

ON DIT



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S.R.C. ATTACKED

The Editor,
"On Dit."
Dear Sir,

In response to your request I have set out below my ideas regarding the S.R.C. The reasons given for the establishment of an S.R.C. are:

(1) That insufficient time can be devoted to purely student matters at Union Committee meetings as at present conducted. That we would thus fall in line with other States.

My attitude is that:

(1) Extra meetings of the Union Committee can quite easily be called when necessary and the "purely student" matters could be discussed at these.

(2) Council and staff representatives would be given the opportunity of hearing discussion of business considered at such meetings.

(3) We wish to obtain student representation on the University Council and an attempt to eliminate Council representatives from any student controlling body seems a little incongruous.

(4) I thoroughly disapprove of the fetish of doing as the other States do without rhyme or reason.

(5) The establishment of the S.R.C. would merely complicate an already rather cumbersome form of student administration.

(6) Finally, most students, or at any rate those of the medical, engineering,

and dental faculties, feel not the slightest sympathy towards the proposal.

In short, one is forced to the conclusion that the instigators of the proposal desire a body which can discuss certain matters without the dampening presence of authority, thus enabling any business likely to bring down the disapproval of the Council to be smoothed over before this body hears of it. It is interesting to note the enthusiasm of certain members of our late "Radical Club" towards this end.

I should like to comment on the naive statement of Miss E. Teesdale Smith in your last issue. It reads in reference to Union meetings, as "From one to two hours are spent discussing finance, Union buildings, the Refectory . . . matters which are of little importance to the student when compared with his own organizations, which are in crying need of organization." As examples of such organizations are mentioned—the Debating Society, the P. and I.R.C., the Gramophone Society, the art collection and University dances. Miss Smith mentions that she is a new member of the Union Committee. The remark is unnecessary. It appears to me that Union finances and buildings and the Refectory are the only matters concerning all, or even nearly all, students. Most students ask nothing more than that their parents' 25/- be devoted to allowing them to eat, rest, and relax

in comfort and peace. On the other hand, at the risk of being called lowbrow (i.e., a vague term and snobbishly used by the pseudo-intelligentsia), I suggest that my interest in the Debating Society, P. and I.R.C., and the Gramophone Society is absolutely nil and I feel that many people, particularly youthful hot-heads fresh from college, would be better employed in acting than in talking. This is undoubtedly the attitude of the majority of students. Consider, Miss Smith, how many students are interested, or even condescend to notice the organizations mentioned and then try to realize how many there are who belong to the Union.

University dances, I feel, appear to manage very successfully without the assistance of an S.R.C.

Thus, while I should be the last to agree with any steps taken to reduce students' freedom of speech, I do object to the attitude of certain people who take it upon themselves to decide what is best for everyone else and feel extremely self-satisfied because a very small minority agrees with them. It is for reasons such as these that I wholeheartedly oppose any move to eliminate a degree of guidance from those who, while at times rather in tolerate, are sadder and wiser than most of those within whom "youth and blood are warmer."—I remain, yours, etc.,

J. M. McPHIE.

S.R.C. DEFENDED

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

The proposed S.R.C. appears to me to be a desirable addition to our Union organization, firstly, because it is proper that there should be some student body to represent the interests of and speak for the students themselves, and; secondly, because it will mean increased efficiency in the handling of student matters.

On the first point, it has always been argued that one of the justifications for student organization in any shape is that it develops among the students a knowledge of the methods of democratic government, some skill in administration—it accustoms them to the method of democracy. It is only when this knowledge and skill is fairly widespread throughout the community that a democratic form of government can really operate. For this reason alone, I consider it desirable that in those matters relating to students only the students themselves should have complete control.

On the second point, it hardly seems to have been denied that the present organization of the Union Committee is inadequate to give proper attention to student matters. Those who spoke against the S.R.C. at the A.G.M. suggested that extra meetings of the Union Committee should be held, at which non-student members should not be obliged to attend. (This makes minced meat of the further argument that the S.R.C. will waste time in further meetings.) With respect I say that I think this scheme is scarcely worth serious consideration. A committee which meets in full for consideration of some matters and which holds other semi-informal meetings at which a certain section is not obliged to attend for consideration of other matters appears to me to be futile. The sponsors suggest by their very proposal that student matters should more or less be in the hands of student

elected members—then why do it by means of a half-hearted, semi-official meeting of the Union Committee? Why not give the student members and their deliberations a proper standing? That is exactly what the S.R.C. does.

Mr. Willoughby and Miss Jacobs, in moving the motion, mentioned that the S.R.C. existed in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Hobart. The cry went up, of course, that we were merely copying. It is perfectly proper to say that we should not have an S.R.C. merely because other universities do, but the fact that such a large number has adopted the scheme entitles it to respect, and it does mean that we would not be making some rash experiment but adopting a system which has proved itself in practice, in place of a system which, by universal admission and by the testimony of a man twice President of the Union, has failed in practice to give due attention to student affairs.

It was urged by one speaker that, as the students were now engaged in attempting to obtain student representation on the Council, it would appear inconsistent to set up an S.R.C. at such a time. This is the most considerable argument urged against the S.R.C., but it is not, I think, valid. The whole question involves the problem of when representation is proper. I take it that representations should be

granted, as a general rule, to any body of persons whose interests are at stake. Now it is plain beyond argument that many (indeed, almost all) of the matters considered by the University Council and its faculty and other sub-committees directly or indirectly affect students. The students should, therefore, be represented. The whole purpose of the S.R.C., on the other hand, is to deal with matters affecting students only, and, accordingly, there is no call for non-student representation on it.

Finally, it has never been suggested that the present work of the Union Committee in financial and house matters are other than of the greatest importance. But there are other important matters which have received too little attention and will continue to do so until there is an S.R.C. The "New Day" is a good example. The idea of extending the lunch hour to three o'clock on Wednesdays was supported in all faculties but is fast becoming completely non-existent because certain lecture times have not been altered and there has been no pressure from the Union Committee to have them altered. Societies have lost the opportunity of conducting good day meetings.

This is but one illustration of work awaiting the S.R.C. Another is the taking up of the movement (which had solid student support) to agitate for a change in the system of lecturing. This died of lack of activity in the Union Committee.

My case is that there is a broad field of activity in which students' interests are mainly concerned and that in this field the students should have complete self-government. That the Union Committee has proved itself in the past not a competent body to deal with such matters and that the S.R.C. will stimulate interest in Union and student matters by providing a thoroughly student lead in all important questions.

ELLIOTT JOHNSTON.

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Don't be under the impression that a study circle is an arrangement for the convenience of a few people who find pleasure in talking endlessly about futile subjects and who never do anything useful. It is essentially a means to make you think, and to give you the facts to think about; it is training you in what will be most useful to you—as students—in your future life. The opinion of University graduates has some weight in the community; live up to your responsibilities as the graduate of to-morrow, those who should be the leaders in all the spheres of life; fling off your treasured but useless prejudices and awake from your mental lethargy. Or, if you are the soul of reason and intelligence itself, come and match your incomparable wits with others and see if you are quite as good as you think you are.

Whichever of these categories you fall in, you should find a circle to suit your taste this year. For freshers particularly two are offering, one on the vexed question of "Science and Religion," led by Mr. Gordon Aitchison, B.Sc.; the other with Rev. Norman Crawford as leader on the subject of "Psychology and Religion."

Other circles are "The Christian and the War"—based on the series of books of that name—led by Mr. Ken Newman, and "Personal Discipleship," led by Rev. J. R. Blanchard. It is hoped to organize a circle on "Medicine and Christianity," to be led by a practising doctor during second term for medical students in particular. So you have your choice. Go at once to the Union Office and fill in the form there for one of these study circles.

Coming Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 8.

C.G.S., South Hall, Conservatorium, at 1.15. Szostakowicz: 1st Symphony.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

P.I.R.C., George Murray, at 1.10 p.m. Mr. Bruce Williams: "Child Endowment."

S.C.M., Physics Theatre, at 8 p.m. Dr. Kurt Schechner: "Nazism and Christianity" (the first of a series of three lectures).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

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Mud in the Editor's Eye

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

Re the nature of "On Dit" this year. I should first like to point out that I realize, only too well, the difficulties under which you labour in presenting a weekly issue of this paper. In view of this I feel, as do a great many others, that such frequent issues of "On Dit" are an unnecessary extravagance at this time.

The difficulty in obtaining sufficient material is made the more obvious by your obvious policy of making statements which are grossly exaggerated and frequently incorrect. This you call a provocative policy. If "On Dit" is merely to consist of weekly instalments of useless arguments and gross misstatements, I suggest a series of comic strips would be of more general interest. In short, I deplore the fact that your attitude is apparently that anything is better than nothing, no matter how few students are even slightly stirred.

This brings to mind the pitiable incapacity of a certain member of your staff who cannot fill his column with anything but the most puerile and inane drives. I refer to "X. E. Marr." His column is not bad taste, as you suggest. That is too flattering. It is kindergarten stuff, obviously produced by someone who is

absolutely incapable of recognizing good, bad, or indifferent taste, and casts no favourable reflection on your staff, the Union, or the student mind in general.

To revert to my previous allegations: In your issue of March 25 you headlines read, "Surprise Attack on N. I.A.U.S." A little investigation would have shown:

(1) That the 1940 A.G.M. of the Union Committee refused to ratify the N.U.A.U.S. constitution.

(2) The Union Committee specifically stated that in the event of our proposed amendment to the N.U.A.U.S. being lost, we should consider withdrawing from the organization.

(3) At the 1941 A.G.M. the Chairman admitted that he expected the attack, though he still had the audacity to rule a definite motion out of order on the grounds of non-notification. This in spite of the objection raised by an equally staunch but fairer protagonist of the N.U.A.U.S., namely, Mr. Willoughby, our President of the past two years.

Finally, I realize that practically no one will read this, less will be interested, and that this is merely an example of the way space can be wasted.—Yours,

J. M. McPHIE.

P.S.: I suggest that persons who write letters on such subjects as the S.R.C. and N.U.A.U.S. show the courage of their convictions and sign their own names.

Editorial

The Mud Comes Back

X. E. Marr is to come off the air. I am allowing him in this issue, as is only fair, a last fling at his accusers. But in deference to Mr. McPhie and Mr. Cock, he will cease to exist as a columnist. That this is the wish of the majority of students, or that they found his column dull, I am as yet unconvinced. But I am anxious to satisfy as many students as possible, and, apparently, X. E. Marr's "Scratches" went too deep.

Just as I was about to execute, however, what I considered to have been the fair and conciliatory offer I made at the Men's Union A.G.M., Mr. McPhie chose to spit at me. He makes use of the difficulties largely contributed to by his own indifference to the paper, by his silencing of my contributors, and his own unwillingness to co-operate, to suggest that "On Dit" is not wanted by the majority of students, and that the material is of no interest. He even accuses me of gross misstatement.

Let us examine the last. Mr. McPhie can give only one instance—the fact that I labelled the account of the Union A.G.M., "Surprise Attack on the N.U.A.U.S." In reply to this I maintain that the attack was, and could only be, unexpected by the majority of those who went to the meeting, as no notice of any intention to propose withdrawal had been given. Mr. McPhie urges on his side that it was expected by the Union Committee, and had been discussed there. But no indication of this had ever been given to Union members. The members of the Union Committee are, I take it, delegates, and not dictators acting "in camera." Hence the importance of "On Dit" in educating student opinion.

If, however, such a move was expected, why did not those who intended to make it give notice as required by the constitution? Their negligence entitled me to call their action a "surprise attack." Could I have believed the failure intentional I would have headed it: "Underhand Attack."

And this brings me to the question of the matter in "On Dit." Much of the paper is taken up with reports and notices of meetings, without which student activities cannot satisfactorily be carried on. Had Mr. McPhie deigned to make use of it there might have been as many at the Men's Union meeting as at the Union debate. But perhaps he preferred to gather in only his own particular clique.

As for the remainder of "On Dit," if I have admitted much of it is provocative, I did not intend to suggest it was merely that. It represents varying points of view, which, as such, are entitled to find expression. And it is only by a conflict of ideas that new truths are reached. Mr. McPhie must know, as a scientist, that

the scientific method is to put forward a thesis, and attack it from all conceivable angles, and that as a result of the modification occasioned by such attacks, a more accurate restatement can be reached. But evidently Mr. McPhie is one of those mentioned by Prof. Goldby in an address reported in the last issue, who fail to apply the scientific temper to the whole of life. Where he cannot answer he is determined to silence. Hence his desire to terminate "On Dit," and censor his opponents. He raises the cry of "enemies of our beloved staff" and "dangerous radicals" against those who disagree with him. And having branded them as dangerous invites them to come out in the open with their names. The concentration camps of Germany have been filled by those who espouse such methods.

For a man who, like Hitler, prefers acting to talking, Mr. McPhie's actions are at times somewhat peculiar. He agrees in principle with the N.U.A.U.S., but he suggests no way in which these principles can be implemented, and opposes those who do. He supports in principle freedom of opinion, so long as no one makes any use of it. And he is content that nothing be done with his own Union fee, and determined that nothing be done with those of others.

Nevertheless, he has distinct nuisance value. For he enables me to comment on the material of "On Dit." That it is of no general interest is, I think, at least partly belied by the rapidity with which the piles of "On Dit" dwindle. Moreover, Mr. McPhie's assertions that debating, the P. and I.R.C., and the C.G.S. are of no general interest are rendered rather ridiculous in view of the fact that there were as many present at each of the meetings of the two latter as at the Men's Union meeting; while at the Union debate there must have been 150 to his own uncertain twenty.

However, I do not assert that these matters are of general interest. All I maintain is that they have usually been of interest to cultivated people of whatever faculty. Mr. McPhie fears I may consider him "lowbrow" if he confesses his complete lack of interest in music. No, I merely consider him uncouth. Yet I would be prepared to leave it at that. But when he tells us that he is not interested in politics, in the social forces that order his life, and this at a time when we are fighting a war to maintain a decent social order, and to establish a better international one, I can only consider in the light of this supreme indifference to the things for which we are fighting, that all his protestations about unnecessary expense in wartime are so much cant and hypocrisy.

Ain't Love Gland? Surges of Urges at Union Debate

"Does Love look like a pair of pyjamas,
Or the ham in a temperance hotel,
Does its odour remind one of llamas,
Or has it a comforting smell?
Is it prickly to touch as a hedge is,
Or soft as eiderdown fluff,
Is it sharp or quite smooth at the edges?
O tell me the Truth about Love!"
—W. H. Auden.

The mob, consisting principally of women, and several rows of guilty-looking men, came to the debate, "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," expecting to get the lowdown on private lives and love in general, and en passant a sprinkling of intimate confessions from delicate debaters.

Richard Aldington, in "Death of a Hero," lamented that in Victorian England there was too much "LUV and God, and failing GOD there was LUV. In fact, there was so much LUV and GOD there wasn't time for the common sex knowledge we decadent moderns so vulgarly deem necessary."

But Mr. Hawkins and crew went forth in the other direction. THEY ALL SEEMED JUNG AND EASILY FREUDENED (ha ha!).

Biological urges rolled from the lips like platitudes at a P.S.A. All very unscientific, of course. What these people meant by Love and Biological Urges seemed to be some promiscuous impulse for organic activity, that psycho-analysts (sex-psychologists though they may be) would never understand.

Here are some impressions.

PRO.

Mr. Fred Hawkins. An exquisite effort. Expressive eyebrows and a vacant face and ardent love. Poetry from Chaucer onwards had the crowd in gurgling glee. Congrats., Fred, on a delightful effort.

Miss Claudia Carter. A serious declamatory effort, lacking the personal qualities so necessary for effective debating. But she has a good mind and con-

trols her language syntactically, as few of the others did.

Mr. "Urge" Duncan. He was the man who created the sensation. A series of urges, biological and otherwise, left us all feeling repressed, inhibited, and on the point of going mad. Delightful outspokenness. But, personally, found his arguments ineffective because so analytically unsound. Theory—frustrated expression of sexual libido leads to sublimation. Read your Ernest Jones again, old boy. But still—good stuff and good fun!

CON.

Miss Judith Murray. Had the toughest side of the argument and made a very good job of it. Tackled Casanova Hawkins pretty effectively. Her last sally particularly telling.

"Without realizing what I am saying, may I warn you of biological ways they're dangerous." Has an attractive delivery.

Mr. Peter Wells. Sombre. Delivery pretty bad. Too many cliché phrases, "I want you to remember," etc. But he is a tryer and thinks through his subject.

Miss Nin Trott. Much too inclined to adopt a sneering and disparaging tone towards her opponents, particularly against Miss Carter. Obviously the reason was the feeling of nervousness and self-consciousness in front of a weird and motley audience and in company of such seasoned hands as Mr. Hawkins and Miss Murray. This will go and she will be well worth her salt. The "Tiger Woman" has plenty of pluck and genuine interest in all the ramifications of university life. We hope she develops well.

The pro side won. Mr. Elliott Johnston was in the chair but before long found it all too harrowing and rushed away for a sarsaparilla to sublimate all his surging urges. I'm sick of writing this, so I think I'll dash off and do some sublimating myself. Raspberry balm sounds good.

"Take No Thought For the Morrow ... Wherewith Ye Shall Be Clothed"

Having thus lent an odour of sanctity, an aura of respectability, to what I am about to say, may I draw your attention once again to that appalling, zebra-like subject of controversy, the present Sports Association blazer. Your interlocutor last week took as his text, "Our Pyjama Coat." This week I would venture to liken it to Joseph's "coat of many colours." Perhaps Joseph's coat was a little crude in design—who knows? Its effect on all beholders was more or less similar to the effect that ours produces. First it excited envy. Well, perhaps ours does too, and stirs up in the hearts of sinful men the desire to be marked so palpably a "goat" among "sheep."

But—envy was followed by action. Joseph stopped a packet. You may think that we don't, but I solemnly assure you that I know some "milieux" and localities where it requires a brave and hardy man to wear our blazer.

I think that's as far as I can take the parallel between Joseph and us—students of the Scriptures will tell you why if you don't know. Anyway, it is universally agreed that it is a blot on the fair escutcheon of the Sports Association that the design of the blazer was ever changed from its dignified appearance of black with white braid.

Who wants to go through life saddled with such a confection? Its parallel vertical line treatment may be flattering to the bulky-dimensioned, but, unfortunately, the University is not composed solely of the bulky-dimensioned. Its durability is practically nil, for the slightest indiscretion, and voilà—an ugly stain which stands out like ringworm on the human head.

Its warmth-generating propensities are absolutely nil if one discounts the prickly heat occasioned by the contact of the inner sleeve with the bare flesh. The weave is so open that each cooling zephyr that wafts sweet scents of spring becomes a roaring tornado, chilling and buffeting all that stands in its way. Winter warmth is non-existent.

Now, consider the merits of the old-style Varsity blazer. Durability, warmth, appearance, distinction, all are in its favour. It is a blazer that no one could be ashamed to wear, and heaven knows enough of us shudder to think of wearing the present one. Its neat, sober, yet distinctive, design should have its appeal for our better natures.

If you don't like the present excrescence, tell a member of the sub-committee appointed to look into the question. If you have any constructive ideas, offer them—they will be welcomed. If you agree with us, help us. If you don't care—well, the Bible helps us again.

"He that is not with us is against us." If you like the beastly thing still, remember what happened to Joseph!

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Women Students Allowed to Debate

LAW STUDENTS' A.G.M.

The Adelaide University Law Students' Society held its annual general meeting on Friday evening in the George Murray Building. The Dean of the Faculty (Prof. A. L. Campbell) was in the chair. Mr. Tom Hutton presented the Secretary's report for Mr. Scarfe, who is now a member of the Royal Australian Navy. Mr. Hutton also read the minutes of the last general meeting, which were duly affirmed, Mr. A. Ray alone dissenting. At this stage Mr. E. F. Johnston was admitted and was promptly called upon, as Treasurer, to give his report. We believe Mr. Johnston has acquired an interest in some pony or other. A vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Johnston, Scarfe, and Hutton for their valued services during their respective terms of office. Messrs. R. L. Cotton and F. J. Hawkins were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively in their places. The committee for 1941 comprises Messrs. Williams, Mellor, Daly, Colton, and L. K. Gordon. Messrs. Hutton and Baucut were appointed Hon. Auditors.

A motion that women law students be allowed to take part in debates arranged by the society was carried. This completely reverses the policy of previous years. It is to be hoped that this radical procedure justifies itself, and that it will be appreciated by the women students concerned. Supper was served in the Refectory and the freshers were then admitted to the society. This was carried out in the usual efficient manner. For further details, see Mr. Abbott, the freshers' representative.

MEDS. GET 25 BOBS' WORTH.

To the Editor.

Congratulations to the Medical Faculty, which has at last laid down a standard for student conduct.

After their little social we find our towels, covered in multi-coloured blobs, stuffed down the drains in their building.

Fellow-students, those fellows have done damage to a considerable extent! Is the House Committee going to take it? Yes, of course. Nothing will be said, nothing done. They must keep all this HUSH, HUSH.

A few weeks ago an S.R.C. was contemplated, but thrown out. Yet our own Union Committee is not game, has not the stuffing to deal with:

- (a) thieving of glasses from the Refectory and breaking same in G.M.;
- (b) damaging towels in the G.M.;
- (c) rioting and fighting in Refectory;
- (d) cane chairs being taken to the lavatories;
- (e) breaking of milk bottles on lawns.

We admit it shouts at the proletariat, but it delicately and sweetly sanctions the aristocratic medical faculty.

Are we going to take it like the Men's Union House Committee?—Yours,

C. B. CHRISTOPHEAN.

A.G.M. of A.U.E.S.

The meeting held on Friday last was an outstanding success, especially as far as concerns those members who were stood out forcibly.

After much wrangling and computation the following committee was agreed on:

- President: F. A. Hamilton.
- Vice-President: P. R. Nain.
- Secretary: A. R. Oliver.
- Treasurer: R. S. Gerny.
- Committee: R. G. Hughes, B. A. Millar, J. E. Waterman.

It is rumoured that the scrutineers finally resorted to the "Method of Least Squares" to obtain the numbers of voters for prospective committeemen.

Prof. Robin delivered an inspiring message to all present, which was duly absorbed by freshers and some others.

The meeting finally closed over respective cups of Mr. Goodall's coffee.

In view of the fact that there will be no issue next week, and that so much of this issue was contributed matter that would have lost its force if held over for two weeks, we decided to run a special Easter supplement.

We regret any technical deficiencies there may be in this issue. The rush of material at the eleventh hour disorganized our staff.

We have pleasure in announcing further additions to the staff:

Committee: Mr. Peter Wells.

Special Law Representative: Mr. P. Claridge.

Special Engineering Representative: Mr. A. R. Oliver.

Correspondence

PLEASE NOTE.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Sir,

In order to avoid a repetition of the confusion which arose last Wednesday afternoon over the use of the Lady Symon Hall, the Women's Union Committee would be glad if clubs and societies requiring the use of the Lady Symon Hall during the daytime would make application to the Secretary of the Women's Union. In future the Lady Symon Hall will be reserved on Wednesday afternoons from two till four for the Women's Union V.S.D., so will not be available to any other body during that time. If the building is needed in the evening application should be made to Mrs. Goodall.—I am, yours, etc.,

MARY SCOTT,
Hon. Sec., W.U.

SCRATCH AGAIN.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

There are certain rumours floating along on the thick and listless air of this intellectually stuffy university that a certain column of "On Dit" has been recommended for obliteration by some of the more enthusiastic (?) members of

the Men's Union. As one of the large number of placid, semi-intelligent people for whom "On Dit" is published, I think that the absence of "Scratches" would be a serious loss to the lighter side of our noteworthy meeting. Those scratched, unless they are sadly deficient of any sort of humour (which seems to be the case with quite a few of the notables), can surely take no offence; while to those benevolent readers who hungrily look for something to clear their poor brains after delving into reports of various highbrow speeches, etc., it is a definite source of hilarity.

As one of many who would be very irritated to have the itches left unscratched,—Yours sincerely,

P. ROBINSON,
University,
April 3, 1941.

TREATMENT.

Sir,

Your Social Editress should be given an excessive dose of phenolphthalein, and when the ensuing discomfort has worn off, be boiled strongly in concentrated acid.—I am, sir,

YOUR READER.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We wish to thank the proprietors of the "News" for their courtesy in lending us the block of Sir William Mitchell used in the last issue.

Of Birds and Butterflies

BY THE SOCIAL EDITRESS.

We might also say of fishes, too, for we saw them arrayed in many bright and varied colours (to say nothing of shapes) last Tuesday night, when those who had not known before realized just what the Swimming Carnival meant. Many odd incidents and sights struck our eyes. While the efficient secretary ran from one point to another, we watched out of the corner of our eyes her mother and a certain gentleman, well known to you all, who seemed to be enjoying their conversation.

Our congratulations are due to Sue Yeatman for her brilliant heat in the freshers' champ.—a heat in which she came first, and there was no second. Reason? That's easy, isn't it?

The diving was truly magnificent, and displayed such courage as is rarely seen off the field of battle, although, perhaps, the splash and noise were just a trifle exaggerated.

All eyes turned eagerly at the appearance of a certain sylph-like figure, clad in a black bathing suit and white cap, which said figure acquitted herself quite well too.

Mystery scoop! Who is burly Mr. X., who entered for a race, came second, but refused to have his name published, because, as he said, "He was not meant to be swimming."

Alas for feminine feelings, when the time came to climb through the tyres in the obstacle race. Many a firm resolve has been made, I hear, to take either more exercise, or less food. The debatable point is, Which is easier?

Another mystery: The young lady who had swum for Sydney University, and was put in a race on Tuesday? What is she doing in our ranks?

We greatly admired the young lady in the gown which father wore in his university days. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

One young gentleman of the medical faculty was noticed as looking particularly miserable. Can it be that he was still suffering from that unfortunate incident of the preceding Friday, when he was unlucky enough to lose an eyebrow?

Other regrettable incidents also occurred that evening, we hear. The elder statesmen, so to speak, revenged themselves on the infant prodigy, and he is now lacking covering on a portion of his scalp. We hope that he will not be so unfortunate as to catch cold.

It was apparently considered that the colour of the faces of some present was not all it might be. This defect, of course, was speedily remedied.

Have you any broken arms, legs, or such like? If so, have them put in plaster casts by members of the medical faculty. They are all experts.

STOP PRESS.

At the meeting of the Arts Association, held in the Lady Symon Hall last night, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Max Harris; Vice-President, Miss Judith Murray; Secretary, Mr. R. N. Hamilton; Treasurer, Miss Beth McDougall; Committee, Misses M. Cowell and C. Teesdale Smith, and Mr. N. Duncan.

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"MARTINE"

The "On Dit" reviewer finds himself completely opposed to the criticism of "First Nighter" of the "News." "First Nighter" thought that Judith Murray in the title part was sincere but lacking in stagecraft and consequently failed to plumb the depths of the part.

Bunkum! Miss Murray's performance was more than sincere—it was sensitive, and surely that is true stagecraft. For the sensitiveness of her Martine was such that she completely escaped the staginess to which Mr. Willoughby most conspicuously, and Mrs. Roxy Byrne succumbed. The character she presented had the inarticulate charm and beauty of an idyll or Goncharov's exquisite dream of Oblomov. Into that idyll the figure of D. B. Kerr fitted particularly well as Alfred, blindly and incongruously sincere, yet oblivious of the inner deepness of little Martine.

Mr. Willoughby's Julien could have been a brilliant character study, rich in the contradictions of mixed motives, unseeing ugly ignorance, and irrational changes of temper. But it wasn't.

Mrs. Roxy Byrne brought out the full values of the unconscious brutal torturing of Martine's mind on the scene on the road. Mr. Willoughby, too, seemed to size up the tragic import of the scene where Martine refused to go as the husband and wife became reunited again,

but on the whole his role suffered stage effeminacy.

But the attention always returned to Martine. One could see her mind working, the inarticulate depths of the part being brought out, to use Coleridge's dictum on poetry, not by what was said, but by what remained unsaid... phrases such as, "I do not know," "If you wish," etc. Miss Murray managed skilfully the "ankle scene," and in a few shy motions of the head expressed the simple, complete yielding of Martine to her love. It was all that was needed to be said about the existence of her love. Its effect was permanent and emotionally direct. The "egg scene," in all its awkward, grotesque guilelessness, was also exceptionally well handled.

It was not a good play. Its potentialities were immense but the translation was poor and its statement at times inartistic—and technically obvious. The play fogged up with its ineptitude and wrongly directed techniques—a potentially tragic, if well-worked, theme. But Miss Barbara Howard's production was skilful and clear-cut. The scenery and lighting were extraordinarily good.

Above all, Miss Judith Murray nearly achieved a "tragic statement" that the author himself was only vaguely groping after. That to me is stagecraft and "First Nighter" may go jump in the lake.

Correspondence

THE REASON (?) OF CAPITALISM.

The Editor,

"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

Professor Portus made a strong point in his W.E.A. lecture when he called for a "clear statement of what we are fighting for and what we want after the war." There has been too much of what Lord Londonderry described as "speeches delivered mainly for local consumption, and enunciating the usual idealistic platitudes." "These speeches must be made, no doubt, but they mean very little," he said. The need for a statement of war aims is more urgent, following the statement of Mr. Cameron, M.H.R., that "all this talk of a new order is nonsense," and of Mr. Curtin, M.H.R., that child endowment is necessary because "we will be leaving behind us a liability and a debt. We must see that our children are physically virile to be able to accept that burden."

But I, for one, cannot agree with his analyses of fascism. The professor describes it as a "revolt against reason," say it is "not rational." No doubt it is not rational from the viewpoint of Mr. Horner, the British miners' leader, who has just complained about the adoption of Nazi methods by all belligerent countries, but it seems to me to be very rational from the viewpoint of the big German industrialists and financiers who were faced with the imminent danger of Communist revolution. And it was certainly rational for Hitler and German Big Business, once the Nazis were installed in power, to suppress the Communist Party, Social Democratic Party, and trade unions, just as it was reasonable for the three Chancellors who preceded Hitler (Dr. Brüning, Herr von Papen, and General von Schleicher) to have the Reichstag meet less and less frequently and to carry on government by presidential decrees. Popular discontent was being strongly expressed in the Reichstag at that time.

What is reasonable depends on which side of the fence you sit. The aristocrats with their heads under the shining blade of the guillotine must have thought that a very unreasonable Reason had been enthroned.

The contention that fascism is the "expression of a non-economic lust for power" seems equally unsound. Rather is it that fascism has brought with it a fusion of the economic and political power of capitalism. The big German capitalists, without whose support Nazism would never have become powerful, were certainly not disinterested. Again, one of the first acts of the Nazis in power was to set up a Supreme Economic Council, composed of the biggest German capitalists. Herr Thyssen has been the only casualty in that select group and that

because he opposed the direction of the present war.

It is undoubtedly true that the Nazi leaders, by and large, have enriched themselves. Expropriation of Jewish business (for racial reasons?) must have helped considerably in this cause. But that merely means that the Nazi leaders have become part and parcel of the German capitalist class. Certainly not a non-economic drawing force!

And, Professor, if Nazism is not the last stage of decaying German capitalism, what will come after Hitler? Surely not the disappointments of capitalist democracy again?

T. E. FABER.

REFERENDUM SUPPORTED

The Editor,

"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

As one of the rank and file referred to in your last issue, I would like to see a referendum on the S.R.C. I understand that any vote taken in this fashion would not be binding on the Union Committee but would merely be an indication of student opinion (if there is such a thing). If a large number is in favour of an S.R.C., the matter could possibly be brought up again and if there is considerable opposition the matter should be dropped. At the moment one does not really know what students are thinking, as there was an equal vote for and against at the A.G.M.

A referendum might also help to arouse interest by students in their own affairs—a thing at the moment sadly lacking. It would be really good to see a keen controversy among students.

I hope that you will go ahead with the idea and that everyone will make it a duty to vote.

RANK AND FILE.

Women, Beware Women!

The ignoble aim of this paragraph is to create an atmosphere of mutual distrust among those who inhabit the Lady Symon Building. The Women's Union is being asked to turn into a pack of amateur detectives in order to track the criminal in its midst. Since term began, more than one person has had money taken from her handbag. The moral is, of course, never to be parted from one's handbag, but the Women's Union Committee would like to go further than just offering this practical piece of advice. They want all women to keep their eyes open and report to the committee any suspicious behaviour. This thieving must be stopped by any means, and quickly!

W.U. (official),

per A. Hogben.

SPORTS

The Editor.

It is with the greatest regret that I read that Mr. Abbott and his friends have nothing better to do than to waste their time trying to reform the Sports Association blazer in war time. If the above-mentioned gentleman really wanted to prove himself a useful citizen I suggest that he devote some of his spare time (and he seems to have plenty of it) to improving the standard of University sport, and, when he has raised it to the high standard that should characterize it, and, then only then, perhaps, begin to worry about fitting raiment for the Olympic heroes. To my mind it seems like building a palace before you have found, or look like finding, a king.—Yours,

SORTAR RESARTUS.

The Editor.

Sir,

Might I suggest to the committee formed to enquire into the possibilities of improving the Sports Association blazer the following proposals:

BLAZER.

(a) That blazers be only worn by those who have rendered a season's service to some University team in any grade. To allow anyone to wear a blazer who has done no more than pay 35/- and who is in no way actively connected with University sport, definitely lowers its status. I therefore suggest that any person wishing to buy a blazer be required to produce a certificate from some club secretary to the effect that the person concerned has for at least one season shown an active interest in some particular sport.

(b) That the letters A.U.L.C., A.U.F.C., A.U.C.C., etc., be awarded to the twelve, eighteen, eleven (whatever the team may be) players who have most consistently represented their club's A grade team during the past season. I think that to award these letters to anyone who plays in an inter-Varsity is a most unfair system, because we all know how rarely any club takes away its best team to play in an inter-Varsity in another State. Not only do many deserving players miss these letters through no fault of their own, but many are awarded them who have no claim whatever to them on the grounds of sporting ability.

PULL-OVER.

(a) That cream pullovers similar to those displayed in Mr. Hamilton's office

be permitted to be worn by members of the Sports Association on the same conditions as blazers.

(b) That any member of the Association be allowed to wear on his pull-over a black crest with any letters that he is entitled to wear on his blazer.

At the moment the old blazer seems to be the most suitable blazer available, but I think that the committee should spend a great deal of time in considering suggestions before making a decision. This is the last time that we can change the design without making the whole thing a farce. If a new design is adopted hastily, used for three or four years and then considered too dull or too something else, is scrapped, it will mean three changes in about twelve years. The A.U.S.A. blazer will become the joke of every Australian university. We will have the spectacle of graduates coming down to Mr. Hamilton once a year to find if their blazer is the current design. Inter-Varsity teams to the eastern States will be met by a wondering throng, each one asking, "I wonder what sort of blazer they will be wearing this year?" It is better to spend three months considering the question than hastily to select a blazer that in ten years' time will be abhorred as much as our present one is to-day.—Yours in suggestiveness,

J. DAVID O'SULLIVAN.

THE ENEMY LISTENS.

A certain Med. fresher, it seems, has been observing Lent in the approved Church of England manner. He has shaved his head and covered himself with ashes. At least so it appeared after the medical meeting the other Friday night.

Medical students are becoming progressively Saints.

The Enemy has been watching with interest the activities of a certain fresher from Geelong. His first few days were spent almost exclusively among high society. His last few days have been spent almost exclusively—no, not among low society. But he does seem to have spent a good deal of time at the Trots.

Why such a scramble for the part of hero in "Trial of a Judge," by Stephen Spender, which Mr. Allison will produce for the Theatre Guild? Could it be... could it be the proposed freshette heroine?

Perils of the Dance

Should the Young be Protected

W.U. Debating commenced operations in the Lady Symon Hall yesterday at lunch-time, when two teams of freshers, led by Miss Kelly and Miss McDougall respectively, had their baptism of fire from quite a large and appreciative audience. The subject was, "That young people should be protected from the perils of the dance." It was, perhaps, a pity that men are, ipso facto, debarred from these debates—there were some very interesting revelations, if we are to take them at their face value. The oft-repeated assertion of some of the speakers, before and after the event, that it was all "only in fun," seems to suggest that we should not—or does it?

Miss Kelly opened the debate for the affirmative. Taking the point of view of the boy in the case, she spoke with particular feeling of the wiles of designing mothers. Miss Haslam, opening for the negative, declared sweepingly that there were no perils, therefore no need for protection, therefore no argument. However, she seemed to have quite a flow of words, as did the other members of her side. Mavis Crompton, taking the girls' point of view, spoke of the evils of drinks, cigarettes, jitterbugging, and surreptitious squeezing in summer houses. (We were quite horrified—didn't know such things could be!) Miss Craven was horrified,

too. In fact, as she said, "Words failed her!" However, she presented a most racy argument, ending with, "Well, even if there are perils—personally, I'm willing to take the risk!" So there you are.

Miss Watson hinted at physical dangers—breaking limbs while jitterbugging and the after-effects on one's constitution of an "unprotected evening." She advocated chaperones. Miss McDougall severely censured her opponents for speaking from a point of view of which they could know nothing, and for painting quite imaginary and exaggerated dangers. With her team mates she thought that there were lots of other things equally perilous—such as picture shows and moonlight walks.

Altogether, it was a most amusing debate, although, after all, one couldn't help agreeing with the leaders that the subject was too slight. This fact was probably responsible for another quite noticeable fault—that the arguments were often too scrappy, and failed to take any definite line. Other faults were a too familiar manner in addressing both opponents and audience, and a tendency to rely a little too much on notes. Despite these faults, the debate revealed some most promising material, which we hope will soon graduate to Union debating.

Red Russia Invades Conservatorium

To-day in South Hall

at 1.15 p.m.

Szostakowicz: First Symphony

MEETING

GEORGE MURRAY HALL

To-day at 1.30 p.m.

to decide times for

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All intending members should roll up

FINAL SCRATCHES

No. 3.

By X. E. Marr.

BLACK WEDNESDAY.

Scene: The Cloisters. Time: Between 1 and 2 p.m.

1.20 p.m.: Dagers and black looks between Men's Union officials, Debating Society, and Women's V.S.D. group, as Men's Union unchivalrously chuck out debaters from George Murray Hall.

1.25 p.m.: Mr. McPhie frantically recruiting men to make up a quorum.

1.30 p.m.: Peace, blissful peace. Mr. McPhie has his quorum.

Stop Press: A few minutes later. Mr. McPhie is again without a quorum. Hence, this advertisement:

Wanted: One quorum. Good pay. Work sedentary. All that is required is to nod the head at timely moments. Apply Chairman, Men's Union Committee.

"FARRAGO" (31/3/41) ON PACIFIC CRISIS.

"The crisis which shook the country a few weeks ago seems to have fizzled out . . . it struck a few people at the time that there was nothing in it. The whole set-up had an artificial note; no mention of the exact nature of the alleged crisis, very little overture, and a rather painfully drawn out recapitulation, and final fade-out. . . . The crisis was more or less put quietly away at Canberra a fortnight ago when Ward, M.H.R., accused Fadden of hoaxing the Australian people and using the scare for political purposes—the "urgent" summons to the three service

chiefs had, in fact, been arranged some considerable time beforehand. Mr. Fadden demanded the withdrawal of the word "hoax," and Ward replaced it by "unwarranted scare." Beyond making a terse comment Fadden did not defend himself any further. No denial was made to the charges of Mr. Ward, in fact, no satisfactory explanation of the crisis has ever been made.

The trouble, of course, was that they blundered it; most people took a wake-up to it."

Any Fadden defenders like to explain this little teaser in "On Dit"? "Farrago," I am assured, will gratefully copy.

"STRIPED BLAZER MAKE ONE LOOK LIKE ZEBRA."

Ass you like it.

FROM X. E. MARR TO "TAURUS" ("FARRAGO" COLUMNIST).

"About ten thousand students in this fair land are still waiting to be told what the resolutions were at the N.U.A.U.S. conference, and what's being done, anyway."

Oh yeah, my dear "Taurus," that's all bull. You should come over here some time and see how one thousand Adelaide students are waiting . . . to die of cerebral decay.

Besides, we don't want to play in the N.U.A.U.S. backyard, anyway.

REXONA OR B.O.

" . . . And it is with this thought that we say farewell to X. E. Marr . . ."

Curtains For X. E. Marr

MAX HARRIS ANSWERS MEN'S UNION ATTACK.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the University.

Did you find the column of X. E. Marr offensive? An attack was made, not upon it, but upon its author, by the Men's Union Committee, with Mr. McPhie in the chair. These worthy gentlemen indulged in an orgy of mealy-mouthed, personal muck-raking, such as is seldom heard in the University, and all the more surprising since I have never met McPhie, Cock, and few of the cronies. The result of this is that the column will cease to be. The Men's Union, Mr. McPhie, Mr. Cock, and those skulking behind, are to be congratulated on their victory.

I can quite understand the position of the Editor in banning the column. He has to produce a paper which the students want. As the opinions of these people are the only ones that have been publicly expressed, he must of necessity take them as representative of the general wish.

I will briefly outline the grounds of the attack of a meeting which was, for the main part, lacking a quorum, and consisted chiefly of the parochial clique that I have attacked so often.

He is generally disliked and the University has no time for him.

Of course, you poor fish! Anyone who consistently and actively stands apart from the general herd, maintaining his own opinions and ideals in spite of the fact that they do not fit in with the ways of thought and living practised by the mob—will be disliked.

R. H. Wilenski writes: "The general herd is a collection of Philistines, people who are absolutely satisfied with their own familiar experience in all fields and obstinately convinced that any enlargements of that experience is unnecessary and to be attacked." The minds of this circle are victims of, in short, a finality-complex. "The desire for the illusion of final comprehension is so strong that they atrophy their curiosity and restrict it to the narrowest possible field." Consequently, they have opposed progress, vitality, and enthusiasm in the University.

I would be disliked here in any case for this reason. But other less narrow people take exception to my egotism, my motives in not falling in with the herd. They feel them to be self-conscious and egotistical.

"He rubs people up the wrong way," said Mr. Cock. If it is egotistical ambition, "twere a grievous fault." I do not know. But this I do—it is not pleasant to feel that one is an outsider, a persona ingrata, something disliked; when it would be quite easy to fit in admirably, when it would be much more comfortable to live easily and pleasantly with one's associates.

I was attacked in our own Australian Literature lectures as "gawky." I am not

worthy of a Bunday prize because I refuse to comply "with the canons of propriety and technique." In my literary work I have received recognition only for the honesty with which I attempt to pursue an unpopular course. Egotistical ambition should be made of sterner stuff than this. It has very little to feed upon.

But of my motives and character these people are in no position to judge. They haven't even met me. They do not pause to ask why he rubs people up the wrong way. In a parochial, dumb way they assume it is wrong that people should be rubbed up the wrong way. They would not feel so sore about it if it weren't that it is their own cant thinking, rationalisations, slipshod ideas that I have attacked.

I have never, as they do not hesitate to do, attacked persons, but only their ways of thinking; I have never attacked groups, but their principles and ideas. This, surely, is a good thing. In the column I pointed out again and again that if it was my thinking that was cant, hypocritical, or slipshod, correction would be useful to the community, just as the criticisms I put forth might be useful to the community.

But these petty local Fascists did not prefer the democratic course. They attacked what they say I am, not what I write or think. This showed their lack of confidence in their ideals and principles.

"He even writes his name with small letters."

If this act has once irritated Mr. Cock or his associates, then it has achieved its purpose fully.

Ladies and gentlemen, once again Gestapo methods have achieved an auspicious success and the rights of free speech and criticism go by the board.

I admit I am disliked, I admit the complexity of my motives in producing the column, but I do deny that they are not what the University wants.

To McPhie, Cock, and Coy, X. E. Marr wishes them a bushman's farewell.

MAX HARRIS.

Strong Action Against Vandals And Zambuk For Scratches

Discussion became somewhat brisk at the A.G.M. of the Men's Union last Wednesday, when the subjects of "On Dit" and of vandalism in the George Murray were raised.

The meeting began with the Secretary's report, read by Mr. McPhie, who subsequently took the chair as this year's President.

It was difficult to tell from Mr. Hutton's poker face whether it came as a bombshell or a relief when it was moved that the Treasurer's report be taken as read. Our reporter, however, regrets that he overheard remarks between Mr. Hutton and Mr. Steele, who somehow managed to get possession of the report, that sounded suspiciously like blackmail. Mr. O'Sullivan, too, exhibited a certain suspicious curiosity as to whether the balance sheet had been properly audited. Mr. Hutton, however, maintained his established reputation for virtue.

The meeting took a turn for the serious when the question of damage done to the George Murray Building equipment came up for discussion. The meeting expressed its belief that firmer action should be taken against delinquents, and that students should be urged to co-operate more with the Housing Committee in putting down rowdism.

Concern was also expressed at the disappearance of books from the Men's Union Library. The meeting came to the conclusion that though locking up the books was the only way by which loss could be altogether prevented, the incon-

venience and expense involved were unwarranted. It would be better to take the risk. However, it was decided to have a book in which borrowed books might be signed for.

The meeting concluded with an attack, lead by Mr. Cock, upon certain sections of "On Dit." The complaint may be summarized as follows:

"On Dit" in general often failed to strike a right balance between the serious and the flippant; it concerned itself with the activities of too limited a circle, and should include more about the staff; and, finally, that the column "Scratches" was particularly offensive. The latter was uninteresting to students, and both it and its author were unpopular and rubbed people up the wrong way.

The Editor, who was present, promised to give attention to the complaints, and if he found they represented a consensus of student opinion, to make alterations. He favoured making the paper more inclusive, and hoped through faculty representatives to get the various faculties in turn to supply to "On Dit" columns that were of particular interest to them. He had permitted provocative attacks in the hope of eliciting replies, and he strongly urged greater co-operation from his critics, especially in writing in to "On Dit" about their views.

Subsidy For Child-Bearing Family Allowance or Clouds of Glory?

Whether children should come into this world with a family allowance from the Government or merely trailing clouds of glory; whether a subsidy on child-bearing would leave women free to cultivate a soulful sensuousness or a sensuous soulfulness; and whether the Child Endowment Act should remain tangled up with rewards for Cattle Breeding and the production of war materials—are some of the topics to be considered by the Lecturer in Economics, Mr. Bruce Williams, in an address to the P.I.R.C. to-morrow in the George Murray Hall at 1.15 p.m.

Mr. Williams was elected President of the club at the A.G.M. last Wednesday at 1.15 p.m. As Patron Prof. Portus was again re-elected; and a committee, consisting of the Secretary, Miss C. Teesdale Smith, and four committee members, Miss Robinson and Messrs. McDonald, Hawkins, and Allison were also elected.

Various suggestions for a programme for the year were made by members, including a study circle, to be led by Prof. Portus, on "International Reconstruction after the War."

Pharmaceutical Students' Association

On March 24 the Pharmaceutical Students' Association held its annual freshers' tea at the Refectory. Freshers were introduced and addressed by the Vice-President and Secretary on 'Varsity life.

This was followed by the first general meeting for 1941—also in the Refectory. The new committee for 1941, consisting of the following members, was elected:

President: H. A. Makin.
Vice-President: K. Johnson.
Secretary: J. C. Freeman.
Assistant Secretary: F. M. Streicher.
Treasurer: J. C. Measday.

The highlight of the evening was the initiation ceremony.

The meeting was concluded at 10.45 p.m.

The Angry Penguins' Revolt

They came at night
through a neon aurora
that caught lustfully at their white shirt-
fronts
with green and red . . .
They came at night,
strutting precisely through a blizzard of
lives,
with their elegant wives,
to a polarized roar of avalanched fears,
penny-bound in illiterate paper-boys
and union clerks with giggling lines
talking with filmstars on stage-sets . . .

* * *

These "angry penguins," in their silent
herd,
demanded the answer of the Sun,
singing a jazz-band song-hit
of a "pelvic-rose" that painted a midnight
sky
more brilliant than sunrise,
refracting dazzling beauties to sneer into
the sunset . . .

* * *

But the Aurora had faded, when
The button was pressed,
and the spirit of the machine died . . .

* * *

"Something more!" The penguins cried,
"Something more!" . . .
"Where is the Esquimaux chief?"

But JU-HAR-DUT-PFEI POK
only smiled
and dialled
another number.

—"The Cerebral Sour-sob."

And Angry Dutton Replies

Smectymnus' name was got
From self-appointed strands of rock
With JU-HA-DUT-PEEL-POK
The Presbyterians have another shot.

OUR EIGHT WINS

Boat Club has Highly Successful Opening for the Year's Activities

An eight-oared race between crews, representing the Adelaide Rowing and the University Boat Club, was rowed on the Torrens Lake Saturday afternoon, and was easily won by 'Varsity.

Both crews got away from the weir together. University punched their work from the start, and soon had a lead of half a length.

Nearing the Morphett Street Bridge, 'Varsity had increased their lead to a length, with Adelaide making a strong bid to make up the leeway.

In an effort to get a straight run at the finish, the Adelaide cowswain made a wide sweep at the bridge, but the 'Varsity crew had too much in hand, and won by two lengths.—Extract "Mail," 5/4/41.

Club Notes

Although a number of our senior oarsmen have been called to the colours, the Rowing Club is by no means obsolete and this year we have begun with a number of new and keen oarsmen, together with a few of the old brigade, who are endeavouring to keep their girths within reasonable proportions at the approach of old age.

Athletics A.G.M.

The annual general meeting was held last Tuesday and the following officers were elected:

President: J. S. T. Hill.

Deputy President: A. G. Rowe.

Hon. Secretary: M. H. Draper.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: M. W. Elliott.

Committee (in addition to the ex officio members): R. E. Craven, R. T. Steele, G. E. Aitken, and G. Cheeseman.

Delegates to the S.A.A.A.A.: M. H. Draper and G. Cheeseman.

It was decided that the 'Varsity sports should be held on Wednesday, May 7.

TRAINING.

On the Refectory notice board will be found a list where all those training are asked to enter their names in the appropriate column. On each of these nights we will endeavour to supply somebody to help with your training. It is possible that we may be able to get the advice of "Bull" Creighton, who has been connected with athletics for many years. He trained such famous 'Varsity runners as A. G. Campbell and Andrew Young. For those interested in pole vaulting, the apparatus will be available shortly; also the oval will be marked out in distances early next week.

Remember, there is a little over a month to go to the only remaining meeting where you will be able to represent the 'Varsity. Start training NOW.

Fencing Club

There is an opportunity of working in with the Diploma of Physical Education course, because fencing is part of the practical work. Dr. Mitchell, who is in charge of the diploma course, has very kindly offered to help with this co-operation. This means a lot of trouble for him in the way of administrative difficulties, and it would be a great pity to see such kindness wasted because of lack of enthusiasm and support. Thus it seems that now it will be possible to have an instructor to teach, probably on Tuesday afternoon between five and six. The time cannot be fixed until we have an assured membership of at least twelve—then we can see what time is most suitable for all. This sport is open to both men and women, yet so far only two women and four men have shown any interest. There will be a meeting of all interested in the Chess Clubroom (opposite John Martin's shop) on Wednesday, April 9, i.e., tomorrow, at 1.20 p.m., to discuss arrangements of times, etc. If you are interested come along. This is probably the first time such an opportunity to learn fencing has ever been presented in South Australia. Fencing in Melbourne and Sydney is a very well-known sport. Now is the opportunity to make it so in Adelaide.

We were very glad, indeed, to see Alan King, now an engineer on H.M.A.S. "Sydney," home on leave some weeks ago, after a series of glorious exploits in the battle zone. Frank Espie and G. Neuenkirchen, members of last year's inter-'Varsity eight, have also left our midst with the A.I.F., and John Marshman has been called up with the R.A.A.F.

Since the year began, new members of the club have been given a trial in the eight and the best eight available was chosen for the challenge race, held over the 1,000 yards course against Adelaide Rowing Club on Saturday, April 12. The crew was well balanced and willing, and was ably stroked by Lance Bonnin to victory.

The crew which represented the 'Varsity in this challenge race was as follows:

D. A. Muirhead (bow).
R. G. Blake (2).
J. A. Hill (3).
I. G. Pavy (4).
D. J. Guppy (5).
R. A. Burston (6).
G. P. H. Dutton (7).
L. Bonnin (stroke).
D. J. Downing (cox).

Football Club A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Football Club was held on Monday, March 31. Bill Betts and Bob Steele were re-elected unopposed for the positions of captain and vice-captain respectively.

Votes of thanks were passed to H. Page for his services as coach last year and for his offer to carry on without remuneration this year, and to J. D. Hill, the retiring secretary, now serving in the R.A.A.F.

Last year's find, N. C. Shierlaw, was elected secretary for the coming season. M. Bridgland will fulfil this position for the B team.

The first practice was on Tuesday and, being April 1 and very warm, only a certain section attended. However, a large attendance is expected this week, when our coach will be in charge.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to two more footballers now in the fighting services, John Dunstan, on winning the Gunning Medal for the fairest and most brilliant player for the 1940 season, and to Neil Ligertwood, who, with John, obtained his Blue. Also to N. C. Shierlaw on winning the Sangster Medal for the most improved player in the A's.

Although there has been a drain on last year's players due to enlistments, there are many keen and able freshers to fill the ranks. Backed by the latter's good showing at practice and last year's successes, we have every reason to look forward to finishing in the major round, if not the premiers, this season.

Hockey Club

The Adelaide University Hockey Club held its A.G.M. and elected Dr. W. Salter, President; Mr. J. M. McPhie, Practice Captain and Blue Repret.; W. Fenner, Treasurer; and D. B. Kirby, Secretary.

The first practice will be held on Wednesday afternoon, all freshers and others are urged to attend. Make hockey a means to, keep fit. Combine skill and speed with weight and fitness.

Women!

Fencing Club

MEETING TO-MORROW

At 1.20 p.m., April 9, in the Chess Clubroom (opposite John Martin's shop)
ALL interested welcome

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What is the
E. B.

Annual Swimming Carnival

Freshers Predominate

The carnival was held last Tuesday night at the Unley Crystal Pool in weather which was ideal. There was one of the biggest crowds present at the carnival since the inter-'Varsity, and none who went were disappointed in an evening's excellent entertainment. Good entries were received for the handicap events, and thus those swimmers whose ability does not place them in the championship class had an opportunity to win a trophy. The women again turned up in force and were an added attraction to those males who went to see the swimming. A pleasing feature was the attendance of the freshers, who supported the carnival nobly, and it is to be hoped they continue to support the sporting activities of the University in like fashion. R. Craven delighted the crowd with an exhibition of trapeze work, and those who attempted to emulate him did their share of the entertainment in amusing everyone.

R. Godfrey (from W.A.) won the freshers' championship, 33½; 100 yds. free style championship, 100 yds. breaststroke championship. He also won the championship cup. This was a particularly good performance, as it was done in excellent company. R. Beard's effort was also very good.

R. Godfrey's time for the 100 yds. breaststroke, viz., 1 m. 20 sec., was very

close to an all-time record. It is a pity that with such a collection of good swimmers there will be no inter-'Varsity. It is certain that we would have put up a very good show.

Miss M. Stewart won the women's 100 yards freestyle championship. Results: Men's 100 yards freestyle championship, R. Godfrey, R. Beard. Women's freshers' championship, R. Sandford-Morgan, S. Yeatman. Men's diving, J. H. Bonnin, R. B. Craven. Women's 100 yards freestyle handicap, M. Stewart, E. Teesdale Smith. Men's 33½ yards freestyle handicap, H. E. Cook. Women's 50 yards freestyle handicap, C. Cowell, M. Matters. Men's 100 yards breaststroke championship, R. Godfrey, M. Clarke. Women's diving, P. Forbes, J. Newling. Women's 33½ back or breaststroke handicap, J. Newling, A. Moore. Men's 33½ yards freshers' championship, R. Godfrey, R. Beard. Women's lighted candle race, M. Hewitson, J. Newling. Men's 100 yards backstroke championship, F. C. Archibald. Women's obstacle race, J. Minnett, R. Finlayson. Men's 200 yards freestyle championship, G. Dutton, J. Bonnin. Men's 66½ yards freestyle handicap, D. Muirhead, M. C. Moore. Men's obstacle race, J. Skipper, H. E. Cook. Women's inter-faculty relay, Arts, Massage. Mixed relay, M. Stewart, J. Skipper, U. Butler, K. B. McMichael. Men's inter-faculty relay, Medicine, Science.

Freshers! Have You?

Signed the lacross list on the notice board, been out to lacrosse practice on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoon, seen in the Refectory the cup that the C team—all of whom (with one exception) had never even had a stick in their hands before last year—won by coming top of their grade in 1940. That cup has been presented twelve times and University has managed to bring it home for a year on three occasions—more than any other club.

What twelve freshers will accept the task of winning it for the club again this season? Last year the victorious C's were entertained at a dinner by the rest of the club and were each presented with mounted photos of the team. That offer still stands.

No previous experience is needed. A new player can learn to throw and catch the ball before the season begins. After that it depends on him to practise whenever he can. Our C team this year will be all freshers and there will probably be four places in the B team vacant for them.

The club has managed to purchase three old sticks so far and these will be auctioned at the next practise match.

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Boxing and Wrestling Club

The University Boxing and Wrestling Club held its A.G.M. in the George Murray Hall on March 26.

The meeting was well attended, and the President, Mr. Lempriere Abbott, was in the chair.

Officers elected for 1941 were:
Mr. C. Lempriere Abbott, President.
Dr. E. A. H. Russell, Vice-President.
Prof. Campbell, Vice-President.
Mr. A. Britten Jones, F.R.G.S., Hon. Vice-President.

Frank Collins, Captain of Boxing.
Alan Weetman, Captain of Wrestling.

Bob Schulze, Secretary.
Wil. Smith, Treasurer.
Russ. Madigan, Auditor.
J. Gooden, M. Draper, G. Cheeseman, Committeemen.

It was decided, at Mr. Draper's instigation, to re-affiliate fencing under the auspices of the club.

The meeting closed at 2.15 p.m., after deciding that boxing practice was to be held on Mondays at 5 p.m. and wrestling on Friday nights at the same hour. The business of the Fencing Club was adjourned until further information could be had from Dr. Mitchell.

Men!

Fencing Club

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