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# UNIVERSITY MOBILISES

COMING hot on the heels of further international unrest, and the news that America is preparing to re-introduce conscription to save the peace, the announcement that the University Council has approved of the decision to form the Adelaide University Rifles is not without significance.

It is to be hoped that there will be peace in the world for a long time to come; but if not, it is best that we be prepared. And being prepared for war, we may yet save the peace.

The formation of the Adelaide University Rifles brings us in line with the leading English Universities, and with Sydney and Melbourne. Prior to the last war, the Sydney and Melbourne University Rifles were the crack units of their States' Militia, and were immediately converted into Officer Training Units at the outbreak of hostilities, and hundreds of students graduated to commissioned rank.

The formation of an A.U.R. will give an outlet of endeavor to many coming in from school who now tread the somewhat perverted paths of student politics as a means of expressing their personality. The aim of the unit will be to encourage those with cadet experience, and hold out the prospect of commissioned rank at the end of their training. The unit will be manned in its entirety by students from the University and the Teachers' Training College.

Though details of the unit are not finalised yet, the following points may be of interest:

(a) There will be very few, if any, night parades. Almost all the training will be carried out in camps over the holidays. So instead of working in a pickle factory, you can earn better money and have a darn good time.

(b) There will be full pay and allowances for the full training time, which is about thirty-six days in the year. If a student shows promise, and most do, he will be given the opportunity to gain promotion at other schools, arranged to suit the University syllabus, and full pay will apply for these schools as well.

(c) Though small, the unit will have specialist branches within it, to enable specialists such as Engineers, to do training in which their particular University course will aid them. The Army has been most liberal with its equipment, and aims to make the University Unit the show piece of South Australia. They will supply all transport.

(d) It will provide another string to many a student's bow, for there will be special opportunities on graduation from the University to become commissioned officers in Army Units where their professions apply. This is of particular interest to Engineers, Doctors, Dentists, etc.

(e) There will be no obligation to join the C.M.F. or the P.M.F. on graduation, and students may, on leaving the University, either be discharged or join any other unit they desire.

### Room for Other Services

The programme of training will assume that a student joining in his first year, and attending a camp on one holiday of each year, will have reached commissioned rank by the end of his course. The Army will probably give the unit the same establishment of officers as the Mel-

### MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

The Federal Government in establishing an Adelaide University Unit of the Commonwealth Militia Forces is giving an opportunity to the oncoming members of the University to keep alive the great traditions built up by their predecessors in the years 1939-45.

The Committee appointed by the Council to consider this proposal is confident that the new Unit will make a strong appeal to all, and particularly to those men who were too young to take part in the last war.

J. A. FITZHERBERT,  
Chairman of the Committee.

bourne University Rifles, which is some twenty per cent. more than normal. This offers increased opportunities to keen students.

Any ex-serviceman of the other services who considers joining may be interested in the news that if he held commissioned rank in another service, in all probability a basic school is all that will be required before he can join the Reserve of Officers.

The Army Camps offer a fine holiday on good pay, and Army life is a good life even if you are not particularly keen on soldiering. Students would do well to lift their heads a little from their textbooks, see the clouds on the horizon, and get in on the ground floor.

The unit will be raised in the very near future. A company strength (200) is aimed at, and to

## Six to Play with Olivier in Adelaide

Recently approached by the Old Vic Company for six extras, to act in Richard III with Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, the Student Theatre Group was almost too stunned to reply. But after much discussion the following were chosen: Bob Donaldson, Dell Crowther, Max Kerr, Barry Layton, Doug Taylor and John Merity. They comprise



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the most experienced actors in the Theatre Group, and this up-and-coming student show will reap full benefit from their experience. It is a great compliment to the Student Theatre Group that the Old Vic should have chosen its extras from them rather than from the many other groups in Adelaide, and a great reward for much hard and thankless work.

launch recruiting the Base Commandant will give a talk to all interested within the next week or so.

In the meantime, you are urged by the Council to think over the advantages, and find your own answer to the question: "Can I afford not to be in it?"

## LAW COMES TO THE WASTELANDS

Messrs. Choat, Waugh, Rocklin (absent) and Rook, who had business in the country (laughter), represented by Mr. Jackson were, on March 31, charged with, on or about March 18, having played cards on Union premises in the lounge of the George Murray Building.

The cases were heard by the S.R.C. Disciplinary Committee.

Messrs. Choat, Waugh and Rocklin were sentenced to exclusion from the George Murray Building for the rest of term, and to payment of a fine of ten shillings.

This action was endorsed by the S.R.C. and Mr. Rook's case was referred to the Union Council.

## Marathon Debates

The S.R.C. has been sitting for three nights last week, and will sit for a couple this week chiefly to confirm decisions made in Perth. Contentious international resolutions at the time of going to press had not been reached.

An S.R.C. member said: "I am waiting for news of a move from Prague of I.U.S. Headquarters."

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## "A FAIR GO"

I THINK it was Voltaire who said "I disagree with what you say, but I will fight to defend your right to say it," and if he didn't, some-one else did. It is a statement many of us might remember. It stands for free speech, for tolerance.

And tolerance seems to be a virtue many of us are in danger of losing. Political speakers always have a rough time at a University, for students feel their politics keenly. And there is nothing wrong with enthusiastic and intelligent opposition to any meeting. We can lose our rights just as easily through lethargy as intolerance.

But these days there are far too many adolescent and bigoted brats—brutes is nearer to it—who by their stupid behaviour at political meetings are giving the whole of the University a bad name.

Any-one with a viewpoint different to your own should be worth listening to, worth tolerating. So let us cultivate this art of tolerance. The University is no place for persecution. Let us give the different visionaries, dreamers, revolutionaries, politicians of all types and what not who come down here a fair hearing, and leave the interjections to those with something to say.

Let us grow up a little, and in the words of our betters "give the cow a fair go."  
—K.T.

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WE note the appearance of Student Forward, a paper so contemporary with us that it appeared on the same day as our first issue.

We were gratified at the circulation it achieved. To quote Bernard Shaw as quoted in this sheet, "Stalin and myself are the only men who know the true meaning of Communism."

The reading of such papers as Student Forward and observation of current phenomena will do much to amend this deplorable and dangerous state of affairs.  
—F.B.P.

## FINE ARTS MAKE FINE START

### STUDENT ORCHESTRA OUTSTANDING

The Fine Arts Society, a new organisation within the University, made its debut on March 23, in Elder Hall with a recital by the Conservatorium Student Orchestra. This, the first of the Society's functions, set a particularly high standard for future activities.

The programme included the Concerto Grosso for Strings by Vivaldi, On Hearing the First Cuckoo by Delius, and the ever popular, Merry Wives of Windsor Overture. The performance of these works has fully justified the revival of the Student Orchestra last year by Mr. Lloyd Davies. Miss Dorothy Sawtell led the orchestra, and her solo work in Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso was particularly noteworthy.

Mr. John Horner was also a performer or rather, entertainer, and gave a short talk on what he was pleased to call "inconsequential matter." Actually, he spoke on the possibilities of Australia developing a national form of music; he came to the conclusion that it could not, but that it didn't matter, anyway. He pointed out that the development of national music had been, in the past, a reaction against the long-standing

German superiority in that field, and could only take place where there was some sort of musical tradition in the form of folk-songs—obviously not in Australia.

### FORMATION OF CHOIR PLANNED

Last Wednesday, the Fine Arts Society entertained at lunch Dr. A. E. Floyd, well-known through the "Music Lover's Hour." At 1.30 he addressed a large body of students in the Lady Symon Hall. He talked about the Fine Arts in general, but quickly settled down to his own particular branch of them. His talk was both interesting and instructive.

After this address, Professor Bishop told the gathering of his intention of forming a University Choir. This step is in the tradition of English Universities, most of which have their own choirs.

The Fine Arts Society has made a most spectacular appearance in the University, and it is to be hoped that they will be able to live up to the high standard they have set themselves.

## CHECK UP WITHOUT CHEQUE UP

As Charlie Staircase strode into the ref, his anxious eyes beheld a vast multitude awaiting the lowering of the barrier for the lunch-time stakes—sorry, no eggs! That is probably why he read the notice-board and so learnt of the University Health Service. A combination of emptiness of stomach, curiosity and the word "Free" resulted in the appearance of Mr. Staircase for an appointment at the Health Office.

### A Lovely Nurse

Next day he punctually appeared at the chest clinic and was soon confronted by a lovely nurse with an oversize in needles. The Florence Nightingale explained that this was the Mantoux Test which determines the immunity an individual has established against T.B. Collecting a painless jab with the appropriate psychological wincing, Charlie moved across to the X-ray. This reveals (to the experienced eye) any trace of lung lesions caused by T.B.

Several days later Charlie reported back to the Health Office with a red weal at the site of the Mantoux injection. This, in conjunction with a negative X-ray, indicated freedom from, but some immunity to, tuberculosis. The attending doctor then proceeded to examine our worthy friend from temple to toe. Whilst prodding and probing the doctor answered Charlie's eager enquiries regarding his minor ailments and the effects of nicotine and alcohol. After a thorough overhaul, Staircase emerges happy in the knowledge that his eyes will withstand another burst

of study, and his body the strenuous season of ping-pong.

### Not Yet Appreciated

It is evident that students generally do not yet fully appreciate the opportunities offered by the Health Committee. You will all agree that health is the first wealth but many undergraduates did not avail themselves of the free over-haul last year.

### Meds. Predominate

Thanks mainly to a lecture by Dr. Cowan, medical students predominate in the increased response this year. The scheme aims primarily at prevention, particularly with regard to T.B., a potent destroyer and maimer of young people. Only by regular examination and early detection can this scourge be wiped out. A BCG vaccination, which has been used with outstanding success in Scandinavia, may be used to protect students unduly exposed to infection—particularly Meds.

Large numbers of students are suffering from minor remediable disabilities which can be quickly terminated by a visit to the Health Office. In this scheme, pioneered in Australian Universities by Adelaide, are all the advantages without the attendant disadvantages of Nationalised Medicine. Remember, disease is no respecter of persons or sex, so burly blokes and winsome women spare a few minutes to make an appointment at the Health Office outside the ref. Even now a T.B. bacilli may be gnawing at your lung—make an appointment NOW—be wise like Charlie and bring along your mates.  
E. SMITH.

### 100 YEARS AGO

From "On Dit" of March 15, 1948

FROM THE EDITORIAL: Our pleasure in welcoming new students is tempered by consideration of that to which we welcome them. Youthful enthusiasm is most refreshing, but how long will it survive in this bog of apathy, this cesspool of all the ills of man except the active vices?

NEWS ITEM: War veterans among the students expect little alleviation of the housing shortage, which is hampering the studies of the married men. Shortage of iron for door-knockers and horse-rationing is blamed. "There was plenty of iron at Crimea," said one veteran.

NOTICE: The Editor desires applications from students willing to assume the duty of Honorary Second to the Editor and staff. A knowledge of ballistics, bleeding and the burial service is preferable, but not essential.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Sir: If "On Dit" has not lifted itself from the scurrilous and disreputable rag which paraded its hackneyed disorder through last year by the appearance of the second issue this year, I serve formal notice that members of the Liberal Association will for once make of it a flaming torch of liberty.

Hon. Sec.  
SOCIAL NOTES: Who is the pale and interesting youth who is fluttering all hearts with the sight of his chin? There is something about a beard-less face. . . .

NOTE: The dangers to young women walking alone through the

### DOUBTFUL WELCOME

The Baltic immigrants who have come here from internment in prisoner-of-war and concentration camps seem to have encountered some tough nuts, and they might be excused for considering their welcome to Australia a doubtful privilege.

Numbering men or most professions, and many clerical workers, these seekers after a fresh start in life must put in two years laboring on Government or any unskilled manual work. Two more on top of all the years they have wasted.

It is no doubt a contract entered into before the Balts leave Europe, and we might say that it is quite legal. It is as legal as charging black market prices for any commodity, to demand these years from men who are desperate for opportunity in a country unravaged by war.

This was a bargain made with men "white for bliss, blind for sun and stunned for liberty," of the sort which, made with workers by a capitalist, would be reviled by our Socialist Government.

For two years they cannot settle in a home, cannot even settle in a camp with any certainty of staying there for any length of time. And Calwell thinks this refined version of slavery a most creditable thing to Australia.

They received as much decency as this from the authorities in Germany.

woods west of King William Street and near the Torrens Drain were stressed by police to-day.

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# WHO DO WE HELP WHEN WE HELP INDONESIA?

## STORMY SOCIALIST MEETING

### U.S.A. POLICY ATTACKED

**AMIDST** a barrage of interjections and ironical applause, the Socialist Club held its first lunch-hour meeting for the year on Tuesday, March 23, in the Lady Symon Hall. The speaker was the former Union President, Mr. Elliott Johnston, LL.B., and his subject, "Soviet Foreign Policy in Europe."

"The main outlines of Russia's foreign policy," Mr. Johnston said, "can be gauged from the line which she is adopting in Europe, because Europe to-day is the cockpit of a great struggle between two contending forces, represented on the one hand by America's Marshall Plan, and on the other by Soviet policy."

Russia has opposed the Marshall Plan consistently, not merely on account of the results it has brought about, but from its very inception when Molotov declared it to be unacceptable because (a) it took away the sovereign rights of the countries accepting it, and (b) its effect was to influence certain countries in a bloc way against certain other countries. At the Paris Conference in June, 1947, Mr. Molotov declared:

"It will lead to Britain, France and the group of countries which follow them, separating from the other States of Europe, which will split Europe into two groups of States and will create new difficulties in the mutual relations between them. In this event, American credits will serve the cause, not of the economic restoration of Europe, but of the utilisation of certain European countries against certain other European countries, in a manner which certain strong Powers striving for domination may consider advantageous to themselves."

#### MARSHALL PLAN SLATED

No one can deny that this is what has happened and that Molotov's warnings have been borne out by subsequent events. With the avowed aim of the Marshall Plan to alleviate the suffering of countries ravaged by war, we do not quarrel. The key to the rehabilitation of these countries is the restoration of their economies, but Marshall Aid consisting as it does of 80 per cent. export consumer goods will not achieve this object.

The U.S.A. is facing an impending economic crisis which is the same old crisis of over-production. The American capitalists realise this, and are consequently unwilling to extend production. They admit that the basis of the Marshall Plan is the need for foreign markets which are necessary to retain economic stability in America. Marshall Aid to Turkey consisted of hundreds of millions of dollars for the purpose of building airstrips suitable for planes carrying atomic bombs. (Loud dissension.) This was stated in Wilkie's column in the "Advertiser." The same paper admits that the present Greek Government, which is supported by America, is nothing but an outrageous dictatorship. The U.S.A. has directly interfered in the internal affairs of Italy by offering the return of Trieste in direct contravention of the peace treaty, as an inducement to Italy not to vote Communist at the forthcoming elections. The American foreign policy is depriving Marshall Aid countries of their national independence, and

is reducing them to the position of subsidiaries of the U.S.A.

#### INTERJECTORS ACTIVE

The Soviet foreign policy, which is in direct contrast to that of the U.S.A., is based upon three principles. Firstly, support for the United Nations Organisation. (Loud dissension and shouts, "What about the veto?"). The veto was instituted and agreed upon by Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, and has been used by most of the countries on the Security Council including America and Britain. Secondly, the establishment of a system of peace through U.N.O., and thirdly, a recognition of the equal rights of countries with whom the Soviet has dealings. (Further dissension and shouts, "What about Czechoslovakia?") I shall deal with that country later.

Economic recovery is proceeding much more quickly in Eastern Europe where the various countries are collaborating with Russia and each other to their mutual advantage. Russian grain is being sent to Eastern Europe while industries are being re-built and extended on the basis of Soviet production. Commerce and trade in Eastern Europe is upon a two-way basis between the various countries and their economies have been integrated. (Uproar—dispute over the contents of the "Advertiser." Mr. D. E. Thompson interpolates, "Hitler used the barter system.")

The U.S.A. policy, on the other hand, is to gain markets. America is a seller, not a buyer, whereas Russia both buys and sells. To sum up, the Soviet foreign policy is directed towards the support of U.N.O., the development of peaceful economic intercourse between nations based upon the strict recognition of sovereign rights and the furthering of the cause of peace. This is in strong contrast to American policy which seeks to whip up talk of war in order to prepare for war against Russia in an endeavour to destroy Socialism before it has further opportunities of proving its superiority.

At this juncture, the meeting was officially closed by the Chairman (Miss C. Ellis) who thanked the speaker and pointed out that, while there were many present both within and without the Socialist Club who did not agree with all that Mr. Johnston had said, it was desirable that students should hear and consider both sides of such an important question. Informal discussion then continued for over an hour, after which the speaker was permitted to leave unmolested.

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(By "B.D.")

THE A.S.L.F. official organ, "Student Forward" (March issue) contains an article headed by a sketch showing the snapping asunder of a chain binding manacled wrists. The urgent title, "Indonesia Calling!" proved an effective draw, for my war-time experiences of Sumatra, Java and the Singapore end of the Malayan Peninsula were sufficiently varied over the 3½-year period of captivity under the Japanese to arouse interest in post-war activities and writings concerning Indonesia, politically, socially, and economically.

Having read through this article, I felt rather perturbed and bewildered by earnestly written resolutions, undefinable definitions, and a fair sprinkling of clichés ineptly strung together. The ASLF, which "approves and pursues democratic self-government and self-determination for all peoples," is not going to stand by idly. . . . "If Indonesia is to achieve and maintain full independence they will need help now." "The efforts of ASLF and individual Labor Clubs . . . (together with the potential aid of A.S.C.M. and N.U.A.U.S.) . . . will be best expended . . . in seeing Indonesia free."

These are brave and bold words, but one wonders just how experienced was the writer concerning Indonesia and its immediate problems.

The tone of the article suggests that the political education of these millions will free them from their "bonds of servitude." If this assumption is correct, then what type of political education is to be handed out, in the case of Java, for example. Is it to be of such a kind as I saw instilled into young Indonesians at King William III School in Batavia by Japanese educationists? Is the desired blue-printed "knowledge" to be punched in in the Nippon method of repetitive drill, punctuated by questions, physical punishment for failure to absorb or respond readily? Is it to be a militarist system of education, of "forceful" propaganda, complete subordination and obedience, with no allowance for individuality of thought and expression? The most up-to-date example of this brand of education may be seen to-day in Czechoslovakia.

#### THE NEW EDUCATION

In Java the new education was impressed upon the plastic minds of selected groups of youths. "Asia for the Asiatics," "The Greater East Asia Co-operative Movement," plus the imposition of Nippon "culture" were the main headings in the propaganda plan of the Japanese militarists.

Dr. Soekarno, who had been banished to "Red Island" (near New Guinea) by the Dutch for subversive activities, was rescued by the Nipponese and created leader of the Jap. Puppet Government. He was taken to Japan for "further education" and instructions on "How to run a modern totalitarian State."

The youth of Indonesia responded magnificently. Someone was at last taking a keener and more urgent interest in them and giving them positions of responsibility in the industrial field. In the service of the Japanese Army, however, the scope of the responsibility was very limited, and most of those who joined the Indonesian National Army (i.e., were absorbed into the Jap. Imperial Force) found themselves used as spearheads of Jap. attacks, while others hacked the way through the jungles of Burma and Sumatra to enable white P.O.W.s to lay the new railway lines.

The Scout and other like movements were absorbed into Youth Labor Corps and military training camps. Their uniforms soon bore the "new look" of the Tojo-Soekarno militarism. National songs of the rice harvest festival, of simple vil-

lage life, and romantic ballads became warlike songs of deeds of valor wrought against the white man (the traditional enemy of Greater East Asia) and of praise and veneration for their kind "hosts" who were helping them to free their beloved country from the crushing yoke of the white man.

Freed from the brutally "protective" custodianship of the Japanese after 3½ years of dangerous education, Indonesia has embarked upon the nationalist ship of "self-government and self-determination." Who is the captain of this new voyager upon the stormy seas of international politics? None other than Dr. Soekarno!

#### GROWTH OF COMMUNISM

In trying to account for the steady growth of Communism in the South-West Pacific the question is asked, were the seeds already sown before the war?

One often saw displayed within our barbed wire confines such slogans as "Hidoep Rusland" (Long live Russia!) together with the symbolic hammer and sickle. But exhaustive conversation with many of the native P.O.W.s and with Menadonese, Ambonese, Chinese and Eurasians did not result in the discovery of any anti-democratic political philosophy. Rather one found a great and loving respect for Queen Wilhelmina—a passionate desire for democratic freedom to live their own lives, as a shopkeeper, as a worker, on any of the plantations, or in tilling and harvesting in the rice fields.

These natives of Indonesia, formerly in the Dutch Army and now Japanese captives, represented the more intelligent of the population, if only by reason of their training in the Army.

#### MINORITY MOVEMENT

Here it is necessary to stress to the uninitiated questioner of things Indonesian that their civilisation is not to be compared with ours, that their standard of living is infinitely lower; especially also, that their nationalist movement is fostered by the minority. The vast majority of the 80—90 million inhabitants of Indonesia care nothing for political philosophies, being content to live a simple existence. Again it is stressed that this is a generalisation—not a particularisation. Under such conditions, then, it is easy to foist a government upon a people who will, willy-nilly, accept it.

There is every reason to support the contention that the Dutch are the best colonisers in the world.

Before the Japanese spoliation and rape of the East Indies, good macadamised roads, engineering feats in bridge-building, and attractive homes were a few of the chief features of Dutch administration. The Javanese were educated in their own primary schools under trained Javanese teachers. Our first P.O.W. camp was the local primary school at Garolt before it was stripped of books, pencils, papers, etc. Glancing through pupils' note-books and text-books, and observing the aids used by teachers, it was felt that here was a standard of education in science and the arts that was at least approximating our own primary schools.

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# LAST WORD ON N.U.A.U.S. CONFERENCE

## S.A. DELEGATES AGAINST INCREASE IN C.R.T.S. ALLOWANCES

Was amazed to hear the South Australian block — Magarey, Roder and Smith—vote against a proposal that C.R.T.S. allowances be increased. Several representatives from Sydney and Melbourne said they personally knew students who had to give up their course, as their allowance was insufficient. Yet Magarey said the Ex-servicemen's Association at Adelaide was against an increase, and that he had been instructed by the Adelaide S.R.C. to oppose any increase. This rocked me, and when I tackled him afterwards, he told me that apart from his own influence, the S.R.C. had been influenced by its medical representatives, Kirby and Fleuckhan [both ex-servicemen living with parents]. It is just as well that their policy be made public. A few minutes later the S.A. block voted in favor of an increase in travelling allowances, having just voted against the increase in C.R.T.S. allowances. This inexplicable stand surely prejudiced South Australia's chances of a N.U.A.U.S. presidency, and more's the pity.

Kept awake most of one afternoon listening to a long-winded discussion on whether N.U.A.U.S. should join I.U.S. (International Union of Students) or some sinister-sounding body called "Woofdy" (World Union of Federated Students) 90 per cent. of University students, which includes me, say "Who cares?" It is about time we asked ourselves, what concrete benefits does the average student get out of N.U.A.U.S.? N.U.A.U.S. would be better employed in work useful and acceptable to the students of the Australian Universities. Instead of wasting time and our money with these grandiose and useless international youth bodies.

## TRAVEL

Most of what I heard there was bunk in varying degrees of purity, but one bright idea put forward may appeal to those wanting to travel in the long summer vacation. The New Zealand representatives are making plans to find jobs for up to 400 Australian students, and plan their vac. so that they see as much of N.Z. for as little as possible. They said it was quite possible to earn your ship fare, there and back, as well as all your living expenses, and have a jolly good time in the bargain. They want the N.U.A.U.S. people to reciprocate, but anyway, if you want a cheap holiday in N.Z., make up a group and let them know.

Noticed a fair amount of 'commo' influence there. One booklet prepared by them stank with the good old Marxian phrases, "imperialist domination in Indonesia," "proletariat dominated by reactionary groups," etc. Mr. Smith, one of our local hopes, who waves the red flag a fair bit, had put forward the startling proposal that all education be controlled by the Government. When it came up for discussion, I was hoping for a fiery plea from its author, defiance from the barricades idea, but Smithy was very subdued — said he thought it was perhaps a little premature, and withdrew the motion. Orders from Joe, perhaps.

Some enthusiast had tabled a motion that the students run their own wireless stations, but I never heard what happened to it. It was probably referred to a sub-committee. Perhaps the proposal that will interest the average student the most was this: In view of the serious anomalies existing in the size and nature of the receptacles supplied for the consumption of beer, that the principle of a standard measure should be adopted in all hotels throughout Australia. And that a sub-committee be established to investigate first-hand the details of all

the brands of beers, ales, lagers, pilseners and stouts produced in the Commonwealth and mandated territories, including quality, quantity produced and available, prices charged, and containing a table setting out the conversion factors from State to State. Such a table will facilitate the orientation of the interstate traveller with respect to these matters.

Further, that the council vote £801/4/3½ as expenses to the sub-committee.

If N.U.A.U.S. is to do any good this year, it must interest itself far more in down to earth student problems, instead of airy discussions on "Woofdy," etc. To obtain the respect of Senates and the recognition of students, it must have concrete proposals that will definitely aid Universities. This needs executive drive and a clear appreciation of what N.U.A.U.S. can do that will be of use to students. Otherwise the percentage of those disinterested will increase. And I am willing to bet that it will.

KEN TREGONNING.

Dear Mr. Tregonning,

Out of its own mouth your article condemns itself.

C.R.T.S. What do you want us to do? You quote the fact that "the Ex-servicemen's Association in Adelaide was against an increase." If

# THEATRE NIGHT

## SHEILA DAVIES OUTSTANDING

Adelaide has always rejoiced smugly in the appellation, "city of culture," yet, on Tuesday, March 16, when the Students' Theatre Group presented J. Vincent Carrol's "Shadow and Substance," the number of "freshers" and undergraduates present indicated a regrettable apathy towards one of the most important of the Arts.

The scene of this moving and controversial play is a little village in Ireland where progress conflicts with intellectual snobbery, arrogance and ignorance. Also, there is an appealing theme of simplicity and faith which gives food for thought—whatever one's creed may be.

R. Donaldson, a talented player, as the Canon, gave a very fair interpretation in this most difficult and exacting role, but, at times missed something of the pathos and irony so essential for this part.

Sheila Davies, in the role of Brigid, gave a performance of depth and sincerity far beyond anything expected from a young student with limited experience of the stage.

The rebel schoolmaster, O'Flingsley, played by F. Zeppel, was both convincing and sincere, but lacked fire sometimes.

Others players: M. Kerr, D. Taylor, M. Blackburn, K. Fielder, P. Lloyd, G. Laycock and R. Hall performed ably and well in parts which gave them limited scope.

Generally, there were a few faults, as is inevitable in a production of

## DEBATING—FOR THAT POISE AND PERSONALITY

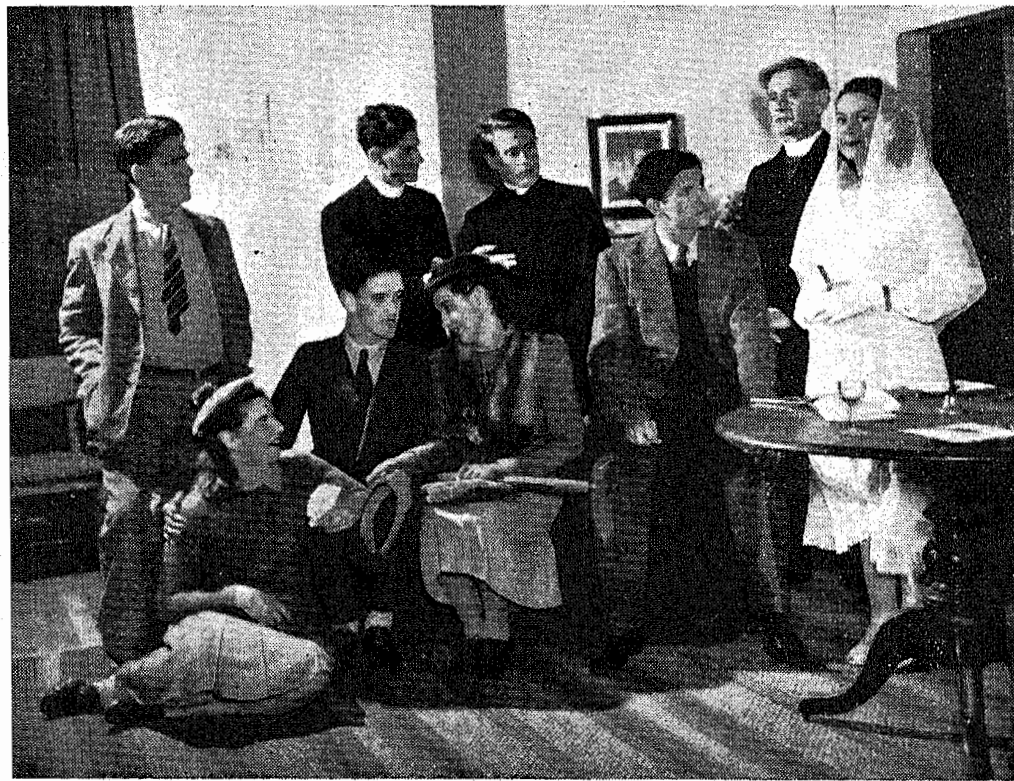
The 1948 Inter-Faculty Debating Competition will commence early in the first term. Debates will be held at 1.20 p.m. on Mondays in the Lady Symon Hall. Teams will consist of three speakers, each of whom will speak for five minutes with a final rebuttal speech of three minutes. All students who desire to participate should see their faculty society secretaries who are asked to lodge their team nominations immediately with the Debates Secretary, c/o S.R.C. Office.

In the August vacation, N.U.A.U.S. hopes to send an International Debating Team to New Zealand. This team will be selected in Melbourne next May. All debaters desiring to be considered for selection should give their names to the Debates Secretary.

The 1948 All Australian University Debating Conference will be held in Sydney in August under the auspices of N.U.A.U.S. Further information regarding debating may be obtained from the Secretary, Jeff Scott.

## LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of this society was held in the Lady Symon Hall on Wednesday, March 24. The Dean of the Faculty of Law (Prof. A. L. Campbell) was in the chair. The retiring secretary (Mr. Brian Magarey) in presenting his report reviewed the activities of the past year, and pointed out that the Law Students' Society was by far the best faculty society in the University. Mr. David O'Sullivan pre-



Cast of "Shadow and Substance."

we hadn't said so, both here and on the N.U. Council, it would simply have been false representation. Pleuckhan and Kirby and I simply presented a case for the A.U.D.S.S.A.'s attitude. Agreed, that it's a good thing to make the matter public; but why go out of your way in doing so to name S.R.C. reps. and imply that they are biased and perhaps insincere?

(In fact, you put a stronger case than we need. We only claimed that the A.U.D.S.S.A. did not support the Government for an increase.)

I.U.S. This "grandiose and useless international youth body" is directly responsible for the bright idea you begin to describe in the following sentence.

"concrete proposals." Ken Tolhurst, whom you met, if you remember, told the story of his hitch-hike to Canberra on behalf of the N.U. and his interviews with the M.H.R.s. You've just been discussing our attitude to one of the concrete proposals he put to Dedman.

You will find some more of these

this kind, like timing and enunciation—points which experience will remedy.

Finally, Producer Frank Johnston, whose efforts have done much to raise the standard of Adelaide's amateur circles, is to be congratulated upon having achieved such an unexpected and pleasing offering from the ranks of our students.

listed in the last issue of "On Dit." But I think you regard nothing as a concrete proposal which does not involve some immediately apprehensible physical or financial benefit. It may indeed be true that most students are like you, though I think you are unduly pessimistic on this score. But we only ask you for 1/9 a year. We are very earnest, and will not grossly mis-spell the money. I quote your editorial, "Let us give the . . . different visionaries . . . a fair hearing, and leave the interjections to those with something to say."

Yours, etc.,

KEVIN MAGAREY,

President, S.R.C.

sented the annual balance sheet which revealed a profit of 2/7.

A motion recommending that the committee hold the annual dance was defeated, as past dances had resulted in a financial loss. A Left Wing member pointed out that in any case "Saturday night is Palladium night."

Officers elected for 1948 were The Honorable The Chief Justice (Patron), Prof. Campbell (President), Mr. L. Kirkman (Secretary), Mr. K. Ward (Treasurer), Messrs. Fisher, Mellor, O'Sullivan, Hermes, Woodhouse and Moore (Committee).

Upon the conclusion of the official business the freshers were admitted to the Society in the traditional manner. All summarily refused to pay a contribution to the Queensland Strike Fund.

## NOTE THESE DATES

Monday, April 26. — S.C.M. Anzac Day. Hike. Watch for details.  
May 21—23. — S.C.M. Conference. Everyone welcome.  
End of Term.—Rugby Ball. Ditto.

# OFFENSIVE SMUGNESS INTRODUCING

## S.C.M. AND E.U.

For an all-time high in offensive smugness let there be nominated "Student Forward," March, 1948. This is the first number of the Australian Student Labor Federation newspaper. The constituents of this impressive cabal are the Labor and Socialist Clubs in Australian and New Zealand Universities. The cool assumption of superiority is written between every line, and is explicit in a generous proportion of the lines. "They (these clubs) have always been a rallying ground for progressive open-minded students." Thus the mutual back-slapping of these clear-eyed young realists is launched on a national level. And thus is perpetuated the legend that the contemptibles beyond the Socialist pale are shut-minded reactionaries, with a vested interest in the status quo.

### WHICH PHILOSOPHY?

"We are the only group to offer a coherent, consistent political and social philosophy in an obviously unsatisfactory world." This group includes "any brand of socialist, mostly Labor Party and/or Communist Party sympathisers," and it contemplates working with the S.C.M. To suggest that such a group could present one political and social philosophy, coherent or otherwise, is a staggering claim. But even if socialism could be tied down to one meaning, embracing the various shades of Labor opinion, and the tyrannically dictated and shifting Communist opinion, more than the say-so of enthusiasts is required to prove its coherence and consistence. Are Marxian socialists consistent when they hold that a man's opinions are absolutely conditioned by his economic situation, and yet proceed to blame and praise, to recommend their own opinion as "true," and to work to "free" the workers, whose freedom economic determinism denies? Are the fans of the dialectic consistent when they assume that their presiding destiny of history, the dialectic (which if it proves anything, proves the inevitability of class), is going to retire gracefully with the introduction of socialism in our time? Are socialists who seek the maximum extension of centralised economic control, consistent when they also seek a free classless society? Is socialism, that is not watered down to a praiseworthy solicitude for the weaker elements of society, but still purports to be an economic technique, consistent with the nature of man? Logic and facts give a negative answer to all those questions. But socialists as a class are above the ground of facts: they are airborne.

It is true that the socialists' appeal lies in the power to provide glib recipes for the free classless society, by reference to incantations about State ownership of the means of production. They have a plan, a response to the rather fatuous demand that everyone should be able to produce a cure for the major evils of an unsatisfactory world. But it is not to forfeit one's claim to intelligence to suggest that socialism is a wrong and unworkable plan, to suggest that socialist ideals would not survive the introduction of socialist theory, to suggest that propaganda for that plan is propaganda for a slave-compound State, that negates the very values the best socialists strive to implement.

### SMOKESCREEN

In a conglomeration like the A.S.L.F., the majority rule tends to become the rule of the organised minority. Among the contending groups, the best organised minority is the Communist one. The decent alternative is clear. Either the Communists should have the intestinal fortitude to come from behind the smoke-screen of the more civilised socialists. Or the more civilised

socialists, many of whom express opposition to Communism, might give indication of how they propose to avoid becoming stooges of the extreme left.

Some more particularised grouches include the following:—

i. This number of the paper follows with dog-like fidelity the current Communist Party line on issues domestic and international.

ii. I would object to the clumsy transposition of the class-war to the University. On this theory the vice-chancellors, aided by their advisers and staffs are an exploiting body. The students are the impeccable workers who have nothing to lose but their chains. All educational reforms are needed because of the all-round obliquity of the controllers, and the "system." Such a theory promotes distrust in a field where co-operation is of paramount importance. It also alienates those who will initiate whatever reforms are necessary, and who will have to administer the reformed system. One wonders, reading socialist literature, if authority is not evil as such, in the socialist view, and what transforming power is going to renew the authorities in the rash promised land of the future.

iii. I resent the colossal nerve of Russian students, writing impatiently to ask how long we are going to mess around before we Sovietise Australia. And the equal cheek of some Australian students passing on that impertinent suggestion to Australian students as a whole.

iv. I would point out the ridiculous statement that "socialists always want to be proved wrong." That is presumably why so many socialists rely upon the moral compulsion of their self-created prestige; why they meet objections as often by a survey of the economic, educational, or religious background of the objector, and when they have located the alleged conditioning factor, withdraw their attention; why they meet sustained objections by emotive epithets, ranging from "reactionary," and "Tory," to "Fascist."

v. I draw attention to the flatness of the humor, and the stale clichés of international socialism. One joke about Pushkin and Stalin would need a wealth of commentary to evoke a smile. One resolution could be matched the world over. Here it is: "This conference wishes to convey to socialist youth in other lands its desire for continued and better international youth co-operation in the interests of world peace, the defeat of capitalism, and the building of socialism. We call upon, etc."

vi. I was amazed at the "open hand" to the S.C.M. Surely the two organisations are working on different planes. Class bigotry is written all over the A.S.L.F. St. Paul, whom the S.C.M. would no doubt accept as a superior authority to the A.S.L.F. executive, saw it otherwise: "Herein there is not Gentile nor Jew, barbarian nor Scythian, bond or free, but Christ is all and in all." I can conceive of S.C.M. members who feel impelled in their political capacity to become socialist, but the suggestion that the two bodies have aims so close that they suggest themselves automatically as co-workers, as bodies, either enlarges the meaning of socialist, or restricts the meaning of Christian.

So much for some of the hard thoughts provoked by this paper. Among my friends, I have socialists to whom a lot of the above does not apply, who have integrity, sincerity, and a willingness to listen to argument. I believe they are wrong, but they are wrong in an approachable way. I cannot believe they can endure the character of their federal body, nor approve the production of such a thoroughly nasty piece of work as "Student Forward," Vol. I, No. I. —J.E.B.

There are so many Societies in the University whose acquaintance the fresher must make in one crowded week, that the existence of two separate religious bodies, namely, the Student Christian Movement and the Evangelical Union, is rather confusing. In an attempt to clear the air a little, these two societies have set out side by side some of the distinctions between them.

You may wish to belong to one or both, after a time, or you may not, but before you do join up with either of us, you would probably like to know something about what we do and why we do it.

## EARLY BEGINNINGS

To obtain a clear understanding of the division between the two societies we must consider their historical background. In Cambridge, in the year 1877, there came into existence a body of Christian students known as the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union, or the C.I.C.C.U., of which the basis of membership was the signing as a declaration of faith, the statement: "I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Saviour, my Lord, and my God."

Some years later, as a result of the spreading of the Student Volunteer Movement of America to England, there were formed similar groups in other Universities which were eventually co-ordinated in 1889 in the Student Christian Movement, with which C.I.C.C.U. became affiliated, while maintaining its identity. In later years the S.C.M., which had originally employed the membership basis of C.I.C.C.U., abandoned that basis in favor of a more inclusive one. This was done because consid-

erable numbers of church members, felt unhappy about the earlier predominance of one point of view with regard to the interpretation of the Scriptures and the approach to students. The C.I.C.C.U., dissatisfied with that move, after much contention, and at the advice of the General Secretary of the S.C.M., decided in 1909 to disaffiliate. In the next few years, other groups in other Universities followed the stand of C.I.C.C.U., and in 1919, at a conference held in England, the Inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions was constituted, upholding the traditional beliefs of C.I.C.C.U.

During the intervening years, the two organisations have grown and spread to practically every University in the world. Each body is part of a world-wide organisation, the E.U. of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (founded in Boston, 1947), and the S.C.M. of the World Student Christian Federation (founded in Sweden, 1895).

## E.U.

The truths which the E.U. hold as the essentials of the Christian Faith are based upon one first important belief—that the Bible, as originally given, is the inspired revelation of God Himself, through the agency of certain men, and is the "supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct."

From this first belief stem the various points of doctrine which constitute the basis of our Faith upon which the Union's aims and activities are founded. Paramount among these doctrinal points is the teaching of the existence, as a unity—God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each of Whom is active in the individual believer's experience. Believing it to be a basic part of Scriptural teaching, and knowing it to be true in individual experience, the E.U. firmly believes in the universal sinfulness of the nature of man which renders him subject to "the wrath and condemnation" of a Just and Holy God.

Redemption from this guilt is only procurable through the Sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who suffered on the Cross of Calvary as our representative and substitute.

As a fact of history and an important part of New Testament teaching, we hold a firm belief in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the individual experience of every believer, the work of the Holy Spirit is an acknowledged fact, as it is this agency which renders the Redemption effective in his experience through repentance and forgiveness, and provides the stimulus and ability to live consistently the Christ-like life. Since we believe in the Omniscience of God, and the numerous examples in Scripture of fulfilled prophecy support this belief, we look forward to the fulfilment of the Lord's own prophecy of His personal return to this earth.

Above all, as you will gather from the above statement, the E.U. holds that it is necessary to have a clearly stated basis of belief and activity. The Evangelical Union is based on the Truth of the Scriptures; it is not engaged in a vague

## THE S.C.M.

To its fellowship, the Student Christian Movement welcomes all students who are interested in the search for truth, whether it be through philosophy or the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

Here is opportunity for real discussion of science and religion, here is scope for hard and honest thinking, here is the way to find a faith which both reason and emotion can accept. We are a student movement and believe that all doctrines should be studied at the level of the highest University standards and be tested by every reasonable criterion, including the test of experience.

### I Believe—What?

But we are also a Christian movement, and actual membership of the S.C.M. is different from its fellowship. It presupposes a commitment to Christianity and the living of the Christian life, and a belief in Jesus Christ as the "supreme revelation of God and of true manhood." Such a faith requires the devotion of one's whole life to the service of God.

search for Truth, considering that the Truth has already been revealed and lies open to the sincerely enquiring mind as the Inspired Word of God. The established results of all independent enquiry have vindicated the Bible, and E.U. is confident that further enquiry can only further establish the veracity and authority of the Bible—the Inspired Word of God.

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# Social Notes

## THE COMMENCEMENT BALL

It seems our Social Editoress forgot the Commencement Ball turned on by the S.R.C., and which, so my co-editor tells me, must be mentioned. So for this issue only I take on the job of social writer. Just wait till I pin up my hair.

Now, let's see. How do you start? Flowers, I think, must be mentioned. They always are. Well, there were flowers there, down one end; lots of them. All the lassies on the S.R.C. stuck them there, and there they stayed. There were all colors. I liked those resembling red cauliflowers the best, easier to see. There were streamers, too, but that was later on.

## Women Wore Clothes

I think some of the guests were received by the Chancellor, but I missed out on that. I did offer to shake hands with some distinguished man; but all he wanted was 10/-. But I had a wonderful time, even though I missed out on a free ticket. (S.R.C., please note.) The music of course, was lousy, like all South Australian bands, but my partners more than made up for it. They were lovely! I hope I see them—and recognise them—around some time. Had one very nice dance with a girl wearing a lovely bracelet, can't remember what else. More women should wear do-da's like that. Saw some lovely freshers wearing different things, no strapless gowns or bare shoulders; perhaps they have all lost their tan, rather disappointing, anyway. Plenty of those screwy, half-way-up things.

## A Few Tails Were Seen

There were so many people, about 600, I believe. A drunk danced round three times before he could find room to fall down in. Saw a few suckers in tails—Charlie Burns was one—the wolf. Hardly recognised him—more often see him pushing in someone's face on a rugby field. But perhaps it was Jason Hopton—always get the two mixed. Forgotten now, guess it doesn't matter much. Rex Wallman was there, shooting an old Navy line at close quarters. Slick chick, too, wearing that stuff you do not have to wash or iron or something.

About two hundred men looked most distinctive in their blue suits with the pin stripe.

## Supper

Believe the WANS turned on an excellent supper for those who could get it, but the S.R.C. had never believed so many would come, and were about 200 out in their calculations. I was about the two-hundredth, and ended up having my supper well clear of the Union premises, 301 yards from any place of public amusement, all car lights turned on, facing Mecca, standing on my left leg and doing everything else you have to do in this wowseryish dump before you can drink someone else's beer. That served me for supper.

It was a pity the dance ended at twelve, I might have been able to remember a few of the Paris models I thought I saw, and there were lots of classy lassies I wanted to dance with, but slipped out on.

But, perhaps you'll all come to the Rugby Ball at the end of the term, huh?

## S.R.C.

### HOW TO MAKE IT AND HOW TO SHAKE IT

The functions of the S.R.C. are to represent students, and generally to promote the welfare and further the interests of students.

The composition of the S.R.C. may be seen from the list of current members published in our last issue.

Elections are held at the beginning of third term, and office is held from January 1 to December 31 of following year.

#### Sub-committees

House Committee for George Murray Building, Women's Union, Publications, N.U.A.U.S., and Disciplinary.

#### A.G.M.

Annual General Meeting of students to be held prior to April 15, and Annual Report and Balance Sheet of retiring S.R.C.

#### Special General Meetings

The President, or the majority, of S.R.C. may convene S.G.M.s.

At the written request of 20 students the Secretary must convene a Special General Meeting, provided that quorum of such meeting must include at least 15 of petitioning members.

Majority of two-thirds of students is necessary to pass resolutions at General Meetings. Thirty members shall form a quorum.

## INDONESIA

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Native houses were spic and span, and it was with pride that the owners offered their hospitality. Food was plentiful and, indeed, Indonesia was, for the Japanese, the granary of the Pacific.

## RUSSIAN AGENTS

One might say the Japanese trained the nationalists of to-day in the East Indies. But is not the growing Communistic trend indicative of the successful work of the internal and external agents of Russian Communism? Australian Communists have openly allied themselves with Indonesian Communists, being especially successful in preventing desperately needed medicines and Red Cross gear from being dispatched to Java at the close of the war when Dutch women and children were still languishing in internment camps under conditions as bad if not worse than many P.O.W. camps.

The ASLF desires that all Australian Universities should assist Indonesia to free herself from "imperialist bonds." One might ask just how is this to be done? What is the plan of action and what is the form of the bonds, if any?

One thinks of Russian imperialism to-day and the imposition of her particular brand of the "new education" in such countries as Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and most recently, Czechoslovakia.

By aiding the Nationalists, this is the type of imperialism that we are called upon to support in Indonesia.

Communism rejects Christianity, Mohammedanism, Buddhism and all other religious "isms." It works through Universities in the guise of academic sympathy and, assuming an alias, its reptilian coils seek to insinuate themselves among innocent groups and essentially pacific bodies as N.U.A.U.S., A.S.C.M., and University S.R.C.s.

## LIBERAL UNION FORMED

### CONSTITUTION ADOPTED— COMMITTEE FOR 1948 ELECTED —POLICY OUTLINED

At a meeting in the George Murray Hall in March, the Adelaide University Liberal Union came into being with the election of officers and adoption of a constitution. The constitution, drawn up by the interim committee prior to the meeting, was only adopted after a good deal of discussion and amendment.

The broad aims of the Liberal Union as laid down in their constitution are, firstly, to stimulate interest in public affairs within the University, and to educate members to take their place as politically well-informed members of the community by such means as addresses, discussions, and debates. Secondly, to express the liberal opinion of the University of Adelaide, whenever it seems necessary.

The Liberal Union, though not connected with any organisation, political or otherwise, outside the University, is definitely a political club. And broadly speaking it espouses the Liberal cause as it is understood in Australian politics.

From a practical point of view it proposes in 1948 to arrange addresses from prominent men of all political creeds. It also proposes to arrange debates in which several people from outside the University will take part, the rest of the speakers being members of the Liberal Union. In addition, it hopes to form a number of permanent committees each to study various important questions, such as "The Relations of Employer and Employee in Industry." Their conclusions will be presented at a general meeting of the Union at the end of the year.

The Liberal Union urges all members of the University whose political views are inclined towards liberalism, or those who are not satisfied with Socialism as presented in the University or in Australia, at the present time, to join the Liberal Union at once. The Liberal Union considers that it is no longer of any use to say that you are not interested in politics, because whether you like it or not, politics are very much interested in you. You can become a member by paying your membership fee of 2/6 to a member of the committee.

To the Editor,

Sir,—Ever since someone quoted the Bible to prove the earth was flat, it has been used to retard scientific progress. It has been a ball and chain around the foot of free and rational thought. Let the University demonstrate its progressive attitude by starting a movement to eradicate the Old Testament from our civilisation. It is no help—rather it's a hindrance—to the forward step of Science.

Yours sincerely,  
SCIENTIST.

## THE CHAIN-GANG

"Sydney University has produced an intellectual chain-gang," declared the State Minister for Housing (Mr. Clive Evatt) in an Orientation Week address. What's the man crying about? Adelaide Uni.'s chain-gang isn't even intellectual.

# BOOKS WANTED

The following books are urgently required, and are amongst those which will sell readily if brought into the book exchange:

- Black—Flora.
- Burnett—Greek Philosophy.
- Early Greek Philosophy.
- Caunt—An Introduction to Infinitesimal Calculus.
- Hedgecock—La France.
- Howchin—An Introduction to Geology.
- Kastner—A Book of French Verse.
- Livingstone—Portrait of Socrates.
- Taylor and Taylor—Elementary Physical Chemistry.
- Arey—Embryology.
- Cunningham—Anatomy.
- Cornille—Polyeucte.
- Clark—Inorganic Chemistry.
- Flenly and Weech—World History.
- Paris—Design of Machine Elements.
- Grant—Method of Anatomy.
- Grinter—Theory of Steel Structures.
- Humphries—Dynamics.
- Keynes—General Theory.
- Grierson—Metaphysical Lyrics.
- Murdoch—Oxford Book of Australian Verse.
- Maximow and Bloom—Histology.
- Maugham—Biology.
- Munro—History of Education.
- Peacock—English Verse.
- Parke and Hastwell—Textbook of Zoology.
- Rulleigh—Elements of Mineralogy.
- Robertson and Beard—Development of Modern Europe.
- Robinson—Medieval and Modern Times.
- Randall—Classification of Flowering Plants.
- Ranson—Anatomy of the Nervous System.
- Riggs and Frocht—Strength of Materials.
- Schultz—Development of Character.
- Shakespeare—Romeo and Juliet.
- King Lear.
- Tacticus—Histories.
- Tibbuls—Selections.
- Trewartha—Introduction to Weather and Climate.
- Topley and Wilson—Principles of Bacteriology and Immunity.
- Vercors—Le Silence de la Mer.
- Williams—Principles of Law of Real Property.
- Principles of Personal Property.
- Wasserman—Modern Political Doctrines.
- Robertson—History of Greece and Rome.

This is not by any means an exhaustive list. It is merely a list compiled from daily enquiries. If you want a book that is not on this list, come along and let us know, and we will publish it in our next list. Read this list carefully. Even if you don't do the subject, the book may be somewhere in your house. If you find it bring it along, don't leave it lying on the shelves.

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GRAY—Anatomy .....	6 2 6
IRISH—Practical Auditing .....	0 11 3
KNOWLES—The Australian Constitution .....	0 15 0
NORMAN AULT and ZAROSKY—Fundamentals of Machine Design .....	1 9 6
CLARK—Plane and Geodetic Surveying: Vol. I .....	2 14 0
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● that there are, contrary to popular belief, wastepaper baskets placed at strategic intervals around the place.

So please, in the interests of the Varsity community, DON'T leave your tables looking like a first-class pigsty. DON'T leave your cups and plates, your paper bags, milk labels and what-have-you scattered all over the lawns when you depart. Remember, as the actress said to the bishop, every little helps.

## PROTEST AGAINST INITIATIONS

At the first meeting of the Arts Association for 1948, Mr. Dunstan moved a protest motion against the initiation ceremony, and said that it should not be held.

Mr. Dunstan said the Arts Association was the "creme de la creme" of the Arts Faculty and that they and the Freshers present were moderately mature and represented an intellectual element which should be beyond initiations; "initiation ceremonies are a relic of medieval customs." The motion was seconded by Mr. Millhouse who spoke for a few minutes, but did not say anything in particular.

Earlier in the evening, the president, Mr. Forbes, said that the former function of the Arts Association in fostering the appreciation of the arts had been to a great extent taken over by the "Fine Arts Society," an affiliated Association with reciprocal membership; the main purpose of the Arts Association for 1948 was to be as a faculty society for the Arts Faculty—"the backbone of the University."

This would involve creating a common meeting ground for Arts students and a committee and representatives on the S.R.C. to foster their welfare (Mr. Gawne outlined the work of the S.R.C.)

Mr. Dunstan objected to this proposal and Mr. Magarey, who arrived late via the window, also objected. One point against the idea was—that Arts students and the As-

sociation as it stands can draw the intellectual element from other "technical faculties"; whereas if the faculty society became sectarian this would not be so. Mr. Magarey pointed out that the Art student was the common denominator for all other students, since his field, being more abstract and less technical, overlapped into many spheres. Mr. Gawne and Miss Cleland spoke against the motion, and it was put to the vote; and after defeat a "short and painless" initiation ceremony was carried out by Mr. Forbes, the president. Men and women freshers reverently swore the oath, with the printing of which Forbes refuses to be involved.

## SERVICE IN SCOTS' CHURCH

Every Tuesday morning the S.C.M. holds a short service in the South Hall of the Conservatorium. It is a.m., the S.C.M. will hold their de- usually led by one of the students, and everyone is welcome. We start at 8.40 a.m. sharp, and you will get away in time for that 9 o'clock lecture.

On Tuesday, April 13, at 8.30 votional service in Scots Church.

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## STICKS SCARCE--WARNING AT HOCKEY A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Hockey Club was held on Monday, March 22, with complete lack of procedure, and so naturally all the business was completed by 2 p.m.

Captain-coach Tregonning mentioned that hockey sticks will be scarce this year owing to the upheavals in India, so you should hunt around and try to obtain this lethal weapon as soon as possible. Tregonning will help new players with their choice of sticks.

1948 promises to place the Hockey Club once again in the position "it has always held as the biggest, brightest, and best sporting club at the University." Once again, we are fielding eight teams, so that if you are keen to play sport, hockey is the game for you, whether you have been at the Varsity for 10 years or for 10 minutes, whether you have played the game before or not.

Practice, as far as we know, will commence on the second Tuesday after Easter, and from then on, will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Keep watching the notice-board, and PLAY HOCKEY!

## FIRST SEASON OF WOMEN'S CRICKET

(From Ruth Dow, Hon. Sec. A.U.W.C.C.)

In its first season of cricket, the University women's team, only one member of which had played before, has played very well, although it has yet to win a match. At first the inexperience of the girls was very apparent, but during inter-varsity week the girls improved markedly, and should do much better next season.

As yet, the biggest weakness is in the bowling, the girls being unable to keep a reliable length and accuracy. Much careful practice by the potential bowlers would help in this sphere, and the girl who looks at mid-off as she delivers the ball must make a greater effort to look at the wicket she is trying to hit.

### Inter-varsity in Sydney

The inter-varsity in Sydney in January was the highlight of the season's activities. Sydney and Adelaide are the only Universities to have cricket clubs, so this meeting was the first of its kind, and we were all appreciative of the importance of the occasion. Adelaide were not outclassed as badly as we expected, although Sydney won both matches outright.

Results: Sydney 165 (R. Dow 6 for 40) and 2 for 80, defeated Adelaide 115 (L. Blanchard 27, C. Halls 25) and 116 (R. Dow 71). Sydney 182 (R. Dow 7 for 47) and 1 for 58 defeated Adelaide 102 (P. Fromen 40) and 58 (J. Moffat 18).

The Sydneyites gave us a wonderful week of sport, and we hope that we can give them an equally enjoyable inter-varsity here next season as they provided for us.

### Narrow Loss

Our nearest approach to a win in Association cricket was against Y.W.C.A. "Golds" when we failed by 6 runs to reach their first innings score of 138.

Players worthy of mention are Jo Kelly and Petrea Fromen, who were handy in all parts of the game, and Elaine Gibbs and Jeannie Moffat, who improved greatly as the season progressed. Mary Liston was at all times an outstanding fielder.

Lurline Barton and Ruth Dow are to be congratulated on being chosen as members of the State team which went to Melbourne to the interstate carnival in January.

Finally, we invite freshers and others who are interested to join us next season in the best summer sport for girls—cricket.

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## RUGBY'S AMBITIOUS PLANS

A dance at the end of first term, a lunch-hour revue early in the second term, and a monster bridge evening, were planned by the Rugby Club as ways of raising money for this year's inter-Varsity in Sydney.

At the recent A.G.M., attended by over 40 players and newcomers, Professor G. V. Portus (an ex-rugby international and Australian selector) was re-elected President. M. R. Hone and Tony Jose were appointed dance committee, and E. Smith the revue organiser. General committee elected was M. R. Hone, K. Tregonning, T. Jose, J. Forbes, M. Burton, J. Botham and J. Phoenix.

### Three Teams

The club plans to field three teams this season, and efforts are being made to entice freshers and others in to fill the ranks. Particularly welcome is the large number of recruits from St. Mark's. Dr. Grenfell-Price was elected a Vice-President on the strength of it.

Conciliation Commissioner J. Portus and Mr. M. R. Hone were appointed coaches, and it was decided training would be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, 5-6. The season commences on April 17.

## INTER-UNI. SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Swimming Club was re-formed, after a lapse during the war years, some three weeks before the final examinations in 1947. Unfortunately, this allowed very little time for effective re-organisation, but the natatorial enthusiasm of some club members led to the formation of a small team which made the trip to Sydney at its own expense. This last factor was unavoidable considering the circumstances, but it must be stressed that until funds be obtained—by some method or other—for inter-Varsity expenses, we cannot hope to send away a team of more than mediocre ability.

The four who went to Sydney—Cec. Maddern, Ross Duffy, John Callaghan and "Dutchy" Stoutjesdyk—set out with the sure knowledge that we were as babes compared with the swimming giants of other Universities. The aims of the team were three-fold:

- (1) to learn as much as possible about inter-Varsity swimming, and of the organisation and standards of the other clubs competing;
- (2) to see Sydney and live;
- (3) to swim.

### Next Inter-Varsity Here

Thus we were primarily a reconnaissance party, and by far the most important result of the trip was the information gleaned from our contact with swimmers from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. When a captains' meeting decided that the next inter-Varsity should be held in Adelaide, in January, 1949, the value of this information was enhanced tremendously.

Melbourne University won both the swimming and the water polo with convincing ease, and set a standard which it would be difficult to beat anywhere in this State. Perhaps the times listed below will help to qualify that last remark: Results:

- 110 yards freestyle: G. Stewart (M.), 64.2 sec.
- 220 yards freestyle: W. Orchard (M.), 2 min. 31.2 sec.
- 440 yards freestyle: W. Orchard (M.), 5 min. 26.1 sec.
- 110 yards backstroke: J. Thompson (M.), 1 min. 18.2 sec.
- 220 yards breaststroke: F. Lohring (M.), 3 min. 3.6 sec.
- 3-metre diving: A. Nathan (M.), 330 yards individual medley: P. Morrison (S.), 4 min. 36 sec.
- 550 yards freestyle relay: 1, Sydney, 2, Melbourne, 3, Brisbane; 5 min. 43.9 sec.
- 320 yards medley relay: 1, Mel-

## RISING INTEREST IN ATHLETICS

With State Championships at Wayville Oval on April 3 and 10, Varsity Sports Day, April 28, and Inter-Varsity Sports in Sydney on May 26 and 28, enthusiasm among Varsity athletes is very high.

The A.G.M. was held in the George Murray on March 18, and a good attendance showed that interest in athletics is rising.

Brokensha was elected secretary, and a committee of six was formed to run the Sports Day and other functions.

Inter-club scratch meetings have been held during the Christmas vacation, and due to the strenuous efforts of P. Brokensha and J. and P. Harbison, and later in the season, W. Proudman, N. Canny and H. Hillier, Varsity finished in third place, only three points behind the winners, St. Peter's Old Collegians.

### Training for 1952 Olympics

These first three athletes ran in anything from two to five events at every meeting, and to finish in third place was a very creditable performance.

## SOCCER

### MORE PLAYERS WANTED

The Annual General Meeting of the University Soccer Football Club was held on March 18. W. R. Geisler was re-elected president, and R. Casling, secretary. We intend fielding two teams again this year, but still want more recruits.

The number of teams playing in the Association has been increased by two, one of which is a re-formed 1st division team of several years ago.

We want both new recruits and barrackers. Anybody interested is asked to contact the president at room 105 in the School of Mines new building, or the secretary, by means of the Refectory letter boxes. Others who do not wish to play, but would like to come along and barrack, are welcome to do so. Often, the supporters of opposing teams are in the majority.

We also hope to play inter-Varsity soccer again, this year in Melbourne, and hope that Sydney will play. Last year we were beaten by Melbourne, but hope to do better this year.

For prospective players, registration forms are available from the secretary; the fee is 4/-, and insurance is 4/-. Practices are held on the main oval on Wednesday afternoons, so come along.

Be interested in the best—play or watch soccer.

Rex Wallman (featured in the Social Col.) is the only Varsity rower chosen for this year's South Australian King's Cup crew. He must be the first for a long time. He leaves for Hobart this week.

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If you walk up to a sporting type and find he is unable to speak to you, don't be alarmed. He is probably a cricketer, still waiting for his voice to come back after the Easter trip to Morgan. It seems they did nothing but sing, led by choirmaster Smith of St. Mark's, who is now organising a revue on the strength of his Easter experience.

bourne, 2, Sydney, 3, Brisbane; 3 min. 44 sec.

### Help Needed

Don't ask where we came, because we'd be embarrassed if you did. The team had an excellent holiday, learnt a lot, and now we're prepared to return the hospitality shown us by the Sydney club, and turn on an inter-Varsity competition here in Adelaide next season. To do this we need the co-operation of all the swimmers we have. Whether we get that co-operation or not, if you're a swimmer, depends largely on you.

This effort throughout the season has inspired Brokensha to train for the 1952 Olympic Decathlon.

Varsity will be represented in the State Championships by both senior and junior teams, and good results are expected. Visiting Varsity athletes John Treloar and John Bartram will also be competing.

### Inter-Varsity

The team for the inter-Varsity will be chosen on performances on Sports Day and on the inter-Varsity trials held in conjunction with the Women's Sports on May 6.

The programme for Sports Day is posted on the athletics notice-board, and entries may be handed to the committee or to the Union Office. Also there will be a table in the Refectory at lunchtime next week for receiving entries.

Training will be at 5 p.m. every night at the Varsity Oval.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

### BIG INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

The club enters into its second year with renewed confidence. The first practice held last Friday week brought to light a few players who will prove themselves a great asset to the club this year. Needs, ex-Scotch College athletic champion, from Western Australia, and Ken Tregonning, of Rugby fame, have joined the ranks. Forbes, another Rugby stalwart, has placed his name on the list. Irv. Marcus is once again in charge, and over the long vacation procured an American-type basketball which will be used in matches. Irv. is very keen to field a powerful inter-Varsity side this year, the carnival being held in Melbourne during the first vacation.

### Membership Increase Augurs Well

Club membership has increased to nearly forty players, and this augurs well for a successful season, which commences in the near future. There is a possibility that Varsity may field three teams this year, provided the Association will allow another grade in the competition.

The best news of the year concerns the report of the club's affiliation with the Sports Association, and the possibility of a basketball court being erected in the Varsity grounds. Here's to a successful year. Watch "On Dit" for further news!

We regret that the photograph printed with our article on Sir Hugh Cairns in our issue of March 15, was not in fact a photograph of Sir Hugh.

## Four States Coming for Inter-Uni. Football

The Annual General Meeting of the Football Club was held in the Refectory on Monday, March 22, at 7.30 p.m. Dr. C. B. Sangster presided.

Murray Holmes, the secretary for the 1947 season, read his report of the club's activities which was duly adopted.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for 1948. Dr. Sangster was again elected president, and several vice-presidents were also elected. Alex Tregonning was again elected practice captain. Before they could think of any good reason for refusing, Don Brebner and Colin Robertson found themselves secretary and assistant secretary respectively. As the inter-Varsity is to be played in Adelaide this year, an energetic social committee was appointed to take charge of that side of the club's activities this year. It was reported that Sydney would be sending a team to the Carnival this year for the first time, and so

## Random Harvest

A rugby note seems the best way of starting this year's Random Harvest, but it's a bitter blow that must be recorded. For Mick Hone, University captain and last year's outstanding player in S.A.—he won the fairest and best and was picked to play for N.S.W. against the All Blacks—hasn't recovered from a twisted knee, and will be out most of the year. The pack will miss his weight and speed, but there is one consolation. He plays a pretty good game from the side-line, too.

Chip. Tregonning, University hockey captain and the first Varsity player to be chosen to wear the green and gold of Australia since Doug and Jim Allen, in 1935, had a very unpleasant experience during his summer vacation, quite unconnected with hockey. Fishing from a reef at Rottnest, the island holiday resort of Western Australia, and crossing a deeper gap from one shallow reef to another, he was attacked by a ten-foot shark. It misjudged its snap a trifle, but bit him viciously in the knee. He gave a wild yell, and they both went for their lives. Chip fell on the sharp reef and further injured himself. The neat double circle of teeth marks around the patella (knee-cap to you) remained for several weeks, and he did quite well out of the phrase, "come home and see my scars." Alas, they have all gone now.

Hard court tennis enthusiasts may rejoice, for work will commence shortly on courts at the east end of the Benham buildings. But along with this news of more sporting facilities is the rumor that the University is in danger of losing some fields it has out at the Waite Park. Now untouched, the Sports Association is waiting for the Graduates' oval expenditure to drop before developing them as hockey fields and oval. But believe the Mitcham Council want to build on it. Let's hope they don't.

Ian Muecke, enthusiastic member of the South Australian bush hikers, and who has hiked over most of Tasmania, parts of Victoria and South Australia, and skied in Victoria during his holidays, wants to form a University branch of bush-walkers and skiers. If organised sport on Saturdays has little appeal to you, this sounds like a good idea. He has ambitious plans for the holidays, in which the Lake St. Claire district of Tasmania and the snow-covered slopes of Mt. Donna Buang in Victoria figure prominently. But the main function of the proposed club would be week-end and Sunday hikes in South Australia. All interested in starting such a club and falling in line with Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart Universities, should contact Ian Muecke, 3rd year Arts, or the "On Dit" office.