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Why not be an Olympic fresher?

Asks S.R.C. Vice-President, Sam Abraham

To those of you called "freshers" I have been asked to say a word of welcome. Personally, I do not like the word "fresher," but after spending my first year at University I found that being a "fresher" was not so bad after all.

The first day of lectures, the large lecture theatre, the many new faces, all well dressed and quiet, some old faces, some old flames, the impressive lecturer seems new at first, but soon this will wear off, and the so-called fresher is slowly transformed — through a metamorphosis—into another University student.

The essential difference is the contrasting change from the highly organised system at school level to the less organised system at University.

By this I mean that at the University one has more freedom, more time in between lectures—some have

only just one lecture a day. Hence it is up to each individual to plan one's time accordingly.

Many have misused this freedom, and have failed to realise it until too late. Let this not happen to you.

The University is not unlike the Olympic Games. We are the contestants. We have been trained at school. We go to the University just like going to the games, but the essential point is what we GIVE to the University that's important, and not what we TAKE from it.

There are many freshers who come to the University with the prime object to TAKE as much as they can from it, and GIVE practical-

ly nothing to it. This is a selfish outlook, for coming to the University should be a two-way process, GIVE and TAKE. For those who come to TAKE gain the least and those who care to GIVE gain the most. Remember that what you TAKE comes automatically in the form of lectures, tutorials, seminars, discussions, and practical work, but what you GIVE is your personal effort.

Let's Be International

At the University, again like the Games, you will meet people of all nationalities, with a common purpose. Many nations will be represented, and here's your chance to go up to these people, give them your fresher's handshake, meet them, say Hello, say Salamut, say anything, but make yourself known, and seek their friendship. Students, whether Australian, New Australian, or Asian, we have at least one thing in common—i.e., to study; and in that endeavor to study we can appreciate the other man's point of view better.

Hence Universities all over Australia must be the nucleus from which constructive ideas, thoughts, and expressions should flow smoothly, for the youth of to-day are the leaders of to-morrow.

SAM ABRAHAM,
Acting President, S.R.C.

The Vice-Chancellor



MR. ROWE

A Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Within and at the terminals of a human life discontinuities occur; events like birth, marriage, and death, after which nothing is the same as before. Coming into the life of a University should not be a discontinuity, and it will not be so for the fortunate minority which has been prepared in the last school year for University life. But for the majority of freshmen the change from school will be very great. Because you will be treated as adults, you must not grumble if you are not spoon-fed, as most of you have been at school. You will have to do a lot of your own sowing, and although the harvest may in part be decades ahead, it is broadly true that you will reap what you sow. If all you want from a university is professional knowledge, that is all you will get, and you must not blame the University if, in the years to come, you belatedly realise what you have missed. If you decide, as far as your studies permit, to enter fully into the life of the University during this "priceless gift of an interval," then a great adventure awaits you. I know what I hope you will do, but the choice is yours.

THE WARDEN INTRODUCES HIMSELF

Your Editor has invited me to say a word to Freshers.

I hope you will find this a friendly place. I know no University anywhere with a happier atmosphere of mutual goodwill.

Please take this as a personal invitation to make yourself known to me. My door has a glass panel for the very purpose that you'll be able to see whether I'm at home. Don't wait till you have a problem. In that case I may never meet you. Don't say: "He's a busy man, and what I have in mind's not important." Of course, your lecturers can help in many things far better than I. In any case, many of you know exactly where you're going. Yet there are some who have difficult choices to make. You may feel you've begun the wrong course. You may be having landlady, or even parental trouble. If you've avoided me when things were all right, you may be reluctant to call on me when they go wrong. I won't promise an easy solution to every problem, but I guarantee not to make things worse, and I swear I'll never laugh at you.

One of the things that has delighted me most in the past four years has been the friendly attitude of successive S.R.C.'s. I've never felt myself to be an intruder, though I hope that if ever I do interfere I shall be told so very smartly. Experience has convinced me that whenever the action of students results from free discussion, both their judgment and their behaviour are likely to be thoroughly trustworthy. This, I am sure, applies to you now as Freshers, but will be even more true as you get into the ways of University life.

Good wishes to you all!

FRANK T. BORLAND.

CARRYING THE MACE



Carrying the Mace in the Commemoration Service will be the ambition of all freshmen—the Mace is carried by the Rhodes Scholar of the preceding year.

Oldest inhabitant JEFF SCOTT offers: REQUIEM FOR STUDENT LIFE

An Immaterialist Lament

Once they used to say, "Let us think!" Now they herd you into a Commencement Service and chant "Let us pray!"

When the students of the thirties said they weren't going to fight for King and country, when they turned pink, red, or purple, they were dubbed the Lost Generation.

But they were never really lost, for all their groping in the dark, and in the forties they proved it.

The students of the fifties are still in the dark, but they have ceased to grope. They are the Lost Generation. Their darkness is the darkness of those who close their eyes to the reality of the times.

They cultivate the new cult of the masses — Conscious Unconsciousness. Look not, and thou shalt not see! Let us pray that that which is around the corner is not there!

Once students sought to change the world. Now they merely reflect it—the world in the evening, pretending it isn't going to die as it steadfastly refuses to under-

go any operation.

For their part in this last game of "Let's Pretend" students are to be rewarded.

Examinations will be a week earlier this year, so that they can all go to the Olympic Games—all, that is, except the Eight Economists, who are to be flung into the Ivory Tower for declaring that there won't be pie in the frig. until we die.

Behold, the New Moronism arises!

The social myths of the thirties failed us. The social problems of the Big Bang overwhelm us. We whimper away to the personal myths of marriage guidance and the home beautiful, square dancing, and tangled towns, the safe job and the cosy hearth.

Our sins will not find us at home.

In the University the New Moronism triumphs, and student life declines. The professors sit and talk of salaries, lawn mowers, babies, and cricket. Wisdom is not

the product of a group of specialists. The preachers move in. The parents relax.

Religious societies multiply and flourish, each with a different brand of personal salvation.

The S.C.M. turns from Socialism to Sex and True Romance.

The University becomes a place where they train the young to keep alive those who don't know how to live, and to build bridges for those who don't know where they are going.

The Vice-Chancellor of Reading University protests that "the student mind is locked, bolted, and barred against new ideas on politics, philosophy, and religion." But Reading is a long way away!

So, brother, if you do go to that Commencement "Service," offer up this prayer for me:

"Let us pray that we'll stop praying and start thinking. Amen!"

—JEFF SCOTT.



JEFF SCOTT

N.B. ALL ARTS STUDENTS

All Arts students are urged to become active members of their faculty organisation.

The Arts Association aims at furthering the interests of students of the Faculty of Arts as a whole. While the Literary Society, French Club, German Club, and the

Philosophical Society cater for particular groups of students, the Arts Association hopes to bring together students from all sections of the Faculty, and to co-ordi-

nate them into a larger whole.

It tries to achieve this by means of meetings with visiting speakers, lunch-hour addresses, symposia, debates, and other activities.

Officers elected for 1956 include the following: Hans Sasse (president), Terry Mitchell (vice-president), Jan Goldsworthy (secretary), Meredith Mitchell (treasurer), and Malcolm Bennett, Patricia Pak Poy, Anne Walton (committee).

For a variety of reasons, the Association has not in recent years been functioning as successfully as was expected. The executive is eager to bring about a rejuvenation of the Association, but it can do so only if it has the active and whole-hearted support of every Arts student.

All students are invited to become financial members by paying the subscription of 2/-. This may be done at the Freshers' Welcome, to be held on Monday, March 26, at 7.30 p.m., in the G. M. Library.

Not only Freshers, but all Arts students are cordially welcome to this function. The first part of the evening will be devoted to a symposium, which should be of vital interest to every intelligent member of the academic community. Three eminent figures in the cultural life of Adelaide will discuss the subject: "Are we civilised?" They are Dr. van Abbe, Mr. Max Harris, and Mr. John Horner. After an open discussion, a film will be shown.

COMMENCEMENT BALL

2 Bands

In the Refectory

Friday, March 23

FRESHERS ONLY . . . 12/6 DOUBLE

Film Society plans revivals

Re-formed in 1955, the Adelaide University Film Society aims to revive classic films for the benefit of members of the University and to develop an appreciation and critical evaluation of films, their characteristics, and their techniques.

The Society hopes this year to present six, possibly eight programmes of films selected in this way.

Office-bearers at present

are: President, Dr. D. P. O'Connell. Vice-President, Dr. Elliott Forsythe. Secretary-Treasurer, Ian George. Projection Organiser, Colin Tindall.

Get your Union Diary
S.R.C. Office
4/-

WHAT ARE THE S.R.C. AND UNION?

When you first come up to the University you will no doubt wonder what on earth the S.R.C. and the Union are. In this short article we will endeavour to give you some idea of their function.

The Adelaide University Union is really a kind of club which promotes every kind of extra-curricula activity.

The statutory fee of £6 10/- which all full-time students pay entitles them to membership of the Union, and to the use of all its facilities.

This fee therefore includes membership of all University sporting clubs, and gives members of the Union the right to wear the Union tie and blazer, which may be seen in the Union Office in Union Building.

The Union is governed by a Council made up of members of all the constituent bodies. These are the S.R.C., the Sports Association, the Graduates' Union, and the Staff Association.

This Council allots the statutory fee proportionally between the S.R.C., the Sports Association, the University Health Service, and the Union House Committee, which administers the Refectory and Union Building.

During recent years the Union has aimed at providing ever more student facilities, so that students may gain the most from their University careers.

With this aim in view, a State-wide appeal was organised last year, and as a result of this appeal the Refectory will be re-furnished and re-decorated, and a Union Hall and other new facilities built.

Officers this year are: B. L. D. Coghlan, B.A., Chairman Union Council. B. L. Mathews, B.Com., Chairman House Committee. F. T. Borland, M.A., Dip.Ed., Warden of the Union. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCubbin, Refectory Managers.

While the Union is a body of representatives of all sections of the University, Undergraduates have a body of their own, known as the S.R.C., or the Students' Representative Council, which administers affairs pertaining specifically to students.

This body consists of some 33 members, all of whom are undergraduates.

Elections take place in second term each year, when Faculties elect representatives, and, in addition, eight men and four women general representatives are elected.

At the head of the Council is an executive of five members, which transacts much of the business.

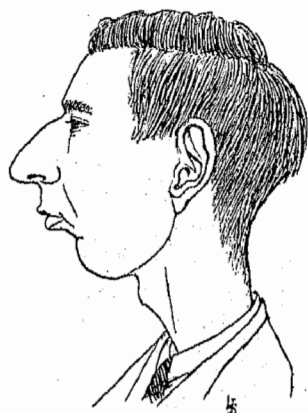
Among the S.R.C. activities are the running of "On Dit," Union nights, periodic balls, and the annual procession.

In addition, the S.R.C. is responsible for monetary grants to, and the administration of, University clubs and societies.

You, as freshers, should not think the S.R.C. is a body composed only of old hands for their benefit. Indeed, 11 of its members were freshers last year, and we are looking to this year's freshers for the same response.

The S.R.C. will consider gladly any complaints or suggestions from students.

Now a brief introduction to this year's S.R.C. top dogs.



MICHAEL SCHNEIDER

At the helm is Honours History and Political Science student Michael Schneider, veteran of several S.R.C.'s, and last year's vice-president.



GRAHAM CRAWFORD

Another fresher of last year, Graham Crawford, is the fifth member of the executive—he is assistant secretary.

This year's S.R.C. consists of:

Executive:

President: Michael Schneider.

Vice-President: Sam Abraham.

Secretary: Michael Smyth.

Treasurer: John O'Brien.

Assistant Secretary: Graham Crawford.

Men's General:

M. Bennet, J. Bettison, R. Dickson, J. Kelly, A. Ketley, R. Robertson, M. Schneider, M. Smyth.

Women's General:

Miss J. Goldsworthy, Miss A. Levy, Miss F. Lokan, Miss M. McLachlan.

Agricultural Science:

D. Eddy.

Arts:

Miss B. Greet, I. Grenfell.

Dentistry:

B. Thomson.

Economics:

D. Cameron, W. Rogers.



MICHAEL SMYTH

Ex-P.A.C. captain Michael Smyth is secretary, and Michael was a fresher himself last year.

He has already become noted for efficiency and a happy disposition, so if you want to find out just what being on the S.R.C. entails, ask him.



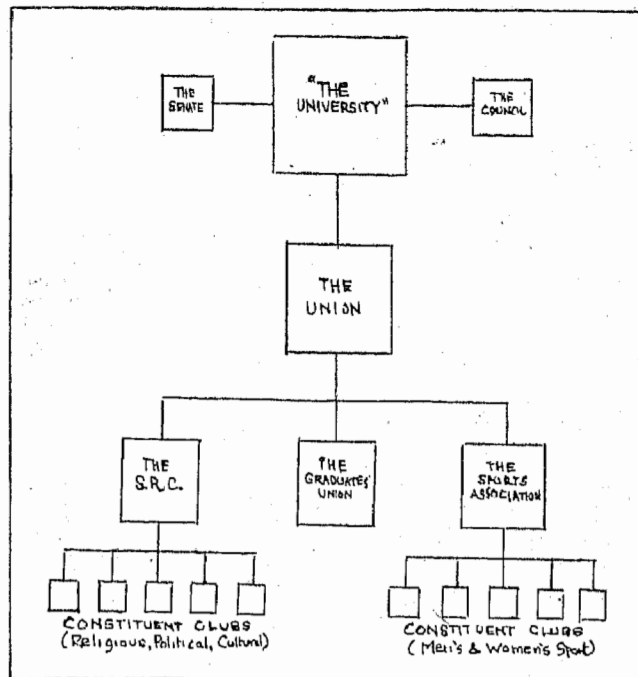
SAM ABRAHAM

Vice-president of the Council is Sam Abraham, with whom you'll no doubt quickly come in contact.



JOHN O'BRIEN

The man with shekels is Engineering student John O'Brien, who is in his second year as treasurer.



- Engineering:**
P. Boros, T. O'Brien.
- Law:**
A. Wilson.
- Medicine:**
S. Abraham, R. Coulthard.
- Music:**
Miss M. Leonard.
- Pharmacy:**
D. King.
- Physiotherapy:**
Miss M. Hosking.
- Science:**
G. Crawford, Miss A. Woolcock.
- Social Science:**
Miss M. Austin.
- Sports Association:**
J. Stephens.
- "On Dit" Editor:**
I Haig.
- Teachers' College:**
G. Fenwick.
- Immediate Past President:**
D. Evans.

E.U. has a message

The Adelaide University Evangelical Union, as its name implies, is a body of Christians whose aim is to present to every student the aims of the Son of God.

It is His eternal and unchanging gospel that has always been the foundation of the historic Protestant Churches, and the only foundation upon which have been built the lives of great Christian men and women, who have certainly affirmed its power in their lives.

We E.U.-ers also claim a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and an experience of His power in our lives.

The A.U.E.U. is part of a world-wide organisation, the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, and the basis of each E.U. is always the same gospel.

Because we feel the need for prayer and Bible study, these are a big part of our programme.

Bible studies are held once weekly during the Wednesday lunch hour and daily prayer meetings at 8.40 a.m. Several times a term we invite outside speakers to give an address at a public meeting in the Lady Symon Hall, and this year, during the week beginning May 7, a series of public addresses will be held daily.

A stern, hatchet-faced woman entered the office and demanded to see the chief.

"Is she good-looking?" the boss asked the office boy.

"Yes, sir—very beautiful."

"Then show her up."

After the woman's departure the boss sent for the office boy. "You're a nice judge of beauty," he said irritably.

"Well, sir," apologised the boy, "I thought she might be your wife."

"She is!" snapped the boss.

CARNEGIE SOCIETY

The Society exists to provide students with the opportunity for developing tastes in music.

The subscription is a mere 2/- p.a., and allows members to play the Society's new microgroove records when they so desire.

The Freshers' Welcome is to be held in the Graduates' Room, situated between the Refectory and George Murray Building, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

A symposium on "Recorded music as opposed to live performances" will be presented by Mr. J. V. Peters, Mr. L. Davies, and Mr. B. Coghlan. This will be followed by recordings of Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major, and several other well known works.

You can be assured of a most enjoyable evening. Supper will be served.

Further enquiries can be made via the "C" pigeon-hole in the Refectory foyer, or of any of the committee members.

Staff-student Tuts. for engineers

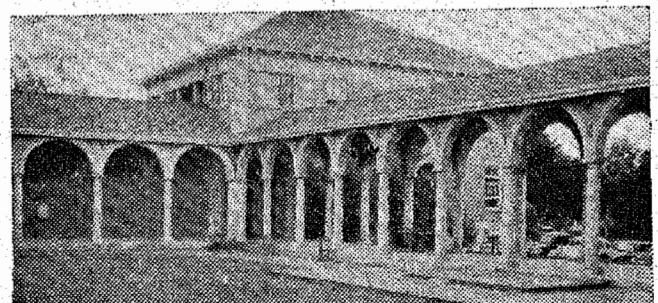
The Adelaide University Engineering Society is the Faculty Society for Engineering undergraduates. The Society is willing to promote almost anything, but more particularly its objects are to further Engineering knowledge and social intercourse among students.

Activities during the year include the Ball—this year on Saturday, April 28—dinner, golf day, lunch-hour talks, films, barbecues, etc. In fact, as many diverse forms of entertainment as there is time and finance for.

Of more particular interest to freshers is the Staff-Student Tutorial Scheme.

First year students, doing mainly preliminary subjects, tend to have no contact with the Faculty. Under this arrangement students, in groups, have informal discussions with lecturers within the Faculty, and thereby learn something of what is to come in later years.

Remember the Engineering Freshers' welcome on Wednesday, March 21, at 7.30 p.m., in the Chapman Lecture Theatre. There will be some patter, films, and supper, and an enjoyable and informative time is guaranteed.



A.U.D.S. PLANS

AHEAD

It's startling, gigantic and stupendous!! What? The A.U.D.S. Freshers' Welcome to be held on Thursday, March 29th, at 7-30 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall.

A play reading has been planned for this occasion. It is "World Without Men" and stars an all-female glamor cast headed by the Grace Kelly of the University.

This is only the first of the activities planned for 1956. The four productions which we hope to present during the year will give opportunities to those students who wish to act or just be entertained. There are also numerous other backstage activities such as lighting technique, set designing and costuming for those who wish to try their hand. We would especially welcome any people who wish to learn stage lighting.

Membership of the society is 5/- per year for student members (acting and non-acting) and 7/6 per year for non-student members. All members are eligible for considerably reduced rates at all productions. The committee for 1956 consists of Anthony

Ketly (president), Patricia LeMessurier (secretary), Warren Rogers (treasurer), Dr. Derek Van Abbe (senior treasurer), Anne Levy, Francis Lokan, Anne Woolcock and Robin Elix. Further details of the Society can be obtained at the Freshers' Welcome.

The first major production for the year will be "Thieves' Carnival," a comedy by the brilliant French author Jean Anouill. This play will be produced by well-known Adelaide producer, Miss Thelma Boulderstone and will be presented from April 4-7 in the Hut.

A BRIEF LOOK AT N.U.A.U.S.

The National Union of Australian University Students is the body which co-ordinates our S.R.C. and its counterpart in every other Australian undergraduate University.

In general, its main objects are to represent the students of Australia nationally and internationally, to maintain contact and co-operation between universities, and to promote the educations, social, and sporting activities of students. It favors no particular religious or political creed.

ers from each constituent formulate the policy and plan of work for the ensuing year.

- (i) The New Zealand Travel Scheme, through which students can travel to N.Z. during the long vacation.

All Adelaide University students are members of N.U.A.U.S., and are thus entitled to participate in any of its activities; they may also become members of its executive, or officers of the Union, by submitting their nominations to Council.

To maintain a liaison between the head office in Melbourne and constituents, each University has a local N.U.A.U.S. representative.

N.U.A.U.S. is the medium through which students may approach the Government if need be; in recent years it has been partly responsible for many improvements to the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme, and the reduction by three weeks of the first period of National Service for University students.

N.U.A.U.S. is a growing body, and each year its field of activities has widened, until now it can number among them:

- (a) The Art Exhibition.
- (b) Inter-varsity debates.
- (c) The Aboriginal Scholarship Appeal.
- (d) Work for the World Universities Service.
- (e) Drama Festival — at which each University presents a play.
- (f) Faculty Bureaux, which aim to co-ordinate and assist students of the same faculty in each State.
- (g) Congress.
- (h) The annual Council Meeting, at which delegates and observ-

Liberal Union

The objects of this club are to provide Liberal-thinking students with a meeting place, and to educate its members in public government and international affairs.

We aim to spread constructive Liberal thinking, and a critical approach to all political problems. The club is not affiliated to any political party, although in general it supports the principles of the Liberal Party of Australia.

In the Lady Symon Building (upstairs) we have a room which serves as a committee room and library. Current political pamphlets, books, and State and Federal Hansard are kept there, and it is open to every member of the club. The librarian is Jenny Downing, so see her if you have any complaints or recommendations.

The Liberal Union is a member of the Australian Universities' Liberal Federation (A.U.L.F.), which meets once a year. A weekend conference is held, and is followed by a Council meeting of the delegates from all clubs. This year A.U.L.F. meets in Adelaide in May, and we hope many members will attend the Conference and Council.

Meetings are held throughout the year. The first is the Freshers' Welcome on Thursday, March 22 (all freshers will be welcome). The speaker will be Mr. F. G. Chaney, member for Perth in the House of Representatives.

The executive for 1955-56 are: President, Margaret McLachlan; vice-president, Anthony Wallace; secretary, Andrew Wilson; treasurer, Graeme Moffatt; publicity officer, Jim Young; committee, Jenny Downing, Malcolm Cockburn, Darnley Taylor, Malcolm Bennett.

There will be a **Meeting** of all Freshers interested in "On Dit" on **Friday, 23rd March** in **PUBLICATIONS ROOM** George Murray Bldg.



Darlene Johnson and Keith Barley pictured during a play in the Cloisters last year.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION IS ON THE BALL

For many years now the Science Association has been acknowledged most active student body in the University; this year will be no exception.

True to custom, Science students have always found the Freshers' Welcome something to remember.

At this year's welcome, which will be held in the Lady Symon Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, freshmen will be introduced by traditional rites into the mysticisms of the Brotherhood of Science. Subscriptions (4/-) can be paid during the evening.

One of the great disadvantages suffered by the Science Faculty is that it is divided into a great number of departments, and as a result, it is difficult for the student to acquaint himself with the nature of the work undertaken by all these departments, and with the views and opinions of individuals within them.

The Science Association attempts to bridge these gaps by providing lunch-hour addresses and evening symposia at which speakers, authoritative in their fields, will discuss matters of current interest. For instance, the subject of one of the symposia is "Benefits and Problems of the Atomic Age."

Besides these more serious aspects of its work, the Association also provides many social events. Thus, although the Association does not sponsor trips to the South Pole, it does promote scientific expeditions to Hardy's Wineries at McLaren Vale.

The expedition takes place on March 31 this year, so to ensure that you start off the year in the right spirit, come along and help to make this the most memorable and enjoyable trip that it always is.

Also of prime importance in the Science Association

calendar are the Ball and Annual Dinner, to be held in July and August respectively.

This year's patron is Dr. West, vice-patrons are Prof. Rogers, Prof. Jordan, and Dr. Greeth. Committee members are the president, Mr. C. McGee, vice-president, Mr. R. Le Page, and secretary, Mr. N. Capon.

ART GROUP IS ACTIVE

Formed midway through 1955, the University Art Group has already held one highly successful exhibition of the controversial drawings of John Olday. This year they hope to follow this up with further successes.

The Group aims to promote interest in art in the University, and provide opportunities for members to increase or acquire knowledge by means of discussion groups, talks by prominent experts, and frequent exhibitions. If sufficient practical interest should be forthcoming, drawing excursions and painting classes could be formed, under the leadership of competent artists.

During the Orientation Weeks an exhibition will be held as the first activity of the year.

Office-bearers for 1956 are: Patron, Mr. Robert Campbell. President, Ian George. Secretary-Treasurer, Laurence Schneider.

Labor presses its claims

The A.U. Labor group is a body of students who are interested in discussing the aims and implications of Democratic Socialism.

Democratic Socialism rests on the belief that social and economic planning, democratically conceived and executed, will greatly advance community well-being, while giving a broader significance to personal freedom.

Public meetings are regularly held, and this year the club hopes to present some celebrated figures. Tentative speakers include Dr. Derek van Abbe, Don Dunstan, M.P., Dr. Peter Russo, Prof. W. G. K. Duncan, Dr. H. S. K. Kent, Prof. C. P. FitzGerald, Max Harris, Rev. S. G. Haynes, David Penny, Eugene Whitford, Bryn Davies, K. G. W. Cross, Charles Martin, and, in all probability, some interstate visitors. In addition, Eric Russell, Senior Lecturer in Economics, will lead a series of discussion groups in second term for members of the group.

All interested in taking part in the club's activities should contact one of the following: John Menadue (chairman), John Playford (secretary), committee members Bill Ewers, Ian John, Keith Barley, and Laurie Ryan, or publicity officer Bob Fowler.

WILL YOU FAIL?

Last year in the faculties of Arts, Science and Economics approximately 30% of all students in all years failed. Why?

A survey done in Australia, tracing the success of students beginning courses in 1943 and 1944, attempted, inter alia, to analyse causes of failure in University subjects.

Five main elements seemed to contribute to the degree of success attained by a student:

*The native ability of the student.

*The degree of prior preparation in relevant subject matter (more so in languages and mathematics).

*The amount of work the student does.

*The effectiveness of instruction by the University; and

*"The attitudes, habits, and study skills acquired by the student from his previous educational experience, associated with his ability to adapt himself to the relative freedom of University work."

I will assume that none of you will fail because you are not bright enough, have not gone to the best schools, or are too lazy to work. However, you might fail because you don't acquire good study habits, so I will concern myself with this.

What are the "study skills" required? What is it that causes one student to fail, although he seems to spend almost all his time studying, and another to pass well, although he spends far less time at his books? Study methods undoubtedly play a large part in the relative success of students. These are some of the methods successful students have adopted—it is up to you to select the ones you feel will benefit you most.

Write out your lecture time-table first.

Now leave some time before each lecture for preparation. A knowledge of what subject the lecturer is covering in the lecture will enable you to gain a better integrated picture of the whole subject.

GOOD CONDITIONS

Leave adequate time at the end of the lecture for an immediate review of the lecture — one experiment showed this can result in up to 50 per cent. greater retention over a given period.

Make the most of good working conditions. Seek out quiet places. When you can't avoid noise, do what interests you most. Work during the day as much as possible—your mind is usually fresher then.

Avoid glare from lighting into your eyes—seek to have the light from the left-hand side (for right-handed people), and from slightly behind if possible. Have the light evenly distributed on the book, and the book on a light-colored surface to avoid contrast.

READ SUMMARY

The position of the book—sloping rather than flat on the desk, and your posture—back straight, with head

only inclined slightly forward—are also important.

But you're not ready to start reading yet. First you must know how much it is necessary to know about any particular branch of the subject. You should read the syllabus carefully to ascertain how much you need to know. Another good method is to look up old exam. papers, but remember the syllabus may have been different then. Nevertheless, you will learn how a question can be framed, and can afterwards test your knowledge by attempting to answer such a question.

You are probably doing what subjects you have chosen because you are already interested in them. If this is not so, try to develop an interest by relating new knowledge to the facts already known, and by looking for applications for your new knowledge. This will provide motivation, a most valuable aid.

Now you are ready to start reading. Your aims should be to read as rapidly and accurately as the book itself will allow.

Acquire rapidity in reading in phrases—practice talking in phrases at a time, and avoid lip movements. Jot down any words you do not understand, and look them up in a dictionary. Keep a list of such words, so that you may refer to them from time to time, and thus learn them thoroughly.

But before you plunge into the text of the book, read the preface, and look at the chapter headings—in short, get an overall view of the subject before tackling the details.

Where a summary of the chapter is available, read this first. As you read, make brief notes on the main points—use scrap paper, which can be thrown away.

Perhaps the most important part of reading, from the remembering point of view, is the recall. At school you were forced to recall what you had just been taught by questions in the schoolroom, and tests. This sort of thing rarely happens at the University. You have to be your own interrogator.

One method is to close the book and jot down as many points as you can remember. (The effort of remembering seems to make the memory stronger.) Then open the book and check what you could remember. This does not mean you should attempt to learn it all perfectly at one sitting—in fact, "spaced" learning is more efficient than "massed" learning. By this I mean it is better to spend two hours three times a week than six hours straight, allowing for breaks. Once you have

learned to reproduce the matter as fully as is necessary, continue to "over-learn" it for a few times. This will aid retention, and is time well spent.

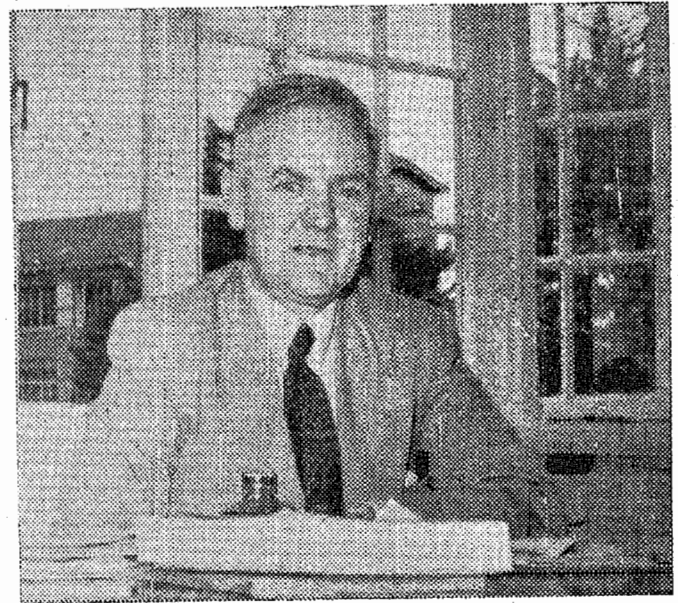
CONCENTRATION

Some people can concentrate for an hour at a stretch, some for only 20 minutes. When you feel your "output" dropping off, take a five or ten-minute break, or longer as the day goes on. Your total output will then be greater than had you tried to work straight through. But while you ARE working, concentrate hard. Concentration is one secret of the success of those who seem to spend relatively little time studying.

In planning your study time-table, try to avoid placing two like subjects, such as Latin and English, or Geology and Zoology, close together. Otherwise one tends to confuse memory of the other. Make a break between studying one subject and any other—this also aids retention.

Try to vary your learning method, placing emphasis on hearing, seeing, or doing, or combinations of these which

THE WARDEN



Mr. F. T. Borland, Warden of the Union, who wrote the message to freshers on the front page.

seem most effective for you.

You should also leave adequate time for revising work you learned weeks before. Some people find exams. a stimulus to work; others find anxiety hinders their learning. In any case, frequent revision will pay for itself when exam. time comes around. And when revising, don't forget to use the "active recall" method where possible, and supplement this by the most passive "recog-

niton," or re-reading method.

It is perhaps not necessary to tell you to have an adequate social and sporting life. But it is just as important not to "underdo" this aspect of your life at the Uni. as to overdo it. You should be able to afford at least one night a week off in addition to Saturday and Sunday, but this can be arranged to suit yourself.

Well, best of luck—and good studying!

JOIN THE SQUADRON

Most men freshers will face the problem of National Service Training early in their career and many would like to serve with the R.A.A.F.

This has been difficult to arrange in the past, but now R.A.A.F. N.S.T. is guaranteed to those joining the Adelaide University Squadron before call-up. The Squadron parades will be in addition to the N.S.T. training, but it is an officer-training unit, and its intake is limited to about 35 per year.

Successful trainees are commissioned as Pilot Officers on the R.A.A.F. Reserve when a degree has been obtained.

The training consists of one 14 day camp per year, together with Tuesday evening (6.30-9.00) parades, and other activities to make up another 14 days per annum. Pay at the rate of 22/9 (under 21),

or 26/7 (over 21) per day is paid for these 28 days per year. Tea money (7/-) and/or fares are paid where applicable, so that out-of-pocket expenses are covered. Officer-type uniforms are supplied.

The camps are generally held in the May vacation, almost invariably in the Eastern States, although the present senior course is hoping to go to Darwin this year. Transport is first-class, with sleepers, and accommodation is arranged in an Officers Mess at the R.A.A.F. station on which training is done.

The Squadron is organized in Flights, each with a specified purpose, linked with the university faculty of the

trainee. For instance, Law, Economics, Education, and Arts students would be in the Administration Flight, and be trained as Legal, Intelligence Education, or General Administration officers; Medical students are trained in Aviation Medicine, etc.

If you are interested in R.A.A.F. N.S.T. starting in January 1957, do not delay in joining University Squadron. Entries close 1st June, but act NOW.

If you are interested in officer-training for the R.A.A.F. Reserve—good rates of pay, with good conditions—contact the university Squadron, 156 Barton Tce., North Adelaide, M 9283.

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"THIEVES' CARNIVAL"

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OUR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Debating a must for all freshers

It is very important that those of you who are new to the University should benefit by experience in debating—you'll be the loser if you do not join the A.U. Debating Club, where opportunity is provided for all to debate.

High spot of the debating year is the Inter-varsity Debates Carnival, to be held this year in Brisbane.

Teams from the universities compete annually for the Philippines Cup.

The Adelaide team acquitted themselves very well last year, and were narrowly

beaten by Sydney, the eventual winner. Only Darlene Johnson has returned this year from that team, so places are wide open for Brisbane.

There are, too, regular lunch-time debates on Mondays throughout the first and second terms, and a limited number of evening debates. The lunch-time debates ensure that everyone can be heard. So make sure that you debate by contacting some member of the committee. You will find out soon enough who they are! The evening debates are

all-important from the point of view of inter-varsity selection.

The Orientation Week Debate is to be held on the evening of Wednesday, March 21. Teams have not been finally selected yet, but provisional teams are last year's inter-varsity team versus some of the abundant talent offering from the University professors and lecturers. Supper will be provided, and after supper, dancing and similar diversions will follow. Make sure you don't miss this debate on Wednesday, 21st!

International Club

During the last few years the great number of students from other countries attending Adelaide University has made it necessary for something to be done to bring all these groups and nationalities together.

There are many questions of great importance current to-day which depend for their full understanding on a knowledge of the points of view of countries and peoples other than our own—to mention but one, the problem of Malaya's independence and fight against Communism.

And in the University we have a means of finding out at first hand the viewpoints of people from a great number of different countries.

This is one of the functions of the International Club, which is a non-political student body set up to foster discussion on international affairs and other activities.

The Club is young, and needs a great deal of support. We rely upon students this year, and in the future, to support it, so that it can provide the background for discussions of the kind we know are valuable. So come along to our Freshers' Welcome (March 19, 7.30 p.m., Lady Symon Hall), join the club, and support us this year as much as you can.

S.C.M. caters for all

Is there a God? Does it matter?

Is humanism the answer?

Will I find my faith disintegrating when I try to relate it to the cold scientific fact of my studies?

Do I, as an active worker in my Church, have the time to join a Christian organisation within the University? Is it necessary to put the claims of Christ to University students, anyway?

Is there any fellowship to be found connected with a Christian movement which would be helpful to me?

If you are asking these or other questions, the Student Christian Movement may help you.

The S.C.M. is open to you, whatever your beliefs, or lack of them, may be.

It provides opportunity for study, discussion, and worship, all greatly enriched by the participation of students from many denominations of the Christian Church.

Come to:

Freshers' Welcome, Tuesday, March 20, at 7.30 p.m., and Morning Prayers, Wednesday, March 21, in the Lady Symon Hall at 8.45 a.m., followed by a tour of the University.

These orientation week activities will help to show you the varied nature of the S.C.M.'s programme, and the aims behind it. So whoever and whatever you are, keep watching the notice boards for details.

DEUTSCHER VEREIN

This undergraduate society exists to bring together not only students of German, but also all others who are interested in the German language and culture.

Meetings, which are held regularly throughout the academic year, take place, by courtesy of the Jury Professor of English, in the English seminar (top floor, Arts Building). As far as possible, German is spoken throughout, and meetings are of an informal nature, consisting of talks, recordings, poetry readings, etc. Supper is served at the end of each evening in the George Murray Common Room.

All further information may be obtained from the Department of German.

Chairman: Henrik Gelsen, Esq.

A.U. Camera Club offers you tuition

The importance of photography in the community today needs little emphasising.

Its uses in illustrative journalism, as a tool in science and industry, as a source of aesthetic pleasure in pictorial photography and movie films, and as a means of recording the personal life of the individual, point to one fact. That every individual today has an interest in some phase of photography, and should therefore have at least a working knowledge of the subject.

Photography is of particular significance to the university student to whom its use both as a tool and as a source of pleasure is rapidly assuming greater and greater importance.

To graduates of science, engineering, architecture, medicine and dentistry a good knowledge of photography is an invaluable asset. This knowledge, however, if possible should be gained during under-graduate days.

In attempting to cater for these needs many universities throughout the world have established special departments of photography; in many cases with a Professor in charge. Such a department has not been set up in the Adelaide University, although we may hope that a move in this direction may be made in the near future.

The University Camera Club in part attempts to counteract this deficiency, as it aims to foster interest in all branches of photography, with particular emphasis on pictorial photography.

A series of lectures and demonstrations has been arranged for this year, which will deal with general aspects of both color and black and white photography. Several print and color slide competitions will be held, and at the end of the second term there will be an exhibition.

The club plans to have several model nights and may arrange a number of outings during the first and second terms.

Club facilities include a darkroom equipped with en-

larger; and developing and printing apparatus. Membership is open to all students and members of the staff, and

the annual subscription is 4/-.

The Club extends a particular welcome to freshmen, whom we hope along with existing members will resolve to support all the club's activities and make this a really successful year.



A typical Procession Day Stunt.

WOMEN'S UNION

The Adelaide University Women's Union was founded in 1909. Although women students now belong to the University Union, they have their committee of management, which deals exclusively with the affairs relating to the women members of the Union. This is the Women's Union Committee.

The object of the Women's Union is to provide a meeting ground, and a social as well as an academic centre, for University women. Membership is open to all women students, who are entitled to the use of the Lady Symon

Building. The officers of the Women's Union for 1956 are:

President, Genevieve Dixon. Vice-President, Anne Levy. Secretary, Wendy Tasker. Treasurer, Eleanor Johnson. Librarian, Frances Lokan.

AQUINAS SOCIETY

All societies and groups, formed as such, claim to offer something distinctive—something that makes that particular society, shall we say, different from all others.

The Aquinas society, which is the Catholic society within the University of Adelaide, offers to Catholics nothing that is new, for the Catholic Faith is not new; it has its clearly defined path back into history, a path which still is well defined; solid as the rock that first built it. Do Catholics know as much as they should about their Catholic Faith? Perhaps you can be left to answer this, but not only should you be candid with yourself—you should do something about it, and know why you should!

Why the Aquinas Society exists can now be seen. It helps those who know Catholicism to know it better; and not forgetting also, it exists for those who want to know of Catholicism.

At this stage little need be mentioned of all the functions throughout the year, for they are all in your Union Diary—picnics, dances, and the ball on Saturday June 30.

No Catholic should have to be reminded of the world's greatest event celebrated every first Friday in the Lady Symon Hall.

So to Catholics and others we offer you nothing new, yet something that has never been, at the same time, outmoded by time, or never will be.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The University Literary Society is still in the full vigor of its youth. It was formed last term to give undergraduates and staff the opportunity of presenting papers, and of discussing literary questions with prominent guest speakers.

Membership, for which the fee is 3/-, is open to every Faculty, and to the public. There will be no Freshers' Welcome, but all freshers are invited to the first meeting for 1956, which will be held in April. Further information about this meeting will be given in subsequent editions of "On Dit."

Time-Table of Coming Events

MONDAY, MARCH 19

10.00 a.m.—Official S.R.C. Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—International Club Welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7.30 p.m.—Aquinas Society Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—S.C.M. Welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

2.00 p.m.—Commencement Service.
7.30 p.m.—Carnegie Gramophone Freshers' Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Debating Club Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Engineering Society Welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

7.30 p.m.—Liberal Union Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—E.U. Welcome.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

7.45 a.m.—Anglican Corporate Communion.
7.00 p.m.—Commencement Ball.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

7.30 p.m.—Trip to Hardy's Winery (Science Association).

MONDAY, MARCH 26

7.30 p.m.—Science Association Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Arts Association Welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

7.30 p.m.—Jazz Club Concert.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

Women's Hockey Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Film Society Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Anglican Society Welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7.30 p.m.—A.U.D.S. Welcome.
7.30 p.m.—Labour Club Welcome.

S.R.C. ACTIVITIES

1.—Tours of the Barr Smith Library on Tuesday, March 20, from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

2.—A talk by Mr. Brian Coghlan on Tuesday, 20th, at 2 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall. Title: "The University Union."

3.—Commencement Service (strictly undenominational), on Wednesday, 21st, at 2 p.m., in the Bonython Hall.

4.—An informal talk for Freshers, given by the Vice-Chancellor on Thursday, 22nd, at 2 p.m., in the Mawson Theatre, Geology Building.

5.—A talk by Professor E. C. R. Spooner (Met. and Chem. Engineering) and Dr. A. W. Meadows (Psychology), on Friday, 23rd, at 2 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall. Title: "How to Study."

6.—A talk by Adelaide's student delegates from the recent Malayan Tour, Michael Schneider and David Evans, on Monday, 26th, at 1.20 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall.

L.S.F. holds camp

The Lutheran Student Fellowship, naturally, is designed to meet the needs of Lutheran students. It does, however, encourage and welcome the attendance of all other students interested in its programme.

With the other Christian groups, the L.S.F. believes that any University student who calls himself a Christian should attempt to lift his spiritual education to something of a tertiary level. Its programme therefore consists of discussions and lectures on Lutheran beliefs, study of the Bible, and worship as a group.

The necessity for social life and recreation, so common to students, is well provided for.

Membership is open to all Lutheran students at the University and Teachers' College. Donations are encouraged.

The L.S.F. plans to hold a Freshers' Welcome Camp at the conclusion of orientation week, at Mylor N.F.C. camp. Freshers who have not been contacted should make use of the "L"-letter box in the Refectory foyer.

Anglican Society

This Society provides for the spiritual and social needs of all members of the Church of England attending the University.

Corporate Communion is held at regular intervals throughout the year.

Lunch hour addresses are given by prominent visiting Anglicans, such as Brother Charles Preston S.S.F. and the Bishop of Borneo, as well as prominent local speakers.

Social activities are varied and interspersed with the society's other activities.

The society tries at all times to work in close co-operation with the Student Christian Movement.

The first meetings are as follows:

- I. Wednesday, March 28. Holy Week. Devotional Address by the Lord Bishop in the George Murray Library at 7.30 p.m.
- II. Wednesday April 4. Corporate Communion in Lady Symon Hall at 7.45 a.m. Celebrant: The Lord Bishop. (not April 28)
- III. Thursday April 5. Freshers' Social Welcome in the Lady Symon Hall at 7.30



Scholarship winner is a keen photographer

When Shell scholarship winner, Murray Low of Brisbane, ends his year at an English University, he will have a complete pictorial record of his visit, because he is a keen amateur photographer.

Twenty-two year old Murray is on his way to England to study Theory of Structures for a year. Photography is his hobby but he also intends to use it as part of his education programme.

His opportunity for post graduate work overseas followed the offer by the Shell Company of a £750 scholarship, to a science graduate under 25 from any Australian University.

Murray Low was chosen as the 1955 winner

The SHELL Company, which provides several scholarships each year, is showing a practical interest in the future of young Australian men.

Graduates of unusual ability are given the chance to advance their studies at English Universities so that their future careers will have the soundest possible foundation.

Scholarship winner Murray Low (Left) photographed at Port Melbourne as he left for England recently.



PLAY A MAN'S GAME

Now is the time to choose your winter sport. Why not Rugby?

It doesn't matter whether you've never played any sort of football before, or if you have been a star of the game in Sydney. There is a place in the club for you, and you will play in one of our five teams regularly every Saturday. Last year our "A" team and one of our Reserve Grade teams were beaten in the grand finals of their respective divisions. This year we hope to do better than this, though it is club policy to give everyone a good game, even at the cost of winning premier-ships.

Last year we were host club for the Inter-varsity Rugby Carnival. This year we will send a team to play Inter-varsity in Hobart during the May vacation. Don't think that this trip is beyond your reach. It is not possible for all of our "A" team to make the trip, so each year the team includes quite a few of the keen reserve grade players. Universities from all States send teams to this annual event, which is held in a different capital city each year. If Hobart can put on anything like the show we provided last year, this year's trip will be well worth taking. Be in it if you can.

On the social side this club is very active. From time to time we have various

small gatherings of our own members, whilst on a large scale our twenty-first birthday party, attended by several hundred guests, our cocktail party for the Fijian Rugby players, and several of the shows held in conjunction with the Inter-varsity Carnival, have been notable occasions. In the past there has been a traditional association between the Rugby Club and the University Women's Club. This year we hope to see a revival of this pleasant state of affairs.

If you want to find out more about the club, keep an eye on the notice board in the Refectory, or contact Bill Dawson at St. Mark's. Better still, come along to our annual general meeting, to be held in the first week of term. See notice board for details. There you will have a chance to meet some of the personalities of the club, and to hear more of our proposed activities for fifty-six.

Finally, a word about training. The place is the Graduates' Oval, the time is 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Regular matches start on April 14, and official practices will commence in the last week of March.

However, you will see some of us out getting fit well before then. If you feel that

the summer vacation has taken its toll of your wind and fitness, just come down and run with us. Later on our coaches will teach you the game, and also help your training. But fitness is primarily your responsibility. Let the Rugby Club educate you!

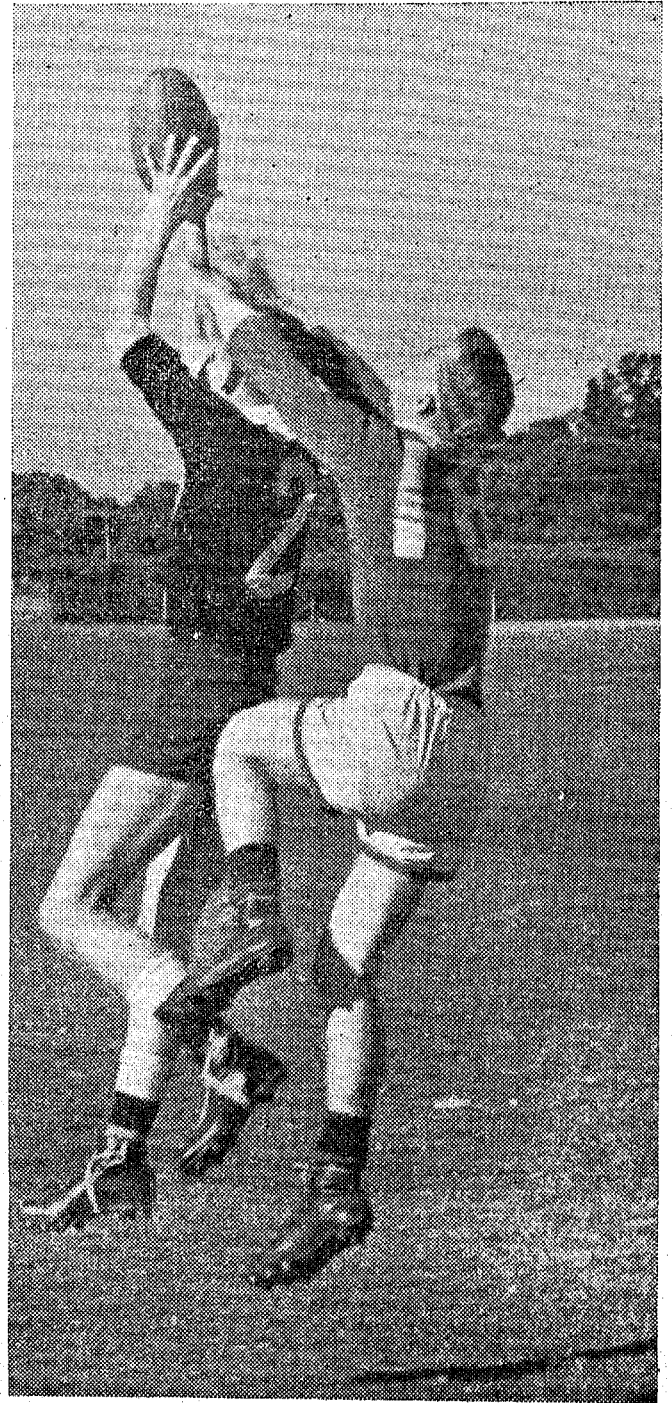
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The University Golf Club is open to any member of the University Sports Association, regardless of ability.

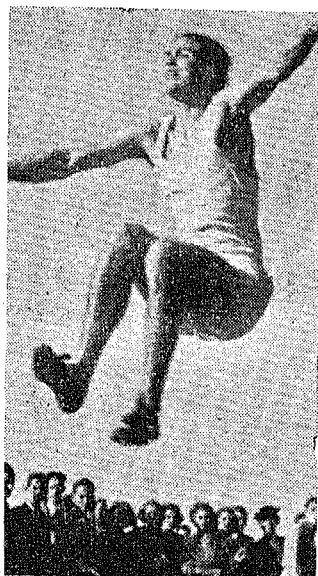
Golf days are held periodically on Wednesday afternoon or Sunday mornings, the courses alternating between the major clubs.

The Inter-varsity golf matches are held each year in the second week of the first vacation. This year Melbourne is the site, the dates being May 26 to June 3.

The annual general meeting will be held on the balcony of the George Murray Hall on Wednesday, March 21, at 1.15 p.m. All interested in joining the club are urged to attend this meeting.



Freshmen of last year David Watson and Barry Kidd pictured at football practice.



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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 28th March
at 1.20 p.m.

LADY SYMON HALL

All interested freshers invited.
Old players expected to come.



Fresher Jill Parsons vies for possession during an "A" Grade Hockey match.

Why not rowing?

Apart from all students of discrimination, those who like vigorous exercise and those who don't want to pay any more subscription fees join the 'Varsity Boat Club, which caters for these, and for any other character who turns up at the Boat Shed (between the Oval and the Torrens) at five o'clock on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Seriously, though, the Boat Club, which is the oldest sports club in the University, and which has just organised its first regatta—the Henley Regatta, one of the best seen on the Torrens this season—is well worth belonging to. You'll meet a good bunch of men, there are plenty of experienced oarsmen to coach you and to teach you everything about rowing, even if you've never in your life set eyes

on an oar. You can be sure you'll be properly trained, well looked after, and made thoroughly at home all round.

Come down to the shed, or have a yarn to any oarsman you meet, especially one of the following:

Captain of Boats, Wal Fotheringham (Eng.). Vice-Captain, John Hancock (Med. IV.). Secretary, Tim Murrell (Med. IV.). Assistant Secretary, Geoff Northcote (Eng. III.).

Applications are now called for the position of Editor of the Adelaide University Magazine (A.U.M.) for 1956. All applications must be addressed to the Secretary, S.R.C., and must be handed in to the S.R.C. Office not later than 5 p.m., Friday, April 6.

JAN GOLDSWORTHY, Acting Secretary.