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FOUR VACANCIES ON S.R.C.

By-Election Next Month

Nominations are now being called to fill four vacancies on the Students' Representative Council. Nominations will close with the returning officer on Tuesday, Mar. 29.

WHO MAY VOTE

Nominations are required for the following vacancies: One each from the Faculties of—

Agricultural Science,

Dentistry,

Pharmacy and Optometry (1).

Nominators and nominees are to be members of the Faculty which the nominee proposes to represent.

One Men's General Representative is also required. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Fr. Bourke. Fr. Bourke was elected at the end of last year, but since that time he has been appointed to Perth, and has necessarily tendered his resignation.

All nominations will close with the Chief Returning Of-

NO DECISION REACHED ON I.U.S.

The meeting called by the S.R.C. to consider ratification of disaffiliation of N.U.A.U.S. from I.U.S. reached no decision last Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned till Friday lunch-time.

READ NEXT WEEK'S EDITION FOR FULL DETAILS

ficer (Mr. Hamilton), at the Union Office, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

Candidates for election will be announced on notice-boards and in "On Dit" on April 4.

The George Murray Hall has been reserved for the presentation of policy speeches by candidates on Friday, April 1, from 1.15 to 2 p.m.

Candidates are invited to submit a 250 word summary of their policy to the Editor of "On Dit" not later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 29. This will be printed in the issue of April 4.

The by-elections will be held in the Refectory from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on each of the following days:

Monday, April 4

Tuesday, April 5

Wednesday, April 6

All members of a faculty may vote for their faculty representative, and all male members of the Union may vote for the Men's General Representative.

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"LARRY" DONALDSON MEETS FRESHERS



RUTH DALWOOD, Margaret Noblet, and Marie Simmons with Bob Donaldson at the "Footlights Club" welcome to Freshers. Donaldson delivered some of his favorite soliloquies at the welcome.

LIFE OF THE PARTY

"You, too, can be the life of the party," and the Freshers were told how by David Barnes when he welcomed them to the Footlights Club party last Friday evening. He also stressed that there is a place in the Revue for everyone, from wardrobe mistresses upwards.

The party was held by the committee and members of the club who entertained the

FLASHLIGHT RAZOR

Virtually unknown to the public in general, Flashlight Razor makes a startling appearance this week in our new cartoon strip.

Together with Throgmorton, he will be seen every week in a gripping series of adventures.

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£2 2/- PRIZE

Will be given by the Footlights Club during 1st term to the writer of the MOST SUITABLE SCRIPT for the 1949 Revue.

Scripts should be sent to the Secretary, Miss R. Burden, c/o Student Theatre Group Room, George Murray Bldg.

COLLEGE ROVERS SCORE

On Saturday, March 5, the 13th Adelaide (Teachers' College) Rover Crew had an excellent win at the annual Rover Sports with 4 firsts, 3 seconds, and 2 thirds — the College men scored in every event, B. Crisp winning the 100 yds. championship.

Final scores: Teachers' College Crew, first, with 31 points, Lockleys, second, with 18, a very clear margin.

Freshers with dancing, singing and a floor show. Len Perkins and his band provided singers and music for the dancing which was interspersed with items such as Keith Buckley's interpretation of Al Jolson, the Blue Boys from the Revue, and the chorus girls who danced their opening number, "Dingbats."

After supper, "Larry," alias Bob Donaldson, gave excerpts from "MacBeth" as written by Michael Drew, and told intending actors and actresses that auditions for this year's Revue would begin shortly, to enable casting and the main bulk of the work to be done before the end of the second term.

The party was a great success, and gave Freshers the opportunity to learn about the Footlights Club and its activities.

Anyone who wishes to become a member may give his name to one of the committee and pay his 2/- subscription.

BARE FACTS REVEALED

Medical students are sharing skeletons, it was reported last month.

This was due to the large increase in students and the shortage of skeletons.

The usual working model, a half-skeleton, has tripled its price from £7 to £22.

Skeletons were often sold by students after they passed into senior classes, and some had been in circulation for 20 years.

Thus we see that even medical students cannot find the bare necessities of life.

Dental Hospital Filling Up

£69,949 will be spent on a three-storey extension to the Adelaide Dental Hospital in Frome Road, according to recommendations made by the Public Works Committee last month.

Included in the extension will be new operating theatres, anaesthetic surgeries, three child surgeries, laboratories, demonstration room, and classrooms.

All the accommodation being sought was necessary to meet hospital and training school needs.

South Australia being short of dentists, it was vital to have the facilities for the large number of students to be trained.

UNIVERSITY NEEDS £106,000

In his statement to the Commonwealth Grants Commission, the Premier (Mr. Playford) said that the University would need a grant of £106,000 to carry on satis-

Passing Rich on £100 a Year

(By a Correspondent)

Owing to the untiring efforts of the College Association of the South Australian Teachers' Union (which, incidentally, is the strongest body in that Union), College students have received a rise in their allowance to the tune of £20 p.a.

This increase has in some small measure compensated for the increased cost of living since the last adjustment.

Off the Record

A senior departmental executive was once heard to remark that "College men dress like navvies"—what could he expect on £100 per year?

WHAT'S ON?

MONDAY, 21st:

1.20 p.m. — STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. First study circle. Freshers invited to meet in cloister near George Murray entrance.

1.15 p.m.—MEN'S HOCKEY. Former players and Freshers. Lady Symon Hall.

1.20 p.m. — MEN'S BASKETBALL. Freshers and others. George Murray Hall.

TUESDAY, 22nd:

1.20 p.m.—WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. Freshers welcome. Elections, also practices arranged. Lady Symon Library.

1.20 p.m. — AQUINAS SOCIETY. Talk by Mr. J. F. Brazel, LL.B., "The Trial of Cardinal Mindzenty." Lady Symon Hall.

7.45 p.m. — LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY. Annual General Meeting. Note.—Not to-night (Monday, 21st), as printed in last week's "On Dit" and in Handbook. Freshers' initiation. Welcome by Dean of Faculty (Professor A. L. Campbell). Annual General Meeting, Election of Officers. Lady Symon Hall.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd:

1.10 p.m. — WOMEN'S HOCKEY. Elections. Arrangement of practices.

THURSDAY, 24th:

1.20 p.m.—Public Address, S.C.M., "The Duty to Doubt." Speaker, Dr. H. H. Penny. Lady Symon Hall.

FRIDAY, 25th:

1.20 p.m. — E.U. PUBLIC MEETING. Speaker, F. S. Schwarz, B.A., B.Sc., M.B., B.S. Noted authority on Communism.

5.15 p.m. — STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. Service in Scots' Church, followed by tea in the Lady Symon Hall.

SATURDAY, 26th:

8.30 p.m.—12.—COMMENCEMENT AND COMMEMORATION BALL. The Chancellor of the University (Sir Mellis Napier, K.C.M.G.) will receive the students. Balloons, streamers, and supper, in the Refectory.

MONDAY, 28th:

9 a.m. — Third edition of "On Dit" on sale.

factorily, due to additional operating costs.

The grant would have to be increased to £124,000 if Commonwealth contributions through the C.R.T.S. ceased, he added.

Opera Again

After a lapse of two years, College is going to present another G. & S. opera—this time, "The Pirates of Penzance." Under the capable direction of Mr. Penrose, rehearsals are now in full swing.

Watch for dates of presentation.

NATIONAL UNION CONGRESS

Great Success

The 3rd Annual Congress sponsored by the National Union of Australian University Students was held under ideal summer conditions at Tallebudgera, Queensland, from January 15 to 25 this year.

All Universities and nearly every faculty were represented.

Congress can be claimed to be the most virile of the Union's activities. With this account we hope to interest a greater proportion of Adelaide students in Congress.

Further publicity will be given to Congress when the film made by the Department of Information is available for circulation. In addition the National Union is preparing a film which will be shown in all Universities later in the year. Do not miss this opportunity to see this record of what we, the students, can organise on a National scale.

The eleven Adelaide students who attended all acclaim the part that Congress is playing in bringing National Unity into our Union.

Tallebudgera is the site of a National Fitness Camp which housed the 350 students. The billets were four-bunk huts and dormitories for some of the women. The ocean beach which bounded the camp was claimed to be the equal of any on our eastern seaboard. Other recreational facilities were table tennis, volleyball, shuttlecock, etc.

The daily timetable allowed of three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening. Guest speakers for the sessions were prominent members of Brisbane public affairs. Four afternoon sessions were free, on

Very little prominence was given to Congress by the press, the exception being one address by the Economic Adviser to the Queensland Govt., Mr. Colin Clark.

The Congress organising committee worked hard under 20-year-old Med. student, Pat O'Hara, to make the Congress a success. If more Adelaide students attend the 1950 Congress, we are more likely to make a success of the 1951 Congress which will probably be held in Adelaide.

Fact and Fancy in Australian Education

This dynamic address was given by Dr. E. Wyeth, of the Queensland Education Dept.

Dr. Wyeth condemned the studying of the classics just for the sake of these subjects—this being plain fancy. The mere knowledge of subjects does not mean anything—there is no such thing as mental transfer of training.

Dr. Wyeth asked: "How much Democracy is there in schools?" and commented that all have yet to experience Democracy. Our education system prepares us for Democracy by totalitarian methods—students are dressed in uniforms looking like sausages and behaving like sol-

dent Unions, to make full use of propaganda, and as an initial step to insist on a voice on the mighty University Councils.

In answer to questions, Dr. Wyeth said: The only discipline should be that self-imposed. He thought that self-government in schools could start with the 11 or 12 years of age. The curriculum should be chosen by the child with the aid of advisers.

Our Australian Way of Life

By Dr. F. Whitehouse, Associate Professor of Geology, University of Queensland.

Evolution is continuous, and in different directions in each country, said Dr. Whitehouse. He stressed that we should evolve in our own way retaining individual characteristics, and that we should resist coercion to copy any other pattern whether British, American or Russian.

Dr. Whitehouse claimed that we were developing distinctive qualities of physiognomy and speech. Further, the Australian was an individualist, not happy under routine discipline, uncouth by, say, English standards, more passive than active and quick to improvise.

He claimed that culture, as yet latent in Australians, is

S.R.C. TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE

The Textbook Exchange is open for business during the hours of 12 noon and 2 p.m. every day from Monday to Friday in the Refectory foyer.

There has been some confusion owing to the fact that before term commenced, this organisation conducted its affairs in the N.U.A.U.S. office.

There was a textbook exchange last year in the Refectory foyer, which was conducted by the Arts students. This year it is being run by the S.C.M. (Student Christian Movement), members who consider it a good opportunity to put their beliefs into practice.

Many of the books in the Refectory foyer are ones remaining from last year, and possibly those whose books we are unable to sell this year may leave them with us to try and sell next year. However, this question has yet to be decided. We can let you know when you call after March 28 at the S.R.C. office to pick up your cash or the books not sold.

Our methods seem somewhat complicated and contradictory to some students. But let me assure them, they are really delightfully simple.

Some are amazed—and quite rightly—that we charge more for a book than we give for it—when we advertise as being a non-profit concern. The explanation is that we charge a commission (3d. in 5/-) to cover the costs of paper, printing, stamps, etc. Finally, an appeal to stu-

RANDOM HARVEST

From now on, this weekly column, bringing items of interest to the undergraduate, and ranging far and wide over the University world, will be compiled alternatively by Jim Forbes and myself. To be on the safe side we had better explain that this column is written without prejudice to the rest of this paper, that both of us probably disagree with most of Gil Wahlquist's principles, and that most of the stuff with which he pads "On Dit" is anathema to us. It should add spice to what we hope will be a very debatable column.

As all proofs of "On Dit" are scrutinised by a representative of the S.R.C. before publication, we will have to limit our criticism of the S.R.C., but as you will have the S.R.C. shovelled at you in the rest of the paper, probably that will be a relief, anyway.

Gil Wahlquist has given us the world as our plaything, and we will discuss anything from the hem line and the new sheered look of the women around here to the latest activity of the Rugby Club, and everything in between.

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Though he could tell you about himself far better than I could, perhaps you had better know a little about this strange mixture called Forbes who will write for you next week. Apart from being one of the few Economic and History students who is not convinced that Socialism is inevitable, he has a wide range of interests. I suppose Politics, The Regiment, Rugby, Women and Grog are the main ones, and I have no doubt he will speak on them all at length. But as he has opinions on everything, and they are usually biased, uninformed and forcibly expressed, his column should be far more interesting than mine, and even worth reading. You will find his pearls thrown to you next week.

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And talking of the Bonython Hall, have you ever looked up, when inside, and noticed the succession of shields that go round the junction of the wall to the roof? Here, don't you think, would be a good place for the crests of the various Australian Universities, and all the University Colleges. But if you ever do look at them, you notice that first we have the Adelaide University crest, then the Bonython, then the University, then the Bonython, and so on all the way around. A better idea, do you think?

KEN TREGONNING.

UNION BOOKINGS

Bookings for Union rooms, including the Refectory, are now open three months in advance, with the exception of Saturday evenings, which are open for dance bookings for the whole year.

FOOTLIGHTS CLUB

If you have any bright suggestions to make for this year's Revue, or any criticism of last year's show, here is your chance. The Footlights Club A.G.M. will be held in the George Murray Hall on Friday, March 25, at 1.15 p.m.

Election of officers for 1949 will take place, and the financial statement for 1948 will be read. So if you were in last year's Revue, come along and hear how we stood when all the bills and accounts had been paid.

Don't be shy about telling us what you think... we're anxious to hear your opinions.

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ON THE LAWNS



Brown Murdoch, Marc Cliff, Jean Charles and Ian Muecke form an afternoon group on Refectory lawns.

one of which was a conducted tour of the Tallebudgera Creek and Waterfall. Evening sessions were devoted to films, recorded music, etc. Two dances were held, and on free evenings and following evening sessions, spontaneous barbecues and beach "picnics" were held. This type of activity proved quite popular, but most students bedded down by 2 a.m. It did, however, take some days before State delegations mixed sufficiently to give a Congress atmosphere. More consideration should be given to organised sport, revue, etc., as these activities break down State "barriers" quickly.

Intending Travellers...

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dier crabs. Very little, if any, departure is permitted from orthodoxy: all education being subordinated to the needs of the 4 per cent. who reach University level. He condemns the system for inculcating massive respect for authority and old age. Initiative is crushed.

That education was free, was a myth, said Dr. Wyeth. Cheap, yes, but free, no. Only £2 per head per annum is spent on education. But maybe, said Dr. Wyeth, those who pay the highest taxes find it profitable to keep the population ignorant.

The pious utterance, that this is a Youths' World, is not evidenced by the education of our youth. However, already twice this century, age has called on youth to clean up a mess even worse than usual. Students are too young to hate, and too young to be stupidly nationalistic. They desire to meet other students on the playing fields and in the debating rooms, and NOT across the sights of a rifle.

How can we achieve this Democracy in education? asked Dr. Wyeth. He warned that the job would not be easy. We were urged to organise, to campaign through our Stu-

developed only by education and the correct use of leisure. The development of language is a national characteristic—the Australian uses many descriptive adjectives. However, the word "bloody" in Australian has no meaning; it is merely a warning that a noun is coming. True culture is the study of perfection, and it is the country, not the city, that contributes most to the national characteristics of the land.

Dr. Whitehouse thinks that the great days of Art have passed. We reached saturation in Art with Da Vinci, and there are few new techniques to be discovered. For this reason Art is giving way to Science.

Other points made by Dr. Whitehouse were:—

- (1) We must have a bread line class if we are going to get work out of a country;
- (2) Safety First is useless in National Evolution—we must be bold in action.

He warned to beware of the tyrannies of Monopoly Capitalism, Absenteeism, Landlordism, Trade Unions and Bureaucrats. These he said were growing pains from

dents, and especially Freshers, to make use of the Exchange. Unfortunately, we are rather short of Arts books, but have many science and Med. books in almost unlimited quantities.

The Exchange is being run for students by students. The price you obtain for your book is much higher than what you will receive at any secondhand bookshop in Adelaide; many of the books you buy for three-quarter price are practically new. Already over £60 worth of books have been sold, and with your co-operation, we will sell well over £100 worth.

G. PRIDHAM.

which we would escape if experience was used wisely. He further warned students to beware of elder people who were inclined to use experience to light the past rather than the future.

Dr. Whitehouse was most emphatic that we should be aware of the effrontery of the Press in their distortion of facts. This distortion denies us the right to develop the culture native to us, which, he said, is the prerogative of unity.

(More next week)

ANNUAL S.C.M. CONGRESS AT WOODSIDE

What's the use of Christianity, anyhow? The annual A.S.C.M. Conference held at Woodside in January this year helped to answer this question and many more. The Conference was on "God's Power and Man's Predicament," a vital and urgent subject.

The conference was for all students of universities, teachers' colleges, theological colleges, etc., whatever their beliefs. Students came from all over Australia.

THE FOOD

"Goo," a savoury mess of tomatoes, bacon, salmon, onion, and spaghetti (among other things), was the standard breakfast dish at conference. Fritz was also a staple part of our diet. Great irregular lumps of bread (hacked from the loaf by a so-called "bread-cutter") filled up the odd corners.

Despite the fact that we were very careful with our crockery, etc. (only one knife was used for eating goo, spreading jam and breaking the crust of the porridge) the washing up was tremendous. It took six people two hours to wash the tea towels used each meal!

We all helped with the various jobs (sweeping huts, serving at meals, etc.) quite willingly. It was fun to wash dishes to the strain of "Stola Pumpa" and to slice beans while arguing about Apostolic succession.

THE HUTS

The huts at the camp were fairly comfortable; the thin palliasses (filled with stones, branches and a bit of straw) was not. During the day the huts were very hot; at night they were freezing and when it rained, great damp patches spread over the floor. But we managed to keep warm by wearing all our clothes to bed and putting sheets of newspaper between the two army blankets provided.

The mosquitoes revelled in the cold and attacked us vigorously each night. However, we were so tired that we slept soundly through mosquitoes, cold and damp until the cry: "The hot water in the shower is running out!" woke us.

Tutorials ranged from clinical problems to prayer, Bible study, to aborigines.

There were some for Science, Art, and Medical students, others on missions, the church, theology and religious education. A tutorial on the Amsterdam Assembly was given by three ministers, who actually attended the Assembly. They stressed the fact that although the delegates differed, they did not fight among themselves, for they were fundamentally united.

A leader of the tutorial spoke for three-quarters of an hour allowing quarter of an hour for questions, etc.

COUPLE OF CENTURIES

Although the number of broken cups soon passed the century, the theologus who challenged the rest of the conference (the "pagans") to a cricket match, did not do quite so well. To our delight and the discomfort of the church, the "pagans" won by an innings.

After tea there was community folk singing, interspersed with items given by some of the more talented among us. Folk dancing was the popular amusement after supper. When the hut became too crowded, the more enthusiastic dancers clapped and stamped on the grass outside. Most of us found the recreation as strenuous as the study!

THE ANSWER

What's the use of Christianity, anyhow? If you went to conference you know the answer. It was in the addresses. It was in the evening silences, when we walked or read or looked at the sun set, or just sat and thought. The answer could be seen in our conference service, in the singing of the choir, in our morning and evening prayers.

There was the play, "Green Pastures" that would have been repulsive if given by professional actors, but was a great experience when given by people who were sincere. There was the singing late at night in the ivy-

covered ruins on the hill, with the candles burning and the moon rising over the old, old grave yard. A real conference spirit as was ours can not be man created.

REGIMENT IN CAMP

(By J. RICHARDSON)

The University Regiment, formed last year, really became a Regiment at the completion of their first 24 days' camp last January. We went through an interesting and varied course of training, and on the whole thoroughly enjoyed our stay at Woodside.

Most of us started the camp with a certain amount of trepidation. We had expected our camp to be a repetition of the numerous cadet camps we had attended, but were prepared to put up with it for the sake of the money.

Real Army Unit

However, it didn't take us long after getting into camp to realise that this was something quite different. No longer were we "mucked" about, no orders were given and then countermanded by someone else five minutes later. No longer were we left in doubt as to what we should do next. No longer was the work a dreary repetition of training done before. It became apparent from the first day that we were now in a real army unit and not an apology for one.

For the first ten days we operated as a school covering most of the elementary work, grenade, drill, rifle, Bren machine-gun, Austen sub-machine-gun, elementary section tactics and the rest. At the end of this we had an exam., the result of which was used to make promotions. To those of us who got them this meant more money.

What was Done

The rest of the camp was even more interesting. We functioned as a normal infantry battalion with all that implies. The St. Mark's men constituted the anti-tank platoon and did a lot of interesting work with the 6 pdr. anti-tank gun; the drivers did a lot of driving of 3-ton trucks and jeeps; the Intelligence section go on with their rather mysterious intelligence work; the regimental band practised with their instruments and so on. In addition, there was more advanced rifle company work, platoon exercises and tactics, assault courses. We fired the PIAT (the infantry platoon anti-tank weapon); map reading; night work and countless other things. Added to this were training films and lectures on subjects as varied as current affairs, catering and procedure at meetings.

Social Life

We had also our canteen; our dances; our billiard table; our sports; our gala day with an open camp and a chance to take part in competitions for

LIBERAL U JUGGLING

"Some Means Or Other"

Asking that "some means or other" be employed, Liberal Union secretary Robin Millhouse wrote to the S.R.C. asking that it be allowed to book a hall already reserved by the Evangelical Union, it was reported at the last meeting of the Students' Rep. Council.

The E.U. were to be shifted from the Lady Symon Hall, which they had booked, to the George Murray Hall, which

the Liberal Union had booked, the Liberal Union moving into the Lady Symon Hall.

Reason given that the Liberal Union had invited Anthony Nutting, Chairman of the Young Conservatives of Great Britain to address a meeting on March 31. They intended to book the Lady Symon, but the E.U. had already booked it for a meeting on the same night.

In discussion it was revealed that the E.U. was also entertaining an overseas guest, and in any case, the council would not interfere with the booking system.

That Horse

A horse which kicked a bystander during last year's procession has caused much discussion in the S.R.C.

The horse was obtained by the Ag. Science Students' Association and led in the procession by a Mr. Kentish, of the association. The horse, while being manoeuvred in the vicinity of the Oriental Hotel, kicked a bystander, breaking a breast-bone.

The bystander's injuries kept him out of work for eight weeks. The man instituted proceedings against Kentish, who contacted the Ag. Science Students' Association, and their secretary contacted the S.R.C.

The 1949 S.R.C. has taken an interest in the case, and will stand behind Mr. Kentish in an out-of-court settlement which is at present being negotiated.

ing they should make an application, endorsed by your council, direct to me. The application, when received, will be taken into consideration together with the needs of other bodies who now use the Hut."

the Wendt Challenge Cup in the military sports; and our pay parades.

These are a few of the activities which served to make the camp a memorable occasion for us all. But perhaps the thing that lingers longest in our memory is the sight of a unit growing before our eyes. We all felt our enthusiasm and unit spirit increasing imperceptibly day by day. By the end of the camp we were all conscious that the Adelaide University Regiment was a proud regiment and that we were proud to be amongst its members.

WHOSE HUT

Roder asks

Who controls bookings for the building known as "The Hut"?

Student Theatre Group committee members had an anxious time recently trying to obtain Commencement Play bookings, said John Roder at the last S.R.C. meeting.

In a letter to the S.R.C., the Theatre Group asked the S.R.C. to clarify the position of the "Hut" for them. Roder reported that he had written to the Registrar, and that the following reply had been received:

The Reply

"If any student body requires the use of this build-

THOSE DIRTY LAWNS: ACTION LIKELY

Litter and crockery left on the Refectory lawns may be the subject of drastic action this year by the S.R.C.

A patrol of members of the Students' Representative Council was suggested by Mr. Roder (President) as a means of enforcing tidiness. Two members of the S.R.C. should be on duty in the cloisters each day, he said. For the first fortnight of term, they would ask students to return crockery to the tables provided; after that, they would take the names of students leaving crockery and litter on the lawns, and report them to the Union.

Miss D. Lorking (Soc. Science): Will the S.R.C. supply us with special armbands?

Roder then withdrew the motion, and said that it had only been forwarded as a measure which was decided

upon following negotiations between the Union and the S.R.C.

Fr. Bourke (Men's General) then moved that notices be erected in the cloisters early in 1949, and the results be observed. Seconder was Miss Lorking.

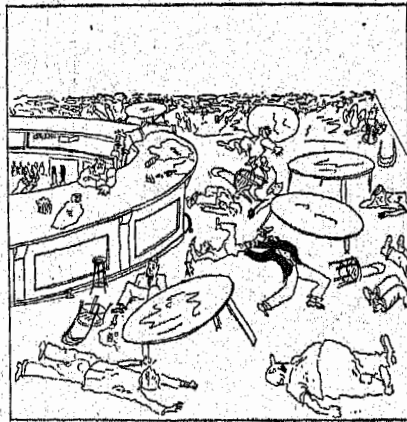
ARE YOU COLOR-BLIND?

Subjects are required for an experiment on color-vision. If you know or suspect that you are color-blind, and are willing to take part in tests, call in to see Mr. G. Szekeres, Room 23, First Floor, Mathematics Building. Your cooperation is asked to help the advancement of science!

FLASHLIGHT RAZOR



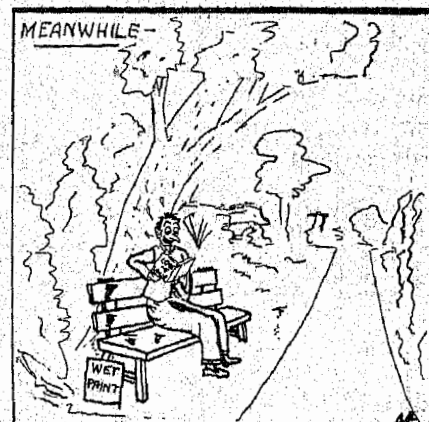
Backwards and forwards across the saloon, the struggle raged.



Slowly the scene cleared, revealing the cause of all the trouble.



Who else but Flashlight Razor, dashing cavalier of the 20th century.



Unaware of Flashlight's predicament, Throgmorton sits transfixed.

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EDITORIAL

A PAPER CHASE

THE distribution of free literature and periodicals by the various student political and religious bodies has commenced.

The student body is assured by secretaries of the clubs that the barrage this year will be bigger and better than ever; and the effort last week of the two political sheets, "Liberal Opinion" and "In Fact," plus the plastering of the Freshers' Welcome in the Bonython Hall with religious pamphlets (S.C.M.), will not cause this assurance to be doubted.

The question is, who finances these publications? Do the clubs themselves provide the necessary, or does it come from somewhere else? Printing is mighty expensive business, and the production of some of the propaganda to which the students have been subjected so far would seem to be well beyond the range of the finances of the student clubs and societies which issue them.

Are the Union Buildings being used as a stamping ground for political and religious pressure groups—groups who feed their stooges at the University with publicity material for the beguiling of impressionable undergraduates? If the clubs issuing publications do not finance them entirely themselves, it would seem that this is so.

Let us trust that the student body will not allow itself to be used as a pawn in the game of politics and religious agitation. We must cease to be regarded as an area on a propaganda campaign map which must be "covered."

THE EDITOR.

GUEST EDITORIAL

THE RIGHT CANDIDATE

By Harry Medlin
(Vice-President, Science Rep., S.R.C.,
N.U.A.U.S. Councillor.)

This 1949 S.R.C. has tried, through the Undergraduates' Handbook, to illustrate the significant role of the S.R.C. in student affairs. It is felt that student response will be reflected in the forthcoming by-elections, notice of which is given in this issue. A well-contested, well-polled election is expected. However, the value of this to the student body could be offset by unintelligent voting, which, I feel, can be avoided if students consider the following courses of action.

(1) Make contact with student leaders through your active participation in undergraduate activities, e.g., sports clubs, faculty societies, political clubs, religious movements, etc.

Make proper use of the Refectory by moving around among the groups you will find there, e.g., Faculty, old school, social, political, religious, intellectual, sports, etc.

The probability of your having personal knowledge of candidates is thereby increased.

(2) To most of you, especially to Freshers, some of the candidates will still be unknown, so attend the lunch-hour period (Lady Symon, Friday, April 1, 1-15 p.m.-2 p.m.) set aside for policy speeches. Time is allowed to question candidates. Watch "On Dit," April 3, for candidates' own summary of policy. Thus you can insist that your candidate has some constructive policy to pursue.

(3) No doubt most of you will be approached to vote with a bloc, either for or against some candidate. Give some thought to this matter, and it might be well to remember that quite often it is the politically conscious students who contribute most to student affairs.

(4) It's not often we get a Bill Bray on the S.R.C., but your candidate should have some definite views on say:—

Greater Student Representation on the Union Council.
Student Representation on the University Council.
Student Representation on Faculty Boards.
The National Union of Australian University Students.
The International Union of Students.

University Finances, and the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Scheme, etc.

Further, your candidate must be prepared to outlay some of his time and pull his weight on the various sub-committees of the S.R.C.

(5) Exercise your franchise and in favor of the candidate whom you consider can contribute most, with a minimum of talk, to the student body.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME ADDRESS

The address given to first year students by the Vice-Chancellor of the University at the request of the Students' Representative Council will be reprinted in two parts, over this week and next. To-day we print the first half of the speech.

It is odd that I should not be sitting with you. Being still in my first year in this University I feel very much a fresher and, like you, have much to learn about the University and much to learn about you.

In particular I would give much to know why you have come to a University at all! I shall meet many of you in twos and threes and I hope to learn from you why you are here. Meanwhile I am going to guess.

Some of you have come here to have a good time; to meet people, make friends, enjoy the amenities of the University and perhaps to imbibe a little culture. It is probable that few of you men come in this category although it was once common for students to spend a considerable part of their lives in one of the ancient English Universities. In the Holsished Chronicles there is this account of Oxford nearly four hundred years ago:

"Thus we see that from our entrance into the University unto the last degree received is commonly eighteen or twenty years, in which time, if a student has not obtained sufficient learning thereby to serve his own turn and benefit his commonwealth, let him never look by tarrying longer to come by any more."

Those times are gone, but I have been told that there is a course here taken by some women students known as Arts and Matrimony I. I have nothing to say to this small section of freshers except to wish them success in both subjects.

Let me turn to the other extreme and say something of a few of you, scattered about in this great hall, who constitute another category. Some of you may have been born with, or already have acquired, a hunger for knowledge and for an understanding of this incredibly wonderful world and of man's place upon it. Given reasonable health, you few have indeed been blessed. It will be given to you to feel with Tennyson's Ulysses that "Life piled on life were all too little." Perhaps, too, there is here and there a touch of genius. To genius I have nothing to say, because I have been cast in a common mould. To others I would say, respect genius wherever you find it.

But I must turn away from these minorities and come to my guess about the majority of you. Search your hearts and ask yourselves what you want of this University. My guess is that the majority of you propose to do sufficient work to pass a series of examinations, so that after three or more years you will leave here with a label, a degree or diploma, qualifying you to enter one of the more pleasant and well-paid professions.

You propose, as it were, to put a certain amount of work into a slot, pull a handle and receive a ticket which reads, "You are now a qualified dentist or physicist" or "You are now qualified to engage in higher education." However earnestly I point the way

along other paths, however much I urge you to lead a full University life, it is as certain as anything can be that a large number of you will treat the University as a slot machine. I can only hope to reduce the number. The words T. H. Huxley wrote about science students are applicable to other faculties:

"They learn to pass and not to know, and outraged science takes her revenge. They do pass and they don't know."

Certainly there will be periods when you, particularly in some faculties, will have to close your minds to all else but work, and hard work. But life will not be like this throughout your years in the University. What then is the other side of the story? I wish from my heart that you all lived in residential colleges, but that is not possible and you will have to make special efforts to compensate for this disadvantage.

Well, here is a book prepared by the Students' Representative Council telling you of the various activities of the University.

The first thing I want to tell you about this book is that it is prepared by the students themselves and not by the Council, the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar. Here you see at once a vital difference between a school and a university. In a school the

headmaster will, if he is sensible, co-operate with the senior pupils in preparing a schedule of games, meetings of societies, and so on. But the Head is ultimately responsible. He can enforce attendance and can lay down the conditions pertaining to every pastime. In a University, this does not happen. You are treated here as men and women capable of planning your own amenities although I expect the President of the S.R.C. will point to one or two holes in this statement.

I shall have wasted my time, and yours to-day, if I fail to stress two things. If you have no intention of engaging in the kind of activities described here, but intend to spend your spare time in your homes listening to second-rate radio, or in cinemas, I doubt whether you ought to be here at all. The other matter I want to stress is that if you do not like the fare offered in this book, use your votes and your energies to see that you get what you do want. A large number of you will begin by taking an interest in general University life. Many will then fall away. I would not have these hide behind the excuse that they think the so and so society is poorly run or run on wrong lines.

(More Next Week)

UNITED NATIONS ESSAY CONTEST

APPLICATIONS from Australians are invited for an essay contest sponsored by the United Nations Organisation amongst member countries. Entries from South Australia must be sent to the office of the State Council of Australian National Committee for the United Nations.

Title of Essay:

"What Must Be Done To Make The Declaration of Human Rights A Reality?"

Length of Essay: Approximately 2,000 words.

Supplementary Requirements: The contestant will also be required to submit a 500-word statement explaining what branch of the work of the United Nations he is especially interested in and indicating any plan he may have for studying a particular activity or activities of the United Nations at Lake Success.

Number of Copies: Essays should be submitted with 10 type-written copies.

Eligibility: Bona-fide members between the ages of 20 and 35 of all national organisations which actively co-operate with the national United Nations Association or the Information Centre, or which are affiliated with international non-governmental organisations which are in active connection with the United Nations.

Deadline: Essays should reach the Secretary, A.N.C.U.N., South Australian Council, not later than April 20, in order that they may be forwarded to the Federal Committee set up to deal with the contest in Australia in time for that body to forward two selected essays to reach the International Committee at New York by June 1, 1949.

Prizes: United Nations will offer the 10 International winners transportation from their cities of residence (as determined by the National Committee) to Lake Success and back, with a per diem allowance for both journeys. It is understood that the most economical arrangement for the United Nations will be made. An allowance of 10 dollars a day for 30 days in the New York area will also be paid. Return transportation will be arranged before the prize-winner leaves his home to assure his stay is not prolonged beyond the 30 days. Exceptions will be made to this in special cases where the winner is able to assume full responsibility for his own support for any additional period.

The Fellowship Must Be Utilised During One Of Two Periods: (1) Between August 1 and September 15 and (2) between the opening of the General Assembly and November 30.

Any Further Particulars may be obtained on application to the Secretary, A.N.C.U.N., South Australian Division, G.P.O. Box 1315L. Special Prizes: Apart from the prizes enumerated above three special prizes will be awarded to Australian candidates, of the following values: £10/10/-, £5/5/-, £2/2/-.

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S.T.G. PLAY

"Lacked Guts"

Our Critic Tells Why

Audience comments on the Student Theatre Group's production of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," were mostly concerned with its lack of the gusto proper to its period. The performance was variously described as "sticky," "slow," and "uneven." In this article, our critic analyses the play, and tells why that was so.

By Edgar Castle

With the growing use of the "picture" stage in the nineteenth century, drama began to forget that it was properly a rhetorical activity in which the audience had as great a part as any of the cast. Vaudeville alone remained a group activity, where an actor would take his cues for speed and emphasis as much from the audience as from his fellows. Hence, of course, the vitality and popular appeal of the 'alls.

Now picture stage technique is quite satisfactory when the play was written within naturalist limits—most Chekhov, for instance. But it is wholly out of place with, say, Elizabethan or Greek stuff—particularly comedy.

Which seems to have been the reason why Iris Hart's production of "The Knight" was not altogether a happy one. The most successful players — Jeff Scott, Frank Zeppel and Raymond Molloy — were those with some experience in revue work. They all played to, and for, the audience. They played, too, with a keen sense of each other's lines, tossing words back and forth with the verve of cross-talk artists; which was good, and proper. Scott, particularly, saw to it that, as far as he was able, there was never a dull moment.

But the rest of the cast—because they knew only their lines and what the producer had told them—were uninspired. Luce (Patricia Lloyd) and Humphrey (Oliver Powell) were as competent as the tempo of the whole performance would permit. There was a lot of amusing business amongst the odds-and-sods. But Merrythought, the Prologue and Jasper all sadly lacked enthusiasm. Had they "let themselves go," had Merrythought belched and shouted, had the Prologue been more loftily amused with the citizens, had Jasper been more spirited, the audience would have been grateful.

This performance, then, was not good. Far from it. But if the S.T.G. have learned that Elizabethan comedy is extravert stuff, and needs to be played that way, they shall not have wasted their time, or ours.

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"The Knight of the Burning Pestle"



THE KNIGHT PESTLED. Jasper (Bruce Marsden) belabors Ralph (Frank Zeppel), while Oliver Powell registers confusion, and Scott alarm. Glenys Wemyss, too, is far from happy.

UNESCO WEEK

1949

(By a Special Representative)

This week is UNESCO Week—no different from any other week perhaps, but a week during which it is hoped that thoughts of international understanding may be kindled sufficiently strong to endure for a further year.

To most people UNESCO is mainly a matter for experts, but should the average person remain apathetic and leave it solely to the experts, it is doubtful whether UNESCO's aims will be achieved. On the acceptance and pursuit by every man, woman and child of the ideals of UNESCO may well depend the avoidance of future wars.

The actual work of UNESCO may seem remote to Australians, since most of the large-scale projects are being carried out overseas. However, one small question may serve to indicate that there is work to be done for UNESCO in Australia. Would you say, for instance, that the history books you studied at school were entirely devoid of anything which might prejudice you against other nations? From such small beginnings may grow the prejudices and international mistrust which breed wars.

BUNDEY PRIZE ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 31

The Bunday Prize for English Verse for 1949 is an award of £10 presented to the author of a poem no less than 100 lines and no more than 200 lines on an Australian topic. Entries close on March 31 at the front office. Winner of the prize last year was Michael Gleeson Taylor, with the poem, "The Silent Land."

THE SILENT LAND

THE EAGLE

"The way of an eagle in the air"

See, an eagle glides, extended wings
 Resting upon the high upcurrent air,
 Waiting and scanning with a crystal eye
 The grasses and the sheltering rocks below.
 See he is wheeling, flaring his pinions out,
 Turning with one great motion of his wings
 And skimming the low bush in his silent glide.
 Now he has dropped: the sudden beating wings
 Slam on the dry grass and the dusty hill.
 And now he drops his deadly head, and death
 Drops like blood from his crystal eyes and stains
 The grasses and the dry earth of the hill.

The silence of this land is like that bird
 Wheeling and soaring in an empty sky,
 Wheeling and waiting, with an endless drift
 And lift of tireless wings in soundless air.
 And I standing on this hill and watching,
 Watching the long flight and the deadly glide,
 I am the prey upon this lonely hill, alone
 In all this wildness and this wilderness;
 Hiding in the long grasses of my thoughts
 And hiding under the shadows of my words
 From the gliding crystal eye of silence.
 And I am still, fearful under the shelter
 Of my shadowed words and hiding thoughts
 Lest by my moving I betray myself
 And feel those talons driving in my loins

THE SERPENT

"The way of a serpent upon a rock"

I have seen him sleeping in the sun,
 Denying the sunlight with his death-black eyes.
 He is the small serpent, the minor dragon,
 The dark creature, the liver among the stones,
 The small, dark, death-eyed being of the rocks.

I have seen the sunlight on the rocks,
 And seen their shapes and colors, but within
 I have seen the inner darkness, behind the light.
 I have watched the darkness creeping from the rocks,
 For night in this land is not a going of light,
 But a coming-out of the darkness of the earth—
 And felt it beating on my eyes until,
 Almost the serpent and the rocks and I
 Were one in a still and death-dark universe.

He is the ancient guardian of the rocks,
 He is the creature of darkness, and his bite
 Spreads into the blood like night; and night,
 The ancient darkness of an ancient land,
 Rises like a serpent upon the rocks
 And sinks its fangs into the lighted air.

THE SHIP

"The way of a ship in the midst of the sea"
 I have watched the whelming of great waves

And the white overwhelming of the rocks,
 And seen the breakers die in a ghost of spray
 Drifting from the rugged granite reefs.
 And from far away I have heard the sound of the sea
 As soft thunder, calling with a dark voice
 Of age-long beating on the cliffs and shores.

Australia is surrounded like a raft,
 Timelessly floating on the southern sea;
 A lost craft, a dead deserted land.
 What did they see, those first men to our coast,
 But a derelict land, with sea-birds overhead
 Like phantoms, crying and weaving; and the sea
 Roaring forever on the lonely shores.
 They made their landfall strangely, as if they trod
 Not upon land, but on the treacherous planks
 Of some sea-lost and long-abandoned craft
 Where time showed only as a slow decay.

Now we are many people, but still the sea
 Beats on the shores of a deserted coast.

THE LOVERS

"The way of a man with a maid"

We are not wanted in this ancient land,
 This land of stillness and unmoving age,
 This land where all the primal fires are dead.
 How shall we shelter from the crystal eye
 And how escape the serpent of the rocks?

And in our ears there sounds the soft thunder
 Of the great sea on the deserted coast,
 Speaking of ageless beating on the cliffs
 And an endless overwhelming of white water.
 What shall we do to shield our ears from this?

We do not fear the eagle and the snake,
 We shall throw our love out on the world
 Like a great light, blinding the gliding eye;
 We shall wear our love like shoes, and walk
 Unscathed upon the serpent of the night.

The sound of the sea is murmuring in our ears,
 Telling of wastes and loneliness and age;
 A sound of fear. But waves of fire and love
 Lift and roll upon our tidal blood
 And sound upon the coastlines of our hearts.

We are the lovers in a loveless land,
 Walking with invulnerable feet,
 Safe from the clutch of talons in the loins;
 We are the conquerors of this silent land,
 The only people that it cannot harm.

CODA

The eagle wheeling in the empty sky,
 The snake asleep, the waves upon the shore,
 Silence, darkness, loneliness and fear;
 These are the spirits of Australia,
 The spirits of a lost and silent land.

If you are interested in the work and aims of UNESCO, you may obtain free of charge from the Universities Commission Office in the main Administrative Block of the University, material specially prepared for UNESCO Week, consisting of pamphlets, both for adults and children, and a set of four discussion posters.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Contributors are reminded to write on one side of the paper only. Keep it brief. Do not exceed 500 words. Pen-names may be used, but author's name must be available, although not necessarily for publication.

Correspondents failing to comply with these requests may abandon hope of ever seeing their tomes in print.

"AMAZED"

Dear Sir,
The first thing I was taught on entering this University is the truth of evolution. This being so, will the comrades of the Socialist group please justify their doctrine, in your columns? Surely redistribution of wealth is an anti-thesis to the law of the survival of the fittest, and will therefore hinder the development of what we may call Superman?

The same goes for the pacifists. War ensures the survival of the fittest on a national scale. I challenge anyone to reconcile evolution and pacifism.

"MAZEY."

"BLUE BOY"

Sir,
"Blue Boy" should have been dropped from his cradle—or perhaps he was. I publicly challenge this oddity to either write or produce one sketch for 1949 Revue—the playing of which will even interrupt the rumblings of a very bored audience. Should the oddity accept and win this challenge, Footlights Club will present him with a guinea. Should he not accept then 4,000 students will know he is just one of the only too many, who "toil not, neither do they spin."

The passive vassal responsible for the deprecating document of last issue does not know that Footlights Club had boldly committed itself for £200 with only two sketches in hand. He didn't bother to enquire.

You see, dear readers, no money could buy sketches, a few brave and most talented students wrote, and for the most part, produced, Macbeth, Night School, Uni. Regiment, and McKacky; these were the good fellows who had enough inside to back a very fine student activity with all they had; God bless 'em.

May I thank very deeply all those good souls who helped to lighten the burden of "The seat, etc.," and may Scott's famous last line be applied to Blue Boy and anyone else who in any way pours pessimism upon our hard-won and here-to-stay, Revue.

ROBERT DONALDSON,
Producer.

P.S.—I have suggested that 1949 Revue be titled "Keep It Clean." Can our finicky friend do better, I wonder?

SUPPORT FOR SQUADRON

Sir,—No doubt this will be but one of thousands supporting "ex-R.A.A.F.'s" plea. Not only is it ridiculous that we, "the elite," should bow to the pack-horse's burden, but it is deplorable that we are not strongly agitating for the abolition of that "last to be needed" service.

Surely we reach the depths of folly when doctors, engineers and the like waste their vacations learning what men from the street can be taught within a week, particularly as it is completely needless for those who are only serving beside the infantry to have any knowledge of military life.

Time and again in the last war we saw professional men pick up the threads of military life while their uniforms were being tailored—and who ever saw an M.O. who could not have taken command of a brigade at a moment's notice—such was their knowledge of the army and its ways.

Additionally there is the matter of all the time "air-crew" wasted on basic training in weapons (army type) and drill. Besides having doctor navigators, dentist pilots, engineer wireless-ops, we should smarten up air-crew training.

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SCOTT ON IT

Sir,—Blue Boy complains volubly about the lack of "witty comedy" and the prevalence of sex in the Revue. I, for one, will be only too glad to participate in the presentation of a Revue which abounds in "witty comedy" and is devoid of "smutty sex." No doubt Blue Boy will write the script.

—JEFF SCOTT.

"BAD OLD DAYS"

Sir,—As a veteran of pre-war Revues, I can assure Blue Boy that at no time did "The Seat Of Your Pants" descend to the level of the Bad Old Days. I understand, moreover, that the most offensive sketches were written by outside writers, past and present employees of one of the newspapers which disdainfully raised its virtuous nose in parsonical disapproval.

—GRADUATE.

THE CLOISTERS!

Dear Sir,
Personally, I admired the initial edition of "On Dit" very much, but I am afraid that "On Dit" has little impact on student consciousness. Last week "On Dit" was being sold to students from 11.45 a.m. onwards, and on page three of this issue, there was a notice which stated that "Crockery and trays taken from the Refectory on to the lawns and cloister steps must be returned to the collection table in the cloisters."

Just two and a quarter hours later, the cloisters resembled the Adelaide Oval after a Grand Football Final. Trays, crockery, papers (several copies of "On Dit" ironically enough), scraps of food and other debris littered the complete area.

Because of your newspa-

per's glaring failure here, Sir, I suggest we dispense with it altogether and set up a broadcasting station. Between the hours of twelve and two, some catch phrase could be broadcast at three-minute intervals, such as "Oi! Keep those cloisters t'oidy!!! THIRD YEAR."

NOT US!

Dear Sir,
We, the undersigned, wish it to be known that the letter which appeared under the nom-de-plume of "Blue Boy" has no connection with the outstanding, vocal-instrumental trio featured in the Revue under that name.

Signed, STANLEY T. SCARMAN, MAL WILKINSON, VIC HARDMANN.
"The Original Blue Boys."

"FLUTE-LIKE NOTE"

Sir,
I take up yet again my almost-rusty-with-disuse Tripe-writer to imprint upon "Blue-Boy" a few well-chosen words where they will do most good.

He was wrong; his letter, instead of being a voice in a whole brass band of protest, raised merely its flute-like tone all on its little lone. I would point out to him that bedroom scenes, overdone or not, are, by the nature of the beast, of an "insinuating character," and, in moderation, are to be appreciated as such.

Scripts (for the best of which a prize is offered) for this year's Revue are already being called for. I suggest to Blue Boy that he sit down soberly and write a nice, witty comedy for us.

In glowing anticipation,
GOLDFISH.

OUR MISTAKE

Dear Sir,
I would like to correct a mistake which occurred in "On Dit" of March 14 appearing above my "guest" editorial.

I am designated as "Law Rep" whereas our worthy President Roder enjoys that high post. I am merely one of a number of Men's General Reps.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. HERMES.

A VICIOUS BLOT

Sir,—Of the many vicious blots which Christianity has stamped upon western civilisation, perhaps the most revolting is the sense of sin in which it has enshrined the forbidden subject of sex.

Against this sense of sin the great writers of all ages have struck with unerring skill, only to be repudiated by priests and prudes, by the repressed and the ignorant. From Shakespeare to Shaw, from Chaucer to Coward, from Hawes to Huxley, the fight has gone on, but still the voices of the prim and the proper rise up in shrill protest. A Blue Boy is horrified by the sex in "The Seat Of Your Pants." Strike me lucky! we should cut it out. It's dirty!

There is nothing "dirty" about sex.

It is just as "clean" as eating and drinking. The only

"dirtiness" about the matter is in the minds of Blue Boy and his ilk. There is no such thing as a "dirty" joke; there are only good jokes and bad jokes. The only fault in the Revue was that there were too many bad jokes. The eminent critic, Ewington Holliday, has pointed out that "sex is undoubtedly the best subject for jokes and situations, and a refusal to see this does not point to a pure mind, but to an incredibly stupid one."

THE KINSEY KID.

CHALLENGED

Dear Sir,
The pathetic picture drawn by "Goliath Episcopus" of students without their correct academic dress has quite touched my coarse Engineer's soul.

In reply, I present this account of Engineering as it could be in 1950.

Scene: Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, University of Adelaide.

Numerous students stand about in somewhat greasy academic dress. They are watching a steam engine in operation. Suddenly screams, yells, and blasphemous sounds are heard. The origin of these sounds is eventually hauled from the midst of a rotating fly-wheel.

"What happened?" goes the cry. The answer is, of course:

"Oh, his academic dress got caught up. He's only the third this week. Last week it was twelve, you know."

And so it goes on. Your people "set apart" are gradually slaughtered—leaving, perhaps, such gentlemanly, white-collar workers as Law students, Arts students and such like.

Therefore, before trying to reintroduce academic dress, remember, "Death is so permanent."

L' INGENNERE
SANGUINARIO.

"WORDS, WORDS, WORDS" (Shakespeare)

Sir,
"A Tract for the Times," by Goliath Episcopus, was a fine, fearless piece of writing. But, in my opinion, the opinions expressed in this article should be more widely disseminated; an audience other than English honors students should have the chance to benefit from this "great work."

In the next issue of "On Dit," therefore, I suggest you publish an amended, nay translated, version of Goliath Episcopus' remarks, capable of understanding by the layman University student. (English-speaking!)

GARGANTUAS EPIDDLE-CAPOOPUS.

MEETING RULES EXTENDED

Meetings may be held at lunch-time in the George Murray Building during 1949. This results from an extension of the rules in operation last year. The extension was moved by the last meeting of the S.R.C.

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INTER-FACULTY DEBATING

In anticipation of a heavy debating programme, it is necessary that entries be finalised as quickly as possible.

Monday, April 4, is the closing date for entries which should be addressed to the Debates Secretary (C. L. Hermes), c/o S.R.C. Office. The Secretary may be contacted at C.4490 during the day.

It is desirable that students form their own teams, but if you are having trouble in finding team-mates communicate with your Faculty Society Secretary who will probably be able to place you in a team.

In any case, when a team is finalised the members should appoint a leader to be responsible for entering the team, and generally keeping in touch with the Debates Secretary. Ample notice will be given to teams of their place in the draw both by direct communication and through the columns of this paper.

The Secretary will be pleased to receive suggested subjects for debate not only from participants, but also from anyone who cares to submit them.

Intersarsity

At the risk of discouraging aspirants to the Adelaide Intersarsity Debating team it can now be reported that Melbourne is the probable venue for the 1949 series, and not Hobart as was earlier mooted. This change has been necessitated for financial reasons, but the Debates Secretary has been assured that Melbourne will dispense its usual open-handed brand of hospitality.

This should be sufficient to attract a number of contenders for places in our team.

UNIVERSITY FILM

The beauties of Adelaide are to be used as a background for a film which is to be made shortly on the work of the University. It was decided by the University Council that the Commemoration Procession should be a feature of this film which will be sent to England, and is intended to attract teachers who are needed to supplement the teaching staff here.

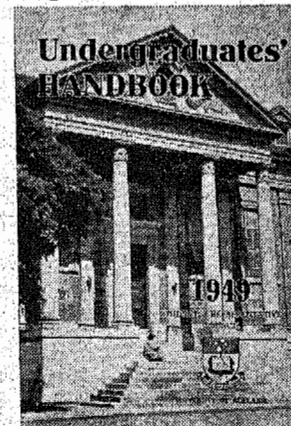
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The Metropolitan Gas Company, Melbourne, has vacancies for young graduates in Engineering of the age of 30 to 33 years with some practical experience. Prospects for advancement are good.

Anyone interested should apply for further particulars to Mr. V. A. EDGELOE, Secretary University Appointments Board.

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Drama Festival in Adelaide

Recommendations

With the proposal to hold the NUAUS Drama Festival in Adelaide this year, a committee of S.R.C. and Student Theatre Group members has made the following recommendations to the S.R.C., regarding organisation and entertainment:—

1. That constituent Theatre Groups be contacted and asked to inform this S.R.C. before March 25 whether they intend to enter for the 1949 Drama Festival; such tentative nomination to involve them in a liability to this S.R.C. of twenty pounds (£20) which sum, being the deposit to be paid on booking the theatre for two nights, shall be considered part of the general entry fee but shall not be refunded in any event of non-participation. Copies of this letter shall be sent to all constituent S.R.Cs.

2. That the Adelaide S.R.C. advise the National Union that it considers the position con-

cerning Drama Festival finance to be as follows:

(i) The entrance fees paid by constituents become part of N.U.A.U.S. funds.

(ii) In making a request for advance payment from constituents and in paying a deposit on the hire of a theatre the Adelaide S.R.C. is acting as the agent of the N.U.A.U.S. pending the appointment of Drama Festival officers.

3. That the S.R.C. wire the General Secretary N.U.A.U.S. for his approval to book the theatre.

4. That if the S.R.C. and Student Theatre Group approve the recommendations of this committee, they severally empower this committee to decide at a meeting on March 28 whether the Drama Festival shall be held in Adelaide, and such other matters as may concomitantly arise.

5. That entertainments be joint entertainments of the S.R.C. and Student Theatre Group and at their joint expense, subject to Student Theatre Group consent.

ARGUMENTS FOR ALL

(By Rosemary West)

Do you like arguing fiercely with people of all kinds? Do you like to chatter between chews? If you do, then a lunch-hour study circle is the place for you.

A study circle is a group of about a dozen people who discuss various subjects under the leadership of some one who is tolerant enough to fear other people's ideas and understanding; enough to calm people down when the discussion becomes a little too intense.

The S.C.M. study circles start on March 21. There is a study circle for everyone. If you feel you have something to say, then say it in one of these circles where you can be sure that there are people willing to listen.

"On Being Fit to Live With." Leader, Basil Wetzel.—What would you do if your father threw you out of the house? Come to this circle and see just how you can avoid such a catastrophe. This is a circle for everyone. You must have some idea on the subject unless of course you are a hermit.

"A Reasoned Faith." Leader, Ken Newman.—This is a circle for older people who are willing to study the book, "Christian Apologetics." The circle will repay you amply if you do work for it.

"Christianity and Contemporary Thought." Leaders, Peter Hetzel and Winston Jones.—Here is a circle for people of all faculties since

we will discuss in turn, Christianity as it is related to the scientific method, an interpretation of history and law and ethics.

Freshers will be especially welcomed to this circle: After a couple of years at the University we tend to absorb the fashionable ideas on these subjects. A few vigorous freshers will help to wake us up a bit.

Bible Study. Leader, Miss Morrison.—This circle is for people who are seasoned circle folk, and who are prepared to do quite a bit of hard thinking and studying.

Watch the notice-boards for details of time, place, etc. Anyone can come along and have their say. That's what study circles are for.

'VARSITY RAGS VULGAR' OXFORD MOVE

Denouncing a "small minority of ruffians indifferent to the good name of Oxford University," the Senior Proctor of the University (Mr. D. L. Page) to-day declared that the traditional varsity rag was now vulgar and obsolete, reports the "Advertiser."

Mr. Page was handing over to a successor his duties of enforcing discipline among the 8,000 undergraduates.

He said that the ruffians would lack the opportunity and courage for their excesses "if they were not securely defended by an impenetrable mass of tolerant or disgusted onlookers."

PHYS. ED. FORUM

The following piquant, if somewhat incoherent, pearls of wisdom are primarily dedicated to those gullible members of the Varsity community who have committed themselves, for better or for worse, to the Physical Education course.

As Physical Education has hitherto been notoriously under-publicised for its many and varied cultural values or something, it is considered high time that aspiring undergrads were treated to an illuminating insight into the fascinating mechanics of their future career.

To this pious end a statistical inventory of what was learned as a group over the previous twelve months has been compiled, at great trouble and expense, for the general edification of those new members who have been wondering what knowledge they will have gleaned by the end of their first year in the Phys. Ed. Dept.

The comprehensive survey which follows discloses such elements of culture and erudition as they may hope to comfortably attain at the end of a strenuous year, and which will undoubtedly bear them in good stead in their declining years.

1. Physical Education flourished happily among the early Greeks, or Romans, or both, or something.
2. The human body is made up of simple elements, usually bone from the neck up, and earth, fire and water from the neck down.
3. The Phys. Ed. girls' uniforms are disappointingly modest in length (to both parties).
4. The distance between the

Hut and the Richmond can be covered in one minute flat.

5. It is possible to sleep undetected during Mr. Apps' or Miss Barwell's lectures by resting the head on the hands as if shading the eyes.
6. The resilience of the human body under exercise is greatly overrated.
7. Goog Bryce is good for a loan at any time.
8. It is not necessarily effeminate to drink tea.
10. Johnny Lean can be relied upon to talk his way out of anything.
11. "Hiking and Camping" has its moments.
12. The chances of putting one over Doc Adey are practically nil.

In actual fact, of course, you will learn a lot more about physical education which in time will qualify you for the elusive diploma.

[The above note was added to satisfy Mr. Apps in case he happens to peruse this column. As a matter of fact the original outline is true and I had to look up that bit about the Greeks and Romans. —R.J.]

EMPLOYMENT

All enquiries to the S.R.C. regarding student employment will now be directed to the Commonwealth Employment Service. The employment service run last year by the S.R.C. has been discontinued.

DIFFERENCE

One professor can always tell a first year class from a final year class. On walking

FOOTBALL

The Annual General Meeting of the South Australian Amateur Football League was held recently and the Chairman of the League reported that at the meeting of the Australian Amateur Football Council, held in Perth at the same time as the Carnival last year, he had raised the question of the amateur status and the amateur definition with a view to the possible relaxation of the present rule.

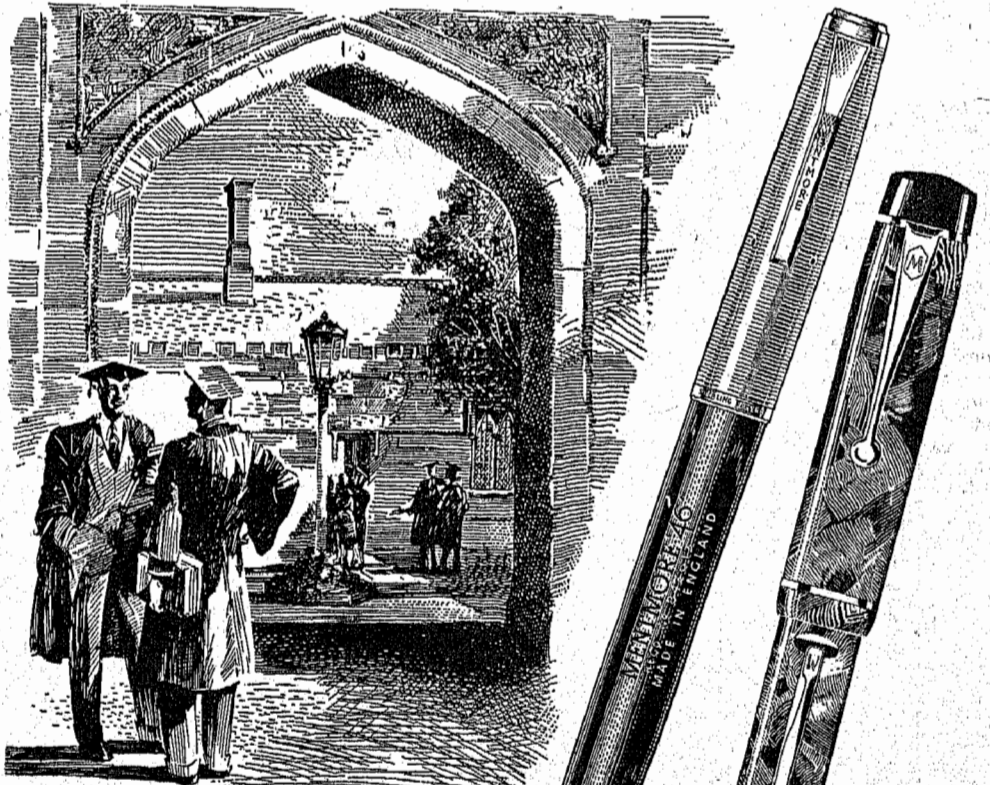
He discovered that the other States were enforcing the rules of amateurism with far greater strictness than has been the case in S.A. The result of his enquiry has been, therefore, quite the opposite from that at first anticipated. It now appears that players who have played League football and received a bonus as a result will no longer be regarded as amateurs by the Amateur League.

The new ruling raised the question as to the position of players who have previously played in League ranks, but who have more recently been playing with Amateur League sides.

The League has not made up its mind on this point, but it rather looks as if there will be a lot of applications for reinstatement this year.

The Annual General Meeting of the University Football Club was held last Thursday evening when the officers for the coming season were elected. The first night for practice was also arranged. Details will be given in the next issue.

in to deliver the lecture, he simply says, "Good morning." The first years reply with "Good morning, Sir." The final years write it down.



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The last day on which the Editors can receive contributions is Saturday, May 21—the last day of the first term.

Mary Robinson, Stuart Smith, Editors.

Kevin Magarey, Sub-Editor.

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WOMEN CRICKETERS WIN INTERVARSITY

The second Inter-Varsity took place in Adelaide this year from January 12 to 20.

We played two matches, an Intersvarsity proper, which was won by Adelaide, and a scratch match, which was won on the first innings by Sydney.

Adelaide's team was:

Ruth Dow (captain)
Elaine Gibbes (Vice-capt.)
Lesley Blanchard
Jeannie Moffatt
Mary Liston
Petrea Fromen
Josephine Kelly
Marguerite Halls
Pauline Hakendorf
Stroma Buttrose
Peg Verco
Rosamund Hallett

In the Intersvarsity proper, after making only 36 in the first innings against Sydney's 116 and 71 (dec.) Adelaide was set 158 runs to chase in only 110 minutes. Owing almost entirely to a brilliant,

fast-scoring 109 by State and side captain, Ruth Dow, Adelaide scored 158, making the winning run in the last over of the match.

Adelaide's best bowlers were Ruth Dow (3 for 25, 3 for 26), Elaine Gibbes (4 for 38, 2 for 20) and Stroma Buttrose (2 for 21).

Sydney's captain, Enid Shaw, who is also captain of the Australian Junior XI, was their best all-rounder.

In the picnic match, Sydney made 122 and 71, and Adelaide 90 and 139, Sydney winning on the first innings. Our best batsmen (or should it be batwomen?) in this match were Ruth Dow (50 and 32), Lesley Blanchard (29), and Petrea Fromen (20 and 21). Best bowler was Ruth Dow (6 for 39, 3 for 17).

BASEBALL NOTES

The Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide University Baseball Club was held in the George Murray on March 9, at 8 p.m.

After the usual preliminaries, the secretary's report on the 1948 season was read by M. R. Page. For the first time in many years, this proved to be largely a success story. Not only did the University "A" team finish third in the local competition, but it also won the Intersvarsity by defeating Melbourne 5 runs to 4, Queensland 10 runs to 0, and Sydney 10 runs to 5. Besides these team successes, the report also told of individual achievements. L. Smart made the State side as pitcher, and was successful against Western Australia, South Australia winning 5 runs to 0. As well, W. Fuller was awarded his Blue. The top three batters were L. Smart (average—.383), Page (.293), and Quintrell (.290), while the top three fielders were Page, Othams and Biddell with averages of 1.000, .973, and .964 respectively. The team averages for the local competition were: batting—.250, and fielding—.921, while in the Intersvarsity, they reached the remarkable figures of .313 and .929 respectively.

The report on the lower teams was not as cheering as that on the "A" team. The "B" team started the season well and appeared to have a fair chance of making the final four, but tailed off towards the end of the season, and finished sixth. This failure was mainly due to loss of key players either to the "A" team or for other reasons. This loss of players was reflected right throughout the lower teams and, as a result, there weren't any outstanding successes seen here.

After the report came the election of officers. Our time-honored Patron, N. W. Claxton, Esq., and President, Dr. J. M. Dwyer, were re-elected to their respective positions unopposed. Owing to the pressure of work, our popular Secretary, Maurie Page, was unable to carry on the excel-

lent job that he has done for the past two years, and Laurie Smart was chosen to take his place. The positions of Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Supervisor, and Coach, were filled by D. Biddell, W. Fuller, B. Quintrell and G. R. Fuller, Esq., respectively.

The very important point of Intersvarsity funds was next raised. The feeling was expressed that, as the Intersvarsity is to be held in Brisbane, the club would not be able to send a team unless sufficient funds could be raised to meet at least half the expenses. Following a discussion on this, it was decided to elect a committee to see just what could be done in the matter of funds. The members of this committee are M. C. Kriewaldt, Esq., L. Smart, B. Quintrell, C. Dietmann and K. Harnett.

The question of uniforms was also raised, and it was decided to make the wearing of white sox a standard part of the uniform for all teams.

As a final note, a welcome was extended to all new players present at the meeting, and as well, it was decided to hold some form of meeting to welcome new players not present. The details of this are not yet to hand, but as soon as information becomes available, it will be posted on the notice-board in the Refectory. Finally, all players are requested to read the notice-board for details about practice, registration, permit forms, etc., as this will greatly assist the committee's preparations for the oncoming season.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY 1948 State Captain to Coach University Teams

Miss Mary Teesdale-Smith has very kindly undertaken to coach the University teams this year, and as we have room for many more players, everybody known or unknown to the game is welcome.

Come along to the George Murray Hall on Wednesday next, March 23, at 1.10 p.m. Office-bearers for 1949 will be elected, so come and vote, and bring any bright ideas for organising the big end-of-term dance to be run by the club.

Finally, don't forget to put your name on the Refectory notice-board, to give us an indication of numbers, addresses and positions.

WANTED.—Undergraduates' Gowns.—Contact G. J. Pridham, St. Mark's, M 4499.

ATHLETES KEEP WINNING

After one of the most exciting contests this year, University on Saturday defeated the strong St. Peter's Old Collegians' Club four events to three in an all relay meet.



J. Crozier and P. Brokensha leading from R. N. Sprod and A. K. Gordon (S.P.C.) at St. Peter's College Oval. St. Peter's Won. —Block courtesy "Mail."

Modelled after the United States versus British Empire relay meetings, this new type of contest for South Australia fully justified itself on the score of competition, interest and team spirit.

The first event, the 4 x 120 yards high hurdles shuttle relay, gave us our first win, with the Harbison brothers and newcomer R. Bungey giving polished performances. We followed this with a win in the javelin giving us a two to nothing lead. Tony Dinham (145 ft. 6 in.), John Harbison (124 ft.), and another newcomer in John Crozier (115 ft. 7 in.) made our aggregate nearly 40 ft. better than our opponents.

With the next two events, St. Peter's evened the score by scoring two decisive wins in the 4 x 110 yards and the hop, step and jump. In the former event they broke their club record by registering 44.1 seconds.

The next event, the shot putt, was keenly fought, the issue being in doubt until the last putt. The team, consisting of P. Harbison, P. Brokensha and G. Markey, had only two feet to spare in winning the event.

The 4 x 880 yards relay was a thriller from start to finish. Don Selth trailed Rose-year (S.P.O.C.) for a lap and a half, but sprinted home to set Warren Quintrell off with a 15-yard lead which he stoutly maintained. Then with a great run, Ashwin (S.P.O.C.) overtook Nick Canny, and our last runner, John West, had to give Jim Copley (S.P.O.C.) a start of 10 yards which he just failed to make up after a game effort.

WITH THE SCORE AT THREE EVENTS ALL, THE FINAL RACE, 4 x 220 YARDS LOW HURDLES WAS ALL IMPORTANT. However the superior hurdling of the Varsity quartette won out to give us the event and the meet.

NEW ATHLETES

The attendance of many Freshers at the A.G.M. is most pleasing, and it is hoped that they will in a short time be available to uphold the honor of the club.

Training is now in full swing, and anybody of any shape or size is invited to attend any night of the week at about 4.30 p.m., at the University Oval where an attempt will be made to get him into racing trim.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Entry forms for all senior and junior events are available from P. Harbison. As we hope to win the Challenge Cup all athletes are urged to enter whether they think they can win or not. Big meetings such as these on April 2 and 9 are invaluable experience for all athletes.

INTERVARSITY TRIP
Energetic workers are soon to be called upon to assist in raising finance to send a strong team to Brisbane in May. The Athletics Ball is tentatively fixed for April 8. With all athletes behind it, it will be a great success, without your help a flop. What shall it be?

"ONE RUN NOTE"

Those who read these pages carefully will have noticed that the Men lost the Intersvarsity cricket by one run, the Women won their Intersvarsity cricket by one run. This, of course, cannot be used as an argument that women are better than men at cricket, only that women have all the luck.

BLUE NOTE

The following Blues were announced at the end of last year:—

MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Half Blue: J. F. O'Grady.
Club Letters: I. Marcus, J. B. Ware, W. D. Nobbs.

BASEBALL:

Blue: W. R. Fuller.
Club Letters: R. Quintrell, D. Biddell.

RUGBY:

Blues: M. Burton, A. D. Jones, B. Nienaber.
Club Letters: E. Smith, P. Jeffreys, W. Sandover.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL:

Blue: O. G. Woodward.
Club Letters: A. L. Dowding, B. J. Michelmore, M. R. Basheer, R. L. Elix.

HOCKEY:

Blues: E. J. England, T. Allen, J. B. West, B. Ellis.
Club Letters: C. Bayliss, L. R. Henderson.

LACROSSE:

Blues: J. H. Harbison, J. H. Hann.
Club Letters: G. Ward, R. Miles, K. Whisson.

RIFLE:

Blues: G. V. Harry, J. Moritz.
Club Letters: A. L. Tonkin.

SOCCER:

Club Letters: P. Martin.

WOMEN'S 1948 BLUES

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Blues: A. McCahey, D. Eldridge.
Club Letters: M. Hamilton, M. Brookes, P. Hill.

HOCKEY:

Blues: J. S. Hazelgrove, M. McTaggart, R. Dow.
Club Letters: H. Murrell.

RIFLE CLUB

In preparation for our first major event of the year, the Imperial and Albert trophies, competed for by all Universities in the British Empire, practice was commenced before the start of the academic year. Unfortunately we have lost three of our best men, Jock Moritz, Bill Scammell, and Mike Kemp.

This will leave us very short-handed until new members have gained the necessary experience for competitive shooting under poor conditions.

The "Intersvarsity" will be held in Hobart this year, and as the range there is extremely tricky, our lack of experience will be a serious handicap.

Due to our small numbers, we are having some difficulty in maintaining two teams for the Metropolitan Union teams shoots, but our No. 1 team has so far kept ahead in the championship, although only about 3rd in the handicap. As for the No. 2 team, a strict silence is the fairest thing.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The A.G.M. of this up and coming sport will be held in the George Murray to-day at 1.20 p.m.

Those who haven't decided what sport to play in 1949, or cannot see much chance of advancement in their present sport, are well advised to attend, and get into the game early. Practices will commence very shortly after this meeting. You have to inherit a place in the football team—be in "Who's Who" to play rugby, be mad to play hockey—so make basketball your winter sport.

REFECTORY SELF HELP

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In the near future it is intended to take disciplinary action against offenders.

ELIZABETH ADAM,
Secretary, S.R.C.

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