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VACATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

UNIVERSITY CLUB PLANNED

THE proposed club is in keeping with the traditions of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, where for many years the undergraduates have accepted the responsibility of giving children from the London and provincial slums a few weeks' care-free holiday by the sea. They recognised their sense of obligation to a community that had enabled them to take their somewhat privileged position at a University. This was one way of showing they were not indifferent to the squalor and inequality around them.

The only Australian University doing any social work at present is Western Australia. They have a boys' club that gives kids from the Perth slums a summer holiday in Bunbury, a sea-side resort. The club is run entirely by undergraduates in the long vacation.

I have made enquiries here, and everyone I have contacted has said what a worthwhile thing, what a necessary thing it is. We are fortunate in many ways, and I do think that by giving some kids who would not otherwise get away from their homes, a decent vacation by the sea, we would spend some of our vacation in a very essential service to the community, and at the same time enjoy ourselves immensely.

CHRISTIE'S BEACH

The Toc H people promised me their camp at Victor Harbour, and their support in any possible way. This camp can house under canvas 150 people, but a handier camp to any University Club would be the National Fitness camp now nearing completion at Christie's Beach. The buildings provided are converted army huts, which have been adapted to facilitate dining and sleeping accommodation for fifty people. By October, the water and sewerage will be laid on. There are two miles of wide sand and beach below the camp, making it ideal for children, say of 10-14 years old.

The use of this camp has been offered free to any University Boys' Club, by the National Fitness people.

APPEAL TO ALL

I hope that this suggested club will appeal to all sections of the University. Recently 150 men and women students filled in a form stating what they wanted out of life, and a large number stated they wanted work of use to the community. Here then is a chance to do it. I hope the ex-servicemen will back this scheme, as they realise perhaps more than others, that somehow a man's responsibility does not end

when he is discharged, and that merely winning a war is not the total of effort required to make this world a little better to live in. Mr. Apse, of the Physical Education, offered all his resources, and hoped it would have the support of many of his mob. To the S.C.M.ers, it offers a chance for a little bit of practical Christianity, and Med. students, some practical medicine.

To go into a summer camp with fifty or so kids is really an invigorating experience, and well worthwhile. There is no question of patronage or condescension about it, it's just downright fun, and a splendid way of spending that fortnight before Christmas. There could be no better way of linking the town with the gown, and a link that is sorely needed.

A DOZEN NEEDED

Though I have made a somewhat passionate appeal for help, a dozen or so students who are enthusiastic enough to tackle this is all that is

When asked to comment, Kevin Magarey, S.R.C. President, said, "What comment can you make on a scheme that is so obviously just a very good one in every way? I would like to be able to say that it will help the underprivileged students of Adelaide as well as the underprivileged children, in the same secondary way as W.S.R. does: by giving the sickly and half-starved Adelaide Students' Union some nourishment of the type it needs—another activity its members can all support together irrespective of Faculty or clique. . . ."

" . . . The only other thing I can say is that Adelaide students can't have any imagination if a service you can see the results of in front of your eyes, and doing which would be good fun into the bargain, doesn't catch on all round."

Interviewed after Mr. Magarey, the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. A. P. Rowe) heartily agreed with the S.R.C. President: "I hope most earnestly that this scheme will succeed," he said. "It will give me the greatest pleasure to come down and see the camp when it starts. I commend it to all students, and wish it every success."

needed for a start. The main task of organisation can be done after the exams, but we should get together once or twice before. But I do think this job is essentially worthwhile, and worthy of action.

There are many knotty points con-

PROCESSION A "MONTY" THIS YEAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

In common parlance, a "monty" means a roaring success: in turn that means this year's procession. All we need to achieve this is the willing co-operation of every Varsity student who has any spirit in him—and that means YOU.

Last year, "On Dit" was able to report feelingly that the "annual" procession was being revived and that "oldest inhabitant dimly recalls previous one"—by this they probably meant Len Perkins, who again has a finger in this year's procession pie. This year, however, it does not need to be revived, but only carried

any subject, which will amuse anybody with a greater mental age than 6, cannot be punched into shape for a Faculty float.

VEHICLES WANTED

Transport is one of the worst difficulties to overcome, since practically every "exhibit" needs some

PORTER AS MONTY



This was the hit of last year's procession — remember?

on with the same spirit that made it such a success last year—even City Council members were reported to have enjoyed it.

PROCESSION O.K.

The Council has finally granted permission for the S.R.C. to hold the procession during the lunch-hour of Friday, August 13. The procession will form up in front of the Physics building and move off at 1.15 p.m. following the same route as last year.

This annual event provides students with a sufficiently legal excuse to let their hair down, whether they're male, female or indifferent, and now is the time to prepare for it. Politics and politicians generally form the basis of many procession "exhibits," but there is no reason why

nected with the running of summer camps for kids, but with enthusiasm, we can do it.

If you have any ideas, if you want to be in this in any way, if you are prepared to help run it, come and see me, either in the Refectory or the "On Dit" office. It depends on you whether this flops, or is a success.

So let's make it a success.

Ken Tregonning.

kind of truck, trolley or other vehicle, which can be propelled by automotive, horse or human power. Anybody who can help in this regard will be welcomed with open arms by Faculty procession committees.

The S.R.C. has been asked to provide £20 for assistance in hiring vehicles for impecunious societies, but even if this is granted, it will not be sufficient for all the transport required—so it's up to YOU to find your own rolling stock.

PROCESSION DIRECTORY OF REPRESENTATIVES

In addition to the people below, ideas can be sent to the co-directors, c/o S.R.C.

- Engineers: Ian McBryde.
- Phys.Ed.: Jim Lean.
- St. Mark's: Don Bath.
- Science: Mac Cooper.
- Theatre Group: Geoff. Laycock.
- Pharmacy: Lou Lewis.
- Footlights Club: Peter Bateman.
- Physiotherapy: Edith Sims.
- Arts: Robert Dougherty.
- Dental Students: Ken Brown.
- Medicine: Bert Bailey.
- "On Dit": George Lyons?
- Liberal Club: ?
- Socialist Club: ?
- Law Society: ?

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ROBBED WITH PLEASURE

Walking down a discreetly lit corridor, I knocked on a heavy wooden door. From inside a stentorian voice shouted: "Come on in, sucker!" The door was well oiled, and sprang open to my touch. Crouched over a table inside was a large group of men and women, while a spinning wheel and a marked out cloth covered in money was mute evidence of their activities. A girl sidled up to me and said, "Buy a balloon, mister? Buy a pretty balloon to match my dress?" Another stuck a glass in one hand, a bottle of matches in the other and said, "6d. a guess!" From a nearby room I heard the rattle of dice and voice imploring some-one to "toss them sevens, doc!"

No, it wasn't the Sydney underworld, it was St. Ann's, where the girls put on the best organised and most enjoyable robbery I have ever seen. The evening was in aid of their candidate for the W.S.R. Miss University campaign, Judy Aitken, and was a great success.

DIABOLICAL PLAN

As part of their diabolical plan, the party had started at St. Mark's. Here you could obtain a glass or two of sherry, outstanding as being the only free thing offered to you all evening.

There was just enough to put you in a devil may care mood, not enough to send you to sleep. However, several of those at St. Mark's lived up to their Bondi tram reputations, and escaped with their pennies. Well, they missed a most enjoyable evening. Amongst those who shot through we noticed a large man wearing a ring through his nose and draped in a family heirloom, Carbine's horse rug. St. Mark's students are always hard to identify, they all look alike, but one student, the dead image of Ray Milland, was noticed wearing a nondescript sweater waiting to be finished, pants waiting to be pressed, and a coat waiting to be cleaned, with a girl waiting to be taken out. Believe he's concentrating on fourth year Med. And who was that lean, cadaverous student who eyed us all so unhappily from the doorway?

Then over to St. Ann's. Here you paid for every record—if you wished to dance; paid for every glass—if you wished to drink. Len Perkins and John Niencherken made sure all the girls lost their all-important last penny on the roulette wheel, and others charged you for table tennis, hockey, lucky dip, etc. There was no charge on breathing. Conversation was pretty free too, at times.

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WOMEN WANTED

Saturday, August 21, a night of celebration—be in it, folks. This is the night of the Intersvarsity Hockey Ball, being in the middle of both the vacation and the Intersvarsity Hockey Carnival. Come along, have a good time, and show our interstate visitors what Adelaide is really like.

We are all not fortunate enough to make an intersvarsity trip, but we can all actively participate in an Intersvarsity Carnival when it's held in our State. So come and watch our hockey giants do battle on the 'Varsity Oval, August 18 to 24. We won the cup last year and, with your cheering, we will have every chance this year.

Girls! You are indeed fortunate. Come down to the oval and meet 70 dashing young men from five States—all wanting a good time. Alternatively, join forces, band together, and descend on the Refectory on Saturday, August 21, where we will provide you with free gents, free tickets, free—? Give the interstate lads a let up and make them really feel they are away from home.

STUDY OVERSEAS

Any students proceeding or thinking of proceeding to Universities in U.S.A., Canada, or France, should note that the Registrar has received a letter from the Universities Commission setting out, in some detail, the cost of living for students in these countries.

These particulars can be seen at the Front Office by anyone interested.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations should go to Geoff Scott, who organised the debating this year. We have been vastly amused. But next year I would like to see subjects closer to a student's interest than some that have been debated this year. To be constructive, I would like to hear "Do we need a University Regiment?" "Should there be initiations for freshers?" or "Is the Health Service necessary?"

Yours, B. EDWARDS.

A scavenger hunt was a good excuse to sit in a car, but two enthusiasts rather over did it, by looking for 4d. tram tickets in King William Street. And did anybody ever collect any ants? And is it true Dr. Harding had a dice game going in her den, and made £10 for W.S.R.?

Anyway, it was all good fun, and the St. Ann's girls are to be congratulated on a fine show. We left poorer, but much happier people.

NEW THEATRE LEAGUE

The New Theatre League will present The Ascent of F6 at Stow Hall on July 28, 30, 31.

The Ascent of F6, a tragedy in two acts, was written by two of the brighter young playwrights of the post-war English scene—W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood. It was performed both by the Old Vic Company in England and the Theatre Guild in America.

The "Manchester Guardian" described this play as a sardonic charade, with its mixture of chorus and verse. The subject is topical, the matter trenchant, the construction free and easy.

In the leading roles are Rodney Hall, Odell Crowther, Lionel Williams, Ron Heiser, and Donald Porter. Other players are Lee Palmer, John Clayton, Betty Thompson, Staunton McNamara, John Kiley, Mary Warren, David Fisher, Rosemary Smith. The play is under the direction of Frank Bailey.

Admission is 2/-. Plans are at Cawthorne's.

"DUEL IN THE SUN"

In spite of repeated and excessive publicity this picture remains a rather dismal failure on Hollywood's part to provide a long-suffering and gullible public with something new and different in the line of Westerns. The same archaic scenes of galloping horses and railway pioneering are inflicted upon the audience together with the inimitable Hollywood touches of long-drawn-out and supposedly poignant love scenes, put in at many, if irregular, intervals to cater for the more moronic element of every community. It is to be admitted however, that the film is not altogether devoid of originality, the story itself exhibiting unusual and realistic touches of Western American life at the close of the nineteenth century.

Gregory Peck and Jennifer Jones contrived to irritate the Hay's office by supplying the inevitable love interest, although relentless censorship saw to it that only the barest innuendo was left for the expectant public to work upon for the controversial and much-publicised illicit love affair. The veteran actors, Lionel Barrymore, Joseph Cotten, Charles Bickford, Herbert Marshall, Harry Cotey and Lillian Gish were fobbed off with minor and insignificant roles not worthy of their talent.

If the story was realistic it was drab, if it was interesting it was improbable, and Gregory Peck is undeniably more suited to the role of a softly-spoken priest than that of a cold-blooded killer. The final scene from which the film drew its title, comprised of alternate shooting and mutual recriminations, which culminated in a blood-stained but passionate embrace. The inevitable prolongation of the climax was stretched out over an interminable fifteen minutes, until the hero and heroine cashed in their chips to the gratification of the tired audience.

"TEENAGER PROTEST"

Sir,—I think it about time the room at the entrance to the Refectory was given back to the undergraduate body. The ex-serviceman, it seems to me, does nothing but park his suitcase in there. It could be used for all sorts of meetings, and I think it about time the ex-serviceman was brought down to a level with the rest of us students.

Yours,
"OLD SCHOLAR."

Free Coca-Cola for Students

That's right, bub! Free Coca-Cola—as much as you can drink, will be given away at a special evening of films to be given by the Coca-Cola Company in the Refectory in the near future.

Announcing this the other day, lean, cadaverous Pres. Magarey of the S.R.C. said it's on the level, and only ten minutes of the programme will be occupied with telling you about Coca-Cola, and if we know our undergraduates, they'll burp their way through it anyhow.

Free supper will be provided, but "On Dit" understands that W.S.R. is trying to horn its way in here selling Welsh Rarebit, or some other thirst-provoking concoction, to aid to the gastronomic success of the evening.

Watch the notice-boards for further announcements about Coke—we repeat—Coke!

FILM EVENING

A programme of interesting COLORED FILMS will be shown by GEO. BOLTON

in
Eldcr Hall, on Friday, July 30,
at 8 p.m.
Admission 2/-.
In aid of Miss Engineering
W.S.R. Appeal.

PHYS.ED. FORUM

The installation of a "swearing-box" in the Phys.Ed. Common Room has the men walking around tight-lipped and silent. But for the fact that the proceeds are in aid of the W.S.R. the idea would have undoubtedly died a sudden and terrible death. As it is, Ag McCahey, the Phys.Ed. nominee, stands to raise the necessary spondulicks in record time.

Betty (alias "Ossie") Porter provided "one for the books" when she romped home for a place in the Biology Stakes recently. They say Doc Adey is still suffering from shock!

Hal Wollaston seems to have a touch of the cannibal in him. Last Tuesday, for no obvious reason, he saw fit to sink his fangs into Val Duffield's nose. Hal says everything just went black; Val says everything just went red, literally and metaphorically. There must be something in this "Three feet apart" slogan after all.

Frank Lonergan, after intensive research, claims to have discovered a panacea for all ills. After a probationary testing period, extended over eighteen months, Frank has decided the time is ripe to benefit the general public with his brain child. Those interested may see Frank devoting his free moments to his discovery at irregular hours during the day. Initiation into the secret may be gained for a nominal fee.

Adelaide's "Drama Festival" production

"I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE"

by J. B. Priestley.

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NOVEL EXPERIMENT WORTH TRYING

ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR FUTURE?

A very interesting experiment was carried out the other week, so interesting, in fact, that the editors of "On Dit" thought you might like to try it out on yourselves. Groups of fifty students, firstly from St. Mark's, then St. Ann's, and a motley crowd of non-residents, were asked to fill in quite anonymously, the form you see below.

"It is just a game," the eminent experimenter told them, handing each person the form below, "but one with a serious purpose. It is a game I once played during the war, when I suddenly realised that I had no clear idea of what sort of a job I wanted after the fighting had finished. In fact, I was rather like the average undergraduate. So I jotted down the various things I wanted out of life. You see them there below on the form. A job with a certain amount of Social Status, a certain amount of money and so on.

"Then with a maximum of ten, I marked down how much I wanted out of each of the items to bring me happiness." A blank form is attached for all readers to try this experiment themselves.

Explanation.

Perhaps I had best explain a few points before you start. By Social Status, I do not mean all or none. But rather if I was offered a job with perhaps a lower pay, but a higher Social Status. Would I take it? With Money, if I had a job at £600, for example, and was offered a different one at £800. Would I take it? Just how much does money mean to you? Or Social Status? A job of Service to the Community explains itself, I think. Congenial Society and conditions of work. Just how essential are these to you? By Place and People, I mean—to go to extremes—if I was offered a job in West Africa, would I take it? Is it essential for your happiness that you work in Adelaide, or with friends? If not, if you are prepared for a job in

Africa, mark yourself low accordingly. Interest in work, does not mean all or no interest at all, but could you tackle a life's work with just average interest, or do you need to be very keen? Leisure is apt to be confused with Personal Freedom, but are really different. A research man might labor all day and night, with no leisure, but have the utmost personal freedom. A hard working author has no leisure, while a tram conductor has lots of leisure, but very little personal freedom. All his actions are observed. He has little chance of initiative. How much do you want?

Now, mark yourself accordingly. Ten out of 10, 5 out of 10, 0 out of 10, etc. But be honest.

All Possible Jobs.

Then across the page jot down all the possible jobs you think you can obtain, or wish to obtain. I have attached a medical student from St. Mark's filled in form. You will see he has the chance of being a G.P. in the city, or the country, a specialist and so on. Now mark yourself, always remembering that the maximum you can give yourself is in the first column on the left. For example, the most this Med. student could give for Social Status was 8, which he gave to the G.P. in the country and the specialist, for 8 was the maximum he had allotted himself in the first column. This all needs very careful thought, so think slowly.

Interesting Results.

Some interesting points were noted when Mr. Lewis sorted the St. Mark's forms, and which I verified by checking the non-resident students. There

Variations.	Marks out of 10. Control.	G.P. City.	G.P. Coun-try.	Spec.	Teach-ing.	Re-search.
Social status	8	7	8	8	6	6
Money	8	6	7	8	6	5
Service to Community	9	8	9	7	6	6
Congenial society and conditions of work	10	8	7	10	9	8
Place and people	6	5	4	6	5	5
Interest in work	10	9	9	8	7	10
Leisure	5	2	3	5	4	2
Personal freedom	10	8	10	9	5	7
Totals	66	53	57	61	48	49

was a most surprising similarity between the two groups.

The most surprising thing was the very high mark allotted to "Service to the Community." At St. Mark's, 20 out of 50 anonymous students gave it 10, and though only 8 did of the 50 non-residents, the aggregate was within a few marks of one another, 416 to 404. St. Anne's was likewise high. This surely dispels the cynical saying that the modern-day youth has no ideals, no visions. Service to the Community, in fact, came third in the aggregate.

St. Mark's scores were: Interest in Work, 507; then Personal Freedom, 428; and then Service to the Community, 416. The St. Anne's and the non-resident aggregates had the same placings, and in fact there was very little difference. Money, as the main basis of a future, was, in every case, last (282 for St. Marks, 286 for the non-residents),

Leisure second last, and Place and People was third last. Only four people out of the 55 at St. Mark's gave it 10. If that means the others do not care if they do not spend the rest of their lives in Adelaide, they have my heartfelt agreement.

More men than women placed emphasis on Social Status being necessary for their happiness. Rather strange to me, I'd always thought women were the snobs.

As the Vice-Chancellor said—there I've let the cat out of the bag—this is only a game. But it's worth trying. It clarifies your hopes and dreams, if tackled in the right way.

Well, here is a blank form. Read the instructions again, and have a crack.

I forgot to tell you. To find the job you really want, after marking yourself most carefully, you add up, and the job with the highest marks is your job. Our medical friend, for example, came out top as a specialist. That, more than anything else, offered him the essentials of happiness.

Variable.	Marks out of 10.	Various Jobs.
Social Status		
Money		
Service to Community		
Personal freedom		
Congenial society and conditions in work		
Place and People		
Interest in work		
Leisure		

Law Showdown

SELF-HELP SCHEME

Way behind the august front of the Law Society there are low mutterings and rumblings, soon, we hope, to have an open airing. In fact, they will, on July 27, the date set for the Society's next meeting. Then a motion will be made and seconded to admit women Law students into the A.U.L.S.S. (two packets of twenties forming the valuable consideration).

One bright male suggested that one way to shake the prevailing lethargy on this subject is to ape the methods of the suffragettes. Fling ourselves under trains and what not. At which another gallant muttered, "It would be a damn good job if they did." In lieu of that, we will confine ourselves to facts, for the present, at any rate.

POINTS FOR

(1) The Law Society is the only Faculty society in the University that does not admit women members. Not only that, it is the only one of the Law Societies of the various Australian Universities that excludes them.

(2) There are over a dozen qualified women lawyers, and eight students going through at the present time, none of whom receive the benefit of hearing talks, debates, etc., on legal subjects (assuming they are beneficial).

(3) Every male student you ask—with the possible exception of a few die-hards—admits the justice of the women's claims.

(4) You would get some supper, and that would be a good thing.

Last, and most important, I have 2/6 at stake on the issue.

The only possible argument for the con side—that we can think of anyway—is that perhaps the presence of the female of the species may have an inhibiting effect on masculine freedom of speech. But don't worry, brothers, we are shock proof. Remember, we are allowed to frequent the Law Library!

The only photo. "On Dit" has of Mick Hone, who with Betty Porter did such a good job of organising the Refectory self-help scheme. The objective was two students for every hour from 2-6 from Monday to Friday, to help in the Refectory.



They found them, and more. Over fifty students have volunteered or been sucked in, and a roster system has now gone into operation. There are still a few gaps, however, on Friday afternoons, when help is still needed. So be in it—2/6 an hour.

IMPORTANT STUDENT MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the student members of the Adelaide University Union will be held in the Lady Symon Hall at 1.15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 1948.

Business

"To consider the failure of the student members of the Medical Faculty to nominate representatives for the S.R.C. by-election in Medicine."

JOHN H. RODER,
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Dr. Grenfell Price on Indonesia

Summary of a Talk to the International Relations Club

EVERYONE was agreed that the Dutch must ultimately leave Indonesia, including the Dutch, said Dr. Grenfell Price, speaking at a lunch-hour address to the International Relations Club last Monday; the question was, when? In the interest of the Indonesians, should the Dutch administration remain until native government was more stable and efficient?

Dr. Price began by saying that he had been asked to speak on the Foreign Policy of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but he had turned this subject down, as it was uncertain whether we had a British Commonwealth of Nations and whether it had a foreign policy. He had been in Indonesia, he said, only long enough to get the background of living standards, and the state of civilisation. But in the Dutch West Indies where he had done considerable research with the Rockefeller Foundation, he had formed the conclusion that the merits of Dutch and British administration was sound throughout, of French happy-go-lucky, and of American good only in exploitable areas.

THE REBOUND

The problem of this nation of 70 million people only a few hundred miles to the north of us was of fundamental importance to Australia, and must be looked on as part of the great Pacific and S. Asiatic problem of colored peoples, a thousand million of them or half the world's population. We have forced Western civilisation on them and are now getting the rebound and for this there were four main reasons. Firstly, we had adopted humanitarian ideas in our treatment of these people instead of the old doctrines of the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest—and students must decide for themselves whether in our interests the change had been a wise one. Secondly, the eastern nations had acquired our ideas and our methods of enforcing them, namely, modern weapons—of this Japan was the supreme example. Thirdly, and perhaps most important, the success of Japan had resulted in a loss of face for the Western nations. We tend to think that they were beaten; but the Indonesians say if one eastern nation on its own could drive us from the Pacific and keep us out for three years, what could an alliance of all eastern nations do? This was the background of the British loss of India and Burma. The fourth reason was the rise of Communism in Malaya and Indonesia.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Dr. Price outlined the physiography of the Indonesian Island including Borneo, the third island in the world, and Java, 600 miles by 50, with a population of 47½ million people, "emigrating, fortunately for us, to Sumatra." The characteristic of Indonesian physiography is intense life; for tens of miles out of Sourabaya the road seems a continuous street, with rice fields behind; corpses are buried to within three feet of the surface and children are seen fishing in the drains. Ethnologically Indonesia was a race of negro people over-run by two waves of Malayan Mongols. The country had suffered successive conquerors, bringing first Brahmanism, next Buddhism, and lastly not long before the Dutch, Islam.

Dutch rule, from 1602-1848, had been pure exploitation. The Dutch East India Company, which lasted until 1798 (when Indonesia was captured by the British under Sir Stam-

ford RaTles), had paid dividends which averaged out at 18 per cent. When the Dutch took over again in 1816 the mother country was bankrupt from the Napoleonic Wars and the period 1830-1860 saw exploitation at its crudest. The Dutch introduced the "Culture System" which was secret even in the mother country; all critics damn this system. In 1848 there was a liberal action against this, accelerated in 1860 by the publication of a novel by Max Havelaar, which did for Indonesia what "Uncle Tom's Cabin" did for American negro slaves. By 1910 a peaceful and efficient administration had been established. Finances were separated from the mother country in 1912; the value of exports rose; and the number of Europeans increased to 80,000, and they bore an increased share of the taxes. Progress was made from "Government of the Indies for the Indies" to "Self Government for the Indies." Here there were many problems. Who was to govern, the Indonesian aristocrats or the masses? What about the Indo-Europeans? the Chinese? the non-Javanese Indonesians?

Dr. Price gave an account of Indonesia during the last war, and of the present negotiations for independence. The Republic refuses to recognise the Cheribon Agreement, although they have signed it; they wanted control of the other islands, while the Dutch wanted the other islands to choose for themselves. Eventually the Dutch came into action; and it would appear from the fact that they do not desire intervention, that they are in a favorable position.

Australians, at any rate, were the last people who could criticise the Dutch administration. We have given the cruellest and the meanest treatment, both to our own aborigines and to the New Guinea natives whom we promised to benefit. In his summing up, Dr. Price commented on our lack of knowledge of matters so closely concerning us. Any Australian undergraduate in Arts knows more about the history of the Holy Roman Empire in the Middle Ages than about the 70 swarming millions now at our doorstep.

In reply to a question whether Australia should not maintain friendly relations with Indonesia with regard to their future independence, Dr. Price said that Australia had made many friendly gestures towards the new republic; and then by the clumsy actions such as returning to Malaya without their wives a dozen seamen who could have done no harm here, we had spoilt all the good effect.

WANTED!

At least a dozen students interested in writing or newspaper work. "On Dit" is badly in need of sub-editors, reporters and contributors. (Some say it badly needs an editor or two as well.)

We hope Medical students who have their exams. at the end of this term will come on the "On Dit" staff for the third term. The work is interesting, and you need do as little or as much as you wish. Freshers welcome. See K. Tregonning or B. Power.

Survey of Post-War China

Students Killed in Peking

(By Bill Bray)

Some three weeks ago two Manchurian students were shot, and eleven more severely wounded in Peking, because they demonstrated against conscription. This news made no impression either upon this University or Adelaide as a whole, such is our interest in students elsewhere and Chinese politics generally. It should, however, be of great interest to us, because two forms of government and therefore of life are locked in a struggle to the death in China, our over-populated Asiatic neighbor and ally. The outcome of this struggle will affect Australia profoundly, as it is already affecting Malaya, Burma, Viet Nam, and Indonesia, and, through them, Britain, France and Holland.

The fight in China is relatively uncomplicated. It is a direct struggle between Chiang Kia-shek's near Fascist group controlling the Kuomintang, and on the other side Communist Mao Tse Tung's peasant revolutionaries. All intermediates have been either absorbed, knocked out or ignored. Both sides claim to be the spiritual descendants of Sun Yat Sen's once unified Kuomintang, which, however, did not withstand the shock of his death, and split into Chiang Kia-shek's right wing and the Cantonese and Hunan left wing under Borodin, Mao Tse Tung and Chu Teh. Those briefly were the facts. On the other hand the Communists undoubtedly have far greater moral rights to the mantle of Sun Yat Sen, who spent his life attempting to wipe out by government and personal writing just those excesses which are to-day rampant in the Nationalist Government. Sun Yat Sen's three principals are more important than the fate of his originally revolutionary party—the Kuomintang, which is now as counter-revolutionary as Franco's Falange. Of the three principals—Nationalism, Democracy and the people's livelihood, only the first is likely to be achieved by Chiang and his followers. Under Mao Tse Tung's agrarian reform the last at least would be materially improved. As to democracy neither side would satisfy in its aims our idea as to its meaning.

THE FIFTH COLUMN

Inside Nationalist China all is not well. The left wing of the Kuomintang is increasing in power, and looks like splitting open that party like a rotten apple, in spite of Chiang's desperate totalitarian methods of polling and corrupt means of governing. Canton always smoulders in his rear, and has never forgotten her justly famous revolutionary past (she was the first Communist centre) and the ruthless suppression meted out to her during Chiang's anti-Communist crusade.

Students have the worst time of all and are constantly under suspicion. The Chinese Communists have gained a great deal from the mass movements of students to the Eighth Route Army and the New Fourth Army during the Sino-Japanese War, and it was from these students that the whole revolutionary movement gained its intellectual impulse in the political training of the early '40's. So now any student is under suspicion in South China and a nationalist expenditure on education is quite pitiful.

PERSONALITIES

Only a few of the old names are still on the personae dramatae of the Chinese stage. The intermediates of old like the "Young Marshal" and Feng "the Christian General" have fallen by the way-side in this struggle for dominance. The entire ineffectual existence of the Young Marshal culminated at the "Sian Incident," where both sides gave him up and stripped him of all virtues save those of an anti-Japanese. The main leaders on the Communist side to-day appear to be Mao Tse Tung and Chu Teh still, with the relative newcomer, Chou en Lai. Mao deserves some comment, as he would appear to be the only true peasant intellectual the revolutionary movement has thrown up in the world. His plan is a complete Bolshevisation of China with a few agrarian modifications, and all the old catch words.

Chu Teh is still commander of the armies as he was on the historic "Long March." This basketball playing former war-lord is the most popular of the Communist leaders. His chief delight seems to be in needling his enormous second in command, Ho Lung, whose personal habits are an army joke. Chou en Lai is a newer face risen since the good old days of the revolution. He is an intellectual with many languages to his credit, and a real understanding of Western and revolutionary thought. In several exchanges of rancorous opinion between him and Nationalist governor of Szechwan, Chang Chun, over the more or less passive body of mediator General George C. Marshall, the Nationalists came out somewhat second best.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

On the right we have but one dominant figure since the recent relative eclipse of the Soongs, that of Chiang Kia-shek. (How much he is influenced by Madame will not be discussed here.) "Peanut," as soured "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell preferred to call him, has one outstanding characteristic. He is as stubborn as a mule, whether this is due to his Methodist training or not would be hard to judge, though the two seem to be inextricably mixed. He rules his party, and that portion of his country left to him, with a firm hand, and the same amount of totalitarian histrionics with which we are now so familiar (latest exponents—General De Gaulle and Marshal Tito). He has done great things, but far outweighing them is the harm he has brought to his country through the endless civil war which liberal thought is unanimous in laying at his doorstep.

AMERICA AND CHINA

America is not over-fond of him, but he relies upon their dollars to keep going. Latest reports have it that America will have to spend twice the projected 338 million dollars to save Chiang's skin and China from the "Red Menace." She is unlikely to do so, and already appears only too willing to back out of her Chinese commitments; also, Communists' drives always carefully circumnavigate any cities containing American advisory groups, and the Communists have so far managed not to offend American interests. Stalin maintains relations (quite cordial) with Chiang, but at the first sign of a stable Communist government over most of China there is no doubt as to which direction that wind will blow. Also, although Mao sat as executive member of the Comintern from 1935-1943 he has not always been popular with that body, and was at one time earlier expelled from the Communist Party while still Chairman of the Chinese Communist Central Executive. All Manchuria now lies in the hands of the Communists. The Russians are mixed blessings to Chu Teh's men, for although they left them all the Japanese arms they could they also illegally and unjustifiably stripped Manchuria which Chu Teh now occupies. So love for the U.S.S.R. among the materialists of the Communist armies must be mixed with a little annoyance.

Whatever may happen in the meantime the final outcome seems clear. China is going Communist both by sympathy with Internationalist China, and by the overwhelming gains made by the Communist armies over the past two years.

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Tribute to Retiring Professor at Arts Dinner

At last Wednesday's Annual Dinner, James Forbes, Arts President, paid a short but sincere tribute to well loved Prof. G. V. Portus, who retires from the Chair of History and Political Science this year. Forbes said: "I don't want to speak about his erudition, that goes without saying in a University Professor. But I do want to pay tribute to those human qualities which have made him the friend of so many students."

"Prof. Portus not only looks down from his professorial high horse—he gets down from it, and with no loss of professorial dignity."

"His ability to maintain contact with his students whilst lecturing, and the air of authoritative informality and good humor which pervades his lectures, will long be remembered by them. As also will his accessibility and interest in students at all times."

"Above all I want to mention his interest in all types of extra-curricular activities, particularly in what used to vulgarly be called 'Pirk,' and now the International Relations Club, of which he is Patron, and the Rugby Club of which he is President. His participation in these things spring not only from a deep interest in them for their own sake, but from a firmly held belief that in a non-residential University such as ours, it is sport and to a lesser extent the other societies, which bring students from all Faculties together, and help to make it a University rather than a Technical College."

CREATED A PRECEDENT

"Prof. Portus puts his theories into practice. His participation is not a nominal but an active one. He takes the chair at meetings, gives advice, and can invariably be seen stamping

up and down the sideline on Saturday afternoon. He has created a precedent, and for that we are grateful."

"One little story to illustrate what I mean. About two minutes before the Arts Exam. results were posted in the vestibule of the main building last year, I was leaning against a post in a very peculiar state—alternating between the cold shivers of apprehension and the unhealthy heat of optimism. In any case, examination results comprised the whole limit of my understanding at that moment. Then along came Prof. Fortus, put his arm through mine, and walked me down the vestibule. This is it, I thought—nice of the old boy to break it gently. 'We won,' he said, 'by five wickets. Jose bowled magnificently,' released my arm, and passed on."

WORTH HEARING!

PROF. D. B. COPLAND will speak in the Bonython Hall on Monday, August 2, at 8 p.m., on "The American Economy and the World Economy."

Admission free. All welcome.

Debates Final Furore

Shooting Incidents

ACCOMPANIED by the roar of artillery salvos from the Chairman's .22, Law defeated Arts in the final of the 1948 Inter-Faculty Debates Contest, after denying "That You Can't Get a Man With a Gun."

The adjudicator (Mr. V. A. Edge-loc) reached his decision after tossing a coin. The scholastic dignity of this annual oratorical extravaganza was enhanced by a short Academic Procession through the Refectory headed by the colorful banner of the Faculty of Law, and gowned debaters.

Mr. Kevin Magarey opened by announcing that the team had attempted to divide the subject up so that Opie should do "get," Magarey do "a gun" and Forbes do "a man," but Forbes was not satisfied!

Mr. Jeff Scott (Law) said when he was "a man with a gun" during the war he had travelled from Melbourne through Adelaide to Perth in one week. In twenty years' time he would probably be a grandfather in three different States. It was thus quite possible "to get a man with gun." Mr. Scott based his case upon a quotation from Prof. Campbell's "Constitutional Law Notes," an authoritative work with which he was not familiar.

FORBES ON WOMEN

Sense of power, vanity, pride, spite, plain sensual gratification and the

desire to take him away from someone else, were, in Mr. Forbes' (Arts) opinion, a woman's principle motive in getting a man. All their forms of attack were cunningly designed to appeal to some part of man's basic make-up—his mettle, his chivalry or just the plain animal in him. But man reacted violently against the militant "gun" method. He became "truculent and defiant," and wouldn't be got.

"In the beginning woman came after man, and she's been after him ever since."

WHY THE BOTTLE?

Mr. Woodhouse (Law) pointed out that Magarey's virginity was not in danger from the Law team. Although the debate would only last forty minutes, Magarey was carrying a milk bottle; no doubt this was connected with his recent visit to a nearby hostelry. Time waits for no man.

The authority of Oscar Hammerstein, Jnr., was behind the Arts case, Roger Opie claimed, after pointing out that the opposition also lacked feminine pulchritude. Scott just looked that way.

He then mentioned several types of gun.

Sawn-off shotguns were unsuited for getting a man since the scattering of shot might get more than one man, which was immoral and illegal. Mobile flame-throwers were useless because the idea was, not to throw a flame, but to get one. Only Phys.Eds. could wield 13 in. field pieces and, in any case, this would be like arming Super-Fortresses with pea-shooters.

Replying for Law, Mr. Scott said that all was fair in love and war, and the methods were the same. Opie apparently preferred Hammerstein to Prof. Campbell. He agreed with Opie, but only because Hammerstein sang much better.

Magarey then warned the ladies not to be misled by Scott's specious arguments. Tregonnicologically "get" could only mean "get." The ladies must face the facts of life. Magarey then burst into the song, "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun."

Thanks are due to Misses Wauchope and Robin for supplying the gun and the men.

BUREAUCRACY?

Some clubs and societies and some S.R.C. officers are still using blackboards for publicity either in the Refectory foyer or outside the foyer door. They thus take a very unfair advantage of those societies which stick to the panel boards. More important, they prevent students from realising that the panel boards are the only place for notices other than To-day and To-morrow ones—which is essential if the panel boards are to become effective. Subject to advice from the Chairman of the Union Council on the S.R.C.'s power in this respect, I recommend "That clubs and societies, including the Sports Association, be reminded that blackboards cannot be used without special permission, and that the S.R.C. approves the action of the S.R.C. Director of Notice Boards in removing any blackboards used for publicity on Union premises,

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DEBATING TEAM SELECTED

OPIE FIGHTING FIT

The 1948 All-Australian University Debating Congress will be held in Sydney in August. Asked to comment on Adelaide's chances, leader Roger Opie said, "We shall be flat out to win in Sydney."

"One is invariably flat out in Sydney," added passionate orator, Jeff Scott with an impish smile.

The Adelaide University team, announced by the selector (Mr. V. A. Edgeloe) this week is as follows:—

ROGER OPIE (leader). An inter-varsity debater since 1945, Opie led Adelaide to victory and the Philippines Cup at Canberra in 1947. Although associated with the S.C.M. for many years he has a sincere and effective style which is somewhat reminiscent of the village idiot quoting Aristotle. His open child-like countenance is invaluable in competing against the dissolute Bohemianism of the eastern States. An authority on inner cleanliness.

CLARRIE HERMES (second speaker). Adelaide's new White Hope, though tinged with a certain rudeness, should stagger the Sydney boys or at least stagger with them. A dry and courtly legal humor cloaks a brilliant power of analysis. Hermes' benevolent capacity for cooing sweet nothings inevitably endears him to the feminine section of the audience.

JEFF SCOTT (whip). Having finally thrown off the fetters of legal restraint, Scott's impassioned oratory and earthy wit should prove eminently successful in the home town of his patron saints, Eddie Ward and Roy Rene. Another Canberra veteran, his style, described by himself as the epitomised quintessence of emotionalised rationalisation, has a marked effect on certain parsons. His offer to help Opie coach the women's hockey team while in Sydney has been unanimously rejected.

JIM FORBES (reserve). The solid and impressive weight of this speaker's oracular pronouncements should prove an adequate antidote to Scott's teetotalling ravings. A famous rugby player, Forbes can be relied upon to help Opie with the hockey team, Hermes with the beer and Scott with the Domain. Although not a man with a gun he trifles with rifles. An authority on Tregonnology.

Summary. The debaters should definitely win in Sydney, but anything could happen to the women's hockey team.

1949 N.U.A.U.S. Congress

The 1949 N.U.A.U.S. Congress is to be held at Tallebudgera Camp (Queensland) from January 15 to 24. This is a great opportunity for the expression of Queensland thought, and in view of the well-known Queensland views on N.U.A.U.S., etc., as many Adelaide students as possible are urged to attend, and to take with them constructive ideas.

It is understood that some Adelaide students intend to hitch-hike to the Congress.

CONFERENCE THEME

There has been no theme selected for the conference as yet—one suggestion received is "The Student in His Own Country."

The question of I.U.S. will no doubt come up again at the Congress and should provide an opportunity for much discussion.

The main item for the previous Congress was the Redrup Report. This report invoked a very lively discussion, and Mr. Redrup was faced by a barrage of questions from the students. Other highlights were the addresses by Vance Palmer on "Trends in Australian Literature"; by Prof. Wright on the new National University at Canberra; and by Mr. J. D. G. Medley on "Problems of Modern Universities."

The most encouraging aspect of the Congress was the keen interest shown by the students themselves in the discussions that followed the talks, and in the policy of the National Union.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A very important function of the Congress is to provide an environment in which students from all States can come together and turn

CASH FOR CHRISTMAS?

When the Christmas vacation begins bottlenecks are created by the large demand for employment and the particularised character of the industries that can absorb labor.

In order to satisfy all who are seeking vocational employment it is important that long range planning should be done now. A survey will be made of the avenues of employment suitable for students, and every effort made to meet the particular needs of applicants.

If you want to be sure of satisfactory employment, obtain the application form at the S.R.C. and send it to the S.R.C. Employment Officer.

This form may be used for the August vacation also.

VACATION CAMPS FOR REGIMENT

Training of the A.U.R. (Adelaide University Regiment) will probably commence next January, with a ten-day course for officers, N.C.O.s and selected privates, followed by 14 days of continuous training for everyone.

From then onward, the 12 days home training will be held in the May vacation, and the 14 days camp of continuous training in the January-February period of each year.

Rates of Pay

Recruit Private: 10/- per day.
Private: (one star, 11/-), (two star, 12/-), (three star, 13/-).
Corporal: (one star, 13/-), (two star, 15/-), (three star, 17/-).
Sergeant: (one star, 18/-).
In addition, a marriage allowance of 4/- per day is paid to married men in camp.

COST OF LIVING SURVEY

This term the N.U.A.U.S. is organising a cost of living survey of those students who are receiving assistance under the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Scheme.

Despite repeated requests to Professor Mills the Universities Commission has not agreed to supply the addresses of financially assisted students nor have they considered it wise to distribute the questionnaires. This policy is not difficult to understand. Therefore the only possible way of organising the scheme is for the questionnaire forms to be made available for C.F.A. students to voluntarily pick up and complete.

The forms have been carefully prepared and are made up in such a way that the person completing the form can have their anonymity preserved. There are nearly 250 students receiving assistance in Adelaide.

Why?

The National Union's policy is that the benefits should be liberalised. In particular that:

- the amount of the benefit should be increased;
- the means test should be liberalised to the extent of £150;
- the number of places should be increased from 729 per year for all of Australia (102 in Adelaide).

The present scheme is the result of an extension for five years only of the war-time assistance. In 1950 the present scheme will be abolished and a new one introduced.

To substantiate the N.U. claim for immediate changes and to collect data for preparing a comprehensive scheme to be introduced in 1950 it is absolutely vital that this survey be as successful as possible.

Similar forms are being distributed in other Universities, so please collect one from the S.R.C. office in the George Murray Building or from the Union Office.

their extra-curricular activities into a full-time course for ten days. No matter where a student's interest lay—in politics, literature, drama, music, wine, women or song—he will find those of a similar bent at Congress.

There will probably be dances and films arranged for every night and Tallebudgera affords ample facilities for such social events. The hitch-hiking facilities to Surfers' Paradise can also be borne in mind.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be limited to about 300, and the cost of the period will be about £3. The camp is an ideal site, and students will be housed four to a hut with beds supplied (but not bedding). The National Fitness Council is allowing N.U.A.U.S. to use its premises. There are more than ample sporting facilities, and the camp borders the surf.

CONCLUSIONS

Congress gives to students an idea of the set-up of student affairs and courses in other States, and the student is able to form an estimate of the worth of his own University in comparison with other States.

It can be expected that the annual Congress will play an even greater part in the functions of the National Union. It gives all students the chance to have a very cheap holiday at which they can learn much about interstate and international co-operation in a practical and enjoyable way.

Why not decide to come to the Congress?

Miss University Competition Great Success

The Director is now eating his words with a vengeance as the competition shows all the signs of being a roaring success. Since the last issue of "On Dit" nominations have poured in and we now have a total of 15 entrants. They are as follows:

Social Science and St. Ann's: Judy Aitken.
Arts: Helen Davidson.
Science and Pharmacy: Peggy Fearn.
Engineering: Pauline Begg.
Fine Arts Society: Pauline Dick.
Agricultural Science and Waite Institute: Shirley Barker.
St. Mark's: Nancy Totton.
Conservatorium: Natalie Sellick.
Physical Education: Agnes McCahey.
Teachers' College: Ruth Counsell, Joan Taylor, Mary Harrison.
S.C.M.: Josephine Kearney.
Aquinas Society: Terry Slattery.
Medicine: Pam Hicks.
Each Faculty, society and club have a great number of functions orga-

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We wish to thank these three firms very much for their most generous contributions to the competition, and W.S.R. as a whole.

A letter from Melbourne gives more news of the Australia-wide competition. Melbourne University hopes to raise £1,500 by their appeal. The final judging is to take place on Friday, August 27, at a ball to be held at Earl's Court, St. Kilda. Prizes for the Australia-wide contest are:

1st prize: A return trip to New Zealand together with a cheque for twenty pounds.
2nd prize: An outfit of clothes, shoes, stockings, etc., to the value of £40.
3rd prize: Accessories — handbag, stockings, etc.

The nomination of candidates has now closed, and the campaign itself closes on Tuesday, August 3, that is to say, all money has to be in to the director on August 3 so that elimination may be carried out for the judging. The eight finalists will be posted on the Miss University notice-board on the morning of Wednesday, August 7.

THE PORTUS CASE

It's a case of nobody knowing when Prof. Portus will speak on "Thinkers With Blinkers." There seems to be another spoke in the wheel. Anyhow he will speak some time next term—we hope.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE

August 16—19, at Belair; subject: "The University." Conference forms with all information now available from committee members. Hurry up and get one.



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nised, and we hope that you have and will patronise them as much as possible. The State prizes have now been stabilised. They will be:

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Surely there are sixteen students who will not allow this slur on the manhood of our University to remain? Surely there are sixteen athletic stalwarts who consider acting as partners to a bevy of beautiful creatures in a couple of dance routines in the Footlights Revue a small penance to perform, when the reward is the delights, the social amenities, the mental stimulation afforded by the companionship of the aforesaid bevy of beauts.—pardon—beauties.

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Her pupils, too, have a theme song, "Eileen Gropler taught me to gavotte in a jump, skip and a hop." This then, is your opportunity to become a social success, obtain plenty of healthy exercise, develop new "interests" (of a range hitherto undreamed of by yourself), and have a — of a time doing it.

So, gentlemen of the University, if you wish to get into "show business," if the prospect of getting "hep" is one that you find attractive, shuffle off to the George Murray Hall during the lunch hour next Wednesday or Friday. Gropler's Glamour Girls of the Footlights Club will welcome you with open arms. Whacko!

There's no truth in the rumor that "Dumbo" is to be presented in the Footlights Revue at the end of the year with Magarey in the title role.
FRANK ZEPPEL.

SABBATH SORTIES

A couple of Sundays ago the two residential Colleges staged a battle of the sexes in a corner of the Varsity Oval. The pomme de discorde was nominally a basketball, but other motives seemed to creep in from time to time. Joyce Sampson's legal training stood her in good stead as umpire and officer in charge of disentanglement, although it was a pity that she kept those juicy judicial oaths under her breath. The doughty Durdin, as male full-forward, played well above himself, and all others, dropping the ball through the goal-hoop with incredible accuracy. A petulant Porter hammered ineffectually at his lower ribs, and served at other times as a cushioning effect when the mighty warrior fell. Millhouse and Yin, we regret to say, were suffering from a delusion: just because they were in the defence area, they decided they had eyes both fore and aft. It soon became apparent (to all but these two) that such was not the case. Athalie Banks and Fay Harding kept them back to front throughout the game, thus scoring female goals galore. However, the males panted hard and pulled off a victory of 16 to 11.

En route to afternoon tea at St. Ann's, Bob Mohr exhibited proof of masculinity by hurling one of the girls to the ground. If you took my view, it was proof of . . . well, NOT masculinity.

A most welcome afternoon tea was put on by the girls, soon polished off by the ravenous horde from St. Mark's. The battle ceased at six o'clock.

FOOTBALL STAGES COME BACK

It has been the custom of Varsity football teams of recent years to win the majority of their matches. This has probably been due to a comparatively high standard of the average ability of players.

At all events the lowest common multiple has been fairly respectable. And this year's team at the start of the season appeared to be no exception to the general rule as regards ability. But before meeting Exeter at Varsity Oval on July 10, it had suffered three defeats for the season, all of which were the result of disappointing performances. It began to appear that there was some serious chink in this year's armor. Talents were being buried and lights hid beneath a bushel.

But fears were allayed and doubts dispelled when the previously undefeated Exeter team suffered its first reverse at the hands of a revitalised Varsity combination. After trailing most of the way, the home team finished with a strong burst, to win 8—13 to 7—7. Exeter struggled long and hard, but eventually the Varsity backmen seized it by the neck and led it chained and bowed to the block, where a coup de grace was administered in dashing style by the Varsity forwards. An enthusiastic band of Varsity supporters gave a genteel version of a Tower Hill mob enjoying the gory sport.

Only a stout-hearted Varsity defence save the side from having to face a big deficit in the second half. It was as though Varsity was on the losing end of a tug-o-war and being hauled gradually across the line. When Don Brebner, who had been doggedly resisting the Exeter attack at centre-half back, went down with a clout in the eye just before the half-time bell, all was not well. Breb's social popularity was not the only thing endangered.

For the second half Og. Woodward was moved to centre to quieten Exeter's most valuable man. This he did with marked success, and in addition lent much assistance to the Varsity attack.

At the end of three-quarter time only a few points separated the teams, with Exeter still a little in front. The same even struggle persisted during the first ten minutes of the last quarter—neither side could gain the slight ascendancy needed to win. But when Peter

Butterworth dropped in a thirty-yard, left-foot goal, the black and white tail rose appreciably. Exeter, however, were not to be bluffed out of it. They swung the ball back to their attacking area, and almost scored. The rock-like defence and sustained speed of Chud Dewar, Don Brebner, Ken Seedsman and Murray Holmes, turned them back, and Varsity supporters breathed again. Digby Harris marked a few yards from goal at an acute angle, and before the opposition had time to grasp the awful meaning of it all, raced in to score a further goal, which put the final result beyond doubt. A few odd Varsity points which followed were as silver studs, daintily sealing the Exeter coffin.

Goal-kickers: Harris, Davies (2 each), Day, Butterworth, Basheer and Elix (1 each).

Best: Woodward, Holmes, Dewar, Brebner, Robinson, Basheer.

COL. LIGHT SQUASHED

Due to the presence in the bus of two of the team's charming and beautiful Tasmanian acquaintances, the trip out to Mortlock Oval to play Colonel Light on July 17 was more than usually pleasant. Small wonder that Varsity won easily, 14—13 to 7—6.

During the first quarter the blacks played like a team of indolent clots. But as Varsity settled down to the strange conditions, it began to exert a growing influence on proceedings, and eventually coasted home to a comfortable win. Don Brebner was again as safe as a church at centre-half back. Ruckmen Don Robinson, Dig. Harris and Bill Holland did many good and useful things. The entire Varsity line across centre functioned very efficiently. Ross Duffy at half back rarely put a foot wrong all day.

After the final bell hot tea and buttered scones were served to a surprised but grateful Varsity team. The return trip to the city was even more pleasant than that from the city, and for the same reason.

Much valuable time was wasted by a bus driver who showed a shocking ignorance of the whereabouts of the Hyde Park hostelry.

Goal-kickers: Michelmore (5), Day (3), Harris and O'Loughlin (each 2), Davies and Holland (each 1).

Best: Brebner, Duffy, Woodward, Harris, Tregonning and Robinson.
—K.T.O'L.

TO-NIGHT!

Peggy Fearn will sing at the South Hall of the Conservatorium on behalf of W.S.R.
All students and friends invited.

VARSIITY SHOOT WELL

A practice day was held last Saturday. The light was not good early in the afternoon and the wind was varying slightly, although never high. Later, however, the wind almost died away, the light improved immensely, and apart from the cold, the conditions were very nearly perfect.

Tonkin came back on to his usual form with a 38 followed by a most unlucky 39, while Jim Michael was unlucky to put a 2 into his first round, thus reducing it to a 36.

Mr. Mattingly, a member of the club in its pre-war days, came down to have a look at things, and despite a strange rifle and no practice, scored quite well. Another visitor was Bob Gillen, who was not terribly happy

about slings and triggers, or Michael Kempe's rifle. Doug Provis suddenly struck form on his second round, and fired a beautiful 39, but his first round more or less prevented his total from being as good as his last score suggested.

Practice at 700 yds.:

A. Tonkin	38	39	77
G. Harry	38	38	76
J. Michael	36	37	73
M. Wallace	36	36	72
M. Kempe	35	36	71
D. Provis	30	39	69
K. Milne	34	34	68
Mattingly	30	34	64
R. Broughton	32	31	63
S. Kanef	23	33	56
R. Gillen	31	23	54

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"The Old Ladies" Well Received

What can three talented actresses do when they are let loose on a theatre stage with a first-class play script and an excellent set? Theatre Guild audiences saw for themselves in the week ended July 16, when Sheila Davies, Iris Thomas, and Patricia Hackett, performed Rodney Ackland's play, "The Old Ladies," in the Hut.

The play is Ackland's dramatisation of Hugh Walpole's novel, which is a story of three old women, each living in her own bed-sitting-room in a dilapidated house. The adeptly con-



Geoff. Laycock, who stars in the Theatre Group's "I have been here before," on Aug. 7, 9, 10, 11, in the Hut.

structed set gave an appearance of two rooms and a hall, with a third room opening off a stair landing. The action, which went from one room to another could be followed by the audience with ease and pleasure.

The stage effect greatly heightens the dramatic interest of the audience in a play if it is done correctly, and the backstage personnel for "The Old Ladies" pulled it off wonderfully well. (Mr. Edward Beeby erected the set.)

The players were thoroughly competent, and at times brilliant. As Lucy Amorest, the kindly widow, Sheila Davies was admirable. Her make-up was very effective, and she played the role with the restraint required of it.

Iris Thomas was pleasing as the neurotic old maid, May Berringer. She could easily have let this role slip into the hackneyed "type" portrayal to which we are so often subjected, but she created a lively, interesting character, and maintained an unflagging interest.

The costumes of all the characters looked 100 per cent. authentic, and obviously were. These were provided by Miss Hackett, who is also to be credited with this charming little production, easily the best which "Hut" audiences have seen this year.
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RUGBY WIN OVER WEST TORRENS

GOOD SOCCER WIN

In a match where neither side let up for a moment, West Torrens went down battling to a University team determined to score 100 points to nil in two matches. This it did, scoring 55-0 against Railways the week before, a weakened team trounced West Torrens 45-0.

The match provided more incidents than a jungle full of monkeys. Most outstanding player was Blair Nienaber at scrum-half, recently chosen as State half. He was nipping around like a frantic ant and as tricky as a politician's tongue all day. His brilliance was all the more outstanding as he had to carry Fumbler Forbes and Swift-kick Smith, whose droppings covered the oval.

The remainder of the backs ran hard and well, and made the other side seem as slow as men running from female temptation. Sandover, spurred on by the red wig on the sideline, kicked well. He could have sent his backs into attack more. Peter Jeffries on the wing was as slippery as a wife's knife under the old man's love letters, but he ran himself into the ground. Believe he could only make the floor once that night, and missed out on the Conservatorium supper. Forbes played like the squire's son with the village children, and played on a par with George Nunn.

bullock, ran like a draft horse, and tackled like a sledge hammer. Buttsworth played his first full-time A grade match, and his experience should stiffen the St. Mark's team. Forbes should play well in the proposed C team.

ST. MARK'S DOWN 'VARSITY

St. Mark's, the newly-formed University reserve grade team, showed great improvement to battle a victory from University B. It was a game marked by lots of enthusiasm, and at times the standard was very good, considering the freshness of most players. The score was low, meaning good tackling, and indeed the fundamentals of rugby—good low tackling, safe passing and hard running—were well aired.

This match between the two reserve grade teams was a curtain-raiser to the University match versus Railways. As that was the first time all three teams had played together on the Graduates' Oval, in-

On July 10 the A team gathered at Barton Terrace to try conclusions with Perry Engineering Co.

After the usual stern warning from the referee about sub-standard sprigs, Geisler's morale was so far shaken that he failed to produce his double-headed penny, and so lost the toss. Perry's, however, obligingly decided to kick south.

The game began at a great rate with University attacking from the first whistle. The ball was dropped in front of goal and Stanton tore in to whistle the ball deep into the net. A few minutes later the ball was thrown into Geisler, who hooked it to Wright, who made no mistake in hammering it through the wooden arch. Half-way through the first half Stanton again scored, and 20 minutes of play had placed the game out of doubt.

Final scores, 3-0.

Goal-scorers, Stanton 2, Wright 1. Best players, Stoutjesdijk, Trimmer, Stanton.

The B team also played steady soccer to win 3-2 against Postal Institute at West Terrace.

Goal-scorers, Napier 2, J. White 1. Best players, Dinham, J. White, Bateman.

On July 17 we met Railways Institute at West Terrace. Owing to some

misunderstanding, two of the Railways men went to South Terrace, and by some even greater miracle all of the University team turned up at the right place. However, it availed nothing. Railways pressed home to score within minutes of the commencement of the game. Their other two players rolled up and the slaughter of what I shall term "innocents" for the want of a better word, began. 'Varsity played like a lot of tired, tangle-footed old men, and although we were unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions, were soundly trounced. In the second half Worthley passed from a free-kick to Geisler, who centred to McGowan. McGowan opened (and closed) our score with a nicely placed goal. The rest of the play went monotonously to the tune of the final scores, 5-1 against us.

Goal-scorer, McGowan.

Best players, McGowan, Worthley.

The B team, playing at Barton Terrace, managed to draw 3-3 with Westbourne Park.

Goal-scorers, J. White 2, Dinham 1.

Best players, Dinham, J. White, Casling.

DOOLAND SOCKED FOR VARSITY WIN

University had perhaps their best baseball win for the year by defeating West Torrens, the second team in the League. Assisted by Dooland, the opposing pitcher, 'Varsity took an early 2 to 0 lead.

This was increased to 3 to 0 when Turner scored on a fine hit by Reece Davis. Torrens opened their account in the eighth when several fielding errors and a couple of walks gave them 2 runs, but the 'Varsity nine was able to hold them, and ran out winners 3 to 2.

The following week saw a very close match with the undefeated leaders, Goodwood. 'Varsity, by good batting, again took an early lead of 2 to 0. Goodwood, later in the match, scored 1 run, but were unable to score any more until their last time at bat. Then, with 2 down and no one on bases, they looked like suffering their first defeat, but a walk, a hit and a wild throw gave them 2 runs and the ball game.

The East Torrens game proved to be unexpectedly close. After a 22 to 3 victory in the first round, 'Varsity were hoping to increase their percentage, but when East Torrens drew level in the even eighth, even a close victory was doubtful. However, good batting and base running in the beginning of the ninth gave 'Varsity a 5 to 2 victory.

Laurie Smart is to be congratulated on being picked to represent South Australia in the baseball series to be played in Perth next month. The club also extends its best wishes to Reece Davis, whose sudden departure for America has resulted in the loss of both a valued player and a close friend.

INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM ANNOUNCED

To play in Sydney from August 16-21, the following team has been announced: B. Wall (captain), J. Kelly, R. Pavy, P. Thyer, M. Fricker, J. S. Haselgrove, M. McTaggart, R. Dow, R. Burden, J. Wood, H. Murrell, and as reserves, S. Morris and C. Holder. The team will leave shortly before the end of the term, and hope to retain the cup which was won in Melbourne last year for the first time in many years.

The association matches are nearing the end of the minor round with University I in third position and University II in sixth position in A grade. The big match of the year is scheduled for July 24 against Heathpool. If we can win this, Aroha then goes to the top of the premiership while we would be still in third place due to a smaller goal average than Heathpool.

University II had a very good win over Wirrawarra on July 10. The score was 3-2, but it entirely reversed the decision of the previous round.

FRESHER OUTSTANDING

University I had a comfortable win over the same team on July 17, 6 goals to 1. Beryl Martin played

in the team for this match and is to be congratulated on a very good performance for one who is playing her first season of hockey. After a preliminary hesitation, during which Wirrawarra had most of the play, we found our feet and managed to score quite easily. Rosemary Favy played an outstanding game for the side.

Will the two A grade teams please note the following? The match University I v. University II will be played on Friday, July 30, at 7.30 a.m., as this is the only possible time likely to be suitable to everyone.

The C team is in third position and providing they have their complete team should manage to get into the finals. Unfortunately, R. Burden will be absent from their forward line for the finals, but they should still manage a win. On July 24 they play Heathpool, who are leading in the minor round. Despite the bitter weather on Wednesday morning, the coldest day of the year, a large attendance was recorded at the practice, and it was ice-hockey with a vengeance.

We would like to thank all the girls who substituted for us on July 17, and are still recovering!



The newly-formed St. Mark's rugby team, who, coached by Max Hill, are well in the running for premiership honors in their first season. Left to right, top row: J. Colebatch, M. Robinson, J. Haynes (skipper), E. Chapman, B. Buttsworth, J. Remilton, J. Harbison. Second row: J. Clark, J. Cotton, J. Callaghan (vice-president), R. Allen, C. MacLeay, R. Evans. Front row: A. Bates, P. Wong, M. Clarke.

The forward defensive play was outstanding, with Botham dropping them like the proverbial bags. Hone, Haynes and Phoenix stood out like pound notes in a poor box, but it was no poor box we were carrying. We could have scored more tries if the forwards and backs had passed the ball more quickly to our wingers. As it was they were as tight as pickles in a narrow-necked bottle. Johnson, Phoenix and Lawton in the front row put up a better front for University than any sweater girl. The hard running and backing up was a feature of the match.

"A HUNK OF HAM"

There were several heated and vicious exchanges that made the area hotter than a phosphorus bomb, and threatened to set fire to players' feelings. Spectators, too, were agitated. Ken Tregonning was referred to, in a shout that went across the ground, as "You useless hunk of ham!" and "don't touch my husband, you ape man!" The husband was subsequently helped from the ground with a broken collar bone. Haynes justified his lift up from the reserve grade by leaping in line-outs like an angel, singing out like a choir boy, and handling the ball as if it were a Bible. He also shoved like a

deed, the first time this season we had played there at all, the occasion was marked by the broaching of a ten-gallon, which was emptied in double quick time, mainly by our Vice-Presidents and President.

HELP!

The Intervarsity Football Carnival is being held in Adelaide during the last week of the August holidays, and the club secretary, Don Brebner (Law) is anxious to contact anyone interested who could possibly accommodate one or more of the visiting players for the week. This is an urgent matter as hotel accommodation is completely inadequate.

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