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Revue Trembles in the Balance

SWAN SONG

NOTES FROM NOTABLES.

Our ace social reporter found ex-Editor Crisp sadly regarding his faithful and upstanding roadster, George, as it reclined nonchalantly against a tree outside the Barr Smith. His coming infidelity has left George sadly shaken though still capable of some interstate records. It appears that George is on the market.

The ex-Editor thinks the Europe he is soon to enter a rather grim place at the moment. He believes (as apparently does another noted commentator, Mr. J. M. Keynes) that the whole trend of recent Western European diplomacy means an ultimate attack on the Soviet Union by Germany, with the active or passive support of other Powers. Mr. Crisp deplores any such development, as he believes (on the basis of usually reliable Genevan and American reports) that the economic side of the experiment is progressing well, that the ordinary people are finding increasing opportunities and freedom, even though political cannibalism is a widespread custom amongst the party leaders. Sweden, where the cause of State Socialism is advancing, and where Professors of Economics sit in the Senate, has also caught the Crisp imagination.

Strong for National Union.

George's owner is as enthusiastic about the National Union as ever. He hopes as many as can, whether official delegates or not, will attend the January conference in Melbourne. Many recent Adelaide Union innovations are the result of interstate experience transmitted through N.U.A.U.S. and its conferences (e.g., the shop, the Barr Smith lending system). He hopes much of the travel and book-buying schemes at present being initiated under the same auspices. Mr. Crisp has himself just secured a letter of introduction and credentials from the N.U.A.U.S. to the English National Union, and he advises any students going to England for work or pleasure, so long as they are current members of our local Union, to do likewise, as they may thereby get substantial travel concessions in England.

In general, the Rhodes Scholar seemed very sorry to be leaving Adelaide Union affairs, where, as he put it, he has been Public Nuisance No. 1 for a couple of years. He was non-committal about Oxford ambitions, and said that apparently you have to be pretty good to butt into debates over there—he hopes to be a regular and dumb back-bencher and an assiduous collector of wisecracks for the use of Adelaide inter-Varsity teams. As he says, we must keep the President of the Philippines' Debating Cup now we have it. He was very enthusiastic about Mr. Barbour's proposal to take a debating team touring in the country next May vac. as a training for inter-Varsity debating; says the Sydney people have done that sort of thing for ages with great success. Says he would like to see Messrs. Matison and Johnston debate against an Oxford team if N.U.A.U.S. secures one for 1940.

CONGRATULATIONS

To: Helen Wighton and Finlay Crisp, who have announced their engagement. According to certain words of Professor Portus at a recent party this thing has been going on beneath our very noses for some time.

NUMBERS AT REHEARSAL WILL DECIDE TO-MORROW NIGHT

Whether or not there will be a 1938 Varsity Revue is still doubtful. The company has a producer and leading players and an orchestra, but it lacks performers (both male and female) to complete the cast. The decision will turn on the numbers who attend the rehearsal to-morrow (Wednesday) night, at 7.30, in the Refectory. Unless there are at least fifty present the show can't go on. The Sports' Association are relying on a Revue being held and on their obtaining financial assistance from it; the Tivoli is tentatively booked for the 20th and 21st December. Accordingly,

JOHN DUNCAN,

who is the producer, and the committee request that everyone who wants a Revue to attend for rehearsal at 7.30 to-morrow (Wednesday) night in the Refectory. Remember that fifty is the very minimum required.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT REFECTORY, 7.30 P.M.

UNION COMMITTEE

The general committee of the Union met on November 21. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and accounts passed for payment. An advance to the Secretary for the purposes of the Cabaret was made as before. It was decided to purchase several electroplate teapots for the cafeteria. These will probably be used at the professorial table, and if they prove suitable all pots now in use will be replaced.

Permission was given to the Secretary for the Cabaret to obtain outside catering for the dance, provided that Mrs. Goodall is first approached.

Misses Peggy Britten-Jones and Geraldine Jay were appointed Editresses of the 1938 Handbook. Nominations for the National Union Conference in February were received and Messrs. Dibden and Johnston and Miss Irwin were elected representatives, with Mr. Nichterlein as emergency.

The question of reciprocity of life membership of the various Australian Universities was discussed, and the committee decided to accept the Melbourne proposal. A graduate, say, from Melbourne, would have to produce a membership card when applying for membership here, and if the Adelaide fees were higher (as, in fact, they are) he would have to pay the difference.

A suggestion was made with reference to the selection of Rhodes Scholars. The committee suggested that the Presidents of the Union and of the Sports Association (or deputies in either case) should attend the selection meeting, provided, of course, that neither was a candidate. They would be able to be questioned with reference to the candidates' Varsity and sporting activities and could then withdraw.

Mr. Bridgland gave notice of an amendment to the Constitution, the effect of which would be to allow the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Bampton, to vote at Union meetings. The amendment is so framed that, if carried, the power to vote would not necessarily be conferred on subsequent treasurers.

Students will be pleased to learn that "goodsoap" will be in future be supplied in both the Lady Symon and George Murray buildings.

WITH BAT AND BALL

With the grim memories of Swot Vac. already well-nigh blotted out, Law students (only the males, of course) are indulging with unparalleled enthusiasm, if not talent, in the noble game of ping pong. The inimitable and merry Mr. Joseph seems to be enjoying some official incapacity, and is frequently to be seen extracting small white rounded pills from the furthest recesses of his deep pockets. However, we are led to believe that games of skill other than ping pong are also being recklessly indulged in by the embryo law lords.

Liaisons Dangereux.

Undoubtedly the most notable events transpiring since our last issue have been the engagements of Helen Wighton and Finlay Crisp and Margaret Higgins and D'Arcy Sutherland (respectably respectively). The careers of these couples have been watched with zealous interest, and it is with heartfelt joy that we either offer our congratulations or express our wishes for their future happiness, as the case may be. One of the prospective grooms leaves shortly for the motherland, and we understand that Helen will follow after.

A Drooping Flower.

One of our most engaging students, to wit, Primrose Viner Smith, has been confined to her bed in Calvary with appendicitis. We understand that she is well on the road to recovery now. The unfortunate girl was stricken on the day before her first exam. Hard luck. Huh!

Do You See the Point?

"Hives, my dear?"
"No endives."

Our Regrets.

That this issue precedes the swimming dance, which means that our stock of marketable slander is considerably depleted. But, if our sleuths report anything worth while, we'll let you have it. "Can you take it?"

N.U.A.U.S. IN ACTION

TRAVEL TOUR ARRANGED

Students on Top of Tasmania

A fortnight of mountaineering, hiking, canoeing, camping, and fishing in the heart of Tasmania is available at low cost to students of Australian Universities during the summer vacation. Preliminary details are to hand, and they show that the men who make this trip (the party must be limited to ten) will be blazing new trails in much of their journey.

The scenic reserve, stretching from Cradle Mountain southwards to Lake St. Clair, has been open to hikers only a short time. Over four hundred square miles of the central mountain area has been reserved for scenic purposes, and over half of it is accessible

to the hiker only. Mountain and lake, river and forest form a secluded haven of majestic magnificence; gorges, precipices, peaks, and waterfalls make beautiful a region of intense interest to geologists, botanists, and naturalists.

Hiking and Hunting.

The student party will be limited to ten men under the guidance of two Tasmanian students, both well acquainted with the reserve.

The party will hike through the reserve, camping in huts, and carrying supplies on a packhorse. Some days will be spent at centres in the reserve where one may climb a different mountain every day for a fortnight. There will be a day for sight-

seeing in Hobart. The tour will take place in the last half of January, and will extend over fourteen days.

The travel department of the National Union of Australia University Students is arranging the tour, and it is open to any male members of the N.U.A.U.S. (i.e., any student who is a member of the central students' organisation of any Australian University).

Interstate Party.

It is intended, for greater interest, to form the party of students from the different States. In order to accomplish this, two vacancies in the party will be allotted in each State. Further applicants will be allotted positions of any vacancies remain.

All applications will be allotted in the order of their being received.

It will thus be necessary to apply early to ensure a place in the party, for already the proposed tour is arousing great interest in student circles. The last date for the receipt of applications has been fixed at November 30, 1938.

Economical.

The cost of the fourteen days, including sightseeing in Hobart, all transport, food and accommodation, has been kept down to the remarkably low figure of £11 11/-, of which £1 1/- is payable in advance as deposit with application.

The only additional costs will be those of getting to and from Tasmania from the home centre.

Final details of costs, dates, and itinerary are promised by the end of November, and applications are due by November 30, 1938. For further particulars, see the N.U.A.U.S. Travel Representative in this University, B.

A. Magarey; or write to the Secretary, N.U.A.U.S. Travel Dept., The Union, The University, Melbourne.

DEBATING

The last N.U.A.U.S. conference decided that it would be willing, if asked, to take over control of inter-Varsity debates. These had formerly been managed by an informal council which met once a year during the debates and consisted of the debaters themselves; this council framed rules for debate, decided the locus in quo and the subjects for the following year, and left it to the local organisation to make all arrangements. This was rather obviously unsatisfactory, and this year's debates came very near to being cancelled owing to lack of preparation in Melbourne; it was only through the vigorous efforts of Mr. Ferguson, of the National Union Executive, that arrangements were completed in time. Even so, the first three debates were technically void, since there was only one adjudicator instead of three, as prescribed by the regulations, no copy of which was available in Melbourne.

The council, which met during the debating week, decided (Sydney dissenting) to hand over control to the National Union, and drafted various recommendations for its guidance. It is expected that the 1939 subjects, etc., which will be decided on at the coming National Conference, will be available at the beginning of next year.

N.U.A.U.S. will not only conduct the Australian debates, but will arrange for tours such as that recently made by Messrs. Gilton and Byas, of Le Moyne College, U.S.A.; no doubt efforts will also be made to send Australian teams on tour. In this latter respect particularly, an all-Australian body should be able to produce infinitely better results than those obtained by each University acting on its own behalf.

More Changing Rooms Being Erected

D. C. MENZIES, EDITOR.
MARGARET COWELL,
REPORTER.

MORE SUPPORT FOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION

On more than one occasion this year we have bemoaned the condition of Varsity sport at the present time. And what has happened since our last issue has not led us to form a different opinion. At the time of our last issue, the winter season was nearing its end, and our hopes of carrying off the season's honors were fading rapidly. In the last ten weeks we have seen them fade altogether, except in rugby. Usually we participate in a few A Grade finals, but this year we were not represented in any final round, except by the A rugby team, and we should be thoroughly ashamed of ourselves. The summer sports are now in full swing, but our success in them has been very restrained so far. What is wrong with our sport? This question has been asked more than once this year on this page, but no constructive answer has been received. The complaint of insufficient practice is not peculiar to our clubs, and can hardly be responsible for the all-round inferiority. We are rather inclined to think that the University (meaning the students who compose it) does not support the Sports Association as it should. Compared with the number of members of the Union, the membership of the Sports Association is remarkably low. Even many of the leaders in student affairs stand quite aloof. Not half the members of the Union Committees are financial members of the Sports Association. As to them personally we can only say that they are fools. They do not know what they are missing, or, if they do, they are so unbalanced as not to do anything about it. But the fact remains that our sporting activities are not given the support they deserve. We have already expressed our opinion that membership of the Sports Association should be compulsory to all members of the Union. If that were so there could be no excuse for this non-support of our various clubs. There would be an ample revenue, and an ample supply of recruits in every sport. It seems that until something in this nature comes about our sport will continue at its present standard.

HOW THE WINTER SEASON ENDED

Football.—In football we had a chance of getting in the final four right up until the last match. In that we played Underdale, and we had to beat them by six goals to displace them from the four. We failed, however, and lost fairly easily. Underdale went on to win its semi-final. We were second to Melbourne in the inter-Varsity, and were represented by quite a number in the combined Varsity team. Four blues and a whole host of A.U.S.A. awards were given. For the recipients see column three.

Lacrosse.—In lacrosse we were only for a week or so in the running for the finals, and we finished next to

bottom. We had several representatives in the State side, and two blues were awarded. We lost the inter-Varsity rather easily.

Hockey.—We were rather unfortunate not to be included in the final four in A Grade hockey, as we were fourth for most of the year, and it was only in the last match that our fate was known. We finished fifth, but our merits were recognised by the State, for no fewer than eight out of our eleven played in the various State teams. We came second only to Melbourne (there were five teams) in the inter-Varsity, and two blues were awarded.

CRICKET

A Grade.

Up to the present match we had been running consistently at second to bottom. Last Saturday and the previous week we played Glenelg, the bottom team, and now we are bottom.

On November 12, we batted first, but not very well. We took all day to score 184, and were then all out. Our batsmen were stolid and, while they lasted, uninteresting. Test bowler Waite had too many guns for our tailenders, and he took six for 75. Geoff Page scored 71 in a careful and restrained innings (including eight fours), and kept the side together. He was the top scorer for the day in any match. Fred Catt collected 36 and John Stokes 31, and six scored less than 5. Gordon Morrison lived up to the end of the innings by scoring 22 in 18 minutes. This included two sixes and one four off one over from Waite.

Glenelg last Saturday won the match with four wickets in hand, and went on to score 241 for seven wickets. At one stage we had a chance, with two down for 35, but dropped catches (three before this and several afterwards) lost the game for us. Slade took three for 56; Morrison, two for 50; Stewart, one for 31; and Page, one for 30.

B Grade.

We have just completed a match with Glenelg, and were only just beaten. On Saturday week we made 142, of which Gould (27), Wellington (31), Dawson (39), and Rudd (37, not out) made the greater part, and then last Saturday the Glenelg tailenders just managed to pass our score and finished with 157. Rose, three for 41; Bentley, three for 46; and Edwards, two for 19, were our best bowlers. In our second innings we made three for 64 (Hill 22 and Turner 27).

MR. E. W. BENHAM

Those who are or have been connected with the Law School since the war will learn with regret that Mr. Benham has decided to resign from his position as Lecturer in Equity. There appears to be some doubt as to how long E. W. B. has actually been expounding with subtle phrase the intricacies of property law, but it certainly exceeds twenty. A more learned lecturer, and one more anxious that his students should really grasp the principle, it would be difficult to find. The Law Students' Society have decided to hold a dinner in honor of Mr. Benham on Saturday, December 3.

The society has also decided to publish, for the first time, a Law Faculty magazine. The committee recently appointed H. E. Zelling, D. C. Menzies, and E. F. Johnston to constitute the Editorial Board. The Melbourne and Sydney Law schools each publish an annual magazine of an extremely high standard, both from the point of view of production and legal argument.

NEW EDITOR

"On Dit" will next year be edited by Mr. O. E. Nichterlein, of the Medical School. Mr. Nichterlein graduated with a brilliant course in Honors English and then proceeded to Medicine. He is now in fourth year, having obtained top credit in third last year. We wish the new Editor every success and congratulate the Union on having obtained the services of so brilliant a man.

EXTENSION OF THE CHANGING ROOMS

The foundations are now being laid for the proposed extensions to the men's changing rooms at the Oval, and so they should, Deo volente, be ready for the next winter season. It has been a constant source of complaint in recent years the way that the present rooms are crowded. As many as three people have been known to share one locker, and the provision of hooks, etc., for hanging clothes on is quite inadequate. In addition, since the demolition of the Jubilee Oval pavilion, the rugby and soccer players have been homeless, and the present additions will provide room for them. The problem of what to do with visiting teams has also been a serious one, and it is now to be solved by having an upstairs changing room for them above the extension of our own rooms.

The additions are being built on the southern end of the present building, and will be roughly two-thirds the size of the existing one. Downstairs a door will connect the present

rooms with the new rooms, while, of course, there will be a separate door to the additional room. The visitors' room upstairs will have an external staircase, which will be at the rear of the building.

In the front, the stand is to be extended for the length of the additions at the rear, but because of the upstairs changing room the seating accommodation in the new portion will be restricted to about three rows of seats. A scoring table will probably be provided in the new part of the stand. Those who were responsible for the installation of the clock on the stand were careful to allow for these extensions, for the clock, hitherto awkwardly placed on one side will hereafter be a graceful ornament in the centre of the completed stand.

The additions, besides fulfilling an urgent need for next season, will enhance the appearance of the stand, and will fit in with the Oval very well. All members of the Sports Association will be very grateful indeed.

LATEST RESULTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS.

Last Wednesday our A and B teams, who are both in Women's Pennant B Grade, played each other, and consequently we cannot claim a real victory. It would appear, however, that the B team is stronger in doubles play.

Results:

C. Williams, F. Symonds (B) d. B. Wellbourne, B. Mills, 6-4, 6-5.
J. Edge, P. Britten-Jones (B) d. L. Hannan, H. Walker, 6-2, 6-5.
But in the singles the A team showed their superiority:
B. Wellbourne d. C. Williams, 6-2, 6-4.
B. Mills d. J. Edge, 6-2, 6-1.
C. Hannan d. F. Symonds, 5-6, 6-0, 6-3.
H. Walker d. P. Britten-Jones, 6-2, 6-2.

The final result was: A, 4 rubbers 8 sets; B, 2 rubbers 5 sets.

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PENNANT TENNIS

Our district and our A pennant teams were off on Saturday, and we were represented only by the B and C pennant teams. Our B's had a hollow win, but the C's a very solid loss. The results set out below tell their own tale:

B's v. East Torrens B.

B. Magarey-T. Hutton d. Horstmann-Ayers, 5-6, 6-0, 6-3.
A. Plummer-S. Cleland won on forfeit, 6-0, 6-0.
B. Magarey d. Ayers, 6-2, 6-1.
D. Cleland d. O'Grady, 6-1, 6-0.
A. Plummer d. Horstmann, 5-6, 6-1, 6-3.
T. Hutton won on forfeit, 6-0, 6-0.
The result was six rubbers to none.

C's v. North Adelaide.

P. Yates-S. Worthley lost to Pengelley-Threadgold, 6-4, 6-3.
T. Hunter-G. Hunter lost to Worthley-Bradley, 6-1, 6-1.
T. Hunter lost to Pengelley, 6-3, 6-1.
G. Hunter lost to Bradley, 6-3, 6-0.
P. Yates lost to Worthley, 6-4, 6-3.
S. Worthley lost to Threadgold, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
The result here again was six rubbers to none.

NON-PENNANT TENNIS CLUB

Since the opening of the season on October 15 the numbers playing on Saturday afternoons have been accommodated comfortably on the five courts now available, in contrast with the impossibility of coping with them experienced over the same period last year. On the completion of the additions to the pavilion a new court is to be laid down, which should ensure the continuance of this position for some years.

The courts remain open throughout the long vacation, and your 1938 subscription to the Sports Association carries you on to the end of the current season in April, 1939.

A Word of Warning.—The annual tournament, open to all members of the Sports Association, will be commenced in 1939 earlier than usual. The large number of entrants this year caused the tournament to run on into the winter season. To prevent this recurring we must start earlier. The committee will not mind if the entrants are fewer, so if you want to play make a point of looking for the notice and entering in the first week of next term.

CONGRATULATIONS

The number of blues awarded each year is not great, and those who receive them can be justly proud, for the qualification is outstanding performance. We extend our congratulations to the following:—

Baseball: A. Gould, E. C. Swan.
Boxing: D. B. Hendrickson.
Football: H. L. Masters, D. C. Dawkins, A. P. Le Messurier, B. A. Magarey.
Hockey: W. Forbes, J. Kelly.
Lacrosse: D. C. Menzies, G. T. Barnfield.
Women's Hockey: B. Irvine, H. McDonald.
The following received A.U.S.A. awards:—Baseball, A. F. Catt, A. Gould, N. F. Johnston. Athletics: R. B. Craven, J. Tregouing. Women's Hockey: J. Cleland. Football: J. J. Rice, J. Hodge, B. A. Magarey, P. Kleinschmidt, D. C. Dawkins, H. L. Masters, G. O. Page, W. J. Betts.

If You Want—

To complete your
celebrations, or
To forget the worst,

YOU SHOULD COME
TO THE

CABARET

The climax of the
year

Refectory,
December 2

TABLE TENNIS

A sub-committee of the Men's Union committee is arranging a table tennis tournament to be held early next year. Stan Goodall has generously donated a cup for the singles championship, and trophies will be given for winners in other events, which will probably comprise a doubles championship and singles and doubles handicaps. The sub-committee consists of F. Dibden and A. P. Cherry, and they have co-opted C. M. Gurner and J. Hodge.

The Law students are conducting a tournament at the present time, and most of the Law school is taking part. George Joseph is stakeholder for all bets, but we understand that confidence in the stakeholder is wanting, as no bets have been forthcoming.

PROFESSION V. STUDENTS

The annual cricket and tennis matches of the Legal profession against Law students are being arranged for Monday, December 12. This is one of the events in the Law students' year, and all of them will be pleased to hear that the cricket match, which lapsed so unfortunately last year, will be revived this year. The tennis match, of course, is too well established to be discouraged, even by the extreme heat in which it was played last year. After all, there are considerations which make it endurable no matter what the heat is. And it is all at the expense of the profession!

Cabaret Comes Back

All jazz fiends, rhythm hounds, and people wanting just a helluva good time should mark Friday, December 2, in their little black books, because that day (and the early part of December 3) is the Varsity Cabaret. Cacti, haciendas, sphinxes, and gypsies are quite definitely off in favor of an up-to-date mediaeval atmosphere. This idea should give scope to all types present.

The precincts are to be decorated with gay banners, old weapons and shields hung about the walls, which will lend an atmosphere of sparkling

color and bright romance to the usual air of severe scholasticism.

Another attractive feature of this bright show is Mr. Henry Boake Smith and band. Only the best band in Adelaide is suitable for the Varsity Cabaret, and Mr. Smith and his boys are looking forward to playing here, so it can be taken for granted that there will be no half measures as far as swing, pep, and rhythm are concerned.

Adelaide's largest dance floor has been specially engaged and will be laid down on the lawn, so that people may

dance in the open air, under a network of colored lights and bright balloons, if they wish.

More good news is that the price has been substantially reduced from that of last year's Cabaret, and the tickets are now only 6/6 each. Tables may be booked at the Union Secretary's office, and the box-plan is now open there.

As usual, some turns have been arranged to supplement the gaiety and vim of the dance of the year.

John
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