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STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

FINANCE QUERY AT UNION A.G.M.

AT 1.20 p.m. on Friday, May 23, "the greatest show on earth" came to the University, with the Lady Symon Hall substituting for the "Big Top." Nevertheless, students were treated to a performance and fantastic finale only equalled in cool cheek and brazen noise by the exploding of the South Sea Bubble scandal.

The eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide University Union exceeded even the depths attained by last year's A.G.M. in suppressing criticism.

This year's A.G.M., which itself was held unconstitutionally later than the stipulated April 15, makes transparent the urgent need for a drastic revision of the Union Constitution so that the natural rights of the students, who make the continuance of this university possible, are not blithely trampled underfoot.

£3/3/- FEE ATTACKED

While we bear no personal grudge towards Prof. Campbell, the chairman of the Union Council, and sympathise with him in his unenviable position, we must deplore certain features of the A.G.M., in particular, acts that showed students had no voice in the management of their affairs, the manner in which criticism was rudely invalidated, and the unsatisfactory and peremptory conclusion, which occurred while a motion was still before the chair.

The applause and support given to all statements querying the £3/3/- statutory fee, its disposal, and the balance-sheet amply testified the feeling of the meeting.

It may be remembered that a correspondent in the second issue of "On Dit" for the year, stated that the £3/3/- Union fee was an "ingenious piece of financial skull-duggery." This charge has never been denied.

UNION A "CLUB"

The Registrar, Mr. Bampton, stated that the Chancellor considered that the Union was a club.

Evidently, it is the only club in Adelaide where the members are forced to be members; the only club where members cannot find out anything about the control, management and even membership of their club.

Peculiar club!

Professor Campbell quoted section 31 of the Constitution on several occasions, each time omitting a most significant proviso, in an endeavor to circumvent any embarrassing questions and to stifle any student criticism by inferring that students did not have the necessary constitutional authority.

Section 31 of the A.U.U. Constitution reads: "A general meeting to be called the annual general meeting shall be held not later than April 15th in each year, to hear the report and receive the balance sheet presented by the Union Council and to transact such other business as may be duly notified."

So far so good; but Prof. Campbell omitted this most significant proviso which concludes Section 31 and which implies that students have the right to vote: "Provided that at such general meeting students in their first year at the University shall not be entitled to vote."

DAILY PRESS REP. WARNED OFF

After the daily press had been discouraged from covering the meeting, a prepared and erroneous report was sent to the "Advertiser" and published in good faith.

This report gave the impression that (1) the meeting received the balance sheet, and (2) Prof. Camp-



J. F. SCOTT

bell was re-elected President of the Union by the meeting.

Both these impressions are wrong. The students were not given the right to receive or reject anything let alone elect the President of their Union. In point of fact, student opinion was summarily and dictatorially squashed.

JUDGE CALLS FOR PHOTO FINISH

DISCREPANCY BETWEEN BALANCE SHEETS

Shortly after the Union Secretary, Mr. K. Hamilton, had concluded reading the minutes of the previous A.G.M. and the annual report, Mr. D. E. Thompson pointed out a discrepancy between the balance sheet of the Union and the balance sheet as published in the University Calendar. This discrepancy amounted to some £400.

After a stunned silence, followed by a hurried conference between Mr. Bampton, Prof. Campbell and

Mr. Hamilton, and also a certain amount of oscillatory discussion between the Chair and Mr. Thompson, no answer was forthcoming.

A committee, consisting of Mr. Bampton, Mr. R. Potts, S.R.C. treasurer, and Mr. Thompson, was appointed to investigate the matter.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. P. Het-



D. E. THOMPSON

zel, President of the S.R.C., broached the subject of the number of students who paid the statutory fees.

MISSING STUDENTS

The number of students paying the fees was given as 2,268. This figure left more than 2,000 students unaccounted for. Mr. Thompson asked what had happened to the missing 2,000 students. Prof. Campbell promised to investigate the matter.

Then commenced a rapid series of events that led to the abrupt and undemocratic conclusion of the meeting when a virtual gag was applied to student opinion.

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PROF. CAMPBELL.
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PROTEST

To the Editor,
Sir,—The Socialist Club believes that all students should take an active part in student affairs. Consequently, its members resent the blatant attempt of the Union President to prevent students from voicing their opinions and in any way shaping the policy of the Union. We understand you are taking this matter up. If so, you have our full support.

We hope this will be a prelude to a broader examination of the general question of student democracy within the University. We think you, as the Editor of the organ of the Students' Representative Council, are the person to take a lead in such an investigation.

Yours etc.,

RON HIESER,
President,

University Socialist Club.

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"The Time Has Come, The Walrus Said . . ."

WE have a foreign correspondent in this issue, a resident of Melbourne, one Mr. Smith, secretary of the A.S.F.L., or thereabouts, which purports to represent all the Student Socialists Clubs of Australia.

We are unimpressed.

Overwhelmed with concern arising from the byplay between Mr. Dunstan and myself, which neither of us takes seriously, the official communique of the Smith organisation pounds the boards with hysterical charges against "On Dit." Charges that could be levelled against almost any Varsity paper.

We are biased, overstep the bounds of editorial privilege, and are politically partisan!

Biased? Well, after all, the Socialists did burn "On Dit," and they have been guilty of rather peculiar behaviour.

Surely we are not politically partisan because we defend ourselves and watch the interests of our University.

At one time we listed the Socialist Club as one of our best societies.

We are permitted to change our mind.

So much for external meddling in our internal domestic problems.

Now, what of our Varsity "Big Pops," fresh and callow from school?

Carefully nurtured in school and Varsity through adolescence, they are imbued with but an imperceptible amount of worldly awareness.

These girls and boys are confronted by their own newspaper with a definite policy.

The shock triggers off an immature display of negative criticism.

The characteristic trait of the immature mind is that its criticism, usually punctilious and pettifogging, is directed not towards major issues but engrossed in quibbling over minor details.

Some mental minors are moved by a desire for notoriety, so they put their puerility on paper; others merely sit hen fashion and natter noisily.

Comes a vital issue of considerable moment—the Union A.G.M., for instance—and what happens?

They are so busy behind the fly screen of their little minds that they either overlook it completely or ignore it absolutely.

In such a way these colossi of mental myopia are milked of their rights and privileges, have exorbitant fees foisted upon them, and are treated to such preposterous performances as the Union A.G.M.

Do something about it!

The S.R.C. Protest Meeting is on Thursday.

DON THOMPSON.

PROTEST AT HIGH HANDED UNION ACTION

To the Editor,
Sir,—The premature closing of the Union A.G.M. last term parallels the events which succeeded the introduction of the new constitution last year. An attempt to hold a special general meeting to protest against the method of introduction and to clear the air was suppressed on a technicality. In addition, a request was made to the Union Council to place the new constitution before a general meeting of the Union for final approval and adoption. That request has never been honored. The legality of the new constitution was

questioned last year, but at no time has the powers under which the University Council acted in superseding the former constitution been specified.

The almost complete domination of the Union by the University Council, the high cost of the health scheme, the relegation of a substantial portion of the statutory fee to reserves, and the gagging of discussion at the A.G.M. all combine to show us that we have been sold a pup.

Yours, etc.,
"Q" AND "P."

What's Wrong with the Varsity?

To the Editor,
Sir,—As a newcomer, I would like to ask these questions of my fellow undergraduates of this University. Why is it, that among three thousand students, at least half of whom have been in the Services or at any rate had some experience of that "high living" which is the one mitigation of wars, our activities are so frighteningly uninspired? Why is our limited Universe allowed to consist of various micro-cosmographies around which swirl an aimless mob of people, who will, as things are at present, expend three or more years of their youth wandering from lecture to library, from reading-room to refectory, without tapping four per cent. of the potential sources of entertainment in a community such as ours? I understand a great many ex-servicemen and others compare Varsity life with other walks of existence, and find it sadly wanting in excitement and adult amusements. Consequently, they are only anxious to 'get on and get out,' and avoid taking any part in University life much as a pretty woman avoids contact with the mumps.

This seems to me a symptom of extreme and criminal escapism. As I see it, everyone here is bound for a period of years at the University, whether they like it or not, and since we cannot speed up the time needed to take a degree, we should adopt our environment to our own tastes rather than ourselves to the existing intellectual barrenness. By this, I do not mean a sweeping criticism of all existing institutions; but is there nothing we can do to improve matters? If the existing regime is the best we can manage in our youth while we are not working from nine till five for our living, we will be

a horrible generation in middle-age. As oases in the desert of entertainment, we have Faculty Associations, which for very shame we could hardly omit. We have a group of Refectory Socialists, who, while it is to their credit that they do hold some opinions, however obscure, will never gain many converts to their cause by pursuing their present abortive line of conduct. We have a Jazz Appreciation Session attended by male undergraduates, a small Student Theatre Group, a sprinkling of sporting activities, and the S.C.M. There are artists in our midst, but the recent exhibition is the first outward and visible sign of their existence.

I submit, and this is my own opinion, I do not claim to represent any particular group, that on the whole, the functions of Adelaide University are three-fold:

- 1.—To fill in the gap between school and marriage for youthful scions of the moneyed class.
- 2.—To feed learning into those who wish to pass examinations so that they may make a better living. This is necessary and done well.
- 3.—To provide a social centre. It is at present a parade-ground for dress—"spectatum veniunt, veniunt spectentur ut ipsi"—a rendezvous for boy meeting girl. (I use the cliché with intent.) It is an institution expressly designed so that the inhabitants of South Australia, who were born and bred together and will presently live hugging-mugger for forty years until they are buried in the same cemeteries, need not ever in the hey-day of blood lose a moment of each other's company.

Yours, etc.,
"NO KIDDING."

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AUSTRALIA AND I.U.S.

N.U.A.U.S. DELEGATE FOR 1947 COUNCIL HERE

MR. John Redrup, vice-president of N.U.A.U.S., was in Adelaide on Friday, June 13, to discuss with the S.R.C. the policy which he, as Australian representative, will present to the International Union of Students' Council, meeting in Prague, July-August of this year.

DISAFFILIATION IN 1948? NEED FOR CHANGES STRESSED

At the Hobart Congress in January, 1947, all Australian S.R.C.s, except Melbourne, decided in favor of disaffiliation from I.U.S., on various grounds, based chiefly on the report of Mr. Albert Arcus on the inaugural Congress of I.U.S., held in Prague, in August, 1946. This decision, according to the constitution of I.U.S., will not come into effect until a year after its presentation.

This means that until 1948 Australia's National Union is a member of I.U.S., and as such has the right to send voting representatives to the council this year.

Mr. Redrup explained to the S.R.C. that the important thing for the delegation to do this year was to examine more thoroughly the aims and workings of I.U.S., which may have changed since the drawing up of the Arcus report.

A constructive criticism had been drawn up from various opinions expressed at discussions on the subject, and this would be presented to the council, and due consideration requested for its suggested reforms.

WHAT COLOR, I.U.S.?

Briefly, the chief objections to I.U.S., were the political flavor of its constitution, the binding of constituent organisations to its decisions, even though the latter conflict with the constitution and policy of that organisation, and the unnecessary tie-up with the World Federation of Democratic Youth (which embraces Y.M.C.A., Scouts, Girl Guides and similar youth movements), whose policy might sometimes conflict with I.U.S. Moreover, small countries whose quota of delegates could not be filled because of the distances to be travelled were penalised by the rule permitting only one vote per delegate. Nor were minority delegations afforded much courtesy or attention.

The Australian delegation proposes to suggest a more truly student outlook and activity on the part of I.U.S., with emphasis on standards of University and technical training, exchange of students and staff, student travel, research information, etc.; and less concern with direct political activity.

PROPOSED FINANCIAL REFORM

N.U.A.U.S. quarrelled with the suggested annual levy of 6d. per student, which was most impractical, especially for Australia, as it would work out at about £900, from the total N.U.A.U.S. income of £1,000. A more suitable sum of 1d. per student had been suggested.

To overcome the difficulty of distance and cost of transport, regional conferences may be held in the future—at Cairns, for the Pacific area, Prague, for European, and somewhere in South America for the American zone.



PETER HETZEL, President of the S.R.C.

IF any student towards the end of 1946 LOST from the University Grounds a NAPIER BICYCLE, please get in touch with the Registrar as soon as possible, otherwise the Police will dispose of it.

TABLE TENNIS TABLE TAKEN

On Monday, June 17, a table tennis table disappeared under mysterious circumstances from the basement of the George Murray. Apparently, it was there at 6 o'clock, but gone at 6.30 p.m.

It may have been taken for a practical joke or borrowed for use as a blackboard, etc. Would anyone who knows anything about this matter, or saw anyone walking off with a table tennis table under his arm, glancing furtively from side to side, please inform Mr. Hamilton, J. Jackson (Med) or D. Gruebner (Eng.)?

S.R.C. Act on £3'3/- UNION SET-UP

At its last meeting, the S.R.C. unanimously decided to hold a special general meeting, at which all student members of the Union will be given the opportunity to express their opinions on:—

1. The present Union set-up.
2. The conduct of the recent A.G.M. of the Union, held on Friday, May 23.
3. The method of introduction of the present Union constitution.
4. The failure of the Union constitution to be placed before the members of the Union as requested.
5. The £3'3/- statutory fee and its disposal.

Student opinion expressed at this meeting will then be brought by the S.R.C. to the notice of the University Council and the latter requested to take the matter on to the University Council.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 1.15 p.m. in the Lady Symon Hall. All students who have complained about various decisions made by the University authorities over their heads will be given the opportunity to do something about preventing future autocracy, and securing a greater share in their own government.

This is your opportunity. Don't miss it!

SPECIAL FINANCE INVESTIGATION

STATUTORY ANNUAL FEE, 1946

AT the A.G.M. of the Adelaide University Union on Friday, May 23, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bampton, Potts and Thompson was appointed to investigate discrepancies occurring in the Union balance sheet.

After some difficulty, the discrepancy between the Union balance sheet and the balance sheet published in the University Calendar was ironed out.

It is disturbing that such an obvious discrepancy should have been permitted to occur between two officially audited balance sheets without any explanation being offered.

Laxity in matters of finance tend to shake student confidence.

Here are the figures from the front office:

In Hand, 1/1/46	£2 10 0
Total Receipts, 1946	6,271 10 0
	£6,274 0 0
Less Refunds	397 5 0
Total	£5,876 15 0

which total coincides with the figure mentioned in the following data from the Union office:

Students.	Individual Payments.	Totals.
1,588	£3 3 0	£5,002 4 0
307	2 2 0	644 14 0
546	1 1 0	578 6 0

Odd Amounts:		
Students.	Individual Payments.	Totals.
23	£1 5 0	£28 15 0
1	2 10 0	2 10 0
1	1 18 0	1 18 0
4	1 8 0	5 12 0
10	14 0	7 0 0
5	7 0	1 15 0
		£6,267 14 0
	Less Total Refunds	390 19 0
		£5,876 15 0

Detail of Refunds:		
Students.	Individual Refunds.	Totals.
53	£3 3 0	£166 19 0
29	2 2 0	60 18 0
154	1 1 0	161 14 0
1	1 8 0	1 8 0
		£390 19 0

Final Figures:		
Students.	Individual Payments.	Totals.
1,535	£3 3 0	£4,835 5 0
278	2 2 0	583 16 0
392	1 1 0	411 12 0
	Odd amounts	46 2 0
		£5,876 15 0



R. POTTS, S.R.C. Treasurer

STATUTORY ANNUAL FEE, 1946.

Total Enrolments	4,163
Statutory Fee Paid	2,248
*Exempted—	
Education Dept.	560
Teachers' College	150
Higher degrees	60
Conservatorium	550
Optometry	18
School of Mines	202
Others	375
	1,915
	4,163

* These figures are approximate only.

The "Others" included, for example—part-time students receiving a small wage; members of religious institutions; students with four or more dependents; students bearing severe financial disabilities; students other than teachers in the Education Department exempted from attendance at lectures.

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ALTHOUGH University A soccer team started the season well by winning the first three matches, they have been far from winning in the following games except against Railways. Including the results of June 7, the team has scored 18 goals, and has a debit score of 24 goals. We are running sixth in the division.

On May 10, University defeated Norwood by four goals to two in an even game, which became very rough at times. N. McGowan featured by scoring a goal in real textbook fashion, which is most unusual for Uni. forwards. R. Casling, listed as emergency, was forced to play, and finished in the best players. Goal-scorers: S. Levitt (2), N. McGowan, A. Stoutjesdijk. Best players: W. Geisler, S. Levitt, R. Casling.

The following Saturday, Varsity suffered a complete reversal of form against Ascot Park, who "ran rings" around the whole Varsity team. Scores: Ascot Park, 6 goals, defeated University, nil. Best players: R. Forrester, W. Geisler, N. McGowan.

On May 24, we regained face, although losing, by pressing the strong Railways team, then undefeated. This game was very even and fast, despite the fact that most of the ground was submerged. The final score was 3 goals to 2 goals, favoring Railways. Goal-scorer: S. Levitt (2). Best players: W. Geisler, R. Forrester, A. Stoutjesdijk.

The less said about the next two matches the better. On May 31, we lost six goals to one to South Adelaide. Best players: R. Forrester, S. Levitt, W. Geisler, G. Ferris. Goal-scorer: S. Levitt.

Prospect United overwhelmed Varsity to win six goals to nil on June 7. Best players: W. Geisler, S. Levitt, H. Womersley.

The B team has yet to win a match.

RESULTS:

May 17—Cumberland United, 8, d. University, nil. Best players: W. Dennis, R. Casling, A. Kinnear, R. Trimmer.
May 24—South Adelaide, 1, d. University, nil. Best players: A. Kinnear, R. Wright, B. Stanton, B. Napier.
May 31—University forfeited to Northumberland and Durham.
June 7—Kingswood, 6, d. University, 2. Goal scorers: J. Robertson. Best players: J. Robertson, R. Casling, A. Kinnear, E. Neal.

LACROSSE

On Saturday, 10th, the A's had a bye, the B's a win, and our newly-formed C's, a towelling.

O'Sullivan, the A's captain, came down to Medindie and organised the C's first game, which opened rather shakily. However, by the end of the game they were beginning to weld together and should eventually be a hard team to beat in their grade. Two new-comers, Nobbs and Noblett, looked to be especially good. Nobbs, playing forward, threw all of our three goals, and Noblett, at centre, won the draw many times.

For the B's part, they won, so one cannot criticise, but only hope that this is the beginning of a series of wins. Selth came along and helped out by throwing nine goals, but even so, Deland, with five, is definitely good, and looks like being the B's goal-thrower.

Over the vacations, the club continued to play, and considering that many players were away, did so fairly successfully, the A and C teams winning their matches. The run of bad luck which has been dogging the B team, nearly broke last Saturday when, with only eleven players, they scored 9 goals against 12 for Glenelg. Russell and Small contributed 3 goals each to this good effort, whilst Ward and White featured in the back and defence positions.

The A team is now equal second on the premiership list, and has the added distinction of having "Unc." Wallman chosen as a "possible" to represent the State at the Lacrosse Carnival being held in Perth next August.

The C team is second in its grade, and from its ranks Noblett, Nobbs and Miles look like being A grade players within the next year or so.

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ANOTHER WIN IN FOOTBALL

ON Saturday, June 14, the "A" team met Payneham at Payneham Oval.

Owing to the closeness of the two teams on the premiership table, University 2nd, and Payneham 4th, the match appeared to be one of promise, but it wasn't until the third quarter that University supporters were treated to a brilliant display of foot-passing and accurate goal-kicking which left the opposition at a standstill. Instrumental in this football of the highest class, were Woodward, Davies, Millard, Robertson and Tregonning, while all movements were initiated by the accurate knocking of the rucks.

Woodward, playing in a new position on a wing, and Millard, at right half-forward, amply justified the wisdom of the selectors, while Goode was showing more of his old form on the half-back line.

In all departments, the team showed a vast improvement on previous performances. We were faster and our handling of the ball was much safer.

Abbot and Dewar were again rock-like in defence, while at the other end of the ground, Robertson enjoyed a brilliant debut. A great performance by Harris was marred only by his poor kicking, which we hope, by careful practice, will improve in future weeks. White was unfortunate to receive a hip injury during the third quarter, but that man of all positions, Duffy, proved that Varsity have a bunch of re-

serves, the ability of which prove embarrassing to the selectors each week.

One sidelight of the game occurred during the last quarter when the umpire was accidentally bumped, twisting his ankle as he fell. As he was suffering quite a lot of pain and looked as though he would not be capable of carrying on, a peculiar position seemed possible. We had visions of "Long-un" taking over.

The final scores were: University A, 11 goals, 11 behinds; Payneham, 7 goals, 7 behinds.

Goalkeepers: Robertson (7), Butterworth (2), O'Loughlin, Millard.
Best players: Tregonning, Woodward, Dewar, Robertson, Davies, Harris.

Although the details of the University B-King's Old Collegians' game are not known, they apparently had an excellent game judging by the closeness of the scores. Four of their best players have played in the A team, so it can be understood how keen players are to give of their best, for a poor performance in the A's may mean a game in the B's with the devil's own job to once more gain entry into our first eighteen.

Scores—King's Old Collegians, 11-7; University B, 10-7.
Goalkeepers: Mitchellmore, Streng (3), Bascow (2), Myatt, Nankivell.
Best players: Whittle, Welch, Sandover, Watson, Douglas, Streng.

BASEBALLERS UNDEFEATED

OF the 11 matches played on the last two Saturdays, the club's six teams came out victorious in seven. Main credit is due to the B's and F's, who won both their matches. The latter team has yet to be defeated.

The A's suffered their first defeat on Saturday at the hands of Goodwood, mainly due to poor fielding. However, this can be easily rectified, and they should return to winning form next week.

RESULTS:

May 10.
A's defeated Adelaide, 2-1.
B's defeated Adelaide, 15-2.
C's bye.
D's lost to West Torrens, 5-7.
E's defeated Y.M.C.A., 5-4.
F's defeated Postal Institute, 12-2

May 17.

A's lost to Goodwood, 6-14.
B's defeated Kensington, 14-3.
C's lost to East Torrens, 2-1.
D's defeated Adelaide, 24-3.
E's lost to Glenelg, 6-14.
F's defeated Goodwood, 19-4.

A's.—The A's fielding must still be improved, because, though very good at times, it is liable to pack up under pressure, as was the case last Saturday. Pete Brokensha is still batting well, and newcomer to the team, R. Turner, has certainly proved his worth. Laurie Smart is also causing havoc to our opponents with his fine pitching.

B's.—After a bad beginning, this team is settling down, and is now a very formidable combination. Kev. Irwin, on the mound, is collecting more K's each week, and is also batting well. Others to do well with

the bat are Mansfield, Soar, Lewis and Beard.

C's.—Struck trouble on Saturday, after having a bye the previous week. However, it was a very narrow defeat, and they should be right back in the winning lists next week. Eblin, who has taken over the pitching, is doing well. Best with the bat were Sharp, Eblin, Anderson, Wicks, Mattner and McDonald.

D's.—Have been playing very consistent baseball, and after being defeated a week ago, played good ball on Saturday to trounce Adelaide. Best batters are Sutton, Geytenbeek, Dudley and Clezy. Geytenbeek has been really outstanding as he is averaging 3 hits a match.

E's.—After narrowly defeating Y.M.C.A. a week ago, the E's went down to Glenelg on Saturday. Daly, Crowe, Hill and Cameron are batting well, while Daly is pitching very solidly.

F's.—This team seems to hand in better results each week, and so must be settling down to be a good solid side. Several chaps are new to the game which makes their performances all the more creditable. Nicholas has been batting particularly well, and Slattery, Reed and Gawden have also been collecting hits.

A PEP TALK ON HOCKEY

NOW that the first round of matches has concluded, it is pleasing to note that at least five of our eight teams are amongst the first four of the premiership list. The A1 and the C1 teams have lost only once; to Grange in both cases! The A2, B1, and B2 teams are playing well, despite changes which seem to occur each week.

It is hoped that now the selectors will be satisfied, and let the various teams get on with the most important business of combination. For it is combination amongst the players which makes all the difference, and it can only be practised if the whole team is settled. In past years, we have seen the various Varsity teams start off well, only to lag towards the end of the season. This is mainly due to the irregular practice of the various members of each team. So try to get out to practice at the same time as your team-mates. The captains should, as far as possible, name the time and day for all his team, and it is up to the rest to be there. Please remember that you may be the most brilliant player in your grade, yet you may still not be helping the rest of your team, if they do not know your style of play.

Now that we are talking about brilliant players, we would like to mention a few chaps in the various teams who have been in the limelight. First of all, Johnny Stokes, who is second in the goal-scoring list for the A1 grade. So far, he

has scored 8 goals out of a total of 18, and looks like getting many more. Then there is Bert England, who was dumped into the left-half position. He had never played there before, but has been mentioned as a best player in practically every match so far. In the A2 grade, Ian Hamilton has also been scoring regularly, and now promoted to the A1's. Bob Botten has lately been sighting them very well, and that old man, Geoff Ey, is very pleased with him. The B1's are a tough bunch, and skipper Pleuckhahn can't say too much about his nippy "stone-wall" full-back, Hopkins. Roger Opie, lately promoted, has been burning up the grass between the "tram lines" and thrilling the crowd. Skipper "Mac" Mackechnie, of the B2's, has been doing a great job, too, while two others in the lower teams that are outstanding are Merchant and Irland. But it must be remembered that these players who catch the eye can do very little to win a match unless the whole team is behind them.

SHOOTING

During the vacation, the Rifle Club recommenced full bore shooting after a recess of nearly seven years. Most members are still having a little difficulty with the zeroing of sights and the adjusting of new rifles, but there have been a few promising scores.

On June 7, the club fired a practice over the 500 yards range, at Port Adelaide. On the whole, the conditions during the afternoon were good, although at times the wind was changing somewhat. The following scores were recorded:

From now on, the club will be firing at Port Adelaide rifle range every Saturday afternoon.

TABLE TENNIS REVIEW

Three University teams are competing in this season's series of pennant matches. Matches began on May 5, and our first team, competing in B1 grade, has begun the season well, winning the first two matches played. Goldsbrough, Mort was beaten 16 rubbers to 2, and Commonwealth Bank, 11 to 7.

The B2 team has not been as fortunate, being unlucky to lose 10-8 to David Murray's and Adelect. Both games could quite easily have gone the other way.

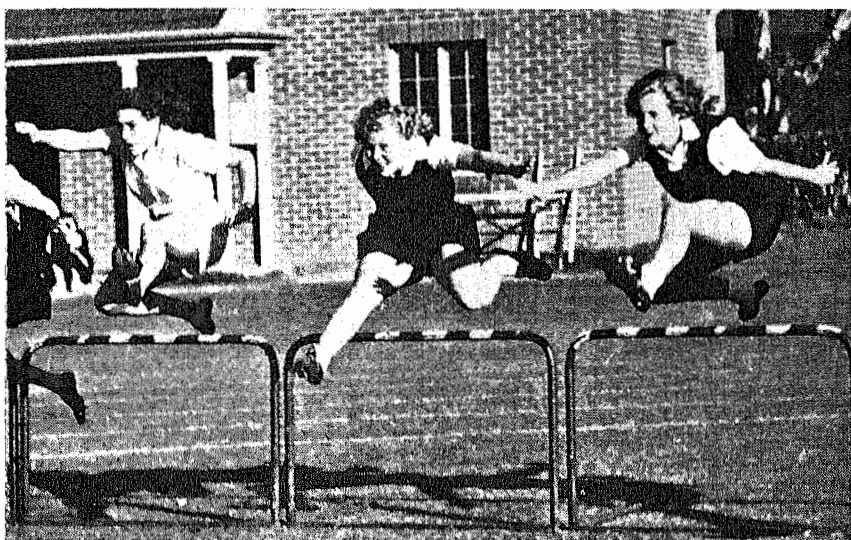
The C2 team lost their first match, going down 10-8 against Kelvinator's, but won the second, 10-8, against Hyde Park.

— INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS —

RANDOM HARVEST

(By 'K.T.')

WIN FOR WOMEN . . .



WOMEN IN ACTION.—Left to Right: Pat Hill, who was unable to go to Melbourne for inter-varsity; Jean Burns, first in Inter-varsity Women's 440 yds; Josephine Kelly, winner of Inter-varsity 95 yds. Hurdles.

INTER-'VARSITY RUGBY

With the exception of Perth, every Australian University competed in the rugby carnival this year. Each team played two matches, the winners then playing off for the championship.

Against Brisbane, who went on to win the shield, we failed miserably. A smoke social the night before, where the Brisbane reserves insisted on filling our glasses till long past our bed-time, may have been some excuse. However, we lost, 36—0.

Instead of being disheartened by this, it made us all the more determined to do much better—against Sydney. We were weakened by the loss, through injuries, of Kerr-Grant, Forbes and Phoenix, but their replacements — Wallman, Cleland and Nunn—played a grand game.

We started by scoring in the first minute of the game. G. Mellor, who is now playing as a centre-three-quarter should, cut through and touched down under the posts. Hone converted.

The defensive tackling and spoiling tactics of our backs was 100 per cent. on their previous game. Mofflin's tackling was exceptionally brilliant, but Carter, Wall, Cleland and Nunn also did sound work. For once, everyone tackled well, even Mellor.

FORWARDS DRIBBLE WELL

The forwards, Williams, Botham and Lawton, in particular, did some very fine dribbling and rugged defensive work, holding Sydney scoreless in the second half. The pace was killing, lasting until the final whistle.

Hone kicked a magnificent 60-yarder, and with ten minutes to go, repeated, making us 12—11, one point behind. We pressed hard, but just failed, and Sydney ran out winning, 12—11.

Arranged as a curtain-raiser to the final between Sydney and Brisbane, which the latter won 32—7, we played Melbourne. We were sadly weakened—Hone and Tregonning left to join the State team in Sydney — where Hone was subsequently chosen as a reserve in the "All Blacks" v. N.S.W. match. Several other players were suffering from injuries, and we were unable to field a full team. We lost 9—3.

The team: Hone, Tregonning, J. Mellor, Phoenix, Burton, Lawton, Kerr-Grant, Wallman, Kneebone, Botham, Williams, Sleeman, Nunn, Cleland, Carter, Forbes, G. Mellor and Mofflin.

ADELAIDE women's athletic team, after keen competition with Melbourne, gained the victory in the women's sports held in conjunction with the men's in Melbourne on May 28 and 30. Points were: Adelaide 96, Melbourne 92, and Sydney 15.

The team included Jo Kelly, Mary McTaggart, Jean Burns, Diana

. . . MEN FAIL

THE Inter-Varsity Athletic Carnival, held on the "shop" oval, was won by Melbourne (102½ pts.) from Sydney (95), Brisbane (32), Adelaide (25½), and Perth (9).

TRELOAR STARS

At 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 28, the starter's gun cracked, and the 100 yds. men got away for the first heat, which was won by J. Bartram, of Melbourne, in even time. J. Treloar, the Sydney representative and All-Australian Champion, won his heat in 9.9 secs., and defeated Bartram later in the final, in 9.8 secs., on a heavy track.

In the pole vault, P. Denton, of Sydney, won with 11 ft. 9 in., after a marathon contest lasting two hours. Peter Harbison, of Adelaide, surprised by defeating his brother, running second to Denton. John Harbison filled fourth place.

MELBOURNE WINS MILE

The mile was won by J. Marks, of Melbourne, in 4 min. 29.6 secs. Irving took up a good position early, but dropped right out of a place possibility in the last lap. G. Donald, of Sydney, won the discus with a throw of 125 ft. 4 in.

In the first heat of the quarter mile. J. Copley ran a close second to J. Bartram, and these were the same placings in the final, which was run in 49.8 secs.

John Harbison ran third in his heat in the 120 hurdles, but the final resulted in a record-breaking duel between Charlie Green, of Melbourne, and Australian hurdles champion, Jim Morris, of Sydney. Green won in 14.9 secs.

The broad jump was won by I. Miller, of Queensland, with a jump of 22 ft. ¼ in. Tony Jose was fourth with 21 ft. 6 in. Better results, especially in the field games, would have been recorded but for the severe cold, and heavy track.

On Wednesday evening, a dance was given to the inter-varsity teams,

Eldridge and Barbara Laurie, who was playing in the inter-varsity tennis in Melbourne. Each member distinguished herself by winning at least one event, Jo Kelly, the 90 yards hurdles in 13.8 secs.; Di Eldridge, the broad jump, Jean Burns the 440 yards in 64.9 secs. (she was sorry afterwards!), Mary McTaggart, an effortless 4 ft. 8 in. in the high jump, and Barb. Laurie, hurling the javelin 63 ft. 7 in.

Adelaide (A), Melbourne (M), Sydney (S).

WOMEN'S RESULTS.

75 yards.—B. Wollicot (M), J. Mackay (M), J. Burns (A), M. McTaggart (A). Time, 9.1 secs.

Discus Throw.—D. Bailhaiche (M), E. Wood (M), B. Laurie (A), J. Kelly (A). Distance, 68 feet 3½ inches.

90 yards hurdles.—J. Kelly (A), M. McTaggart (A), E. Wood (M), J. Wonnanski (M). Time, 13.8 secs.

100 yards.—B. Wollicot (M), D. Eldridge (A), J. Stringer (S), M. McTaggart (A). Time, 11.8 secs.

Broad Jump.—D. Eldridge (A), M. Bland (M), J. Kelly (A), J. Rouse (M). Distance, 15 feet 10½ inches.

440 yards.—J. Burns (A), J. Stringer (S), S. Francis (M), J. Wonnanski (M). Time, 64.9 secs.

220 yards.—M. Bland (M), D. Eldridge (A), J. Burns (A), J. Mackay (M). Time, 27.9 secs.

High Jump.—M. McTaggart (A), 4 ft. 8 in.; J. Kelly (A), 4 ft. 7 in.; E. Wood (M), 4 ft. 7 in.; B. Wollicot (M), 4 ft. 5 in.

Shot Putt.—E. Wood (M), D. Bailhaiche (M), M. McTaggart (A), J. Burns (A). Distance, 31 feet 8½ inches.

Javelin Throw.—B. Laurie (A), J. Kelly (A), D. Bailhaiche (M), Colclough (M). Distance, 63 feet 7 inches.

440 relay.—Melbourne, Adelaide (J. Burns, J. Kelly, M. McTaggart, D. Eldridge), Sydney. Time, 53.9 secs.

Points.—Adelaide 96, Melbourne 92, Sydney 15.

in the Melba Hall at the Conservatorium.

A trip was arranged to tour the University, for Thursday morning, and Thursday afternoon saw a full muster for a motor-coach tour of the Dandenong Ranges.

NEW RECORD FOR 220 YDS.

Friday, the second day of the sports, saw the Treloar-Bartram clash again in a terrific finish in the final of the 220 yards sprint, which Treloar ran in 21.4 secs., the previous record being 22 secs. in 1929 and 1938.

The high jump was won by the Sydney representative, Davies, with 5 ft. 11 in. John Harbison was fourth with 5 ft. 10 in. Jim Copley ran well to win his heat in the 440 hurdles in 58½ secs., while in the final, Miller, of Queensland, surprised by defeating the champions, Green and Morris, Copley being fourth (time, 56½ secs.).

Marks, of Melbourne, the mile winner, also won the ½-mile, his time being 1 min. 59 secs. McKecknie, of Adelaide, actually finished fifth, but was disqualified at the start for over-treading a line, being shouldered off the track, so Brokensha was awarded fifth placing.

Jose came second to Davies, of Sydney, in the hop, step and jump, the winner's distance being 46 ft. 2½ in. The shot putt was won by Manuel, of Melbourne, with a putt of 39 ft. 6 in., but the severe cold played havoc with these field games results.

Sydney won the mile medley relay in 3 min. 34 secs., with Melbourne second, then Queensland and finally, Adelaide.

A dinner was given to the athletic teams at Union House, on Friday evening, and on Saturday, May 31, the teams left for home.

If you had been one of the enthusiasts who trudged around after the Adelaide team in their recent win at the inter-varsity golf at Koo-yonga the other week, and you heard someone cursing in a strange tongue, it was probably Don Laidlaw after a rare bad shot, swearing in Japanese. Now concentrating mainly on lowering his handicap to under six, a few years ago he was an interpreter on MacArthur's staff, a key man in the surrender negotiations, and at 20 one of the youngest captains in the A.I.F.

The rowers weren't particularly impressed with the hotel accommodation provided for them while at Sydney for the inter-varsity on the Nepean, but humped the bad with the good and said little. On the last day, however, Kevin Magarey couldn't stick it any longer, and finally told the publican what he thought of him. "You're nothing but a bald-headed old ——" and a lot more. Eventually left on the worst of terms. Now finds he has left his watch there, has to write to him humbly asking for it. Don't give him much chance, do you?

If your tastes run to watching sport rather than playing it, the place to come is the 'Varsity Oval on a Saturday afternoon. If you can drag your eyes and ears away from the very enthusiastic game of baseball being played in front of you, you can watch the women's basketball on your right. Following the baseball, either lacrosse or Australian Rules football is played for you, while over on the other side of the field you can see women's and men's hockey. If you are very lucky, you can stroll across the road and see a game of rugby. So all tastes are catered for. And the nicest thing about it, is that it is all free.

After the rugby carnival in Melbourne, the following letter was received by our club from the Melbourne secretary: "In the cleaning up process, several name-plates were found and have been returned to their owners. However, the National Bank is still missing one brass plate which both they and the police wish to have returned. Would you please find out if any of your club know the whereabouts of same and inform me as soon as possible. I would suggest that you instruct your club that if they do souvenir 'trophies' they have the decency to take them all home with them, and not leave them lying around to cause trouble for the home team."

Even with accommodation being what it is these days, the women's tennis team in Melbourne were rather surprised to be billeted at a school for delinquents and mentally deficient children, which was being converted to a Central Mission Hostel. Large searchlights in the grounds cramped the style of several people, and a large twelve-foot wire fence with three feet of barbed wire on top, plus huge gates—padlocked punctually at midnight—finished their imprisonment. But with Barbara Laurie, Helen Crowe, Muriel Fricker, Marguerite Barlow and Judy Hancock there, it must have been some prison!

The A football team, in the running for the Amateur League Premiership, started the season with a fatal weakness in front of goals. Many players were tried there, but not very happily. Until Med. student, Colin Robertson, brought on in the last five minutes of the Col. Light match, started his A grade career by kicking a goal the first time he touched the ball. Intelligent, speedy and an accurate kick, he played "sneak" against Payneham last week, kicked another six, and finished off all the moves that had previously petered out. And now we may win the premiership. It's about time, anyway.

WITH MALICE TOWARDS ONE

"The difference between a conviction and a prejudice is that you can explain a conviction without getting angry."

NOT A PINK PETTICOAT?

To the Editor,

Sir,—I read with complete bewilderment your reference to me in the May 12 issue of "On Dit," in which, after describing me as a "News" reporter, you say, "Mrs. Morgan was highly indignant when a member of the 'On Dit' staff suggested that the burning of 'On Dit' was a Communist act."

I am not a Communist, nor have I any important Communist sympathies. I agree that some of the changes they advocate in our social structure are desirable, but they would be intolerable to me if they were instituted at the cost of personal liberty of thought and expression.

That is a personal opinion of mine, and has no more to do with my job than the trimming on my petticoat.

I don't know what the implication of your paragraph was and, I won't attempt to guess, but I do feel that it could be interpreted by other simple souls as quite a serious reflection on me and I would be grateful if you would print this letter.

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET MORGAN.

P.S.—I never use a pen in the course of my job.

SOAP-BOX HYSTERIA

Serial: LF/6

Dear Sir,

The Australian Student Labor Federation is a federation of many hundreds of Socialist students in the Universities of Australia.

It is on behalf of these students, and quite unsolicited by the Adelaide University Socialist Club, that I am writing to "On Dit."

I refer you to the main headline on page 5 of your May 12 issue, a clear example of deliberate and dishonest innuendo. Matters such as these, and other more general points, betray a complete lack of knowledge of the Rules of Ethics of the A.J.A.

The correction of these abuses is, however, a matter for Adelaide University, itself. Their existence can be checked by anyone who compares "On Dit" with other University newspapers, in Australia.

What concerns A.S.L.F. specifically, however, is the continued and merciless baiting of the Adelaide University Socialist Club. A University Society has a right to fair and unbiassed reporting in a University newspaper. Adverse comment, if made, is made through letters and signed articles. It is seldom made editorially and never in the body of the paper under the guise of "reporting." In not one issue of "On Dit" this year has either the Socialist Club or Mr. Dunstan escaped abuse under these latter heads. To those accustomed to normal standards of journalistic impartiality, even that of the daily press, "On Dit" is most remarkable reading.

I should finally like publically to congratulate the Socialist Club, on behalf of the 450 Socialists in Melbourne University and of the hundreds in other States, of the stand they have taken under these conditions. Particularly noteworthy was their courageous act in marching on May Day, despite the acts of hooligans who have a lineal descent from those whose mob tactics became notorious throughout Australia in 1941. In Melbourne, 130 Labor Club members marched, supported by a considerable body of S.C.M.-ers and a number of clergymen, including Dean Langley.

I would refer the staff of "On Dit" to its first editorial for this

year, where reference was made to its 'non-political' and 'non-partisan' policy. I would refer the students of Adelaide University, whatever their politics, to the editorial, and then to the files of the paper for this year.

Yours faithfully,

S. MURRAY-SMITH,
Secretary, S.L.F.A.,
Melbourne.

(The headline mentioned was "Students in Soviet Occupied Poland," and the 1941 hooligans, the A.I.F.—Ed. While we're not very pally with "publically," and far more than somewhat sassed by "unbiassed," we are unbiassed and free to "publicly." —"Serial LF/6.")

DOES JOURNALESE REQUIRE UNDERSTANDING?

To the Editor, "On Dit,"

Sir,—Once again, I take up my typewriter. The previous time it was to support "On Dit" against an attack, which after all was not forthcoming, by a certain Throgmorton. Now, having read a second letter by Mr. D. A. Dunstan, it seems

EDITOR'S NOTE

The opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily coincide with those of the Editor.

to me that you take too much upon you, Uncle William, and I take myself and my typewriter into the other camp. I join your critics.

Mr. Thompson, Sir, there is such a thing as dignity; and in your exchanges with Mr. Dunstan, both of you, with your reckless comments on the one hand, and on the other his not altogether unjustified fury, seem to have forgotten it. On the actual subject at issue, I do not care to express an opinion, but may I say that perhaps you over-estimate Mr. Dunstan. Really, he is at heart, a harmless nobody.

Your more than supercilious leading article, "Gender Engenders Bender," I have read, rated, and shall now slate. Sarcasm, my dear sir, does not consist entirely of convoluted sentences. When you say that your articles demand "thorough reading" for their understanding, only too truly do you describe your style. Your writing is unpalatable. Your style smacks of the nastiest journalese. The mind revolts and boggles, nay, vomits. You exhort your readers to read what you have to say, chew it over, digest it, and to refrain from belching at you. Although I do not suggest that you should spoon-feed us, I do feel that our mental digestions should be less harshly treated. And actually, I do find the matter, even when digested, to be very sustaining. After all, if you provide us with such indigestible fare, you cannot be surprised when we succumb to an attack of critical diarrhoea. And when you produce such a laxative effort as "Gender Engenders Bender," you are just asking for trouble.

I am, Sir, &c.,

M. GLEESON TAYLOR.

(We thank Mr. Taylor for showing us by his example just how nasty true journalese can be.—Facetious Ed., no relation to Edgar Castle.)

BULL DUST AND STAR DUST

To the Editor,

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate and defatulate you in the one breath. I want to congratulate you upon taking such a strong stand on matters of student welfare and interest, such as the potentialities of Communism in the University, and bringing to the light of day activities of the Socialist Club and others.

You are fortunate enough to possess a breezy and interesting style, not to mention a neat turn of phrase, and your editorials are consistently good. One which especially interests me being the cleverly titled "Gender Engenders Bender," and this brings me to the rap.

From the gender issue onwards, "On Dit" has largely consisted of bull dust, hot air, etc. Instead of coming forth and definitely making accusations, you go only so far. Space is wasted on unnecessary sporting activities which scarcely anyone reads. Students want an interesting paper, not a sports-sheet filled out to 8 pages with S.R.C. propaganda.

From your writing ability it would appear that you have sufficient brain-power to comprehend the fact that students wish for a bright and breezy paper, with the solid stuff worked in judiciously, but no sport, please!

Now, how about some horse-power on the job?

FINAL ART'S.

HOT WELLS MAKE STEAM!

To the Editor,

Sir,—Through reading "On Dit" this year I have gathered that the University is one place, at least, where one is at liberty to express one's own opinion, and, perhaps, be heard.

Another point I have had forced upon me is that "On Dit" is not a paper befitting a University.

To jump back to my first point; even though one may express diverse ideas at the University, why place emphasis on the morally, spiritually and socially degrading ideas which may be put forward? Sound, sensible and interesting thoughts surely are expressed in this place, and it is up to the Editor and staff of "On Dit" to find out when, where, and what—a considerably harder job than the present, apparent, picking and choosing.

Many newcomers to the University have recently left school where impressions were conjured up for them, so that now they will still tend to be impressed by what is put before them. Change the atmosphere and you invariably change the behaviour of the individual. I feel sure that any ex-serviceman would certainly agree with that statement.

"A paper befitting a University." Write it as it should be written—in English—not mock journalism and shattering headlines. The paper must, of course, hold some interest. My previous remarks do not advocate preaching, they deride degradation. Most certainly include the lighter side of life—we thrive on it, but do not let the cause of laughter be all sound with no sense.

Thus, I suggest that eliminations from the text could include photographs of pseudo-men-of-the-world, beer-drinking students (see the April 28 issue), "Fashion Parade," half-baked clichés as headings and childish, facetious "[Ed.]"s.

Yours,

C. B. WELLS, Ag.Sc. I.

PARS AND JARS

The state of the Union is certainly nothing to be proud of in Adelaide. At Mildura University Branch things are somewhat different. Although the Branch was only officially opened last month, the Union Building there already houses a well-stocked browsing library, with a full-time paid attendant, a comfortably-furnished lounge, card and table tennis facilities, and a billiard room. Nearing completion is the first of two music rooms, after the completion of which work will start on the construction of a buffet and milk-bar.

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Perhaps Adelaide could also learn something about catering from the newly-formed branch. The evening meal at Mildura consists of soup, entree and a sweet, with bread rolls and coffee. The price—approximately 1/6. I've been wondering what I could buy at the Refec. in the evening for 1/6. The last evening I attempted to dine at the Refec. I was offered a sandwich made from the end crusts of a loaf of bread. I refused—6d. of biscuits at 3 a penny seemed more appetising.

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Some people evidently have happy memories of the Refec., though. Talking to Doug. Murphy, President of the National Union of Australian University Students, in Melbourne recently, I listened to him raving about the excellent standard of our food and disparaging the service at Melbourne's "Caf." I had to agree with Doug. that the food there was simply terrible—at 1.45 all I could get for lunch was some vegetable soup, sausages and vegetables, and baked apple pie. It's in such situations that one appreciates the excellences of home!

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Without prejudice to "On Dit's" policy, we turn LEFT and quote the following passage from Melbourne University Labor Club's 1947 hit revue, "Left Turns":

"At Council meetings, when I'm there,
They wheel me up in an invalid chair,
I can't hear a thing so it's rather a bore,
But I vote the same way as the Vice-Chancellor;
For I was already ninety-three
When they put me on the Council of the 'Varsity."
—"University Council Song."

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You may have noticed that on the Adelaide Union Council, students have two members on a council of 10. Yet it is the students who pay nearly £6,000 pounds in Union fees each year who keep the Union alive. Melbourne, on the other hand, realises that it is only right that those who finance the Union should have the greater representation on the Union Board. There, 8 students form a controlling executive majority in the Union that students pay for.

UBIQUITOUS ADOLESCENT?

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—Having raised "On Dit" from the slough, whence it had sunk, to the stature of an erudite newspaper with bright, snappy titles and an up-to-the-minute style and format, you now degrade it by featuring extensively the activities of a nondescript bunch of irresponsibles led by an ubiquitous adolescent.

Sir, I say, desist in this deplorable degradation! Cleanse the drums of your mind! Ease the pressure of your brain! Exercise the limits of your intellect.

Continue in your present manner and you shall be sipping a Molotov cocktail. No more seriousness. Return to flippant foolery.

I am, etc.,

"COMO the HOMO."

Letter of the Week

HELL'S BELLS!

To the Editor,
 Sir,—Your correspondents who reply to the Bo letter are, I feel, assuming far too much, and the words of Mark Stufenheim (who, until very recently, was an unknown crusader of the "Graftenbaktiemoffline" of the early 13th Cent.) come to mind.

"Die fur die Lautbildung," he said, as recorded by Kust, his biographer, "bedeutsamen Herr Gott sind der Kehlkopf und der Mund-und Nase-napparat. Die Luft, die aus den Lungen . . . gelangt durch die Luft-rohne in deu Kehlkopff und erzeugt. . . ."

It is, as I say, only in the last few years that the visionary but far-reaching prophesies of this early "Karstmartcher" have been fully

appreciated, but when such words as the above are read in the light of present-day knowledge, then the genius of this man is plainly evident.

Orthopagically, of course, it is necessary to acquaint oneself with more than just one or two such statements, but the amazing forcefulness is still apparent.

I strongly recommend your correspondents to acquaint themselves more fully with the praphiology of this outstanding thinker, and one or two translations of his biography are in the course of preparation.

I feel sure that, having once read even a meagre part of his life's work with the "Graftenbaktiemoffline" (the Kust biography runs into some one and a quarter million words) that the statements they have already made would be willingly modified to a large extent.

Yours, etc.,
ROBERT LANGUMIRE.

MARK MY WORDS!

To the Editor,
 Sir,—Enclosed please find an article entitled "Socialism and the Soviet Union." In accordance with your principle of "freedom of the University Press," I trust that you will see your way clear to publish the article in full.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. MADDERN.

Private address:
 28 Homer Road, Clarence Park.

SOCIALISM AND THE SOVIET UNION

The article, "Communist or Socialist Club," on page 3, of the issue of May 12, needs some further comment. I would like to point to several erroneous statements made therein.

The article stated, "We must remember that Soviet Russia found the doctrines of Marx and Lenin untenable, and that the National Socialist totalitarianism substituted by Comrade Stalin is little different to that which brought ruin and misery to the German people."

Let us examine the real situation, Karl Marx, by his writings and practical leadership, has earned the love and respect of hundreds of millions of working people throughout the world. It was he, who, together with Frederick Engels, first formulated the principles of modern Scientific Socialism. Marx and Engels were able to do this only after the most thorough examination of human society, from primitive Communism to contemporary Capitalism. Marx showed that the human world had, during the course of evolution, experienced four different states of society (primitive communal, slave, feudal and capitalist) and was about (historically speaking) to undergo another change—from capitalism to socialism. He showed that these changes had come about only after strenuous class battles, and proved conclusively that a new classless society could only come into being as the result of such a class struggle. So that to ignore or attempt to beat back this struggle would be to try to turn the wheel of history backward. Many people at the present time are trying to do this, but, as always, history asserts itself, irrespective of the antics of some "great" men.

It was Lenin who carried on this great work of Marx and Engels. It was Lenin, who, as chief organiser of the Russian Revolution, 1917, made Marxism come to real life in

the form of a new Socialist Society. Lenin remained leader of the Russian people until his death in 1924.

Now we read that "Soviet Russia found the doctrines of Marx and Lenin untenable," and that Stalin has established a National Socialist regime, that is, a Nazi regime. Permit me to say that anyone with half an eye, whether they be sympathetic to the Soviet or not, could see the utter ridiculousness of this statement. Could you imagine the Soviet Union, fighting a death battle lasting four years, against Nazi Germany if the Soviet herself were a Nazi country. However, I'm told that one should have a good imagination these days.

Once again, what are the facts? Upon Lenin's death, Stalin became leader of the Russians. At that time the country was prostrate as a result of years of civil and interventionary war. The Russians, headed by Stalin, set to work to rebuild their country—on Socialist lines. The five-year plans were evolved as a means of building the new society. It was estimated that five five-year plans would be needed to complete the building of Socialism. Half-way through the third, the Nazi hordes blundered their way across Soviet borders, only to be hurled back two years later, and finally crushed by the same Red Army which they had sought to destroy.

Naturally, this unhappy episode held up Socialist construction. However, the Soviet people, headed by the same Stalin, are once again busy on this mighty project. By 1950 they will not only have repaired the war damage, but will actually be far ahead of the 1941 standards.

Scientific Socialism
 To one who has made a study of Soviet Russia and her Socialist system, it is quite evident that neither Stalin nor the Russian people have deviated one iota from Scientific Socialism.

Allow me to state that I am willing to publicly debate this point with anyone in the University (including Mr. D. E. Thompson) at any time.

Of course, I will inevitably be asked "how do you know, have you ever been to Russia?" To make unnecessary this question, I will reply in advance. No, I have not had the opportunity of visiting Soviet Russia. However, to my prospective questioner I ask, "how do you know that the radius of the earth is 26 miles shorter at the poles than at the equator—have you measured it?"

R. D. MADDERN.

(Mr. Thompson would be far more interested in a debate on the rehabilitation of his studies than on those extremely nebulous quanta, Scientific Socialism and Soviet Russia.—D. E. T.)

FISHLIGHT FINIS ????

(and about time, too.)

Albert the Anarchist adjusted his monocle, and put down his "On Dit." "This—ah—Fraser person . . . er, Fish-hook . . . no, light—Fishlight Fraser—what is he?"

Clueless Cuth paused in his knitting (a harth-rug). ". . . slip one. . . He is an Anti-anarchist, and a bourgeois. Definitely one of the Lower Class. He is constantly getting in the way . . . knit one, purl two, drop one . . . damn . . ."

Albert fingered his cigar thoughtfully as he read over the press report of Fraser's latest activities.

"Hm . . . interesting. He was last seen chasing a blonde—obviously sensual and common . . . and this Basil the Razzle, ah, who is he?"

"No more than a Boswell," said Cuth thro' mouthfuls of liquorice, "a mere scribe of the lowest mentality . . . knit one . . ."

"Fraser is definitely an anti-anarchist?"

"Definitely . . . purl two . . ."

"And he could be—removed?"

"Definitely," said Cuth, putting his knitting down, and fingering his flame-thrower with a kind of pensive fondness.

"Hm . . ." mused Albert.

"It could be done very simply," said Cuth, on his knees.

"With no unnecessary—ah, mess?" asked Albert.

"Well, no unnecessary mess—but there would be quite a lot."

"Do you think . . .?"

. . . Albert smiled.

"Certainly," said Cuth, charging up his flame-thrower with gusto.

"Thank you," said Albert, and went on reading an article on Modern Art in "On Dit."

"Some rather amusing modern paintings here," he said. But Cuth was already gone. . . .

Watch out, Fishlight . . . you may not be back.

—S.P.Q.R.

FEARLESS FISHLIGHT

With the sound of a 10-ton elephant treading on pop-corns, a bulgy figure strode into the room.

Who was this strange creature in the latest style asbestos suit?—no one but the one and only Fishlight (I got a clue) Fraser.

Pausing only to unhinge the armor-plate vizor of his helmet, he spake forth:

"I got a clue on these guys, boss."

"What guys?"

"Now, don't be as dumb as they make out. You know, Albert and that cuss, Cuth.

"Poisonally speaking," said Fishlight, producing a gallon tin of cyanide, "Those guys burn me up—or rather, they'd like to. But I'll be too flaming good for 'em. They call me sensual and common.

"What I want to know is who told 'em? Have you been spilling the beans, Basil?"

"No, no, never!" I replied, "but who told them about my mentality? Was it you?"

"No, boss, you know I wouldn't do a thing like that. I've got these guys taped, though. All I have to do is find two knitting anarchists in the refectory. So long, boss."

Pausing only to clamp back his vizor, he strode out of the room.

Watch for Fishlight! He will be back! (I think, I hope.)

"BASIL THE RAZZLE."

S.R.C. NEWS

VARSAITY PARADE

At its last meeting, Friday, May 16, the S.R.C. authorised the holding of a Varsity Parade early in 2nd term, and appointed joint conveners. A committee consisting of a representative from each faculty and one from the S.R.C. (J. Roder) would work with them. The requisites of the floats would be humor, topicality and good appearance, and all would be censored.

"ON DIT" CRITICISED

Two members of the S.R.C., including Mr. Dunstan, criticised the unequal coverage of student activities in the last regular issue of "On Dit."

INTER-VARSITY TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The travelling expenses of representatives to N.U.A.U.S. conferences, etc., would be paid by the S.R.C. as in the past. No expenses of sports, debating or dramatic teams could, however, be met. A decision of the Union Council to set aside a sum of money for members of inter-arsity teams, who had qualified to go interstate but were unable to do so through financial difficulties, was reported to the S.R.C. by the Union Council representatives. Students would be able to draw from this fund on application to Prof. Campbell.

"ARE YOU GERMAN-HATERS?"

So asked a German student, writing to the Adelaide S.R.C., to ask if it were possible for a student in our University to correspond with him. The S.R.C. receives many requests from foreign students for names of Australian students with whom they can correspond. All interested in doing this will be given the opportunity in the near future, as a student will be appointed to take charge of all such correspondence.

REPORTS TO FACULTY SOCIETIES

In future, all S.R.C. meetings will be reported by the faculty representatives to their own faculties. In this way, all students will be able to keep in close touch with their own representative body, and know what its decisions are concerning themselves.

FACULTY SURVEYS

Mr. G. F. Smith, Faculty Survey Convener, reports that the position with regard to the above is unsatisfactory. Only two faculties or courses appear to be taking steps to institute surveys, namely Medicine and Social Science.

Representatives from Dentistry (G. Morris), Medicine (D. A. Hicks), Pharmacy (C. G. Johns), Science (L. R. Pridham), Commerce (J. H. Hann), and Social Science (G. F. Smith) attended a preliminary meeting last term. The Dental Students' Society decided subsequently that as a type of survey had been conducted by the Society before a national conference of dental students, last year, they would not conduct a survey this year. So far, no action appears to have been taken by the other representatives to prepare questionnaires for circulation amongst the students of their faculty or course.

The following have not yet appointed representatives, Engineering, Physical Education, Music, Agricultural Science, Law and Physiotherapy. Mr. Smith states that a letter is being circularised, asking representatives from these courses to attend a meeting in the George Murray Library.

W.E.A. BOOKROOM

Fisher: History of Europe	25/3
Jenks: The Book of English Law	25/3
Hansen: Fiscal Policy and Business Cycles	38/-
Feyer: Engineering Physical Metallurgy	40/6
French: Engineering Drawing	26/3
Vega: Logarithmic Tables	26/3
Raymont: Modern Education	15/6
Sampson: English for the English	6/6

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Students Demonstration

(Continued from Front Page)

Mr. J. F. Scott enquired whether the Chair would bring the balance sheet up for discussion. The answer was in the negative.

Mr. Scott then bitterly attacked the Union financial statement.

He pointed out that under the health scheme it was costing £2 per head for medical examinations. The students were also bearing 50 per cent. of the graduates' expenses.

HALF STATUTORY FEES UNSPENT

Mr. Scott submitted that the balance sheet was merely an attempt to prevent the exposure of the three-guinea statutory fee as an extortionate and unwarranted surcharge imposed by the University Council. The students had contributed £5,876 to Union funds, but had only received in return £2,570 in services and facilities. The following moneys remained unspent:—

Health Scheme	£395
S.R.C.	115
House Committee	1,320
Sports Assn.	1,220
Balance	195
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	£3,245

"It is fitting," Mr. Scott continued, "that a reasonable and decent provision should be made for the students of the future, but 55 per cent. of the Union's income is a grossly excessive allotment for this purpose. It would have been possible to allot 33 1-3 per cent to the reserve if the statutory fee had been only £2/2/. Under the present system, the students, their parents and the taxpayers who are bearing the expense of C.R.T.S. are being exploited." (Sustained applause.)

The speaker apologised for boring the Chairman.

HEALTH SCHEME ABOLISHED

Mr. Thompson then enlarged on Mr. Scott's point about the health scheme, which he said was totally inadequate and a waste of money.

At present, a student would be required to spend two afternoons to be medically examined and X-rayed. Most students were unable to spare this time.

For half-a-crown, Mr. Thompson said, an X-ray could be obtained in ten minutes at the Eagle Chambers in Pirie Street. This contrasted more than favorably with the two hours which students had to waste on an X-ray through the health scheme.

For half-a-guinea, the student could obtain individual attention and a thorough overhaul and examination from his family doctor, rather than the disinterested time-wasting process to which he was subjected under the health scheme.

At present the health scheme was costing £2 a head and was not available during the holidays when students might avail themselves of it.

Mr. Thompson therefore moved:

"That the feeling of the meeting was that the Student Health Scheme was a waste of the students' time and money, and should be abolished." (Applause.)

WHAT HAPPENED TO MOTION ?

Mr. Hieser, who had already criticised the statutory fees, commenced to rise but was forestalled by the Registrar who rose and commenced to speak.

Professor Campbell murmured, "As there is no further business I declare the meeting closed," whilst Mr.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At the request of the Students' Representative Council a Special General Meeting of the Student Body will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1947, at 1.15 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall, to consider the following motions:—

1. That the Union Council no longer has the confidence of the student members of this Union.
Proposed by J. F. SCOTT.
Seconded by D. E. THOMPSON.
2. That the student members of this Union strongly disapprove the present Union constitution, and consider its contents, the method of its imposition, and the failure to place it before student members of the Union for ratification to be a direct abrogation of student rights.
Proposed by D. F. SANGSTER.
Seconded by D. A. DUNSTAN.
3. That the student members of this Union consider the three guinea statutory fee to be an excessive and unjust surcharge.
Proposed by D. E. THOMPSON.
Seconded by R. OPIE.
4. That the Secretary of the S.R.C. forward notice of all motions passed at this meeting direct to the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
Proposed by J. RODER.
Seconded by E. ROBIN.

V. PULFORD, Secretary, S.R.C.

SOCIAL NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS

Three engagements have been announced within one week. Congratulations are expressed to Bruce Cheek who has become engaged to Alison Western; both are doing Arts Courses. Ron Guerin is engaged to Anne Cornish. Ron is an engineer and Anne an Arts student; and Brian McCarthy, doing Medicine, and June Heysen, who is a physio-therapist, both celebrated their twenty-first birthdays and became engaged within the same week.

WOMEN'S UNION PLAYS

The Women's Union plays will be held in the Lady Symon Hall, on July 1, 4 and 5. There will be three plays, "Waltz Time," "St. Simeon Styles" and "Ladies in Waiting." Anne Whittington, Joan Williams and Gwen Robertson are in charge of their production.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The first meeting of the newly-formed women's University golf team was in the form of a golfing day at North Adelaide Golf Links, on Friday, June 6. Any player with a handicap up to 50 was permitted to play, and several with higher ones joined in the game. There were about a dozen girls, and twosomes were played. Score-cards for the first nine holes were handed in to the secretary, Yvonne Hutchinson, who will re-allot handicaps. A trophy for the competition was presented to Betty Burnham.

ARTS FACULTY DINNER

There will be an Arts Faculty dinner at the South Australian Hotel on Wednesday, July 23. Members of the Arts Faculty and the Arts Association are invited, and tickets (10/6 each) are now available at the Union Office.

Barbara Laurie is known at the University for her brilliant tennis, her smartness in dress, and her outstanding personality. There is no pretty emptiness in Barbara; attractive, with her sleek fair hair and dark brows and smart dress, she has poise and personality; her ideas and interests are definite. As a second year Physical Education student, she takes an active part in athletics and in her favorite sport, tennis.

At school, at Presbyterian Girl's College, she began the successes of her sports career. In her last year at school she was first player in the "A" tennis team, she played in the "A" hockey team, and tied with Anne Whittington as school champion runner, and distinguished herself in the swimming team.

Bampton went blithely on.

Several speakers rose before it became apparent that this could be translated to mean the closure of the meeting.

Then followed a period of boo-ing and loud dissent. Cries of "Fascism!"

Mr. Thompson "Are we to take it that a gag has been applied?" (Applause.)

Prof. Campbell: "No, you can hold a discussion, but it will be informal as the meeting is closed, and it will have no meaning."

Further vocal dissent, and cries of "Where's Ned Kelly?" Pandemonium!!!



Barbara Laurie.

She won the school Singles Championship in 1944 at school, and partnered by Nan Spiller, won the Doubles Championship in the Age Tennis Championships at the "Drive" in that year.

Leaving school, she continued with success in her tennis. Last year she played for South Australia in the Wilson Cup team in the matches in Sydney. Both last year and this year she has captained the University Women's tennis team, which has just returned from Sydney. While Barbara was in Sydney she also took part in the inter-Varsity athletics and won the javelin throwing.

'VARSITY PERSONALITIES

Bob Disher is a person with catholic tastes and interests. He studies every topic imaginable, from the Bretton Woods conferences to how to launder shirts, and his only vehement dislikes are politicians and milk in tea. Bob is an ex-sailor, going to the University through Repatriation after serving in the Royal Australian Navy as an A.B. He is studying Arts with a view to a journalistic career. At present, he is writing a book based on his experiences abroad, but he intends to travel more in the near future. He hopes to work his passage across to New Zealand during the Christmas vacation on a merchant ship, and later on, to the U.S.A.

Bob is very fond of music of all kinds. On Thursdays he patronises the jazz session in the lunch hour, and he also goes to the symphony concerts. He likes tennis, yachting, Agatha Christie's detective novels, because they are light and entertaining, Shakespeare and athletic sports. His favorite subjects are economics and English, and a favorite hobby is collecting general information. He has a really excellent book of general knowledge with illustrations, collected over a number of years, and ideas on a multitude of subjects. He thinks that Australia will, some day, be the centre of a New World and that all the great literature and arts of the next century will have an Australian trade mark. He believes that too much distinction between white and colored races is unwise. His views on the University will be formed after November.

Bob has innumerable ideas and achievements. He won a prize for citizenship at Mt. Barker, has cups for sports successes, and prizes for scholastic achievements, in fact, he seems to have interest or success in every sphere of life.

POSITIONS VACANT

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"PEOPLE OF COLONIAL COUNTRIES IN REVOLT"

SO said Communist Jack Henry, Australian delegate to the recent conference of British Empire Communists in London.

He was speaking at a successful lunch-hour meeting of the Socialist Club in the crowded Lady Symon Hall, when he discussed his experiences abroad and the advances made by the Communists in Europe, particularly in France and Czechoslovakia, where they are the most powerful bodies.

Mr. Henry, in his report to the London Conference said: "The Australian Labor Party feels the threat to its supremacy as the Communist Party leads the more important trade unions and is exercising increasingly significant influence in political life."

Among the trade unions are the "iron-workers, miners, seamen, sheet-metal-workers, Amalgamated Engineering Union, wharf laborers, and building workers . . . while influence is exercised in unions, such as clerks, teachers, hospital employees, etc."

Mr. Henry spoke strongly against the reactionary attitude of America. "Communists are . . . campaigning against Dr. Evatt's line-up with the Byrnes-Bevin-Churchill warmongering against Soviet policy."

Answering a question at the Socialist Club meeting, Mr. Henry said that the London conference of the Communist Party had decided that it was better for Australia and other independent countries within the British Empire to remain associated with Britain for the present under existing world conditions.

"However," Mr. Henry continued, "countries not independent should be given independence and allowed to choose whether they would separate from the British Empire."

This was the decision of the London conference and was now his opinion. The Australian Communist Party now adhered to this plan.

Asked of the possibility of a settlement between Catholicism and Communism, Mr. Henry replied, "I don't know. I know nothing of Christianity and its fundamentals."

Mr. Henry then proceeded to say that "the Communist Party was founded on Christian ideals and principles." In fact, it adhered to them more closely than other religious bodies.

Mr. Henry missed his vocation; he is more fitted, perhaps, to wear the cloth.

It is a pity that more people did not take Mr. Henry's address more seriously.