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COUNCIL APPROVES BORROWING SYSTEM FOR LIBRARY

Details of Scheme Not Yet Available

At its meeting last Friday afternoon, the University Council adopted in principle the recommendation of the Library Committee that students should be permitted to borrow books from the Barr Smith Library. The technical details of the scheme have not yet been finally decided, but the plan should be in operation in less than six weeks.

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Last Friday night a meeting was held in the Lady Simon Hall to discuss the infringement of civil liberties in Australia with particular regard to three Commonwealth statutes—the Crimes Act, the Transport Workers' Act, and the Defence Act.

Mr. Hawkins pointed out that four principles underlie English criminal jurisprudence: the accused has the right (1) to know and to cross examine witnesses for the prosecution, (2) to trial by jury, (3) to be regarded as innocent until proved guilty, and (4) to refuse to answer questions or produce documents which tend to incriminate him. In respect of certain political offences these rights have been impaired and abrogated by the Crimes Act. The Act introduces the idea of guilty by association, i.e., it is a criminal offence to belong to an unlawful association, and further more the allegations of the prosecutor are prima facie correct. Contrary to what Lord Sankey in the leading case in the House of Lords referred to as the basic principle of criminal law, the accused must prove his innocence. Satis est.

The Transport Workers' Act has to be read to be believed. A transport worker, roughly, is anyone engaged in the transport of goods by sea. Every such worker is required to be licensed; no unlicensed person can engage in work on the waterside. A licensing officer may cancel a licence if the worker has (inter alia) disobeyed any lawful order of his employer, refused work in accord with terms of current award, or been convicted under any law of any offence committed on a ship or wharf. Any worker who shows the slightest tendency to develop into a labor leader can be quietly de-licensed and deprived of his means of livelihood. O tempora, O mores!

The Defence Act, of which the most obnoxious part is at present suspended, is well known. We can finish no better than by quoting Lord Justice Scrutton: "You really believe in freedom of speech if you are willing to allow it to men whose opinions seem to you wrong and even dangerous."

UNION EVENTS

NEW DAY ADDRESS—To-morrow:
Father Owen Dudley.
Subject: "Communism."

Varsity Ball—Wednesday, May 11th.

MEN'S UNION DINNER—Saturday, May 21st.

Societies:

To-night: Law Students' Debate.

To-morrow: S.C.M. Tea.

Thursday: S.C.M. Dance, at the Embassy.

Monday, May 9: Carnegie Gramophone Recital.

DISCUSSION ON UNION AFFAIRS

An informal Union meeting was held last Wednesday to give an opportunity for the airing of grievances and the asking of questions. The President of the Union was in the chair. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the meeting was the large attendance of Medical students.

The President opened the discussion by asking why the Medical students did not ask outside members of the Union to their ball? Mr. Dibden said that the Medical students were not wholly pleased with the administration of Union affairs. Mr. Yeatman pointed out that a large number of honories and their wives had to be invited, and Mr. Funder said that Med. students made a point of refusing invitations to other Faculty dances, since they asked no one to their ball, but was challenged by Mr. Crisp. Mr. Funder said that the question was to come up again this year.

Mr. Yeatman, in dealing with the question of a Union shop, complained of the extraordinary methods of trade discounts used by some firms, and said that since undergraduates were comparatively well off, he thought the proposed discount was bad in principle; poorer people obtained no such concession. Here Mr. Game brought us back to the point—the present electoral system in the University. Mr. Crisp pleaded for men and women voting for all candidates—the "all-in" vote. Mr. Holmes said the men and women would not know each other, and that instead of complaining, the other Faculties should perfect their organisation and thus elect their candidates. Mr. Yeatman said that much of the criticism of the Meds. for taking so small a part in Union affairs was unjust, since in the hospital years they had no time. Mr. Bunday suggested that one Faculty representative be automatically elected, and the remainder of the candidates elected by general voting.

Mr. Johnston said that all the previ-

Faculty was to be the sole reason of our existence here. If so, the Union is practically useless. Mr. Willoughby reported that the Dentistry students were apathetic towards Union affairs, since they had to work so hard to learn their trade.

Here Mr. Coaldrake, of Brisbane University, told us how things are run there. Every Faculty, however small, has one representative; but if over seventy members there are two. President and vice-president are elected by the whole student body. No Faculty can control the committee, but if it represents a really vigorous body of opinion it can express that and swing the committee. This system has increased interest in Union activities very greatly.

Mr. Crisp asked about the supply of liquor if the Men's Union dinner be held in the Union Building. Mr. Bridgland, speaking strictly unofficially, said that he thought there was a good chance of the dinner being allowed with the supply of liquor.

Mr. Johnston asked about the duplication of functions in the Lady Simon and Men's Union Building, and suggested that a common library and common room be formed, with the top floor of both buildings open to both men and women.

Mr. Crisp, Miss Wighton, and Miss Young, and Mr. Holmes supported this plan.

The comparatively large attendance at this meeting suggests that similar ones be held fairly often would serve as a safety valve to the surplus indignation which gathers from time to time in the student body. This would be an excellent thing, and we hope to see more of them.

CAMPBELL DOES IT AGAIN!

The Varsity Sports were held last Friday afternoon. For the sixth time in succession, Alan Campbell, the speedy Med., took first place in the hundred yards championship. This is a Varsity record. Congratulations.

GRADUATES' WEEK

MAY 11-18.

The dates for Graduate Week and the programme of events have now been finally arranged. Notices are being sent out to the graduates, and it is hoped that their response will be better than last year. This particular function is of recent growth, and has not yet developed into anything very vital; in time, however, it should come to be recognised as the essential link between the University and those who have come under its influence.

The week begins on Wednesday, 11th, which is the date of the Varsity ball. A rifle shooting match against undergrads will be held on Saturday, and the Blues' Club dinner in the night. A reunion has been arranged for Monday night, and the Graduates will play matches in various sports against present teams on Wednesday afternoon. At night the debate will be held. This year it has been decided to hold two contests: a two-a-side debate for women and a three-a-side for men.

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PROVOCATIONS

The Book of Job, pregnantly asks, "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook?" and to endeavor in Provocations to express fully the place and function of the University is an equally impossible undertaking. The last open meeting of the Union, however, made it patent that there is some confusion as to the real being of the University, and the importance of the Union in University life.

Briefly, in the present state of society, under the existing examination system (controlled from the University with the co-operation of the schools), the University would appear to have two main functions. The first, and ideally the more important, is to keep alive and to instigate the growth of the pursuit and love of knowledge. A good deal of claptrap has been talked about "knowledge for its own sake," but unless there is some body, institution—what you will, individual even—whose primary devotion is to peering into wells—of physical and mental science, economics, literature, history, and the rest—without bothering very much about the bucket, there must come an ultimate stagnation in the community. So long as the human mind and body are set to develop and live in a three-fold world—a world of other minds and bodies and of natural phenomena, where ultimately the mind is the dominating factor—the body, the mind, the natural phenomena, and their agglomeration, human society, must be under the microscope, and there must be a laboratory to house the microscope. I would suggest that the University is this laboratory. It is the one place where all the activities of the human mind—for the moment I am not considering emotions other than those which express themselves through what we call the arts—are brought together impersonally, and through the minds and wills of its members made personal. Its position is unique. Moreover, its uniqueness should not, and does not, segregate or divorce it from what is commonly known as the world of men and women.

The second function of the University, and, in these thronging days, to the student, at all events, its primary function is to equip the strangers within its gates for the professions of doctor, lawyer, engineer, teacher, or educated female. With the numbers who now seek the "higher education," the staff, with a few exceptions, keep alive what I have already outlined as the ideal principal function of the University. I would not suggest that the training of men and women for professions by the University is illegitimate. It is to be deprecated, however, that this should in so many cases be the sole justification for its existence. The exigencies of modern life demand, or seem to demand, a quick course and a specialised course. Consequently, too many gabbling parrots, one-eyed specialists, and dazed intellectuals are shot forth from the University precincts after a set period of years. I would reiterate that the training of men and women for professional positions is entirely within the scope of the University, but that it is to be regretted that in a great number of instances the process should be narrowing rather than broadening.

The position of a body such as the Union in the University cosmos is important, but it is not all-important, as is sometimes tacitly implied by various of its members. Ideally, again, the Union should be a common meeting ground for the Faculties, where something of the wider significance of the University should become apparent and active. Intelligent conversation can often bring out far more, and put in far more at the same time, than scuffling in books for facts and theories. Unfortunately, the general system precludes, up to a point, a large section of the students from anything but their direct syllabus work. Last Wednesday's meeting made that clear—not for the first time.

The Union has also its social usefulness, and in addition to this it

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ORGANISATION JUSTIFIED

It is often complained that the students of this University are too highly organised; that there are too many societies and too many committees; that time which ought to be spent in thinking is devoted to devising societies in which to think. Often we have heard the National Union of Australian University Students described as a product of that craving for organisation. We agree that it is very easy to slip into the habit of organising for no valid reason, but we suggest that the criticism as applied to the National Union is invalid. And for this reason (among many others), that it is a first step towards bringing our Universities into touch with world student organisations.

We have recently received pamphlets and circulars advertising the second World Youth Congress to be held at Vassar College, New York, which is being strongly supported by the World Student Association. At the conference will be present representatives of the National Unions of students of many, perhaps most, countries of the world. They will discuss the cultural and economic status of students, the international role of students, and the possibility of co-operation. Here lies the way to building up an internationally minded body of students. Similarly, the trade unions, the scientists, the artists, and the medical men have their international organisations. This is the logical way to overcome the national spirit. A worker may have some difficulty in appreciating internationalism in the abstract, but he readily understands the fact that he is united with workers all over the world by a common desire, a common aim. Each unit of society can transcend national boundaries by linking up with people having similar ideas in other countries, and students no less than others.

Our National Union is the logical first step towards the entry of Australia into the world student organisations. We look forward to the time when the Universities of this country will join with others in making a contribution, peculiarly student and international, to the solution of current problems.

LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY S.C.M. CONFERENCE

The Law students held their first ordinary meeting for the year last Tuesday night. During the business session a motion was carried in favor of a Law magazine to appear at the end of the year.

The main business of the night was the opening address by Mr. G. S. Reed, K.C.

The marks of a profession are, one, that it involves a knowledge and skill, and, two, it demands a high standard of conduct—and the basis of that conduct is service. In the legal profession, that service expresses itself by and in the administration of justice. And so strongly is this considered the duty of practitioners that they are actually officers of the court. Because practitioners are officers of the court, and so that the public may be protected from superior knowledge, they are subject to many restrictions, imposed both by law and by the conventions of the profession. Mr. Reed proceeded to outline some of their restrictions, and in doing so gave everybody a distinct shock—they are of a very wide nature.

offers a good training ground in its committees for administration of one sort. Notwithstanding this, I would argue that the Union is not the most important thing in University life. It may be the largest organised body. It should be a connecting link between the two main functions of the University as they now stand. It is not there for the accretion of property; its paper should not have to descend to the "comic" level to get a reading; its debates should not develop into clumsy personalities, and the uninspired pleasantries which pass for humor. More often than not, pleas for "student rights," and the Union itself, are irrelevant when the University—not the Front Office, or the Council, or the Education Committee, or the Board of Discipline, or any other committee—but the University as a whole, and its being, its place in the individual and in the community life, is considered.

Mount Lofty and the Anzac weekend were the place and time respectively of the S.C.M. Conference, which discussed certain social institutions in the light of the Christian ethic. On Friday night Rev. C. H. Murray gave the first address on "Love, the Law of Life"; Prof. Portus followed on Saturday night with "The Christian View of Private Property," and on Sunday night J. Yeatman, K. Newman, and F. Coaldrake spoke on "The Christian View of Sex and Marriage."

The general feeling at conference was that these social institutions, property and marriage, must be tested in the light of two precepts. Firstly, that every man has his own individual worth, no man can be used by society or individuals for their own end; and, secondly, that the proper relation between men is one of active intelligent co-operation. An economic system which allows the employer to exploit the worker is bad; so too is a sex relation which enables one person to make use of another to satisfy his needs—so that talk of a husband's rights in this connection is bunk and immorality can be found within marriage as well as without.

On the Friday after conference Frank Coaldrake, late of the Brisbane University, gave an address in the Lady Simon—"Why (on earth) Pray." His thesis was that the present situation demands that we apply the mind of Christ and not the attitude of mind engendered from competition. It is only through prayer that we come to find the mind of Christ. Its justification is that it is found of great benefit by men such as Kagawa, Koo, and Schweitzer—it supplies the driving force behind their work. The crux of the matter is that prayer is not an escape from reality but a linking up of the Christian ethic with daily life.

UNION COMMITTEE

The committee met on April 26. After the reading and confirming of the minutes, it was decided to refer the statement of accounts of the celebration ball to the Men's Union. The profits were £46 10/-. Portion of this sum will be expended on the purchase of a table for the men's lounge.

It having been felt for some time that the cafeteria might function more speedily, the President, Professor Campbell, and Dr. Pennycuik were appointed to inquire into the matter, and were given power to order extra chairs and cutlery whenever the need should arise.

It was decided that the grant to the Men's Union should be £40, which is slightly larger than last year's.

The President read a letter, signed by a number of students, relating to Chinese student relief, and asking the Union to allow, or to sponsor, an appeal. This received a sympathetic hearing, and the President, Professor Campbell, and Messrs. Amos and Holmes were deputed to make enquiries.

The application of certain students to establish a dance music club was then dealt with; and it was decided that they be permitted to use the Lady Symon Hall during the lunch hour.

It was decided to make graduates who are not Union members honorary members for Graduates' Week. This is customary.

It was suggested that negotiations be entered into with the M.T.T. with a view to obtaining fares at specially reduced rates for Varsity students. Messrs. Willoughby and Nichterlein will inquire into the matter.

The introduction of liquor into the premises to enable the Men's Union to hold its dances in the George Murray Hall, was discussed, and it was decided to approach the Council.

The meeting closed shortly after 6 o'clock.

AQUINAS SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Aquinas Society of South Australia was held in the men's lounge recently. The retiring President (Mr. J. F. Brazel, LL.B.) was in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. F. P. Kelly, LL.B., the Secretary's report was read by Mr. F. I. O'Grady. The report told of a year's activities that made 1937 one of the most satisfactory since the society's inception.

The election of officers for the year 1938 resulted as follows:—Patron: His Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide, Most Rev. Dr. Killian, B.A.; Vice-Patron, His Lordship the Bishop Elect of Port Augusta, Right Rev. Dr. Lonergan; President, Mr. A. J. Hannan, K.C., M.A., LL.B.; Vice-President, Mr. F. I. O'Grady; Secretary, Mr. Denis Hannon; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Kenihan, A.C.U.A.; Committee, Messrs. G. V. Culshaw, LL.B., V. W. Mansell, Colin Alderman, J. E. Kelly, LL.B., and Dr. T. W. Kelly. The Society's Chaplain is Rev. Father Wilfrid Ryan, S.J.

The new President, Mr. A. J. Hannan, in a short address indicated that a great deal had been done towards the furtherance of the society's main object, the establishment of a Catholic University College. A fund had been inaugurated and several handsome donations had been received from various prominent citizens. He urged members to keep this object ever before them. Mr. Hannan said that he was sure that all would work enthusiastically with him to this end.

The committee are arranging for Father Owen Dudley, the distinguished English author and lecturer, to address the society early in May. Father Owen Dudley's books, and his novels in particular, enjoy a world-wide circulation. His lovable character, "the Masterful Monk," is as well-known as G. K. Chesterton's "Father Brown."

It has been arranged that Father Dudley shall give an address at the University to-morrow (Wednesday) at 1.30 p.m.

**PRIVATE FACES
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PUBLIC FACES**

There seem to be more and more small cars being driven by University students. One feels these are too small to have horns. Bells would be more appropriate.

A new fad in the Men's Union gymnasium is the performance of exercises in the nude. One of these bright fellows has invented a little act on the horizontal bar, which he calls the Windy Loop.

Certain exercises, however, are eschewed by these nudists; they say the performance of these injures their pride.

The glass doors are particularly suited for the popular gaze, and no doubt the civil and architectural engineers would be keenly interested whenever there was a parade of foundations.

HOW TO DO IT.

The burst of engagements between the members of the S.C.M. in the last twelve months has at last made people realise the value of that organisation as a respectable matrimonial and romance bureau, so much so that the Anzac week-end conference was crowded to overflowing. Over one hundred flocked up to Mount Lofty, and from all reports there were nice goings on in the Y.W.C.A., which saw more than it ever expected. There is said to be a move afoot to create a Lonely Hearts' Club, on American lines, as a local subsidiary to the S.C.M.

Would all those Union members who would use a special tram pass or concession ticket (if available to students at special rates), please leave their names at the Secretary's office during this week to form a basis for negotiations between the Union and the M.T.T.

R. G. WILLOUGHBY.

RE FRESHERS.

The timekeepers, starters, announcers, and scratched competitors almost outnumbered the onlookers at the sports on Friday. There were so many of one and so few of the other. Early arrivals thought the amplifier somewhat warped until they recognised the well-known voice of Mr. Espie at the other end. Later Mr. Ackland-Horman checked in, and showed that he knew his A.B.C. by the way he chatted that mike.

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FOOTBALL.

On Saturday we made a trip to Largs Reserve, where we couldn't quite make the distance against Semaphore Centrals. Although our chaps played a good second half, Centrals' combination in the early stages enabled them to put on a lead which we had much difficulty in overhauling.

For Varsity Pat Kleinschmidt played an excellent game in goals, while Phil Goode was very hard to pass on the half-back line. "Bunny" Masters must have obtained a pair of special spring legs to do his remarkable high marking. On the whole, however, the team played a game which indicates that this match was only a minor setback.

Best players.—Kleinschmidt, Phil Goode, Masters, Brown, Madigan.

The B's followed up their win of last week with another good effort, this time against Combined Banks.

University B—14.16; Banks—6.4.
Best players.—Lokan, Nicholls, Lindsay, White, Wellington, Hill, Hammat.

SOCCER.

On Saturday the A's had their most severe defeat in their four years of existence. West Torrens, sad to relate, scored 5 goals to nil. The trouble, as previously, was with our forwards, who missed time after time, whereas Torrens snapped home every opportunity. The tale is too doleful to further elaborate.

Best players.—Evans, Waters, Jarrett.

The B's were unfortunate to lose 1 goal to nil. In view of their rapidly improving form they should improve their position before long.

Best players.—Womersley and Jackson.

RIFLE CLUB.

This club had a very successful day when it entered two teams in the 5th match of the M.D.R.U. series on Saturday, 30th April.

No. 1 team, shooting in B grade, topped the grade in the championship scores with 522 out of a possible 560, while No. 2 team were easily top of D grade with 521.

Good scores by W. C. R. Brooke and J. Barrien, the latter scoring a possible in the 2nd round, put them at the top of B and D grades respectively in the individual aggregates of the 5 matches of the series.

Best scores:—

No. 1 TEAM.

	Total.
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C. H. Mutton	38 39-77
A. E. Welbourne	38 39-77
W. C. R. Brooke	39 38-77

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HOCKEY.

For the Hockey Club Saturday was a depressing day. The A's showed quite clearly that they have not been training seriously enough yet; the B's were apparently no better; and the C's fielded the traditional eight men with the traditional result. It will be correctly inferred from the above that all three teams lost.

A's lost to Forestville, 1-2.

Although University played badly, Forestville were lucky to win. A number of our attacks looked like resulting in a score, but good shots by Fenner and Hargrave just failed to get past. Our only goal was scored by McPhie, with a fine run through. The score at half-time was 2-1 to Forestville, and although in the second half University had most of the play there was no further score. Close played particularly well at centre-half, and Newland and Fenner also showed form.

B's lost to Forestville, 2-4.

Goal-hitters—Dennis, Knight.
Best players.—Clarke, Semmler, and Irwin.

C's lost to Knightsbridge, 0-8.

The best players were Aitchison, Crisp, and Jones.

Election of Captains.

The captain and vice-captain of the A team, who were elected just before the match, are F. J. Fenner and R. Motteram respectively.

LACROSSE.

On Saturday the A's played St. Peter's, a team renowned for wearing their numbers on their trousers. We were disappointed, however, when we found that this year they were numbered on the back. Our forwards were evidently disturbed by this, because, although we had nearly all the play, they could not score goals. Four attacks in the 2nd quarter gave St. Peter's four goals, but apart from that we were nearly always in possession. The backline played well, but our forwards need much practice in combination and shooting for goal.

St. Peter's defeated Varsity, 6-3.

Goal-throwers.—Martin, Barnfield, D. Taylor.

Best players.—Nancarrow, Nairn, M. Taylor, Duffield.

Before the match Isaachsen was elected captain, Nairn vice-captain, and M. Taylor 3rd selector.

BASEBALL.

The A's began the season with the loss of a number of prominent players—such as Gillespie, Smith, Taylor, Sutherland, Reilly and Stevenson—and with this drawback the team has so far done quite well to draw one of its matches and to lose the other by only 3-1.

The A's played Glenelg on Saturday 23rd and lost through a multitude of errors, all made by the "strong" infield and eight of them by last year's players. Our only run was scored by sound batting—a combination of hits by Johnston and Thompson brought the former home. Catt pitched well.

Scores.—Varsity, 1; Glenelg, 3.

Hitters.—Swan, Johnston, Thompson,

Saturday, 30th.

The match that the A's played against East Torrens showed an improvement on the previous week's performance. Catt pitched well, and a good performance in the field kept Torrens out until late in the match. A wild throw, however, by Catt to 2nd base, missed by Gould and by O'Grady in the outfield, brought home two East Torrens men. We had only one more innings and it looked as if we would lose, but a mighty smash by Gould to left field resulted in his reaching second and two others coming home.

Scores: Varsity, 2; East Torrens, 2.
Safe-hitters.—Swan (2), Gould, Thompson, Kilgareff, Nichterlein.

VARSIITY SPORTS.

TREGONING'S PHENOMENAL PERFORMANCE.

The most outstanding feature of the Varsity sports, which were held on the Varsity Oval on Friday last, was Tregoning's record-breaking shot putt. The distance that he hurled the 16 lb. weight was no less than 42 ft. 4½ in. This broke all records, including those of the Adelaide Varsity and the Australian Universities.

R. B. Craven won the Varsity cup. He put up a very good all-round performance, winning the high jump and the 220, and coming second in the 100 and the broad jump.

The Medical Faculty was outstanding for the number and performance of its athletes, and it won the inter-Faculty cup and relay race without any trouble.

Lady Hicks very kindly presented the trophies to the winners, and the Athletic Club, through "On Dit," would like to express its sincere thanks to her.

Results:—

100 Yards Championship: Campbell, Craven, Edelman. 10 3-5 sec.

100 Yards Handicap: Rofe, McPhie, Jeffries, 10 2-5 sec.

880 Yards Championship: R. Ward, J. Hill, Robertson. 2 min. 15 7-10 sec.

880 Yards Handicap: D. Cowell, Eyles, Fairweather. 2 min. 18 4-5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles Championship: A. R. Magarey, Hammell, Gratton. 17 3-5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdles Handicap: Gratton, Hammill, Hodge. 18 1-10 sec.

Putting the Shot: Tregoning, Osman, Ackland-Horman. 42 ft. 4½ in.

220 Yards Championship: Craven, Hunter, Dalwitz. 23 1-3 sec.

220 Yards Handicap: Jeffries, McPhie, Price (dead heat second). 24 3-5 sec.

High Jump: Craven, Michaels, Fairlie.

Broad Jump Handicap: Rowe, Edelman, Parkhouse. 21 ft. 3 in. (handicap, 1 ft. 3 in.).

Broad Jump Championship: G. Steele, Craven, Rowe. 20 ft. 4½ in.

Pole Vault: Rowe, Edelman, Parkhouse. 8 ft.

440 Yards Championship: B. Ward, Dalwitz, R. Ward. 55 9-10 sec.

440 Yards Handicap: Arnold, Robertson, Noack. 60 7-10 sec.

Mile Championship: J. Cowell, P. Goode, Bromley. 5 min. 16 3-10 sec.

Mile Handicap: Eyles, Motteram, King. 5 min. 19 2-5 sec.

440 Yards Hurdles: R. Steel, Magarey, Gratton. 63 3-5 sec.

220 Yards Hurdles: Gratton, King, Bennett, 31 sec.

Throwing Cricket Ball: P. Jay, Gurner (equal).

Kicking Football: K. South.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The A team won its first match on Saturday, defeating Public Service by 3 goals to 1. Goal-hitters: V. Srzich, J. Gluis, A. Anderson.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL.

Results:—
A's lost to Teachers' College, 32-30.
B's lost to Teachers' College, 25-24.
C's defeated Teachers' College, 20-18.

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BUNDEY ON ELECTIONS

The Editor, "On Dit."

When the question of reform of the present election system was raised at the informal general meeting of the Union, held 27/4/38, and when Mr. Crisp suggested that to cure such defects as, for instance, the absence of a Law student upon the Union committee, candidates should be elected by a combined vote of both sexes, I felt that, as a Law student, I should express certain views which I personally held, and which, I had reason to believe, were shared by many others. My main object in speaking was to make it clear that Mr. Crisp's suggested reforms were not necessarily approved by all Law students, and not to complain that the Faculty to which I belong considered itself unjustly treated. I was, unfortunately, unable to remain till the conclusion of the meeting and to avail myself of the opportunity seized by those present to speak more than once to the same subject-matter. I should be pleased, therefore, if you would permit me to make certain comments through the medium of your columns.

(1) One speaker suggested that it was dissatisfaction on the part of the Law students that was responsible for this matter being raised. There is a grain of truth in that statement, but it is rather misleading. It is perhaps true that non-representation on the Union committee has—somewhat unpleasantly—brought home to Law students the disadvantages of the present system. On the other hand, it must be remembered that Law students have been so well represented in the past that they have little reason to fear that the present is more than a temporary setback, and—at least, if voters are required to vote for the full number required to be elected—there is every likelihood that Law will soon be as well represented as in the past.

(2) Combined voting by both sexes would neither solve the problem of Faculty representation nor ensure the return of the best committee available. The only Faculty that would benefit substantially would be Arts, and it is at least doubtful whether they are suffering severely under the present system.

(3) My suggestion is that the following Faculties or bodies shall each elect one male member to the Union Committee: (1) Arts; (2) Commerce (including those taking the degree of B.Ec.); (3) Dentistry; (4) Engineering; (5) Law; (6) Medicine; (7) Science (including Agricultural Science). The remaining male member (or members) should be elected by a ballot of all eligible male voters. If it should be felt that larger Faculties ought to have greater representation, that question could be considered, but it should be borne in mind that the member (or members) to be elected by all students will almost certainly belong to the largest Faculty.

I advance the following arguments to support this proposed system:

(a) It is desirable that every Faculty should be represented on the Union Committee, which may thus know the attitude of all Faculties to Union affairs, and may, therefore, conduct Union affairs in a manner approved by all or most of its members.

(b) There is little danger of parochialism. Any system of constituency representation has attendant risks, but in important questions local interests are generally subordinated to national interest, and it is unlikely that Faculty jealousies would ever frustrate measures in the interest of the whole Union.

(c) Multiple electorates are undesirable and usually mean no representation for minorities.

In conclusion, it must be admitted that some disadvantages would attach to this system if introduced. For instance, where there are several outstanding men in one Faculty, obviously all cannot be elected. To some extent this difficulty can be overcome by electing such men to the Men's Union Committee. In so far as the difficulty remains, let it be remembered that there is usually at least one man in each Faculty worthy of a place on the committee, and that the loss of a good committeeman will be outweighed by the advantages that are likely to accrue.

G. WILLIAM BUNDEY.

ABORTION ABHORRED

To the Editor, "On Dit."

What does the writer of "Legalised Abortion" want? If from a charitable motive he wants to get every unfortunate single woman out of trouble, one may understand his misguided philosophy, but if, as is inevitable should his wish fulfilment come true, abortion is legalised, the path of easy virtue, so well trodden these days, will become so crowded these days, will traffic laws of the city of Adelaide would be futile to deal with the rush.

Because of its consequences, there can be only one legitimate outlet for the urge of sex, and any move that makes easier the avoiding of responsibility is fraught with extreme danger to the community and the nation. An inflexible law is necessary: for the great majority of families; for the sake of husbands and wives, who must set an ideal of lifelong loyalty, and whose love must aspire to be stronger than passion; for the sake of the children, who must be ensured an enduring background of family life; for the sake of the community, the health of which is based on family homes.

Thank God, the British Empire, which has shown it will have no truck with Communism, is built on traditions such as make abortion a felony, and that this particular tradition is still very much alive in the heart of England, is evident by the tightening up of the law with regard to abortion by the introduction of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act as recently as 1929.

The Russian experiment of legalised abortion has produced such serious social results that for many years now the availability of the disservice has been drastically curtailed. When the mass abortion factories were in full blast under a trained staff with surgical asepsis the mortality was surprisingly high. Incidentally, it is stated the last census figures were surpassed because the results were disappointingly below expectations. The State control of the children has produced a mob of undisciplined hooligans.

Abortion is fundamentally wrong, and no situation can ever possibly make it right, save those cases where, for a sufficient reason, a procedure is adopted which may result indirectly in miscarriage. The proper remedy in this matter is the inculcation of the proper amount of self-discipline,

A COMPLAINT

The Editor, "On Dit"

In your last issue of April 26, mention was made for the nth time (where n=infinity) of the lamentable lack of assistance "from the majority of your readers." Well, Sir, every issue of "On Dit" that I have read has had at least one matter in it which I should have liked to debate, but, having written three letters this term to your paper, none of which were, I gather, so much as sniffed at, I refrained many times from expressing my views in writing. Now, Sir, this is a shocking state of affairs. What of all the other umpteen members of the Union in similar position?

Many times have articles and letters begged and prayed for articles and ideas from students, with apparently little result. My suggestion in this matter is that for one trial week you call for contributions from all members of the Union. If but one half of them respond you will at least have a better idea of the "talent" available. "J. R. SANDCROFT."

The Editors are opposed to editorial footnotes, but consider they have a right to answer the above:—

(1) The quotation concerning lack of assistance is taken from what was stated to be a contributed article—not editorial matter.

(2) The other "umpteen members of the Union" are not "in a similar position." We have rejected only eight letters for the whole year.

(3) The above letter seems entirely to lack point (as the writer's previous letters lacked merit) since the final conclusion that all members should contribute is exactly what we want.—

and our "Med.," who, by his attitude, disgraces the profession to which he aspires, would occupy his time better as an apostle of purity instead of promiscuity.

I have had many reasons in recent years to deplore the growth of atheistic materialism in our University, and if this "plea" is an example of the type of thought it engenders, consequent degradation and decadence would appear inevitable, and it would be better that the Union, for which we all strove so mightily, had never existed, if it forms the means of fostering such horrible, felonious, anti-social by-products.

BARBDWYER.

To the Editor, "On Dit."

To legalise abortion would be a foolish thing, to say the least. If we are to curtail "sin," then we must make it and the consequences as unpleasant as possible. If the "young" were to discover that "sin" were pleasant, and that the consequences thereof could be legally circumvented, where would we be?

Your contributor recognises that our right as citizens to hound the mother of an illegitimate child to desperation, to deny the "sinfully" begotten brat the full freedom enjoyed by those born in wedlock, and to demand, in the event of the mother's seeking to evade her just responsibilities, that the operation shall threaten her health and render her speedy departure from among us exceedingly probable, is one of the foundation-stones of a decent Christian and progressive civilisation. J. D. Unwin, in his "Sex and Culture" (see Pub. Lib. or Mr. Huxley's bovrilised account in "Ends and Means"), proves, both empirically from a survey of many past and present cultures, and from modern psychological knowledge, that there is a marked correlation between sexual freedom and social vigor. In fact, social activity is inversely proportional to sexual promiscuity. It follows at once from this, that if the sun is to continue never to set on the British Empire, and that moreover our domination of inferior races is to be extended, we must demand chastity of our unmarried women. To legalise abortion, then, is to imperil our sacred destiny.

I have done my best for civilisation, for, Sir, I am

"A WITHERED VIRGIN."

THE PERFECT ORGAN

The main fault, in eyes accustomed to spotting Class II's in molars, is that "On Dit" should have less S.C.M. and P. & I.R.C. rubbish in it, and more articles of general interest, such as the goings on at committee meetings, of which, heretofore, very little was available to the proletariat. Also, who wants to read in Tuesday's issue that Centaurs beat Varsity B by 6 to 2? Of far greater interest to sportsmen would be critiques of teams or how they lost, where improvements could be made, and so on, by the appropriate captains.

The Law students' idea of cartoons and caricatures is a jolly good one.

The leading articles are generally pessimistic, or at least glum, on some aspect of modern life which is of great interest to economists and theologians, but to few others besides. Also, much valuable space is wasted by using italics for these leading articles, using 13 lines in the space normally filled with 16 lines. Last week's leading article began 14 lines from the top of its column, and if this were readjusted, and the type changed from italics, there would become available space for about 150 words—quite a tidy little letter.

More general topics and articles are doomed to failure, however, unless everyone is willing to write his little bit.

which your paper, 'On Dit,' enables the public to keep in touch with the lofty views, the sound scholarship, and the rational methods of thought at present current among the undergraduates of the University of Adelaide."

AGAINST MORALITY

The Editor, "On Dit."

In last week's issue of "On Dit" you published an article, "Legalised Abortion," written by a Med. student. This article contains many objectionable statements, and is inconsistent from beginning to end.

Apart from the medical aspect of the matter, on which it is sufficient to say that the general opinion among leading medical men on this subject is that abortion is always, without exception, accompanied by risk to life, the attitude which the writer takes concerning morality is open to attack.

First of all, does he understand what morality is? By his own statement, it would appear that he thinks "moral" and "prudish" are almost synonymous. Let me tell him, then, that morality is that property by which an act may be said to be good or bad, and that it sets a standard by which all should, as far as possible, live.

He says: "I do not propose to enter into the question of preliminary morals," inferring that morals are merely to be acknowledged as existing, but beyond that they should be dismissed by more enlightened minds, such as that of a Med. student. Morality is and must be the foundation of all law, otherwise why would laws be made at all, if not to distinguish between right and wrong? And there must be some definite rule on which they can be based, and that rule is morality, but not prudery, with which the former has, in its strict sense, absolutely no connection.

I wish, then, to express my resentment to the tone of this article, and to declare that there are many people who would wholeheartedly and without prejudice oppose such legislation.

HELEN DEVANEY.

MURDER!

The Editor, "On Dit."

With reference to the article in the last issue of "On Dit," permit me to point out the thorough illogic of every one of the statements of the author of "Legalised Abortion."

In the first place, he has not even considered the fact that the unborn child, in the same way as any other human being, has the right to life. This right is an inalienable one, and nobody on earth has the power to take it away. Undoubtedly, everyone can sympathise with the single woman who is faced with such a predicament, but who can deny that a life should not be taken to atone for her misdeed. Capital punishment is the fruit of the worst crimes a man could commit, and in as many cases as possible it is not inflicted whenever there is a loophole.

Why, then, should a poor innocent unborn creature pay the extreme penalty before it has even had the chance to know what life is?

For my part, Sir, I do not stand for Victorian cries about morality and so forth. I admit that until recently morality was often confused with prudery. But surely in these enlightened days we know that there is a certain moral code to which we must keep under all conditions, and I maintain that for the good of the future of the race we must stand firm against such pleas as these. Their being granted would eventually ruin the world.

"A LOVER OF DECENT LIVING."

We have also received letters opposing abortion from M. Francis (?), "No Prude," "Righteousness," "Believer in Morality," and "Indignant Woman Student." Lack of space prevents us from publishing them, but the arguments advanced are set forth in the published letters.

However, we take the liberty of printing a part of the epistle of M. Francis (?), which, by its lofty satire, is entitled to a place in any official organ as a literary effort:

"One can only hope that if medical men ever consent to degrade their profession to these gutter-depths, the lawyers will refuse to accompany them in their war on children. In conclusion, may I congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on the admirable way in