in his classes, or first emergency for a C sports team, his presence is earnestly solicited for at least three festal gatherings, where he is welcomed, entertained, and fed. Everywhere he is welcomed with open arms; everywhere people are so eager for his company and his subscriptions. Out of lectures, at least, freshers are important!

There is but one flea on the cat's tail, one thought that casts a pall of dread over his happiness. He fears that when he is no longer a fresher, a person of unplumbed depths and infinite possibilities, when his few gifts and many weaknesses are known by students, and harassed by Profs., then will the kind smiles fade and the open arms close.

The fresher does not wish to sink once more to the ranks of the nonentities.