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BOOZE AND BULL WITH THE BEATLES

by Chris Forde and John Walsh

The Beatles (minus one) have visited our quiet, reserved "City of Churches", and exposed our traditional conservatism. Most of us are repressed hysterics it seems. "On Dit" came to the fore at the special Beatle Press Conference at the South—despite a few disadvantages, like the lack of an official invitation.

A few obstacles had to be overcome. Number one difficulty was getting a Metropolitan Security Service Pass. However, after meeting two M.S.S. guards (the smaller being about six foot four and weighing about fifteen stone), and observing their .22 calibre pistols, we solved that difficulty by forgetting about the pass.

Number two difficulty was the three "big, burly Bulls" on the Hotel entrance steps. They were fairly pleasant about the whole thing, just quietly telling us to "get the hell out of it," and giving

slight physical assistance. But a quick survey uncovered a door marked "Private" which in turn led into the Hotel's foyer. From there we could see the backs of the offending officers.

We had now become official reporters, somehow, and found ourselves in the Blue Room where that lovely, cool, satisfying stuff called GROG was being dispensed prior to the conference. One of the Beatles later told us that they always turned this on to get everyone in a good mood. We rapidly got into this pleasant frame of mind.

After a pow-pow with leading personalities like that crew cutted crud from Channel 7 (or is it 9?), "Mr. Adelaide", and the old lady from "Young Modern", we drifted into the conference room. We were asked to stand at the back and not to speak to the Beatles. The reporters were ranged in front of them, so we pushed our way round the back of their chairs to have a few words.

Jimmy Nicol, stand-in drummer, was the first unfortunate recipient of our alcoholic back slapping. He was very pleased to know there was a brewery nearby but said he didn't get out much. One of his troubles was that he hadn't had a haircut for three months.

We moved on to chat with the long-locks of George Harrison, under which we saw George himself. He's certainly got something on his mind. We asked him if he'd heard the latest joke. He said he reckoned he'd heard it—so we tried him out—"What's the definition of a pram"? Quick as a flash the smart bastard said, "Last year's fun on four wheels". He tried to tell us his latest but got diverted by some pressman wanting a story.

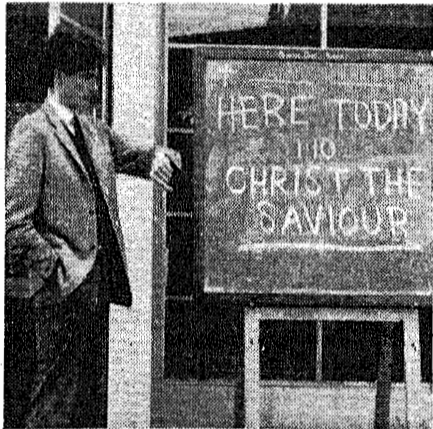
John Lennon's the married Beatle, but he's still a bit of a ram, we reckon, because all he could tell us was that the "Liverpool chicks are a bit good" and invited us to find out for ourselves.

Just as we got to Paul, a voice announced "Reporters out, photographers in." We were having such a good time that we raced out, picked up our cameras and came back in to get a few pictures. The other pressmen were behaving like barbarians in attempting to get the Beatles' attention. We just walked across behind their chairs again.

Finally a few comments on the Beatles:

1. They are real posers—striking them immediately they suspect a camera is onto them, and rarely "relaxing" in the normal sense.
2. They have stock answers for most of the questions—and never contradict each other on anything. They are a well organised team in this respect.
3. They shot through immediately they were allowed to go, with obvious (after they had reached the door) relief.

WHERE WAS HE?



Hundreds flocked to the Union Hall, the hopes of the faithful raised, the agnostics despondent, at 1.10 on Wednesday.

It seemed that the Anglican Society and the S.C.M. aided by faith and the Bishop of Wangaratta were about to pull off the biggest Christian coup in 1,930 years. As the hour approached the sky darkened—clouds, well-filled with thunder and lightning closed in, and the masses waited expectantly. Prominent agnostics were seen crossing themselves in fearful anticipation—the whole community was ripe for conversion.

Alas, like the Apostles, Paul, the Jehovah's Witnesses and other prominent prophesiers of the event, we were disappointed.

He did not come.

SEX SEMINAR

We apologise that there are no comments from members of the staff. Without exception, every member of this section of the University we approached, although willing to talk, was not willing to have his views published. We hope that their lack of confidence in their ideas and fear of publicity in standing up for their views is not typical of the way in which they attempt to educate us.

See Centre Spread

DRASTIC ACTION INTERVARSITIES OUT

by John Waters

All Intersvarsity Sporting Competitions have been suspended pending investigation of the incidents which occurred during the Perth Australian Rules Football Intersvarsity in May.

The chief incidents were those that occurred on one of the flights en route to Perth and they went a little further than pinching hostesses' behinds. In addition to the newspaper's report that damage on the flight amounted to over £500, it has now become evident that the acts of individuals in tampering with the windows and emergency hatches seriously endangered their own lives and the safety of the whole aircraft.

In addition there were numerous acts of vandalism, scratching perspex windows, ripping the seats and spilling beer in various ways all over the plane.

Fortunately none of those responsible came from Adelaide but rather a little east of here. While in Perth the behaviour apparently was worse than usual and on the return flight it has been reported police accompanied the plane and arrangements had been made to put down at the nearest airport and off-load offenders should any disturbance occur.

Extreme Acts

In the past University students' reputation for propriety has never been great, witness certain performances at the recent Engineering Symposium, but now it looks as though we might be throwing away all our privileged freedom of action by these really extreme acts. The University Colleges by and large have long since closed their doors to University teams, and students' standing with the public and with publicans in particular must further suffer by this latest effort.

The Secretary of the Sports Association, Mr. Swales Smith, said that he was extremely perturbed by the effect that the plane incident would have, not only on the reputation of students, but by the bad light it cast on the whole Univer-

sity Community, and serious action should be taken to ensure there is no repetition.

At present the prerogative of action lies with two bodies, the Australian Universities' Sports Association which issued the suspension order, and the Australian Universities' Vice Chancellors' Council. The former body has called for a full report from all constituents and a copy of a report prepared by the Western Australian University Vice Chancellor. The Association will meet on July 14th to discuss further action.

Possible outcome would firstly be a fine on the Clubs responsible or a suspension from Intersvarsity Competition or both, thirdly a total suspension of all Men's Intersvarsities for a year.

This last alternative is by no means unlikely and it might be well for us as the student body to consider whether we believe this is justified in the circumstances or whether it may not be better to attempt to isolate the offenders or offending clubs so as not to injure the whole concept and tradition of Intersvarsity Sport, while at the same time giving fair notice that acts of Football Intersvarsity type will not be tolerated in future.

Parking Prosecutions



A number of police prosecutions against car parking in Botanic Park have been launched recently, and heavy fines have been levied. Approximately seventy-five per cent of those prosecuted were University students.

In answer to questions put by "On Dit", the Director of the Botanic Garden, Mr. T. R. N. Lothian, said that only bona fide visitors to the Park or Garden could park in the area. As the University grounds were now over-crowded and the City Council was continuing its policy of placing meters throughout the city, sometimes in rarely used streets, more people were illegally parking in the Botanic Park.

"No serious accident has occurred in the Park so far," Mr. Lothian explained,

but if it became crowded the danger would increase sharply. The roads in the Park are private roads. The "peace and quiet" of the Park had to be considered as well.

Before the police are asked to prosecute, a census to ascertain who are bona fide visitors is taken over a period of four to five weeks. An inspection is made three times a day, five days a week. On the basis of this and the fines being levied, parking in the Botanic Park has become a dangerous proceeding.

The closing of this outlet for student cars has once more highlighted the student parking problem and the failure of the University to find any alternative solution.

Late Payers Fined

by W. K. Parish

This year 2,280 students of the University of Adelaide elected to pay their fees on a terminal basis, and yet at the end of the two weeks allotted for paying fees for the second term, 240 students had not paid at all. These are being fined £1 for every week the fees remain unpaid.

This has caused considerable unrest within the University—the Administration complains of inconvenience through hold ups and lost time, and the students concerned are annoyed at the "Front Office efficiency at their expense".

The time-honoured excuse that the students have too much on their minds was evident again this term. Students also complain of the Administration's failure to send out bills or circulars to remind them of due fees. In reply to these accusations, the front office points out that the University is not supposed to be run like a business—they like to

think that mature students can organise their time efficiently.

They also mention the fact that the Chief Clerk himself goes around the University during the vacation and writes notices on nearly fifty lecture-theatre blackboards. "Anyway," as one Administration official mentioned, "why should we send out two thousand odd bills for the sake of an unorganised handful? A student would have to skip lectures for two weeks to honestly miss a notice concerning fees."

On the other hand, he could name no comparable institution that sent reminder notices of bills with an amount simply added on for "lateness in paying". This fee amounts, on an average, to 30 per cent. per week interest. "Maturity" is not normally preferred to "efficiency" by administrators.

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Contributions should be left in the box provided in the S.R.C. Office, or given directly to the Editors.

Contributions and letters are accepted on any subject and in any form which does not unreasonably outrage the laws of libel, blasphemy, obscenity or sedition.

The writer's name should accompany all material submitted, not necessarily for publication, although the policy is that all articles which are not editorial material should be signed, unless there is a good reason to the contrary.

Sporting material and queries should be addressed to the sports editor, Carl Meyer. The photographic editor is Leigh Taylor. The business manager is Rick McFeat.

It is hoped that the staff of "On Dit" will include every member of the Student Union.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR 19th S.R.C.

Nominations are called for the following positions:—

Eight (8) Men's General Representatives (one shall be a Junior).

Four (4) Women's General Representatives (one shall be a Junior).

Nomination forms and further information available at the S.R.C. Office.

Nominations for the above positions close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8th, 1964.

Polling days: July 22nd to 24th.
D. R. GRAY
Returning Officer.

W.U.S.

Every year the main part of the money collected as part of Adelaide's Prosh Day is given to World University Service (W.U.S.).

The £4,000 from Prosh together with £1,000 collected from the appeal earlier in the year make up 50 per cent. of Australia's quota. Yet many people know nothing about W.U.S.

It is an international organisation based at Geneva which was formed in 1920 by the world S.C.M. movement to give European relief. It has grown to a fifty nation organisation with a Central International Programme of £135,000 and a total world programme of just on £1,000,000. Australia is a leading member of the organisation.

In Australia W.U.S. is sponsored by N.U.A.U.S., the Staff Associations, the University Roman Catholic Federation, the Australian S.C.M. and the Union of Australian Jewish Students. It employs a full-time secretary (this year, Miss Mary Gill).

Miss Gill, an Arts graduate from Melbourne, said on a visit to Adelaide recently that W.U.S. assistance was given in four main fields:—

- (1) Student lodging and living (hostels and canteens).
- (2) Student health. International conferences of experts are held—W.U.S. has established a T.B. centre in Thailand.
- (3) Educational facilities: libraries, equipment, buildings.
- (4) Individual emergencies aid—for instance to SACHED, Korean student relief scholarships, and aid after unnatural and natural disasters like the Hungarian Revolution and the Skopje earthquake.

The non-political, non-class, non-colour, and international character of W.U.S. coupled with the staff-student co-operation it fosters, makes it a vital and worthwhile organization with which to be concerned. And as the following case histories show, it is well worthy of support.

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A.L.P. CLUB

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Farrago Cracks The Big Smoke

From July 3, the Melbourne University newspaper, *Farrago*, will be on sale in the city. An additional 10,000 at sixpence each will be printed for general distribution.

"Farrago" will be the only student newspaper in the world, outside of Oxford and Cambridge, to be sold beyond the Campus," the editors stated this week.

The paper has been sold at Monash since Friday, June 12, and will go on sale in Canberra at the A.N.U. later on this term. "There is no reason why Melbourne, the largest university in Australia, cannot produce a paper of good quality and size which other university students will want to read," the editors explained. "Farrago" is one of the few student papers to come out every week and it will be of greater length and regularity than most.

They feel that students "represent a carefully selected elite of significant proportion within the community and should have an independent voice on community affairs."

Publicity downtown is to take several forms. First, a handbill which is presently being designed, will be printed at 30,000 and distributed throughout the city and metropolitan area.

"For some time," the editors pointed out, "Farrago" has had the reputation, deservedly or not, of being a trivial sheet

for frivolous people. This image of the university student and his paper has been a useful coverall for those who prefer to avoid criticism, to do just that. At other times the image has been the correct one.

"If we say that as 15,000 in the community we deserve to be heard, then it is up to us, to justify our claims to the general community. This we can best do by producing and selling on a large scale a paper of force and quality and most significantly, of independence."

S.R.C. ELECTIONS

Students in the following faculties are invited to vote for their representatives on the 19th S.R.C.:

ECONOMICS
LAW
TECHNOLOGY

Voting will take place in the S.R.C. Office from Wednesday, July 1-Friday, July 3.

D. GRAY,
Returning Officer.

UNITARIAN MISSION

Thursday, 16th July: "Religion Without Superstition"

REV. HUGH WESTON, UNITARIAN MINISTER

Friday, 17th July: A SYMPOSIUM ON RELIGION

CHRISTIAN: CHERRY PARKIN
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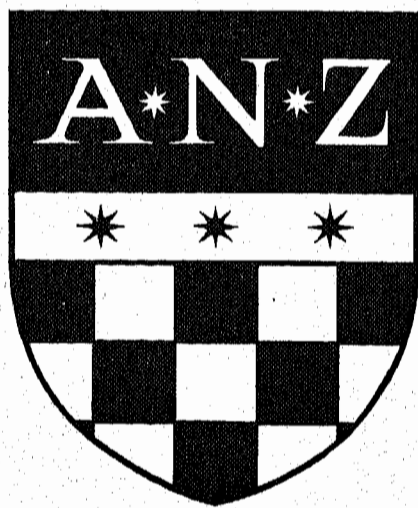
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AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE



Club Captain Durack congratulated by team mates.

SHARP SHOOTERS' SLICK SCORING

After a good start to the year '64 the team of 10 members and manager left with high spirits for the airport to do battle with the powerful competition from five University teams.

Enough has already been said about interstate flights to Perth and I.V. teams. Needless to say we did not participate in the wanton vandalism which some of our interstate confreres found necessary to pass the long hours.

The scene of combat was the Swanbourne Rifle Range about six miles from Perth. This range, bounded on two sides by the ocean is the most difficult in Australia bar none. Certainly a baptism of fire for our inexperienced team.

Monday saw the firing of the 300, 500 and 600 ranges and Tuesday the 700, 800 and 900. These were practice days and the actual competitions took place on Wednesday and Thursday. Perth, the host team took the unprecedented step of asking for practice scores to be handed in.

This is usually closely guarded information. So seizing upon the opportunity, our scores on the first day were well padded before being given in. Result—

complete demoralization of the opponents.

No padding was done on the second day and we managed to hold our own. Things looked good for Wednesday. As expected Sydney was lying first after the first three ranges. We were equal third. So far a very pleasing performance, considering that only three of the team had been I.V. before. For the remainder it was mostly their first year with the club.

Failure

Then came Thursday, after 700 we held our position—800 saw us consolidate this position and we started pushing the second team. Then the treacherous 900 yards. Here we were faced with the sea shining behind the targets, fishtailing winds, updraughts near the targets and a brand of fatigue which only the rifleman knows after four days solid concentration and the most strenuous self-control possible.

Well—we crashed. From 2nd to 6th in about one hour, individual scores were most disappointing on this range. The individual shooter cannot be really blamed. But it was disappointing to see people like Bernie Durack shoot a 22 after averaging 47/50 for the previous five ranges, thus shifting from 3rd in the individual aggregate to about 50th. Lester Duthie's 27/50 was also very bad luck.

Nevertheless there was still some fine shooting by our other team members. Chris Tanzer, Jack Seeliger, Graham Trengowe, Ross Reid, Ian Owens and Dave Angel were all to be commended on an exhibition of fine sustained shooting.

All the worries were soon lost with a party which Adelaide turned on for the other competing teams. Some of the highlights of this party will live for a long time in the minds of many I.V. riflemen.

The University of N.S.W. were the eventual winners after one of the finest exhibitions of shooting under difficult conditions the I.V. has seen for a long time. Queensland were runners-up.

Invaluable

From our point of view the experience gained has already, and will in the future prove invaluable. This has already shown in the excellent scores that are being shot on the Dean Range every Saturday.

But we cannot stop at this. We need even more new members right now. Any Fresher who may have been discouraged due to the emphasis on training the I.V. team should once again come down and gain from our experience. We can now devote ourselves to training potential team members for Melbourne next year. So if anyone is interested they can contact us by phoning 53 2091 and we shall arrange transport and rifle etc., to show them the rudiments of the game.

We have an active second team coming up which includes visits to Roseworthy and Strathalbyn, and Ororoo. Dangerous social function such as the dinner, picnic and a possible fund raising show on July 17th at Stirling. We would welcome any new members at this stage. We need you urgently, so how about it!

'Varsity Golfing

The Intersarsity Golf was played in Adelaide during the recent May vacation. The six players in our home team were Still, Barr, Pozza, Tamlyn, John McEwin and Ron Walker, and this half dozen clean-cut young men played three matches, won two, and finished second. (In competition each match consists of three fours and six singles.)

In the final the locals were beaten by Melbourne 7-1 (McEwin's match being adjourned at the 20th).

Meanwhile our women golfers went to their IV in Brisbane, where they played at Reperra, Royal Queensland and the course at Redcliffe. In view of the strenuous nature of women's golfing tours, they took nine women (i.e. six players and three reserves) but, even then, they failed to win a match from three starts.

Touring were Deborah Harris, Jane Douglas, Mary Lucas, Jeanette Dunne, Jan Barker, Penny Wilson, Sandra and Tricia Wilkinson and Ann Naughton.

As it turned out, the Queensland girls knew enough about their home courses to take out the honours.

Vigorous Judo in Sydney

by Alex Molnar

Friday the 15th May saw twenty representatives, ten men and ten women, of the Judo Club, leave for Sydney to compete in this year's Intersarsity. All competitions were held in the Round House at the Uni of N.S.W.

Eight Unis were represented: Sydney, Uni. of N.S.W., Melbourne, Monash, A.N.U., Queensland, Tasmania and Adelaide.

The Adelaide women's team which consisted of: Di Niehuus (Capt.), Jan Robinson, Sue Elliott, Heather Attenborough, Di Boswell, Helen Trumble, produced a good team effort to come runner-up to Melbourne. Mention must go to Jan Robinson who produced the "throw of the day" by executing a spectacular shoulder throw on one of her opponents (good stuff Jan.).

Di Niehuus, although nursing an injury received during training, insisted on

entering the competitions, with the result that she eventually won the individual competitions for the third successive year. Di also added to her glory by winning the Australian National Women's Championship held in Sydney a week after the Intersarsity competitions; thus becoming the first S.A. woman to hold the National Title.

Many Injuries

The men were represented by: John Sobolewski (Capt.), Neville Johnson, Henry Krips, Peter Dean, Alex Molnar, Peter Harich (Harry) Dac, Rod Boswell.

The men's competitions were vigorously contested which was indi-

cated by the abnormally high number of injuries. Sobo produced a true captain's performance by refusing to withdraw from the fights after receiving a serious injury early in his fight against Ray McMahon (over 18 stone) from Monash. Sobo led his team into 4th place, a reasonably good effort by all concerned.

Although the men found that they could match the other teams in standing work, they somewhat disappointed in their ground work. However, this will be rectified by next year's Intersarsity.

"Wild Man"

A certain member of the team, who before the competitions began was told by Ted Borownovski, the heavyweight champion of Australia, that he was not attacking viciously enough, rectified the fault successfully to such an extent that he was popularly known as the "Wild Man of Adelaide".

The social side of the trip was not forgotten and there were parties every night either at the "rendezvous", a flat rented by one of the Sydney girls, or at the hotel, where everybody was staying. Big Lou (6ft. 4ins, 15 stone) won the drinking cup; he represented Queensland. Ivan, also from Queensland, won the chucking cup.

A couple of highlights of the trip were a visit to the "Playboy Club", a most enjoyable experience, and an all night Harbour Cruise with plenty of refreshment and much dancing and other natural activities. All in all, this year's Intersarsity was enjoyed by all who participated.

Football

by D. K. & P.

Rain may be a curse in England at the present time but it proved to be a blessing at Walkerville Oval last Saturday (20th) when the Varsity XVIII tackled the home side.

Walkerville playing well, were one point up at half time and the game was still all tied up at three quarter time.

Apparently refreshed by the heavy rain which was now falling, Varsity winning all over, ran amok kicking 9 goals for the last quarter. Keg Ferguson and Jackson were towers in defence, Keg playing his way into the state squad. Ron Ellis won centre and Bill Chapman (recovered) and Dave Parkin held sway in the ruck. Good to see Dave following his brother's footsteps and playing so well.

The B's had an easy win over Old Scotch at Uni to continue their run of successes. "Chesty" Hyde has moulded them into a formidable line-up. The teamwork is the best seen in a Uni B side for years—a credit to Chesty, one of our finest players and personalities. Those displaying ability include Todd, Gooden, Bartlett, Fullarton, Waltenbergs and Morgan.

Special word for the D's for their outstanding wins under the captaincy of Dennis Harrison who is said to be performing well these days. At one stage they had won three games kicking about 60-70 to 1-3.

I-V TABLE TENNIS

by Glen Searle

While neither looked like winning the cup, both men's and women's teams performed creditably in the Intersarsity Table Tennis Championships held in Brisbane in May. Each team finished third.

Adelaide's number one player in the men's division, Mark Cho, was out of form after not having played in matches this year. Although he won about 10 out of 15 of his matches, this result must have been a little disappointing to the player who was at one stage rated in the top dozen in South Australia. S. C. Tan and G. Bienert each won over half their matches.

On the women's side, Ione Pearson and Rhonda Williams were ranked in the top six at the end of the series, Rhonda being runner-up in the singles championship. Although not retaining her title which she won last year, she again showed she is Adelaide University's outstanding player.

Confusing

In local pennant matches, the two top Men's teams are currently on top, which augurs well for promotion in 1965. The A2 team, which has not yet lost a match is made up of four nimble Asians with the somewhat confusing appellations of Tsang, Tan, Cheng and Loh, who have won 15 out of 18, 9 out of 9, 13 out of 18, and 6 out of 9 matches respectively. Tsang and Tan base their games on

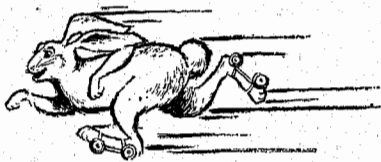
fast, angled forehand (and in the case of Tsang, backhand) smashes, agility and quick reflexes. The only ray of hope Tan gives opponents is a slightly suspect backhand. Cheng relies mainly on a steady defence, but is quick to smash if he sees an opportunity.

These boys, who take immense pleasure in playing the game, have come close to defeat only once—when they beat South Adelaide (who had state coach Oatey playing for them) 5-4.

Experience

The B1 team are also premierships favourites at the moment. Bienert with an extremely consistent all-round game, has lost only two matches, while Searle has lost three and Kazanski five, out of fifteen.

The three women's teams are not enjoying much success. The top team (Division I) won its first match in the fifth series, with Frances Mitchell dominating to win all three. The Div. 3 and Div. 7 teams, as with the lower men's grades, lack match play experience. But keep plugging away girls—your graceful play is bound to be rewarded soon.



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Is Chastity Outmoded?

Chastity has probably gone in and out of fashion more than any other concept of popular morality. In the twenties, bright young things considered it to be well and truly dead. That they were wrong has been proved by the extraordinary tenacity with which the notion of chastity has lingered on until the present day.

Now with the reliability of "the Pill" being widely publicised, fears have once more been raised that the younger generation may stray from the paths of virtue. The letter on contraception from Dr. Dunn and Dr. Heddle (discussed in "Promiscuity and the Pill") carries the strong implication that the availability of oral contraceptives may lead to an increase in promiscuity. "On Dit" decided to find out if they were right.

Does the concept of chastity still have relevance today, when pre-marital sexual experience is so much safer? This was the question put to a number of students, selected at random, and to some of the general public.

Each student interviewed was asked his opinion on the views expressed in the letter from Drs. Dunn and Heddle. He was also asked to comment upon an article by G. M. Carstairs (Professor of Psychological Medicine in the University of Edinburgh), in which pre-marital sexual experience is represented as being an acceptable preliminary to marriage.

In a lecture entitled "Vicissitudes of Adolescence," Professor Carstairs says:

"It is frequently asserted that teenagers today are precociously active in sex relationships. On purely biological grounds, this need not surprise us because one of the consequences of improved health and nutrition has been a steady lowering of the age of puberty: a hundred years ago the mean age at which girls began to menstruate was 17 years, now it is 13½."

"In keeping with this physiological change, the mean age of marriage has declined during the present century; but there is still a delay of several years between the time when young people are physically ready for sexual experience and their becoming either emotionally mature or economically

independent. Precisely at this time modern advertising, films and popular reading expose them to constant sexual stimulation.

"The increasing number of cases of venereal disease in young people, and the fact that in 1961 no less than 31 per cent. of girls who married while in their teens were pregnant at the time of their wedding, are two indications of precocious sexual behaviour in our society. And yet, what do we mean by 'precocious'?"

"Biologically children are capable of enjoying sexual relations from the age of puberty. In many societies they are positively encouraged to do so; every Trobriand Island boy and girl, every

young Samoan, every young member of Indian jungle tribes like the Maria has had many sexual experiences before their betrothal and wedding. The interesting thing is that pre-marital licence has been found to be quite compatible with stable married life.

"I believe that we may be quite mistaken in our alarm—at times amounting almost to panic—over young people's sexual experimentation. As I have said, many societies get on quite well without pre-marital chastity. But is chastity the supreme moral virtue? In our religious traditions the essence of morality has sometimes appeared to consist of sexual restraint. But this was not emphasized in Christ's own teaching.

"... It has always been those whose own sexual impulses have been precariously repressed who have raised the loudest cries of alarm over other people's immorality. As I have said, many societies get on quite well without pre-marital chastity.

"It seems to me that our young people are rapidly turning our own society into one in which sexual experience, with precautions against conception, is becoming accepted as a sensible preliminary to marriage; a preliminary which makes it more likely that marriage, when it comes, will be a mutually considerate and mutually satisfying partnership."

Magical Thinking

Comment on "The Pill" Controversy by F. T. Borland

"Perhaps nowhere in contemporary society can we see such clear evidence of magical thinking as in the doctor's willingness to be persuaded (well, half-persuaded) that the drug houses have newly discovered the elixir of life."

The above rather "square" sentiment is a direct quotation from Professor Carstairs' fifth Reith lecture (p. 86). It would seem to be more relevant to the issue of "the Pill" than the longer quotation which your editors have selected. It could be used as a text for the little sermon which Drs. Dunn and Heddle are accused of preaching.

The doctors' letter, as I read it, said one thing and one thing only—"The Pill is not in our opinion safe." If their letter saves one girl undergraduate from an unwanted pregnancy I should consider it to have been justified. It is time that university students became aware of the "magical thinking" which leads the young of every generation up so many blind alleys.

Carnal Knowledge

Roman Catholic Priest: I am emphatically against carnal knowledge. I don't agree that sexual union is the ultimate thing of love. For one thing, it rules out the relationship between man and God, or two people of the same sex, or a relationship where nature could not possibly condone it, such as that between mother and son, father and daughter.

The term sex itself has been debased for us—more often than not it means lust.

I am all in favour of the normal pre-marital physical relations (not for myself, of course), but I am against intercourse.

As a question of morality, the action itself cannot be divorced from the intention. Given a certain set of circumstances the action can be a very innocent thing with a very diabolical intent behind it.

Careless Propagation

Mrs. Kelly, Marriage Guidance Councillor

Although the pill is said to be pretty good, contraceptives are not 100 per cent. because they have to be used to be effective and people don't use them properly. It is a fact that the pill is safer because of the fallibility of human nature.

Young people should ask themselves whether they agree with children having only one parent or being brought up in an institution. I believe that children should only be born when they are wanted, we shouldn't propagate carelessly.

We have to make up our minds whether we are prepared to let some child take the consequences.

What is important in sexual relations is that no person, young or old, should use somebody sexually for his own purpose. We should see people as ends in themselves and not as means.

Dead Letter

Alex Wearing, Post-Graduate Psychology Student:

In practice, chastity is a dead letter, something you take or leave. However, chastity for the individual is far from outmoded—it still doesn't pay to become pregnant, even to a man you love and are going to marry.

This is different from arguing what ought to be the case; chastity is still very much part of our thinking.

The majority of people, especially women, still believe in chastity before marriage. On the whole, people who chuck chastity overboard are lovers, people who in effect marry themselves. By and large, people sleep with one another when they want to communicate deep love, although sometimes one or both partners may be quite callously using the other.

Given infallible contraceptives, a man could sleep with a girl in the same way as he might kiss her on the cheek—as a sign of affection. But people like to keep some aspect of their lives sacred, to keep their big rockets in reserve.

If you go around calling everyone "darling", when you really want to call someone "darling" you haven't got a word to use.

Education and Research Survey:

This survey conducted last year, included a section on student attitudes towards sex. Although this section has not yet been processed, Mr. Wearing believes that the results of the 1962 survey of Lincoln College will be substantiated.

At Lincoln College, it was found that 40 per cent. of the students were unchaste. There was a high correlation between religious practice and chastity. Those who slept around had a much more sophisticated morality than those who didn't. Those who were chaste gave fairly arbitrary reasons—pre-marital intercourse was wrong, against the Bible etc.; they gave no evidence of having thought about it.

Students with considerable sexual experience had generally worked out a detailed set of rules they obeyed—they tried to ensure no one was hurt, tried not to lead girls astray. Their practice might have seemed to contradict their beliefs, but at least they had given the problem some thought.

Their behaviour was hedged around with a fair amount of moral restraint which indicated that their environmental background still influenced them.

The Students Say . . .

Thirty-five students were interviewed. Approximately twenty per cent. refuse to make any comment, presumably to embarrassment. Others resorted to flippancy; typical remarks were: "Do those who can't be good, be good at it and 'Pre-marital sexual relations are very fine for those who aren't caught-holding the baby, as it were.'" One fifth year medical student told us he didn't think chastity was outmoded: "It's still a lovely thing to struggle with."

Those students who made a serious attempt to answer the question displayed a tremendous variety of views, making any generalisation about the student attitude to sex quite impossible.

Block and Tackle

Final Year Science Student (male): I agree with what the doctors say they're right. The Pill is not 100 per cent. and even with carefully considered use it could well have side-effects. Of course, for some it would be better to take the pills than to bring helpless babies into the world, and in Sydney they are given out to girls who ask for them.

Even so, you can't have a society with out rules about these things. For instance, in Russia after the Revolutio they tried to abolish marriage—with it result that their social system started crumbling.

From the personal angle, I don't mind a bit of block and tackle, but when

comes to the point of bringing the girl down, well the results are not worth the risk. And as for abortion, well it, too, can have harmful effects on the girl—but I'd rather have a child aborted than brought up Catholic in an orphanage.



"Not today, thank you."

Insulting

An American Law Student:

Dr. Dunn's really pulling our leg here! I get the idea that we are being treated as children. He objects on moral grounds and argues on medical grounds. Of course contraceptives may not be 100 per cent, but experiments in Puerto Rico have proved them to be pretty reliable.

But this doctor makes the assumption that the Pills directly encourage V.D. Either he's young for his age, or he thinks we are. If the relationships are at that stage, the pills would make very little difference. There is little connection between the pills' availability and whether or not people have sex.

The last paragraph is, to my mind, the crux of the matter—"only a hunch that . . ." "a strong suspicion"—this is so much poo hoo!

It is interesting to note the different fields of medicine in which the various doctors are involved: Carstairs specializes in the philosophy and workings of the human mind, Dunn and Heddle in the workings of the body—to which they should stick!

Carstairs deals with this whole matter from a logical, unemotional standpoint. He doesn't use any tricky false reasoning. What these doctors say is insulting.

Offensive

First Year Law Student (female):

It is difficult for a layman to assess the value or danger of oral contraceptives, or whether their use is good or bad. I would respect Drs. Heddle and Dunn's judgment on this. But as for the moral implication in their letter—this I find offensive! It is for the individual to use his own discretion in his relationships with other people.

Pre-marital chastity need not be a virtue; it is not a virtue to be in love only once. Post-marital fidelity is what is important.

Third Year Medical Student (male): I don't agree with Dr. Heddle's letter. He hasn't pointed out anything anyone doesn't already know—there's nothing new in it.

What Prof. Neil says is perfectly correct: research indicates so. I disagree with Dr. Heddle's theories on V.D. and the Pill. More to the point about V.D. is the fact that the community tends to forbid sex before marriage and, as a consequence, people with V.D. (which by law is a reportable disease) refrain from seeking medical advice, with the result that it is being transmitted ever increasingly.

I agree with Carstairs' article. He puts his finger on exactly the right things, such as, "Is chastity the supreme moral virtue?" and the fact that those who protest about immorality are those whose "sexual impulses have been precariously repressed."

I, personally, believe in free love—but not free sex.

Promiscuity and The Pill

In a letter to the last "On Dit" (vol. 32, no. 6) Drs. Dunn and Heddle stated that contraception was not fully reliable and could be both physically and psychologically harmful. They also suggested that the Pill encouraged promiscuity.

How safe is contraception? Not very safe at all, according to Drs. Dunn and Heddle. And not only unsafe physically, but psychologically.

In order to examine their arguments to this effect, I interviewed a gynaecologist and a psychiatrist, both eminent men in their field. Dr. Victor Bockner, a former lecturer in Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the University, now runs the Oral Contraceptives Clinic at the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital. Professor W. A. Cramond is Director of Mental Health Services in South Australia and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Adelaide.

Dr. Heddle and Dr. Dunn believe that contraception is not safe because it is not fully reliable, and it may have harmful physical and psychological effects. For ease of discussion, I propose to consider these three strands of their argument separately before attempting any general conclusions.

"No contraceptive is fully reliable." Questioned about this, Dr. Bockner told me that oral contraceptives are completely reliable if used exactly as instructed. In other words, if pregnancy results the fault lies in ourselves not in our pills.

2. Oral contraceptives may be physically harmful. "Medical science will be watching warily for many years for side effects from the Pill."

Any powerful and reasonably recent drug is potentially harmful, Dr. Bockner told me. However, oral contraceptives have been used for over ten years now and no serious, non-reversible effects have been found. Any side effects can be prevented should they occur, but strict medical supervision is necessary (as Dr. Dunn and Dr. Heddle point out).

3. Oral contraceptives may be psychologically harmful. "We have no statistics to offer—only a hunch that promiscuity, in Adelaide in 1964, is not conducive to life-long satisfying monogamous marriage."

This statement seems to be based upon the presupposition that oral contraceptives will encourage "promiscuity." This trend of thought is shown also in the remark that "venereal diseases are on the increase, no doubt encouraged by the Pill."

Dr. Bockner disagrees with this point of view. He feels that it is most unlikely that anyone would use the Pill as an occasional type of contraceptive. It is very much easier to obtain an ordinary mechanical contraceptive.

Anyone who goes to the trouble of obtaining and taking oral contraceptives with the idea of being promiscuous, would be promiscuous anyway.

Tribal Law

Fourth Year Medical Student (male): I tend to agree with Dr. Heddle's letter, but not with Carstairs' article, for these reasons:

In the first paragraph, Carstairs states that at the age where people become physically ready for sex, they are not emotionally mature or economically independent. I believe that to be involved in sexual relations one must be both. Carstairs' very mention of promiscuity's increase being indicated by the rise in V.D. is an argument against himself. And as for the young Samoans and Trobriand Islanders—how can we judge our behaviour from their way of life? After all, the cats and dogs indulge in a free form of sex—can we take this as a reason to do it too?

I agree with Dr. Heddle's letter, for contraceptives are not safe, and the pills themselves are far from proved. There is no other method that is foolproof, so people are liable to have to take the consequences, and I, for one, do not condone abortion.

First Year Law Student (female): I don't approve of pre-marital relationships—even with contraceptives.

We have been brought up in a society taught to accept certain things as right, just as the tribes named in Carstairs' article have learned to accept their ways as right. We're influenced by the moral standard of our society and if you go against it then you lose your respect in society.

An Asian Third Year Law Student (male):

I agree with the letter. It is quite true. I don't approve of pre-marital relations. I don't like it. Morally it's not right.

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Professor Cramond considers promiscuity to be symptomatic on the whole of an underlying psycho-sexual illness, rather than the result of external factors.

The increase in venereal diseases cannot be attributed to the Pill, because, Dr. Bockner says, contraceptives have the advantage of being difficult to obtain and to use effectively. V.D. was reported to be on the increase long before oral contraceptives came on to the market.

There has never been any evidence that availability of contraceptives increases or decreases the amount of sexual intercourse. As Dr. Bockner pointed out, in Roman Catholic countries there has also been an increase in non-marital sexual intercourse and contraceptives are not available.

It seems, then, that any increase in promiscuity is due to social changes, rather than to the availability of contraceptives. To discuss the risks of contraception and the undesirability of promiscuity in the same breath, seems to me an unnecessary confusion of medical knowledge with moral values. As an American law student pointed out, "Dr. Dunn objects on moral grounds and argues on medical grounds."

Whether promiscuity is right or wrong is a very different question from whether contraception is "safe" or otherwise. To say that oral contraception is dangerous out of marriage, but safe inside it, succeeds only in arousing fears about the safety of contraception as a whole.

A first year Arts student interviewed by an "On Dit" reporter, had been deterred from using oral contraceptives even after marriage. "I think the use of contraceptives is essential in our society," she said, "but I would respect Dr. Heddle's advice and refrain from using the Pill."

It seems most unfortunate that qualified medical practitioners should feel it necessary to build up irrational prejudices against the use of contraceptives, in order to preserve the morals of the younger generation.

Drs. Dunn and Heddle have "only a hunch that promiscuity in Adelaide, in 1964, is not conducive to life-long, satisfying monogamous marriage." But is a "hunch" sufficient to base such a broad generalisation upon?

By "promiscuity" I presume the doctors mean any sort of pre-marital sexual experience, for "promiscuity" (in the sense of indiscriminate love-making) is generally the manifestation of some psychological disorder. The letter, therefore, implies that any pre-marital sex can have an adverse effect upon one's chances of a happy marriage.

This is obviously a value-judgment, but perhaps it is impossible to avoid value-judgments when discussing moral and social questions, such as chastity and promiscuity. In his B.B.C. Reith Lecture, "Vicissitudes of Adolescence," Professor G. M. Carstairs also makes a value-judgment but his attitude towards sex before marriage is very different from that expressed in Drs. Dunn and Heddle's letter.

In his lecture, Carstairs implies that "before" long, pre-marital intercourse, with safeguards against conception, may become part of the experience of every maturing boy or girl." This implication aroused a storm of protest.

"I find myself in agreement with my critics on many points," Carstairs wrote in reply. "We all would like sexual relationships to be accompanied by depth of feeling and by consideration for the welfare of one's partner; we all deplore casual promiscuity and its attendant risk of venereal disease; we all would like marital relationships to be stable and harmonious for the sake of the parents' and even more of the children's happiness."

"Where we differ is that I believe that sexual experience before marriage may actually help towards achieving these goals."

A similar conclusion was reached by Kinsey in "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Female":

"... When there are long years of abstinence and restraint, and an avoidance of physical contacts and emotional responses before marriage, acquired inhibitions may do such damage to the capacity to respond that it may take some years to get rid of them after marriage, if indeed they are ever dissipated."

The statistics gathered by Kinsey in his survey of American sexual behaviour and attitudes, indicate that pre-marital sexual experience frequently aids physical adjustment in marriage. However, such experience may have a detrimental psychological effect upon someone who has been brought up to believe in chastity.

In the long run, "to bed or not to bed?" remains a question which must be answered by each individual according to his own particular system of values and beliefs. Pre-marital sexual licence can only be attacked on moral and ethical grounds, for any attempt to prove that "promiscuity" and the converse, physically and psychologically harmful must inevitably fail—the facts just do not substantiate the conclusion.

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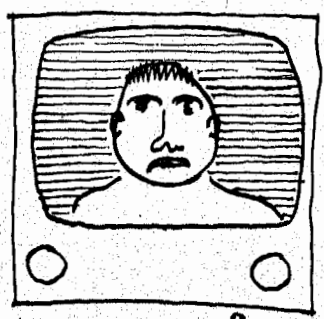
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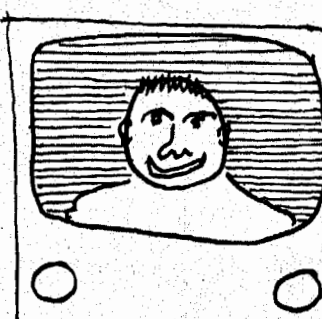
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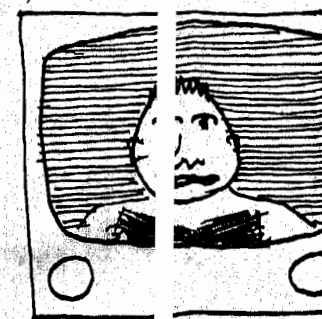
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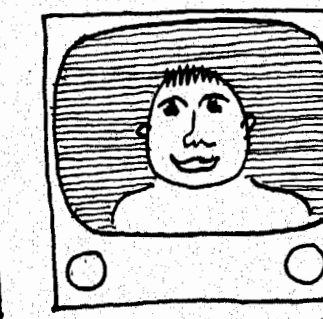
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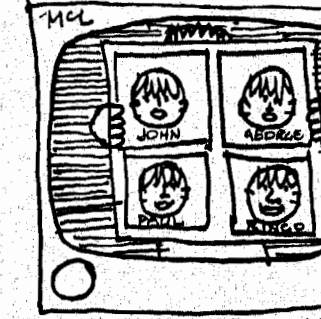
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MEDIAEVAL PLAYS:

"Out Heroding Herod"

Perhaps one of the most exciting sides of the current revival of interest in the Middle Ages is the growing frequency of productions of mediaeval plays.

In England this revival is at its most appropriate at York where the plays which were written for the city in the fourteenth century are still being regularly performed by local actors.

In Adelaide recently we had the opportunity of seeing one of the earliest full-length mediaeval plays, the twelfth century Play of Daniel, which did much to dispel the idea that mediaeval drama is crude and primitive. To a certain extent its sophistication is due to the liturgical dignity of Latin, but nevertheless the plays in English manage to combine a similar dignity with boisterous humour and grim foreboding in the vernacular.

The long-held view that mediaeval drama was merely a naive representation of religious history was no doubt partly based on the assumption that the plays faded away in the sixteenth century, outshone by the brilliance of the Elizabethan dramatists and the competition of the public theatres. But in fact the mediaeval plays were deliberately suppressed by the zealous Puritanical censorship of the Reformed Church. The Diocesan Court of the High Commission at York in 1576 censored the Wakefield Plays out of existence by decreeing that

"in the said playe no pageant be used or set furthe wherin the Ma(jest)ye of God the Father, God the Sonne, or God the Holie Ghoste or the administration of either the Sacramentes of baptisme or of the Lordes Supper be counterfeyted or represented, or anything plaide which tende to the maintenance of superstition and idolatrie or which be contrarie to the lawes of God and (deleted) or of the realme."

At least, however, the Wakefield plays were not impounded, as the York Creed play was by the Archbishop after he had witnessed a performance of it—a particularly sneaky trick. Despite this policy the plays continued so popular that two mayors of Chester were prepared to defy the injunctions of Church and State by producing them, and had to defend themselves before the Privy Council.

Two of the plays being presented by the Literary Society in the Sixth Week of term are from this Wakefield Cycle—Herod the Great and the Resurrection. Of the other two, The Woman Taken in Adultery is from the Ludus Coventriae, thought to be the plays of Lincoln, and the Temptation from the York Cycle.

The plays are, of course, basically the Bible story, and basically their aim is to teach. The maintenance of a delicate balance between teaching and entertainment was one of the greatest difficulties the mediaeval playwright had to face. At times the teaching is direct. The writer of The Woman Taken in Adultery takes the bold step of making Christ preach a sermon to the audience, but by making the sermon the theme of the play and the mainspring of the action, he turns what might have been a crude didactic device into the source of the play's artistic unity.

The exaggeration of acting demanded by the violent uncontrollable rages of Herod seems to have been one of the most memorable parts of the Cycles. Shakespeare, then a new wave dramatist, mocks in Hamlet at the bombastic flourishes, cocking an eye at the Miracle Plays:

"O it offends me to the soul, to see a robustious periwig-pated fellow



tear a passion to tatters, to very rags, to split the ears of the groundlings . . . it out-Herods Herod, pray you avoid it."

This does pinpoint the characteristic super-humanity of Herod in his fear, his rage, his cruelty and his triumph.

The essential conflict in the plays is between Christ and his enemies—Herod, Satan, and the Jews. We are shown on the one hand their worldly power and cruelty, on the other, the impotence of their onslaughts on Christ himself. The outcome of the conflict is known throughout; the suspense, the surprise, the excitement and the humour lie in the treatment of it. In the Resurrection we see the final triumph of Christ over his worldly enemies.

The four plays will be presented in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m. on 16th and 17th July.

—PETER MEREDITH.

review

Top Jazz

by Jerry Wesley Smith

Tentative proposals were put to the Lyn Christie Quartet, during the Inter-University Jazz Convention in Sydney, that the group should come across to Adelaide sometime for a Uni. Jazz Concert.

Their reaction was so enthusiastic that the Club has since arranged that Lyn Christie will, through the auspices of the S.R.C. appear as Union Speaker in the Union Hall. This will be a lunch-time on Friday the 17th July.

And by 7.45 that night (Friday, 17th), the whole quartet will be assembled in the refectory to present the major part of the 2nd term Jazz Concert.

This group is, without any doubt, one of the world's finest jazz groups, both artistically and technically. Featured are Don Burrows, playing, as he did when he led his group for the Bryan Davies show, clarinet, alto flute, alto and baritone saxes; John Sangster, this time on the vibes; Stewie Spears on drums; and Leader, Lyn Christie on bass (arco as well as PIZZ!!!!!!)

With excellent supporting groups, this should make a really important and memorable concert.

Sparkling

"The Boyfriend" has no plot, no pathos, no funny lines, no unpleasantness but a fortunate combination of songs and dancing in a delightful parody of the Twenties.

It is, if anything, a play of manners, highlighting the code of gay, if affected, social behaviour amongst the wealthy young that historians would mark the era with.

Peter Narroway's production bore Flinders Street's hallmark of pace, a racy vigour and meticulous attention to every facial grimace and exaggeration of voice. In fact the production was so superb and tight that one hoped for a lightness, a relaxation of intensity that never came and which, if it had, might have weakened the final effect.

The thin thread of action is carried by the pupils of Mme. Dubonnet's finishing school, and their excitement and fanciful tribulations in the face of a coming ball. On stage they Charlestone with spirit and sang to a fine overpitch with Rosie Doran turning in a professional performance as Maisie playing fiddle and cat with the rich Van Husen.

Polly Browne (Rosalie Howard) was sweet, with a melody of a voice and the sexiest pout seen on stage for a long time. That sprightly sprig of toffee Lois Ramsey wisely fought a losing



battle with her singing voice but gave Mme. Dubonnet some good old-fashioned oomph and at one time sported some very shapely knee-caps. In quite a slight role Meredith Bowman made a glorious lampoon of the redoubtable Lady Brockhurst with an Empire State bust and all.

The males did not fare so well and it was the women-folk who carried the show. John Paisely and Alan Babbage succeeded through inherent stagecraft rather than any brilliant type-casting while David Lennard played an unfortunately colourless Tony, batting his eyelashes with aplomb.

Full marks and Beatle cards to the choreographer, Robyn Dunkley and the costumier Roma Roll who gave much of the colour and vivacity to the show. Even the two pianos and drums of an orchestra were passable though at times I wished them playing out on the street. But really a piece of short sparkling entertainment. If you can raise the price of a ticket or have a friend in the Liberal government, go and see it.

—PAUL HAINES.

LENNON : A LITERARY BEATLE

We might guess from the title of his book, *In his own write*, that John Lennon likes puns. Even the name of the famous foursome suggests as much.

In the great tradition of Lewis Carroll, James Joyce and, more obviously, the Goons, Lennon is fascinated by the sound of the English language. Some of it sounds like jabberwocky.

He is putting it lithely when he says "Quobble in the Grass, Strab he down the soddieflays Amo amat amass . . ."

And even in more straightforward narrative, Lennon substitutes letters seemingly at random, without necessarily creating puns.

"Just look at that garbet all filby and durby. How am I supposed to look affatter all this garby ruddish. Wart am I but a slave tow look upon with deesekfrebit all the peeple larfing and buzing me in front of all the world. . . ."

This is the sheer delight of creating different sounds. In the characteristic Liverpudlian accent it sounds as musical as Finnegans Wake read in Irish.

The bun can be the lowest or the highest form of wheat, depending on the cook; the test is the relevance of the two meanings punned on. "Wart am I . . ." is only just a pun, because the substituted word has no obvious relevance. "In his own write" is better because the substituted word has its own relevance.

The best puns are those that introduce

a second meaning that comments ironically on the first; about himself, Lennon says:

"I was bored on the 9th of October 1940 when, I believe, the Nasties were still booming us. . . ."

It should be clear from the passages already quoted that Lennon has a real sense of humour, and that in his own



write makes entertaining reading. One piece I particularly enjoy is his parody of Enid Blyton:

"It was holliday time for the famous five by Enig Blyter; Tom, Stan, Dave,

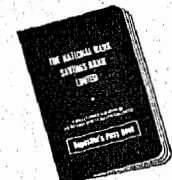
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I don't want to make *In his own write* seem the work of a genius, but I do suggest that it is an entertaining book well worth suppressing prejudices against the Beatles in order to read it. Perhaps the nicest thing about it is that it may trick some of Lennon's fans into thinking.

—MICHAEL BEST.

Letters to the editor

Refectory Garbage

Dear Sir,
Having just faced a refectory meal I feel moved to make the following observations:—

The "food" that is served in the refectory is only fit for the garbage heap. Having asked for "fish and chips" I was presented with an insult on a plate, a pyrolised dish of denatured protein. For my three shillings I received three pieces of fish, one of which could have been mistaken for a chip as it measured barely two inches. I suspect it was a goldfish wrenched from a home aquarium.

This is not the first time this has happened. The fish served is usually leather—tough and overcooked to blazes. The chips, all fourteen of them were, in the main, just a dehydrated shell and, I feel, reheated several times or at least cooked many hours previously.

As potatoes cost 7d. a pound at the outside, how can the refectory justify its charges?

When I eat fish it is only because there is nothing else. That perhaps gives some indication of the alternatives.

Today's menu:—
Pasty
Meat Pie
High Pie (?)
Curry Pie
Sausage Roll and Sauce
Tomato Soup
Fried Fish
Braised Pork Sausages
Beef and Mushroom Stew
Hamburger
Pumpkin

My comment—UGH!
I feel that this array speaks for itself. Surely as the refectory is a union amenity, something can be done about the atrocious state that now prevails.

A comparison with the standard of food at Sydney University Union is really an eyeopener. Here the tucker was a joy to eat, admittedly a little more expensive but I would willingly pay an extra shilling a day to get food that I can at least swallow.

Profits at Sydney (which are large) go back into providing better amenities. They get good custom because their food is first rate.

How long will it be before we can say the same?

I am, etc.
KENT FULLER.

Mixed Up Reviewer

Dear Sir,
In the last edition of "On Dit" there appeared an article entitled "Blowing in the Wind" by Mr. P. Wesley Smith in which, under the guise of a review of Peter, Paul and Mary's recent Adelaide concert, he attempted to flaunt his knowledge of modern folk-singing. He began his article with the statement—"the most important elements of folk-music are the song and its message".

I was astounded by the brilliant way in which he had seized upon these basic essentials—this looked extremely promising and it took several minutes to absorb all of its new implications. If I expected any further discussion concerning folk-singing I was sadly disappointed.

Mr. Wesley Smith continued by mentioning that the trio sang some of Bob Dillon's fine, original songs. This was the first indication of his abysmal lack of knowledge of his topic. Judging from the rest of his article, I am not surprised that he should spell Dylan in such an odd fashion.

Mr. Wesley Smith's opening comments on the group are extremely accurate and precise. Yes, "the men" do "wear beards and play guitars" and the girl does have "long hair and sex appeal". I congratulate him on being so observant. This is about the only rational statement he makes.

The group, he claims, "does not play to the audience", a statement he follows up by praising their professional approach—slick, satirical humour and excellent harmonizing. Surely even he cannot claim that the trio, in fact any stage act, is not primarily concerned with their audience appeal—after all it is their bread and butter.

Yet later he has the nerve to claim that they "rely on no commercialism for their appeal". Remember the beards and long blonde hair? Surely these are as much gimmicks as the Beatles' long hair.

Don't misunderstand me; I'm not criticizing Peter, Paul and Mary for being commercial. There is nothing wrong with that, although the so-called folk-purists are apt to cry out in disgust wherever it appears. I'm merely trying to point out that Mr. Wesley Smith's scale of values is in a hopeless mess.

Peter, Paul and Mary are perhaps the best folk-singing set in the world but like all groups they have their limitations—for example, the type of song they sing is often audience-orientated and does not, as Mr. Wesley Smith claims, "convey the great message of folk-music" (whatever that is).

After reading the rest of his article, his dig at "authentic" folk-singers comes as rather a surprise. Bob Dylan, who he praised earlier, is about as authentic a folk-singer as you could find today.

He writes his own material and sings it in a highly original way. Obviously Mr. Wesley Smith has no idea of what he means by "authentic".

In fact he displays little knowledge of modern folk-singing and no understanding of the importance of it as a vital, expanding force. Like too many people today he considers it to be primarily the realm of a few professionals, when it is actually rapidly becoming one of the most important mouth-pieces of our present civilization.

I am, etc.
RODNEY K. ANDREW.

Sacking Deserved

Dear Sir,
I was disappointed in your article "Pol. Students Sacked". I have done most of the Politics Departments' subjects and have found the tutors, lecturers and professor very helpful. Your complaint regarding lack of proper (sic) supervision seems to forget that you are dealing with tertiary studies. If a university student cannot supervise himself or herself what is he or she doing here? You have forgotten the point that if essays or theses are accepted after the closing date, it is most unfair to those that did hand theirs in on time.

In conclusion, I venture to suggest that if you want to help the underdog why not do it on a genuine grievance, such as seeing that part-time students are put on the same footing as full-time students as far as anything concerning the university is concerned?

I am, etc.
S. TANTI.

A Clean Breast of it

Dear Sir,
Recently some controversy has centred around the latest female fashion of top-less bathers and evening wear. Most females hysterically swear that they will never wear them, while their male friends are just as hysterically eager for them to adopt the fashion. After all, say the men, we've been wearing them for years!

But a serious unemotional view is needed of the problem. There are the points put forward by the school which follows the ancient adage: "Clothes maketh the man, but no clothes maketh the woman". Let the woman live as nature intended. Let's not impose on them the discomfort of unnecessary clothes. A woman's good points should not be hidden, they say.

But perhaps more conclusive are the arguments on the other side. One rule of etiquette in many circles is to always put on a good front, and this has been followed literally and religiously by women for many years. This new fashion threatens to ruin the long practised art of deceit in women's bosoms, with disastrous consequences for the girl with the "small" problem and females in general who, being of the weaker sex, need more support.

The brassiere industry and the foam rubber companies have fought very hard to win the race against age and under-nourishment, till now things are a long way in front. However, there is more to this industry than meets the eye, and an exposé of it may be very interesting . . . and revealing.

I am, etc.
ETHWURK.

"The Pill" Justified

Dear Sir,
Messrs. Dunn and Heddle signed their names to their letter to "On Dit" (18/6/64) entitled "The Pill" together with their titles and qualifications. Medical qualifications give authority to medical pronouncements but much of their letter expressed only personal opinions on moral issues aired with more than suspicion of prejudice and unsound argument.

Let us look at their statements that in many ways oral contraceptives are not safe and correct them to our opinions.

Firstly: they stated that no contraceptives are reliable in preventing unwanted conception. They failed to add that oral contraceptives are the safest yet invented and have not been known to fail except where doubt exists as to their regular use.

Secondly: they said that in 1961, two out of three English mothers under twenty were unmarried. They did not add the obvious corollary that this tragic situation might have been prevented by general education of the young into the use of contraceptives and in particular oral contraceptives. One cannot admire those who spread and use the fear of unwanted pregnancy and venereal disease as a means of limiting premarital sexual freedom of which they disapprove.

Thirdly: they stated that oral contraceptives may be dangerous medically. This is true. They have only been in widespread use for 8 or 9 years and are known sometimes to cause mild side effects when first used and these may rarely preclude their continued use. Long term complications are possible, cannot yet be predicted and make it necessary for the user to have an annual medical examination.

Lastly: they added their "hunch that promiscuity . . . is not conducive to lifelong, satisfying, monogamous marriage".

As one grows older it is easy to forget what pleasure and joy sex gives to the young. I suspect that the writers, like myself, are sorry to have been born too early to take part in the greatest benefit likely to result from oral contraception—a lessening of guilt and anxiety associated with sex and greater sexual freedom before marriage. This will surely result in a better selection of a mate and result in sounder marriage. The choice and decision will be less motivated by frustrated sexual desire and more by the wish for permanent comradeship, a home and children.

I am, etc.
P. R. S. GOULD-HURST.

(For further comment on the subject see centre spread.—Ed.)

Indoor Sport

Dear Sir,
Dr. Dunn and Dr. Heddle seem to think that contraception before marriage should not be used because of the possible consequences, as well as other reasons.

On this point I would like to explain that sex is a game. Called "ten toes up, ten does down", it is played all over the world, having the largest following of any sport played by modern or ancient man (and woman). Rules are simple.

Like any sport, it has its possible dangerous consequences, but if the sportsman is careful, these are reduced to a minimum. I presume the good doctors also condone the banning of all motor car racing, for example.

All this leaves me with a strong suspicion that this "good dirty fun" is worth striving for.

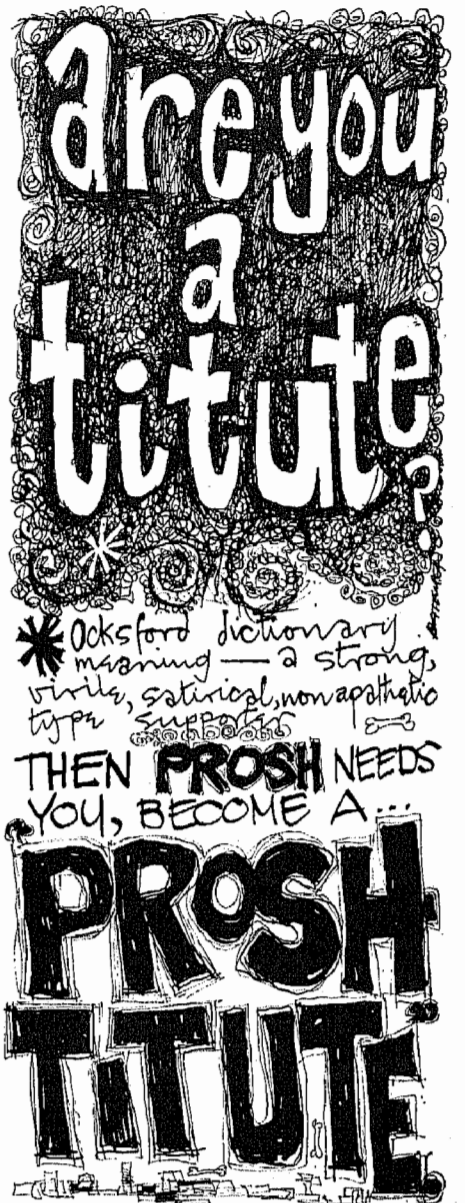
I am, etc.
EAGER FRESHER.

Uncultured Adelaide

Dear Sir,
Last night I attended the best Shakespearean production ("Romeo and Juliet") by AUDS and AUTG that I have yet seen. It was well-directed; the staging simple but effective, the casting good. The acting was enthusiastic and on the average more than competent, the characterisation sensitive. The house was no more than half full. More distressing than the lack of public support was the fact that members of the student body were conspicuous by their absence. It seems that not even members of the English Department are patronising the play.

I hesitate to use the word "apathy" but surely it must apply here—or can it be that the cream of our generation's intelligence can no longer understand and appreciate the genius of Shakespeare. My congratulations to the cast for carrying on so manfully under conditions that speak little for the spirit of our University.

I am, etc.
DOROTHY GEORGE.



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Law Student (male):

This whole question depends upon the background and attitudes of the woman concerned. If a girl, because of her upbringing, has an exaggerated respect for virginity (in the physical sense), pre-marital sexual relations are undesirable.

But where a couple love and trust each other it is not detrimental, providing that they can live with the contrary social pressures of Australia. Pre-marital sexual relations between a "steady" couple are preferable to the promiscuous petting which is practised in Australia because the full sexual relation is prohibited.

Breed to Capacity

Second Year Law Student (male): People should be as licentious as possible and then they would stand a chance of pairing off in the best possible way.

I believe chastity is a bad thing—except in spinsters or Hutterites.

Contraceptives are most important, as we can't afford to breed to our full capacity these days and some sort of hormonal spanner must be thrown in the works, for everyone's good.

Perhaps one could comment that Dr. Heddle's letter is a little prejudiced! Are these two doctors a cross-section of medical opinion?

First Year Arts Student (female):

I don't approve of free sex, nor of general statements saying people should never have sex before marriage. I believe, provided that you are sure you love a person and you're confident of their love, then sexual relations are a natural thing. Marriage need not be in sight, but I don't think you should ever have sexual relations with anyone you would not wish to marry.

Second Year Engineering Student (male):

Sexual relations are a pleasurable thing. Of course they may not be so much so without the relative security of the contraceptive. The Pill may not, in itself, be infallible, but combined with various other methods of contraception, a baby wouldn't stand much chance.

Experience Needed

Third Year Medical Student (male):

The conception of marriage between two virgins seems to be unsatisfactory and outmoded. Sexual happiness is much more likely to be achieved and both satisfied if one or preferably both are sexually experienced—provided that both are sufficiently enlightened not to be expecting a virgin partner.

First Year Arts Student (female):

Sex is an ironical thing in this day and age—where on earth do we stand (especially we girls)? Men will go to all ends to take us out, spend money on us, get us drunk, so as to exploit us in the hope of satiating their sexual desires.

What are we supposed to do—be frigid and stay chaste, or submit and experience what so many people tell us is so beautiful?

Utilitarian

Philosophy Student

It is a fact about society that chastity is not outmoded. It's still very much in fashion. Quite a lot of people are having sex more and more, but their consciences bother them about it. Although practice may not be the same as the principle, the principle is still there.

Personally, I cannot see that there should be any moral problem attached to pre-marital sexual experience. I would advocate free love on the basis of a mutual agreement, whenever and with

whoever you can have this agreement.

The problem should be removed from the realm of morality and a utilitarian scheme introduced. However, social pressure would first have to be overcome. It is a well known fact that men want things both ways—they want to marry a virgin and yet, before marriage, do their best to decrease the number, with the result that virgins are becoming mythical.

Sex is bad from a utilitarian viewpoint if you are going to have children on your hands. Every girl should take a pill for breakfast. Perhaps in time we may see government allowances for oral contraceptives. Just as children are given milk at school, girls would be provided with the Pill.

Unsanitary Habit

Third Year Psychology Student (male):

If someone asked me, "Should I be chaste?" I would advise him or her to be, for the same sort of reasons an alcoholic would advise someone not to drink. I have had enough miserable affairs for sex to have lost its gloss and glory and become just a rather unsanitary habit.

Chastity from the social viewpoint of "no sex before marriage" is not worth considering. Marriage is a good institution, but who wants to live in an institution? Chastity in the social sense is merely a matter of satisfying the requirements of other people, of being moral in the eyes of others, which has little to do with what you think yourself.

You can look at this problem from another angle—should we sleep with people indiscriminately or only with those we are in love with? Indiscriminate love-making is not desirable, but if you say that it is all right to sleep with

someone you love (what you do when you are married anyway), the question becomes one of finding criterion for being in love.

The only criterion for thinking you are in love seems to be—if it feels right and seems practical, go ahead.

My advice to young virgins is—if in doubt, don't.

Go ahead if you want to, with the understanding that you are taking a chance analogous to the chance you take when you have your first drink. But you have a much greater chance of being hurt by a boy than by a bottle.

Advice to young males: get what you can, mate! But try not to hurt anyone. Try to rate pleasure gained and given in the short term against hurt gained and given in the long term.

If the long term pain given is greater than a small but significant amount, it will cancel out all the short term pleasure.

Nearly Outmoded

Third Year Arts Student (female):

The idea of chastity is still going pretty strong, but I think it would be a bloody good thing if it went out of fashion.

Sexual experience gives you a much fuller, more relaxed life, but only when you are going steady. It is not necessary to have sex madly and continually.

People's attitudes towards chastity are changing considerably. Many now think pre-marital experience necessary instead of considering it a dreadful thing.

The whole concept is in a state of change, but this change has not finished yet. Chastity is nearly outmoded.

First Year Arts Student (female):

All the doctors are doing is giving a warning—why all the fuss?

REAL NEED FOR AID

by Ro Burnard

It is a great feat for a non-white South African to reach even his matriculation. It is impossible for him to embark on a University career with Apartheid imposed on the University of Cape Town.

Therefore all non-white South African students are forced to do either a correspondence degree or to enter a tribal college.

One such student's name is Don Zola, aged 21 years—"I lost both parents in 1950. My sister, who has seen me through my primary and secondary education, could not afford to pay for any University fees. After matriculating in 1960, I managed to find work in a factory in June 1961, after being unemployed for six months due to a national decrease in employment.

"Eventually I was offered a scholarship in 1962 to study for a B.A. (London). This meant that I had to come to Cape Town where I could attend tutorials; I was forced to be a full-time student since I was not permitted to earn any money by working there. My aunt with whom I lived in Cape Town lost her job in June 1962, thus I became too much of a burden on her home and family, so I left.

"I have managed, so far, to pay for my board and lodging from donations from people who feel sorry that I do not know from the beginning of the week to the end of that same week whether I shall find myself starving. . . ."

A student in Peru writes:—

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"I can speak very little Spanish, and my family is illiterate and impoverished, living on what earnings they can muster from subsistence farming, like so many families here. I dread returning home, for each time their plight seems more desperate and starker than before. . . ."

A student in Hong Kong writes:—

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