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OUR POSITION

is precisely this:—

First—The cost of producing a copy of the "Ragge" is 1½d. We sell it at 1d.

Second—On each issue we have dropped between 20 and 30 shillings.

Third—The C.U. is no more noted for its financial position than any other University body.

Much as we want to see the "Ragge" keep going, we, as a body, have reached our financial limit.

Now, you CAN help us out if you WILL!

We can KEEP GOING if ENOUGH OF YOU will pay ONE SHILLING for the remaining EIGHT ISSUES of the "Ragge."

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If it is, do THIS:—

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Or give your name and 1/- to any of the following:—Gordon Heaslip, Tim Godlee, Dick O'Connor, George Graham, Eric Mills, Dudley Schubert, Madge Burton, Magarey Barelay, H. F. Sudholz, Ken Newman, Barbara Shorney.

And if you do your bit, we'll do ours.

Your copy, with your name on it, will be placed in your pigeon hole at each issue for the rest of the year.

Now, is it all clear? Good! BUT—unless enough of you back us up, one of two things MUST happen.

Either the price will go up to 2d., or the "Ragge" will cease to appear.

But listen, should the price go up, all those who have paid their 1/- will not be further charged.

And—should we cease to appear, your money will be returned to you.

To be forced to make this appeal naturally goes very much against the grain, but you see how we are placed. The C.U. simply cannot go on bearing such a financial burden; but we assure you that if it could possibly afford any more it would be very ready to give it for the sake of the 'Varsity.

BARBARA K. SHORNEY,
J. M. BARCLAY,

Editors.

THE BOAT RACE.

There was a surprisingly large crowd at Mannam to watch the rowing of the Oxford-Cambridge Cup, but undergraduates were distinctly in the minority. The few hundred that turned up did not display a vast amount of excitement, though some dozen enthusiasts tried their best. Perhaps, if the remaining thousand or more undergrads had been present they would have been able to drown the few voices raised to encourage Western Australia. As it was, W.A. was much the most vigorously barracked.

The race was close, and Adelaide did better than usual by gaining third place. Melbourne's excellent rowing, which brought her up to second place at the finish, left the onlookers convinced that if the race had been longer Melbourne would have won and Adelaide might have pulled up into second. In the circumstances, however, we congratulate Western Australia.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The club was represented by Sangster (captain), James, and A. Mitchell in the Interstate Amateur League match. Each of our members was amongst the outstanding players. James (8 goals) in particular was in top form.

Saturday, June 9th.

A's 16.16 v. Kenilworth 11.16.

The team showed much improved form, and at last played a little like it is felt they can do. Practice is still needed, however, in leading out and in picking out those leading with an accurate drop-kick.

Goalkickers—James (9), Sangster (2), Power, Smith, Williams, J. N. Smith, and D. Mitchell.

Best players—Maepheron, James, Mitchell, Clarkson, Sangster.

B's 8.7 v. St. Augustine 20.21.

Against a much stronger team the B's put up a fair fight; but lack of vigour and dash to the ball is still evident, and our men cannot hope to match these stronger team unless these tactics are assiduously practised and used in their matches.

Goalkickers—Flaherty (3), Maitland, Wileher (each 2), Branson (1).

C's 2.15 v. P.A.C. 12.10.

In this their first match it was obvious that the team had not yet settled down. Lack of practice, especially in kicking for goal, and poor condition were the chief causes of failure.

Best players—Reynolds, Muecke, Jackett.

Goalkickers—Dinning, Besanko.

LACROSSE.

12-5-28—Port Adelaide defeated us, 6—2. The team showed great individual promise, but lack of cohesion caused our downfall. Rollison played well and scored both our goals. Muecke showed great possibilities, and all the backs played a solid game.

19-5-28—Against Goodwood we were unfortunate not to win. Leading 6—3 at half-time, we eventually lost, 8—7. The team played a much improved game, but there was lack of direction in shooting for goal, and the backs did not check hard enough, though they had the upper hand till half-time. Cook scored 3 goals, Lawrence 2, and Rollison and Watson 1 each. Best players were Cook, J. Davis, and Cornish.

The B team had an easy win, 17—5. Gillet showed good form and scored 6 goals, Chapman obtained 3. This team shows signs of developing a good combination.

4-6-28—Everyone played well, and we fully extended East Torrens, but were unfortunate to only get 10 goals against their 11. In our last three matches we have scored 19 goals to our opponents' 23. The forwards combined well. Cook, Rollison, Watson, and J. Davis were best players, and of these Cook was the best, scoring 4 goals. Gordon Piper established a three matches in one day record. He played for the B's and C's in the morning, and for the A's in the afternoon.

9-6-28—Once again the team showed decided promise and yet failed to get going in time to win. After leading 4—0 at half-time, Sturt eventually ran out winners by 8—5. After half-time Rollison

was played forward and Lawrence attack, and this immediately improved our forward play.

Cook played well at times and scored 2 goals. Lawrence, Muecke, and Davis also scored. L. Dawkins and Cornish were the best of the backs, while Jack played a fair game in goal.

“WEENY.”

BASEBALL.

The Baseball Club has been sustaining the form shown earlier in the season, and is now holding second position on the premiership list, having played all its matches for the first round. Scores would indicate that the team has been decisively beaten by Millswood and East Torrens, but actual play did not bear this out. In fact, it appears East Torrens are the only, but very formidable, rivals to be dealt with, and there is little doubt but that they will finish the season as minor premiers. The Millswood team is the other contender for second place.

In the last few matches the excellent outfield work of Pellew has been a feature, and his wonderful catch off Gordon in last Saturday's match is well worth recording. The match, it might be added, was won, 11—2.

The B team has had to forfeit one and postpone another match during the holidays, but now, under the able management of Rice, they should begin to do things; but they need a pitcher badly.

BASKET-BALL.

Though A Grade has not as yet been very fortunate in matches, the team is now settling down and hopes to make quite a good stand in the second round.

The B Grade team has been quite successful, only having lost one match this season.

HOCKEY.

Both Hockey Clubs have been strangely silent about their affairs this week. We hope nothing is wrong.

CONVERSAZIONE.

DATE: Saturday Night, July 7th.

PRICE of tickets, 2/.

SUPPER to be served in Elder Hall.

The Governor and house party, the Lord and Lady Mayoress, the Premier, and many prominent citizens will be invited.

This is going to be a big event. No one will want to be left out of it. We've got a 'Varsity worth showing to people, and we can feel proud to sell anyone a ticket.

General assistance will be required. Those willing to help, please communicate with your faculty organizer (see below).

Organization Committee

is as follows:—

Central Committee: Mr. C. T. Madigan; Messrs. Gordon Heaslip and Bob Irwin, representing Sports Association; Messrs. C. W. Anderson and P. Downey, representing Students' Council.

Departmental Organizers.

Library and Geology, J. H. Reynolds—Arts.

Botany, Ludbrook—Science.

Chemistry, C. Ingham Cox—Science; Maxwell—Pharmacy.

Anatomy and Anthropological Museum, Alfreda Krichauff—Medicine.

Physiology and Biochemistry, A. Bateman—Dentistry.

Zoology, Consie Ure—Science.

Engineering and Physics, C. G. Bartholomeans—Engineering.

Pathology and Histology, J. H. Younkman—Medicine.

Advertising and Programmes—Law.

Supper, Jack Sheppard—Commerce; Hildred Morris—Women's Union.

Tickets (issue and collection), Jack Sheppard—Commerce.

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HAVE YOU READ

your copy of the Union Constitution?

Read it, think about it (inevitably criticize it), and if it doesn't meet with your august approval, speak now or forever hold your peace.

And if you **have** got your usual criticisms to offer, see if you can give some **constructive** ones instead of the facile, destructive ones which are at anyone's command; you may find it a bit harder.

The Constitution Committee is to be congratulated on this really excellent piece of work, into which they have put so much time and energy.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Mr. Madigan gave an extremely interesting lecture on the 1912-1914 Antarctic Expedition, and illustrated it with exceptionally well-prepared slides. Penguins and snow and ice were outstanding features of interest, but the many details were vividly elucidated by Mr. Madigan, and the audience greatly enjoyed his apparently inexhaustible fund of anecdote.

At the next meeting a comedy, “The Grand Cham's Diamond,” will be presented. The Annual Dinner is fixed for July 5. It is hoped that by then the membership will have increased considerably.

LAW STUDENTS.

The Annual Smoko Social will be held at the Aurora Hotel on June 19th, at 8 p.m. Items will be given by several more foolish members, and dry rot is not expected to set in.

Mr. W. A. Rollison has set a question on the criminal law for debate. Members should be present at this debate in any event. For particulars see the programme book, now out.

We are trying to arrange a golf match with the Medical School. Any golfing enthusiasts should notify the secretary of their handicaps (if any) and/or their ability (if any). A tennis match will be organized in the third term.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Commerce Students

are holding their Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor on Friday, June 22nd, at 6.30. A dance is to follow the dinner, commencing at 8.30.

All Commerce students are urged to attend these functions, which promise to be particularly enjoyable. Tickets, 7/6, plus 2/6 for partner for dance.

Science Association

meets on Monday, June 18th. An address will be given by Dr. Cooke on his trip to Europe.

DENTAL STUDENTS.

The most prominent members of the “Dental Arms Club” spent a most instructive and enjoyable week at Mt. Lofty in the vacation. Nearly everyone learnt something he didn't know before. Bob found that to try and kiss a girl after a hearty meal of steak and onions is a somewhat dangerous form of recreation, resulting, as it does, in black eyes and stamped-on corns. Cheer learnt that not only do cigarettes have a habit of walking, but even cigarette cases sometimes acquire the power of jumping out of the grasp of their would-be capturers. Tommy's knowledge has been increased to the extent that three of a kind beats two pairs. Chappy now knows that walking 25 miles is an

overestimated pleasure. Ray, hitherto a firm believer in the "cold shower every morning" habit, has modified his views. Wally, who has always believed his appetite to be second to none, now knows that for eating Chappy takes the bun. In passing we may mention that when the potted meat gave out, Chappy once consumed three slices of bread spread liberally with brown boot polish. Bert has recently learnt that rising from upturned chairs is not always an easy matter.

DANCE CLUB.

Next meeting, 23rd June.
Ball, 6th July.

Club has amended its constitution so as to allow financial members to invite a partner other than a University student to two ordinary meetings per year. Invitations to be obtained from secretary or assistant secretary at 2/6 per night. Members were previously allowed this privilege on two long nights and fancy dress evening. This should add to the growing popularity of the club.

The present secretary (Mr. C. W. Anderson) is resigning on account of pressure of other work. His position will be filled by Mr. Ray Phillips (Dentistry).

C.U. CONCERT PARTY.

Why does a chicken cross the road? This is the deeply philosophical problem which R. J.—h, M.A. (D.) put to the inhabitants of Gawler, Mt. Barker, and Strathalbyn. Of course, the asking of this question was not the sole reason that urged twenty Varsity students to speed those many weary (?) miles: in fact, our main object was to raise a portion of S.A.'s budget of £320, which is her share of the Australian Student Christian Movement's Budget. We were indeed fortunate in finding so many talented artists and artistes who were willing to spend their vacation in this exciting manner and help to make the concert the great success that it most certainly was.

The members of the concert party are unanimous in admitting that they—

Found an enjoyable way of spending the vac. and of raising money, appreciated audiences in all these towns (at times some members of our party seemed quite humorous), and a very energetic and enthusiastic mayor at Strathalbyn.

Lost many hours' sleep on May 30th and 31st and June 1st, one Ford car in the very early hours of June 1st.

MR. JOHN HORNER, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.

surprised and delighted his audience on Monday evening by giving a masterly Pianoforte Recital. Those who had become acquainted with his outstanding abilities as an organist hardly expected to find him so accomplished a pianist. There was a larger attendance than usual at a Conservatorium concert, and it showed its keen pleasure in Mr. Horner's programme and execution by eager and sustained applause. The programme for his lunch-hour organ recitals every Thursday this term give promise of great things still to come.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE.

The "Top Floor" have invented a new labour-making device. It is a games in which "bogey" is three hours' work per night for five nights in the week. A fine is levied of 1/- for every hour less than the total fifteen. The proceeds will accumulate till the end of the term, when they will be spent on a "bust-up."

Gate-book rules are being enforced with fresh rigour. Five or ten minutes' overtime used not to matter, but now one or two constitute a grave offence. As for an extra night out, it is next door to "imposs."

A sociable little evening affair was planned to put the finishing touch on the ceremonies in connection with the opening of our brother residential college. Half St. Andrew's, however, misunderstood our rockets and proffers of light refreshment. They took our action unkindly and retaliated in a most despicable manner. We were so taken by surprise at this lack of a proper sense of humour that we hardly exacted adequate vengeance then, but—wait, and see.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE NOTES.

The Council has entered upon its duties very vigorously this term, as the Interstate visit calls for much deliberation. Adelaide will have the pleasure of meeting Perth (Claremont College) as well as their time-honoured rivals, Melbourne and Sydney. The latter are due to arrive on Saturday, August 4, Perth on Sunday, August 5. Buck up, College!

The editors are asking contributors to the Magazine to see that their articles are in early, as they wish to have the great bulk of the work off their hands before the Interstate visitors arrive. Collegians, see to it that your mag. does not suffer!

The doings of Third Year Med. are shrouded in mystery. We really must ask you not to be so curious about them!

AUSTRALIAN BLUES.

In the last issue of the Varsity Ragger I was an interested reader of an article written by someone beseeching the Sports Association to wake up and do something re the award of Australian Blues.

Admitting that from certain standpoints the method governing the award of these Blues leaves much to be desired, I would ask what can we do to improve it?

For a person to win an Adelaide University Blue it is essential for him to participate in some Inter-Varsity fixture, and so taking a line through this, I cannot see that any member of the A.U.S.A. who has not played for the Combined Universities of Australia versus some outside body can be or should be eligible for an Australian Blue.

The writer of the article to which I have already referred seems to look upon the eligibility of non-participants in the combined games with favour: when an award is made to such a person the Australian Blue will lose its significance, and will be an Australian Blue no longer.

Our friend (re the award of these Blues) quotes what I would call an extreme case arising out of last year's Inter-Varsity baseball fixtures. I would like to point out that a similar state of affairs can occur even with respect to the award of our own A.U.S.A. Blues. It is quite possible—and yet, I admit, improbable—that at the "shop" we might have two equally efficient men, both of Blue standard, fighting for the position of wicketkeeper in the cricket eleven. Only one can get it. Does our writer think that the unfortunate not included in the eleven should be eligible for an A.U.S.A. Blue? I consider this a parallel case to the one he quoted.

An Adelaide University Sports Association Blue is awarded to the one that has been of material value to that association, and likewise the Australian Universities Sports Association Blue is and should be awarded to one that has been of material value to that Association.

MERVYN W. EVANS.

Secretary A.U.S.A.

OUR VISIT FROM BATES.

In six weeks a debating team from Bates University, State of Maine, U.S.A., arrives here to wipe the floor with us.

But with the unparalleled talent of the Law School at our disposal the floor will not be wiped!

Might we suggest, however, to the Literary and Debating Society that it shows a little gumption—and a little talent—and prevents our friends across the passage from monopolising every place in the team?

The arrangements for the visit of the Bates men are in the hands of the Literary and Debating Society—so soon after its inception is this new society to prove its mettle!

Far be it from us to suggest inefficiency in these arrangements, but a notice appeared on Monday, requesting all names of competitors to be in by Friday. This is somewhat short notice in a 'Varsity whose students are noted for, nay, branded with, unutterable lethargy.

'VARSITY COLOURS.

Dear Sir,

To be quite candid, I think that the recommendations likely to be made to the General Committee of the Sports Association re the 'Varsity Colours are "last year's."

Some people never seem satisfied. What is wrong with "Black and White"? The opinion expressed by some is that they are too "funereal." I personally think that if instead of altering the Sports Association colours the ringleaders of the colour scheme would get together and devise means of improving the spirit beneath the present colours they would be doing far more good.

I do not wish to decry anybody's colours, but let us look at Melbourne's. Is their blue and black any better than our black and white? And after all said and done, is royal blue and gold very much superior to our much-discussed colours? I may be bigoted, prejudiced, or colour blind, but, nevertheless, it seems to me that Melbourne's black and blue is far more "funereal" than our black and white.

Are the proposed azure blue, gold, and silver going to be an improvement, and don't these colours approximate too closely to the blue and gold of Sydney? "Funereal" be bothered!

Look at the alterations that the colour schemers wish to effect. If the new colours are accepted—which I sincerely hope is not to be the case—consider the unnecessary work thrown on the shoulders of the Sports Association officials, an extensive change resulting in no improvement. All the sporting costumes would need redesigning, also an extensive alteration in the constitution and rules governing the award of Blues would be necessary.

For years past former members of the A.U.S.A. have worked for uniformity in sporting costume, and except for the sweater this has been obtained, and now come along a few dissatisfied members—undoubtedly with good intentions—urging for a change.

The graduates must also be considered. How would they like to see the black and white changed for azure blue, silver, and gold? It seems to me a mystery why they did not find out that black and white are "funereal." Over thirty years under the black and white pass successfully away when suddenly from within our midst arises a genius—one with a shrewd eye for colour—no more "funereal" colours for him!

Then what about the honour crest? Why substitute the University coat of arms for the present badge? It is not a University honour; it is an emblem of the Sports Association. The present badge seems to me ideal.

Maggie on the sun—from the South Australian flag.

Lamp of learning—University.

Laurel wreath—Sports.

It seems to me that the Colour Committee propose the adoption of three distinct blazers: (1) For all A.U.S.A. members; (2) For half blues; (3) For full blues. Let us consider this from a pecuniary standpoint. A fresher comes along, and after paying his sports sub. buys blazer No. 1. Then he participates in an Inter-'Varsity, and has to discard blazer No. 1 for No. 2. At last he gains his full blue, necessitating the purchase of blazer No. 3. Thus we see that in the course of two years it may be necessary to purchase at least three distinct blazers, whereas under the existing colours one coat is all that is necessary. Three distinct types of Sports Association blazer seem to me to be superfluous—two too many.

Black and white are not too "funereal" for me, and I hope that many are with me.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! The good old 'Varsity!

Hurrah! Hurrah! The best of battlers we;

The Black and White with all our might

Upheld shall proudly be,

As we go marching to victory."

MERVYN W. EVANS.

HALF BLUES.

Dear Sir,

I should like to express an opinion upon half blues.

New clubs are springing up everywhere in our life, thus making competition less keen for Inter-'Varsity honours. Since competition is much keener in the clubs with large memberships, surely those gaining Inter-'Varsity inclusion should be honoured more than the representatives of younger and less flourishing bodies.

It is the custom of the A.U.S.A. to award half blues to all Inter-'Varsity players.

A couple of years ago the baseballers couldn't get a team together to go to Sydney, and so two members of the rifle team and a couple of other fellows who were not any good at the game (but were financial) went, and all obtained half blues for baseball.

These fellows were not seriously 'ball players, and yet as the result of a holiday trip they obtained half blues prior to men of greater experience who were unable to make the trip.

Now surely the time has arrived for half blues to be awarded on the same basis as full blues!

I would suggest that half blues be awarded to men who have played regularly for an A team during a season, and also for Inter-'Varsity—this, of course, is essential. This would make a half blue a sign of real merit, and not merely good fortune, as in the above-mentioned case.

I should like to suggest also that blues be not awarded to clubs until they have been formed for three or four seasons. During that period half blues could be awarded instead. It is ridiculous to imagine that in one or two seasons a man can become as proficient as men who have been playing in the older clubs for a greater number of seasons.

Even if players have had a fair amount of experience in other teams before entering the 'Varsity, clubs should not expect blues until they have been formed at least two seasons.

Yours in the usual way,

"BULLER."