

Medicine

It is not the intention of the writer of this article to prove conclusively or otherwise that our faculty is "the salt of the earth," this being the chief idea expressed in recent efforts. We simply claim that our existence is well justified, and after all the really great men are those least heard of and whose value and ability are not appreciated until they are gone.

About the vexed political question we as a faculty have nothing to say. There are men in other parts of the university much better fitted for the task of directing the nation. Their eloquence almost outdoes their looks, but perhaps the latter are due to the microcephaly. The only thing we ask is that all the subversive (a popular word) statements made through "On Dit" be completely eradicated. Speaking of "On Dit," it almost seems as if this "abortion" of a rag might be done away with in war-time and the money spent on War Savings Certificates. It spends most of its time bleating vainly into the confines of space and not expressing the views of the Union as a whole.

Last week several of our members had a spontaneous remission from their incurable consumption, which had been exacerbating for several days. So great was the recovery, in fact, that they returned a barrel of perfectly good "grog" to one of the well-known ale houses. The students at the Queen's still have their little worries, and while striving to keep the wolf from the door find it a practical impossibility to keep the stork from coming in the window.

That happy haven, the Anatomy School, will be a much quieter place now that third-year are moving on to the hospital. It is to be hoped that their foundation in Anatomy and Physiology has been as thorough as that in some of the more popular card games.

There is nothing more to say on this occasion and since there are only five years at present in the Medical School and one of these is on holiday, we would be glad to see as many as possible of the four remaining years at the next Society meeting, Thursday, August 14.

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Union Meeting Monday GAG OR NO GAG?

Such is the decision to be reached at a special meeting of the Union Monday next at 1.20 p.m. in the George Murray Hall, when the motion will be proposed: "That this meeting of the Adelaide University Union considers that the prohibition applied to the President's expression of his social and political opinions as a Union member is unjust, in that it lays him open to indiscriminate attack and criticism without the individual right of free reply and free speech."

Surprise moves, we hear, are being organized by those who oppose the motion. Included among them is, it is said, a motion for the suppression of "On Dit." Turn up, then, and air your views.

THE HISTORY OF THE MOTION.

For the benefit of those who are not yet aware of the facts leading to the calling of the meeting, we briefly recapitulate them.

Last Monday fortnight the Sports Association passed a resolution that club secretaries be asked to provide a list of those who would be willing to assist the Government, if required, in action against strikers.

On the following Wednesday there appeared in "On Dit" a personal letter written by the President, Mr. Elliott Johnston, criticizing their attitude.

This led to an attempt to move a motion of censure against Mr. Johnson at a meeting of the Union Committee on the following Monday on the ground that he was encouraging the opinions of a minority. This was defeated, but an amendment passed prohibiting him, while President, from expressing any political views, in writing, either under his own name or that of President, on the ground

that the person could not be distinguished from the office-holder.

Immediately following he was attacked in "On Dit" by Mr. Abbott, who maintained that he was indiscriminately supporting strikes. Mr. Johnston had denied this charge in the Union Committee meeting, and asked that his letter be re-read. But he was now placed in a position in which he was unable to defend himself against what he considered Mr. Abbott's persistent misstatements.

Accordingly, a petition signed by twenty members of the Union who considered the position unjust, was presented to the Union Committee, and a special meeting of the Union was called.

There have been numerous counter moves made by those who are opposed to this motion. But no information is forthcoming as to these.

Many members of the Sports Association, however, who formerly posed as advocates of law and order, have now, it appears, become open advocates of violence—see the Swimming Notes on the Sports Page.

Commerce Outwits Law

BEVY OF BEAUTIES AT DEBATE

One of the liveliest bodies in the university is the Commerce Association, consisting mainly of night students, yet possessing a praiseworthy vitality and a collection of new and unfamiliar female faces that set "On Dit's" heart a-flutter last Thursday night.

Across the way the women's plays were in session; but in the George Murray we were loftily engaged in thinking out the pros and cons of Federal Unionism as a way to International Peace. At least the six debating gentlemen from Commerce and Law were, while "On Dit" tried hard to concentrate on the debate.

George Klimont on the pro side made a particularly good speech and summing up, while the leader of the Opposition presented a vitriolic, destructive case for Commerce. Mr. Clark, the adjudicator, after giving a fair and reasoned analysis of the speakers, awarded the debate to Commerce, although Law won the motion when put to the house.

A certain Mr. Phil. Claridge was very loquacious from the house!

And Lyall Miller, Commerce Secretary, on seeing his boys win the debate, stood up in the middle of his circle of female admirers and poured compassion on the disgruntled lawyers.

President Adrian Stock held the meeting together from the outset and tapped a vigorous pencil at loquacious debaters.

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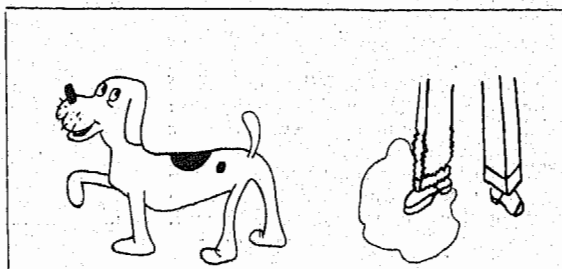
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Con: G. C. Klimont, Miss C. Carter, C. W. Villeneuve-Smith

"Monty"

The news of the death of Leading Aircraftman H. M. ("Monty") White in a flying accident in Queensland has been received with universal regret by his fellow-students. By his untimely death the university has lost one of its most brilliant scholars, who would undoubtedly have become an extremely able lawyer. His was an intellect of the highest rank, and yet he was full of those sympathies and qualities which made him so many friendships.

He was dux of St. Peter's College in 1937 and 1938, and captain of the school in 1938. At the end of his first year at the university he obtained top credit in Latin I. and Latin II., second credit in French I., and gained a first class in Elements of Law. For these achievements he was awarded a Stow Prize and the Andrew Scott Prize. In 1940 he obtained a first class in the Law of Contracts and the Law of Wrongs, a second class in the Law of Property, and was again awarded a Stow Prize, together with the R. W. Bennett Prize.

"Monty" also took an active part in extra-curricular affairs, being a member of the 1940 S.C.M. Committee and a representative on the Debating Committee of the Union. In addition, he was President of the Wranglers' Club of St. Mark's College.

We extend to his family our deepest sympathy for their great loss.

A.U.E.U.

"Either Christ is the greatest hoax foisted on the world, or all His claims concerning Himself are true," said Mr. Burnham at the Evangelical Union meeting, upholding Christ's claim to be the Light of the World. World troubles are due to the fact that men rejected Christ, and mankind to-day shows no regret for its action. In spite of this, His light is evident in the social sphere, where all the best social standards can be found in His teaching. This, however, is insufficient to break through the darkness of a man's soul. Christ is the Light of the World by virtue of the judgment for sin which He bore on the Cross. Personal acceptance of this is all that is necessary to keep the soul from "outer darkness" after death.

Next week: Krishnabai Gadre, B.A., from India, will speak on "India Speaks for Christ."

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OPINION

Is Poverty Bad?

The Editor.

In view of the Government's somewhat inadequate administration, to put it mildly, I do not wish to be thought a Government apologist. Neither do I wish to quarrel with the extremely accurate knowledge possessed by Mr. Johnston and his co-thinkers and which their opponents to date have shown distinct signs of lacking. But in my opinion Mr. Johnston's letter on strike-breakers expressed clearly a tendency among those socialist students to confine their search for truth to a limited area, and therefore unwittingly to deny others the liberties they themselves demand.

That the Sports Association Committee resolves students should act as strike-breakers means, even if taken further, that one society, not the whole student body, has a majority favouring that resolution. There is as much justification for such resolutions as those favouring strikes and a people's government passed at recent Union debates, and quite as much justification for political activity by this section of students as by the section which engages in socialist activities in the Labour League of Youth.

Mr. Johnston argues that students will be discarding "their position of being independent seekers." But many students, save for their reserved occupation, would not be at the university but in the fighting forces. Surely these — civilians by accident but soldiers by conviction — should be able to help produce war materials. On this there can be no doubt when one considers that but for the accident of occupation they themselves would be fighting alongside their friends — those Adelaide students whose familiar and dear faces may never again see the 'Varsity because of inadequate war supplies. If these students in reserved occupations decide as a student society to so act in public life there is absolutely no reason why they should not.

Quite apart from this, Mr. Johnston has himself taken up one so-called side of the economic conflict. He considers strikes are necessary to settle the worker's just grievances and that is more important than hold-ups in vital industries. To support his argument he quotes figures of a model diet. Here is another set of figures calculated by economists. If all income-earners in Australia were given the present basic wage and the Government took everything, including property, the country could produce about a thirty per cent. war effort. England's war effort is over forty-five per cent., and authorities estimate that to win the war, in the Pacific and in Europe, Australia will have to approach the latter figure. This means the average income will be well below the present basic wage. Unless Mr. Johnston and his co-thinkers favour losing the war, I fail to see how they can still call the workers' claim for "sufficient food" legitimate. Strikes to force everyone to the same low level of welfare necessary to win the war would have a good case. It is true, many anti-strikers have shown little willingness to reduce themselves to this common level, but recent strikes and Mr. Johnston's diet example, revealing only demands for greater welfare, show no willingness either.

But the worst feature is the refusal of many students, socialist and otherwise, unbiassedly and "independently" to seek the bottom of the problem. (B.H.P., the victim of numerous profiteering accusations, has, in actual fact, with all allowances, made a smaller profit than this time last year. Thomas and Ratcliff evoked numerous civil libertarians attacking the National Security Act. But no one said that National Security Regulations enable every Australian-born or naturalized internee to appeal to a committee of three (one of whom is a State judge) with every facility for witnesses, legal defence, etc. The three men hearing the appeal unanimously decided that Thomas and Ratcliff, on their own admission besides other evidence, were working deliberately against the war effort and should be interned.)

Finally, I see no attempt by this group of socialist students to fulfil Mr. Johnston's dictum of seeking "the true basis of social life" unbiassedly and without pre-judgment. I have never heard them discuss whether selfishness in a socialist system will have as bad results as selfishness in a capitalist system. Nor have I yet heard them say "why" it is right to be unselfish and wrong to act selfishly on the profit motive, "why" happiness and a developed life are good while poverty, hardship, physical and mental restriction are bad. And, finally, I have not heard

V for Vitamins the Workers' Food Still Lacks

Sir,

A great deal of abuse has lately been poured upon a certain "minority" in the university.

As I am implicated in this abuse ("the whole tone of 'On Dit' is subversive"), and as Mr. Johnston is now debarred from defending himself in person, I should like to defend this "minority" from the various ill-defined accusations levelled against them by defining what is my own, and what I believe to be their general attitude.

There has never been any question on our part of the necessity of defeating Hitler. What we maintain is that the war can be better carried on under another government, and urge that it should be. We claim the democratic rights of a minority to persuade people to accept such views. We believe that stifling criticism, instead of uniting a nation, provokes discontent. We do not seek to force our opinions on others, but we claim the right of voluntary association to urge such opinions. We do not deny others the same right, though we may challenge their right to commit those who have not voluntarily associated themselves with such an object (the university, for example) in this respect.

In attacking the present Government we are supported by about half of the electorate, while the dissensions in the U.A.P. Party indicate, we think, that they admit themselves their policy is bankrupt.

But perhaps the full measure of our opposition to the present Government can only be understood by reference to political events since the last war.

In the last war the Australian digger was told that he was fighting for democracy. He found instead unemployment, years of depression, and an international situation that contained the seeds of new wars. When the same cry was raised again at the outbreak of the present war it was determined that this time such a promise should have some meaning.

But in the period between wars, the manifest inadequacies of the capitalist economy, the growing insistence that it should be replaced by a new order, had led to the determination of the ruling class in many countries to prevent this even by the overthrow of their own constitutions by force. The establishment of Fascism in Italy, Nazism in Germany, and the victory of Franco in Spain, were the result. And at the outbreak of the present war there were not wanting those in France and even in Australia who sympathized with such beliefs. When,

therefore, shortly after the outbreak of war we saw attacks being made on democratic liberties, when we heard the statements of Messrs. Robb and Sharland, and even Mr. Fadden ("Better Hitler than Union Leftists"), when we remembered the connivance of the Government at the establishment of Fascism abroad, their fight against an embargo on scrap iron to Japan, their indifference to the fate of Spain and Czecho-Slovakia, we were filled with suspicion. We determined at all costs to oppose those with Fascist tendencies in Australia, to allow no slackening of our democratic vigilance.

Among those who felt their way have been the greater part of the working class.

It has been said that in striking to maintain their living standards and liberties they have been stabbing the A.I.F. men in the back. If so it is deplorable. But it is a lesser evil than to stab him in the back as the Vichy Government did the French soldier. The task of the Australian worker has been to preserve for the Australian digger the liberties and living standards for which he is fighting. And in this connection we would do well to remember that probably the greater part of the A.I.F. are workers themselves. (In view of the fact that eighty per cent. of the first A.I.F. division were unemployed, the sudden concern of the ruling class for them is touching.)

Moreover, the fault does not lie with the worker. His was not the bankrupt policy that sent the digger overseas unarmed. And at least it must be admitted that the policy of the Government has provoked industrial unrest, even if we do not hold the opinion of as conservative a member as Mr. Wilson, the Independent member of Parliament, who has alleged that it is well known in Canberra that it has been the policy of the Government deliberately to provoke industrial unrest (see the "News").

Why, then, not try a government that will preserve for the digger the things for which he is fighting? Why, then, not try a government which will offer him on his return a more equitable share of the national wealth?

With such an attempt I, at any rate, am ready to align myself.

Many of our opponents on the other hand, I ask you to observe, preach a doctrine not unlike that of the detested Nazis: racial hatred, the forceful suppression of opinion, and the nobility of toil and sweat.

JOHN ALLISON.

Our Relation to the War

Dear Sir,

May I express my opinion, for what it is worth, on this de-gagging of the President of the Union?

I admit that universities are well known as the hotbeds of Communism and all other ideas which gain a certain amount of notoriety for those who follow them. So far as I can see, this university is no exception. Further, might I dare suggest that it is (or should be) the one aim and object on everyone's horizon to win this war, and why should members of the university differ from this?

Just what exactly a great many of us down here are doing to win this war is a debatable point. Some are in reserved occupations, but others (mostly the chief perpetrators of this round-Robin business) are not. Thus, so far as I can see, this group should be only too glad of an opportunity to stand out and do their bit for the Government. The said Government may be at fault in many of its actions, but so would any, to some degree, in such circumstances. The few conscientious objectors, i.e., the President and his following, can easily stand down from anything that may event, for their situation is fully appreciated by the Government.

But, for Mr. Johnston, whether he spoke as President or not (for in any case his views ought to carry some weight) to condemn the action of the Sports Association is, in my opinion, quite wrong. He should have consulted not his own views, but those of the university which seem, on the majority, to be very much against him.

In peace-time the President or anyone else can say and do exactly as they wish,

them discuss what they are going to do with material welfare when they have it. This in all good faith,

C. A. PRICE.

Lickspittle?

Sir,

Mr. N. G. Abbott is to be congratulated for his most excellent letter of July 30. He has presented an unanswerable case against strikes and strikers, whilst his attack on the cowardly canaille who comprise the "intellectuals" at this university is most timely.

The decision to form a body of strike-breakers will not lack support from thinking and loyal members of this university, and neither the loud-mouthed bellowing of Mr. Elliott Johnston, nor the shrill rantings of Mr. Max Harris and his lickspittle associates will deter those whose loyalty is to Australia first and anything else second.

It ill becomes Mr. Johnston and his companions to attack Mr. Abbott, or to make him a target for their own inimitable brand of gutter vituperation; for, to say the least of it, Mr. Johnston holds views which are incompatible with a whole-hearted support for the war effort, whilst Harris and his sycophantic disciple, R. N. Hamilton have displayed an eager willingness to lend themselves to activities of a most dubious nature. The political rabble have held sway too long at this university, and they must either declare themselves in full support for the war or else take the consequences. —I am, etc.,

C. VILLENEUVE-SMITH.

Swayer of Crowds

Sir,

Before the war Mr. McMahon Ball spoke at this university and he said that if war should come we must beware of getting Fascism from within Australia — and he was not talking about fifth columnists! It would be easier to fight efficiently if we used Fascist methods, and so we should be in a dilemma. Many people think the war is just a large-size prize fight, which must be won, even if we go Fascist in the process. We expect university students, of all people, to judge differently, because they are supposed to be able to think — and not merely to kick balls and score correctly. Students have most to lose under Fascism and Nazism — the farmer can reap his crop, but the scholar is not left alone to come to what conclusion he will. Mr. Johnston has been told to shut up — this is merely a sample of the heaven that is to be ours if such as Mr. Abbott have their way. Mr. Abbott threatens Mr. Hamilton with something awful to come — if he doesn't look out. Mr. Abbott should keep his letter for reference in the new regime which he and his fellow-sportsmen are helping to usher in. If he cultivates his eloquence, his hysteria, and his glycerine tears, he should be admirable as a swayer of crowds.

The sports people are using Fascist methods to fight against Fascism. Surely this is not very intelligent of them.

MARY MARTIN.

Who Is Worse Off?

Sir,

In his letter last week Mr. Abbott tried to show us how much worse off a soldier, who has only 2/- a day to spend after he, his wife, and family, have been fed, clothed, and housed, is than a working man.

How many basic wage-earners do you know who can afford two pots of beer, a packet of fags, and a milk shake per day?

G. S. MURRAY.

Kept Firmly Gagged

Dear Sir,

Some people are trying hard to get the President ungagged. They argue that Johnston should be allowed to reply to the attacks made against him. Why can't he reply to those attacks just as well under a nom-de-plume? He can surely establish his identity quite well under an assumed name, and then he won't be making statements, as President, which will be taken to represent the views of the majority. In ordinary circumstances, when a President represents the views of a majority of the body with whom he is connected, there is absolutely no reason to gag him. But with Johnston it is different, because his remarks give the outside public, who are starting to take particular notice of him, the impression that he is backed by a majority. For that reason alone, he should either give up the presidency, or be kept firmly and resolutely gagged. —Yours, etc.,

D. H. LAIDLAW.

A Question of Value

Dear Sir,

After reading "On Dit" I had the following thoughts:

That some people value the war effort more than the things for which the war effort exists.

That people with the following kind of logic should not be found in a university: "I detest Communism, because of what Communism has shown itself to be."

That some people are successful at chasing polar bears, but when it comes to thinking they do not come off so well.

N. MARTIN.

Both Fighting Fascists

The Editor,

Mr. N. G. Abbott, in his letter published last week, makes an interesting, if somewhat prejudiced, comparison between the Australian soldier, who "has stood up to and stemmed the mechanized might of Germany with Australian guts and Australian courage," and the Australian worker, "waxing fat in civil ease." He depicts, in his own inimitably logical and lucid style, the part played by the Australian worker (synonymous with striker) in bringing "the enemy nearer to that world domination he craves." He indirectly censures the workers for employing in their defence, probably with Australian guts and courage, their sole weapon, the strike, goes on to dissociate himself from the anti-Government attitude of a subversive minority, and in the same breath vigorously denounces and expresses his hatred of Nazism, Fascism, and Communism, and proclaims, "I am for the present Government."

Had he pursued his original comparison a little further he would, perhaps, have avoided this blundering muddle-headedness which characterizes the greater part of his epistle. He would have realized that both the Australian soldier and the Australian worker (striker) are fighting against Fascism; the soldier against external Fascism, the worker (striker) against an internal menace. He would have realized that while the Australian soldier fights anti-democratic forces on the battlefield, the worker, with the limited weapons at his disposal, fights what he feels to be the same forces at home, in the shape of a Government controlled by a monopolistic, capitalistic minority out to make the most of its chances in this war, as the German and Italian minorities made the most of their chances in and after the last war. The worker realizes that this state of affairs is opposed to democracy and that at any moment it may slide into Fascism, and, like the soldier, he opposes it, albeit at the soldier's expense. This clash of common forces can be eradicated only by a less selfish, more liberal and democratic outlook on the part of our present Government, or its successor.—Sincerely yours,
ROSS DUNCAN.

V for Vision without which a People Perishes

Sir,

It appears that a few in this institution of learning and truth believe that the university should keep apart from politics. They picture the students as being above politics, by which I imagine they mean that students should concern themselves with abstract theories or scientific technicalities. They would have us learn political science but not in relation to present-day politics. We should not concern ourselves about unemployment, poverty, social reform, the causes of war, or any practical problems which face the community and, in particular, politicians to-day. They would exclude us from discussing the merits or demerits of political parties, and yet it is those parties which rule us.

Politics are to-day a subject which concerns either directly or indirectly most members of the community, and if students are not to discuss politics they are refusing to face some of the real issues of life. In a democratic country there is a duty on everyone over twenty-one to vote, and to vote with some knowledge of what he is voting about. Will the young students be forced to ask father what to do? Further than this, I would say that the university is the place which should send forth men suited to take part in the political life of their country. They have had all the advantages of a decent education which is denied to the majority, and should they not use that education in the service of the electorate! Perhaps if more trained people took up politics, we would have fewer politicians and more statesmen.

We have only to look at the British universities to see that a number of personalities had a political reputation while at a university. The Oxford Union, one of the largest and most remarkable debating societies in the world, has been described as a nursery of statesmen. It was a forcing house of political talent and men like Gladstone received in it their first experience of a quasi-parliamentary atmosphere. At the end of the last century F. E. Smith (later Lord Birkenhead) was the leader of the Conservative section, while Hilaire Belloc dominated the Liberals.

To-day political discussion has largely taken the place which religious discussion held in the Middle Ages, and it is impossible to ask students not to discuss subjects which they feel concern them intimately. Moreover, controversy of any kind is healthy, as it shows that people are thinking and a university exists to encourage this.
E.T.S.

Interested Have Enlisted

Sir,

Our "subversive minority" have been good contributors to the last few editions of "On Dit." Criticism right and left. Constructive criticism, in its place, is, no doubt, of great value; but a few students at the university seem to have the idea that everything, barring, of course, their own ideals, should be made the object of indiscriminate criticism. They disagree with the Government's present policy. They have every right to do so. But I see no reason why, because of this, they should criticize everything that the Government chooses to do, and make such rash statements as, for instance, "The people of Australia would prefer to live under Fascist Hitler than under Fascist Menzies." Some probably think the "V for Victory" campaign "a little childish," but is it necessary for them to go telling everyone else, "Oh! that's all

twaddle," and so render the whole campaign a failure? A petition was drawn up in objection to the gagging of the President. An hour later, one of the apparently aggrieved told me that he had signed the petition — not because he was convinced in himself that a wrong had been committed, but because he predicted strife in the near future and when that strife came he wanted to be well and truly in it.

The fact is that those with most interest in the prosecution of the war (reserved occupations excepted) have enlisted. Is it right that we who are continuing our studies, unaffected by the war, should sit back and do our best to find fault and cause disturbances? In so doing our "all-in" war effort would be on a par with that of the strikers.—Yours, etc.,
H. T. BENNETT.

Abbott's Misquotations

Sir,

Are we to judge the spirit of the opposition of Mr. Abbott and his following to the attitude of an alleged minority by the deliberate lie with which he opened his latest epistle? His statement in regard to Mr. Johnston's attitude towards strikers had been proved a lie in his own and in the face of the Union Committee two days previous to its repeated publication.

I feel it would be unreasonable to judge Mr. Abbott himself in the light of the abuse which he and his associates have continually vomited. Now, perhaps, would it be fitting to relate the accuracy of his statements about subjects in which he himself is, or ought to be, in good authority, with that of his judgements of affairs which he indirectly admits he hasn't had time to think about.

Sufficient should it be to say that his assertion that I am one of those who run "On Dit" is based upon the fact that I have written two letters about "Angry Penguins" and a critique of the Teachers' College "Gondoliers."

Mr. Abbott referred in his letter to a statement of mine in a recent debate. He had previously misquoted it in the Union Committee meeting and been proved once more incorrect. In view of this and many other shameful misquotations of it, both to me and behind my back, I repeat it.

Subversive

Sir,

May I take some space to debunk Mr. N. Abbott's latest letter. Mr. Abbott says, "Mr. Elliott Johnston . . . declared his attitude to be in favour of strikers, whatever may be their reason for striking or at whatever time they choose to strike." This is a libellous misstatement. I would not make such a misrepresentation deliberately, and if I did so accidentally I should apologize.

Mr. Abbott also states, "I desire to dissociate myself . . . from the generally irritating attitude expressed in 'On Dit' by those who run it, viz., Mr. Allison, the Editor, Messrs. Schulze, Harris, and R. N. Hamilton . . ." May I point out that Mr. Abbott's literature in "On Dit" in the past four issues has totalled twenty-six inches. Mr. Allison's letters have taken ten inches, Mr. Hamilton has used nine inches (all in the "Angry Penguin" controversy), myself three inches (namely in a sports notice), and Mr. Harris twenty inches under his own name (eight inches political and twelve inches "Angry Penguins").

The above figures indicate that Mr. Abbott has had a bigger voice in "On Dit" than any one of the persons he claims "run" it.

Incidentally, this is the first letter by Hamilton or myself in essence referring specifically to a person, but, after Mr. Abbott's disgustingly personal attack, I feel it is justified.

Mr. Abbott thinks the four people mentioned to be a minority, with whom the majority of the university does not desire to be associated. Very well — so be it, we are exiled, together with eighty per cent. of the Boxing and Wrestling Club members whom I approached in my capacity of secretary regarding the Strike-breakers' League (in accordance with the motion passed by the Sports Association Committee), and seven out of eight 2nd year med. sitting at a table I picked at random in the Refectory last Wednesday, who were definitely opposed to interference in such a political field.

Who do YOU think represents the majority, we four or Mr. Abbott?
R. G. SCHULZE,
Business Manager.

P.S.: Mr. Abbott claims my tone, as expressed in "On Dit," to be subversive. If the rowing report, the activity of "Whifter" or the Rex Theatre is subversive, I extend my humblest apologies to Mr. Abbott and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Intern without Trial?

Sir,

Miss Teesdale Smith asks, "Are we prepared to sit by and allow men to be interned without trial?" I am. I have faith in the Government in its prosecution of the war against Germany. Apart from this, the men had been previously tried and found guilty (as stated by Miss Teesdale Smith).

Reflect on the thousands of our men overseas prepared to give everything for their country and you will realize the retention of two men is a trivial concern; agitation, with such affairs as its excuse, should be suppressed. The important thing at present is winning the war against Germany, and only when that is won can we afford to concentrate on our political arguments at home.

R. G. McEWIN.

The Agitator Abbott

Dear Sir,

I should like to protest against the Union's attitude towards the President, and especially against the agitators McPhie and Abbott.

It is the duty of every student to try to solve our political problems. Surely anyone who contradicts this is a fool. That men with such biased minds should run our Union is deplorable. The trouble with Abbott and Co. is that they haven't the guts to tackle our political problems. To me it seems quite obvious that strike-breaking is one step nearer the dreaded Fascism.

In his letter Mr. Abbott, apart from oozing sob-stuff, talks a lot about the biased minority. The majority, as always, are too dead to form any opinion. He also says that he supports "the present Government, or any other government which wholeheartedly prosecutes the war." Would he support a totalitarian government which can prosecute a war far better than any highly capitalistic state?

I should also like to ask Mr. Abbott's majority why it does not change "On Dit," because it is "dry," "heavy," and "biased," and "caters for a minority."
D. M. MARTIN.

Squash the Minority?

Sir,

Consider the following: "The objection was due to the fact that the President was supporting the views of a minority."

Yet again: "There was too great a tendency for a minority to make all the statements of political opinion."

What does he suggest? Squash the minority so it won't squeak!

Sir D. Mawson: "We believe in a democracy."

I have been struck by the general desire of students to ignore social affairs (NOT affairs of the cocktail drinking society, where the opposite is true, due, no doubt, to the more or less immediate dividends from such interests) — apart from a readiness to pick up odd facts now and then.

If the voice of the minority (a minority because the majority is too busy eating, drinking, and sleeping) sounds too vulgarly loud, it is because no one seems to be as enthusiastic as the minority to express their views; or is it because the latent and potential opposition hasn't anything except the maintenance of the status quo (or their own happy little lives) to be enthusiastic about? Not that this, in itself, is anything to decry.

The noise made by this minority is not really greater than might be expected from its size, but really surprisingly great to one used to the barrage put up by the majority — I am a fresher, maybe I have not yet realized that the best majorities don't make a noise. They keep quiet, so they can accuse the opposition of being too assertive. This, I presume, comes under the heading of political strategy.

Judging from the attendance at the debate on whether a people's government (?) pledged to socialism (?) is wanted now, and the win by the minority, deplorable as I really think it was, particularly so in view of the arguments put up by the "minority," makes me wonder whether Mr. N. Abbott is not under an illusion when he asserts that all the noise is arising from a minority; if the sides are counted amongst those who take a constructive interest in social affairs.
"SCIENCE STUDENT."

What Goes On?

Editor of THAT Rag.

Dear Sir,

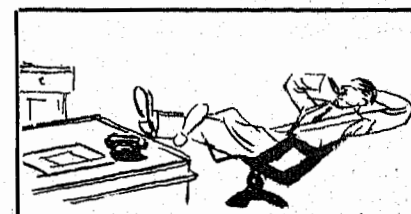
We wish to draw to your attention the fact that sundry of our most energetic professors periodically tour off to Melbourne. What goes on over there? All we can see is that it gives them a good excuse for being late for the first lecture in the morning. Curiouser and curiouser. —We remain,
THE EXTERNAL ANGLES.

Cause of Unrest

Dear Sir,

If we face facts instead of "taking sides" politically, we find that seldom do those either in favour of strikes or those opposed to them consider the root causes of industrial unrest. Corrections in the policy of finance are necessary before commerce as a whole can be satisfactorily conducted.

The immediate issue at stake in Union activities is in a different category. If an official is to be debarred from expressing his personal views or opinions on matters which are of interest to his fellow-students then I feel both alarmed and disgusted.—Yours sincerely,
SHIRLEY H. ALLEN.



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Hockey

For the first time in three seasons all hockey teams fielded by University were unbeaten.

The A's had "just a match." Here again unprecedented phenomena was evident. Although the opposition queried the umpire, kicked the ball and player, played the man instead of the ball, Varsity remained remarkably cool. Apart from a few hints as to the quality of their back line in comparison with other teams, our usual spokesman did not argue.

Varsity did not show the vitality of last week's attack—our forwards were too gentle with the backs. Repeatedly Varsity took the ball into the circle, only to lose it in a scramble. Godfrey and Strange played well on the left, and from this side our first goal resulted. Bill Salter was responsible for the second goal after a relentless attack.

The halves held their men. Ted Smith at centre certainly obeyed instructions by passing hard. The backs missed their usual combination, but individually played well. Clarke played his usual game at left half and on Saturday covered a lot of ground. Bowen displayed a few outstanding clearing shots.

Best players: Godfrey, Strange, Clarke, Salter, Smith.

Scores: Parkside, 1; University, 2.

B TEAM.

In a rather ragged match, the B's drew with Largs Bay at 4 all. In the earlier

stages the most notable feature was the appallingly crooked goalhitting—or goal-missing—of the forwards, many opportunities of scoring being lost; but outstanding work by Fenner at centre forward was mainly responsible for the scoring of the goals. Hart, after playing well earlier, had to leave the field during the second half with a knee injury. The backs allowed the play to become too crowded, and would have done better had they kept the game more open.

Scores: University, 4, drew with Largs Bay, 4.

Goalhitter: Fenner (4).

Best players: Fenner, McIntosh, Hart.

C TEAM.

The C's drew with Motors Ltd. without scoring. The match was well contested from the first bully. Hunter covered a number of positions, defending as well as attacking. If the C's keep up this play the future of the club looks bright.

Best players: M. T. Frayne, Beverley, Pope.

PREMIERSHIP LIST, A GRADE.

	Points.
Grange	26
Shell	20
Forestville	17
Wanderers	15
University	14
Argosy	11
Motors Ltd.	10
Parkside	9
Knightsbridge	6
Westbourne Park	2

Football

'VARSITY HAS WALKOVER.

On Saturday the A's had their easiest match for the season, when they defeated Walkerville by seven goals. Walkerville, one of the bottom teams in the association, fielded a comparatively weak team. They started with only fifteen men, but by the end of the first quarter they managed to scrape together a full team.

Varsity made most of the advantage of an easy match, and no one took the match seriously, with a result that a very poor match resulted. The match lacked the determination and seriousness of the other matches, and few took much interest in the match.

As long as Varsity kept in front no one worried, and instead of Varsity setting the standard, we were compelled to lower our standard to that of Walkerville, and a poor display was witnessed.

We attacked from the start, adding several goals before Walkerville found their feet and team. However, the backs were content to have a little game on their own, and Walkerville scored three goals. At this stage Dalwood failed to stand up to a deliberate charge, and retired gracefully from the field with a torn thigh muscle.

In the second quarter we played all over them and, except for the shocking kicking for goals, we would have had an unbeatable lead at half-time.

In the third quarter the ball was continually in the forward lines, but still the forwards were unable to combine, owing to the smallness of the ground.

The only excitement of the match was when Jim Nicholls started a fight in the centre of the oval. Norn Shierlaw also enjoyed the willing spirit in which the game was played by flattening several of the opponents.

In the fourth quarter Varsity grew tired and lazy, and was content to allow Walkerville to add five goals. Our finish was very half-hearted, compared to the brilliant last-quarter effort of last week.

On Saturday few played well. George Brookman played his usual game at centre wing, and appeared brilliant compared with the rest of the team, but plays better when the pressure is on.

Most of the play was through Geoff. Page when Dalwood was carried from the ground. He led out well and his long kicks for goal were delightful to watch, but too many went astray.

Jim Nicholls roved well, but was inclined to find fault with the opponents' methods of attack, and concentrated on the man more than the ball.

Murray Holmes and Dick Dunstan played remarkably well considering what time they hit the pillow and what they had been through the night before.

Before the match there was a short silence in memory of the late Montague White, who was killed in an air accident last week. Monte White was captain of the B team last year, and was a very popular member of the football club. We offer our sincerest regrets to his family.

Scores: University, 16—19, d. Walkerville, 11—7.

Goalkickers: W. G. Page (6), R. G. White (3), C. M. Gurner (2), P. A. Dalwood, J. Ryan, L. T. Gun, J. B. Day, and J. Nicholls (each 1).

Best players: N. C. Shierlaw, G. G. Brookman, G. W. Page, J. Nicholls, R. M. Holmes, and J. Ryan.

B's v. P.A.C.

Beginning poorly, not having played together as a team before, the B's, in their match against Prince's, gradually improved until in the last quarter, with fast, cohesive football, they completely out-pointed the opposition. The leeway of the first half, however, proved too great and they lost a match far more closely contested than the scores would indicate.

Amongst the best players one must mention Lewis for a fine game on the wing, Giles for a well-sustained roving effort, and Bennett, who mingled spasms of spectacular brilliance with lapses into mediocrity, and worse.

Scores: P.A.C., 20—22; Varsity B, 11—10.

Goalkickers: Gerlach (3), Anderson, Archibald, Giles (each 2), Duncan, and Griggs (each 1).

Best players: Lewis, Giles, Anderson, Bennett, Norman, and Duncan.

Women's Hockey

The final matches of the season were played on Saturday last, August 2. The A team defeated Graduates 8—4. C. Teesdale Smith played brilliantly, shooting five of Varsity's goals. The whole team combined well, especially in the first half. It was a fast match and an excellent wind-up to the season. The A team lies fifth in position this year, in comparison with seventh (which was also bottom) last year, so there is improvement!

The B team lost by 2—1 to A.H.S.O.S. This means that the team will not be in the final four, as we had all hoped. Still, we congratulate the B team on good, steady play throughout the season.

The C team was defeated by Y.W.C.A. Reds 5—1. A. Hogben played well and shot Varsity's goal.

We hope next season there will be many girls wanting to play hockey.

And to T. Seppelt, B. Cane, and C. Cowell, the captains of A, B, and C respectively, we say thank you!

Lacrosse

In an interesting game the A's lost to West Torrens 10—7. Goal throwers: Ewers (3), Wallman (2), Cottle and O'Sullivan (1).

The back line was weakened by the withdrawal of Thompson, and found the Torrens forwards a little too elusive. Most of the blame, however, lies with the forwards, attacks, and the centreman, of whom Cottle, Gooden, and O'Sullivan could hardly qualify for a game in a schoolboys' team on Saturday's performances. There was too much fumbling at centre, which is usually one of our strong points, and on one occasion a Torrens defence man picked up the ball from the draw, ran through an open field, and scored a goal, while our attack man, who was just as fast as the Torrens man, was still standing on the edge of the ring watching him.

In a report of a match a few weeks ago, the writer stressed that when the other side gained possession of the ball near our goal, every forward and attack should make it his business to prevent his immediate opponent from taking a pass. On Saturday the forwards considered that they had done their duty when they had thrown the ball in the direction of the goal. If they failed to score, a frequent occurrence, they stood around like a trio of goalposts, and made not the slightest attempt to prevent any one of the backs leading out. Prolific forwards can be excused many things, but when they are unable to score they might at least exert themselves to run now and then.

Best players were Wallman, Ewers, Elliott, Osman, and Munday.

Next Saturday we will play Brighton in the semi-final on the University Oval. This is the first time the A's have reached the semi-finals since 1935, and we should make every effort to come top. Until we are put out of the competition, everyone should try to get out to practise as often as possible and stay there until 6 p.m., as some players, including the coach, can not possibly get out before 5 p.m.

The B's defeated North Adelaide, 21—3.

Goal throwers: Nancarrow (8), Hallett (5), K. Ward (3), Bromfield (2), J. Ward (2), and Draper.

Best players: Bromfield, Hunter, and K. Ward.

LACROSSE DINNER

August 16

Swimming Notes

OUR ROVING REPORTER RETURNS.

With these bright, springy days, we see the opening of the swimming season rapidly approaching. The Torrens has once again been refilled after its yearly spring cleaning, and the stage is all set for the Varsity Invitation Swim through Adelaide. Chief amongst the likely competitors is R. S. Bray, who, surprisingly enough, has suddenly jumped into the limelight of the sporting world. Another of the favourites is Mr. Schulze, who is famed for that wicked left hook, so officials would be wise to duck.

The Freshers' Championship looks like going to Mr. Robert Hamilton, who has come all the way from Melbourne to compete. He is a delightful exponent of the breast stroke, both butterfly and orthodox styles. The high diving competition, to take place from the Varsity footbridge, will be evenly contested between Mr. Johnston and Mr. Harris, who favour the Goering Gutzler and The Stalin Shoot respectively.

From recent showing, it looks as though the sporting Teesdale Smith sisters will be the first to hit the water in the Ladies' Division of this thrilling event. We hope they will not be found labouring under difficulties, as few people are willing to attempt rescues at this time of the year. It may strike them as funny, but they would know more about that sort of thing than we ignorami.

A meeting will probably be held to decide the day of this Great Event, and to appoint starting officials. Any volunteers will be welcome, and should apply either at the Anatomy School or at the Engineering Building.

Baseball

A GRADE.

University: 0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 0—6.
Kensington: 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 3, 0—5.
Safehitters: Lewis, Daly (2), M. Anderson, J. Anderson.

B GRADE.

University, 6, defeated Adelaide, 5.
Safehitters: Taylor (3), Wyllie, Simmons, Soar, Slade.

On Saturday University baseballers had a day out, both sides winning by 6 runs to 5. The A grade game produced excellent baseball, and was one of our best performances for some time. For some years now Kensington has proved a stumbling block to us, but at last we managed to defeat them.

Joe Kilgariff won the toss and gave Kensington first use of the bat. They were blanked in their first two attempts, and we also were unable to break through. By good batting and clever base running, the opposition registered two runs in their third line up. However, in the equalizing innings Varsity levelled the scores. In the fourth line up both sides were blanked but in our fifth attempt the Kensington pitcher was temporarily off the target and, seizing our opportunity, we built up a lead of four runs. In their next attempt Kensington batters combined well and for a while it looked as though they might snatch the game from us. However, they failed by one run to make up the leeway. Neither side scored during the remainder of the game, and the scores remained at 6 to 5 in our favour, thus giving us our third successive victory.

Our victory on Saturday once again caused a surprise in the baseball world, for although we were expected to fully extend the opposition we were not given a chance of victory. In fact, lately the baseball scribes have been forecasting the results of our matches about as well as Mr. Bromley has been forecasting the weather. Next Saturday, of course, Ron Sharpe will be forecasting another easy victory for Goodwood, and it will be a great blow to the prestige of the Goodwood nine if we can maintain our winning form. Our remaining matches are against Goodwood, East Torrens, West Torrens, and Glenelg, and we must win the lot and hope that Sturt will lose one of theirs if we are to get into the four.

The B grade side, after a series of forfeits and defeats, regained its winning form. This was probably due to the fact that Karl Ball was on the mound again. For some time they have had no one who was able to put the ball over the dish, but now that that difficulty is overcome they might win a few more games. It just goes to show how a team of young, keen players can win when there is someone there to hold them together, and just how little they miss those veterans who seize the slightest opportunity to dodge the Saturday game. They can win without them and the slackers will now realize, perhaps, that they are not indispensable.

Basketball

Last Saturday saw the final matches of the second round, and although the A and B teams lost, they both finished in their respective grades, and so will be in the semi-finals, which start on the 16th.

The A's played against Menaydees and strove their hardest to keep up with the opposition, but they were outplayed nearly all down the field and the final score was 43 to 18. B. Marshall in centre played a really excellent game, and B. Kidman in goal was also very good, but these two, as well as all the rest of the team, need to be much quicker in anticipating what their opponents will do.

The B's had a very good match against Plymptonians and the play of both sides was quick and accurate. A shuffle round of players at the end of the first quarter improved the teamwork for Varsity, and E. Jacobs, first as goal and then as defence wing, was outstanding, and B. Salter as defence also put in some very good work—despite this the final scoring was against us, Plymptonians winning by 35 goals to 29.

The C's, unfortunately, didn't manage to finish the season with a win as they had hoped, as Tarrawirra beat them by 49 goals to 19.

Heartiest congratulations to M. Cowell who has been chosen for the interstate team, and R. Halls who is to captain the State touring team.

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