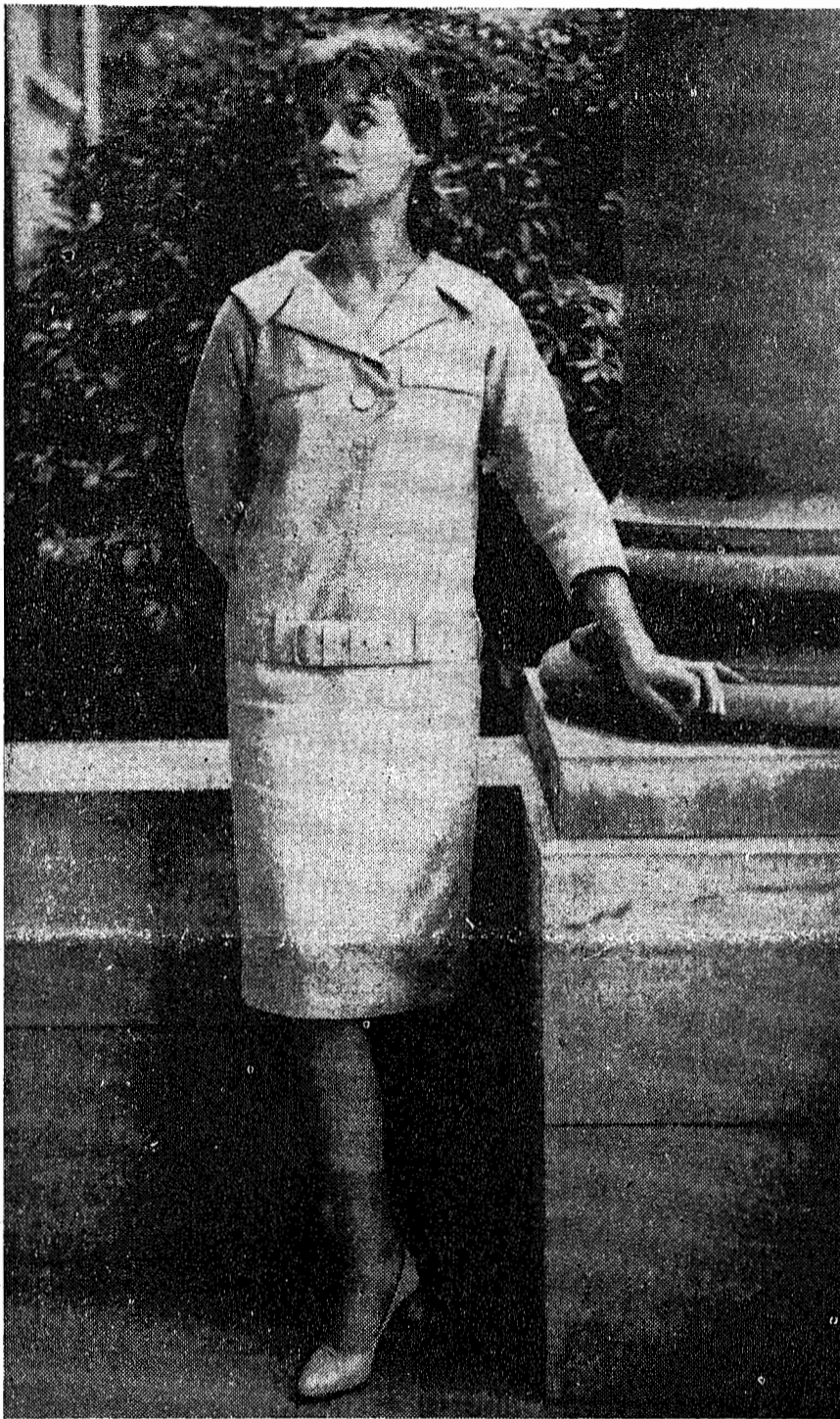


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Miss Helen Fotheringham, starring in the A.U.D.S. May Week production "Five Birds in a Cage". This play promises to be one of the many highlights of the Festival, and is being presented on Wednesday, May 21.

THE REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES

NEW PARKING RULE

I have with regret to say that permits for first-year and second-year students to park their cars in the University grounds will be withdrawn at the end of the current term. Permit-holders will be notified individually this month of the course of action that they will be required to take.

The Council reached this decision with reluctance at its meeting at the end of March. But the traffic congestion within the University grounds made it impossible.

IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION

Proper access to buildings by vehicles delivering or collecting goods is often impeded and sometimes rendered impossible, and many students must have

seen for themselves that progress along the roadways is sometimes blocked. The position can only become worse in the near future, when work begins on the new building for Organic Chemistry, and on extensions to the Library.

The exclusion will also apply to motor cycles and scooters of first year and second year students. Later year students should apply during May to Mr.

Jack King, of my office, for permits, which must be affixed to their vehicles.

I have written to the Town Clerk of Adelaide, asking whether the City Council can reserve, from March to November, the southern side of Victoria Drive, adjoining the University site, for University students not permitted to park in the University grounds.

Nuts in May? We're having a...

MISS UNIVERSITY QUEST!



Yes! It's true! Adelaide University is holding a Miss University quest.

Clubs and societies have been approached and have promised to nominate candidates, not necessarily belonging to the club involved.

That's to give the Engineers a chance in this too!

Minimum entry fee is 15/- which will go to W.U.S. The date is Friday, May 23 — place, outside the refectory.

VITAL STATISTICS

If you're interested, candidates will be judged on intelligence, personality, dress sense, charm, and looks, in afternoon frocks.

There'll be flowers, a sash, honor and glory, and prizes which will be on view shortly in the SRC office for the girl who has beauty along with a high IQ.

WHAT A TASK!

Applications for judging have been flowing in thick and fast.

A judging committee chosen from 456 applications has been approached. Tentative names at this stage are:

THE BIG FOUR

Mick Bradley, Rohann

Rivett (editor of "The News"), Mel Cameron and the Lord Mayor (the Right Honorable Mr. L. M. S. Hargrave). Their pooled knowledge should be impressive!

All we want is candidates and clubs to sponsor them. Take a step in the right direction—bring the names, with the money, to the SRC office, and watch your prestige soar! Be in it, girls!

(See Editorial, page 2.)

MAY WEEK FESTIVAL

This year May Week Festival is guaranteed to go off with a bang — not a whimper. (This has been known to happen in the past). If you're wondering just what May Week really is, then read on and find out.

May Week Festival is held traditionally in the last week of first term. This year it will run from Monday, May 19, to Friday, May 23.

The Festival is sponsored by the SRC with the idea of mixing staff and students, clubs and societies. With this in mind, the theme of May Week,

1958, is "University and You."

The climax of the Festival will be the judging of the Miss University contest on the last day.

Director of May Week this year is Miss Meredith Sykes, bundle of energy and inspiration. Contact her through the SRC office for details of the programme.

To-morrow night is THE NIGHT!

The Engineers will be on the rampage to-morrow night. The reason for this violent outburst of enthusiasm — the most brilliant social event of the year IS going to be the Engineering Society Ball.

Since the beginning of term, wild speculations on the Ball have been circulating around the Varsity. Is the Ball going to be a success?

REFECTORY BANNER

Since April 15 a striking banner across the Refectory wall has captured our imagination. That is only a small dose of greater things to come.

Then a notice in "On Dit" forecast the eclipse of the Moon on the fateful May 3. Now we are quite convinced that the

Engineers have gone to tremendous efforts to make the Ball a hit.

As this issue goes to press we are absolutely positive that it is going to hit the Varsity hard.

With the Architects of Atelier '58 fame designing the decor—the theme, "Monsters"; the Engineers busy on the Moon Eclipse; the fabulous Alf Holyoak's Band; the scintillating cocktail party and floor show, how can it be NOT A HIT?

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

Editorial

MAY WEEK

As in previous years, the University will have a May Week Festival at the end of this term. It is a good idea; let's get behind it. The idea is to bring you and the University together. What the participating clubs and societies are actually doing we do not yet know. But it's sure to be good. Be sure you are there.

The climax of the week will be the Miss University Quest. Why should we introduce a beauty quest into the University? Why not?

Let's be all behind this for perhaps an all behind Miss.

The money raised in the Quest is to be used to support World University Service (WUS), which is an excellent cause.

In the past the Uni has largely relied on raising funds for WUS by fair means and foul on Procession Day. The final day of May Week we plan will be a day when fair ones will dominate the fowl.

SPORT

Another winter season for sport has begun, and the Sports Association would like to see more students than ever before "out" with some club or other.

By playing a sport you not only give yourself the opportunity to meet other students, but a wonderful chance for you and your team to bring credit to the University in a field other than the academic.

On the sporting field perhaps better than anywhere else the University can help break down any social ill-feeling by meeting other sportsmen on equal terms. In the past some teams have done this. Let this be every team's aim this year.

In America a football club's aim is to have a University of which they can be proud. In Adelaide let us have clubs and teams of which the University can be proud.

PARKING

The Registrar (Mr. Edgeloe) has at last had to tell us what many have feared. There shall be no parking of cars or motor bikes in the University grounds for first and second year students.

This decision was inevitable, for the present situation is quite hopeless. Let's not grumble. If some students are to be given priority, surely it should be the senior ones.

SRC DISCUSSION WEEK-END

May 17-18.

PARNANGRA NFC CAMP,
O'SULLIVAN'S BEACH.

TOPICS:

SATURDAY MORNING — Prof. C. HORNE (Dept. of English) — THE PROBLEMS OF UNIVERSITIES.

AFTERNOON — Free.

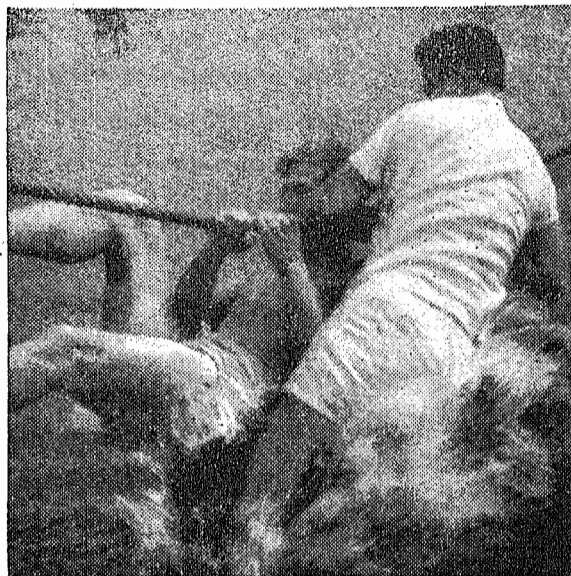
EVENING — Prof. STRETTON (Hist.) Prof. HUXLEY (Physics) — ARE THE HUMANITIES KEEPING UP WITH SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS?

SUNDAY MORNING — Prof. BULL (Engineering) — IS THE PROFESSIONAL MAN LOSING HIS SENSE OF VALUES?

AFTERNOON — J. F. SCOTT — STUDENTS AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT.

COST £1 (SRC subsidised)

He's fallen in the water!



WETTING OF MEDS.

(By a neutral observer)

The third annual Med-wetting was held on the Torrens banks on Tuesday, April 23.

For the first pull, the Engineers held the North bank, where entrenching operations were conducted under the supervision of Lt. P. J. Day, RAE.

The topsoil of the South bank was partly disturbed by the Meds.

Once the umpire, somewhat prettier than Mr. Smyth who performed the duty last year, had given the starting signal, the Meds were enticed into the river by a series of vigorous, well co-ordinated pulls.

MED. LANDFALL

On occupying the South bank the Engineers found the surface somewhat slippery by the water that had dripped off the Meds.

PHYSICAL RECREATION FOR STUDENTS

- During this term the Department of Physical Education is organising a number of physical recreation classes for undergraduates. The following information concerning these classes may interest you:

WHEN? Classes will be held each day.

WHERE? Chiefly in the Hut. Also at other facilities, such as squash courts, outside the University.

ACTIVITIES. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, circuit training, badminton, and golf.

WHY? Because a student needs some regular physical recreation. The Health Service and the Council support this move for more physical recreation.

HOW? Qualified teachers will be in charge of each class.

COST? Virtually free for members of the Union, except for a small registration fee.

GEAR. Equipment will be provided in most classes.

ENQUIRIES. Any further information about these classes, see any of the following in the Physical Education Department: Mr. B. F. G. Apps, Miss E. M. Barwell, Mr. J. B. Revalk.

Don't miss these union nights

A magnificent array of interstate speakers, has been secured to deliver addresses at our Union Night programme this year.

Union Night meetings are night meetings arranged by the Students' Representative Council. They aim to stimulate student participation in lectures on quite general topics.

An attempt is always made to obtain very good speakers, either locally or from interstate. Considerable time and expense is incurred by the SRC for the programme. The idea is for students to broaden their educational outlook and take an interest in topics outside their course.

Five union nights

This year a series of five Union Nights is planned. The next one is on May 16th, to be delivered by Professor Orchard of the NSW University of Technology.

He is the Professor of Highway Engineering there. He is an authority on highway planning, city planning, parking problems. Look on the notice boards and in "On Dit" for further details.

Sir Douglas Copland

On July 21st the Union Night meeting will be addressed by Sir Douglas Copland: a world-famous expert on politico-economic matters, he was one-time Ambassador to China in the post-war era.

Later he was Australian High Commissioner to Canada. He has been a Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University and is currently Principal of the Australian Staff Administrative College, Victoria.

In the first week of August the Union Night speaker will be Professor



Sir Douglas Copland

Norval Morris, Associate Professor of Law at the Melbourne University. He is a controversial speaker and an authority on Criminology.

It is interesting to note that he will be taking on the Professorship of Law at our University on the 1st August.

Finally, the last Union Night will be honoured on the 1st October by Professor Bok, Commonwealth Astronomer, Mount Stromlo, Canberra. His topic will be on his latest book, "Man and the Celestial Universe."

Astronomical speaker

He was a one-time Professor of Astronomy at Harvard and Yale University, USA, and consultant and adviser on astronomical problems to the American and Australian Governments. He is a wonderful speaker and evidently knows what he is talking about.

So you can see the wide spectrum of knowledge and interest that will be explored during this series of Union Night meetings. Just keep a look-out from time to time on the notice boards and in "On Dit" for these talks.

K. VIJI, Vice-President, SRC.

S.R.C. business week-end solid, successful

Big business was dealt with at the Council's week-end at Mylor on April 12, and 13.

One of the most amusing items was the budget discussion. Some clubs and societies have fantastic accounting systems, rivalling any Government department or South Sea Islander, with his trochus shell.

The best, included in the receipts of one organisation, was a "gift from Gus."

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If anyone is under the impression that the President is slow (athletically, that is!), it is a pity they couldn't have seen his effort in the round-the-dam time trial.

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The sum of £200 has been set aside for Union Night speakers. This is quite an amount, especially as this year will be a financially "sticky" one for the University.

If you think your money is being well spent, then for heaven's sake attend these functions; if you don't, tell us.

The secretary had his say on the desirability of uniform notice boards, punctuated by such interjections as "This is nationalisation, Mr. Chairman!" and "SRC Socialism!"

However, it is quite probable that steel-framed notice boards will be purchased in the future, and that the existing motley and battered selection will be discarded. An eloquent plea to the contrary, because they are part of the refectory tradition, was put forward by a Med. rep.

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NUAUS Art Exhibition will be shown in Adelaide, after all. Upon recommitment of the motion carried against it, a majority on this occasion voted in favor.

Mr. Gerald Thompson is the local Art Director, and it is sincerely hoped that the kindergarten standard of some of last year's exhibits is not repeated.

• Motion correction

In an article on the N.U.A.U.S. motion concerning overseas students published in "On Dit" (2/4/58), it was stated "Melbourne and Sydney are strongly in favor of this motion."

However, this was not the case, as results of voting, published later, showed, Melbourne and Sydney strongly opposed the motion.

A plan to alter SRC representation and size received much opposition. Chap named Hercules put forward the plan to abolish faculty representation, and have one big general election. Various other schemes and proposals were put forward, but when ultimately put to the vote the existing scheme was retained.

It was interesting to watch Engineers voting against Engineers. You have not heard the last of this topic—you can be sure of that.

N.U.A.U.S. Publicity Officer Lee Tee Cheong tells us.

WE'RE ON THE MAP INTERNATIONALLY

In pursuance of its policy to play an active role in the Student World, the National Union of Australian University Students has been sending many student delegations overseas. These delegations have put Australia on the map of International student activities.

These delegations have prepared reports on their experiences and observations overseas which have contributed immensely to our meagre knowledge of student life all over the world.

In an article of this length, it is impossible to give an adequate summary of their contents, but rather to introduce briefly these reports to the readers. I hope it will stimulate enough interest in some to want to read the reports for themselves.

Report on 7th international students' conference

The ISC is the annual meeting of representative National Unions of students. The 7th ISC was held in Nigeria in September, 1957.

NUAUS was represented by two members of its Executive, the President and the International Vice-President.

During the Conference, the activities of its permanent administrative agency, the Co-ordinating Secretariat of National Unions of Students (Cosec.) came under review and the programme for the next year was drawn up.

LATIN-AMERICAN BLOC

According to the report, the most notable feature of this ISC was the emergence of the Latin

American bloc. It dominated many sessions with pitiful tales of the plight of students in Latin America.

They often completely ignored the commendable efforts of such governments in promoting education for the population as in the case of Algeria and Cyprus.

ANTI POLITICAL BIAS

This political tendency was much deplored by the Australian delegates. They rightly feared that all these political resolutions would generate ill blood among the delegates. In sharp contrast to the utter futility of the long vindictive tirade of the Panama delegate against USA, the latter very frankly discussed the

segregation issue in the US and pleaded for the support of the ISC in their struggle for the integration programme.

CREDIT TO AUSTRALIA

They often completely ignored the commendable efforts of such governments in promoting education for the population as in the case of Algeria and Cyprus. In conscientiously upholding and defending the principle of fair play in student affairs, sometimes against tremendous odds, our delegation was a credit to Australia. Unfortunately, due to the lack of a definite mandate from Australian students, their voice was too feeble to be of much avail.

Consequently, upon their return, they agitated for the formulation of some definite policy which resulted in the Motion C138 of the 1958 Council and which has caused much controversy in this University.

AFRICA CHINA REPORT

This is the work of the NUAUS delegation of January, 1957. It contains observations on various aspects of student life under the Communist regime.

As much of the work of the delegation is known through the many public meetings featuring the delegates upon their return, nothing more will be said here except to recommend the Report to every interested student.

CONDA REPORT

This report is on the 4th Asian Students' Forum held in Baguio City in the Philippines in December, 1957. It was organised by the Conference Delegates Association (CONDA) of the Philippines Universities and Colleges. NUAUS was represented by three delegates.

WHITE AUSTRALIA

The White Australia Policy came under lively discussion. The Australians emphasised the economic reasons for this policy and explained the ways in which NUAUS considered this policy unsatisfactory.

All these reports are available in the SRC office. As there is such a wealth of information contained in them, interested students are strongly urged to rescue them from the fate of gathering dust in SRC office.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the University (AUDS—Theatre Guild) production of "Androcles and The Lion" will be held in The Hut on Tuesday, May 6th, 1958, between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and from 7 p.m. onwards.



Margaret Rutherford and her husband Stringer Davis enjoying the hospitality of the Footlights Club at a luncheon before speaking to the students.

One-act plays start tonight

"Repeat Performance", an original farce by A.U.D.S. president, Greg. Branson will be one of the plays featured in the evening of one-act plays to be presented by the University Dramatic Society.

PLAYS—3

The plays will be produced in the hut tonight and tomorrow night.

"Repeat Performance," which will be produced by its author, is a comedy about amateur theatre and will star Pat Langhans, Jo Rankine and Brian Barter.

On the same programme, Dorothy Jones of the English department, is to produce "Double Demon" by A. P. Herbert, a comedy in which are presented members of a jury in session. Starring in this intriguing play will be Jennifer Binks, Anne-Marie Norton and Robert Forgie.

Another A. P. Herbert

BANKING BILLS

On Tuesday, April 22, Sir Arthur Rymill addressed a lunch-hour meeting of the Liberal Union in the Lady Symon Hall, on the subject of the Banking Bills.

He explained that the main object of the banking legislation had been to separate the Central Bank and Trading Bank activities of the Commonwealth Bank from one another so as to bring our banking system in line with overseas practice.

The final result of these Bills, he said, was to have strengthened the Government's control over private banks (by increasing the amount of private bank capital that the Government could freeze). It would put the trading section of the Commonwealth Bank on a fair and equal basis of competition with the private banks (instead of the unfairly advantageous position that it now occupies on account of its association with the Central Bank).

Finally, he deplored the fact that the Labor Party had not put forward any real arguments in support of its opposition to these Bills. It had merely repeated the specious and misleading slogan that — "You are destroying the Peoples' Bank."

MARGARET MEETS STUDENTS

At a meeting arranged by the Footlights Club on Monday, 21st April, students met Margaret Rutherford, star of "Time Remembered," her husband Stringer Davis, and Darlene Johnson.

During a witty address, Miss Rutherford paid a tribute to the youth of Australia, saying that she and her husband had been uplifted and sustained by young people everywhere they had gone on their tour.

POETRY READING

The audience was treated to a little of Miss Rutherford's art when she read three poems written by young Australians, picked at random for the occasion, from an Australian periodical, and two poems by Clive Lamson.

In reply to questions asked by the students, Miss Rutherford said she preferred acting in the theatre rather than films — which were for her a relaxation. She spoke of the success of the Australian play, "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll," during its season in London, and how much she had been personally affected by it.

COPY

Closing date for May Week edition copy is May 7.

NUAUS

ART EXHIBITION



Entries in oil, water color, pencil and ink work, lino cuts and etchings, photographic exhibits and architectural design. Send entries to SRC OFFICE.

Closing date: MAY 5, 1958.

A.N.Z. Bank Agency at ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY

Daily banking facilities are now available at A.N.Z. Bank at premises situated in the Southern end of the new Refectory building.

Officer in charge is Mr. D. P. Purser.

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Hysterical nonsense

Sir,—The outbursts of hysterical nonsense and unfounded criticism by Bobby Robertson and I. A. Harmsdorff ("On Dit," 18/4/58) are typical of the illogical attitude taken up by some students towards the SRC.

Without knowing anything about it (Bobby Robertson freely admits this, even though he served on the SRC for a year, confining his activities mainly to organising dances), they feel themselves quite qualified to condemn it heartily, and without any grounds whatsoever.

If their letters are examples of the best University students can produce, then I also am inclined to say "God help the University at large." I have half a mind to send them to "Chucklers' Weekly, the Schoolboy's Own Paper."

Students seem to expect the SRC to be an omniscient and omnipotent body. They criticise it for not taking up big, eye-catching projects "to justify its existence," but such projects would need the active support of the general student body, and this is usually conspicuous by its absence. The "apathetic approach and gutless thinking" deplored by I. A. Harmsdorff is not confined to the SRC—it is typical of the students at large.

Why do Bobby Robertson and I. A. Harmsdorff and other students know nothing about the SRC? Simply because they have never taken the trouble to find out. Do you ever attend SRC meetings, or ask what it does with your money, or find out the reasons why it supports one particular view rather than another? Most emphatically you do not. You merely condemn it out of hand.

If students such as Bobby Robertson and I. A. Harmsdorff did this, instead of sitting back and shrieking that the SRC is a spineless and useless organisation, maybe they would discover that their criticisms are unfounded, and would stop seizing on the SRC as a convenient object on which to vent their own private frustrations.

In conclusion, I would remind you that the calibre of the SRC reflects the general quality of the students, since its members are drawn from that body, so before you start criticising it, look at the mote in your own eye.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCES LOKAN.

Nigger in woodpile

Sir,—The present NUAUS motion appears to me to be unsatisfactory for two main reasons:

(a) Its controversial political character.

(b) The generality of its terms.

The motion commences by saying that it supports the active struggle of students in colonial, de-

Letters to the editor:

pendent, and totalitarian areas for the securing of equal educational opportunities, but then goes on, in the same breath, to say that these objectives should be aimed at, even if it means a struggle for national independence.

Here's the nigger in the woodpile. Politics! The motion starts off by pretending that it is in support of adequate educational facilities, and then, by some questionable chain of reasoning, goes on to assert that this should be achieved by an "active struggle" (ominous words!) where necessary.

OBJECTIONS

One of the objections to be made against it is the vagueness of its wording. This sort of motion can be used by anybody as a political tool, for who is going to decide just when students' demands for educational facilities have been denied and when the motion is going to be applicable?

I can imagine Communists citing it in support of obscure goings-on in the political bear garden of a South American Republic. "South Australian students express their solidarity with the peace-loving students of . . ." etc. May not Catholics feel entitled to cite this motion as support for their demand for Govern-

ment finance for denominational schools? And may not the Socialists cite this motion to support the students of Hungary? Of course, everybody will use this motion to support their own views.

This objection, I feel, is a very real one. Communist student magazines, which are so liberally scattered around this University, afford innumerable illustrations of how Communist propagandists make use of the indiscretions of naive non-Communist student bodies.

If this motion had been more specific, no reasonable man would have refused to support it.

Another objection that could be raised is the extraordinary limited scope of the motion. Its support is only given to struggles in colonial, dependent, or totalitarian areas (note the order in which the categories of areas are put—colonial first, with only an "honorable mention" for totalitarian). But is it only in those areas that students are denied full educational opportunities?

NEARER HOME

What about the aborigines in Australia, and the parents who find it almost financially impossible to send their children to denominational schools? But the limited scope of the

motion is not hard to explain if it is put into a political context. It's aimed at supporting students' political demands for national independence in colonial and totalitarian countries.

I also feel that, even if the motion were used in a genuinely honest manner, it is likely to achieve little in the way of practical results. Did the great barrage of high-sounding motions protect the Hungarian students when they were massacred or deported by the Russians? I think not.

SRC PRAISED

I am quite well aware, sir, that there are angry young men in this University who attribute the opposition to this motion to the poor intellectual standard of the present SRC. It is typical of those angry young men that they consider themselves the criterion of intelligence.

But the truth is that those dynamos of vociferous activity more often generate heat than light.

In my opinion, the opposition is based on common sense and shrewd political judgment. Far from being a reflection on the apathy of the majority of the SRC, the rejection of the motion is a tribute to their integrity.

—Yours, etc.,

GERVASE COLES.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

The student body is divided, . . . your council rejects overseas students' support, . . . Motion lost by narrow margin, . . . Mr. Viji strongly contested this point of view, . . . Controversial Editorial, . . . I strongly disagree, . . . SRC awake, . . . General Student Meeting, . . . Vote cannot be changed . . . Rejected by one vote, . . . Accept it with one phrase omitted, etc., etc.

Sir,—I read this in "On Dit." I have been looking around for divided students, strongly contested points of view, and struggling colonial students.

I walked into the refectory expecting to see pies flying and Coke being squirted around, but I found them discussing brightly colored ceilings. Ah! there is the Socialists' table; perhaps they are behind it. I crept over. It was only Cook and Playford discussing Fabianism.

"Colonial and totalitarian areas?" Of course, it is the Asian students. I walked out to the lawns, being prepared to dodge chopsticks, and see students strangled with turbans. No; there they were, sitting on the lawns discussing motor scooters.

Those Liberals? I expected to see a Right Honorable Sir urging them to keep colonials in their proper place.

Perhaps it is a hypothetical question, to be discussed by the Debating Club. Walking in, I heard Mike talking of "rebels without arguments." I thought this is it, until

Analyst analysed

Sir,—Is "Analyst" misguided, frustrated, blind, or merely TOO naive? An analysis of a non-existent club is the height of folly, especially when the constitution of the club is not known, and an imaginative piece of literature is drawn up as a substitute.

To judge the club on one preparatory meeting, at which others, like "Analyst," tried their utmost to create chaos, and on one article which has created chaos, is hardly fair. Apparently "Analyst" is expecting to attend the first meeting, thus making good his prophecy that it will be a riot.

I am led to understand that "Analyst" not only judges clubs on their supposed aims, but on the poor unfortunates who are assumed to hold these aims, and begin a club based on them. Obviously, females are out, especially the "promising" variety. Would "Analyst" prefer the other category?

The promised riot may be averted if "Analyst" gathers his co-believers together and decides that the opposite sex is not to be tolerated in political matters; the rather too hopeful conclusion is that "Analyst" will stay away, and revel in the freedom of being one-eyed.

By the way, could "Analyst" suggest any more relevant subject of discussion for a political group than politics?—Yours in indignation,

GIVE IT A GO.

Jeff Scott produced a huge dictionary and defined a crank.

Frustrated, I went home and put facts together to see what this was all about. Could it be more work of the SCIAES? No, it is not immoral enough, I concluded.

"Big Question?" Ah, the philosophers discuss big questions. They were to discuss "The missing premise." Perhaps this was what I wanted. Amid their strange language, beards, and big words, I heard a fat man say: "Are there any tables?" There was one in front of him. I decided that they wouldn't be sure if there were students at all.

Leaving them, I went to the Arts-Science show. Perhaps they conspired this? Cabbages, roses, Arts-Science dances, and jazz. . . .

"Rowdy meeting in the Lady Symon," I heard. I ran quickly. Angry young women were trying to establish a Popular Political Club against the wishes of three even more angry young men. No, I still had not found this division among the student body the headlines told us of. I had to find what was going on—my life might have depended upon it.

I consulted an SRC member, and put the question to him. He thought for a while, and replied that at an SRC meeting there was a discussion on some huge piece of verbiage. However, it was so vague that no one really knew what it entailed.

He concluded that the dispute probably only existed in the fertile minds of the "On Dit" staff.—Yours, etc.,

H. T. BURLINCY.

It's not cricket

Sir,—What's everyone picking on us freshers for? That's what I'd like to know: We're a decent, clean-living lot, honest, and quite prepared to become indecent if you'd like us, to. Some of us have Mums and Dads who think we're nice, too, and here's everyone saying horrid things about us, and not showing a good spirit about us being here, and writing real nasty letters about us, and everything.

I think it's BEASTLY of all of you older, haggard, dissipated, cynical, sceptical types to pick on us and say all those nasty things. And I reckon all we need is a little encouragement and we'd be as sceptical as the rest of youse. And it's a filthy lie, and not cricket at all, to suggest we're ignorant or anything like that.

Give us a fair go. Remember, youse were once that way yourself.

"AFFECTIONATE FRESHER."



Undemocratic attitude?

Sir,—I would like to refer to the last issue of the "On Dit" (18/4/58), in which appeared a note concerning the NUAUS motion which was lost in the SRC meeting. It notifies students that, no matter what the outcome of the general meeting to be held on May 1 will be, the decision cannot be altered, because the motion had to be confirmed by March 28.

The decision of the SRC not to support the motion was published in the "On Dit" on April 2!

Sir, I think that the SRC is most undemocratic, because it did not give time to the students to petition and pass a vote which might not have agreed with that of the SRC. As I can see, the only outcome of the present petition will be moral support to the motion.

I demand that the SRC gives satisfaction to the student body for such an undemocratic action. Furthermore, I would like to advise the SRC not to repeat such a mistake.—

SPYROS G. MARINOS.

The veteran paled,
Stared,
Fresherward,
Muttering uncouth
oaths,
Culled from the store.

Of his experience . . .
The freshchild
blinked;
It gaped. "I say—
"Do you reckon
WE'LL ever look
that way?"

Immoral electoral system

Sir,—South Australia is still in the unhappy position of being undemocratic. Since the growth of the outer suburbs, the city representation is proportionately less.

South Australia has the most democratic dictatorship in the world. The amusement which this situation causes does not disguise the serious problem facing South Australia today.

The majority obviously want another Government, but the Liberals justify this outmoded system, undemocratic in the extreme, on the grounds that the producers of the State's wealth live in the country, and should therefore have

supreme right to govern all.

Coupled with this disproportionate, immoral electoral system is an Upper House elected on the narrowest franchise in Australia. The voting for this House is not compulsory, and again the electoral boundaries favor the supposed backbone of our economy.

In most cases the Legislative Council resolves itself into a nominated House of Lords, with this difference: the seats are not hereditary, but are the result of the hypocrisy of the system which our State is content to endure.

Should this gutless apathetic approach continue, I challenge the Liberal Union to justify this state of affairs by inviting speakers, preferably members of Parliament elected by the system, to speak at a public meeting with the electoral system as a subject.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM PENN.

BOY... YOU CAN'T WIN!

Brother, you and I were born too late. Throughout history, almost without exception, we have been the stronger sex, the dominant sex, the ruling sex: and no questions asked.

Unfortunately, statistics in the relative frequencies of the two sexes did little to support this idea. Although, in a modern community, somewhere between 105 and 106 males are born for every 100 female births, by young adulthood this ratio has been reduced to equality, and from then on the ratio steadily shifts towards an increasing numerical advantage of females over males. In fact, if you and I have the temerity to live to ninety, on present figures we can expect two out of every three of our colleagues to be females.

But until recently these disturbing figures could be rationalised to the satisfaction of the male ego. The male lives a more hazardous life: he fights wars, plays more dangerously, works at a greater tension than his helpmate. No wonder he dies younger. In fact, under this sort of rationalisation we can even argue that more males are born because boy embryos are stronger, and better able to survive the hazards of the womb and birth.

WEAKER SEX

Alas, all this proves to be nonsense.

The last argument has been shown by a great weight of evidence to be the opposite to the truth. At conception, when the sperm enters the egg, sex is determined according to which of two sorts of sperm makes that entry: by a great number of indirect measurements, we know that somewhere about 120 male-producing sperm bring about conception to every 100 female-producing sperm. By birth the relative toll of deaths among male foetuses has been so much greater than those among females that the numerical advantage of males to females has been reduced to about 105:100. Truly, males are the weaker sex before birth.

And what about the argument that males live more dangerously? This may or may not be so, but it can no longer be invoked as an argument to explain away the tendency of women to live longer. Recently Madigan and Vance studied the comparative life expectancies of American Catholic nuns and brothers in various teaching orders. Here were two groups with very similar background and environment, differing

Scientifically

yours

By Dr.

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only in sex. They did the same sort of work, lived under the same sort of conditions, ate the same sort of food, all abstained from smoking or drinking, and all were equally free from financial or family stresses. Surely here the gap between the life expectancy of the male and female would close. Instead, they found it widened. At the age of 45 the life expectancy of the nuns was 34 more years, 5½ years greater than for a brother of the same age. Similar figures for the whole of the USA show a gap of 4½ years.

HORMONES

Let us face it. The fact is that the female is biologically the heartier sex, the stronger sex. The fair sex negotiates birth with fewer casualties, they grow through babyhood, childhood, and adulthood with fewer losses. And this applies to most, though not all diseases, and over all countries; and with the advent of modern times, with preventive medicine and the welfare State, the advantage in the female's expectancy of life has become more marked, not less.

Why this difference? Partly, of course, it is genetic: the male and female do differ in the hereditary material they carry, apart from the differences between individuals, irrespective of sex. However, another important factor is the biochemical difference between the sexes, notably the difference in sex hormones. Males and females differ not only between each group, but among themselves, as to their degree of masculinity and femininity, according to their supplies of these chemicals. It may be that these differences affect our tendency to contract certain diseases. For example, the female hormone, oestrogen, may protect against heart damage.

These are no more than suggestions at present, but they pose interesting ideas. Will you and I, the weaker sex, have to choose between our cherished masculinity and a longer life?

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Law Society emancipated

The Law Students' Society is numbered among the most select and dignified institutions of this University.

For many years its grave customs and antique ceremonies have been held in solemn privacy. Now, at last, under a new progressive policy of evangelism, its many fine things are to be shared with you — the envious public.

Among the many pearls that will be thrown to you is the LAW BALL, quite the social event of the year.

We hereby tender notification that the Ball is to be held in the Burnside Ballroom on Wednesday, May 7. Members of the Bench and the Bar will be there to share the legal spirit(s). A bevy of budding barristers and barristeresses will throw their unborn caution to the wind in a cabaret contra bonos mores.

If you have bought your

FOOTLIGHTS CLUB A.G.M.

The Footlights Club held its annual general meeting on Thursday, 17th April.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect a new committee for 1958. Nominations were speedy and the following committee was elected—

President: Jerry Pascoe; Secretary: David Lines; Treasurer: John Bishop; Assistant Treasurer: Tim Pascoe; Six Committee Members: Alan Hannan, Gordon Bilney, Mick Muecke, Mick Alpers, Darien Chinnery and Juliette Levy.

The position of Assistant Treasurer is a new addition to the Footlights Club committee.

The motion was then moved that a revue should take place at the end of this year — and it was passed. It was added that all starters in this year's revue must be financial members of the club — to gain this status the fee is five shillings.

(The profit made from last year's revue was £178/11/1.)

ticket by tomorrow no further action will be taken against you. Tickets are available at the Law Library.



Darlene, — against the familiar background of the Cloisters, when she visited the University with Margaret Rutherford.

ENGINEERS STUDENT EXCHANGE SCHEME

Two engineering students from India will be working in Adelaide under the student Exchange Scheme of the Engineering Faculty Bureau.

They are Messrs. A. G. Satwant Singh and Vijaya Kumar, both third year mechanical engineering students from Madras.

They, together with three others, will form the second group of Indian students (the first delegation of nine came here in 1956), who have availed themselves of this wonderful opportunity to get to know Australia and Australian students.

It is an indication of the high standing of the Adelaide University Engineering Society among Faculty Bureau circles that two students will be assigned to Adelaide.

As they will be coming at the beginning of May, the Society is now busily engaged in arranging employment and accommodation for them. Further, to ensure adequate contact with local students and the public, the Society has written to interested clubs like the Colombo Plan Students' Association, seeking their co-operation in this matter.

The Society also requests any persons or organisations interested in offering friendship and hospitality to our visitors to contact Mr. Tony Read or any other committee member.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

DISCUSSION WEEK-END

HOLIDAY HOUSE — MT. LOFTY
FRIDAY, MAY 9 — SUNDAY, MAY 11

COST: Approx. £1/15/-.
Non Members £2.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY EVENING — Matriculation Standards.
Failure Rate at University.
Dr. Martin.
Dr. Browning.
SATURDAY MORNING — Science and Religion.
Dr. Browning.
Father Daly.
Prof. Ball.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON — Free.
Recreation to be arranged.
SATURDAY EVENING — University Problems.
SUNDAY MORNING — Humanities (Dr. Van Abbe) v. Science (Prof. Rogers).
HIKES, Etc., WILL BE ARRANGED BETWEEN DISCUSSIONS.

ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE WELCOME FOR ALL OR PART OF THE TIME.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH SRC OFFICE WITH 5/- DEPOSIT BY TODAY, MAY 2, 1958.

ANGLICAN SOCIETY

The Society continues to be very active, and the functions held so far this term have been quite well attended, especially the Corporate Communion, which are the Society's central function.

An event of great importance this term will be the Conference at the Retreat House, Belair, on the week-end of May 9-11, and the title will be, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

The Rev. G. B. McWilliams, of Christ Church, North Adelaide, is to be the leader. This conference, at which the personal responsibility of everyone in evangelism will be emphasised, should prove very interesting and profitable, and it is to be hoped that as many Anglicans as possible will take part in it.

Forms are available in the Society Room, and when filled out, should be placed on the spike on the table. You are advised to do this as soon as possible, as the Retreat House only caters for a limited

SCIENCE NOTICES

Will members please obtain their Bulletins from their pigeonholes in the George Murray Building on or immediately after the next publishing date, April 30.

Details of the Discussion Week-end appear on this page.

All students and staff are welcome, regardless of faculty. Art students will be welcomed to support Dr. Van Abbe in his fight against the sciences.

The next lunch-hour talk will be on May 15, and the speaker will be Dr. Bruce West, of the Chemistry Department.

Applications for Perth will close very soon. If you haven't your name in yet, do so now.

number. Matins and Evensong continue to be read every morning and evening, and the Chaplain's tutorials on "The History of the Church in England" are held every Tuesday at 1.20 in the Society Room.

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"Hysteresis"
— Forum for Engineers.

ARTICLES ON ANY TOPIC FOR THE ABOVE MAGAZINE CORDIALLY WELCOME.

EDITOR, C/o SRC OFFICE.

Aquinas Society

The 1958 U.C.F.A. Leaders' Camp will be held this year at Mt. Evelyn (30 miles from Melbourne) from May 27 until June 2. Vacancies are available for six delegates, and those wishing to attend should put their names on the form on the noticeboard in the Society Room immediately.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB WEEK-END CAMP.
To be held at Macclesfield, May 9, 10, 11.
Talk by Mr. Rohan Rivett, songs, dances, forum, debate, campfire.
Cost approx. £2. Apply to SRC office. 5/- deposit.
Red. rates members, others invited.
Buses leave Bonds Tours, Fri. 5.15 p.m. Macclesfield, Sunday 6 p.m.
APPLY NOW, limited vacancies.

BACK PAGE SPORT SPOT SOCCER

The University Soccer Club is looking forward to a most successful season this year. With the acquisition of new and brilliant talent both teams should be hard to beat.

The A's have proved their strength in two convincing trial match victories of 6-2 and 5-3 against strong opposition and the B's have gone off to a flying start with a 6-2 victory over Railways and a 3-3 draw against Orange, which would have been a victory except for unexpected absences.

Whereas in past seasons the A's have had to rely on a strong defence to give them victory it is very pleasing to find that the forward line is showing great scoring potential.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

Oscar Downer has been re-elected captain of the A Grade, with Geoff Krieger as his deputy. Mick Rice is again mothering the B's.

THE BLACKS ARE READY FOR 1958

The football season has started, and the University Football Club has fielded four strong teams in amateur league. Last Saturday saw the first round of matches for 1958.

Under Jack Giles, re-appointed coach, well over a hundred players have been attending training.

The relegation of the Uni C's to A IV Grade, while a disappointment, should make Jack's battle-cry of "Four premierships" all the easier to attain.

TRIALS

Three series of trial games were played. The enthusiasm and ability of old and new players alike have been encouraging. Highlights have been the success of Barry Kidd at centre, and the brilliance of John Lill and Geoff Krieger.

Fresher Lloyd Morriss is to be congratulated on gaining inclusion in the A's for the first game.

Men who will be noticeably missed from the club this year are Geoff Wilson, Terry McCauliffe, and John ("Berty") Edwards. These three all represented the State in Amateur

League. Terry has returned to WA, and John and Geoff are trying their luck with Torrens and Port respectively.

Well, the season's under

way, Blacks. Keep those four premierships well in mind, and remember, "Hit 'em hard, hit 'em fast, and hit 'em low! And if they get up, hit 'em again



LACROSSE PLAYERS IN ACTION. (See below).

BASEBALL'S POOR START

The baseball season got off to a bad start last Saturday week when two out of the three teams playing lost.

Lacrosse

The Lacrosse Club is having its usual, early season, "teething" troubles, but should settle down in a couple of weeks and chalk up some good results.

The club is undergoing an ambitious expansion programme this year, having entered three teams for Saturday competitions—one in A Grade and two in B Grade. There is still room for more recruits to help maintain a high standard in all teams.

PRACTICE

Tuesday morning (7.30) practices have been started, with a good roll-up at the first. More benefit has been gained from these than from those held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The results of the first round of matches do not look good at face value, but once the teams settle down, all should be able to look forward to a better season this year. New players in the A's, and freshers playing in lower grades, will soon get system into their play.

The A's went down to Sturt 7-4 after a closely fought game on the hard South Park ground. Early in the last term Uni were within one goal of Sturt,

but went down under a late burst by the latter.

Best for the day were Brian Jeffery, Rogers, Offler (who netted all four goals), Jennings, and Hartshorne.

Brian Jeffery and Jeff Rogers were elected captain and vice-captain respectively at the commencement of the match.

The B's, after a very closely fought first half, were completely out-played in the third term, and finally went down 15-2. The score at half-time was 2-1.

Freshers Wainwright and Perriam showed great promise in their first game. These, along with A. Jeffery, who covered a lot of ground, and Cornish, playing in the backlines, were named as the best for the day. Jeffery and Wainwright scored the goals.

The C's, composed mainly of freshers who had never played before, performed well, to lose 9-5. Best were G. Ward, M. Ward, Lloyd, and Dalby. Lloyd was the chief goal-scorer, with 2.

The Major A were soundly thrashed by Sturt, 13-1, and although the greatest stumbling-block was the Sturt pitcher, Jim Cocks, the full cause of their defeat cannot be accredited to him. Mel Dunn's pitching was not good, as evident, since eleven hits were recorded from him, and the fielding was not impressive. McNeil did well to keep Sturt to four runs when he replaced Dunn in the sixth. University had many scoring opportunities, but failed to take advantage of them. The only run was scored by Dunn's homer in the sixth. Perhaps the team is unsettled, due to missing players and players out of position, but this remains to be seen.

REDEMPTION

The Major B played well on a poor ground to redeem the A Grade's defeat by winning 12-3 against Sturt. Kinnear was the star of the game with brilliant pitching (14 strike outs) and a smashing home run. Other star batters were Cawte (home run) and Sawley (three hits). This young team has great promise, and has the premiership well in sight.

In a close finish, the Minor B just failed to catch Glenelg, and lost, 7-6. Few highlights occurred in this game, as most runs were scored by

RESULTS

SAT., APRIL 19

Baseball

Major A—Sturt 13, University 1. Hits: Blanden 2, Dunn, Quigley, Phillips.

Major B—University 12, Sturt 3.

Minor B—Glenelg 7, University 6.

Soccer

Reserve B—University 3, Grange 3.

A team—Practice match only.

Rugby

1st Grade—University I 22, Burnside 16. Best: Tiller, Rosewall, Fong, Hone, Staska, Wright. University II 6, lost to Edinburgh 23. Best: Wilson, Michel, Howard, Duncan.

Reserve Grade—Port Adelaide 40, University C's 0.

Women's Basketball

A Grade—Tango 43, University 19.

C1 Grade—University 48, Salisbury 19.

D2 Grade—Wattle Park 37, University 5.

SAT., APRIL 26

Baseball

Minor B—University 14, Kensington 7.

Minor D—Kensington 19, University 10.

Minor E—Port 22, University 14.

Football

A.1—University 14-13,

Flinders Park 7-6. Goals: Akkermans and Lill (4); P. Clayton, Altman (2); Mestrov, Liljegren (1). Best: Downer, Liljegren, Mestrov, Hyde, Watson, Lill.

A.2—Col. Light Gdns. 8-12, University 8-7.

A.4—University 14-23, Brighton 4-1.

A.5—Flinders Park 5-6, University 4-8.

Lacrosse

A Grade—Sturt 7, University 4. Goals: Offler 4. Best: Jennings, Offler, B. Jeffery, Biggins, Hartsborne.

B Grade—North 15, University B's 2. Goals: A. Jeffery, Wainwright. Best: Wainwright, Perriam, Jeffery, Cornish.

Glenelg 9, University C's 5. Best: G. Ward, M. Ward, Lloyd, Dalby.

Rugby

1st Grade—W. Torrens 15, University I 14. Best: Burrill, Tan, Rosewall, Jorgensen, Fong.

Burnside 20, University II 8. Best: Williams, Burnell, Mielke, Burr.

Reserve Grade—W. Torrens 20, University C's 6. Woodville C 46, St. Mark's 8.

Soccer

Metropolitan Div.—ICI 6, University 1.

Women's Basketball

A Grade—Ladyped 31, University 13.

CALLING ALL SPORTSMEN...

Do you realise that without such a parent body as the Sports Association you would not be able to play your respective sports under anywhere near as good conditions?

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You can do this by rolling up to the AGM, particulars of which are to be found below. It will only take up a few minutes of your lunch hour, and you will be able to see for yourself how your Association looks after you.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE LADY SYMON LIBRARY ON MAY 15, AT 1.20 P.M.

AGENDA:

- 1.—Minutes.
 - 2.—Secretary's Report for 1957.
 - 3.—Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1957.
 - 4.—Election of Officers for 1958.
 - 5.—Nomination of Blues Representatives for 1958.
 - 6.—References from Sports Association General Committee re:
 - (a) Affiliation of new Clubs.
 - (b) Formation of Blues' Club.
 - 7.—Any other business.
- Your attendance is a must, as members of an important body in the life of the University.

poor fielding and inaccurate throwing. Perhaps the best player was Brian North.

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Sports

A fair muster of athletes, and a poor crowd of supporters were the crowning features of the handicap sports-day, held on the Uni. oval last Wednesday (April 23).

The programme included two University Championship events, as well as the handicap events, most of which were very evenly contested.

In the championship events, easy wins were recorded by Jeffery (in the 3-mile) and Page (in the 440 hurdles).

Great potential was shown by Pip Taylor in the women's shot-put. Her winning throw of 28 ft. 9 in. was not far behind the standard (30 ft.) of the Australian Universities' representative in the team which recently toured New Zealand.

Prizes for the handicap events were, for first, Biro pens, and for second, cigarettes.

RESULTS

University Champs.—
3-Miles: 1, A. Jeffery; 2, B. Barter; 3, Harding. Time: 15 min. 54 sec.
440 Hurdles: 1, G. Page; 2, A. Jeffery. Time: 57.1 sec.

Handicap Events.—
100 yards: (1) Shannon, (2) Colyer, (3) Gray.
220 yards: (1) Crawford, (2) Gray, (3) Stirling.
440 yards: (1) McPhee, (2) Gray, (3) Shannon. Mile: (1) Barter, (2) Gartrell, (3) James. 120 yard Hurdles: (1) Caldicott, (2) Shannon, (3) Crawford. Shot Put: (1) Sepelt, (2) James, (3) Radford. Long Jump: (1) Young, (2) James.

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