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The Freshers Have Their Say

We bailed up Paul Vawser in the Refectory and asked him what he thought of the place. He said he found it quite different from school and could imagine that one would fine oneself a bit out of things if he did not know anyone already here. He wasn't too happy with things in the

DURING the week, "On Dit's" staff has been interviewing a representative cross-section of freshers and getting their opinions on the University and 'Varsity life.

Brian Mildren was found in the Bio. Chem. Dept., where he is a cadet. He thought the 'Varsity was all right, but didn't like the Bio. Chem. lab. He thought you should be allowed to smoke during lectures.

Definite opinions on the Refectory. —"It is rather a good place to have lunch, but a lousy place to get it, because of the — queues. They ought to sell cigarettes." He thought his profs. and lecturers were a bit queer, and some a little dry.

We asked him what he thought of "On Dit." He said he hasn't read it yet, but he doesn't suppose he's missed much. (We gave him a free copy.)

Mr. Hamilton—"Never heard of him!"

of slightly unusual people, and stared at them too much." Miss Moore concluded this interview by cynically remarking, "I haven't been impressed yet," and as an afterthought, "But I have hopes." Are you kidding??

Helen Mitchell was present at Briony Moore's interview. She began by saying: "I'm too scared to say anything!" Requested the interviewer not to quote this as people might get the wrong impression. What a horrible thought!

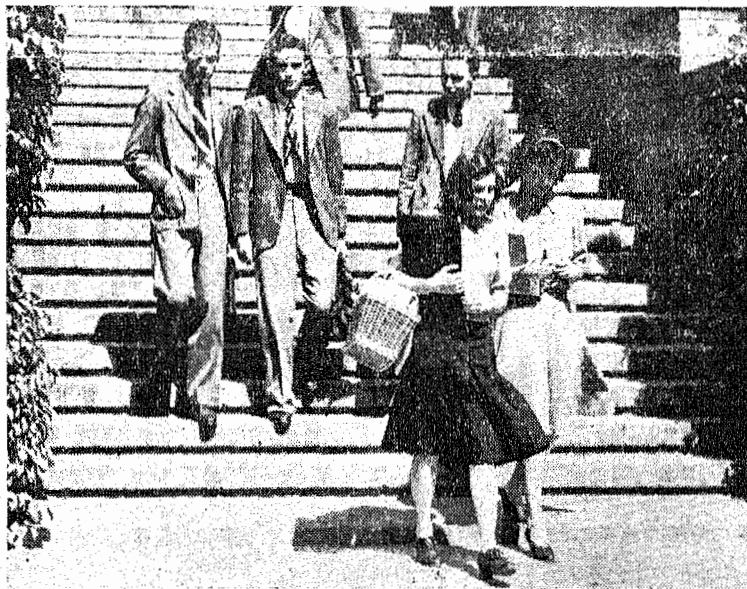
Helen does not like the color combinations in the food; quoted for example—pink and yellow custard. She has no opinion about the Barr Smith as she has yet to go there; but thinks there is a lovely wireless in the Lady



B. Mildren.



Top: I. Henderson.
Below: Jean Burns.



At back: Paul Vawser, Don Pynor. In front: Helen Mitchell, Briony Moore. Lance Perrott, Bill Proudman.

His ideas on the building scheme were very sound. A bigger Refectory; also—"Why separate the men's and women's buildings?"

He thought it was quite all right having girls doing Med. I "if they got some decent sorts!"

John Henderson said the 'Varsity was O.K. with him, but the long hours compared to school hours weren't so hot.

The food in the Refectory is good as long as you get in early.

His lecturers and profs. were O.K., but he would like to see typed notes for some subjects.

Mr. Hamilton: the Union—"Don't know them."

Thought it was pretty crook putting buildings on the Jubilee Oval—suggested one six or seven storey building instead of lots of little ones.

Briony Moore was found in the Refectory under Mary Munday's guidance. Miss Moore either is a little self-conscious or has an estimable opinion of her attractions for she stated that "People were too critical

Symon. Helen is enjoying her course very much.

Jean Burns was doing strange exercises in the hut when we found her. She has definite ideas on Uni-life. She like the Refectory and thinks it is a convivial place for a chat. She is quite pleased with the Barr, for in how many libraries can one vacantly stare at the occupants? She notices the difference and appreciates it, in the way the lecturers treat her as "an ordinary person"; in contrast with school convention.

Last week we failed to acknowledge the two front page articles. "What the Discharged Serviceman May Expect" was written by Andrew Wells, last year's President of the Ex-servicemen's Association, and "Your New Life," by Sam Jacobs, Union Pres.

Don Pynor was waiting for us in the early hours of the morning outside the library. His opinion of the 'Varsity so far was good, but obviously he was reserving the right to change his opinion. He approves of only some of his lecturers. Which?

Well —! He hasn't read "On Dit" yet. He knew Mr. Hamilton and had a rough idea of the workings of the Union. (One hand-book that wasn't wasted.) Early lectures were a good idea and might free Wednesday afternoons for sport. He's not interested in forming a marbles club, as he's easily skun. He didn't mind girls in his Faculty (Dent.) as they didn't interest him, and he thought if they could manage the course they should be allowed to go on with it. Thought food in the Refectory was poor, but the service good (Holy Joe!!)

Bill Proudman and Lance Perrott were together when cornered and gave the same opinions, although they didn't have many opinions on anything. They thought the place was O.K. so far, although they didn't think they'd had enough time to get their ideas set. They didn't know much about the Union and Mr. Hamilton. Though they spent a deal of time in the Refectory they thought the place could be improved a fair bit. They thought the idea of women doing Eng. was quite O.K.

Refectory. "The food's O.K., but there's not much of it." Also, if there was more room, you could eat in a bit more comfort.

He said he had found his lecturers and professors quite good, but he hadn't had "the Prof." yet. He thought it might be a good idea if the technical names in Zo. lectures were spelt, so students could get some idea of what was going on.

"What about the Union?"—It looks as if it's going to do something this year! (Amazing!) He thought the combined Union-Sports Assoc. fee of £3/3/- was extra good and mentioned that the building scheme was O.K., but what would happen in a few years when there were no ex-servicemen to fill the place up?

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

THE UNIVERSITY THEATRE GUILD

On Friday, March 22, the University Theatre Guild held a meeting to elect a committee for the forthcoming year. It proved to be not only satisfactory, but very amusing and educating.

It seems that all concerned with the Guild have been under a misapprehension, which has been the cause of the underlying antagonism between the elder members of the Guild and the student members.

The students, in their fierce way, have thought that the University Theatre was deliberately refraining from recognising University talent, The Guild, in their equally fierce way, have thought that no one was sufficiently interested to take part in the Guild activities (which also consists of scene shifting, costume and scene making, etc.).

As everyone can see, with these thoughts flying between the two, fireworks were bound to happen.

On Friday night it took over two hours of argument and misunderstanding to clear most of the troubles away. At one stage the meeting turned into a personal fight, and it was a case of who could shout the loudest and longest. Finally, with the restraining hand of the able chairman and a few tactful remarks by students the atmosphere, which could have been cut with a knife, cleared.

Three University students were elected on the committee. They were Don Dunstan, Rosemary Fitch and B. A. Robertson. It was hoped that more would make the grade, but as Freshers were unable to vote and the majority of students were Freshers, it was rather hopeless. However, now that the students and elder members are trying to work with the unity that is greatly needed, it is not so important.

In the past years the division has been caused by rather trivial misunderstanding. It was the job of the student representatives and the student members to get others interested enough to come along. They have also been rather blind as they have said that they never read anything about it, whereas the committee contradicts by saying that notices have been displayed in the Lady Symon and the George Murray, as well as advertisements and articles in "On Dit," and a little notice on every programme of the Guild plays.

Last year a play, "Maria Martin," was attempted by students, as it seemed hopeless to get parts in the Guild plays. It flopped completely through lack of unity and misunderstanding.

This year a student group is being formed within the Guild. The group will produce with the help of experienced persons as many plays as possible. Also, it is hoped that enough talent will be unearthed to form a first-grade team to send to the Inter-Varsity Drama Festival, which is being held in the August vacation.

Miss Patricia Hackett (a member of the committee) has kindly offered to help students in any way she can, to produce if necessary and to teach the students the little things that count in theatre work.

Now it is up to you students to give the student group the encouragement and help in has lacked in the past. If you are no good at acting, don't let that hinder you—remember that acting is by no means the most

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WOMEN'S UNION A.G.M.

On Thursday, March 21, the annual general meeting of the Women's Union was held in the Lady Symon, at 7.45 p.m. Over one hundred girls were there, among them quite a few from senior years. The business was over almost before we realised it had begun, so capable and swift was the handling of it by our president, Jean Hamilton. Library and house committees were elected. By 8.45 p.m. the business was all over and we settled down to play charades. These took the place of the community singing which had become almost traditional at A.G.M.'s, and despite the scepticism of many, was a grand success. The Freshers, led by Yvonne Hussey, Gwen Robertson, Alison Western and Mimi Clark, joined in with abandon, and provided much amusement for the audience. Various members of the committee seemed overwhelmed by the brilliance and glamor of the new-comers—several were found prostrate on the floor in the kitchen, and one tried to hang herself with the curtain rope. Coffee, sandwiches and biscuits were served for supper, and the committee at least went home with high hopes for a brighter year in the Women's Union.

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Union General Committee Meeting
25/2/46

Present.—Messrs. Bampton, Parsons, Sangster, Hetzel, Selth, Keeves, Kerr-Grant, Claridge, Stalley, and Misses Beckwith, Biven, Pavy and Hamilton.

Apologies.—Miss Lee.

Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the recommendations of the finance committee adopted.

General Business

The secretary pointed out the impossibility of employing any further girls, and also the apparent impossibility of getting further rations, and after some discussion it was agreed that probably the best course to adopt would be to reduce the variety of food prepared and supply more fruit. Also, to approach the rationing commission with regard to the rations.

It was decided to get a further cash register for the George Murray and whatever equipment the manager and manageress want and can obtain.

Union General Committee Meeting
22/3/46

Present. — Mr. Jacobs, Professor Sanders, Mrs. West, Misses Chapman, Lee, Hamilton, Pavy and Messrs. Hetzel, Stalley, Keeves, Sangster, Selth, Kerr-Grant, Claridge, Parsons.

Apologies.—Dr. Helen Mayo.

Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the recommendations of the finance committee adopted.

General Business

The resignation of Miss Sanders as secretary of the Housing Sub-committee was received with regret and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to her.

Several weeks ago, Mr. C. Chambers, M.H.R., was approached to see if he could do something to ease the present rationing in the Refectory. Mr. Chambers has promised to do what he can.

It was decided to hold the A.G.M. of the Union on Wednesday, April 10.

Faculty societies were asked to make arrangements with Mr. Cowan re introductory library lectures.

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Registrar, pointing out that as there is no official parking area in the grounds of the lower levels of the University, considerable inconvenience is caused by the noise made by motor-bikes starting up and being driven round Union Buildings.

boards—but last year's is carrying on pro. tem., and the rough programme is as follows:—

1st Term.—Informal discussions on the U.N. Charter and the effect on it of the atomic age.

2nd Term.—Mid-week meetings and lunch-hour talks on the proposed Referendum by prominent State and Federal politicians.

WAIT FOR IT!!

The Union's repeated attempts to get more food for the Refectory has at last met with some response. A prominent member of the Federal Parliament has written a letter to Mr. Hamilton on the matter. But what a letter! Wait till you see the Federal slant on 'Varsity life!! The full letter and the signature will be published soon!!!

FRESHERS' BALL TO-NIGHT

REFECTORY, 8 p.m. — Midnight
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10. The closing date for the receipt of entries is May 31, 1946, and should be addressed to—

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important thing in stage productions. If you want to know anything about the Guild, its workings and its aims, get in touch with one of the student representatives on the committee.

Notices about the first meeting will be displayed in the usual places. Come along if you are at all interested in dramatic work, and find out what the plans for the future are.

P. & I.R.C.

Last year, the P. & I.R.C. was reformed, and after a steady beginning, finished in a burst of energy. At an inaugural meeting, Prof. G. V. Portus was elected patron and chief urger, Cynthia Nelson (chairman), Don Selth (hon. secretary) and the committee.—B. M. Cheek, R. F. Osborn, W. W. Mansfield and Helen Cashmore.

Prominent Adelaide and Interstate speakers were invited to lunch-hour meetings and a series of study circles was arranged. Complete informality was the order and all were invited to air their views.

This year's committee has not yet been elected — watch the notice-

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NATIONAL UNION REACHES DOUBLE FIGURES

DELEGATES GET HOT UNDER THE COLLAR

THE tenth annual conference of the N.U.A.U.S. was held in Brisbane early this year. Adelaide's three delegates, after travelling three nights in overcrowded trains—snatching bits of sleep in between bits of food and bits of food in between bits of sleep—arrived, tired, grubby, dishevelled, unshaven, etc., etc., at the end of the hottest spell Brisbane had had for 41 years—two consecutive centuries—and immediately assured their Queensland hosts that such was an every-day (?) occurrence down South.

The delegates appointed by the Combined Students' Committee were Heather Lee, Ralph Parsons, and David Sangster.

No Pleasure Trip

The sticky Brisbane climate and nothing to drink but water and soft drinks, the long hours around the conference table in heated debate, striving to put one's opinion and the views of the students one represented, and the close attention to detail sapped the vitality of delegates, but they came up fighting.

On the whole, the conference went somewhat better than it did last year in Adelaide, and some very concrete motions were passed.

Proceedings

Monday, January 28, dawned grey and cold—but warmed up later.

The conference opened with Adelaide's report, and we were congratulated on the steps we are taking to form an S.R.C. Reports from other States showed that student hostels are being set up on a permanent basis. Queensland has just received the O.K. for one in Brisbane. Sydney is starting a well-organised Orientation Course this year.

Melbourne has a comprehensive scheme of student health surveys, including X-ray examinations.

Hitting the Headlines

The Press was represented during the first week of conference, and a photo, of two of our delegates studying the agenda was featured in the evening newspaper. Such is fame! This edition, incidentally, sold like hot cakes, and is now reported to be worth its weight in cocky chaff. Of course, the Press sometimes got the wrong end of the stick, and occasionally we did too. One well remembers the day when there were headlines—"FOG OF AMENDMENTS CLOUDS CONFERENCE TABLE," but on reading further we found that it was about "you know" (U.N.O.).

Universities Commission

That well-established forum of the N.U., the Universities Commission, has two babies—the Commonwealth Office of Education, and the Reconstruction Training Scheme, and both came up for the usual discussion. After the president, Jock Reeves, of Melbourne, had read the Act—not the Riot Act, you fool, the Education Act—a number of suggestions were made about the function of the C.O.E. These will be sent to the appropriate people "in due course." It was thought that State Advisory Committees of the U.C. should have both staff and student representatives. Attention was drawn to several anomalies in the Subsidy Scheme and the R.T.S., and these anomalies will be placed before the appropriate authorities.

Rhodes Scholarships

A recommendation was made that for the next few years two scholarships be awarded annually—one restricted to servicemen and the other an open one. Reciprocal overseas scholarships to enable students of one country to study in another, were considered a good thing.

Taxation was a subject on which the majority of council felt strongly. It was thought that in this regard students should not be treated as a privileged class, but things should be made easier for those who had won overseas scholarships for outstanding merit, but had to pay heavy taxes, leaving barely enough to live on. This "taxation of brains and ability" must surely be detrimental in the end to the community.

Decline and Fall—Almost

After Adelaide's three delegates had spent a solid week attempting to build up a reputation for open and fair-mindedness, solidarity, sense of humor, intestinal fortitude through adversity, and many other virtues—what happened? The S.A. cricket team came along, was dismissed cheaply and allowed Queensland to score over 400. Cruel blow—this nearly broke down all the good work that had been done.

On the Friday morning of the conference, Mr. R. J. Best, an Adelaide man who was in Brisbane, told us of the work of the New Education Fellowship of which he is Gen. Sec. This led to a number of questions from, and discussion among, members of the council.

N.U.A.S.

Melbourne and Sydney have gone a long way towards forming State Unions of all tertiary student bodies including, University, Technical and Teachers' Training College students. It is hoped that a representative meeting can be called in Melbourne early next year to inaugurate a National Union of Australian students.

University Problems

It was found that in all Universities except Tasmania, the timetable had encroached on sports periods. This was deplored by all. Whenever possible Wednesday afternoon should be kept free from all lectures and practical classes and be devoted to organised sports.

Not many Universities have the power to restrict entry of students, and most University courses, particularly the technical ones, will suffer from lack of space. You might have noticed this. This was considered to be partly the fault of the Universities themselves, as there had been a lot of talk about the large numbers expected for years past, but little had been done.

It was thought that the setting up of staff-student committees within each faculty would materially assist the running of each course. These committees have already been set up in some Universities and have filled a long felt want.

Each University should have the same matriculation standards and these should be recognised by others. It was stressed that uniformity of curricula, either in matriculation or in University courses, was most undesirable.

It was felt that some diploma courses were outside the function of the University, but the problem was "Where can we draw the line?" A survey of all University courses throughout Australia should help to show where this line does lie.

A cheap book supply would be a good thing. The present high import duty on overseas books is another example of the tax on learning.

FRESHERS!!

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OPINION

'Where you air your own views and view other people's airs!'

A TOAST

"On Dit",
To Thee
I give this toast:
"A most
Successful year.
Good cheer
To editors.
May creditors
Be non existent
And the persistent
Urgent call
To all
For just a word
Be heard
By short and tall,
Big and small,
May the '46 'On Dit'
As a model be
Long sported."
Toast supported!

—NEV.

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(To the Editor)

Sir,—Whilst I was perusing "Farrago" recently, I noticed that the Melbourne Uni. was instituting a club to study extra-terrestrial flight. As we are now entering the atomic age, with limitless power at our disposal, I suggest that a society be formed to study the question of space flight, the problems of rocket or other drives, fuel, steering, navigation, the effects of acceleration, conditions in space, etc., from a factual background. These matters are becoming increasingly important, and who can say what will be happening in a decade or so? I suggest that our notoriously far-sighted Varsity form such an organisation.

"STARDUST."

SCIENCE CHARIVARIA

By CH.

The first meeting of the Science Association was held on Monday, March 25, and took the form of a "Freshers' welcome." Everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and it was a great success.

The president opened the meeting with a few general remarks on the activities of the Association and then called for nominations for another committee member. Miss Alison Day was elected. Mr. Sangster also reminded members that subscriptions could be paid at any time to Mr. Judell or the Union office.

Having dealt with the general business, the president proceeded to give a pep talk on the responsibilities of a scientist and his obligations to his fellow citizens. This was followed by the patron (Prof. M. L. Mitchell) giving some free advice to the Freshers on how to avoid some of the snares of Varsity life. Let's hope that they heed it.

All Freshers turned up in fancy dress as instructed, the silly suckers. Next year they'll know better. The solemn task of introducing and "swearing in" the Freshers was nobly carried out by Stirling Robertson, after which followed four short plays.

The first play was the well-known "Fruity Melodrama," and as usual, gave many laughs. Well done, producer! This was followed by a scene at Shaw Todds' stand during the great race of the season, "The Rectory Rush." As usual, Matt Hines (Teddy Coldrake) gave a very good running description of this exciting race. Next on the programme was an exclusive interview with three of

SPORT AT THIS UNIVERSITY

(To the Editor)

Sir,—During years of toil in these portals, I have noticed several major faults in the administration of the Sports Association, which, I believe, could be easily rectified.

First, concerning expenses re inter-Varsity matches. Most Australian Universities pay travelling expenses of players to the place of contest. Some even pay living expenses, and in Brisbane entertainment allowances are considered the natural thing! Now, why in Adelaide are we so poverty-stricken that our Sports Association cannot afford to grant players any allowance? It is a definite disadvantage to us to put forth a team comprising of only players who can afford to participate, not necessarily our best men!! This is truly a disgrace!

Another point to be raised is that of coaches. We have no regular coaches for any team. Baseball and football A teams have a coach now and again. All other sports are disregarded. Why cannot we be like other Universities and have this very necessary facility. We cannot do true justice to our University sport or to ourselves without them.

Once again money seems lacking, but, what is our three guineas for? Approximately, at the most conservative estimate, £6,000 is collected as statutory Union fees, so it appears, then, money should not be lacking!

Hoping for improvement!!!

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our most famous singers. The last play, "The Elopement," was a radio play, complete with a sound effects man equipped with all the necessary apparatus, who was also adept at making kissing noises—obviously a man of experience.

Lastly, we retired to the George Murray Hall for cool drinks and ice cream, followed by dancing until 11 p.m.

SCIENTIFIC GERMAN

Classes in Elementary Scientific German will be taken this year by Dr. Ellis, and will cover Systematic Grammar and Elementary Scientific Vocabulary. It is intended to follow and complete Fiedler and Sandbach's "First German Course for Science Students," which is available at the W.E.A. bookroom. No previous study in German is necessary, and the course should provide sufficient knowledge for translation of German scientific books and journals.

The tutorials will be held in the small chemistry lecture theatre on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m., and will start on Wednesday, 10th. This arrangement will continue throughout the first term. Next term classes will be held only on Wednesdays and will continue until Fiedler and Sandbach is finished.

A certain amount of home study will be necessary—two or three hours a week should be sufficient. The fee for the course is ten shillings, and is payable at the Union office now.

Although this course is primarily for Science students, all others interested are invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from D. F. Sangster or J. A. Hamilton.

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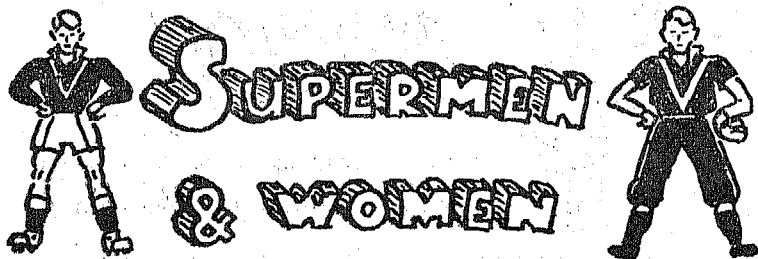
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VARSITY SPORT GETS GOING

ROWING

I. Furler, Secretary

During the last year, rowing at the 'Varsity has become more popular than ever before and the year 1946 promises to be a peak year in the Club's history, both in the quality and quantity of the material available. Besides the usual quota from the schools, many ex-servicemen who rowed for the 'Varsity or their schools before the war have joined the Club.

It's rather a pity that most of the Rowing Association regattas are held in the University vacation. This has naturally excluded the 'Varsity crews from most competitive rowing in the past and was perhaps the main reason why the Club tended to become purely an inter-'Varsity concern. This again was conducive to a small membership.

An attempt was made last year to continue activities during the holidays, but apart from a four that took part in regattas here and on the Murray the move was not successful.

However, we intend to try again this Christmas and if possible to attempt to carry off the State Champion Junior and Senior Eights.

With only one regatta for the season left to be held on April 6, rowing this term will mainly be confined to inter-'Varsity training and preparing for the 1946-47 season.

Last season we won one eights' race and four fours' races—losing only one event for the season—a winning eights' crew being disqualified for fouling.

Results, 1945-46:—

November 3, 1945—Adelaide

Senior Eights.—Won.

I. Fisher	.....	Bow
H. Trumble	.....	2
K. Ashby	.....	3
P. Claridge	.....	4
J. Bonnin	.....	5
C. Abbott	.....	6
I. Hobbs	.....	7
D. Lavis	.....	Stroke
L. Opit	.....	Cox.

Maiden Eights.—Disqualified for fouling.

A. Muirhead	.....	Bow
J. Harvey	.....	2
J. Heitmann	.....	3
H. Trumble	.....	4
I. Wallman	.....	5
R. Waterhouse	.....	6
C. Love	.....	7
P. McBryde	.....	Stroke

December 1—Taillem Bend.

Senior Four.—Won.

I. Furler	.....	Bow
C. Abbott	.....	2
I. Hobbs	.....	3
P. Claridge	.....	Stroke
A. Fisher	.....	Cox.
A. Fisher	.....	Cox.

December 15—Adelaide.

Senior Four.—Won.

I. Furler	.....	Bow
C. Abbott	.....	2
I. Hobbs	.....	3
P. Claridge	.....	Stroke
A. Fisher	.....	Cox.

January 26-28, 1946—Mannum, Murray Bridge.

Senior Four.—Won.

I. Furler	.....	Bow
C. Abbott	.....	2
I. Hobbs	.....	3
J. Nicholls	.....	Stroke
A. Fisher	.....	Cox.

FOOTBALL CLUB

D. N. Robinson, Secretary

After a recess of four years, the Amateur Football League of South Australia will again resume its competition this year. The University Club is endeavouring to obtain places for two of its teams in the League, one in Grade A1 and one in Grade AII. There will also be a third team represented in the Students' Grade this year. During the war years, the University Football Club gave a good account of itself, both the A team in the Services Association, and the B team in the Students' Grade. Our Club has gradually grown in strength during the last two years, and this year we expect to have a very large membership, and consequently, three strong teams. There is also an inter-'Varsity Carnival to be held in Melbourne in August and we hope to field a strong enough team to defeat the opposing Universities.

A meeting will be held at the University early in the term, and a cordial invitation is extended to all returned servicemen, new students, and past members of the Football Club to attend. The year's programme will be outlined and officers elected. Watch the notice-board for the date and place of the meeting.

RUGBY NOTES

M. Hone, Secretary

In 1945 the 'Varsity Rugby Club was re-formed. Although many of our players were new to the game, they soon picked it up and we managed to be runners-up in the competition. As well as this we had four players in the State team.

Rugby is an International game which leads to many openings. Players from here have the opportunity to be picked in teams that have played all over the world.

This year a S.A. team is being picked to play in Victoria and New South Wales, and an Australian team is going to New Zealand. Next year an Australian team is touring France and an English team is coming here.

The Club suffered a great loss due to the short-sightedness of our Council. Games and beautiful playing fields, coupled with ten-storied buildings are beyond their mental horizon. The Jubilee Oval was one of the best Rugby Ovals in Australia, but the Council prefer to destroy this rather than put up a ten-storied building. The Sports Association has been fortunate in securing the Y.M.C.A. Oval in replace of land lost. This will be properly grassed next year. Also another rugby oval is being made at the Waite Institute this year. These two ovals will allow us to field several teams which we hope to do in the near future.

CLUB SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE!!

In future, would club secretaries wishing to publish their club activities place their reports in "On Dit" box, or give them to J. Jackson, Anatomy School, before 9.30 on the Wednesday preceding the issue.

HOCKEY CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Men's Hockey Club was held on Tuesday March 26, in the Lady Symon's—about 60 players and potential players being present.

The secretary's report for 1945 was read by J. P. Maddern. The Hockey Club fielded four teams last year, three of which reached the finals of their respective grades.

The A's met Motors-Grange in the grand final, previous encounters having resulted in two wins each. After a hard tussle, we were finally beaten 1-0.

The C team reached the final in their grade, and the D's, composed of players having their first year at hockey, did very well to reach the semi-finals.

The less said of the B's, the better. The first post-war Inter-'Varsity was held in Sydney in August. It was won by Brisbane, Adelaide coming second with Melbourne.

On their play in these Inter-'Varsity matches, two of our team—Don Anderson and Chip Tregonning—were picked to play in a combined 'Varsities' team against a N.S.W. team. This entitles them to the letters A.U.S.A.

After a vote of thanks had been proposed to the past President, Mr. Ken Hamilton, and to last year's Vice-Presidents, Drs. Drew and Godfrey and Mr. E. Smith, the following officers were elected for 1946:—President—Dr. Drew; Vice-Presidents—Professors Trumble and Campbell, Drs. Motteram and Maddern and Mr. K. T. Hamilton; Secretary—J. P. Maddern; Asst. Secretary—J. G. Wilson; Treasurer—D. Drew; Asst. Treasurer—P. Trumble; Practice Captain—D. Tregonning.

Awards made by the Hockey Club for 1945 were as follows:—Blues—Don Anderson and "Chip" Tregonning; Club Letters—B. McCarthy, B. Walsh and D. Tregonning. The John McPhee Cup for the most outstanding player of the season was awarded to D. K. J. Tregonning, and anyone who played with "Chip," or watched him play, would be thoroughly in accord with this award. The Bill Fenner Cup for the most improved player went to J. B. Leach, and this again, was certainly the best choice. Don Anderson proved himself a very able and helpful captain during the year and thoroughly deserved his Blue.

Practices this year will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays and also on Saturdays from now to the beginning of the season.

The Hockey Club intends to field six teams this year, and so needs about 20 new players—which will necessarily have to come mainly from the Freshers.

If anyone desires to take up hockey this year and was not at the A.G.M., will be please contact John Maddern, Don Anderson or Don Tregonning (Med.) or Dave Drew (Engineering).

BASKETBALL CLUB

The first meeting of the club was held on Monday, March 25, and although the Lady Symon was not crowded with enthusiastic Freshers, we hope that they will come out to practices this season.

Last year the teams did exceptionally well, but we are determined to rise to the top in more grades than one this year, so we have decided to hold two practices each week, instead of only one as previously, and also to procure a coach to put us on the right road.

Practices will start the week before Easter, so don't forget, Freshers, sign your name on the notice-board in the Lady Symon, and then come out to practices when they begin.

If there is anything you want to know, just ask the secretary (Anne Haste) or the treasurer (Alison Day). They are sure to be hovering round the Refectory, at lunch-time.

Correction

Basketball Club Letters for 1945 were awarded to Margie Wall, not to Margie Dale, as printed in last week's issue.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

It has been decided to re-form the University Table Tennis Club this year, and to enter two teams in the S.A.T.T.A. These teams will each be comprised of four players, and will play one night a week, probably alternating "at home" and "away."

It is hoped to provide better facilities for practice very soon, and to make one of the rooms in the basement of the George Murray solely available for table tennis.

An A.G.M. will be held in the George Murray (upstairs) on Thursday, April 4, at 1.30. If anyone requires further information before then, it may be obtained from Alan Daw (Honors Physics); J. Jackson (Anatomy School); or John Waddy (4th Year Med).

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The annual general meeting of the Women's Hockey Association was held in the Lady Symon last Monday. There was a large attendance, which bodes well for this year's hockey. Miss Margaret Mattner presided over the meeting until the election of Miss J. Cleland, who will be this year's chairman. Miss Barbara Wall was elected secretary, and Miss Monica Williams, treasurer. Miss Rosemary Pavy, who is an outstanding player, is captain. The selection committee will consist of Miss Pavy, Miss M. Cashmore (who will be our coach), and Miss Nancy Bates.

The report of the activities of the Association during 1945 was read. We hope this year to atone for the surprising nature of our defeat by Aroha in the semi-finals last year. Matches begin on May 4 and there will be a practice match against Aroha on the previous Saturday.

Practices begin next Wednesday, April 3, and we wish to start actual play at 4 p.m., so please make every effort to be on time.

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