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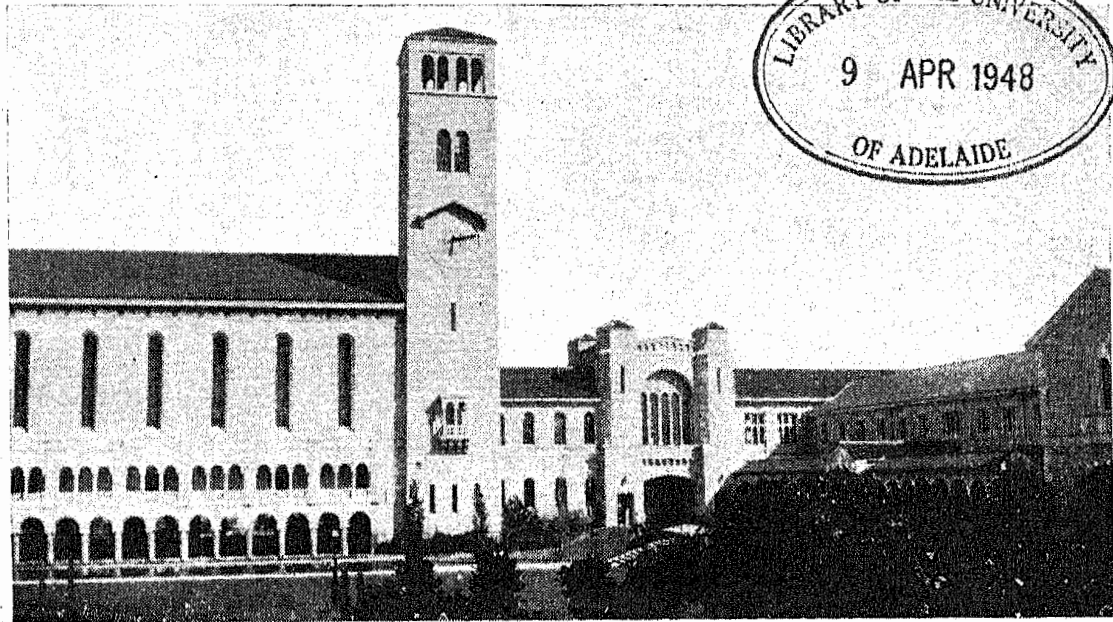
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AMBITIOUS SCHEMES AT COUNCIL

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Scene of Council meetings.

400 Students to New Zealand on Vacation Employment

Chartering a ship for the exchange of students with New Zealand on vacation employment, establishing a Pacific Bureau of I.U.S., starting a Twopenny Library, setting up Faculty Bureaux, and asking the Commonwealth Government to liberalise the means tests in the Subsidies Scheme by £150, were among the ambitious projects decided on by the twelfth Council of the National Union of Australian University Students in February.

Adelaide gained representation on the Executive for the first time in history when Graham Smith, leader of the Adelaide delegation and local Secretary-Treasurer, was elected Vice-President of the Union; he was also appointed Inter-National Public Relations Officer.

Most significant feature of the meeting was the comparative absence of opposition to the policy of the Melbourne delegation, which was as usual the most "progressive" (enthusiastic). Western Australia ran a close second, and the President of the W.A. University Guild of Undergraduates, Mr. Peter Durack, was elected President of the N.U. Other delegations also ran true to their form over the past two or three years: Queensland, acting on instructions from their S.R.C., were the spear-head of the "re-actionary" (cautious) counter-attack; Sydney were mixed and eccentric; Tasmania were enthusiastic but rather ineffective; Canberra was a model of courtesy and good taste; Adelaide and New England were silent, observant, and rather uninspired.

STOP PRESS

Tolhurst, delegate to I.U.S. in Prague, refused visa for Czechoslovakia. No prospect of passage. English N.U. seeking visa. Airmail advice from Prague awaited on I.U.S. position. S.A. consul, approached for information, has resigned position. "Resignation eloquent," he told our representative.

FUND STARTED FOR CZECH REFUGEE STUDENTS

At a protest meeting against interference with liberty at Czech Universities, held by the students of seven Dutch Universities, 11,529 students signed an affirmation of sympathy and support for their Czech colleagues.

The students of the Utrecht University decided to start a fund to enable Czech refugee students to finish their studies in Holland.

Netherlands Information Bureau.

REVERSAL OF ATTITUDE TO I.U.S.

The International Union of Students, or I.U.S., is precisely what its name implies: an organisation of national student unions from countries, intended to do whatever might need to be done for students on an international scale. Supposing some Adelaide student wanted to play cricket against an Indian University or debate against a Malayan college, borrow a book from a student in Holland or a film from a Swede, or spend a working vacation travelling about New Zealand in the cheapest possible way; supposing he went to England and wanted to tour Europe as cheaply as possible, and meet people and see Universities in the countries he travelled through; then I.U.S. would be the people to arrange it for him.

I.U.S. began from a small committee in London late in 1945, which wrote to all the countries in the

world and convened an inaugural Congress and first annual Council in Prague in September, 1946. There was an ex-President of N.U.A.U.S. in England at the time, a W.A. Rhodes Scholar called Albert Arcus, who went to Prague as Australian delegate, and sent back a report on the proceedings. Arcus gave the impression that I.U.S. was simply a political pressure group, and on the basis of his report the 11th Council of N.U.A.U.S. (Hobart, 1947) after two long and fierce debates, passed by one vote a motion moved by Adelaide to disaffiliate from the I.U. Notice of disaffiliation was sent; this would take a year to come into effect; in the meantime the executive, acting, though unavoidably, a little ultra vires (so at any rate Sydney and Brisbane thought), despatched John Redrup as "Australian Universities' Delegate to the 2nd Annual Council Meeting of I.U.S. (Prague, August 1-12, 1947)," with an Australian Memorandum to present and instructions to bring back a full report.

The fate of the Memorandum was described in "Student News" for October last year, which quoted extensively from the Redrup Report; interstate, from this and the controversy over his appointment, Redrup was undoubtedly the most celebrated University student in Australia at the time.

He impressed I.U.S. enough for them to elect him to their executive at the end of Council. His other instructions he carried out very fully. On his return to Australia he condensed his notes into 120 quarto typed pages, which were roneoed and given to delegates to read as they sweated their way across the Nullabor Plains to Perth. It was a little unfair, for on the basis of shorter reports already received six of the eight delegations had been despatched with instructions to maintain a more liberal attitude to I.U.S., and the withdrawal of disaffiliation was already a foregone conclusion. Still, some facts of value emerged:

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VACATION EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

This plan created considerable excitement amongst delegates, and attracted some notice in the local press. The plan is for 400 students in each Dominion to spend six weeks in the sister Dominion, crossing the Tasman on a ship under special charter to the two National Unions. Seasonal work is arranged in various parts of the country: students travel about the country at greatly reduced rates (at least in N.Z., whose delegates could guarantee that these would be provided by the N.Z. Tourist Bureau). Cost of trip, £35; which would be more than covered by the money earned. If not enough applications are received in 1948 to charter a ship, students will have to inaugurate the scheme by travelling in one of the usual passenger vessels. This plan was first suggested by John Redrup, who had seen similar schemes at work in Europe under the aegis of I.U.S. Here it will be run by the Pacific Bureau of I.U.S., and may subsequently be extended to include other countries incorporated in this Bureau—Indonesia, the Philippines, the Pacific islands, the west coast of America, and possibly India and South Africa.

From Friday, March 19

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Who's That Knocking At Our Door?

IN Czechoslovakia at the end of February this year, to quote a joint declaration by Britain, the United States and France, "The use of certain methods already tested in other places permitted the suspension of the free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of the disguised dictatorship of a single party under the cloak of a Government of national union."

Five thousand students, in one body, marched to the residence of the President demonstrating their disapproval of the coup, and in subsequent attempts to see Dr. Benes police fired on the columns of students. About fifty were arrested, two injured by the gunfire and more than twenty by truncheons and rifle butts. The students are said to have claimed that five of their number were shot dead.

One of the first steps taken by the new regime was the dismissal of thirty professors from the staff of the six hundred year old University of Prague.

The new Minister for Education told professors and teachers that education must be political just as the Army must be political. New special political education books would be prepared and the portrait of a prominent foreign leader would hang in all schools.

These events cannot fail to interest students of this University. Australia is no more intensely democratic than was Czechoslovakia, less so in fact as far as students are concerned. To quote the Redrup report on the meeting in Prague of the Council of the International Union of Students: "Student organisation in Czechoslovakia is almost unparalleled in its scope and efficiency."

It should be obvious that the universities are considered most important by some of the most skilful statesmen in the world. If we do not show at least as much interest in internal democracy and external affairs it is only a matter of time until we receive a rude lesson in political education.

BE IN IT!

Freshers this year are well catered for by the Orientation machinery. To the spate of welcomes we add another—welcome to these august halls and especially to these august columns.

This is your paper, as has been repeated ad nauseam and ignored even worse. Its function is to inform you of University activities and to attempt to entertain and stimulate you. The first is easy, the other two functions generally drive editors to extremes. The function of editors is to edit material submitted and to take criticism for the failure to print interesting material from those who have failed to provide it.

There are vacancies on the staff for every taste, for reporters, production staff and circulation staff. It is worth remembering that many famous men started their careers by selling newspapers.

There will be as many illustrations this year as possible, bearing in mind a limited budget and the cost of blocks.

We welcome particularly contributions towards illustrating the paper, cartoons especially, and any photographs of general interest.

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, 1948

Executive: President, Kevin Magarey; Vice-President, Elizabeth Robin; Secretary, John Roder; Treasurer, Tom Gawne.

General Representatives: Men—Kevin Magarey, Christopher Yeatman, Don Dunstan, Don Thompson; Women—Elizabeth Robin, Pamela Cleland, Diana Wauchope, Nan Black.

Faculty Representatives: Cedric Wells, Agricultural Science; Tom Gawne, Arts; Roger Opie, Arts; G. Farrell, Commerce; _____, Dentistry; Archie Macarthur, Engineering; Don Bath, Engineering; John Roder, Law; David Kirby,

Medicine; Vernon Pleuckhan, Medicine; Harold Knightly, Pharmacy; Brian Skinner, Science; Harry Medlin, Science; Geoff Hunter, Social Science and Physiotherapy.

Immediate Past President (ex officio): Graham Smith.

Sports Association, c/o Union Office: Ken Tregoning.

BY-ELECTIONS

Nominations are called for the position of Faculty Representatives for the Student Representative Council for the Faculties of Dentistry and Pharmacy. These must be made on the prescribed form which may be obtained at the Union office.

K. T. HAMILTON, Chief Returning Officer.

Are you doing Arts at the 'Varsity, or are you at the 'Varsity doing Arts?

If the former, you are missing all that the word 'Varsity means. You are missing the wide contact with other faculties that helps to put the polish on you as a finished product.

It is natural that people should befriend their classmates, and spend most of their time with them. To overcome this natural barrier to seeing the other half, there is no better means than inter-faculty competition.

It would be more satisfactory to see Arts students brawling with the Medical faculty than to have the present icy indifference. Then at least each would be recognising the existence of the other as a part of the 'Varsity, in the best traditions of ancient Universities.

Short of this, meeting each other on the oval is a very good substitute, and the best way of ensuring that two men will drink together, be it beer or tea, is to set them chasing the same piece of leather for a couple of hours.

Let it be objected that this might bring at most thirty-six men together, there can be as many grades of teams as there are letters of the alphabet. And in any case, the spectators of a keen contest

S.R.C. BEATS THE GUN

You can stop shouting, urgers. We're going to have a Revue. And a Songbook. After a lapse of many years your active S.R.C. has brought one back and the other in.

Another innovation recently passed is the Freshers' Acceleration Ball at the end of first term, instead of the Freshers' Welcome Dance at the beginning. This should get the ice cracking.

Solid services to be rendered include these new bodies (subject to Union Council approval). A Housing Officer to take over all the enquiries now being shot at the Union Secretary, and start a cross index of applicants and vacancies. Five shillings commission to the S.R.C. for each successful placing. Treasurer Tom Gawne got the job.

A Textbook Exchange to be run in conjunction with the one already in existence at the W.E.A., where, according to the manageress, they see only "the same old faces year after year." Students are selling second-hand textbooks for prices like 6d. to down-town dealers who are re-selling them for 7/6. Our T.E. will be run for the first two months of the academic year by T.E. Director Jim Forbes, President of the Arts Association, who had already mooted such a scheme for his own faculty society.

An Advertising Agency. A professional agent to obtain advertising for all S.R.C. publications and to get 15 per cent. on his sales. Figures may be something like £240 gross (gives £36 commission).

A Vacation Employment Officer, to link up with the big firms and the Commonwealth Bureau (not yet elected).

Free tickets to "On Dit" for covering all S.R.C.-approved functions—including functions of all affiliated clubs and societies.

A new administrative set-up including a typiste, telephone (with any luck) and two new office-rooms in the G.M. and L.S. Buildings.

MONEY LIKE WATER

A motion of censure on the Adelaide delegates at Perth for inordinate extravagance with S.R.C. funds has been unanimously squashed. Use of air-mail and telegraph communications was essential at the time. This S.R.C., said Secretary Roder, had already taken steps to save from £50 to £75 by claiming Sales Tax exemption on printing expenses, a long-neglected economy.

These decisions were reached in two hectic S.R.C. sessions: Friday

very soon become intimate acquaintances. Anyone who has attended a Norwood-Port football match will second this.

The point is that the University is an integral whole, which is here threatening to disintegrate into a collection of technical schools.

Why not? For one reason, because the deluded public still imagines that a graduate is a well-educated man, little realising that outside the narrow sphere of his profession he may be no better informed than the public itself. This is particularly noticeable in the bush, where the local lawyer or doctor is regarded as a sage on everything from Adam to the atom. Why? Because "he has studied for years." So has a toolmaker or a farmer.

Even in the sophisticated cities a Professor is consulted on every subject under the sun in his weekly column, and his modesty does not prevent him from answering, nor the mob from drinking it in.

But it is significant that professional men play a small part in the public life of Australia, whereas in England the Cabinet of a Labor Government contains many University graduates. The University in England produces an educated man, of whatever political color, because it retains its unity.

CODICIL TO HIAWATHA

(How Minnehaha, Laughing Water, heard of Hahahaha, Heavy Water, in what would have been A.D. 2001.)

In the Middle of Dakota,
 In the place they call the Bad Lands
 In the day that are remembered,
 Just and only just, remembered,
 Sat the jester, Pau-Puk-Keewis
 Now grown old and very wary,
 Very old, and very wary.
 By his side sat Minnehaha
 Plaiting garlands of rock daisies
 On the green verge of a chasm
 While the river flowed below her,
 And she said, "O Pau-Puk-Keewis,
 Tell me, tell me all about it!
 How are we the last survivors
 Of the people of a planet
 Which had bright and shining cities,
 Cafes, cinemas and dog-tracks?"
 And he answered, "I will tell you.
 I will tell you of the coming,
 Of the power of Heviwatha.

Once, oh, once, O Minnehaha,
 There was light and there was wisdom

In the minds of the Palefaces,
 But there came a swift declension
 Due to morbid mathematics,
 Due to aberrated physics.
 Universities, instead of
 Concentrating on the graces,
 On the arts and on the graces,
 On the articles of healing
 On the ways of architecture,
 Or philosophy and logic,
 Put themselves at the disposal
 Of the Scientists, the one-eyed,
 Of the Scientists, the cockeyed!
 All acclaimed them, all extolled them
 Till the Day of the Explosion,
 Till the Day when Heviwatha
 Put the skids beneath this planet
 And, with cunning atom fission,
 Blew it sideways, blew it skyways,
 Blew it frontways, blew it backways,
 Leaving us the sole survivors
 In the middle of Dakota!
 Three score of the Indian People,
 Left alone with much to guide us!
 For our Wise Men, met in conclave,
 Told our people: "We have had it.
 This the sum of all our wisdom:
 When we wish to go on journeys
 We shall go on our moccasins.
 We shall run if we'd go faster,
 And for hunting and for warfare
 We shall stick to bows and arrows."
 Paul Jones, in "Dublin Opinion."

5th, 7 to 11, and Tuesday 9th, 5.15 to 9. Afterthought: extract from the 1948 Union Handbook: "(Representatives on the S.R.C.) generally do a lot more talking than action. . ."

New Zealand Co-operation

Other Aust.-N.Z. activities: Australian debating team to tour N.Z.; New Zealand drama group to tour Australia; "Group Study Tours," of about thirty carefully picked students "equipped with general publicity material and aspects of life in their own Dominion (e.g., documentary films, records of Australian or New Zealand music, etc.); a delegate to the N.Z. University Students' Association Council in May.

Faculty Bureaux

Observer Bob Paton sat on this sub-committee as proxy for Kevin Magarey. Many of the ideas emanated from things Redrup saw in Europe.

Sub-committees set up by every faculty society in all Universities will implement the findings of faculty surveys already conducted, investigate and exchange information on syllabuses and organisation of

WHAT DID THE ADELAIDE DELEGATION DO?

The Adelaide delegation consisted of Graham Smith (leader), Kevin Magarey and John Roder, President and Secretary respectively of the Adelaide S.R.C. Elizabeth Robin, Secretary of the Women's Union and Vice-President of S.R.C., travelled from Adelaide as observer, and Ken Tregoning, Bob Paton and Father Bourke were Adelaide observers resident in Perth.

This delegation made its main contribution to the work of council by preserving a discreet silence. Of the observers, Miss Robin and Father Bourke both spoke five or six times; of the delegates, Mr. Smith and Mr. Roder spoke on an average two and a half times a day, Mr. Magarey just over once every two days. Questioned as to the reasons for this, Mr. Magarey made the following statement: "Speaking as an average Adelaide student, I should say that my silence in Perth was due to the fact that average Adelaide students have less ideas about National Union matters than average students in any other University. Certainly I was one of the most uninformed delegates at Perth. I kept quiet because other intelligent people who had given more thought to the matters in hand were always speaking with considerably more authority than I could do. I should add that I found the overall standard of ability of the twenty-five delegates distressingly high."

courses, matric. standards, teaching methods, study facilities, exam. systems, staff-student relations, graduate employment. Sub-committee from one Uni. to be national bureau leader for each faculty; over-all co-ordination by an officer of N.U.A.U.S.

In Adelaide the Med Society and Arts Assoc. are going to be asked to be Bureau leaders. One result of F.B.s will be that future faculty surveys can be limited to leading questions. F.B.s may also organise student exchange.

Administration Changes

Salary-cum-honorarium-cum scholarship of £150 (reduced at the budget session from £250) was passed to the General Secretary; positions established for three new officers; decision to seek to introduce direct per capita payment by students of N.U. subscriptions. (A proposal, regarded with mingled stupefaction, mockery, and downright fear, was put forward by an earnest Melbourne delegate to make this levy 5/-.)

Research Officer

A post of Research Officer was established to keep the National Union up-to-date on C.R.T.S. and Financial Assistance Scheme statistics, latest moves in Canberra, etc., etc. Conference with the Universi-

* The Arcus Report was correct to this extent: that many of the delegates to I.U.S., especially the colonials, would try to interpret freely the licence given them by the fact that "in many countries, reforms may be essential pre-requisites for the improvement of students' material and academic conditions" (Resolution 6, Australian Memorandum). Most disquieting feature is I.U.S. affiliation to World Federation of Democratic Youth, an emphatically leftist political body.

* The western countries were better represented, and were having an increasing influence on the political—or towards a non-political—tone of the I.U. (It is a remarkable feature of I.U.S. that its existence has led America to inaugurate a National Union of Students representing two million undergraduates.) Redrup gives an interesting picture of the gradual "hardening" of attitude over the twelve days of the meeting, to "impassioned oratory" and "demagogic and biased" reports.

* I.U.S. is doing something. Redrup himself attended the Paris World University Games, participated in by 1,600 students from 18 countries. "World Student News" is a good periodical, which should have a wider distribution in Australia. The Travel and Exchange Department has organised Summer and Winter Tours in all parts of Europe—"in most countries," says the Report, "representations by the National Unions and the International Union have brought railways concessions of as high as fifty per cent." Another department is organising an International Correspondence Bureau; book, periodical, and research material exchange; film exchange and library; student exchange; and organisation of Faculty Bureaux.

Council voted to withdraw notice of disaffiliation, with five dissentients, of whom Queensland formed a "solid" three. A sub-committee decided to repudiate the resolutions on Indonesia and on China, stating that their objections were to the wording rather than the principle; it also recommended that the N.U. endeavor to raise 3d. per head for I.U.S. in 1948 (the constitutional subscription is 6d. per head), a recommendation which was incorporated in the budget as a special fund to be raised by appeal, film festival, etc. Most significant developments were the decision to keep a proportion of this money (about two-sevenths) in Australia for use here; and the decision to establish a Pacific Bureau of I.U.S., in whose hands the disbursements of this sum would be left.

ties Commission, said Murphy, was becoming a mere form, and the N.U. is even looking rather ridiculous; a sad descent from the days when it helped start the Subsidies Scheme.

Budget

A budget of £1,300 approx. (last year's was £1,067). A separate fund of £667 to cover I.U.S. (affiliation £350, delegate £150), delegate to N.Z. £60, and sundries.

W.S.R.

Aiming of W.S.R. appeal at £5,000 Redrup thoroughly disturbed Council by his account of starvation and misery in homeless Europe.

Twopenny Pamphlets

Research work for which there was any demand should be published in a series of pamphlets called the N.U.A.U.S. Twopenny Library: such things as the Sydney report on a Student Radio Station, the Melbourne publication on Student Journalism, specific subjects investigated by the Research Officer, and reports of interest presented to Council.

Perth, Feb. 3—13, 1948.

In early February of this year, delegates and observers from Australian Universities and University Colleges, and observers from the New Zealand National Union travelled to Perth for the N.U.A.U.S. Council meeting. One observer would like to present his rather fragmentary impressions.

My strongest impression of the Council was, if I may be permitted the remark, the impression I received when the Council was dispersed. Even though my contact was limited to about one-third of the full-council deliberations, none of the sub-committee work, and one fourth of the social activities, I found myself becoming a crashing bore on the subject of the Council and its personalities. To an outside public, the existence of the National Union is a subject of polite disbelief—there is simply no such animal. If and when disbelief is conquered, there is frank amazement that one could consider such a union worthy of interest or capable of effective decisions. It is as if one got mixed up with a National Union of Australian Kindergarten Students. The "outside public," for good or evil, can be taken to include a considerable percentage of Australian undergraduates. Students, interested or otherwise, are being asked to contribute to the tune of £1,600, with additional special funds for various projects. That provides at least a sordid motive for discovering what the N.U.A.U.S. is up to.

The N.U.A.U.S. in practice seems to perform an annual diminishing feat, when Congress shrinks to Council, and Council to executive, with occasional mid-year outbursts of activity, such as debates, art exhibitions, and drama festivals. The executive expend time heroically in promoting what is, according to its lights, progressive student action, and the average Australian student remains cynically indifferent, unless prodded by enthusiasts.

N.U.A.U.S. appears important in direct proportion to the closeness of one's association with it. Unfortunately, comparatively few students have any association, and therefore no strong concept of its importance, or interest in its policy. Furthermore, it has grown so fast, that to be aware of its policy is a matter for considerable and sustained study. The most overwhelming impression I received was an unmanageable quantity of material to be digested 88 pages of a printed report of last year's council, 119 pages of Redrup's incursion into the international field, and a wilderness of stencilled material, of which I collected a fraction amounting to about 70 pages. . . . I feel that the federating body, judged by financial responsibilities, by the closeness and continuity of real contact with students, by the degree in which it can claim to speak for students in selected fields, is not yet as important as the constituent S.R.C.s. But we live in the days of expanding Federal power and taxation. There is to be noted one danger—that a body is growing up when the average undergraduate age is high, that will be too much for the students of the future, whose age and experience will presumably be less. The National Union seems committed in fact or in desire to a federation of all tertiary students, and to the even more problematical international sphere. Conclusion?—that more people should try to find out what is going on. That is a right and a duty.

Some more particular impressions. The Council was held in one of the loveliest rooms in Perth, the Senate

Room of the University. Visitors were welcomed to Perth by the Lord Mayor and Councillors, to the University by the Chancellor (Professor Murdoch) and the Vice-Chancellor, and by the Guild of Undergraduates, and to St. George's College by the Warden. The Guild entertained visitors at a cocktail party, a river trip, and a bus trip to a section of the South-West, which I understand were successful functions, and at a dinner, to the success of which I can testify. At the latter, with others, I shared the unusual experience of singing (if that's the word) round a piano with a Vice-Chancellor, Professor Currie. If a University were to be judged by the scope of student autonomy, and the warmth of staff-student relations—and that is the tendency—then Perth stands high. Its buildings, I think, were generally approved.

The visitors were bedded—I believe, for rare and brief intervals—and boarded at the Students' Hostel, the once famous American B.O.Q. (Bachelor Officers' Quarters). The Americans, by doing themselves proud, have benefited W.A. students, and itinerant bodies.

The principal advantage of sporadic "observing" was that a series of initials (N.U.A.U.S., I.U.S., F.A.S., etc.) took on some show of reality. People, who were names merely, acquired flesh and blood status. Doug Murphy, for example, despite demagogic utterance reported in "Student News," like: "Murphy says: 'Stand behind National Union,'" turned out to be a really likeable person. John Redrup is a man with a mission, perhaps a little inclined to a too hopeful faith in humanity en masse, especially when organised in vast student groupings, but, like many of us, with a less obvious faith in the examples nearest hand. Alan Barcan is a miracle of efficient filing—and more besides. As at any student gathering, there were enough odd types to make observing a mordant pleasure at the not infrequent moments when democracy creaked along.

One is no doubt expected to contribute to the most boring of all boring topics—stories of Homeric potatoes. Some beer was duly drunk, but by and large, delegates were hard working and respectable. I have no doubt that they would have found West Australians a reasonably hospitable people if the agenda had left any but the minimum time to receive hospitality.

I am grateful to the Adelaide S.R.C. for conferring the multiple pleasures of observing, and the Adelaide delegates for their friendship during the Council. Beyond their number I made some good friends, and some absorbing acquaintances. A new executive was elected: President, Peter Durack (W.A.); Vice-President, Graham Smith (Adelaide); Secretary, Ron Ebbels (Melbourne); Treasurer, Ernest Tucker (Melbourne); Faculty Bureau, Gerard Brennan (Queensland). Peter Hamilton, on the rather remote contingency of his surviving hitchhiking from Perth to Sydney, has an executive post which eludes me, and Ken Tolhurst another, which is something to do with the international field. Sorry the information is vague—check in subsequent documents. These, my friends, are your servants and spokesmen for 1948.

I am still old-fashioned enough to believe—

- i. that "student affairs" are accessory to the principal task of taking as good a degree as in one lies;
- ii. that "student action" has a very limited role to play in fields where there is no homogeneous student opinion, and where student opinion is sectional, and not necessarily adequately informed or juridically competent.

With these reservations, I feel that N.U.A.U.S., as represented by the 1948 Council is an interesting, vigorous, and well-worth-observing phenomenon.

—J.E.B.

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One of Adelaide's most distinguished graduates was honored at the Commemoration when the Degree of Doctor of Medicine (ad eundum gradum) was conferred upon Sir Hugh Cairns, Nuffield Professor of Surgery at Oxford University. Sir Hugh, who is regarded as one of the world's greatest brain surgeons, is visiting Australia and New Zealand as the first Arthur Sims Travelling Professor, and is lecturing and participating in research at post-graduate centres in the various capital cities.

Born at Port Pirie and educated at Riverton Primary School and Adelaide High School, Sir Hugh was awarded a bursary, and took his medical course at this University under such teachers as Prof. Archi-



bald Watson, Sir Arthur Cudmore, Sir Henry Newland and Sir Trent de Crespigny. His course was interrupted by service as a private in the A.M.C. in World War I. He was awarded the Davies Thomas Scholarship and was selected as Rhodes Scholar in 1918.

A brilliant post-graduate course at Oxford did not prevent Sir Hugh from rowing seven in the 1920 Oxford crew. He later studied under such distinguished men as Sir Charles Sherrington and the American, Dr. Harvey Cushing, whose discovery of the use of diathermic current for brain surgery he successfully applied.

In 1936 he gave up a private practice, reputedly worth £25,000 a year, to accept the Nuffield Professorship of Surgery at Oxford University. During the war, thousands of British servicemen were successfully treated at his Radcliffe Infirmary, and it was here that he developed the method of applying penicillin in brain surgery, thus carrying on the work of another eminent South Australian, Professor Sir Howard Florey. Among Sir Hugh's more famous patients have been Lawrence of Arabia, Miss Unity Mitford and General Patton.

The graduates and students of the University of Adelaide honor one who has risen from amongst them to the highest ranks of medicine, and has brought such honor to this University.

THE YOUTH OF THE NETHERLANDS CALLING

In the far-away country of the Netherlands many young people are very eager to get in touch with you young Australians, to hear about your way of life, your hobbies, your country, and your work. They are boys and girls, attending schools or universities or working in offices, nurseries, factories, etc.

Their ages vary from 15-25 years, and they all can write in English.

If you want to start a correspondence with them, please write a letter to your unknown penfriend, state your full details (name, address, age, sex, etc.) and send this letter—duly stamped with foreign postage!—to the Secretary, International Youth Contact, Postbox 27, Leiden, Netherlands.

These men are the cabinet in the Students' Federal Government for 1948:—

President, Peter Durach (W.A.): Also president of the Guild of Undergraduates. A Perth Liberal. Well-known, if not too solid, in his electorate. A forthright debater, with a slight tendency to stall; he will probably show good control from the chair next year, but may show a tendency to speak to the motion.

Vice-President, Graham Smith (Adelaide): Immediate past president of S.R.C. Earnestly left: a wholehearted social worker. Concentrated steadily during sessions: a sensible speaker, without brilliance. A ready sense of humor.

General Secretary, Noal Ebbels (Melb.): Immediate past secretary Melb. S.R.C. Doctrinaire left. A brilliant speaker, sane and alert; an extremely hard worker; very pleasant to meet, with a quiet voice and a modest manner.

Treasurer, Ernest Tucker (Melb.): Enlightened Liberal. Ernest is a Commerce student, and definitely the right man for the job. His enthusiasm for N.U.A.U.S. makes him almost a visionary, an attribute fortunately balanced by his sound business instincts. An even and fluent debater.

Gerald Brennan (Queensland): Law Faculty rep, on local S.R.C. Perhaps Council's most able debater, and certainly its most tenacious. Defender of Lost Causes (Queensland were consistently outvoted on their "reactionary" motions). Politically unimpeachable (he consistently fought to keep politics out of Council). A delightful fellow. Also Faculty Bureau Officer.

Peter Hamilton (Sydney): A man of progressive and efficient ideas, all a little to one side of the main stream: a strong internationalist. National Art Exhibition Director last year. An ardent photographer and a marathon hitch-hiker (Perth to Adelaide through cyclones and deserts).

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Renfrey Burnard Potts was selected as the 1948 Rhodes Scholar for South Australia. Ren has been a tutor in the maths. department for three years and proposes to read in the final honors school of mathematics for his B.A. at Oxford. He hopes to enter Oxford next year.

Ren has had an outstanding scholastic career, and entered the 'Varsity in 1942 on a Leaving Honors bursary. He gained 14 credits in 4 years, and obtained his B.Sc. two years ago.

At Oxford he hopes to specialise in the application of mathematics to theoretical physics, and during his third year to work for a research degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Hockey, tennis and long-distance running are his sports; he won the mile handicap last year.

Ren topped the poll to represent male students on the S.R.C., and this year is a member of the University Union Council. He initiated and organised a Philosophy Club for advanced Science students to broaden the interests of members.

Ren has always taken an active interest in the University branch of A.S.C.M., of which he was President last year, when he was a State representative on the general committee of the Movement. He recently announced his engagement to Barbara Kidman, who is also a Science grad.

The Hon. Sir John Mellis Napier, K.C.M.G., this year assumes the position of Chancellor in succession to Sir William Mitchell.

A graduate of the Adelaide University, he obtained his LL.B. in 1902, and was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia in the following year.

A King's Counsel in 1922, Sir Mellis was created a Judge of the



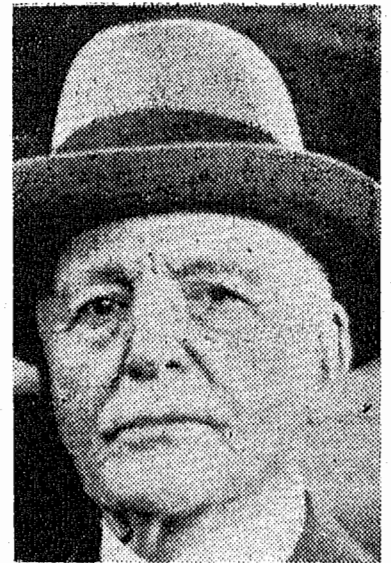
Supreme Court in 1924. Knighted in 1943, he is a prominent social figure as Chief Justice and Lieut. Governor.

Sir Mellis has given addresses at the 'Varsity on several occasions, and is no stranger to students. We do not doubt that his term of office will be as distinguished as that of his predecessor.

Sir William Mitchell, K.C.M.G., M.A., retired early this year from his position as Chancellor after 54 years' service in the Adelaide University. A farewell dinner in his honor was held in the Refectory on Friday, March 5.

Born at Inveravon, Scotland, in 1861, he was educated at Elgin and Edinburgh University, where he became a Degree Examiner in Philosophy after a period as Lecturer in Moral Philosophy.

In 1894 he was appointed to the Chair of English Language and



Literature and Mental and Moral Philosophy at this University, a position he held for 28 years. During this time he also lectured in Economics.

In 1916 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor. In this capacity he served for 26 years, until February, 1942, when he became Chancellor. He was re-elected to that position in February, 1947, and retired in January of this year.

He is the author of two books—"Structure and Growth of Mind," and "Place of Minds in the World."

During his many years in office, he has always striven to improve the University, his devotion to which is a byword, and his keen brain has won the respect of all.

SOMERS CONGRESS

January of this year saw the second National Congress of University Students held at Somers in Victoria. In every way the Congress was a success, and the executive of N.U.A.U.S. can be congratulated for its fine organisation.

The theme chosen for Congress was "International Co-operation," and accordingly the subjects chosen for discussion were designed to stimulate debate in Australia's position in all spheres of life. Naturally enough, it was student affairs in the international sphere that held the most interest for those at Congress. In that regard, the discussion centring about the International Union of Students was easily the most interesting and important of the entire Congress. Jack Redrup, Australian delegate to I.U.S. Conference at Prague spoke of his experiences in Europe, and gave a brief summary of the Prague Conference. Redrup's report formed the basis of much of the discussion at Congress, and from it came constructive criticism and many recommendations that were carried to the Council meeting at Perth.

The Congress supported re-affiliation with I.U.S., and the Perth Council meeting has now decided for re-affiliation.

N.U.A.U.S. Congress had also its lighter side, and indeed it is one of its functions to provide the environment in which students from all States can turn their extra-curricular activities into a full-time course. No matter where a student's interest lay, in politics, literature, dramatic work or music (even jazz), he found those of like interest at Congress, and could "natter" for hours on his favorite topic. Congress, too, gave the interstater some idea of the "set-up" in other Universities, and he was able to form some estimate of the standards of his own faculty in comparison. Incidentally, lack of uniformity of courses in Australian Universities was a subject that came up for a great deal of discussion.

Other highlights of Congress were Vance Palmer's talk on "Trends in Australian Literature," Professor R. D. Wright's address on the "National University" that is in the process of being formed at Canberra, and the talk given by J. D. G. Medley, Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne, on "Problems of Modern Universities."

The social side of Congress was particularly well catered for, and either a dance or a film was on each night. "Carnet de Bal" and "Dead of Night" proved to be big attractions.

With the beach so near and every sporting facility available at the camp, Congress proved to be the ideal holiday for the student who misses the long days when the Refectory is closed.

It is to be hoped that Congress this year, which in all probability will be held in N.S.W., will be equally as successful.

—B. HANKIN.

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"WORKS AND WITNESS"

"The Christian's Weapons, Work, and Witness" was the theme of the Inter-varsity Fellowship Conference held at Thornleigh, N.S.W., during January of this year.

After two days of strenuous deliberation by the General Committee in Sydney, the Conference assembled in the Presbyterian Fellowship Association grounds at Thornleigh. Beside these discussion-weary committee members, there were present people from every State of the mainland in addition to a goodly contingent from New Zealand. Among the 150 graduates and undergraduates, there were representatives of all the Universities beside the numerous Teachers' Colleges of every State—men and women of every conceivable profession of one mind, and with one purpose—to learn more of "The Christian's Weapons, Work, and Witness."

The galaxy of talented speakers who addressed the Conference during session included: Dr. Paul White, Australian I.V.F. Gen. Sect.; Mr. J. Oswald Sanders, Home Director of the China Inland Mission; Rev. Principal Morling, Principal of N.S.W. Baptist Theological College; Rev. Leon Morris, a Melbourne graduate; Mr. John Thompson, Director Archaeological Institute of Australia; Mr. Colin Becroft, Chairman I.V.F., New Zealand; Rev. John Searle, Principal Melbourne Bible Institute; Mr. Allan Wilson, an Adelaide graduate; and many others. Of special notice were the returned Missionaries, Rev. Cyril Cato, Fiji, and Rev. Neville Langsford-Smith, Tanganyika, and the presidential address read by the I.V.F. Chairman on behalf of Dr. P. S. Messent, of Adelaide.

With the emphasis laid on practical Christian living, the programme for each day was designed to be educational and challenging. The morning sessions began with a Prayer School conducted by the I.V.F. Prayer Secretary, Rev. Basil Williams, who based his teaching on Luke's recording of "The Lord's Prayer." Bible Study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesian Church was conducted by Rev. Leon Morris, of Melbourne, who employed the original Greek record of the Epistle which revealed much truth not fully appreciated in an English translation. After a break for welcome morning tea, Doctrinal Studies on the cardinal points of our Christian Faith were conducted by competent scholars who took up such subjects as "Inspiration of the Scriptures," "Redemption," "Sanctification," and clarified many minds in respect to these essentials of our Faith. The

details were then thrashed out in smaller discussion groups led by students and these times proved extremely valuable. The afternoons were generally kept free for recreation, and sporting facilities were available to Conference members.

Some hastily arranged tutorials, made necessary by the inclemency of Sydney's weather and the lack of indoor sporting facilities, proved most successful. Subjects included The Relation of Philosophy to Our Christian Position, Historical Studies of Our Faith, and more practical considerations as Literature and Printing which added considerably to members' knowledge.

In the evenings, public meetings, open to the general public, were conducted and addressed by prominent I.V.F. men who further pressed the Challenge of the Work, Weapons, and Witness of the Christian.

No account of Conference would be complete without due reference to a number of "highlights." On Saturday, January 17, a launch trip on Sydney Harbor was undertaken, without the co-operation of most un-cooperative Sydney weather, with the result that, in addition to the good time had by all, a wet-shirt was had by some who dared the perils of the bows in a very choppy sea. The following Sunday, Conference was extended the privilege of broadcasting over 2CH with the result that a 3 p.m. session introducing I.V.F. in its sundry activities to the general public and, in the evening, the service from Lindfield Methodist Church were conducted by students and broadcast over 2CH. A delegation from the China Inland Mission arrived on Tuesday, 20th, and we were privileged to hear an account of a recent tour of China by Mr. J. Oswald Sanders. A highlight of a hilarious nature was the screening of films taken of the Adelaide S.R.C. Students' Procession of August, 1947, and was voted by all present a "good show."

At the conclusion of Conference, the Sunday of January 25 was set aside as a Sunday of Witness to enable members to put into practice lessons learnt at Thornleigh. Services were taken in the majority of Many district's churches and following these, a huge open air meeting was held on the Corso, the main street of the city, and thousands saw and heard practical expression of our Christian Faith.

From every standpoint, the Conference was highly successful, and will prove a stimulus to the work of the several E.U.s in 1948 by the practical knowledge and facility gained in the use of "The Christian's Weapons, Work and Witness."

YOUR REFECTORY

(An Article for Freshers)

By now most freshers have had their first sight of Refectory conditions and their first taste of Refectory food, and have already formed their opinions, probably not very complimentary. We all agree that the place is overcrowded; the service is not as fast as it could be. Various advantages which you were led to believe could be found in using the Refectory may be non-existent.

But consider yourselves lucky to have a Refectory at all. Mrs. Clyde, the manageress, is working under colossal difficulties. The Refectory was built to serve about half the present number of customers. The staff position, bad last year, has deteriorated further.

So when at one o'clock you get on the tail of a queue half the length of the room, find all the trays used up, the selection of food so diminished that your lunch resembles a dietician's nightmare, and nowhere to sit down when you stagger out, don't blame anyone but Adolph.

There are some of the old hands who grumble. They ought to know better. They know the difficulties under which Mrs. Clyde labors. If you listen to them at all, listen carefully. You will notice their criticism is all destructive. What can be done?

The Refectory could be enlarged, you say. It could be. Sometime it probably will be. But enlargements mean building materials.

Unlike some institutions which assure us when erecting new structures, "materials used will not affect the housing programme," we feel using building materials for enlargements is unjustifiable while there is a housing shortage. Also enlarging the Refectory would accentuate the staff problem, not solve it. So unless any of you have some plan for immediate alleviation of the problem, don't criticise. Just be thankful Mrs. Clyde has not had to carry out her intention of opening only between twelve and four o'clock.

The Rev. Norman Goodall, Secretary of the International Missionary Council found time in his packed tour to speak to the S.C.M. at 4 p.m., Monday, March 1.

Mr. Goodall was in India and Pakistan during November—December, 1947, and was able to see such of Pandit Nehru and the Christian Cabinet Ministers. He met and discussed affairs with the late Mahatma Gandhi. At this time the wave of butchery was over, but the big trek was still on. It is true, as Viscount Mountbatten said, that this involves only a small percentage of the people; but that small percentage means 8—10 million on the move, and all the disruption that follows such a move. From Pakistan have gone 3,000 doctors, practically the whole of the administrative staffs of government, banks, businesses. India has lost complete sections of its artisan population. Everywhere agricultural territory has been abandoned. The result in the political sphere is only what can be expected. The administration is tied to the overcoming of day to day crises, and all the plans for educational and social reforms have had to be put on the shelf indefinitely. The present position is as grave as any in India's history.

GHANDI'S DEATH STEADYING INFLUENCE

Mr. Goodall sees in the assassination of Gandhi an alliance between two widely different forces, that of unbridled fanaticism, laudably patriotic at basis, but irresponsible and violent; and that of organised Hindu conservatism, incalculable in strength because it can fall back on the age-old conservatism of Hindu peasantry. But in the death of the Mahatma India has received a shock which has shown many where the course of violence can lead. If the forces of reaction can get rid of Pandit Nehru there does not seem any hope of a leader who can hold them together. If the steadying influences can last, economic and other forces will compel a re-establishment of a working relationship between the two Dominions on the basis of day to day commercial and economic activities. At the moment, the outlook is one of sober confidence.

CHURCH IN STRONG POSITION

The Christian Church stands in very high regard in the opinion of both Governments. Each Dominion needs the help and organisation of the Church in ministering to the needs of refugees and in their rehabilitation. In Pakistan, particularly, the medical services of the Church are important, and in both Dominions the work of education, which is so important to India's future, is still a job which the Christian Church is tackling successfully.

I.M.C. IS AN AGENT FOR PEACE

The work of the International Missionary Council cuts across racial and denominational barriers. It acts in a consultative capacity to 30 national member units representing nearly all the missionary organisations in the countries sending missions. In America, for instance, it represents over 140 missions. It also works for the indigenous Church organisations, such as the National Christian Council of India, and similar organisations in China and other fields. The I.M.C. does research work and publication, and tackles tasks only possible at an interna-

tional level. One such recent task was the support of the "Orphaned Missions," cut off from their home bases by the recent war. For this work, I.M.C. supplied £1,000,000, and found new missionaries to fill positions as they fell vacant.

CONFIDENCE IN CANADA

The Canadian Conference of July, 1947, brought together Christians of missionary outlook from all parts of the world, and included many who had been put to the sharpest test by the war. From Europe came representatives of Danish, Norwegian and Dutch Missions, and the leader of the Paris Mission. Germans came from the Russian, British and American zones. From Asia there were men from Korea, Occupied China, the Philippines and Burma. It was from those who had suffered most that the greatest contribution and the quietest hope and confidence came. Prof. T. S. Chow, who suffered for two years in a Japanese concentration camp, sees in Christianity the only hope for the cultural re-creation of China, for the renewal of the inner springs of its life so that it may go forward triumphant but new. From the whole Conference the delegates came away with a graver sense of the dangerous nature of our times; but a profound sense of spiritual certainty, so that those returning to the worst conditions do so knowing that they have "passed through death to life."

Our Crystal Ball

- Mon., March 15.—8 p.m., Evangelical Union—Welcome, Talk, Social, Supper—Lady Symon Hall.
8 p.m., Student Theatre Group. Commencement Play members only.
- Tues., 16.—7.30 p.m., Student Christian Movement—Welcome, Social, Dancing, Supper—Lady Symon Hall.
8 p.m., Student Theatre Group—Commencement Play, for Freshers, "Shadow and Substance," by Carroll—"The Hut."
- Wed., 17.—8 p.m., Socialist Club—Welcome, Address, Nativity Play, Film, Supper—Lady Symon Hall.
8 p.m., Commencement Play.
- Thurs., 18.—8 p.m., Arts Association—Welcome, Supper—Lady Symon Hall.
8 p.m., Commencement Play.
- Fri., 19.—Student Theatre Group.
- Sat., 20.—Students' Rep. Council—Commencement Ball—Refectory.
- Mon., 22.—8 p.m., Aquinas Society—Welcome, Games, Dancing, Supper—Lady Symon.
- Tues., 23.—Med. Students' Society—Meeting, Social, Supper.
- Thurs., 25.—1.15 p.m., Aquinas Society—Luncheon Talk.
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THE PRESIDENT REMEMBERS

Tuesday, 9th March.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,—Can you possibly find space in your columns for the most important item of my speech this afternoon, as unfortunately I forgot to say it in the speech itself?

I should first make some explanation of this. Through circumstances not entirely within my control I had time to prepare only the first half of my speech. The second half I was forced to carry in my head. To the detriment of 500 very patient freshers, this half didn't come out well. Amongst what stuck was the most important thing I had to say.

This was heading five of my speech. The first four were: (1) Cynical freshers, (2) Studious freshers, (3) The best freshers, (4) The Union and the S.R.C. Heading five should have been (5) What to Do About It? My most important answer was, (a) no matter how crowded the Refectory is and how slow the service may seem, come there for a break or a meal as often as you can; and (b) when you come, look at the notice-boards (at least twice a week).

Over the past two years, smart students have been gravitating away from the Refectory because of the crowd. This is the quickest way to get completely out of touch with the University. If you have any interest whatsoever in the University, other than the bare taking of your degree, you will make your contacts and hear your news in the Refectory; only those who have no such interests will not need to come there. As for (b), it will quickly become apparent to you that one of the main deficiencies of University life compared with schools or the services, is the absolute lack of any adequate method of promulgating notices and information.

One more point and then I am done. Please tell any other freshers you meet about this. You see, the unhappy consequence of my panicky memory is: that only those freshers who come to the Refectory for lunch will see this letter. . . .

Thank you, Mr. Editor,
KEVIN MAGAREY,
President, S.R.C.

P.S.—We are going to try to persuade the S.R.C. to install an amplifier system as they have in the Queensland University Union.

to heart. Miss Fitton obviously has not done so. Women's costumes of the period need petticoats—otherwise the dresses fall back between the legs of the ladies, and they look as if they are wearing flounced pants. To wear period costumes, one should wear the foundation and undergarments of the period as well as the outer ones. The actresses in this production do not do so—a fact which becomes distressingly patent at times.

The Independent Theatre Company does, however, deserve all the encouragement we can give it. It is a welcome relief to see a stage play (even if with only pretensions to grandeur), after the interminable round of sausage-machine products from Hollywood and even Ealing.

—D. A. DUNSTAN.

From January 18 to 23 more than mere whisperings emanated from Marist Brothers' College, Ashgrove, Brisbane, where 50 delegates from all Australian Universities except Tasmania and Canberra, attended the National Conference of the U.C.F.A. (University Catholic Federation of Australia). Three of the four Adelaide undergrads, present had hitch-hiked to Brisbane, and all four returned by this curious conveyance colloquially called a hitch-hike.

There were about 50 bodies in residence, including 17 from Sydney, 7 from Adelaide, 5 from Armadale, 3 from Melbourne, one from Perth, and the rest from Brisbane. Needless to say, a good time was had by all! A dance was arranged for the first Sunday night, and a number of the local nurses were imported to improve the scenery. It was a pity they had to leave early—strict regulations they told us!

During the week various locals undertook the organisation of conducted tours of inspection of the local beauty spots which embraced such places as Lennon's Hotel, the Town (or must I say, City) Hall, the er—what they call the University, the Medical School (including freezer), and so forth.

Social activities were wound up on Friday night with a boat trip up the river to Mandalay, where dancing was indulged in till it was time to return and after. No need to relate here the goings on with which the last night in residence was regaled.

His Grace, Dr. Duhig, Archbishop

of Brisbane, entertained delegates at his home at Wynberg where all admired his many priceless art treasures ranging from early Italian masters to contemporary Australian water colors. His Grace had recently returned from a trip to U.S.A., and had brought home with him all the latest books on an extraordinarily wide range of subjects.

To relate here the substance of one tenth of what was said at Conference sessions would solve, in a practical manner, the problem of the nature of eternity. Suffice it is to say that among the subjects which were thoroughly dealt with were Pax Romana and W.S.R. The former is the international Catholic body of Uni. grads and undergrads, with headquarters in Freiburg, Switzerland. Pax Romana is one of the three constituent bodies of W.S.R., and it has 41 affiliated bodies in 23 countries. It was emphasised that Australian Newman and Aquinas Societies should do more than they have in the past to help W.S.R.

The most important decisions reached by the executive council may be summarised thus:

The executive for 1948 will reside in Brisbane.

The 1949 National Conference will be held again in Brisbane.

An annual magazine called "Veritas" will be published (finances permitting) in Adelaide, where the general editor will be D. E. Thompson.

A newsletter will be circulated in each State in each of the three University terms.

MOURNING DOES NOT BECOME O'NEILL

("Mourning Becomes Electra"
—Majestic)

Well, sports, we took our picnic basket and went to watch Miss Fitton and Company last night. We were bemused. The fault, however, lay not in Miss Fitton's stars, but in the play. Mr. O'Neill certainly made an orgy of it. Of the five principal characters, two are murdered, two commit suicide and the remaining one decides to immure herself in a gloomy mansion, and brood upon the dead.

You may say, looking at the title, that there is example for it. To that we would reply both yes and no. It were wise to examine the method of tragedy to discover why it is that instead of being "cleansing," which the programme claims the play is merely sordid and somewhat distasteful. The tragedian may do either one of two things—he may either make his characters great and heroic figures or flat and puppet-like figures with whom the audience will not identify itself, or he may make them of such stature and background that the audience will almost certainly identify itself with them. The dangers of the second course are obvious. It is all very well if the characters are sane victims of unfortunate circumstance. The audience can identify itself with such characters, and genuinely be moved to sorrow. But if the tragedy is the outcome of a morbidity within the characters themselves arising from inability to adapt themselves to the social groups within which they live and the norms and values of those groups, then the audience cannot allow itself identification with the characters of the play, and remain balanced and sane; for such a course would entail not "cleansing," but self-disgust. The Greeks did not have to face the problem since their characters were legendary, heroic, more than life-size. The audience does not identify itself with the morbid Medea, nor, to come closer

to home, with Clytemnestra, in Greek drama. But if the characters are reduced to ordinary, every-day persons, or at any rate persons in ordinary or near-ordinary circumstances, the audience no longer stands off and says, "Oh, the pity of it!" but is forced to say, "Oh, how disgusting are we!"—a very different matter. The only way out of such a difficulty is to provide a central character who successfully avoids morbidity in contrast to those around him, and with whom alone the audience will identify itself. Sartre did this with Orestes in "Les Mouches"—another modern play upon the "Electra" theme. But O'Neill, unfortunately, has not done so (Orin, his Orestes, commits suicide), with the result that the play has the effect which would be produced by an old lady showing her ulcers to the vicar.

As for the production—it was very uneven. The scenery was irritatingly bad—especially the recurring frontal scene of the Mannon house. The focusing of two spots side by side on the stage seemed to me to have no purpose whatsoever other than to mystify the on-looker. The acting of the minor characters ranged (with the exception of Seth and the Chantyman) from the unconvincing to the ham. Least convincing was Bromley-Smith, who played Ezra Mannon weakly and Adam Brant with self-consciousness and lack of imagination. Doris Fitton, as Christine, was a little too overwrought to be always convincing, but she had her moments. Elaine Foster, as Lavinia, the Electra of the play, was very good indeed, but the outstanding work was that of Bruce Beeby as Orin—his acting in the last four acts was as good as anyone could ever wish to see on the stage, and the production is well worth seeing on that score alone.

A final damn must be allowed us on the costumes. Every producer should read Athene Seyler's remarks on the subject, and take her advice

The writer of "On Dit's" social column is beset with problems, and whoever is foolish enough to do it is immediately caught between Scylla and Charybdis, for is one to describe the latest Paris model and its wearer as she is seen tripping through the Refectory, or must one comment on legs whose sun tan is produced by Art not Nature?

The reputation of a social editress may be almost impeccable to begin with, but after several issues of "On Dit" it has followed the path of the Gadarene swine down the slippery slopes. Such is the fate of a would-be social editress.

First of all I must say a few words about Freshers' welcomes. These are becoming more and more numerous each year until now, every club and association worthy of the name, and a few who are not, welcomes Freshers with outstretched arms; by the end of orientation week, Freshers, you will be quite bloated, and in no state to join any society. However, do not be put off by one who can view this succession of gastronomical feats from the lofty heights of third year. Attend them all, for henceforth, you will pay for any nourishment consumed on Union premises.

Next I must say a few words about beards. At the beginning of last year, two beard-wearers caused quite a diversion in the University, but before November both had yielded to the dictates of either conservatism, which, dear Freshers, flourishes like the green bay tree in this University, or self-comfort. It was often agreed that these beards lent a certain amount of tone to the place generally, so it is with pleasure that I note another intrepid beard-grower has appeared. Don't stare at him too much.

Finally, a few words about that hub of University social life, the Barr-Smith Library, often referred to rather vulgarly as the Barr. In the old days, one climbed the marble steps, and after tripping over one or two cases in the passage, entered the reading room. A quick glance sufficed to see if anyone of interest was there, and just where he or she was sitting. Now, alas, those who intend to be At Home in the B.S.L. for the purpose of receiving callers will have to sit right by the door as the new fluorescent lighting and extra bookshelves obscure the view. O Tempora, O mores!

And now, the writer will wait in all humility, as the title of this column suggests, for the inevitable.

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GRADUATES, UNDERGRADUATES, AND FRIENDS

The committee of Student Theatre Group invite you to a complimentary performance of "Shadow and Substance," by Paul Vincent Carroll, at "The Hut," Tuesday evening, March 16, at 8 p.m. The play will be under the direction of Mr. Frank Johnston. In addition, all freshers, intending members, and members are invited to the Freshers' Welcome at the Lady Symon Hall, 8 p.m., Friday, March 19.

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The following appointments were made at the beginning of the season:

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- F. C. Bennett (vice-capt.).
- Mr. C. R. Davies (coach).
- C. R. Guerner ("B" capt.).

The first day of the first match of the season was washed out, and on the second day, 'Varsity made 6/168, and Kensington, with only an hour's batting time, was content to play out time, and finished with 2/54. Douglas, with 63, Linklater 31 n.o. and Smart 30, got most of the runs. Bradman, playing for Kensington, was 13 n.o. at the end of the match.

The second match, against Prospect at Prospect, saw the debut of Tony Jose from S.P.S.C., who took 5/62 off 20 overs. He replaced Beard, long suffering from a strained shoulder, as the side's fast bowler. Prospect won the toss and batted on an easy wicket to be all out for 91, Jose and Linklater (3/26) doing the damage. 'Varsity, however, after being given a start of 1/56 by Bennett (41 n.o.) and Douglas (27) collapsed till the ninth wicket fell with the scores level. Selth stayed with Bennett till he had made the winning run. Prospect, batting again, declared at 1/128, leaving 'Varsity with 128 to get in 94 minutes to win outright. Unnecessarily cautious batting on the part of the openers left the final score 5/115.

Geoff Gubbins, replacing Hamilton as left hand slow spinner, had success in his first match, against Adelaide, when he took 5/35 off 17 overs. Adelaide were all out for 127, and 'Varsity declared at 3/140, after taking 25 minutes to make the last 8 runs against a weak attack. Batting again, Adelaide had lost only 8 wickets for 147 runs. In this

match Jose took 6/88, Douglas, Bennett and Tregoning sharing the runs.

Millard (53) scored nearly half the side's total of 121 against Port in the next match, but even so, Gubbins, with 6/33, nearly pulled the match out of the fire, Port scoring only 125. 'Varsity, in their second innings, scored 5/95, Smart 43 n.o.

Still in the four, the match against West Torrens should have been an easy win, as they had three of their best players out. However, the side collapsed for 125 (Phil Ridings 6/12), and once again a too heavy task was thrown on the bowlers. The opening attack, Jose and Bennett, got 7 wickets between them to have W.T. 8/119, but they got the remainder, and instead of declaring immediately on a wicket which, although drying out after a heavy overnight rain, was still very tricky, batted on. Tregoning was content to let them stay there till the total was 229, and all hope of their getting an outright had passed. That they would have got an outright is fairly certain, as 'Varsity had lost 7/113 at stumps.

Tregoning returned to form with 124 n.o. against Woodville in a total of 3/344 against their 179. Bennett (52), Dalwood (47) and Linklater (39) were the only others to make many. Gubbins (4/33) was the most successful bowler.

A win against Glenelg, weakened by the loss of their three Shield players, would have made our inclusion in the final four certain, but Tregoning, with his overnight score at 98 n.o., delayed his declaration for 20 minutes, and this, together with two missed chances in the field, cost us four points, Glenelg (8/180 at stumps) in reply to our score of 5/307 (Tregoning 110 n.o., Bennett 59, Douglas and Millard, each 49).

The East Torrens match was drawn, 'Varsity (8/211) being given only 2½ hours to catch E.T.'s score of 295. Tregoning, with 79, was the only scorer of note for 'Varsity.

The match against Sturt, with no chance of reaching the four, developed into a farce, with Sturt scoring at will to get 6/334 in reply to 'Varsity's 127. Douglas (32) and Millard (30) were the only batsmen to show any resistance, and Gubbins and Linklater, with the unflattering figures of 2/97 and 2/80 respectively were the best bowlers.

And so, after being in the first four for most of the season, the team finally finished a poor sixth. The reason is fairly obvious. Although nearly all those in the team for their batting made one good score during the season, there was not one player, with the possible exception of Bennett, who could be relied on to make runs all the time, and match after match the bowlers, especially Jose and Gubbins, were forced to do too much in an effort to force a win. Jose, in particular, was bowled into the ground in the early part of the season, with disastrous results to the team. To ask an 18-year-old fast bowler to bowl 63.3 overs in his first three A grade games, including one opening stretch of 8 overs, is shortsighted to say the least.

Batting Averages		Bowling Averages	
Tregoning	60.9	Gubbins	15.4
Bennett	35.1	Jose	17.3
Douglas	25.7	Bennett	19.0
Linklater	23.1	Smart	25.2
Millard	23.1	Linklater	36.4
Smart	16.7	Tregoning	50.5
Selth	16.0		
Dalwood	14.9		
Gubbins	13.6		
Wilkin	10.0		

Wicketkeeping	
Selth (9 matches)	14 caught, 1 stumped.
Wilkin (1 match)	0 caught, 1 stumped.

catch to dismiss Kerr. How unpredictable are the ways of cricket when even the wise and hoary find their judgment thwarted before their eyes! Ingram had been unable to bat because of a broken hand. He was reputed to have discovered that fists and hotel door panels are not the most congenial of fellows. The match came to a muted end as Jose rooted out the tail-enders, and Adelaide won by an innings and 50 runs. Melbourne had not been outclassed, but they had been decidedly outplayed.

At a dinner held at the Napoleon after the match, amid numerous other pleasantries, Smart was presented by the Melbourne team with a memento of his success in the first innings. It was the ball with which he had taken his wickets, mounted and inscribed. Truly a very courteous and sportsmanlike gesture by the visitors.

The full scores were as follows:—

Adelaide—1st Innings	
Douglas, l.b.w., b. Spriggins	24
Linklater, b. Corder	124
Bennett, c. Moore, b. Kerr	0
Millard, l.b.w., b. Carter	129
Tregoning, n.o.	96
Smart, b. Ingram	33
Dalwood, c. Holten, b. Ingram	4
Wilkin, b. Kerr	1
Gubbins, l.b.w., b. Spriggins	34
Jose, c. Ingram, b. Kerr	4
Selth, l.b.w., b. Kerr	2
Sundries	44
Total	495

Fall of wickets: 68, 70, 277, 327, 387, 394, 395, 457, 480.

Bowling: Batten 0/42, Kerr 4/117, Carter 1/54, Spriggins 2/130, Holten

0/19, Ingram 2/69, Haysom 0/6, King 0/3, Corder 1/11.

Melbourne—1st Innings	
Moore, b. Jose	43
Carter, c. Douglas, b. Bennett	6
Wenzel, l.b.w., b. Linklater	45
Haysom, l.b.w., b. Smart	16
Kerr, b. Smart	5
Holten, b. Smart	0
King, n.o.	28
Corder, b. Smart	2
Ingram, b. Smart	0
Spriggins, c. Douglas, b. Linklater	6
Batten, c. Wilkin, b. Linklater	10
Sundries	13
Total	174

Fall of wickets: 8, 85, 115, 125, 125, 128, 130, 130, 143.

Bowling: Jose 1/38, Bennett 1/38, Gubbins 0/10, Tregoning 0/20, Linklater 3/38, Smart 5/11.

Melbourne—2nd Innings	
Carter, b. Jose	46
King, c. Wilkin, b. Smart	1
Wenzel, c. Gubbins, b. Bennett	16
Moore, l.b.w., b. Linklater	72
Haysom, b. Linklater	56
Kerr, c. Gubbins, b. Jose	29
Corder, c. and b. Jose	22
Holten, l.b.w., b. Jose	4
Spriggins, n.o.	5
Batten, b. Jose	0
Ingram, absent	0
Sundries	20
Total	271

Fall of wickets: 6, 43, 91, 201, 201, 254, 266, 267, 271.

Bowling: Jose 5/70, Bennett 1/52, Smart 1/30, Gubbins 0/31, Linklater 2/58, Tregoning 0/10.

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B GRADE RESULTS

University v. Prospect, December 6 and 13, 1947.—Prospect, 1st innings, 9/289, dec. (Kennett 7/65). University, 1st innings, 272 (Dalwood 110, Stagg 56, Whittle 27).

University v. Glenelg, December 20, 1947, and January 3, 1948.—University, 1st innings, 124 (Harvey n.o. 34). Glenelg, 1st innings, 3/269. University, 2nd innings, 5/133 (Stagg 37, Dewar 31).

University v. East Torrens, January 10, 1948.—University, 1st innings, 176 (Davies 53, O'Loughlin 26, Page 24). East Torrens, 1st innings, 6/257 (Page 3/57, Beard 2/36). University, 2nd innings, 2/47.

University v. Kensington.—January 26, 1948.—University, 1st innings, 234 (Harvey 80, Dewar n.o. 38, O'Loughlin 37, Davies 29). Kensington, 1st innings, 140 (Davies 3/46, Gurner 2/7, Hamilton 2/15, Page 2/41).

University v. Adelaide, January 31 and February 7.—Adelaide, 1st

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

1948 sees an invasion of the University by imported talent on a hitherto unprecedented scale.

Mr. H. W. Piper, no stranger to these walls (he graduated from here in 1939), returns to lecture in English after a spell in the Army and studying at Oxford. He is a Rhodes Scholar.

Mr. B. Downs, a Lancashire lad, comes to lecture in Mech. Engineering. He lectured in Liverpool, where he obtained his M.E. degree.

Dr. K. H. Pansaker, who attended Melbourne and Oxford, is being added to the strength of the Chem. department.

In the musical world, we find Professor Bishop, who becomes Elder Professor of Music, and takes over directorship of the Conservatorium, while Mr. C. Q. Williams is a new teacher of singing in the Conserv.

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innings, 275 (Page 5/49, Davies 3/80). University, 1st innings, 127 (O'Loughlin 32, Davies 27). University, 2nd innings, 6/163 (Whittle 45, Rooth 46, O'Loughlin n.o. 36, Harvey 21).

University v. Woodville, February 14 and 21, 1948.—Woodville, 1st innings, 247 (G. Hone 3/48, Page 2/18, Beard 2/34). University, 1st innings, 156 (Davies 58, Selth 29). Woodville, 2nd innings, 5/53 (Gurner 3/7, Williams 2/19).

University v. Prospect, February 28 and March 6, 1948.—Prospect, 1st innings, 4/292 (Fuller 3/55). (To be concluded).

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OVERWHELMING INTER-VARSITY CRICKET VICTORY

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO RECORD THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF THE LOCAL LADS IN THE 1947 CRICKET STRUGGLE WITH MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

THE Adelaide team compiled the record inter-varsity score of 495 runs in its first and only innings, and in turn outplayed the visiting batsmen, largely by dint of two sudden and inspired bowling performances by Smart and Jose. Two centuries, the first for many years in such games, were scored by Adelaide men.

For Adelaide, it was mainly a game of personalities, a game dominated by four or five individual performances. Yet neither was Lady Luck entirely unsympathetic towards us. Both Millard and Linklater were allowed to make centuries, though both must get credit for industry and skill. On the other hand, Melbourne mullered their catches, their bowlers beat the bat often without getting wickets, and their batting was not even punctuated by good fortune. At no stage, except one, did Adelaide appear to be in serious danger.

The game was fought with dire purpose by either side, but one gradually made ground and the other gradually lost it as the game progressed. Had the mathematicians gauged the tide of success by graph or some other soulless record, they could have shown but few descents in the ever ascending Adelaide line. Poor Melbourne took very few tricks at all. The game was won late on the second day when Smart, howling like a dervish, routed Melbourne's best for next to nothing, and on the third day when Jose repeated the dose.

MEN AND WEATHER

We were represented by J. Tregoning (captain), C. Bennett (vice-captain), H. Douglas, C. Millard, A. Jose, L. Smart, D. Selth, R. Linklater, G. Gubbins, P. Dalwood, J. Wilkin and K. O'Loughlin 12th, and Melbourne by D. Kerr (captain), R. Moore, L. Carter, T. L. King, D. Wenzel, M. Haysom, D. Corder, D. Holten, G. Spriggins, R. Batten and I. Ingram, with the inevitable and inimitable Alan Brudnell in close attendance.

The first day's play began in beautiful weather—warm, verging on the hot, with the oval looking its best for the visitors and the occasion. Those deep green trees backing the hockey ground and the tall poplars north of the pavilion were especially good. No doubt but that all inter-varsities should be played at Adelaide in early December, with just such weather and just such greenness as graced this particular occasion.

Douglas and Linklater sallied forth at the behest of skipper Tregoning, who won the toss, and settled down to the first few ceremonial overs. Their opening was in the best of taste, there being no startling occurrence early, unless it be that one or two balls from both Batten and Kerr got past the bat. The bowling looked quite respectable, with one or two obviously good ones to give the game a palatable appearance. Douglas put together a refined 24, with body and limbs always in correct position, and bat ever so perpendicular, before succumbing to a ball which took him leg before. Linklater meanwhile plodded carefully on, ever mindful of the seriousness of the occasion and never tempted into the error of rashness, but dealing successfully with the loose ones. After Douglas came Bennett who made an unfortunate mishit early, and was sent home without scoring. Adelaide's hopes looked fairly dull at this stage, with Millard preparing to face an attack which had its tail visibly erect. He took guard, scored 2, and all ap-

peared to be well; but then the air was shot with alarm when he offered a catch to slips which was not taken. Had the game been played in America one might have expected unrestrained weeping and gnashing of teeth in the Melbourne camp.

As it was, they pressed on without audible comment, in the best traditions of the game. Millard weathered the storm and eased the strain. Slowly he and Linklater got the better of the duel, and began to climb astride the bowling. Though he gave one or two more chances, Millard was the more entertaining of the two. Some of his straight drives off the slow men were gems. He moved out beautifully, left shoulder aggressively forward, and drove hard with a wristy swing of the bat. Always he appeared compact and resourceful as though holding



Millard and Linklater, would n't give up right to strike.

reserves of energy which were subdued only by the requirements of style and good taste. Millard and Linklater batted most of the remainder of the day. Bowlers and fieldsmen stuck to their task well, but the wicket was good and the batsmen careful. Melbourne was being stretched on the rack of attrition. Now and then an uncharitable hyena in the Zoo, like a sounding brass, laughed derisively at the sterile Melbourne effort. Kerr's bowling was always good. He bowled about 25 overs on the first day, and appeared to be the best of the trundlers; he was seldom loose, and made the batsmen play him with respect all day. His captaincy was also of a high order. Of course no captain can prevent or make amends for dropped catches, but Kerr appeared to make the best use of his material. Legitimately he tried everything to break the Linklater-Millard-Tregoning stranglehold, but just lacked the good fortune which sometimes carries a captain through. Only two men were not tried with the ball—one of these presumably because he might be seriously hampered by cumbersome gloves and pads.

A mild surprise was caused by Corder when he eventually bowled Linklater for 124. Tregoning came in and played out time. The two small boys on the scoreboard went home with a goodly supply of cake and gaseous drink on board, content in the peace of the just and in the knowledge of a good day's work done, and a good cause furthered.

DEBACLE

On the second day Tregoning settled down to an innings "tempered with daring and caution." Millard persevered and was rewarded with his century. It was particularly fitting that the man who had organised the practical arrangements for the game should make top score. When 129 Millard was found on examination to be leg before to Carter, whereat Smart came in and cleared the air with a few boundaries. He and Tregoning managed to make things hum until Smart was bowled by Ingram for a useful 33. Gubbins was the only other batsman to offer serious resistance, making 34 in capable style. Tregoning stayed on, squeezing the wicket of its runs, insisting on his pound of flesh. He was close to the century when Selth appeared, but unluckily the latter

tack which seemed to lack sting, and took the score to 2 for 115 before Linklater took a much needed wicket. Soon afterwards Moore was bowled by Jose and the drought had really broken. Meanwhile, Haysom had settled down nicely, and looked well set. At 125 for 4 Smart was given the ball, probably in the hope that he could keep down the runs while the regular trundlers refreshed themselves in slips or thereabouts. Consternation reigned in the Melbourne ranks when Smart took two wickets in his first over. He appeared to swing the old ball from the leg, aided by a slight cross wind, and he was able to muster enough pace and length to make the swing uncomfortable. He beat Haysom, Kerr, Holten, Corder and Ingram in quick succession for only a handful of runs, and virtually had the game won there and then. Linklater finished the tail-enders, and the innings closed at the sorry score of 174. Melbourne had been completely surprised by this Trojan horse in their midst, and by the end of the second day their fight was not for victory, but to avert a crushing defeat. At this stage they were losing all along the line, and only a strong rearguard action would save them.

DEBACLE CONTINUES

Once again, in Melbourne's second innings, the attack did not appear at first to be particularly venomous, and the early batsmen seemed to function comfortably. The unfortunate King was out to Smart's first ball, a full toss which he tried to hit out of the ground. Carter, Moore and Haysom all appeared to have little difficulty, but they all succumbed to the inevitable mistake—unhappy legacy of the Fall. Of course, the Adelaide men gave nothing away in the field. Haysom was unlucky to be dismissed by a ball which just displaced his bail—the sage in the white coat after much hesitation raised his finger.

With the score at three for 200, it looked as though the visitors would be able to play out time or, alternatively, make enough to stave off outright defeat. Hereabouts the tide again turned in our favor. A new ball was produced, and Jose proceeded to strike a purple patch, in which he routed the last four men with some particularly fine bowling.

He was fast, he made the ball swing late and made it lift—in fact, he did everything expected or asked of him, and more. He took one beautiful diving catch near the ground off his own bowling. When Tregoning moved Gubbins into silly point for Jose, a Professor was heard to express his disapproval with words to the effect that "the man was being wasted there," and "it wouldn't have happened in his day" (presumably Oxford, 1066). The Prof. was confounded a short time later when Gubbins took a neat

Melbourne opened disastrously. Lou Carter, for no apparent good reason, suddenly waved at a mediocre ball from Bennett and sent an easy catch to Douglas at cover. This was rubbing salt into the team's bleeding side. Moore and Wenzel continued confidently against at at-

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