

ON DIT

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"On Dit" Scoops Sydney Press

"Fact" which was to have broken Malley Hoax anticipated

By means of prompt student action in Adelaide and Sydney we are in a position to reveal one of the hoaxers who thought to have the laugh on Adelaide-born "Angry Penguins": he is

Local Sydney Poet — — Harold Stewart

When "On Dit" featured the doubts cast upon "Ern Malley" by Mr. Brian Elliott, it really started something: enquiries were made in Sydney and it was found that the house at 40 Dalmar Street, Croydon, from which the poems were sent, belonged to a person named Stewart—instantly the rumor (based not only on this evidence) sprung that Professor J. I. M. Stewart (Michael Innes) had written the poems and devised the whole affair—had created a mystery instead of writing one and solving it.

Professor Rumor

This rumor caught the Varsity and delighted it immensely, and it grew widespread, especially after the professor's suspicious comment in Sunday's "Mail." On Monday the odds were 6 to 4—the professor was a cert. for a straight out win. But "Fact" was against us; when everything pointed its incredible digit at Professor Stewart, the "Sunday Sun" supplement in Sydney came out. "Fact" said:—

There is no Palmer's Garage at Taverner's Hill, nor has there been one to the knowledge of the Leichhardt police, whose station is nearby.

No insurance salesman named Ernest Malley has ever been employed in Victoria by the National Mutual Life Assurance Co.

Nobody named Malley has been cremated at Rookwood in the past 10 years.

No Miss Ethel Malley is known at the address in the Sydney suburb from which the poems were sent to Max Harris.

"Fact" added that it had no high opinion of the poems, that neither Harris nor Professor Stewart wrote them, and that it knew the actual authorship.

By Tuesday the odds "with Adelaide University student bookmakers" on Professor Stewart had lengthened to 30 to 1, and then he denied the writing of the "Malley" poems by him. On the injudicious reporting of the news of an "off the record" statement, he wrote to "On Dit" the following:—

The Editor, "On Dit"

Dear Sir—Yesterday I was interviewed by the representatives of an Adelaide newspaper on the subject of the Ern Malley poems. I asked that only my denial of having written the poems be published, but this cannot have been understood and the report includes a piece of passing facetiousness to which I was prompted upon being catechised as to whether I owned property in Sydney. I hope it is no aspersion upon a body of men to suggest that some of their number are associated with the automotive industry, and I would myself rather be supposed to own a pie shop than to have written the Malley verses. But the joke is one that ought to have died

upon the air and I would like through your paper to apologise to any members of the University who may have been displeased by it.—Yours faithfully,

J. I. M. STEWART.

"Honi Soit" Wired

But meanwhile, the Editor of "On Dit" had sent a telegram to the Editor of "Honi Soit" (Mr. Murray Sayle), the exact wording given here:

Desire your co-operation for student press to scoop Malley poetry hoax. Suggest body of student investigate 40 Dalmar St., Croydon; details refer "Sunday Sun" supplement.—Leaney. "On Dit."

On Wednesday morning the following telegram arrived from Sydney:—

Local poet Harold Stewart lives 40 Dalmar; internal and other evidence leads strongly he is ed stop "Sun" won't talk till Sunday.—Sayle.

It seems then that the student press has scooped the "Sunday Sun," who realised the rather anti-climactic nature of the solution, and said, "Wait till next Sunday!"

But we don't know the whole story yet—Harold Stewart wrote the poems probably—he must have had some aid in devising the hoax (so cleverly worked as to beguile Mr. Harris). What were the motives? While we have the probable solution to the mystery ("Pyjama Boy Mystery") of the identity of the unfortunate but competent "Ern Malley," there are still things to follow: e.g., controversy as to quality of poetry. We have Harris, Elliott, and many literary people on our side declaring that it is good.

Comments On Controversy

Professor Stewart—"I am not sufficiently familiar with the idioms of the verses to comment on their worth; but they are not poems such as a person like the supposed Malley is likely to write."

From "Sybilline," by "Malley":—
". . . the caterpillar feet
Of these predictions lead nowhere,
It is necessary to understand
That a poet may not exist, that his writings
Are the incomplete circle and straight drop

Of a question mark;
And yet I know I shall be raised up
On the vertical banners of praise . . ."
—HAROLD STEWART (?)

The Editor also received the following letter from Max Harris:—
Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir—You and your staff are to be congratulated on revealing with a fair degree of certainty one of the creators of the Malley myth. Additionally, you have given us a situation where the Sydney metropolitan press has been in effect scooped by a student newspaper.

At this stage it is clear that I did not perpetrate the hoax, but was the victim.

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the spirit with which Mr. Brian Elliott, who was the first to spot the hoax, has engaged in the controversy. In creating the tone of the discussions his enthusiasm and participation have given the affair a healthy and salutary twist. Additionally I feel a valid stimulus has been given within and without the University to sound literary criticism.

The S.A. press also fell in with the spirit of the game.

To those to whom this use of student space is unpleasant, I promise now to retire to the sanctuary of my vegetable pishop.

MAX HARRIS.

The favorable aspects of the controversy:—

1. A new and considerable poet has been discovered, who will probably be one of Australia's best poets.
2. Student press has been realised to be a news force.
3. University students of other than the Arts Faculty have put themselves out to study the poems.
4. A serious literary magazine has been put before the general public—a serious and valuable estimation of the merit of local and interstate writers may follow.

What of I.S.S.

The appeal on behalf of International Student Service is now a week old (Wednesday), and well under way. As yet faculty and other societies have had little time to do very much, but this will correct itself with time. (At the time of going to press the money from the Labor Club's Juke Box Friday night was not to hand). Outstanding among donations from members of the staff was a cheque for £5 from Sir William Mitchell. We don't expect others to be as generous as this, but we do feel that they might be less backward in coming forward. Monday's badge day exceeded expectations, and a total of £24/11/- was taken. Altogether the appeal has had a good start. Here is an analysis of receipts:—Individual students, £3/18/7; staff, £14/14/6; Science Association collection, 3/6; badge day, £24/11/-; total, £43/7/7.

Don't Miss This!

On Tuesday, June 27, at 1.15 p.m., in the Sir George Murray Hall, Dr. Lloyd Ross, the Director of Public Relations for the Department of Post-War Reconstruction, will address a

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meeting. Dr. Ross has been invited by the S.C.M. to speak on some aspects of the problems that will face Australia after the war.

Apart from his other duties, Dr. Ross is a member of the Universities Commission. He is renowned as a speaker. In 1942 he went to Great Britain on behalf of the Commonwealth to undertake a lecture tour for the purpose of informing the British public about Australia's war effort.

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Science Association

On June 16, at the Science Association, members heard three very interesting student papers. Mr. R. W. Beckwith spoke on synthetic fibres and gave a detailed account of their chemistry and preparation. The chemical formulae were dazzling to the uninitiated, but served to illustrate the complex nature of these fibres and the difficulties which are associated with their synthesis.

The speaker rather ignored the broader aspect of the question of synthetic fibres, namely, the economic question, their production, etc., being one of the utmost importance to this country's future as a wool producer. The lack of general approach to the subject could, however, be excused at a meeting almost exclusively a Scientists' gathering.

The vice-president, Mr. Brown, delivered what proved to be an interesting and delightful talk on "The falling birth rate and modern degeneracy." The main features of the talk were a collection of 20,000 human teeth shown by Mr. Brown on the epidiastope. The speaker's hasty withdrawal at the conclusion was rather disappointing to the vast audience, who desired yet more facts from Mr. Brown on this amazing subject. Apart from an unfortunate speed in delivery, the paper was well prepared and showed a clear understanding of a very vital problem.

The last speaker, Mr. Kerr, spoke in true Portus-cum-Kerr fashion, using his delivery to attractively display a collection of odd "penseis" and facts which would otherwise have been dull and uninteresting. The address was stimulating and the skilful tilts made at various dogmas of religion, etc., were achieved with malice toward none.

Supper amid machinery and blueprints closed a very refreshing and thought-provoking evening. Mr. Prescott as usual spoke and suggested himself as an Ugly Man to represent Science—his devotion to the minute book, however, cannot be denied.

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OPINION

Replies

To the Editor, On Dit.

Dear Sir,—I would appreciate space to reply to critics.

P.S.B.—Your second and fourth points are debatable. The change would make possible the election of a sectarian group on the heat of a moment. No faculty or club has a monopoly of satisfactory committeemen.

Your fifth point is a good one. It may seem to discriminate against younger candidates of potential ability who, not having as full a knowledge of Union affairs, cannot put forward as convincing a policy. To a degree this is guarded against by the necessary regulations concerning years of studentship of candidates.

Mr. Hamilton has first-hand knowledge of the election procedure in practice, and could give you further information.

"On Dit" might take initiative in publicising candidates' policies. This matter, your suggestion re ballot papers, and representation of clubs on the Union committee will be considered by the Men's Union Committee, the last point with a view to recommending, one way or the other, that clubs have the right to an observer, or chance of electing a representative to the Union Committee.

V.Z.T. Throgmorton, B.S.A.—My reply is to the statement in "On Dit." Recognising that that statement was not given the formal blessing of the Engineering Society, I stated that it was assumed to reflect their attitude. Presumably this is so, as it has not been repudiated.

You expressed the desire not to form "premature impressions." Such an attitude regarding my non-attendance at the S.G.M. mentioned would be appreciated.

The legal attitude is that constitutional dates of A.G.M.s of non-property owning bodies (e.g., Men's Union) are not legally binding but act solely as reminders. Rules and regulations are made to serve people, and not people to serve them (the latter being known as red tape, though a current Varsity definition is 100 per cent. efficiency). Other committee meetings made it desirable to delay the A.G.M. Also preparations for it lagged because it was not till the last moment that I was aware that officers of the outgoing committee had made no preparations for their A.G.M.

Such "disregard" is not normal, though last year difficulty was experienced with outgoing committee reports. This difficulty is partly due to constitutional changes made several years ago. It is preferable to correct these difficulties rather than make a song and dance about the outgoing committee. The matter is under consideration by the M.U. Committee.

The wireless was mentioned in the "secretaries" report, and comments invited. The notices mentioning the wireless were not official notices of business. They were put up for publicity purposes. As the Engineers had not yet taken their active interest in Union affairs, fears were held for attendance.

All business stated on the official notice was finalised at this meeting. To answer your question, this is normal.

"An Engineer."—My opinion of Engineering lecturing is based on a report that I compiled for the N.U.A.

U.S. at an Engineering Society meeting. The material of the report was approved by that meeting. The Engineers were not satisfied with a minority of their lectures. The authorities subsequently approached, rightly or wrongly, took the opposite view. The students' viewpoint did not appear to interest them, but rather than cause annoyance I let the matter drop until the N.U.A.U.S. could consider its attitude. The immediate approach to the Dean was suggested by the Engineers. I regarded this as desirable and, in addition, invited the secretary of the society to attend.—Yours, etc.,

W. D. BROWN.

P.S.—Only 20 signatures are required for a S.G.M. on this matter.

Pro Brown

To the Editor, On Dit.

Dear Sir,—Although I certainly hope the whole issue will not be devoted to the "justification of Mr. Brown" as one of your last week's correspondents suggested, I cannot resist speaking in favor of the defendant. Firstly, who are his accusers? It is known that the prime movers in the present controversy are engineers. At the end of last term some of these worthy gentlemen seem to have put their heads together, and hoping to make an impression on both the rest of their faculty and the rest of the University, began to look for a molehill which might suitably be enlarged to the proverbial mountain. The vandalism occurring in the Men's Union buildings having been brought to their notice by Mr. Brown himself at the Men's Union A.G.M., they seized the chance, and levelled a stream of personal abuse at him, forgetting that there are 3 representatives from the Faculty of Engineering on the committee and 8 others as well as Mr. W. D. Brown. Anyway, as usually happens in such a case, in looking over the fence at the weeds in their neighbor's backyard, the aforesaid worthy gents neglected to notice the jungle growing in their own. Before the vacation, a number of over-exuberant engineers made a minor shambles of their own common room, as a result of which chairs were broken, and the room was locked by order of the Dean of the Faculty. The A.U.E.S. claims, perhaps rightly, via "On Dit," to be the liveliest faculty society down here; in fact the A.U.E.S. meetings have noticeably improved as far as numbers go, but the president, and the engineers themselves, should guard against allowing members to take up valuable time at these meetings by self-publicity through hot air criticism of impertinent matters. There are things in the Engineering Faculty itself which need looking into. If the A.U.E.S., for instance, took up Mr. Brown's lead on the matter of lecturing methods, they would not be wasting their time as at present. Contrary to the opinion of "An Engineer" in last week's edition, the position with regards lecture notes is still very unsatisfactory in several subjects, and this is the opinion of most engineers. In fact, it is to be doubted whether the above correspondent is really an engineer at all, so little does he apprehend the general feeling in the faculty. If these people tried to discover the virtues of Mr. Brown, instead of pinning on him the blame for all their troubles, and supported the progres-

sive measures he often advocates, the vandalism in the Men's Union building may cease altogether, and the facilities for their own benefit, such as the library, greatly improve.

"WYE LEVEL?"

Sceptic Re Scipio

Dear "Scipio"—Your protest against what you term my "sweeping statements" in an editorial some weeks back would have been very necessary, if justified.

You say I should be sure of my facts and enquire further into matters before criticising them. Of the fact that fibre gramophone needles are obtainable in Adelaide I am quite certain, having had no difficulty, even as a newcomer, in locating a source of supply (white market).

Because we are minors and because we lack some forms of experience, should not prevent us from thinking, within our capacity, and from making our own judgments on what experience, and knowledge of other people's experience, we have had.

Speaking of politics, what kind of experience, apart from reading and discussing experience, do you deem necessary as a passport to thinking?

Because we are young and still developing, so is our thinking in a developmental stage. What else would you have it? Does this mean that we should refrain from expression of our attitudes, obviously developmental as they may be? If we are 18 or 19, our views will be the views of 18 or 19, and why contemptible?

Yes, indeed, let us vehemently uphold a cause, if from our youthful stand we see it as something of worth. Because, in that case it is of worth for us.

You express fear of becoming a laughing-stock through expression of "futile" opinion. On what infallible judgment is it ever futile? And it is only insincere, unconfident opinion that fears criticism and laughter. Real belief does not wither under scorn.

You seem proud to admit that "we South Australians do not show all our trifling emotions." Possibly it would clear away a great deal of the inhibitive tendencies if more of these trifles were shown the air.

Yes, I do know something of what happens at meetings of the Arts Association; and I know that it is the most alive body in the University. But it, too, tends to intolerance of development. How many freshers are encouraged along and made to feel they are wanted? How much stimulation does it proffer to young beginners in writing, who are in danger of having a still, small, germinating voice in them completely killed by lack of interest and encouragement? People whose work may not even seem good, but who are finding in it a means of expression?

Maybe you look at me, and curl your mature lip in scorn of my youthfulness. But this is the way I see things—at present.—Yours, etc.,

ALISON FOX.

[The Editor apologises for the unavoidable delay with this answer, and would welcome more correspondence on the subjects herein.—Editor.]

Theatre Guild

The Editor, On Dit.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Elliott in his defence of Petrified Forest sees the production of Shakespearean plays by the Theatre Guild as an impossibility. He says that the Guild would be willing to attempt Shakespeare if we had (a) speakers, (b) designers, (c) costumes, (d) producers, (e) numbers to cast from, (f) the interest of University audiences, (g) the approbation of the hyper-intellectuals. I do not suggest that we should attempt Hamlet or

Lear, for to most of us these are so familiar that we have worked out, down to the least intonation, the presentation we desire, and this makes difficult a production that can satisfy us. This is purely theoretical, as I have never had a chance to see Hamlet. But is there a reason why we should not produce, say, the Comedy of Errors or Richard II, or any of the mature romances? Answering Mr. Elliott: (a) one learns to deliver Shakespearean blank verse by speaking it; (b) I am not sure what he means by designers, but if he refers to stage-setting he is too well-versed in Elizabethan drama for me to remind him that we could play Shakespeare with curtains, a balcony, and a few trestle tables as proscenium; (c) costuming is always difficult here, but if costumes can be found for spurious period plays, why not for Shakespeare? (d) Although present Guild producers may not feel like tackling Shakespeare, yet, as we have one of the authorities on Elizabethan drama within the University, many students have a fair grasp of Elizabethan stage technique, and these inexperienced people might collaborate with the more experienced producers; (e) if we can cast Petrified Forest, we can cast Shakespeare by doubling parts, as was done by his own company—a practice that would be excellent training for any actor; (f) his scepticism about the interest of audiences cannot be confirmed until we have produced a Shakespearean play. If only the audience can be persuaded to regard Shakespeare as a playwright instead of a prophet or oracle, his appeal is sure; (g) as for the hyper-intellectuals, Shakespeare didn't worry about them—why should we? Yours, etc.,

CECIL TEESDALE SMITH.

To the Editor, On Dit.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Elliott suggests that I was silent about the actual production of Petrified Forest because I had nothing nasty to say. This was not quite the case. I was silent because to criticise the production of a play which is not worth producing is a waste of time.—A well-produced bad play is slightly more unpleasant than a badly-produced bad play; there is a greater misdirection of ability and energy; and there is an unhealthy emphasis on technique rather than on content. The same unhealthyness is seen in Orson Welles films: he works out good ways of using film, but has nothing worth saying. Likewise, people who learn public speaking, but have nothing to say, are a nuisance; and the critic who praises minuteness of painting encourages pseudo-art. The major concern must always be with content, not with technique; and where content is valueless, technique is useless, and not worth noticing.

To answer Mrs. Williams:

(1) The Hollywood gangster is not my pin-up boy, but I think that he serves to show up Sherwood's gangsters for the puny, ridiculous figures they are.

(2) I did not object to self-identification in itself, but to the self-justification which was thereby made possible, so that people could avoid the pain of mental disturbance, and renounce the responsibility for making their own destinies.

The Theatre Guild should have an individual policy, and not merely repeat Repertory plays at a lower level of production. The Guild should be as necessary to the University as the Barr Smith Library; it should be the means of knowing the best of modern and older literature. Drama as a literary form does not seem to have attracted good modern writers, and so it seems that most productions must be of older plays. The A.B.C. has made a more valiant effort, in producing older plays, than the Guild, although the Guild's successes in Tom Thumb, Gammer Gurton's Needle, and

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Dear John—

In the letter I sent last Monday, I stated (from memory) my opinion that the lower age of your contemporaries explained many of the conditions you complain of. Your anticipated scorn hasn't caught up with me yet, so I'll go ahead and expand my argument in the two directions referred to—the effect on the conduct of student affairs being the first.

Unfortunately, there has always been a tendency, particularly though not alone, in higher places occupied by the older generation, to decry the part played by student self-government in a University education (Australian variety). How often have you been told "You're there to work, not play," or "They've got no sense now, but let's hope they'll be all right by the time they're 40, though I believe the place is riddled with Communists!"

And how many have heeded this "wisdom," to emerge from three or four years of "higher education" as fully qualified technicians, but nothing more. The point I'm driving at resolves itself along these lines: That nobody claiming the privileges of higher education should be content to be carried along on the tide of humanity, either now as students or in later life. A few will achieve academic distinction, which of its own virtue will distinguish them, thriving as it does on a measure of detachment; but the majority will be able to turn their education to some noticeable account in the community only by the higher quality of their citizenship. It is just such community training that student self-government can provide—yes, John, and I know you're going to tell me that it needs no justification from me, but remember that others will be reading these letters, and they must be persuaded of the value of an undertaking before they lend it their support.

And what has all this to do with the age question, you ask? Any system of "government," no matter how small, that goes by the name of "democratic"—you know broadly what I mean by that—depends for its effectiveness partly on the enlightenment of the people concerned; the principle that they get the government they deserve is pretty sound. It follows then that when a lower age group has to elect and guide its representatives, it is not on the average as well equipped for the task as it should be. It has neither the experience nor the capacity to assimilate the necessary knowledge—and this will be so at least until the age of full maturity.

I know I have rather exaggerated this point of view in relation to the importance of the present case, but the principle applies just the same. The result, John, would surprise you—for example, the number of undergraduates who don't know—

(a) The respective functions of the Union and the Men's Union committees.

(b) The number on each committee, and the representation.

(c) The method of election to each committee.

(d) The correct procedure for ventilating grievances effectively; and so on. You can neither run a machine nor make improvements until you know how it works, and although a certain ignorance has always existed it has seldom been so marked. The reason—no time; the explanation—too young and therefore, too busy (among other things); the result—partial waste of national resources.

The suggestion I have to offer then is obvious—an "educational" campaign to help overcome the natural handicap of a lower average age. The details?—well, any you can suggest between now and my next letter, because we'll have to wait till then.—Yours, etc.,

"THE UMBRELLA MAN."

Send this copy to your friends, if you have any, in the Services—it is printed by E. J. McAlister & Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide.

Adelaide Medical Students' Society

(A.M.S.S.)

A meeting of the Med. Society was held last Tuesday night, June 20. More than a hundred members heard Dr. E. Britten-Jones and Mr. Barrett-Leonard give addresses.

Dr. Britten-Jones, accompanied by the epidiascope, gave a delightfully informal talk on his experiences in the Middle East. In Fitzpatrick style we visited Tel Aviv, Cairo, Jaffa, the Sea of Galilee, and many other historical places. Arabian headgear and an apple green parachute cord were circulated amongst members. The secretary retrieved the cord just as one of the senior members was about to annex a yard or two for a pyjama girdle.

The next address was by Mr. Barrett-Leonard, a Western Australian member of the third year. He delved into "Psychology and Medicine." Although it is apparent that he would favor increasing the psychological syllabus, I fear that the psychological effect would be too great. This paper was extremely thorough, and those members who heard and inwardly digested will have the elements of psychological medicine at their fingertips! Others will not!

With second and third year examinations approaching, and the B.M.A. prize examination just concluded, only the first and fifth years have been leading normal lives. It thus behoved one of these two years to uphold the prestige of the Med. School at the Nurses' Ball. They wholeheartedly realised the responsibility thus thrust upon them, and it is rumored that the hospital was under-staffed on Saturday morning.

The other year has also distinguished itself in that it has a female Year Rep.—Miss Margaret Wall. This is the first year in the history of the Med. Society that a member of the "weaker" sex has occupied such a position. As a matter of fact, nowadays, at the Med. meetings, the male members must feel rather inactive, watching the "cast-ons, purl, plains, knitting needles, and premature woolies" of so many of the members.

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Cohen Gives The Goods

There was a poor response to the lunch-hour address given last Thursday by Mr. Cohen, of the Universities Commission. Mr. Cohen outlined the policy and work of the Commission. There could be noticed to-day, he said, a definite shift from liberal education to education in technical courses useful to the war. This was brought about by the very necessities of war.

There have been in the past various attitudes to higher education. One which has been prevalent, but is now almost gone, is the attitude that the student is doing no job at all, and that his University course is a luxury commodity. Fortunately, this was now a dead view, held only by a few who have no knowledge of the true meaning of education.

A second view also now passing is that which holds the student sacred—a "business as usual" policy. This attitude plays into the hands of the people who consider that studentship is a privilege.

Lastly, the view held by the Commission and Government that being at the 'Varsity is no privilege, but a responsibility. This view predominates to-day. "It means scholarship with social conscience, and a preparation for national service," said Mr. Cohen.

It has been found that mere reservation of the student is not enough to prevent him from abandoning his course. Further, there was a vast field of untapped talent among the lower income groups. In 1937 Dr. Priestly, of Melbourne, found that 60 per cent. of the students came from the upper 10 per cent. income groups. As the result of the Commission and Government's activities, there were last year 1,600 assisted students who received over £100 as a subsidy.

Altogether, 50 per cent. of the first year students were assisted in the reserved faculties. That is to say, 22 per cent. of all reserved students. In Adelaide, of 200 people reserved in the first year, 123 were assisted students. The figure for this year is probably half as great again.

Some people have held up limitation of student numbers to criticism. This is an adverse criticism with no true basis, since restriction was in action a year before subsidies began. The truth is that now far more people apply, and so a quota system must be used to ensure the best students being selected. In Sydney last year the restrictions upon student numbers were such that one student only could be selected from every two applicants.

Many of these people were for the first time having the opportunity to apply, hence selection by merit had to be brought in. It has been found that selection on examinations for matriculation is the fairest and most objective method. The Government is responsible for best placing every person in the community. Once selected, a student is required to stay.

Dr. Sanders, of the Western Australian University, is at present engaged on research into the methods of selection.

The results of these principles are that a stability can be reached in the man-power situation, financial disability is removed, and interest in higher education stimulated.

Mr. Cohen went on to say that the scheme of assistance had been so successful, the failure rate being lower than ever before, that the Government had extended the assistance policy. To-day many technical colleges have been approved, and a certain percentage of full-time students

in technical courses are now receiving financial assistance. The Commission also looks after the reconstruction scheme for returned service men. This allows people who abandoned their courses to restart them on discharge from the services, and also provides for returned men who, although not previously at the University, may wish to start a course.

The Commission further acts as a co-ordinating power between Government, student, and University. Conferences to discuss problems are regularly called. A recent conference which the N.U.A.U.S. was invited to attend was a decided success, the students providing many useful views.

Mr. Cohen stressed that the function of the Commission is to help the student, and that it is not fair to look upon them as the people who give subsidies, or stop you going to the 'Varsity. He added that the Commission jealously guards its over-riding principle—never to interfere with the internal running of the Universities, and their complete independence.

Several people asked questions about the possibility of continuing financial assistance after the war.

Mr. Cohen stressed, in answer, that the Commission was a war-time measure, and that, subject to the Security Regulations, its activities lapsed six months after the end of the war. Many people regard the assistance as a progressive step in higher education which should be carried on. Whether this might be the Commission's job or not, the possibility certainly raised questions to be considered by every student.

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Scientific German

Arrangements have been made for Mrs. Kearney, one-time W.E.A. lecturer, to conduct a course in scientific German, covering systematic grammar and elementary science vocabulary and reading. This should also serve as a good foundation for the fuller and longer course which it is hoped can be provided next year.

The course will be of ten periods, each of one hour's duration, and the fee is 7/6 for the whole course, payable to Mr. Hamilton before the second lesson. It is considered that at least one extra hour per week of study will be necessary. This may be done in the tram, if desired.

The Grammar and Reader recommended is Fiedler and Sandbach, "First German Course for Science Students." Mr. McRitchie is at present endeavoring to procure sufficient copies. Students who might feel at the end of the course that they now know enough German are reminded that Mr. McRitchie will rebuy their copies of the text book.

Tutorials will start next Thursday, June 29, at 11.10 a.m., in the Second Year Physics Lecture Theatre. It is realised that this time will not suit everyone. Most Bact. I and Applied I students will be able to take advantage of the course next year.

It is unnecessary to belabor the necessity of such a course for science students, and anyone else who is interested may attend. Further particulars may be obtained from J. R. Prescott or D. F. Sangster.

Football, Lacrosse, Hockey Wins

"A" Lacrosse still unbeaten

The high standard of Varsity winter sport revealed in the early matches has been maintained, football and A lacrosse teams still remaining undefeated, and the A hockey team having won its first two matches. Little is known concerning women's basketball and hockey, as no reports are forthcoming. Wake up, you women secretaries, and give your teams some publicity. News of your activities, and those of any other club for that matter, may inspire others to join your club and share in its victories or defeats. I say may advisedly, because in all probability many of our apathetic friends do not even trouble to look at the back page of our magazine. If I had my way, sports would be on the front page, but maybe I'm biased. However, the results each week are excellent, and reflect highly on those who are keen enough to make up the teams.

Again a few words of criticism. A glance at the notice board shows that a large number of players in the various teams have as yet neglected to pay their Sports Association subscription. The fee before the war was £1/15/-, and was reduced to 15/- when it was thought by the Sports Association that the same facilities could not be offered on account of the war. However, the facilities are still more than adequate, as witness the number of clubs operating, and well worth 15/-. As the position stands at present, any player who has not paid his or her subscription by the first Friday of the second term in any year, is ineligible for the award of club letters in that year. Therefore, lads and lasses, if you haven't paid your subs., get square with your conscience and pay Mr. Hamilton immediately.

Incidentally, my appeal of a few weeks ago fell on deaf ears. We still play to empty stands or to an audience composed in the main of opposition supporters. Roll up, Varsity students, and cheer us on to victory.

Lacrosse

Varsity "A" Again Victorious

On Saturday, Varsity once more showed their superiority by easily defeating Sturt by 16 goals to 7 on the Kyre Oval. At the beginning of the game we raced away with a 4-goal lead before Sturt could get properly into their stride.

Later both teams played a free man in the back line, with the result that the scoring on both sides was low. In the third quarter, with Varsity captain and vice-captain off the field, the game became rather ragged, but towards the end the team sorted itself out very well, developed more system and won comfortably, getting 5 goals to their 1 in the last quarter.

Peter Hetzel played one of his most brilliant games for the season, intercepting a number of what looked like certain goals, and it was largely due to him that their scoring was so low. Ron Hunter's steady back play, his ability to lead out for a man in trouble and his long, accurate throws were a great asset to the team. Abbott managed once again to initiate numerous attacks by his smart work at centre. Didi Beard showed his worth as a defence man, but must try to watch his man more closely. By their short, quick passes, I. Wallman and Freeman were responsible for

many goals and the combination amongst the forwards, in the last part especially, was most commendable.

Final scores:—Varsity, 16 goals; Sturt, 7 goals. Goal-throwers—I. Wallman 4, Freeman 3, Hallett, Abbott, Celsey, N. Wallman 2, Kenihan 1. Best players, I. Wallman, Abbott, Hetzel, Hunter.

LACROSSE—SECOND TEAM

The seconds, for the first time, fielded a full team, but the standard of play was at first worse than usual. The forwards crowded the goal too much, but in the last half, led out more and opened it up. They still failed to call for the ball when they were on their own and did not keep moving. The centre field play was good, there always being a lead when Varsity had the ball. The backs were disorganised by spare men. Harbison and Ward ran into goal in front of the man coming in, not following the good example of Harry Oldham and Russell, who took their men out. Pitcher had the misfortune to start the season against a very fast back, but nevertheless played well. Scores:—West Torrens, 22 goals; Varsity II, 3 goals. Goal-throwers, Oldham, Harbison, Hancock.

Football ("A" Team)

Varsity A had an easy win this week against Army I.C.C. (Enfield). Our team gained a lead early in the game and continued to increase it throughout (up to 15 goals finally). We were probably a better team, man for man (with several exceptions) and our play was certainly more systematic. One good thing, for instance, was the wide use of handball to a loose man just beyond the scrimmage. On the debit side must be mentioned the number of points; kicking apart, this might be improved by bringing the ball to the centre quicker, thus avoiding angle shots from the forward pockets. The passing was good at times. Often though, it was done without leading—which would be disastrous in a hard match.

It is to be hoped that next week's match will be a hard one, to jolt out any lethargy and casualness which may have crept in. If, on the other hand, an easy match is anticipated, the quarter of an hour before the game might well be occupied in some such exercise as gnashing the teeth ("for them that 'as no teeth, the gooms"—S.H.) in order to induce the right fighting spirit.

Scores:—Varsity A, 18 goals 15 behinds; to Army, 5 goals 1 behind.

Goalkickers—Eldridge 7, Robinson 3, Bunday, Hosking, Stalley 2, Woodward, Day.

Best players, Cheesman, Tregoning, Robinson, Eldridge, O. Abbott, Rilstone.

"B" TEAM

The Varsity B's showed determination to win on Saturday, by beating St. Peter's, 121 points to 77. Saint's opened the attack in fast style, but the University showed that they also could be fast, although at times we were left behind badly. Settling down in the first 15 minutes, Varsity took the lead and maintained it throughout the match.

The forwards combined well with teamwork and less individual play, which enabled us to get the ball to the goalmouth as often as we did.

Cowper, Furler, and O'Loughlin combined well in the forwards—while Harvey at centre half-back proved a solid player.

The outstanding player was Rook who, playing in the back pocket, showed anticipation of the ball and keen football sense, coolly outplaying his opponent time and time again, to gain the second vote for the Gosse Medal.

Scores:—Varsity, 18 goals 13 behinds; Saint's, 11 goals 11 behinds.

Goalkickers—Bills 9, Stolz 5, Mellor, Whittle, Kirkwood, O'Loughlin. Best players, Rook, O'Loughlin, Furler, Stolz, Dohnt.

Baseball

On the Prospect Oval, the A team lost to Adelaide, by 2 runs to 8.

University got the first run in the first innings, and Adelaide equalised in the third, and added another in the fourth. Page came home on a wild throw by short-stop, to make the score 2 all. From then on, the University score was at a standstill, while expensive fielding errors allowed Adelaide to score in each innings, so that they finally got 8 runs.

Three pitchers—Beard, Fahey, and Ball—were used with little effect, and John Slade, on first base, was the only infielder not to make an error.

Lincoln Rowe was given his first run in the A team, and although a little shaky, will probably develop into a useful player. Safe hitter, J. Fahey.

The B team started well against Sturt, but their usual slump in one of the late innings cost them the match.

In the first innings, the first five batters got safe hits, Kohler getting a "two-bagger" and four runners came home. Bruce Sharpe was tried in a new role as pitcher, and did very well, striking out 3 Sturt batters. Two dropped flies marred a good performance by Hyde on second base. Safe Hitters—Vidale 4, Sharpe 2, Kohler, Hyde, Miller, Maddison, Paul, Wicks.

The B team is unfortunate in losing its pitcher-captain, Geoff Manning, who is going into the Navy. Geoff has played two good seasons with Varsity B's, excelling on the pitching mound and with the bat.

Tomorrow's teams are:—A team v. Goodwood, on University Oval—Fahey, Ball, Slade, Beard, Kenny, Wyllie, Page, Wicks, Rowe.

B team—Vidale, Miller, Sharpe, Kohler, Maddison, Hyde, Brokensha, Paul, McLeay.

Hockey

Varsity teams on Saturday appeared to profit by the lecture given on Thursday evening. The weather was good and the teams had an excellent day. The A's, although weakened by the loss of their centre-forward (Anderson), who was away with knee injuries, won after a close game with Forestville, in which the latter scored one of their goals from a penalty bully.

The B's did well to draw with Argosy I in a game which was very low-scoring, neither side scoring in the first half, and the score finishing 1 all.

The C's had to play at Brighton Oval, and every one arrived punctually, and also caught the train back. They had a win, and if they win on this Saturday should stand a chance of coming top of the list in B grade, if they continue to improve at their present rate.

Results of Saturday's matches:—A team defeated Forestville, 3—2. Goal Hitters—N. Hargraves 2, C. Birch 1. Best players, N. Hargraves, E. Smith, D. Drew, R. Lewis. B team drew with

Argosy I, 1—1. Goal hitter, J. Waddy. Best players, N. Fletcher, B. Walsh, J. Maddern. C team defeated Argosy II, 2—0. Goal Hitters—J. Hawke, I. Hobbs. Best players, J. Hawke, R. Botten, I. Hobbs.

Rifle Club

The second stage of the Union Trophy was fired in dull conditions last Sunday morning. Next Sunday the final stage will be fired. This competition is off the rifle, and only two shoots to count. The attendance last week was not the best, but more are expected to be present next week.

A newcomer, Walsh, showed promise of becoming an expert shot. Of the more experienced, Copley and V. L. Hawke are shooting on top form, and these two are having a tussle for the Union Trophy. Competition for the spoon was keen, most of the handicap scores being very close. The handicappers have revised the system of handicapping, declaring that the old system was unfair. Next week's handicaps are posted on the notice board in the Refectory.

Last week's scores:—Holden counted out three others on 159, to win the spoon. Holden, 159; Shepherd, 159; Dunstone, 159; V. L. Hawke, 159; Copley, 158; Lewis, 156; Johnson, 156; LeMessurier, 152; L. J. Hawke, 151; Harry, 140. Also fired, B. Walsh.

Basketball

DIVISION II STILL UNBEATEN

Once again all three basketball teams were victorious on Saturday afternoon. The matches were played against Y.W.C.A. on our own courts. Results:—Division I, 36 goals to 25; Division II, 37 goals to 26.

Next Saturday the last matches of the first round will be played, Division I and 11 at the Varsity, and Division III at Frome Road. All three opposing teams are expected to offer stiff resistance, but there is no reason why we shouldn't continue our recent run of victories.

Congratulations to Division II on their splendid recovery against Teachers' College, being down 6 goals, and eventually winning by 4, all in the last 10 minutes. Keep it up, but don't leave it until so late next time.

Women's Hockey

The A team at this stage is tying for second place, and has lost only two matches, both to Heathpool. Last Saturday's match against this team was very fast and keenly fought, the final scores being 2—1. The whole team played particularly well, and special mention goes to H. Crosby, who played brilliantly in goal, and saved some balls that looked almost impossible. On the previous Saturday the match was against Greenwood, and this we won, 7—0.

The B team has not been so successful. Unfortunately, they have not had a regular team and so have not been able to work up much combination yet. We hear they feel the need for lunch-hour practice, so great things are expected of them. In their match against Adelaide High Old Scholars, the B team lost; and against Sans Souci, which remains unbeaten so far, lost.

On Tuesday, June 20, about 12 members of our club sat for the annual umpires' examination, and we hope all are successful.

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Everyman, should have encouraged them.

I suggest that these may fit Mr. Elliott's strictures:—Toller: Mary Baker Eddy. Mac Neice: Out of the picture. Zangwill: Too much money. Dryden: The Wild Gallant. Jonson: The silent woman. Goldsmith: She stoops to conquer. Peele: Old wives' tale. Beaumont & Fletcher: The knight of the burning pestle.—Yours, etc.,

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