

ON DIT

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Adelaide Rejoins N.U.A.U.S.

Sends Reps. to Melbourne Council Meeting

DASHING over to Melbourne during the summer vacation were Warwick Brown and Max Stain, Adelaide reps. at the eighth Council meeting of the N.U.A.U.S. Why?

The Union has opened its other eye and has again become national-minded: needless to say, we, as South Australians, have been received with open arms into this bigger unity.

With the return of Messrs. Stain and Brown came a report which, containing interesting points on many University matters, is hereunder condensed and illuminated.

GENERALLY the N.U.A.U.S. declared its unqualified support of the principle that racial and religious discrimination of any kind was opposed to the spirit and function of a University. The Council affirmed the long-standing determination of N.U. to extend friendship and co-operation to victims of aggression and to all men and women of other nationalities at present studying in this country. Also it supported the idea of a nationwide organisation such as the N.Y.A. of N.S.W., or the A.Y.C. of the N.F.C. of Victoria, provided that such an organisation encouraged interchange of knowledge and ideas and imposed no restrictions on the discussion by constituent bodies of political and other questions.

The Council considered that the system of subsidies was a progressive step. To ensure the continuance of their policy after the war and to implement the Post-War Reconstruction Training Scheme, it recommended that education (especially University education) be included in the proposed Commonwealth Powers Bill.

Concerning Adult Education, the N.U. urged that the Universities Commission should report (in Dr. W. G. K. Duncan's Survey of Australian Adult Education) it with special reference to

- (a) The way in which existing University facilities could be used.
- (b) The necessary extension of University facilities.
- (c) The extent to which student organisations could assist.

Subject to full reports from constituent organisations, the Council, bearing in mind the different problems in each University, endorsed the suggested appointment in each University of a permanent Student Adviser on (a) academic questions, (b) psychological problems (sic!), (c) war-time problems, e.g., obligations of reservation. This person, who would come in for some meaty work under (b), should preferably hold some responsible position in the University, e.g., Assistant Registrar or Assistant Lecturer, and that all students should interview him on enrolment.

N.U. is concerned (who isn't?) with rates of failure that have occurred despite the careful selection of University students. Anyway, taking the bull by the horns, it suggested that the existing lecture system may be partly responsible, and thought that printed lecture notes should be provided at the beginning of the year in subjects where suitable. It was felt that lecture time should be devoted to explanation and exposition of subject matter and discussion, rather than factual dictation. (Let us hear your views on this!)

The Engineering faculty gained prominence when a recommendation was made that a conference of Deans be called to review the nature and conditions of Engineering courses: the introduction of the emergency war-time B.Sc. (Eng.) degree in place of the B.E. degree had deplorably reduced or undesirably compressed Engineering courses, particularly in W.A. and Tasmania. N.U. suggested that "in view of the seeming anomalies in manpower policy towards continuation in the fourth year of the Faculty the Universities Commission should recommend the adoption of a uniform policy in all Australian Universities for 1944."

Concerning quotas, the Council approved of the present quota system based on facilities, manpower and general national demands, but asked that the estimates of quotas be kept under continual consideration in view of changing conditions. Where facilities are the limiting factor, these should be extended in the shortest possible time. In assessing quotas for 1945 in the non-technical faculties, the Commission should continue to confer with the Department of Post-War Reconstruction, taking greater account of post-war requirements and immediate needs, but not overlooking the value of education "per se."

In order to keep before students the responsibility involved in accepting reservation, Council recommended that each entrant be required to make a declaration acknowledging his obligation to continue his course to its completion, provided that where partially trained personnel can more profitably be employed in other forms of national service the Commission may release such students from their obligations.

The Council requested formal recognition from the Universities Commission as an official advisory committee on educational and student affairs, and drew attention to the fact that the N.U. was now representative of student governing bodies in all Australian Universities.

Const. Orgs.

Among matters referring to the individual University Unions was the Lecturing System, and the Council asked that reports be made on the issuing of lecture notes in all faculties and forwarded to the General Secretary within two months. Technical and Teachers' Colleges should co-operate with University Unions in every way possible: this would help to improve conditions at the latter. Furthermore, a report should be forwarded to the General Secretary on the subject "Student Democracy in Teachers' Colleges."

N.U. strongly favored faculty associations "for the purpose of attaining an increased student contact" through regular meetings and social functions.

"N.U.A.U.S. supports the principle of representation of students on Faculty boards and University governing bodies, and is willing to assist any constituent organisation in the implementation of this policy."

After discussion with the Victorian Talks Manager of the A.B.C., it was decided that the A.B.C. be requested to conduct an Inter-Varsity debating competition in 1944. It was also resolved that the following be recommended to the Debates Gen. Sec.:-

1. The A.B.C. should pay travel expenses of the teams.
2. The home debating society be responsible for accommodation for visiting teams.
3. To investigate the condition of the award of the Philippines Cup and report to the next conference.
4. The debates should only be held provided the A.B.C. will approve controversial subjects.

Finally, the Council welcomed Adelaide University Union on its return to the National Union and congratulated Max Stain on his successful efforts in this direction. (May we congratulate Max on his position as Hon. Sec. of the Council of N.U.A.U.S.)

Those students who are deeply interested in this report are advised to peruse the complete affair at the Union office.



ROY LEANEY, Arts student, who has taken over editorship of On DIT for its return to print, and determines policy.



NINETTE TROTT, who, in her work as Social Science student, should raise Varsity morale in many ways.

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Don't be put out by the withering epithets which seem to have crept into this most cordial welcome. We admit that your presence will be despised by the majority of the "adults," but don't be daunted when you approach them, little fresher, by the sudden hardening of the facial muscles, the contempt in the eye, the coldness of superiority in the voice. They like you, if only because they look forward to the sadistic pleasure of torturing you at initiation.

Continue on to the Refectory, and there you will find no room to park yourself—the "adults" decorate every chair—you will have to wait for half an hour in a queue to buy the remains of Mrs. Clyde's excellent food after the staff and students have seized the best. If, then, you are lonely, overcome your wretched timidity, and seat yourself with the third-year Meds. Create a painful silence, give us a chance to realise our superiority complexes, look upon us with reverent awe, listen to the polite bull that we talk, ask us delightfully respectful and naive questions, and remember that you, as a "child," are not allowed to do any "adult" things—smoke (especially a pipe), and indulge in witty conversation. If you are nice enough, we will decide that you're not half a bad bloke, and let you offer us your cigarettes—as many as you like.

Sports Secretaries!

You have a page to fill. Hand your sporting news to the Sporting Editor, R. A. Kenihan, every Monday.

OPINION

Flog a Wog?

To the Editor, "On Dit."

Sir,
This degenerate age sees the rise of classes of what can be called nothing else than mental imbeciles, bureaucrats, strikers, and sickly sentimentalists.

In the last category fall those people acting as anaemic apologists for every type of criminal offender that disgrace our courts.

The present controversy in a local paper over the treatment of a monstrousity who outraged a young girl is a case in point. These sentimentalists, having gathered a few crumbs from under the table of doctors and those so-called "scientists," psychologists, think they have a cure in gland therapy and what-have-you for all the evils inherent in mankind.

Have they not heard of free-will and the moral code that rests upon it? Such codes, propagated from all churches, demand the current method of punishment, whipping, for such outrageous acts. In my opinion, even this is letting the offender off lightly for the harm that has been done.—Yours, etc.

ARTY.

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—When I first read the uneducated attacks against the moral defective who "ruined the life of a young girl," I was amazed at the impudence of such attacks. They set aside all the valuable psychology which could help the fellow, and order a flogging which will, at the best, embitter him against society. This man should be protected from society, not society from him.

Further, I suspect, from the case, that he is a Masochist. He so readily gave himself up to the suggested whipping. Now, if he be a Masochist, then he will only enjoy the whipping. What punishment is this, if he enjoys it? He may repeat the crime in order to repeat the punishment.

Shame on those who would flog and injure a man for whom society has done nothing to help, but all to injure.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN BULSCHE.

Soaked in Sound

To the Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,

The recent controversy in the columns of the daily newspapers concerning radio programmes can but leave one baffled. It does, in fact, leave me baffled, bored, or something. Radio programmes are an essential part of student life, and through your columns I wish to implore the long hair and the short hair classical and jazz fiends to do something about it.

The national stations' programme is typical of a diabolical attempt to undermine the mental ability of unsuspecting students. During the day the classics are dealt out in fine style. One is murdered in the morning by Brahms, and gently anaesthetised by Debussy in the Music Grovellers' hour at 4 p.m. Then what happens, death is not so sweet, along comes Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, and the inevitable

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able Victor Sylvester at 5 p.m. to shatter all one's illusions with a disgusting cacophony of sounds. After wading through the fat stock reports, etc., the news, the talk by the famous correspondent, and the usual dose of Eric Coates' dinner music, one may find a celebrity concert. These are generally broadcast from the Conservatorium of the University of Antarctica and can be heard in every detail over the A.B.C.'s excellent transmissions (of course, there are breakdowns, not more than 2 or 3 hundred a night), but what does it matter?—"ars gratia artis," of course.

As for commercial stations, have them banned immediately; one goes gradually mad after hearing about your decayed teeth, creaking joints, and Kruschen feeling in between the 2nd and 1st movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 (the 2nd movement is always played first over good commercial stations—just a puzzle for the users of Shipwreck Soap). After 10 p.m., the jazz fiends are let loose from hell's kitchen, or whatever they call it. Soap, salts, crooners, spooners, and the adventures of Flashlight Razor and his clam-baked 7 go to make up a delightful evening of cultured insanity.

This is a plea for sanity in all things, especially radio: it wrecks homes, ruins racehorses, and makes life generally —!

Well, back to the padded cell!—Yours, etc.,

"SCHIZOPHRENIC."

On Dit Attacked

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—Why is this rag starting again, after its doleful surrender in 1941? Surely war-time conditions prohibit the issue of such an inconsequential paper as "On Dit" after two years of decent obscurity. Need I say more, Sir? "Angry Penguins" is enough. Heaven knows!—Yours, etc.,
RANK AND FILE.

A Major in the Gun

To the Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,

Some weeks ago Mr. Ward got his name in the paper again by asserting in Parliament that there is a widely-held opinion that certain members of the British and American Governments are not overjoyed at the prospect of a complete rout of the German forces by the Red Army, but would rather have a prolonged struggle between the two armies, leaving Russia "bled white." There is no doubt that this opinion is widely held, and I myself have come to the conclusion that it is justified. But that is not the point I am concerned with here.

While Opposition members were raving over this alleged insult to national honor, grace, integrity, etc., somebody said to me, on reading the newspaper reports, "Methinks they do protest too much." Now, for some members of the Opposition that was a very apposite remark: Maj. Cameron, S.A.'s sole Opposition member, who also got his name in the paper recently, is about the best (or worst) example of the lot.

In June, '41, Germany attacked Russia; a few days later Mr. Churchill announced the alliance with Russia. Yet, on August 21, Maj. Cameron declared (see Hansard):

"My attitude to the Russo-German war is that it is an act of mercy or of Providence for two great thieves to fall out. . . . From our point of view it does not matter who wins the Russo-German war, because the British Empire is committed to fight the winner. Let us get very clearly into our heads that whichever side wins, we fight."

Anyone who ventured to make similar remarks about the Franco-German war in 1939-40 would have found himself very quickly locked up in gaol; and I humbly suggest that Russia has proved a much better ally than France.

Since the time Maj. Cameron made

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The Aquinas Society

The activities of the Society are rather limited at the present moment, but, with the arrival of the freshers and, we hope, a substantial increase in membership, greater things will be done. However, the members, both women and men, meet every alternate Wednesday night at the Catholic Education Building, Wakefield Street, at 7.30. The next meeting will be March 22. Further particulars may be obtained from the secretary, J. Smerdon.

that statement he has neither said nor done anything to suggest a change of heart; we would welcome a public statement by him honestly giving his present attitude to the Russo-German war.

So that, when he makes statements like the above (and he has made plenty of them), people who are interested in the most effective prosecution of the war must be pardoned for keeping an eye on him, which no doubt explains the Major's recent complaints that the censor has taken to examining his mail. One might even censure the censor for taking such belated action.

Maj. Cameron complains bitterly that he has lost his freedom. This is something new; Maj. Cameron has never expressed a love for freedom before. When Maj. Cameron was in power, did he put a Labor radio station off the air, suppress Communist newspapers, raid private homes, seize progressive books, open trade union mail, and so on? Apparently, Maj. Cameron thinks that freedom is not good for you.

Secondly, the Major, I am afraid, has got his freedoms a little mixed. There is nothing in the Atlantic Charter about freedom to make disruptive statements.—I am, Sir, etc.,
W.W.M.

Chemistry Dept.

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Editorial

SINCE the last issue of "On Dit" in 1941, this paper has, perhaps, become past history with many students and is just unheard of (although we hope not) among second and third years. Despite any hard words about it, "On Dit" proposes to continue with its policy of benefaction, benevolence, and benediction, at the same time being generous with its famous gratuities, e.g., "News Behind the Booze," "Co-response" (the title is a museum piece), etc., all of which are legal tender for the Girl Guides' Thrift Depot: in fact, our patron, St. Bos, gives you, the Adelaide University students, the privilege of offering any sacrifice to his sacred altar—more of that later.

What is "On Dit," freshers and others? I say that it is a part of University life, your life—physical, mental and spiritual: i.e., you can vent your opinions in its columns; you can read and be closer to your counterpart in Law, Medicine, Arts, Dentistry, or what have you. Unity is our aim—by the written word that is "On Dit." Furthermore, the Exchange Editor will keep us in touch with other Australian Universities.

We, being the more intellectually inclined section of the community, should be able to express reasoned, sane, and valuable views on such matters as Politics and Sex—but even if such views are not forthcoming, the Editorial staff will surround itself with a smoke-screen and produce the most liberal views on such controversial and worldly matters. Here we align "On Dit" with recognised institutions like "The Advertiser"; so let us state here and now that "The Advertiser" is not exactly our view of an ideal newspaper. In war-time, politics (or Politics) is in everybody's mind; naturally, then, the University paper will concern itself, by your sanction, of course, with politics (or Politics). Do not wait to be interviewed—write direct to the Editor, who will publish any letter signed by its author (not necessarily for publication). The "Co-response" columns will be your forum.

Articles are invited for publication: the Editor is expecting Art criticism, Verse (even Poetry), book reviews, and reasonably decent photographs will be considered. For your benefit, too, an "Agony Column" is proposed: until a Student Adviser is installed the staff of "On Dit" will devote itself to your problems (psychological or otherwise) in this column. This is a new departure and ought to be welcomed—be frank and earnest, and we'll be bloody, bold and resolute on your behalf.

Psst! Tread quietly on floor outside Pub. room in the George Murray. Men at work! Knock and you may enter.

Front Office News

DURING the year several staff changes were made; the Conservatorium lost one of its most energetic members by the death of Mr. Harry Wotton, who was teacher of Singing at the Conservatorium since 1933. Mr. Ludwig Schwab was appointed teacher of the Violin, in place of Haydn Beck, who resigned to lead the Melbourne Orchestra.

Dr. E. Weston Hunt, who had been Director of the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science since 1936, has resigned to take up an important scientific appointment in England. The Faculty of Engineering lost the services of Mr. E. V. Clark, who graduated in 1895 and returned to the staff of this University in 1910. The Faculty of Medicine has appointed Dr. W. E. Joynt Director in Obstetrics, following the resignation of Dr. T. G. Wilson, who has rendered such valuable service not only to the faculty but to the University by his monetary bequests and ever-helpful advice.

Mr. Richard Watson will succeed Mr. Henry Wotton as teacher of Singing; he is a former student of the Royal College of Music, London.

Dr. C. T. Madigan has resumed work in the Geology Dept. after 3 years' service in charge of an Army Engineering School at Liverpool, N.S.W.

Several changes have been made in the staff of the Mathematics, details of which have not yet come to hand. Miss Betty Battle has resumed work as an instructress in Physical Education under the direction of Dr. F. Mitchell.

The war has affected the University life in some measure over the last year. There were 484 full-time undergraduate students in the reserved faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Science, including Agricultural Science.

In the faculty of Arts thirty students were reserved on grounds of merit and four in the faculty of Law. Approximately 40 per cent. of the students in reserved faculties received financial assistance; eight Arts students and one Law student also came under this scheme. The reserved faculties were severely taxed for accommodation and the war work of the various departments made the pressure felt very severely by the Physics and Chemistry departments. Our professors are all engaged in some war-work outside the University, details of which will be found in the annual report.

Developing its policy of teaching modern languages the council established a Chair in French Language and Literature, to which Mr. J. G. Cornell, former lecturer in charge, was appointed. A course of Biology was initiated last year, mainly for the benefit of school teachers; this added to the courses already prescribed for Botany and Zoology. Mr. Ramsay was appointed to the school of Economics, part of his duties being to lecture in Rural Economics.

The Chancellor in his Commemoration address gave details of numerous bequests to the University. The future of Engineering has been provided for by the sum of £40,000, £25,000 to provide for the establishment of chairs in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The new Engineering buildings mooted in 1942 are still in the planning stage, and with the growing need for training discharged servicemen in post-war years coupled with the University's normal expansion, the projects for

Physics and Engineering will be needed more than ever before.

Speaking of financial assistance in his Commemoration address the Chancellor said that £24,000 had come to Adelaide in the first year of financial assistance, a quarter of a million having been expended in the first year for the whole nation.

The assistance scheme, he said, was welcome to parents as well as to the University, and could hardly fail to raise the average ability as to entrance. He indicated that a measure so popular as the above would become even more popular when the means test was abolished, and this fact would perhaps obscure the far greater duty of the Commonwealth in the matter of grants to the Universities.

Sir William Mitchell also indicated that we need not be frightened by having to support a population of 50 millions in post-war years, but he said on whoever we have to lean for defence or with whom we are to be harnessed must expect us to carry a population of 15 millions and carry them well.

Army Education has also played an important role in the University's war work last year. Mr. M. S. Finnis was appointed by the Council to take charge of these affairs. The Joint Committee for Tutorial Classes collaborated with the Army Education officers and arranged courses of lectures and conducted classes in military camps and hospitals.

At the close of last year, Prof. Isles, professor of Economics, was called to Melbourne and served in the Army as a Lt.-Colonel on special duties.

The following statistics of students are given for general information:—The number of undergraduates was 1,168, non-graduating students 567, and post-graduate students 162. Of non-graduating students 85 attended from the School of Mines. At the Elder Conservatorium 263 students studied principal subjects, and 24 attended classes only.

Alterations to buildings in the University have taken place during the vacation; the front building has been altered and the kitchen of the Refectory has been enlarged. Plans for a bigger Refectory are in hand, and it is hoped to publish details of these in a later issue.

The question of financial assistance will also be more fully discussed in later issues. It is hoped to stimulate some discussion on this matter at a later date.

Prizes and Scholarships.

The sum of £150 was donated by the parents of the late Captain Justin Way Skipper to the University to provide a prize in the Faculty of Law. The prize, which is to the value of £5, will be awarded annually to the student of Law who acquits himself best in the Faculty of Arts.

A.G.M. Theatre Guild

The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in The Hut on Friday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

The committee hopes that there will be a good attendance of members, when there will be opportunity for discussion on Guild activities. It is felt that, with increased interest in membership, and by active helpers, 1944 will be even more successful than the 1943 season.

Members who attended 1943 performances, and have not yet paid their subscription, are asked to forward same to the hon. treasurer, to ensure that they receive 1944 notices.

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Literary Lapses

In 1935, without apologies, Phoenix took over from the Adelaide University Magazine, with some success. It provided an outlet for new and varied works from the students. It was alive then, but by 1939 Phoenix was on the defensive. The magazine had set out to supply an incentive and opportunity for those students who were alive enough to produce creative work. Phoenix was on the defensive against itself, for it became the symbol of a "modern" spirit in contemporary literary thought; people misinterpreted this modern movement, and compared it unfavorably with more mature and finished graduate works. This was unfair, but led to Phoenix retiring into ashes in 1940, to arise another bird, "Angry Penguins." It was felt that genius was about in Adelaide; this genius had to express itself. But this magazine, started by D. B. Kerr and M. Harris, in turn became too ambitious, and swallowed its own tail. Breaking away from the University, it left us without any medium for those who found it too difficult to publish their work. These people who have had silence thrust upon them are now invited to contribute to On DIT in this column.

Critic

The Vegetative Eye—Max Harris.

The White Hind—Mary Williams.

MARY Williams, while showing some occasional power, seems unable to sustain it. Too much of her poetry is difficult, and lacks those graces we have come to expect. Granting that poetry need not entertain, even so, a deliberate rejection of convention, a movement away from the common reader, can do little to realise the purpose of poetry—a communication of felt experience. We like to know what a poem is about when reading it. Poetry is not pure music, it is music and meaning fused. Now, if unusual knowledge or too greater intellectual effort is required in its interpretation, then poetry may well expect to be overlooked. It would be safer for Miss Williams to stick to such poems as "Said Miss Isadore Duncan. . . ." They are more profitable.

HUMAN conduct affords the best raw material for the novelist. If he represents this in a way which reflects life faithfully, he is an artist. Max Harris, in "The Vegetative Eye," goes further, and feels bound to account for what he represents. He claims to see his life and understand it in a sense not humanly possible. Harris has endeavored to create an ethical philosophy of love and life based upon his own theories. The mistake he makes is to confuse such a philosophy with an explanation of mental processes, and a formula for regulating them.

The novel is autobiographical from the emotional side, but such a frank recognition of his unconscious mind does not call for such elaborate introspection, nor his use of dream symbolism. Much of the psychology in the book is so steeped in pruriency that it can be approached only with armour and gas mask. Harris sets down thought which comes into consciousness without apparent regard for decency, propriety, and pertinence.

However, the work is more than justified by his orderliness, sequence, and conclusiveness. Using the triple treatment—emotional, intellectual, and sensational—of his experience, he constructs the work with a musical logic. The theme of Harris and Jeannie is subject to clever variations, in which the characters writhe through emotional experiences depending on environment and immediate existing cause.

It is not with the passions of the

Brock on the University Spirit

[Paraphrase of impromptu speech which didn't eventuate at the Freshers' Welcome.]

Fellow Freshers, we've been had. But we aren't the only ones. So have the rest of the Varsity.

The University Spirit is a tradition to which the learned members of this community have become addicts. It is an institution which has had a longer, more secret, and—from the point of view of those in the know—more successful existence than any other underground organisation yet brought to public notice.

In fact, unless the necessary action, outlined below, is taken to snatch this powerful weapon from the hands of the few who profit by it to the detriment of so many, the consequences will be drastic.

What minds we have that always register "absent-mindedness" when we observe the more learned flattering zombies. Few have ever smelt a rat (i.e., the University Spirit)—the rest haven't been close enough. Nevertheless, it is a more potent and ceremoniously brewer spirit than Scotch Wassail or West End.

In the light of this knowledge, note the irony involved in having us told by one of the clique that the Spirit of the University is one of enquiry. If one enquires long enough in the quest of the Spirit, by the time he has become a prof. and established such scientific knowledge as the Law of General Incapability of Freshers, etc., he will surely be initiated into the mysteries of the University Spirit and be given the official handbook, stating the manner in which the Spirit may be administered as:

- (1) a beverage;
- (2) a petrol substitute (1 c.c. Spirit to .1 gal. water);
- (3) a painful method of exterminating undesirable students.

What would have been the motive of those in charge of the Physics Lab's master clock if it were not to be used as an instrument by which the Spirit is shaken in the approved cocktail manner. The necessity for accurately weighing out weekly rations of the Spirit probably figured largely in prompting the invention of the micro-balance. The age-old tradition of a musical accompaniment in the brewing of such brews is the reason why Prof. Cornell and Dr. Davies can sing Hebrew chants of the "Marseillaise" and "Oh, Say, Don't You See" in counterpoint.

The University Spirit has at last come to the hands of justice, and has thus been revealed so that it can be put on the Refectory menu as soon as possible.

body or the senses alone that his heroes contend, but those of the mind. The fire that burns within them is abstraction, and the fuel that replenishes them is thought. Their conduct becomes the result of argumentation—of abstracts, the nature of God, and the ethics of love.

By epilepsy the body is made to display detachment from the spirit. The body becomes non-existent at the moments of supreme ecstasy. It seems that here a brain is depicted wherein some of the mechanisms are disordered, yet able to remain superior morally to others less affected, and that weaknesses or maladjustments put the possessor in tune with the Infinite—blending him with the Eternal Harmony—restoring him temporarily to the Source of his Temporal Emanation.

We need intrepid souls who will bare their psychic breasts to reveal their unconventional and primitive minds without fear or shame. That Mr. Harris is one of these more than justifies his unusual if not revolutionary work.

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Cricket

Report of cricket match against Kensington on March 4 and 11.

Kensington started well and had 87 on the board for the loss of only two wickets for: University bowlers obtained the upper hand and bundled out the remaining batsmen for the addition of only 50 runs. Beard, University opening bowler, bowled well to take 4 wickets for 20 runs. He was unfortunate to miss the hat trick, taking three wickets in four balls.

University batsmen were at sea against the bowling of Clarrie Grimmett, and by stumps 7 wickets had fallen for 56 runs. On the following Saturday matters were made worse by a "sticky wicket" and the last three wickets fell without addition to the score. Bennett and Taylor were the only batsmen to reach double figures.

Kensington batted again, and against the bowling of Bennett (3/25), Rook (2/0), and Beard (2/13) only managed to make 55 runs.

University had 137 runs to make to win, but Grimmett and Barnden were again "on the spot," and the last wicket fell at 50. Goode, Rook, and Kenihan were the only batsmen to make a stand. Varsity batsmen could start quite a respectable poultry farm on the results of this match.

KENSINGTON.

First Innings 137
Bowling: Beard 4/20, Bennett 1/15,
Daly 0/13, Page 1/39, Rook 1/15,
Taylor 2/14.

Second Innings 8 for 55
(Declared.)

Bowling: Beard 2/13, Bennett 3/25,
Page 1/7, Rook 2/0.

UNIVERSITY.

First Innings 56
Rodger, st. Pengilly, b. Grimmett 2
Taylor, l.b.w., b. Grimmett .. 10
Goode, run out 4
Bennett, b. Grimmett 18
Douglas, c. Pengilly, b. Grimmett 4
Rook, c. Caire, b. Barnden 5
Kenihan, st. Pengilly, b. Grimmett 2
Hallett, c. Dansie, b. Barnden 0
Daly, c. Rossiter, b. Barnden 0
Page, c. Caire, b. Barnden 0
Beard, not out 0
Sundries 3

Second Innings 50
Taylor, c. Dansie, b. Grimmett 3
Rodger, c. Dansie, b. Barnden ... 3
Douglas, b. Barnden 1
Daly, c. Potts, b. Grimmett 1
Page, c. Rossiter, b. Barnden ... 0
Bennett, c. Potts, b. Barnden 1
Goode, l.b.w., b. Barnden 16
Hallett, c. Pengilly, b. Barnden 0
Rook, c. Rossiter, b. Grimmett ... 15
Kenihan, c. Dansie, b. Grimmett 10
Beard, not out 0
Sundries 2

Athletics

Despite the fact that none of the members of our successful junior team of last year were still eligible to compete for the H. R. Walsh Junior Challenge Shield on March 4 and 11, we tied for third out of nine competing teams. Outstanding for Varsity was J. Harbison, who won the 120 hurdles, high jump, and the pole vault, in which he created a State junior record at 9 ft. 6½ in. D. Hayden was second in the 440 and R. Harvey second in the broad jump. Harbison was awarded the cup for the best junior performance.

For the senior scratch events, M. Elliott won the 440 and the 880, K. Stephens won the mile, and J. Prescott the high jump. G. Cheesman won the handicap 100 yards and won the handicap shot putt from scratch.

Club letters have been awarded to four members for 1943—J. Stevens, R. Lewis, F. Doman, and J. Bunday.

Varsity sports will probably be held about the end of April and the inter-club fixture will probably be early in May. We have now won this for three years in succession, and this year

would like to enter two teams, as we did last year, so all interested in athletics are asked to start training now.

Tennis

A.U.N.P.T.C.

For the sake of freshers and others who are not quite so fresh, the non-pennant tennis club is centred around five grass courts at the University Oval.

As yet no ball fee has been charged this season, and the only qualification is to be a member or prospective member of the Sports Association.

Membership is NOT confined to males; "au contraire!" the female sex is assured of a warm welcome, especially the "freshers" ones.

Our second warm welcome is for those who can bring along or tell us how to get some tennis balls. Miraculously last year's supply still holds the fort, but reinforcements are urgently needed.

The afternoon is not spent battling for sheep stations, and everyone has a good game.

Among last year's activities was a "ball," the best of the year. Sideline gossip indicates that another is in the wind.

So, come along next Saturday afternoon, bringing a ball or two if possible.—W. J. M.

Pennant Tennis

There was only one grade of pennant tennis at the Memorial Drive this year—of the eight teams Varsity was fifth, missing a position in the "four" due to the "million to one" chance of Army and Air Force tying in the last match of the minor round; but for this, Varsity would have defeated the loser of this match on percentage. The team this year consisted of four of:—J. A. B. Rolland, G. F. Cheesman, M. E. Nancarrow, C. G. Wilson, D. R. Anderson. N. Hosking, D. N. Robinson, D. R. Drew were also playing at "the Drive," but were absorbed in other teams.

Boat Club

At lunch time today, Wednesday, at 1.20 p.m., there is a meeting of the Boat Club in the chess room. We ask all those interested in rowing to attend.

Our club has a great reputation to live up to. Throughout the last 50 years it has held a high-ranking place in rowing circles in this State. In the past four years our senior eight has been unbeaten. Last December, due to excellent coaching and plenty of hard work our senior eight defeated the Torrens crew by ¼ length in a challenge race. We express our sincere thanks to Mr. Stanley Facy, the coach. Also our junior eight, energetically coached by Dr. C. T. Madigan, was successful against allcomers at a regatta last December. Thank you, Dr. Madigan.

We hope to maintain this standard this year, commencing next Saturday, when our senior crew is rowing in a 250-yard dash race.

Cox—Wyllie, G. G.
Stroke—Burston, R. A.
7—Guppy, D. J.
6—Abbott, C. L.
5—Bonnin, J. A.
4—Trembath, F. E.
3—Wurm, R. S.
2—Lavis, J. F.
Bow—Nicholls, J. M.

It is our hope to again have a good junior eight and we especially invite intercollegiate oarsmen to come to the meeting when applicants to fill the positions will be asked for. Also we would very much like to see our lightweight applicants for the positions of coxswains for our crews at this meeting.

FRESHERS INTERVIEWED

Great Personality Man Mr. Brock.

Max Hashish says Brock has personality. Brock has heard of Angry Penguins, A.P. not screwballs. Brock says Hashish O.K. At this Max Hashish said that Brock would be most famous student in Varsity. Mr. Brock not a Commo (Brock O.K.). Has never heard of On Dit. (Hashish says Brock still O.K., but Beeviss-Carr doubtful.)

Do Med. students stink?—Brock says yes.

What about Varsity Dolls?—Wants to keep on right side of them, so reserves statements till after Freshers' Dance. Claims to mow down Dames in a fashion. Hashish says Brock is Varsity's greatest Killer-diller.

Brock heard of Freud. Brock heard of Beeviss-Carr. At this, B.-C. proclaims him definitely O.K. and University personality man No. 1.

Blonde Bombshell Fails to Explode.

Said she was Miss Weismuller, but not related to Tarzan. Heard too much of On Dit; fainted when she saw editor. Seen enough of Varsity men. Dreams of tooth brushes (very significant: see Freud).

Smallest Med. Fresher.

Suitable Cox (Wt. 6 st. 11 lb.)

Unfortunately heard of On Dit. Opit a funny man, but can't help it. Has not seen enough Dolls to give an opinion. Seems to be one of the old school tie. A little man who should go a long way, as the monkey said.

S.C.M. Notes

Varsity S.C.M. got its programme for 1944 well under way on Friday last with a Freshers' Welcome to shame all Freshers' Welcomes. The effort seemed to be appreciated by most of the 200 or so folk there. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. J. G. Cornell, spoke on the nature and pursuit of the spirit of enquiry in the University. Geoff. (Buck) Jones and Margaret Keene, presidents for this year, showed just what the S.C.M. does in the Varsity and why and how.

The second and slightly lighter side of the welcome was notable for the talent revealed by members and prospective members of the S.C.M. We feel confident that everyone now knows the story of Little Red Riding Hood, and how to lay tram lines.

Perhaps the most important of S.C.M. activities are study circles open to everyone, whether orthodox or atheist, with an enquiring mind. This year there will be four: "Why Chris-

BASEBALL CLUB

A.G.M.

George Murray, 1.20 p.m.,
Monday, March 27.

tianity?" led by Mr. Arnold Hunt, B.A., "Science, Christianity, and Truth," Mr. Charles Birch, M.Sc., "Social Implications of Christianity," Rev. J. R. Andrew, "The Awakening of Human Nature," Mr. Ken Newman, B.A., B.Ec.—none of which you can really afford to miss. You should make a point of going to at least one!

Then there are lunch-hour addresses, the first of which, "Christianity Outdated?" will be given by the Rev. J. H. Crossley on Wednesday, March 22.

End of term conferences, which come in a class of their own, have to be seen to be believed, or should we say, experienced to be appreciated.

And so we say farewell to On Dit, vol. 12, No. 1, taken in multiplane, technicolor, and printed by E. J. McAlister & Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide. A Roy K. Leaney Production!

Science Association

This society will be holding its first meeting on Tuesday, March 21, in the Lady Symon Hall, at 7.30. Considerable scientific research has been undertaken to ensure that proceedings are colorful and up to scratch.

Owing to Graeme Rainnie going to Melbourne, we have to elect a new president at this meeting. Once this is disposed of, the programme will include the patron's remarks by Prof. J. S. Wood, a pep talk by the new president, films scientific and otherwise, dancing, and, of course, Freshers' Welcome.

This society exists for the express purpose of bringing science students together. The advantages of meeting people with kindred interests outside the lecture room need not be emphasised. Even a scientist is apt to forget that there is more to science than just Physics or Botany; the programme of the Science Association is arranged to help you keep out of the rut.

We are not an exclusive society, and welcome anyone whatever of whatever faculty. Full time science students, of course, are expected to join.

The activities of the society are varied, including staff talks, student papers, excursions, debates, and a social evening in the second term. We even propose to bring out some sort of Science Notes and News this year.

The membership fees are 7/6 a year, with a discount of 6d. if they are paid before the first meeting. So pay your 7/6, freshers and others, and roll along to the first meeting on March 21. Accommodation for 78 freshers is available in the Royal Adelaide Hospital and "Mareeba" Babies' Home for the nights of March 21 and 22.

A.U.E.S.

Treasurer, N. S. Vawser; Secretary, J. R. Kleeman.

The Adelaide University Engineering Society is now one of the largest and liveliest bodies in the University. It welcomes those students and others connected with the University who are interested in Engineering to participate in its activities, the catch being that they must meet their financial obligations—necessary to keep the Society well filled and happy and to meet all incidental expenses. The subscription is 6/6, payable to the treasurer, N. Vawser, NOW.

The faculty is ever taking a more important position in the Varsity, due to better quality and greater quantity entering the Engineering School. This year the full-time student enrolment is 47, while last year the phenomenal number of 80 freshers ventured the course. This figure takes no account of part-time men.

The objects briefly are to encourage social life among students, to promote the study and knowledge of engineering, and to encourage students in public speaking on engineering subjects.

An innovation last year was the formation of a debating club as a subsection of the Society, and several national problems, such as the Railway Gauge problem, have been solved, more or less!

A most successful dance was held at the end of last year for the graduating students, the F.F.C.F. benefiting by nearly £40.

The Junior and Students' branch of the I.E.A. welcomes students to its meetings during the year.

A very active programme is planned by the Society for this year, with many social meetings and debates, and many social activities, foremost among which is the meeting on Wednesday, March 22, to give freshers an opportunity to meet the senior students, or, should we say, for the senior students to meet them. All full-time freshers are earnestly advised not to absent themselves from this function. On the following Wednesday, March 29, the first ordinary general meeting will be held, and there will be an opportunity afterwards for all Freshmen to meet the Professors and Lecturers.