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# ON DIT

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## Adelaide to Withdraw from NUAUS NUAUS Indifferent to the War, Claims Speaker CONGRESS TO GO ON

At the special general meeting of the Union last Tuesday, a majority vote of about ten carried the motion that Adelaide withdraw from the N.U.A.U.S.

There was only a relatively small attendance, probably due to the fact that the meeting was called during the thick of the examinations for most faculties.

The conduct of the meeting was fairly quiet, although some speakers found it difficult to get a hearing. Mr. J. R. Cornell was in the chair.

The motion was moved by Mr. J. McPhie. His argument lay along the lines that the constitution of the National Union was too broad and too binding, that the National Union proved too expensive for the returns it gave, and that the National Union had adopted an indifferent attitude to the war effort.

The motion was briefly seconded by Mr. Plummer.

Mr. Bob Cotton spoke on behalf of the N.U.A.U.S. He pointed out that the quota of this University had been considerably reduced through the efforts of the N.U.A.U.S. representatives; that the N.U.A.U.S. had done a considerable amount to facilitate arrangements for students with the Commonwealth Government. He categorically repudiated the attack of Mr. McPhie that the National Union was disloyal. He indicated that the motion, coming at this time, could only be an effort to deal the National Union a smashing blow at a critical time.

Mr. Hawkins supported this.

Mr. Max Harris spoke in support of the N.U.A.U.S., indicating that the move would be tantamount to isolationism, that the Union could achieve nothing constructive for the war effort on its own. Effective loyalty depended on national unity. Adelaide, on the other hand, had already set out on the track of achieving for itself an unenviable reputation for its methods of settling disputes. This would only further disunity. The Union had achieved not a single constructive thing in the past twelve months. This split of the University ranks did not augur well for the future. He moved an amendment to postpone the question until the next annual general meeting, at which the matter would normally arise.

Miss Elizabeth Carter, in seconding the amendment, indicated that the administration was not altogether satisfactory, but that we should put our view at the conference. We should not secede at a time when guests are about to arrive.

This attitude was supplemented by Miss Doreen Jacobs.

Mr. R. G. Schulze spoke. If we are to have things changed, he claimed, we should adopt the ordinary democratic means of doing it.

Mr. Hammond said that action by the proposers against what they didn't like should have been taken through ordinary channels. The congress would be badly prejudiced because of the action in this direction at this time.

Mr. Elliott Johnston replied to two of Mr. McPhie's points on the constitution. Membership: this action was for the purpose of bringing South Australia into line with the other States. We do not suffer from it in practice.

The power of the N.U.A.U.S. to bind constituent organizations: this power is necessary in some things—for example, the venue of conference, organization, etc.—but apart from this the N.U.A.U.S. has never tried to bind any constituent organization.

Professor Gartrell supported some of the criticisms of the N.U.A.U.S. but disagreed that this was the proper time to introduce this question of secession.

Dr. Helen Mayo: This is absolutely not the time to be creating splits and division, internal or national.

Mr. Rischbieth believed that the N.U. resolution on science students and the

war was not helpful to the war effort. For this and other reasons this University should not support the N.U.A.U.S.

Mr. Eardley: The University Council has not approved the N.U. constitution.

Mr. Abbott supported criticisms and the secession motion. He believed the N.U. had not shown itself wholeheartedly behind the war effort.

Mr. Collins supported the motion.

The meeting had gradually become restless and noisy, and a number were eager to get the vote over. On the vote the amendment was lost and the motion won by about ten votes.

The voting was roughly divided so that all the women, excepting one or two, voted for the National Union; Arts and Law voted for the National Union in general; while Med. and Engineering and Science for the main part voted against the N.U.A.U.S.

Mr. McPhie indicated that the withdrawal would not take place at such a time that the congress would be sabotaged. The withdrawal will be effective after the congress.

### AN OPINION.

The chairman, Mr. J. R. Cornell, in discussing the meeting with "On Dit," said that he tried to make the issue simple—that if the University had any objection to the constitution or the conduct of the N.U.A.U.S. it had no alternative but to secede. He admitted that the Council was democratic, but that a single University could be outvoted by others. The only consistent expression of dissent could be secession.

### President of Women's Union Says—

## Women United Against Decision

### Only One Woman's Vote for Motion

Most conspicuous repercussions of the special meeting was the united opposition of the women in general to the motion. Only one woman, it is claimed, voted for the motion.

To get some idea of the attitude of the women to the matter, "On Dit" interviewed Miss Doreen Jacobs, President of the Women's Union, who, speaking in a private capacity, said:

**NINETY-FIVE PER CENT. OF THE WOMEN CONSIDER THE WHOLE BUSINESS DEPLORABLE IN EVERY RESPECT.**

Miss Jacobs, in her statement, stressed that the women of the University were almost wholly in agreement in deploring the action, and it has been rumoured that the women should try to affiliate with the National Union independently.

Miss Jacobs indicated that under the present circumstances nothing would be done to further national service and a united war effort by students. To secede upon a point of constitution was incorrect, as other means lay open to rectify that. The chance to participate in na-

tional work through co-operation with the Commonwealth Government (such as students devoting their week-ends to national work during term) was lost.

Any move or efforts, she said, to unite all students, to get them to pool their differences, would be supported by the members of the Women's Union. This present action led in the opposite direction.

The attitudes of the Law students, the Commerce students, and the Arts faculty organization are being tested on the subject of independent affiliation under a

joint war efforts committee, and it seems that this would receive general support from women students.

What is aimed at is to urge the National Union to formulate a comprehensive plan for student national service for the duration to be placed before the Government. It is also planned to resuscitate the War Savings Certificate scheme which, up to the present, has been a failure.

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### Other People's Worries

**SYDNEY:** A battle royal was waged over the elections of two New Zealand professors to two vacant Law chairs, which resulted ultimately in the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor. The S.R.C. Council protested against the University Senate's refusal to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Professorial Board, the pressure brought to bear on the University Senate by outside sources, and the criticism of one appointee on racial grounds in Parliament and sections of the press.

A petition was forwarded to the Senate also. It was signed by 141 Law students.

The following motion was forwarded to their Senate:

"Whereas, the Professorial Board unanimously recommended the appointment of Professor Williams to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law and the appointment of Professor Stone to the Professorship of Jurisprudence and Public International Law after duly taking into account all relevant considerations, and Whereas, Pressure was brought to bear from various non-academic sources such as the Bar Council and the State Parliament, And Whereas, Undue stress was laid on military service, a question taken into consideration by the Professorial Board in making its recommendations And Whereas, The Senate has rescinded the above appointments, we, the S.R.C. unanimously deplore this rescission by the Senate."

"In view of the gravity of the present struggle with powers which discriminate between peoples on a racial basis, We the S.R.C. deeply deplore the foul attacks made on the floor of the State Parliament and the Press against a distinguished applicant for the Chair of Public International Law and Jurisprudence and trust that such despicable attack did not weigh with the Senate in its recent rescission of that appointment."

**BRISBANE:** Brisbane troubles, like our own, also hit the front pages of the Australian press, when students bitterly fought alongside University authorities, to prevent a Government to gain voting control of the destinies of the University.

Highlights included interview of S.R.C. President with Queensland Premier, and protests against S.R.C. President entering Parliament House in shorts.

The following, lifted from "Honi-Soit," sums up the disturbance:

The Queensland Government has introduced an Education Bill which will put fifteen Government nominees on a Senate of twenty-five, thus ensuring complete subordination of academic interests to those of political parties.

The students have bitterly protested against this attempt to regiment and muzzle the University.

### Not a Factory.

In an open letter to the Premier, "Semper Floreat" says: "You referred to the University as a sort of 'business' in which the Government was the chief 'shareholder,' and therefore entitled to a control over the 'Board of Directors.'"

"The University is not some factory to be run on lines of standardized production."

Professor J. V. Duhig, commenting on the Government's bid for political control, says: "Academic freedom is so precious and so delicate that it can exist only in an autonomous system; every possible thing should be done to preserve it."

# — Student Unity, Toleration —

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## Eructators

An unconfirmed rumour states  
That a certain poet within these gates  
Is to be made diurnal  
Editor of the Gas Journal.

Hamilton (R. Napier) makes his presence  
felt,  
Though he is no Roosevelt;  
His hobby is declaiming in periphrastic  
phrases  
In public places.

—"Clerihooey."

Editor's Note: One Clerihooey on the  
N.U.A.U.S. meeting has been omitted.

## NOTICE

For the convenience of members,  
morning and afternoon tea and a  
cold lunch will be supplied in the  
Lady Symon Hall from next Mon-  
day, November 24, until Decem-  
ber 8, 1941.

The Refectory Hall and the  
George Murray Hall will be closed  
to members for that period, as the  
Military and Air Force are using  
other available buildings, these  
halls will be used for the Public  
Examinations.

T. G. HAMILTON,  
Secretary.

## Night Students' Case to be Considered

The matter of night student representation on the University Union will be considered by the incoming Union. This was decided at the final meeting of the old Union. There is no doubt that the night students have an exceedingly strong case, because:

- (1) They have to pay half Union fees;
- (2) They have no chance to use Union premises;
- (3) The Refectory is no longer available to them for evening meals;
- (4) They constitute a great bulk of students whose interests are in no way represented in the Union.

Agitation has been growing very strongly under the guidance of the progressive Commerce Association, and the night students will not rest until something has been done.

## BICYCLES

are not to be left about the University cluttering up corners, doorways, and despoiling the aesthetic charm of the campus panorama. They are to be parked in a state of suspension by one wheel in the new shed by the Barr Smith. Women who find that the lift is a little strenuous are reminded that it provides the perfect opportunity to contact that passing-by Galahad or your campus hero. Anyway, if you find that the age of chivalry is passing, the energy is all for the good of national fitness. This is one place, then, where public parking is definitely allowed.

## USE OF UNION PREMISES.

The Union has no constitutional power to stop unaffiliated bodies of students from using Union premises for meetings. This was the President's ruling on the matter of the Labour Club's position in the Union. A motion dissenting from the President's ruling was easily lost.

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## COMMERCE STUDENTS!

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## EDITORIAL

## Will They Accept?

The last issue, which urged a Popular Front of students in support of the War Effort and Student Progress, was viciously attacked from one quarter. The attitude was that the editorial and the conduct of the issue was biased, and that the principles of student unity, toleration, and a maximum war effort, although good ones, were part of a "racket."

I ask the students to judge the political tone of that issue, and of this one. A "racket" is to be judged by its effects. This year has seen not a single constructive action by the student body towards assisting the National Effort. It is a constructive and excellent gesture that Mr. Villeneuve Smith and the people supporting his views should be prepared to drop their differences with other sections of the University for the purpose of dropping political quibbles, vacillation, and pettiness, in the face of a greater struggle — that against Fascism.

"On Dit's" aim has been in the past two issues solely to weld together all the splits and divisions in the University. To-day it would appear that the University is divided by a chasm a mile wide. Nothing could be more tragic.

The secession motion may have been a wise move. Its effects, however, on the internal unity of the student body have been disastrous. But I still believe they are not irreparable.

ONCE AGAIN I INVITE THOSE PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO CO-OPERATE IN THE SYMPOSIUM TO DROP THEIR PREJUDICES, THEIR ANTI-PATHIES, FOR THE SAKE OF EFFECTIVE NATIONAL SERVICE. I INVITE THEM TO MAKE SOME EFFORT TO COMPROMISE WITH THE HUGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOM THEIR POLICY HAS EMBITTERED AND MADE RESENTFUL.

I ASK THEM TO INDICATE TO "ON DIT" THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY MOVES (SUCH AS THE PRESENT "ON DIT" POLICY EMBODIES) TOWARDS A FULLER AND MORE UNITED CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL SERVICE.

There is a chance for brawling and abuse to end for the duration? Will they accept?

## Vandalism!

The closing of the Men's Union upstairs building was not an arbitrary act of bureaucracy. This University allows the maximum of liberty of action. Its aim is not to build up an immense legislation of "Verbotens."

But the history of George Murray vandalism has been appalling. The action of the Men's Union Committee was made essential by a cumulative history of petty thievings and infantile vandalism.

Even the valves from the radio have disappeared at various times.

The difficulty of counteracting such anti-social stupidity is enormous. It can only be done by inculcating a sense of personal responsibility in the students themselves. Consequently the closing of the George Murray was in the best interests of the greatest number, a fact which the sane student will not only realize but which will also cause him to act to eliminate the abuses directed against HIS property and privileges.

## Christians Plan Conference

In the perpetual struggle for right thinking, Christianity has a decisive part to play. History has proved that the principles of the Bible are the ground work of human freedom. What are these principles in essence? What is their relation to the essential features of a true democracy? How are they to be made the foundation-stone of a reconstructed world? What does Christian discipleship imply in this complex modern situation? How can we make a maximum contribution in thought and action to the establishment of a real democracy in Australia and a true world community after the war?

The extraordinarily privileged position of the Australian student not immediately engaged in military duties demands that he render conspicuous service by deep study and thought on these problems associated with the collapse of modern culture and the shaping of to-morrow's world.

To enable him to do that under the best available leadership and together with those similarly concerned, the Australian Student Christian Movement has planned its next annual conference on the theme: "Christian Discipleship and Democracy." This conference is to be January 7-15, 1942. All students who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity are invited to attend and take full part in the conference.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Conference membership is open to bona fide students of all institutions of

higher learning — universities, teachers' colleges, agricultural colleges, etc. — and to a limited number of members of the senior branch of the A.S.C.M.

## PROGRAMME.

The mornings will be devoted to study and discussion — in study circles, tutorials, and in business sessions concerned with the general policy of the A.S.C.M. A book, "Christian Discipleship and Democracy," specially prepared for the conference by Dr. K. Schechner, will be the basis of study. The tutorials groups are designed to enable Christian teaching and practice to be related to many fields of thought and action important for to-day.

## Wanted --- Books

Have you got a pile of old books — school books, novels, magazines — all sorts of junk, that you've been meaning to burn, and haven't? Well — DON'T! Leave it at the Union Office, or give it to Ken Sanderson or Gordon Aitchison, to be sent to Loveday Camp, where the need for reading matter of any sort is URGENT. No matter how out of date or dilapidated, no matter how heavy or light the material in them, books of all sorts are required (except books on wireless or Nazi propaganda, to which the censors object). So sort out your junk, and see what you can do to help.

## Vandalism Again

Once again we have reason to complain of the irresponsible activities of certain members of the Men's Union whose intelligence or upbringing prevents them from comprehending the fundamentals not only of decent behaviour but of common sense.

Recently someone removed the numerous screws from the light switches in the Sir George Murray Building, with the result that a man received a severe shock.

During the past two years a number of similar acts have occurred, ranging from vandalism to outright dishonesty. If such continue to occur it will be necessary to close all the main rooms of the Men's Union Building, allowing only men with some sense of responsibility to use them.

We owe Sir George Murray a great deal for his generosity in providing us with such comfortable quarters, and it is only rational and decent to show some sense of appreciation.

If anyone feels he must be childish or worse, see that it is not with your property they amuse themselves.

J. M. McPHIE,

Chairman, Men's Union.

## Union Committee

### 1942

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For further details see this  
issue or S.C.M. Committee

# — The Maximum War Effort —



## Fruit Pickers, Please Note

Miss Marshall, Secretary of the Women's War Service Council, came down to the University to speak to intending women fruit pickers last Wednesday. Would those who were unable to be present please note the following?

Miss Marshall cannot guarantee to place together those people who have only enrolled for a fortnight. The growers have told her that they prefer to have pickers for a whole season — that is, three to four weeks — as otherwise they are wasting too much time teaching new pickers. If you can manage to fit in the longer period, it would be a great help. In any case, would you please get in touch direct with Miss Marshall at the Women's War Service Council, Treasury Building, Flinders Street (C. 1706)?

## Hut-tractions!

By FIRST BLIGHTER.

The mediaeval morality play, "Everyman," was produced by Mr. B. Elliott and presented in the Hut during the latter end of this year. Its stars were R. N. Hamilton, Miss Judith Murray. The production gained much from its effective costuming, its quality as spectacle, and from the verbal qualities of the verse. This is one of the first plays presented here where the action and dramatic content have been subservient to the poetics of the play. The production some time ago of "Murden in the Cathedral" and some of the Auden-Isherwood plays have been steps in that direction.

On the same programme Tony Riddell presented the earlier mystery of the "Three Maries."

### JOE'S BALLET

came down for a guest performance. The difficulties of a propless stage prevented the spectacular qualities of their work from being realized.

Siebert's Chopin ballet was a brave attempt to produce a ballet of large spiritual implications. It was not as choreographically complex as the Ulysses ballet to Debussy music, and consequently did not suffer so much from the inexperience of the dancers. The final scenes between Chopin and George Sand were amongst the finest impressionistic efforts that Siebert has achieved. At last Siebert began to do some miming! And the whole scene lived as the embodiment of the romantic principle of disintegration.

Talking of miming! Desborough's miming as the poet in Frank Flannagan's little "Experience of Beauty" ballet to Grieg music, was abortive! As a mime Desborough is a good male dancer. He achieved a vaudeville effect with theatrical expressions that resembled Pinocchio coming alive. The subtlety of mime, by which a dynamic abstract is achieved was completely lost to him. Mime is the art of facially "stilling" an emotional state while the body develops and accentuates the dynamic nature of emotions.

Jean Robertson is still doing extremely good work. Her expression and capacity of in-feeling into her role makes her stand out, with the mark of artistry.

Zell Sanders' Chopin work as George Sand was exciting and reached a degree of technical excellence but half her effects were achieved through line, poise, and an underlying current of sadistic power. I wouldn't like to meet her on a dark night.

## Sydney Fights "Ulysses" Ban

PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS IN VANGUARD.

By the Exchange Editor.

Over here the "Ulysses" ban was taken pretty calmly. If you'd read "Ulysses" or got a copy you didn't give a dam. If you hadn't, well, the Barr Smith has a copy incarcerated. And we have shown ourselves far more prone to get excited over particulars than over principles. So we have a quiet giggle over the inanities of customs officials guarding our moral well-being, and there the matter rests.

Not so Sydney.

"Ulysses" ban soon had Arts Faculty big guns booming, and the enemy hailed with shrapnel of resolutions and what-not.

Now the latest move comes from more significant circles. Mr. Ian Maxwell, English lecturer, plans a series of three short addresses on "Joyce in Australia."

Speakers will include Prof. A. J. A. Waldock, Challis Professor of English, R. G. Howarth, and Mr. Maxwell. Joyce will be justified, "Ulysses" lauded, "Finnegan's Wake" frowned on, "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" put aside.

Joyce's early nostalgic sentimentalism is as assiduously forgotten as the chimera of the epic parody is looked for.

Meanwhile, the indefatigable Donald Horne, the inimitable Sterne-like companions of the reader through the excellent pages of "Honi Soit," has belabored page one with the story.

Best comment of all we can requote of opinions on the ban that "Honi Soit" collected is that of an admirable body:

"Mrs. Eleanor Glencross, President of the Housewives' Association, when asked

to comment upon the 'Ulysses' ban and the proposed lectures, replied: 'Unless we see the picture we cannot comment.' When our reporter explained that 'Ulysses' was a book, she said that she was busy and the matter was outside the province of her association."

Which is all good-oh! Laughton would make an admirable Bloom.

But all seems to be much a storm-in-a-teacup. "Ulysses" as battleground is weak as the ban doesn't seem to be a ban. You only have to prove your "bona-fides" as a student to get it, and what's a bona-fide anyway? The reader of Peppy Stories and Paris Spice can't afford it and the wealthy have already got it, and we can get it if we want it. So what the hell?

If Sydney wants to fight the censorship principle it is best fought on the prohibition of films like Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" or "Susan and God." Even Aldington's "Colonel's Daughter" is safely installed in the Barr Smith. In any case may Sydney's crusade prosper.

## A National Literary Magazine

Student bodies are beginning to dislike spending money on literary magazines. So many flops and punk efforts of Galmahras, Hermes, and M.U.M.'s have been turned out in the past few years that literary magazines of any importance have been dying out in the universities. But it is not only that but the principle of the literary magazine which has come in for a bit of a jolt. There is no doubt point in part of Mr. McPhie's contentions about all the students paying for a production that is of interest to those whose interests are literary.

The answer that culture should be of interest to all and supported by all is only half an answer in the face of the actual facts.

But it doesn't mean that the students of Australia shouldn't make strenuous efforts to have a medium of literary expression. And after all, the arts faculties are numerically by far the largest. In any case there are not enough poets, writers, and intellectuals of sufficiently high standard for each university to put out a magazine with a standard high enough to recommend it to the community at large as meaning anything at all.

But a single national literary magazine put out annually by the student body as a whole would enhance student and N.U.A.U.S. prestige, it could play the national role that "New Writing" does in England. Best of all, it could be done at a very slight and minimum cost to each student body. As far as the individual initiative of the universities is concerned, that would be a matter for the finances and desires of the respective S.R.C.'s. M.U.M. being defunct, Melbourne should welcome it. Adelaide might like to keep on with the new "Phoenix," making it representative and

embracing material of specific interest to all sorts and kinds of faculties.

Donald Horne, editor of "Honi Soit," is all for the idea up to a point. His errand of mercy is to save "Hermes." His job then is obviously to convince his S.R.C. that a really good "Hermes" that is worth spending money on can be put out. The National Union magazine does not need to be produced at the expense of established idols, like "Hermes" or "Angry Penguins." Its job would not be iconoclastic at all.

Its price would be nominal to the students of Australia, its sale to the public could be at normal book prices, and it could be done at minimum expense, satisfying all parties and beating inaction.

"Angry Penguins" has partly served its purpose of stimulating the universities into some sort of critical lead in the community as far as literature is concerned. What an astonishing contrast the serious, informed, and competent reviews of "Farrago" and "Honi Soit" with the local "Mail," "News," and "Advertiser."

The reviewer of the "News," one "Palette," one M. J. McNally, an old man of highly dubious literary qualifications, could do no better than to make little pornographic hints about "pansies," and enquire whether the late arts faculty president, Sam Kerr, was Doris Boake Kerr, whoever Doris Boake Kerr may be. The "Mail" drivelled about the writing being the equivalent of "jive" in music. Both "Farrago" and "Honi Soit" censured pretentiousness (which was there for a purpose) but their criticisms were legitimate, extensive, and valuable.

Which is only as it should be, since newspaper critiques aren't even farcical... they're pitiful.

—X.Y.Z.

## Youth Parliament for S.A.

In a visit to Adelaide, Miss Joan Chadwick, of Melbourne, launched a Youth Parliament. These parliaments have been functioning with tremendous success in Sydney and Melbourne. Youth inquiries have been held, and the conditions of youth in industry and society have been meticulously examined.

The Teachers' College is sharply split into two camps on the subject of participation. But whatever their decision, the activity of the youth of this State to national and international self-consciousness should be a matter of importance and interest for students in this State.

At the inaugural meeting an executive was formed.

At its first meeting the executive decided to begin work in S.A. on an enquiry into housing conditions and a commission will be formed shortly to proceed with this. The first session of the State parliament will probably be summoned before Christmas. The secretary read at the meeting a letter received from Miss Chadwick quoting the text of a cable received from the President of the American Youth Congress on the occasion of International Youth Day. "Warm greetings your rally uniting Australian Youth against Hitlerism urge participation your delegate international conference Mexico City December 1." The National Youth Parliament is sending a delegate to the World Youth Congress accordingly. It will take our message of goodwill to the representatives of the youth of many nations there assembled.

## Dance

A flannel dance will be held by the Adelaide University Sports Association on Saturday, December 13, in the Refectory, to aid the Children's Hospital. Tickets at 3/6 are obtainable from the committee — Misses R. Watson, B. Kelly, P. Ambrose, J. Newling, and M. Menz, and Messrs. Draper, Schulze, McPhie, Shierlaw, and R. Kenihan, or from members of the Sports Association. Don't join a party — MAKE a party. It's the last chance of the year.

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sent her to Hankow very early to continue her college education, but he himself had obstinately stayed in Nanking to go on with his trade. Her older sister and a younger brother had remained to take care of him. Before they could escape, the Japanese entered the city and were destroying everywhere they went. The old man was killed in a futile attempt to protect his children; the young boy died from torture and the girl committed suicide rather than be degraded by the Japanese soldiers. Such was the end of her loved ones, and such was the end of her youth and happiness. She had no money left so had given up college and joined the central military training corps for girls. That was the reason she was in uniform. What had I to say? My heart was too full. Can anyone with any human feelings stand by unmoved when such ghastly tragedies are going on? Can anyone with any human feelings stand by unmoved when such ghastly tragedies are going on? Can anyone resist the impulse to stretch out a helping hand to such unfortunate fellow creatures?

As she was travelling to a western university she saw this scene: A boatful of soldiers, who had just landed, were marching down in single file across the gang-plank. The greyclad figures, so stalwartly bearing their packs and guns, were outlined against the grey dawn. Watching them, I was thrilled as I had never been before. These men became glorified in my eyes, for they represented the real spirit of China stepping out so bravely, ready to undergo anything, overcome everything for liberty and justice.

Now the world is involved in a great war. Democracy and Fascism, Right and Might are fighting against each other. Culture and civilization are on the point of being destroyed. With students throughout the world who share with us the same misfortune, we should stand together and bravely shoulder the responsibility of protecting the world culture and civilization and fighting against the aggressive demons who keep on disturbing the world peace and order.

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Soon after the outbreak of hostilities in China in 1937, the I.S.S. in Geneva started a drive for funds for the relief of Chinese students. Two committees, one in Chungking and another in Shanghai, administer these funds.

Money raised in Australia has been sent to the Chungking committee, which has published the following report:

From 1938 to the summer of 1940 monthly cash subsidies were given to 1,130 students representing nineteen universities in the provinces of Szechuan, Hunan, Yunnan, and Shensi. Since September, 1940, work has been concentrated on the student centre at Shapingpa, Chungking. In addition, some subsidies were granted to selected universities for (1) supply of textbooks for their libraries; (2) medical expenses for students needing operations, X-rays, or prolonged hospitalization; and (3) supply of bean curd milk or other nutritive food to undernourished students.

On New Year's Day, 1941, this committee announced the results of an essay competition in which Chinese students gave their impressions of student life in China. Their prize-winning essays in the English section have been published in pamphlet form.

It is the story of dogged suffering and blood-curdling horror, lit up with courage and vision.

Here is the story told by a twenty-year-old girl student: One day as I was walking along the streets, I suddenly heard my name called. Surprised, I turned and saw that it was an old friend, but how changed she was! She was in a soldier's

uniform of grey cloth, much too big for her, and wore a cap pulled down over her eyes. She looked pale, tired, and worried. Her eyes were no longer gay and laughing, but old and weary, and something in them chilled me. As we clasped hands in silence, my heart trembled with the emotions that filled it. Somehow she seemed to feel my unspoken thoughts, for her eyes filled with tears. She told me that I was the first friend she had seen since a long time. My only reply was to escort her to the place I was staying. I made her sit down and gave her some hot tea because she looked so worn and tired. Then I went over to her side and took off her cap so as to make her more comfortable. When she looked up at me, the gratitude in her eyes made my throat stick, but I tried my best to smile at her. Before I knew what she was doing, she caught hold of my hands and burst out crying. Thinking this would relieve her, I let her cry herself out. Then brokenly, she told me her tragic story. Her father had

# Final Club Reports

## Football

The season ended abruptly with a defeat in the semi-final by Railways.

We were second at the end of the minor round, and had to meet Railways in the first semi-final. We played them the week before on their own ground, and the match resulted in a draw.

We were full of confidence, but alas, the weather was against us. Our team played well in the dry but was useless in the wet. The tall men were unable to handle the wet ball properly, and the opponent's smaller men ran circles round us. We were not disgraced by any means, only losing in the last ten minutes of the game.

We congratulate Exeter on winning the premiership for the third consecutive year.

The season finished with two practice matches, one against Saints' Old Scholars and another Meds. v. the Rest.

Our best players for the year were N. G. Abbott, P. A. Dalwood, G. G. Brookman, and N. C. Shierlaw.

We congratulate N. C. Shierlaw and P. A. Dalwood on being runner-up and fourth respectively for the Stone Medal for the best and fairest player in the Amateur League.

## Women's Tennis

The Saturday team has covered itself with glory (so far). Although half-way through the second round, it has lost no matches, although, most of the matches being well fought, the 'Varsity girls have been kept on their toes.

It is to be hoped that the vacation does not have such a deleterious effect on this team's work as is usually noticeable.

Barbara Welbourne and Barbara Cane have set an example to the club by their consistently good play. R. Watson is becoming quite reliable, and we miss her attacks of defeatism, which used to whip her into periods of unwarrantably vicious play—she has responded well to her initiation to the club.

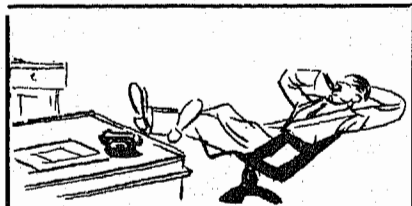
The Wednesday team consists entirely of freshers, and holds bottom position on the list. It is probable that their inexperience handicaps the members more than the rheumatism of their opponents. Nevertheless, this team shows technical promise and I expect it to surprise everyone when it settles down and finds its feet.

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## Cricket

After a bad opening against Glenelg, the club has been a little more successful with one win, one loss, and the third match drawn. The batting is not very strong, with generally the same batsmen making the runs in each match, while other batsmen, capable of making runs, have been unable to strike top form as yet. The bowling of the team is better, the presence of two new slow bowlers adding to the variety of the attack. Of the batsmen Page, Bennett, Wellington, and Dalwood have been most successful, while Taylor, Bennett, and Page have performed well with the ball. Bennett is slow but sure, sureness being a quality rarely seen in a 'Varsity batsman, while Wellington still seems to be unable to find anything which would bring a smile to his face. The team has an able captain in Colin Gurner.

Our congratulations are extended to Geoff. Page for having made the State practice list.

### B GRADE.

The performances of the B's are well up (or down) to the standard of previous years. After starting quite well, the B's have returned to normal, not wishing to be pioneers in any move up the premiership table. Of the batsmen Kenihan and Russell have done moderately, with Harders probably best of the bowlers.

## Club Letters awarded This Year

Baseball, 1941: R. Kilgariff, J. Anderson, J. Fahey, K. Ball, D. Soar.

Football: I. Disher, B. McMichael, W. Solley, M. Holmes, P. Dalwood, R. White, G. Brookman, J. Ryan.

Hockey: D. Lloyd, R. C. Godfrey, M. Strange.

Lacrosse: G. J. Munday, E. Greenhaigh, C. A. L. Abbott, N. Wallman, J. D. O'Sullivan, J. S. Gooden, D. A. Kirkman.

Basketball: R. Halls, M. Matters, B. Kidman, P. Fraser, A. McKay.

Women's Hockey: A. Haslam, R. Watson, B. Jackson, M. Johnston.

Blues: R. Halls, M. Matters.

Basketball, 1940: M. Matters, E. Kidman.

Women's Hockey: C. Teesdale Smith, Y. Seppelt, B. Kelly, M. Shanasy, V. Shanasy, J. Coats, E. McDougall.

Women's Swimming: M. E. Menz, Z. Bacon, J. Young.

Women's Tennis, 1940-41: M. Matters.

Athletics, 1941: G. W. E. Aitken, P. A. Dalwood, P. B. Wells.

Baseball, 1940: M. Anderson, V. C. Rose, O. Morgan, P. Backhouse.

Boat, 1940: R. A. Goodhart, R. Oliver, G. M. Neuenkirchen. 1941: J. M. Nicholls, G. P. H. Dutton, D. J. Guppy, R. G. Blake, I. Pavy, J. A. Hill, R. G. Downing, D. R. Muirhead, R. V. Woods.

Boxing and Wrestling, 1940: A. R. Westman, F. S. Collins.

Cricket, 1940-41: F. C. Bennett, R. G. Harper, J. G. Shierlaw, M. N. Wellington.

Football, 1940: J. S. Skipper, N. G. Abbott, J. G. Shierlaw, N. C. Shierlaw, D. B. Cowell, V. W. Mansell, N. J. O'Grady.

Hockey, 1940: R. G. Park, J. M. Milne.

Lacrosse, 1940: H. B. Frayne, F. J. Laycock, D. T. Tucker.

Swimming, 1941: R. Beard, R. C. Godfrey.

Pennant Tennis, 1940-41: G. Battye.

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## Boxing

The Boxing Club had a quiet year, but promise was shown by several members, chief among whom is R. Kenihan. In him the 'Varsity has a dogged, stylish boxer for future inter-'Varsity debates—sorry, tournaments. Killer Collins and Slugger Schulze were among the attendees on Tuesday nights, but the roll-up must have been most discouraging for the honorary instructor, Mr. C. Smith, whose patience, combined with wide experience, helped to make him an extremely efficient instructor.

The club extends to him its sincerest thanks for his regular attendance in the face of reduced roll-calls.

## Athletics

The first combined inter-club meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6. Clubs participating will include Western Districts, Northern Districts, Adelaide Harriers, Y.M.C.A., and 'Varsity.

If you wish to run, please communicate with M. H. Draper (tel. U 2021).

## The Rowing Club

was represented at the Adelaide, Mercantile, and Torrens regattas.

Pavy is a consistent performer, but he needs more practice to put into effect efficiently what he has quite obviously learnt in theory.

More interest is being shown in sculling than in crew work, as it is often difficult to get a crew together. Guppy and Roberts show particular promise in this sphere.

Bonnin, the captain, has just undergone an operation on his foot. The club wishes him a speedy recovery.

## Notice

Members of the Sports Association please note that the Sports Association is holding a flannel dance in the Refectory on Saturday, December 13. Remember, YOU are a member of the Association, so why should you miss the biggest wow of the year, which is being turned on specially for YOUR benefit. Tickets, 3/6, from members of Sports Committee or Misses Ambrose, Newling, or Menz.

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M.O.: "You damn fool. Don't you know the King's English?"

R.R.: "I always thought he was, sir."

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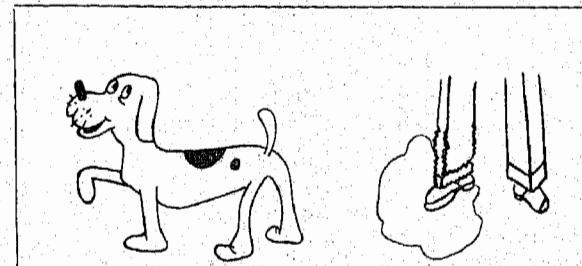
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