

MR. CALWELL:



TALKS ON POVERTY--AND VIETNAM

by Campbell Sharman

It would be surprising if the topic of poverty in Australia generated any strong response from university students. The very suggestion that a fifth of the population is living at a level where the normal conveniences of daily life are hard to come by, is likely to be met with either the vague hostility of disbelief or faint amusement. Such a response is even more likely when the source of the information is a 70-year-old Labor politician addressing a lunch-time meeting during what might be called an election speech for undergraduates.

In one sense the suspicion that Mr. Calwell's emphasis on poverty was rather forced is not unfounded. He has just emerged the victor from a leadership struggle partly over the issue of the image that the Labor Party should present to the electorate. He stands for the conventional position that the basic issues in politics remain constant although the form that they take varies with the context.

What better issue than poverty could be found to demonstrate that in spite of all the superficial changes resulting from our supposedly affluent society, there is still a large section of the community that is grossly economically underprivileged in a way that every traditional Labor supporter understands.

Without questioning Mr. Calwell's sincerity, it was almost with glee that he quoted figures showing the hundreds of thousands with inadequate pensions, with subsistence wages and with inadequate resources to provide for the proper housing, feeding and health of their dependents. The figures seemed to be proving little more than that Mr. Calwell was deeply emotionally involved.

This perhaps was the weakness of Mr. Calwell's appeal. He was not addressing a union meeting of middle-aged manual workers who could remember the personal degradation of the depression, but an audience of students who could not share his assumptions and experience and was unlikely to be convinced without the academic trappings of impartiality and an analytical approach.

This is not to say that poverty is not a serious problem or that equality of opportunity is a dated ideal, but merely that it is not enough to attempt to deal with contemporary problems by stressing how similar they are to old familiar ones.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of Mr. Calwell's performance was its predictability. The speech on poverty was basically the same as the relevant chapter in his book "Labor's Role in Modern Society", published three years ago.

The expected question on the sending of conscripts to Vietnam produced the almost Pavlovian response that the Government's action was "... immoral, unjust and a violation of human rights", while on the question of Australian involvement in Vietnam, the banal assurance was given that our troops would be withdrawn "as soon as practicable".

Both education and equality of opportunity were mentioned with suitable reverence, while another questioner was assured that radio, television and the press were all controlled by a wealthy oligopoly who were true to capitalist class interests.

But it would be wrong to suggest that the meeting was dull. Mr. Calwell is nothing if not a lively performer. The almost obligatory pre-election confidence seemed quite genuine and the variety of questions that were asked at the end of the meeting were disposed of vigorously. However, one wonders just how vigorous and confident Mr. Calwell feels knowing as he does that his political life must end in six months unless he finds the electoral success that has previously eluded him.

Moreover, by making the war in Vietnam the major issue in his campaign he has, to a certain extent, put himself at the mercy of events some thousand miles to the north. There is the further danger that by exploiting the public confusion over the issues of conscription and involvement in Vietnam, Calwell will lay himself open to charges of recklessness and opportunism which it would seem to be hard to deny in the face of the Labor Party's inability to suggest a detailed alternative policy.

Again, there is the issue of the poverty of the Labor Party itself. Perhaps it was not a coincidence that while Mr. Calwell was talking on poverty in the Union Hall, the Federal Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, was making a lightning tour of the State conferences stressing the urgency of a \$200,000 fighting fund if the next election is to be contested adequately.

In spite of these uncertainties, Mr. Calwell's basic problem remains that of presenting a convincing image and platform to the electorate. There is always the temptation to avoid the difficulties and heart-searching of formulating new policies, and to choose either the emotionally attractive issues or those, such as poverty which are familiar through years of repetition. There were few signs on Friday that Mr. Calwell had chosen the thornier alternative.

Old Soldiers Never Die...

They just keep on fading away, as has been happening for some time now. They can now rest assured that they won't be forgotten though. For this week, On DIT reports the appearance in our Uni of two new groups whose very names conjure up visions of heroism, patriotism, blood, toil, tears, sweat, slaughter, massacre, etc., all in defence of the Queen, and to some extent ourselves and our country.

Although these two groups don't intend maintaining this precise image, they have chosen the names Republican Students League and the Australian and New Zealand Anarchists Congress.

To celebrate the 1966 Queen's Birthday Holiday a small group of students decided that the time was ripe for the formation of a society within the University dedicated to removal of the monarchy in Australia.

The society calls itself the "Republican Students League" and it is a non-political society in the sense that it is composed of students of diverse political affiliations and it seeks to have Republicanism become a burning political issue, so much so that one or other of the major parties will adopt it to the platform. It is in no way connected with the Republican Party of Australia or the Australian Nationalist Party.

Members of the committee include Tony McMichael, John Bannon, Anne Dunn, Dave Lundberg, Bill Latimer, Peter O'Brien and Len Roberts-Smith. Geoffrey Dutton the

doyen of Australian Republicanism has agreed to become one of the society's patrons, the committee also intends to approach Donald Horne, Richard Walsh, Prince Charles and Sir Robert Menzies.

The society also intends to seek affiliation with Republican societies in other universities, the "Sons of Erin" (Monash) and the "Society for the Preservation of the British Empire and the Indigenous Peoples" (Melb.) have been active in the cause of Republicanism for some time.

ANARCHISTS

Although there has not been any suggestion of anarchist activity in Adelaide nor of the Australian Anarchist journal "Red and Black" being sold here, it is felt that conditions are conducive to the incubation and growth of anarchist ideas, individuals and groups. Here is some information on the activity in the Eastern States:

Between May 23 and 27, a series of meetings of the Australian-New Zealand Anarchist Congress was held in Sydney and discussion centred around the formation of anarchist attitudes and programmes relevant to the modern, industrially developed "warfare" state.

It was decided that participation by anarchists in existing anti-war and anti-government groups to present the anarchist viewpoint, suggest more effective modes of action and organisation, and heighten the awareness of the connected nature of various social evils, would be appropriate.

The Last Word



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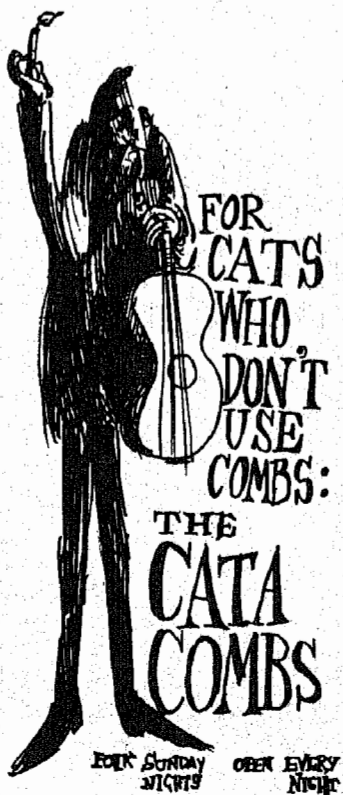
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RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Entries for the Rhodes Scholarship for 1967 will close on September 1 next with the Honorary Secretary of the South Australian Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee at the University.

The annual value of the Scholarship is £900 Sterling, but in certain circumstances this amount may be supplemented.

Application forms are available now. Intending candidates should secure them from the Registrar's Secretary. They should also make an appointment to see the Registrar personally.



Dear Sir,

By a sincere and colourful demagoguery Arthur Calwell reduces issues to the sort of clear black and white questions that were fashionable in the morally-arrogant nineteenth century.

He commands respect, and even affection, from everyone—but his approach will not do. While politicians will always be obliged to resort to some over-simplification of issues, this is the day of a populace which demands cool intelligence and an essential, admitted pragmatism, in approach to problems of government.

In all but his manner of presentation Mr. Calwell gave us this in the treatment of his stated topic recently. His remarks on other matters, however, revealed the essential Arthur—unaided by the reasoning of progressive elements within his party.

About Vietnam he was quite annoying. His "peace front" type use of the expressions "peace-loving", "dirty war", and other emotional noises, produces heat at the expense of light.

He completely failed to admit the existence—let alone the plausibility—of the long-standing and respectable view that, paradoxically, "If you want peace you must prepare for war"; that, further, you must be actually ready to go to war in certain circumstances to maintain "credibility".

It is arguable that our improved relations with Russia, are consequent on Russia's having had to come to terms with "containment"—a policy learned from the object lessons of Munich. (It is arguable that Communist confrontation has had a similar good effect on the West—forcing our Right wing crusaders to come to terms with a stable status quo).

It is arguable that the development of stable democracies has been—and that the development of a democratic world order will be—consequent on a degree of toughness and bloodshed, of dogged maintenance of balances of power which only gradually become overlaid with a veneer of urbane civilisation. It is arguable that accommodating and pacific postures can be premature—merely inviting a snowballing aggression by the militant and the self-righteously dogmatic.

Recent history is a prima facie case for this view, and the onus is on the "antis" to prove that it is not applicable to the Vietnam situation.

The pragmatist of today—and he is much more in evidence in the U.S. and the U.K. than in Australia—is trying to deduce China's intentions and likely reactions to various courses in the limit of history (which is our fund of evidence on human nature) and valuable facts. He asks whether a firm stand is indeed necessary to prevent another great "unnecessary war" and, if so, whether Vietnam is the right place to make it—whether, supporting a stand must be made, it is being done in the right way.

He may end up anywhere on a continuum of opinion, but he will respect, as most probably sharing his good faith, others whose reasoned conclusions are different.

He will not, like the majority of our politicians of both major parties, go automatically to one extreme or the other and engage in a spirited slanging match.

Yours etc., C.V. Smith.

PHOTOGRAPHERS!

(AMATEURS OR OTHERWISE)

If you are interested in having your work published,

ON DIT

would be pleased to see you at any time.

Sir,—In the course of his review of the film "Werner Holt", Max Harris makes some remarks on the Berlin Wall which cannot go unchallenged.

He claims that the idea that the Wall which divides Berlin "bristles with gunners eagerly waiting to shoot down innocent refugees from the savage regime of Ulbricht" is worse than a distortion, it is quite mythical.

Mr. Harris's plain meanings appears to be that nothing of the sort goes on. He is denying that the East Germans (who built the wall) do not shoot at people who try to cross over into West Berlin, that more than a hundred people have been shot by Wall guards since 1961, and thousands more have risked death in escaping successfully.

The wall in fact is now backed over much of its distance by land cleared of buildings, strewn with mines, guarded by gun towers, with many thousands of armed police manning it. This is too well documented to be denied.

Not a word of condemnation from Mr. Harris over this grisly business—instead the attempt to exculpate Ulbricht by blaming West German hostility and propaganda, and intransigence by the West in face of growing liberalisation in the Communist bloc. Just how this could make necessary the Wall isn't explained. One does not disarm West German propaganda by preventing your own national fleeing there.

Perhaps it is necessary in view of the intrinsic appeal of the freedom possible in pluralist and democratic West Germany, but we can't say that, can we?

Mr. Harris's views are a cold-blooded apology for inhumanity, and can only come from failure to appreciate the difference between the still-Stalinist totalitarian regime in East Germany and the free society in the West. That is why there is a Wall.

John Chandler.

BIRD OF THE WEEK



Her name is SAEKO—but you won't find it in the phone book!

MONOPOLY BREAKING

Dear Sir,

As a Liberal and consequently a firm believer in the advantages of free enterprise, the solution of the indifferent goods and service of the refectory is to me quite obvious.

What is needed is some form of competition within the university to break the virtual monopoly over catering that the present refectory enjoys. This would keep the refectory right on its toes (perhaps) even start a price-cutting war—whatever happens the student body at large is sure to benefit.

Most interstate universities have at least two or three choices of eating places, with the result that their general standard of food and service is higher than that of Adelaide.

For fear of reprisal in the pie-and-chips queue, I must unfortunately remain anonymous.

Yours etc., Will

F.O. DEFENDED

Sir,—Although you ask for complaints about front office rudeness in On Dit (10/6/66), I feel I must speak up in defence of the front office staff.

When re-enrolling at the beginning of this year, the Finance Officer incorrectly filled out my schedule of fees for a Commonwealth Scholarship. I noticed his mistake at the front office before paying my fees and pointed it out to one of the staff. Instead of sending me back to the finance officer to have the error corrected, one of the front office staff took a syllabus, looked up the relevant fees and entered them. There were several other students waiting behind me in a queue.

From my experience with the front office staff they have always been courteous and polite.

Yours, etc., T. P. Fisher.

THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Sir,—In his note about the Forum which the AU Debating Club is setting up (your issue of June 10), Mr. Erik Frank gives the impression that One O'Clock Forum, a lunch-hour activity run by this Department and the WEA, provides 50 minutes for a speaker to "waffle on" and 10 minutes for the audience to put questions.

What actually happens is that the speaker starts at 1.10 and finishes at 1.30; the audience then comment or ask questions from 1.30 until 1.50, or later, if they can stay. We agree that the title Forum would be a misnomer if the audience did not have at least as much time as the speaker to ask questions and give their views.

The next One O'Clock Forum will be held in the Prince of Wales lecture theatre on July 6, when Dr. J. Munro, of the Department of Commerce, will speak about "Automation and the Worker".

Yours, etc., C. R. Lawton, Secretary-Organiser

MEDICONG ATTACKED

Dear Sir,

I read with disgust a recent news item, announcing that the ALP Club of Sydney university has already raised A\$1,000 for the Viet Cong. This might have been understandable if the supplies were to be used for the treatment of prisoners of war being held by our allies, but this was not the case—they were being sent to North Vietnam. I am shocked that Communist sympathisers should be so overtly active in Australia, abusing the privilege of freedom which the Viet Cong are trying to WITHDRAW.

Yours etc., R. A. Lee

PROSH IS COMING!

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JAZZ ON!

Dear Sir,

To Thiramim and all other tormented Barr-Smithians I extend my deepest sympathy, as I do to anyone who is forced to spend Friday night entombed in that worthy building. I suggest that they venture out of the library from time to time and take a look around.

They'd see that SCIIAES is not a long haired minority, that there are as many students at the Discotheque as there are in the Library; that the SRC started the Discotheque for all students and the SCIIAES members take some pride in running it successfully. In fact, none of Thiramims mumbled, emotive attempt for the bathtubbing fraternity is worth much. He has most of his data wrong and an incredible conceit in maintaining it. All work and no play . . . ?

Yours etc., B. D. P.

WOT, A REBUKE?

Sir,—Apart from the fact that we would have thought better of ON DIT for jumping on the current bandwagon and producing yet another pop-op cover page, we find it necessary to express our disgust at your disregard for the common standards of decency and modesty among female students.

As members of a university college for women, we learn to embrace the maidenly virtues and, after our eventful first term, when we were so rudely invaded by the lions from a neighbouring college, we begin to wonder what the student morals of Adelaide are coming to. We are "a home of young ladies, young ladies bereft of young men", and we endeavour to remain so.

The cover was an insult to our feminine integrity. Our whole education has been aimed at sheltering us from such works in poor taste, and your publication has ruined the years sacrificed by our educators towards giving us a wholesome and spiritual outlook on life.

Your cover was destructive and thus serves no purpose, not even a decorative one. If this is an example of undergraduate humour, we are not amused.

Yours, etc., The Ladies on the Hill

[Embracing virtues whilst bereft of young men? Really?—Ed.]

FLAT-MATE

Male—to share with two other students. North Adelaide.

CONTACT EDITORS

SAVE FROM 'SALVATION'

So we are going to have a mission. To the superficial viewer, the student body may not appear notably profligate or secularist. The reverse is more likely to be one's impression — timid conformism in belief and manners. Alas, the truth is we are all monsters of sin standing under the curse of God, lost in worldliness. But now we are all to be evangelised, the worst of us had the chance to repent, and be saved at the Evangelical Union's Mission to the university.

Not all of us, however, are convinced either of the need for salvation or of the propriety of the methods being adopted to convince us.

What is the idea behind a Mission? It is a claim to possess the truth, the only authentic viewpoint on religious matters and the claim that because we don't acknowledge this truth, EU version, we are lost. This is just what they say — it is the sin of deviation from God's revelation in the Bible, the EU handbook tells us, that is responsible for division in the Church.

If you disagree with their interpretation of the Bible, or think it is not really infallible — this is itself a sin, not just an error. Hence the basic intolerance which cannot accept honest doubt as legitimate, the assumption that we need salvation. We are guilty of rebellion, even if your atheism or doubts arise from the most scrupulous examination of the grounds of belief.

This arrogance need not be due to a belief in the personal superiority of the missionary — he is merely God's instrument; but it is the only word for this attitude that all who disagree are sinful.

The aim of evangelism is the salvation of souls. All Christians would agree this is a vital part of their religion. But for the EU it is the only part that really matters. They are preoccupied even obsessed, with the need to ingratiate oneself with God to avert the terrible consequences of his anger, i.e., damnation.

Where some Christians would stress the incarnation, their interest is wholly with the antonement — the doctrine that Christ's death was a necessary payment to God of the penalty for human sin. And they never tire of stressing the enormity of sin, the fact that everyone is guilty of innumerable sins which makes him a just recipient of God's wrath.

This is not normally made on the basis of empirical enquiry as to the number of sins the average chap commits in a day — but on the strength of Bible quotations, which of course makes it unnecessary to see what actually happens.

And this sinfulness they hold (EU basis, clause c) to belong to human nature, that is to everyone by virtue of

the Fall. Adam's sin is visited on all the generations born since, regardless of the fact that they could have had no part in it.

This doctrine of original sin (when will someone think up an original sin?) I find particularly objectionable, since it holds that I can be blamed for things I am wholly innocent of, which have occurred long before birth. This violates every notion of moral responsibility which the law accepts. But given this idea of human nature being essentially sinful and wicked, one can see the logic of the argument for Missions — you need to be saved from hell (or more vaguely from "God's wrath") whether you think so or not.

Redemption is possible only because of Christ's atoning sacrifice. He is our substitute, or lightning conductor, for God's wrath, taking on himself the punishment of our sins.

This I find a revolting notion of God — that his anger at us demands some penalty, although he is not particular as to who shall pay it, and accepts the slaughter of his own son, who is guiltless, as a substitution. It is a picture of a God with an insatiable lust for revenge who is propitiated only by blood. Why couldn't he just forgive the repentant sinner?

Salvation comes about as the result of a dramatic and highly emotional "conversion" after which one acknowledges the mercy of God and joins the EU.

Then you have assurance that (thanks be it noted, not to any merits of your own, but to God's grace) that unlike the rest of us you have God's approval, and possess the exclusive right to preach all this to the remaining unconverted — who unfortunately, seem to be just as numerous sometime after a mission as before.

The success of a Mission is assessed by the number of sudden conversions produced at or after a large meeting where the stress is on how guilty one is, how great the penalty, how very easy it is to repent.

That most of those who come forward in this way are again lost to their churches within the first year is rarely noted, nor that most of those being preached to are already far more devout than the average person.

There is no evidence, in cold statistical terms, of any permanent effects of modern "crusades", whether Billy Graham's or the more modest type we are to see. But I expect it will, in its own terms, have some success.

Adolescents are very frequently plagued by exaggerated feelings of guilt, especially over sex, and very real, though temporary emotional relief and resolution of conflicts is provided by a

dramatic gesture of self-abasement such as a "conversion".

I have made pretty grave charges here; that the aim of a mission is not to present arguments for belief but to preach to use emotive persuasion in the sure knowledge of its effectiveness with some. Whether they are true will have to be tested against the actual conduct of the missionaries. I hope I will have to withdraw then in the event — but on past experience I doubt it.

This mission is in itself only a manifestation of the religious outlook of the Evangelical Union, which after studying the EU doctrine basis and handbook I think I can describe accurately.

Its outlook is fundamentalist and anti-intellectual. It affirms the infallibility of the Bible ("as originally given") and its supreme authority on matters of faith and conduct. It does not require that it be taken in all respects literally, although in fact many members have trouble over evolutionary accounts of human origins and hold that if any scientific theory conflicts with the clear sense of the Bible, science must be rejected and the Bible's authority accepted.

It thinks it has proven its case, whatever it is, when an appropriate quotation has been found, and makes no real attempt to provide a rational justification for belief in the divine origins of the Bible . . . but then only the briefest efforts are made to show how faith is compatible with reason at all.

If you don't believe in God, you are told to pray, which may well make you feel better but does nothing to show the truth of Christian claims, that there is a God or that man is immortal. Philosophical difficulties in the meaning of theological utterances are brushed aside. God the father, son and holy spirit is as concrete as the editor and staff of On Dit. They would rather preach to you than argue. Their Bible-founded ethics are applied without modification to modern society, which results in a wowsersish, reactionary moral code which is much more aware of the will of God than the good of man.

As a humanist and an atheist, of course, all this I find repugnant. I want a reasonable cool discussion of basic issues and instead I am evangelised. I believe in human dignity and the value of the individual and am told that human nature is corrupt, and that the only path to salvation is by submission of my intellect to the Bible of a narrow and rigid set.

I hope to be told how to face the problems of life in modern society and am exhorted to look to the salvation of my soul. No, I don't like missions.

John Chandler



He was that pleased of a weekend to get a spot of poetry from a friend of a friend, was Gaffer. And so, if you'll pardon a spot of the old egotism latch onto this slightly adopted rendition—

30 days hath September,
April, June and no wonder,
All the rest have strawberry jam,
Excepting Gaffer, and he rides a bicycle.
Makes Dylan look a bit tame, eh?

By the way, you lot . . . crook'n'lethargic you turned out to be. What happens to the big grand opening "Why's it called Barja . . ." competition? One flamin' Edward offers to enter but can't remember temporarily what her answer was . . . it's enough to drive a fella to drink. Make it a 'gaff, thanks.

Girls! Were you at "The Knack" last Thursday night? GIRL with book front row, Theatre 62, Thurs. 9th, a Colin would like to know you, please write G933, Advertiser.

A recent operation did not prevent this bloke from sending his apology to a meeting last week.

Dear Sir,
I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the meeting . . . due to appendices beyond my abdomen.

Yours sincerely,
M. H.

Got another Barjagaloo, not to be confused with the cheap imitation 'droadl (e)' for yez . . .

Wot is it?

The outside world as seen by
a little man living in a beer can.



Gaffers getting amongst the bigot jokes that an Australian satirical mag. recently flogged from an American glossy mag. So wrap your laughing gear round this lot.

Why don't they give Maltese workers ten minutes tea-breaks?

It's too costly to retain them.

What do you call an Italian who marries an aborigine?
A social climber.

Ta ta for now.

Gaffer.

Supernatural At Work

by Heather Phillips

According to recent reports from informed sources in this university it is believed that on five successive occasions next week, the Lady Symon Hall will be the scene of certain startling disturbances and unsettling revelations.

It is expected that on these occasions, radical Dr. Alan Cole will appear in person, in order to make certain public statements to the university at large. We believe that the nature of these statements will probably be such as to unsettle, and perhaps undermine completely, the founda-

tions of the basic assumptions of many. Yet, whilst the doctor's appearance amongst us may be a source of irritation to some, it may well be for many, the beginning of a new certainty.

The doctor's appearance in this university will, therefore, undoubtedly be of intense interest.

Mon., June 27 to Fri., July 1
is MISSION!
Rev. Alan Cole
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at 1.10 p.m.
evangelical union

VOLUNTEERS IN PAPUA — N.G.

by Brian Kirke,
Local P-N.G. Officer.

NUAUS is organising Work Camps and Volunteer Assistance Programmes, each of three weeks duration, during the coming long vacation as a means by which students can go to Papua-New Guinea at minimum cost and see at first hand what is going on, at the same time doing something really worthwhile for the benefit of the Territory. The idea of a Work Camp is fairly well known now — a group of people living and working together on some form of community project usually with the help of the local people.

However, following some criticism of NUAUS Work Camps held in the Territory last January, when many students were doing unskilled work which could have been done by local people, an effort is being made to use students' special skills to advantage —

hence the Volunteer Assistance Programmes, in which students will work in ones and twos where they can be of most use. For example, a clinical year medical student might work at a medical aid post, or an engineering student on a water supply scheme for a village. Arts students can be employed in such jobs as organising a school library, while anyone with a knowledge of basic hygiene and first aid can be invaluable in a village community.

Some jobs will involve considerable professional challenge, and students may find themselves doing work only entrusted to graduates with some experience in Australia. Besides the professional aspect, volunteers will require tact and tolerance in their dealings, to maintain friendly relations with both European and indigenous people. This could prove difficult at times, but will be extremely rewarding.

Although Volunteer Assis-

tance Programmes place emphasis on skilled work, the value of ordinary Work Camps should not be underrated. It is surprising how much unskilled, but keen students can achieve (and, by the way, how much fun manual work can be).

Finally, I should like to quote a letter written to the editor of the Territory periodical Our News, by Mr. Badn-Tauna, of Hanuabada Village, Port Moresby, which indicates how much Work Camps can stimulate the people to help themselves:

"The thing about these students coming here was that they did work that we should have done for ourselves. But we didn't do it. We let someone else do it for us.

"Let us learn by the example of these students. Let us do something to help our people who need help. We should not wait for someone else to do it for us."



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IF YE HAVE NOT CHARITY . . .

Every year Uni students for one week at the end of second term get a licence to organise riots, libel anyone they please, beat up policemen, frighten little children and generally drink more than most can hold. All this in the name of charity; or rather PROSH.

This year's Prosh Committee has already been elected and have started in organising Prosh 66. Dick Solomon, the new Prosh director, has a razor-keen committee. When last heard, they were discussing whether or not to have a thousand gallons at the pre-Prosh Prang.

But the broad back of Dick Solomon and his committee are not enough to assure a successful Prosh. They need people with ideas on the Prosh collection, on floats for Prosh, on cunning stunts for pre-Prosh publicity. They need people to organise shows, to run the annual shilling races, to reason with the police. They need artists to draw posters. They need administrators to organise the collection. They need everyone who can help with anything.

PARK NINE SAGA

Park 9 is an oval used by the University. If you look hard enough, you'll find it in the parklands east of the Teachers College Oval. It is well grassed, has a good smooth playing surface. It has a block of modern looking dressing rooms. It has everything, in fact, except people to use it.

The football club can't have it. Instead, they rent the Meyer Oval somewhere amongst the mangrove swamps of Outer Harbour at £4 a Saturday — a total of £80 for the year.

The baseball club is bursting at the seams for lack of playing space. There is scarcely a sporting club in the University that does not need extra space.

But none can use Park 9. Because Park 9 is going to have a beautiful rubberised athletics track put down before very long. Work was going to start in April. Plans have been drawn up and the Union has a grant of £9,000 for the purpose, and the estimates are in order.

Work is going to start soon. For why would the sports clubs of this University be deprived needlessly of a ground that most could start using tomorrow if given the opportunity?

Faculty Election Flop

Since it means less work to the returning officer he is secretly pleased that so few people have nominated to stand for election to positions as faculty representatives.

There are only three contested elections, details of which appear below. This lack of interest in faculty elections, as compared with general elections, is for other reasons disturbing. Many faculty societies elect official candidates, in which case the real contest has occurred before the SRC elections which become a formality of accepting nominations and electing unopposed candidates.

Depending on the success of the new scheme of postal voting for general elections some thought might be given to changing the system of elections of faculty representatives or changing to a system of general election for the whole SRC.

At present some representatives take very little note of SRC proceedings and are often dilatory in attendance at meetings or in carrying out their duties as elected representatives.

In recent years the SRC has had to invoke its constitutional power to expel a member who does not attend three meetings in a row or give any excuse for his absence.

The constitutional change passed at the general student meeting last Friday has paved the way by further liberalising the conditions covering election of general representatives to the SRC. Instead of four women and eight men being elected the constitution now reads that:

There shall be twelve representatives elected annually by a common roll of students, provided that: (i) There shall be at least two representatives of each sex elected.

(ii) There shall be at least conjunction of each sex elected.

A junior is defined as (i) "A student who at the time of his election shall naturally require at least two years to complete the course on which he has entered, provided that in the faculties in which the undergraduate course is more than four years, a junior shall normally require at least three years to complete the course on which he has entered; (ii) provided that any student who has been a student for more than four years shall be a senior.

Nominations close on July 1. Voting by postal ballot from July 13 to 15. Ballot papers will be sent to all students by then.

C. W. S. Douglas, Returning Officer.

Ho Chi Minh Rejected While . . . Libs Chew Their Own Cud

by Chemosatanovotz

1966 saw Adelaide as the venue for the Australian Student Labour Federation's annual conference, held from Monday 23 to Thursday, May 26.

The new rehearsal area above the Union Hall provided a congenial setting for the greater part of the conference, as did the new Union lounge out at Flinders for the Tuesday debate on foreign affairs.

The composition of the conference itself gave ample and interesting testimony to the wide cross-section of socialist thinking in Australian universities today, with representation ranging from the Trotskyite fringe of the extreme "Left" to a Fabian supporter of the NSW Liberal Government on the far "Right". This manifested itself in debate as witness both radical and moderate solutions put forward to the considerable variety of motions before the conference.

The tenor of the conference can best be illustrated from some of the actual arguments on a topical question, say Vietnam.

ADELAIDE'S LAURELS The Adelaide ALP Club presented two motions on the subject for consideration. It might be stated on the outset that ALL the Adelaide motions evidence greater preparation beforehand and, further, displayed an awareness of current political realities while not a few of our comrades from interstate betrayed an emotional commitment to ideology and utopian principles, rating pragmatism a dirty word and a mortal sin to boot.

HO CHI MINH Five other motions on Vietnam were considered by the conference, that on ASLF support for the "Medical Aid for Vietnam Fund" (which provoked some controversy in the Press several weeks ago) being amended by Adelaide to read, that such aid be administered through the International Red Cross. Ho Chi Minh was not elected honorary president of ASLF.

Three Adelaide ALP Club motions on Rhodesia fared much better and were duly passed. Many of the interstate delegates present were surprised at the existence but gratified by our unmaking of the Rhodesian/Australian Association with its patronising attitudes and misrepresentations in South Australia.

On the other hand, a long debate was waged on the realisation of social and economic progress in underdeveloped countries (or rather, whether achievement

that a solution lies not in military intervention but in political negotiations. The representatives of the Sydney Labor Club objected strongly on the grounds that it acquiesced in America's illegal breaking of the Geneva agreements, that negotiations are a face-saving device for the US and that talk of negotiating is only an attempt to slow up the progress of the National Liberation Front in Vietnam and a device for stifling political discussions in Australia.



ANNE COOPER

The whole tone of the motion was utopian (sic) for it failed to recognise that, in effect, a colonial regime now exists in South Vietnam and the only thing a genuine nationalist regime can ask for is the unconditional withdrawal of the colonial power.

In short, the Adelaide motion was considered to support the American line, especially as the NLF don't want negotiations — and, I might add, was not in keeping with the theory of permanent revolution which appears to be popular among certain Sydney circles.

The motion was defeated.

STRATIFICATION The Fabians appeared to be of the opinion that by condemning children in poorer private schools to a second-rate education, social stratification would be enhanced at the lowest levels of society as equally as the richer independent establishments promote elitism at a higher level.

The Adelaide ALP motion, presented by John Bamnon, made the attempt to cope with political realities by laying down some sort of national basis on which state aid could be given should such a contingency arise, while registering opposition to state support of private schools in principle. This too was passed (by the delegates, with a rider on "democratisation" of school curricula, etc., to meet objections against state support of the indoctrination of illiberal dogmas in private schools).

Both these motions didn't leave Catholic (and otherwise) delegates to the conference very happy, and this, as

I stated above, a perusal of the many arguments employed in this long debate on foreign affairs serves to emphasise that the Left in Australian Universities is not monolithic in thinking and that a conference of this nature can in fact be quite enlightening.

STATE AID The Thursday debate (on education in essence) on state aid raised in microcosm within the confines of the conference the dilemma presented to Australian socialists in seeking to realise the goal of a secular, pluralistic and egalitarian educational system on the one hand, while meeting their responsibility — if it is recognised as such — to a whole generation of primarily Catholic children doomed in the meantime to "educational slums", on the other hand.

The debate which subsequently developed on the three state aid motions before the conference revealed that while the majority present were opposed in principle to the granting of what is analogous to a subsidy to private schools, there were not a few with reservations. A motion from Sydney Labor Club reaffirming opposition to state aid in its present form was passed (the implications in the section calling for "reconstruction of the Australian (i.e., State) system

which elsewhere has completely stifled political debate. Delegates later criticised the Government's silence on Vietnam, its failure to call for volunteers as it had done during the Korean war and present conditions in the army.

RED CHINA Mr. Hasluck recently decided upon a course of action which has reduced the probability of resolving the deadlock surrounding the recognition of Red China. The ALP adopted a sensible compromise. The conference resolved that the criteria employed by Australia in according diplomatic recognition should be related to effective and permanent control of a government over its territory rather than a value judgment on the political desirability of that government.

The Libs suggested that Australia press for a solution allowing for recognition of both China and in the meantime continue to trade with Red China, thus keeping open the one channel of common interest.

ECONOMIC PLANNING A proposal to pool Australian investment resources and establish a national investment corporation to sponsor development projects was defeated primarily on the ground that the compulsion involved if the scheme were to be successful would be unwarranted. In defeating this proposal, the conference affirmed a pre-existing policy which recognises the need for foreign investment with Australian participation and control. A decision in favour of greater, more coherent economic planning and the re-examination of the Vernon Report was unanimous.

A proposed recommendation that the five dollar bill soon to be introduced convey the portrait of Sir Robert Menzies was defeated. That was the one result I agreed with; Menzies should be reserved for the hundred dollar bill.

The conference was clear illustration of the fact that the Libs are becoming more liberal and the cow is becoming more sacred.

I stated, is one of the dilemmas of Australian socialists. (Perhaps Tovarich Butland, of ANU, had a solution when he asserted, amid claps and cheers, that substandard private schools be nationalised and a long-range policy be implemented to abolish all independent institutions.)

CRASH PROGRAMME John Fleming, of Adelaide, stated that none of the motions put forward was a solution to the problem; and that a crash programme should be implemented to raise the level of state education while subsidising the poorer independent schools for a limited period as a stop-gap measure, until the state is in a position to make a provision for surplus with an accompanying abolishment of private schools.

FANATICS Delegates stood in silent protest at the State War Memorial on Wednesday evening after the death in action of Australia's first national serviceman was announced. The State LCL headquarters on North Terrace was besieged by "an almost fanatical group of professional demonstrators" during the Thursday

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Hobbies and interests: Jazz, folk music, machinery, piano tuning, jockey.

Policy: Better facilities for clubs and societies (esp. AULSS, who have none), more awareness of real issues by students.

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Make Love Not War

I had started to write this column concerning the freedom to dissent and the freedom to act just before I heard of the assault on the life of Mr. Arthur Calwell in Sydney.

It may be wrong to single out this sickening and disturbing act as indicative of a trend.

It is hard, however, to have an Australian community as a whole without some share of the responsibility for this attack.

Perhaps it is not unfair to look to the behaviour of the audience Calwell had at this University who tried to shout down his speech on poverty, ridicule his venom about the plight of aborigines and depressed people in this community.

It has been said that the recent Vietnam conflict has caused a polarisation of political sentiment in the Australian community, the lines have been drawn, the words are flying, and patriotism and the Red Smear have been dragged out to protect the government where their logic has run dry. Hasluck has also taken the unprecedented step

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which wanted the word "conscript" outlawed! This may sound rather quaint but apparently these characters were serious. Sir William Yeo, President of N.S.W. RSL noted for past performances like refusing to shake hands with Japanese ex-servicemen and attacks on "intellectuals and long-hairs" has once again felt it

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of publishing a series of (mercifully unreadable) polemics at the public expense to back the government's policy or lack of it.

The most recent of these pamphlets attempts to show the government's Vietnam commitment and the SEATO relevance North Vietnam being a SEATO protocol party has. It was almost as if this connection added respectability to our adventure. It would be better to try to relate it to the United Nations Charter or the Bible.

Far the most unhappy turn in the Australian-Vietnam debate is ugly intolerance to dissent which is beginning to develop. When demonstrations occur, the news photographers select the woolliest marcher and the most best bird to pose for the public approval.

At one time The Advertiser man tried to collect several beards together as a "representative selection" of the protest march. This kind of thing together with the bilge which appears in the letters and leader columns of The Sunday Mail (e.g. "Our 20-year-lads are being made into men at Woodside") are all a bit passe these days but are worth a mention.

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necessary to burst into print and declaring that people who protest about Vietnam represented .0001 per cent of the population. That makes 11 1/2 people who disagree with Mr. Holt.

The most recent local contribution to this kind was from Mr. L. C. Hart, MLC, who said the demonstration in the LCL Buildings was organised by some "almost fanatical professional demonstrators". This kind of measure is some comfort to those who like to think of people who disagree with them as agents of an evil (unspecified) foreign power.

Three most disturbing facts overshadowed these merely intolerant, ignorant outbursts. Firstly, a report from Brisbane that the police refuse to allow placards to be exhibited at any political meeting and refused permission to address demonstrators in public.

Secondly, two students who stood in the back of a parked utility (with the owner's permission) to address demonstrators in Perth were refused permission to do so by the police and were immediately hauled off and man-handled into a police van together with removal of the demonstrators. The newspaper reported there was no obstruction of the football.

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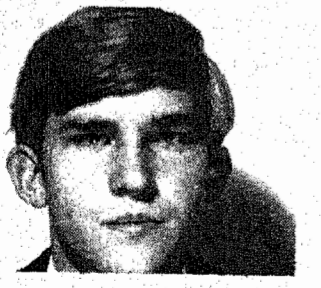
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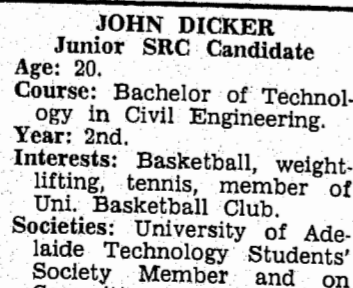
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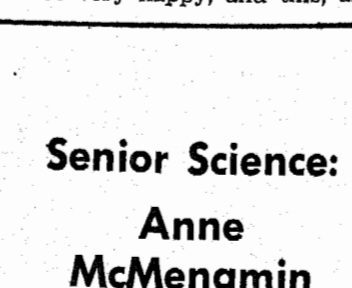
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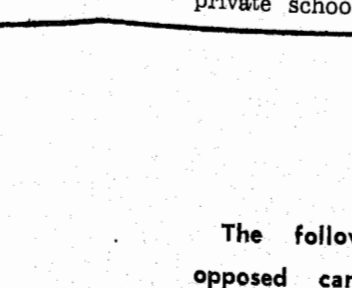
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"THE KNACK"

by Jackie Kent

At first sight, it appears typical. The set, representing an old house in Chelsea, has just the right air of squalor; one settles back, expecting to see yet another fearless play about the British working class. Then enter the characters. In about five minutes one wonders what has happened.

"The Knack" by Ann Jellicoe, is currently being presented at Theatre '62. It concerns three young men and their different attitudes to the knack of getting a woman. When a girl comes into their lives, their different reactions are well brought out.

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

The characters then are necessarily simplified. Tom, the self-confident and cheerful one, attracts by his charm and happy-go-lucky attitude to life. He is interesting because his whole outlook is so carefree — he tends to emphasise the others seeming obsession with "getting a woman".

Colin is very naive and to him a woman is necessary as proof of manhood and compensation for his feelings of failure.

Tolen, whom the others wish to copy, is cheap and cynical and for him a woman is just another conquest.

The girl, Nancy, is little more than the mechanical basis of the plot and is hardly discussed. She serves to emphasise a point about woman's attitude to seduction. Nancy is flirtatious; however, when it comes to the point she becomes terrified and hysterical. She is the virtuous girl who would like to be wicked without the consequences of wickedness.

SPONTANEITY

The dialogue and action of the play are generally fresh. In particular, the dialogue is just right — lifelike and seemingly spontaneous.

Humour comes not so much from what the characters say as what they do. For instance, Tom, Colin and Nancy pretend that a bed is a piano and play "The Blue Danube" on it. As a matter of fact, this particular action raises an interesting point about the teaching of music to children. This is a random idea, though, which is not developed.

One could mention also facile symbolism which has its place in the play, too — for instance, Tolen pretends to be a lion-tamer and chases Nancy around the stage.

The simplicity and easy defining of the characters made the actor's job easy, and all members of the cast made the most of their roles. Tom has many of the best lines in the play, and Mark McManus played him in an Albert Finney style. In fact, the whole part and the way it was acted reminded one somewhat of his part as "Jemmy Green in Australia". He was a real scene-stealer and took full advantage of the sheer cheekiness his part demanded.

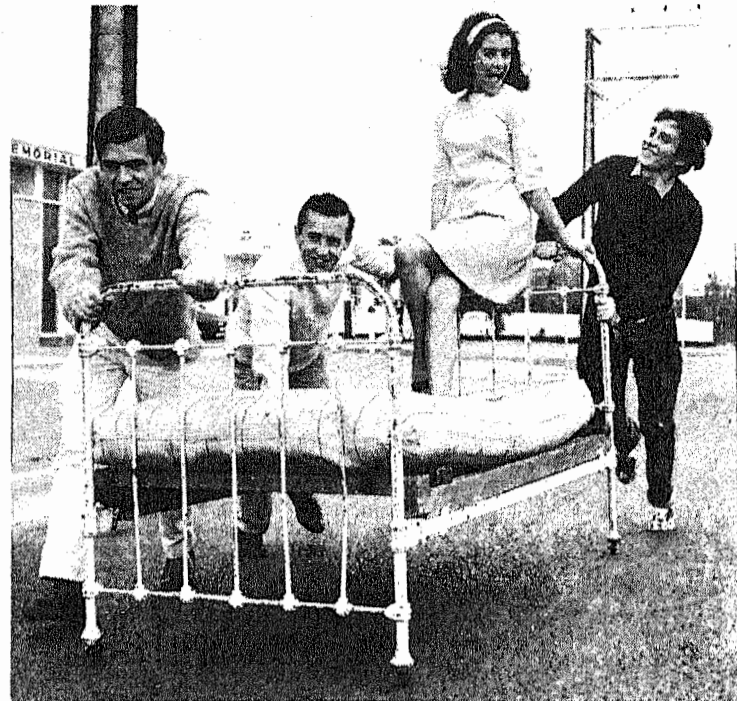
COMPETENT CAST

Michael Noblet, as Colin, conveyed the disingenuousness and almost pathetic lack of sophistication very well. He played his part very competently. Steve Ramsay, on the contrary, succeeded in giving Tolen just the right air of cynicism and cheapness. He brought out Tolen's crude man-of-the-world attitude with the necessary lack of subtlety; in short, he was energetically slimy.

Amanda Irving as Nancy was better in the last third of the play, probably because then her part became more interesting. However, she tended to overdo the British accent, which somewhat spoiled the scene where she had to become hysterical. But she managed to make Nancy smugly prudish and flirtatious at the same time.

NOTHING TO SAY

On the whole, then, "The Knack" is good entertainment, thought not profound. It has nothing to say but merely shows a certain way of life coupled with some fairly unobvious psychological insight. However, it has no core or central theme. This is not to say, of course, that every play has to. But "The Knack's" subject is so much at variance with its treatment that there does seem to be no central point. If one considers this aspect, it begins to appear that "The Knack" is more typical than it at first appears.



OTHELLO: IN REHEARSAL

by Andy Hodge

Produced by Mick Rodger for Theatre Guild in the Union Hall from June 10 to 18.

Do you ever find — when you read a book or poem, watch a play or look at a picture — that you're prompted to ask yourself: "Well, just why did the artist or author choose this particular medium to express himself, what is there in his image, message, theme or story that particularly lends itself to this art form?" That was the question I asked myself after experiencing "Othello: in rehearsal" on its opening night.

According to Harry Medlin in the programme note, the concept of using a play to discuss a play provides a means "to give dramatic weight to some of the big issues raised by that play. The quality of the play can be preserved while offering an insight into the analytical process that some say gives a deeper understanding of some aspects of the play, but in any case which establishes a position from which actors can prepare themselves for the more effective communication of the notions established".

At the outset, let me emphasise that this production was good entertainment value: there were lots of laughs, a welter of stimulating ideas and some absorbing portrayals of the principals in "Othello". I would therefore agree that the stated objects of the performance were fulfilled, with one exception: the "big issues raised" were not given "dramatic weight". Perhaps this is a semantic quibble, but I would not have thought that merely discussing issues on stage gave them dramatic force; my understanding of that expression is exemplified by a play such as Arthur Miller's "The Crucible", where the implications of the McCarthyist persecution complex were given "dramatic weight" by the enactment of the analogous Salem witch-hunt. However, apart from this, let us agree that the objects of "Othello: in rehearsal" were fulfilled. My question still remains: are these objects enough to constitute good drama?

There were three reasons why "Othello: in rehearsal" provoked me to question the function and attributes of drama: first, there were only four segments of the production which had a dramatically visual impact peculiarly suited to theatrical presentation. These were: the acting-out of Rymer's criticism of "Othello" as a farce, the scene showing the disruptive havoc wrought in a play by annotation, the portrayal of Iago as the honest man he seemed to be, and Othello's best speech.

Secondly, the characters were strained, were not at ease in portraying the normality and reality of actors in rehearsal. There seemed two possible answers: either the actors were not successful or the characters were not convincingly drawn. As you can see from above, I came to the latter conclusion because the characters struck me as being merely mouthpieces for the author's ideas: Khalil Jureidini was given a sarcastic tongue, a fixed idea that "Othello" was a farce, and a TV-Western interpretation of the "baddie" Iago; the dogmatism of his ideas resulted in a conflict with Jill Griffith, who had a similarly bigoted idea that somehow there was something more, something "serious" in the play; Roger Taylor was forced into the part of the reasonable man, starting discussions and then bringing the bickering Jill and Khalil back to the point with a "Sorry to butt in, but don't you think . . ."; Robert Sykes was allowed a good, honest sense of humour while scampering laboriously after evidence to support the current point of view; June Ball was called in from costumes to act as a dowdy maid of all work when required; then along came Max Height.

He played a professional literary critic who set out to prove that an annotator, as he had been dubbed by a little piece of dramatic irony, can be useful to actors and can even be better than them at their own craft.

The superficial drawing of these characters was emphasised by the invidious comparison between the stiltedness and artificiality of the actors in rehearsal, and their portrayal of the characters in the scenes from "Othello".

The third reason for my questioning the prerequisites of drama arose from the observation of no less a critic than Mary Armitage that the highlights of the production were at variance with the purported reality of actors in rehearsal, and that attempt may even be regarded as having lapsed by the final curtain, which was rung down not on a return to the normality of actors rehearsing, but on the dramatic power and emotional intensity of Othello's last speech.

Because of my dissatisfaction with the writing of the piece, I found it very difficult to appraise the performances of the actors and actresses. Whenever you wanted to say: "Don't look so self-conscious, try to appear absorbed in your parts", you realised that there was little to be absorbed in, that no more could have been done except perhaps by stronger projection of the individual's personality into the portrayal. This alternative seems to me a matter of production technique and perhaps Mick Rodger could have tried partially to fill out the depth these characters lacked by more detailed development of personal mannerisms. As against this, stronger characters may have detracted from the force of the ideas the production expressed. But if this was the case, then the material was unsuitable for dramatic presentation in that form.

"CASANOVA '70"

by Danielle

"Casanova '70" is a seemingly endless series of seductive cavortings which afford Marcello Mastroianni an admirable means of satiating his inexplicable craving for danger, sex, excitement and adventure.

The film is practically devoid of plot. The sequence of events is wearisome in its predictability.



For undisclosed reasons, Mastroianni decides not to carry to its logical conclusion a between-flights bedroom scene with a briskly competent Indian air hostess. After quietly

observing his pitiful attempts at beating a dignified retreat she informs him that she prefers to deal with men, and leaves an acutely embarrassed Mastroianni to the sweet young thing on Room Service.

THE PURSUER

After a visit to the inescapable neurotic psychiatrist who is finally certified, he embarks on a chain of seductions in which each is characterised by the one requirement, a goodly slice of peril. The whole business leads to the usual farcical courtroom scene in which Mastroianni neatly circumnavigates a wealth of circumstantial evidence with a movingly sincere plea for man to be allowed his rightful role of the pursuer.

The final scene shows him gallantly hurrying to his wife's side. Via the ledge connecting bathroom and bedroom windows. Fourteen floors above street level. Which just goes to show . . .

OCCASIONAL SNIGGERS

The role of the sexually befuddled NATO officer is hardly a demanding one, and Mastroianni gives eagerly the little that director Ponti requires. Little is seen of Virna Lisi's talents in her few appearances.

In "Casanova '70" there is none of the spontaneous hilarity which marked the success of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." This is not to say that the film does not evoke the occasional snigger.

But far from being "a Philanderer's romp through fields of waving girls", it is a series of tastelessly unfunny situations which combine to leave an impression of complete flatness.



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Unfortunately four of the seven games were during the May vacation which handicapped all teams to some extent, since, with many regular players absent, teamwork deteriorated, and as the Cs found in three matches it is difficult and disheartening to try winning with six instead of seven players! However, the indomitable Ds, under the enthusiastic captaincy of Genevieve Anderson, con-

tinued to win soundly whatever the odds, and now at second position are strong contenders for the premier-ship.

The As, with three wins, are in a precarious third position and so far have won only on alternate weeks when the previous defeat has jarred them from complacency. The first victory against ATC was accomplished in fine style and the opposing defences, leaping

valiantly, were often disconcerted by the spectacle of Lea Matheson's feet flying past their amazed eyebrow line.

The other two wins were against Western TC and Ferryden Park and it is worth noting that in the latter game, the captain ordered the team at half time (then three goals in the lead) to win by 16 and, with gratifying obedience, they won by 17! Pam Bowman, unavailable for I-V this year, made a fine comeback as goal attack in this match.

A narrow loss to Reynella and bigger losses to Cheerio and Tango were also recorded. The mighty Cheerio defences (whose hearty "Fee-Fi-fo-Fums" rumbled threateningly round the court) dwarfed Bonnin and Matheson and succeeded in eclipsing much of their play through sheer stoic hindrance. Tango's winning factors, however, were assurance, speed and teamwork and thus they taught the less disciplined Varsity team a timely lesson. Tango and Cheerio are first and second on the premierships table respectively.

Lyn Slade and Denise Tiller have now gained permanent places in the side as goal keeper and goal defence. Across centre, the Webber, Thomas, Worthley combination usually succeeds with well practised efficiency. Cheryl's defence work has improved in leaps and bounds and Sandy plays well if she pulls her weight (where she has the natural advantage over more diminutive players).

The Bs, potentially match winners, have been fit for nothing and blooming awful which is puzzling indeed since many of the players are almost on a par with those in the first side and they can, on occasion, beat the As at practice. It would seem that the team as a whole has been playing below standard, although in their last game there was a return to form which must be maintained if this team is to recover lost ground in the next round.

In conclusion, the club would like to thank the men's hockey and basketball clubs for their invitations to the I-V functions and for the Australian wide selection of men. The proposed amalgamation of the two basketball clubs is also looked upon with much favour and we hope we can repeat their I-V successes in Sydney this August.

NEW INCENTIVE



by Ballbird

by John Waters

It will be hard to match the accompanying illustrations of big Stu. Hohnen fondling the rugby club mascot. The Uni. has been inspired by this graceful lady to great things. Settle back for an extended session of back thumping.

The Uni. Rugby Club has justified all the writers healthy one-eyed prejudices about their infallibility. We can pass off a slight relapse when Glenelg downed the As 9-8 at the beginning of the second round as a complete fluke on their part (which it was of course). Glenelg belted into our forward pack which has been the only place where the opposition can possibly get the upper hand.

In defence with a loose ball in the forwards Uni. had a lot of trouble stopping a rush, Bob Millar showing how it is done against Woodville, got eight pairs of boots in his back and neck. That team however, are an unusually charming lot.

University won the Neilson Cup for the third year running, last Saturday, when it beat Old Collegians 16-8. This game was one of the best and fastest spectacles one could hope for. The ball flew up and down the backs so fast that in one forward movement there were 12 safe passes by the Blacks before the ball was grounded.

Adamson, the brilliant Old Collegian winger, and Davy Rosewall, for the Blacks, spent all day lining each other up. There were some magnificent wipe-outs by each of them, although Rosewall got the better of his opponent by slipping tackles.

David must be rated pretty highly since he did a bit better than the Australian Wallabies. When the British Lions took on half the Uni. team in May at Norwood, David capped off a magnificent game by South Australia by intercepting a loose ball, streaking down the line, outpacing his opposing winger and hopping inside a tackle by the full-back, to dive across the line for a glorious try. Nick Jans converted with a very long kick. The final score was 38-11 for the Lions. Australia could only raise six against the Lions for the first time and none in the Second Test.

The greatest issue for regret was the failure to get a team up to Brisbane for the Inter-Varsity. It is all very well to have 15 stars win consistently, but it is a shame that the club did not have enough enthusiasm to get 20 players from all grades to show the flag up north.

The annual rugby-hockey ball will be held on Saturday, July 23 in the RSL Hall, Angas Street. Tickets are \$4 a double, available from the Sports Association office.

Jazzing On Sunday

by R. G. B. Morrison

During the middle of the vacation, Adelaide University held the Fourth Inter-Varsity Jazz Convention. This was highly successful for two particular reasons.

For the first time it was financially self-supporting, and more importantly, we had no trouble at all in getting a full house for the two shows in the convention that were open to the public. In fact, at the final concert in the upstairs refectory, those who came late found not even standing room left.

We were very sorry that these people were not able to hear the concert, but were delighted that it should have been so popular. Our membership list, larger than normal at the start of the year, has gained further strength during and after the convention.

The fact that attendance at the concerts was so good, and the enthusiasm shown by the audience, have meant that we can plan some more ambitious functions this term, and be confident of attracting a large enough crowd to make them a success.

With this in mind, we have joined with Sylvan Elhay in planning what we think will be an ideal way of spending Sunday afternoons. It combines good coffee lounge and restaurant facilities with jazz, and the chance to get out into the country. This is a combination of pleasant things that many people have told us that they would like, but has never been tried like this before.

With the outside organisations involved, we have planned all we can to meet the requests of those who keep asking us where they can find this sort of show, and it has been designed as the most pleasant way of spending Sunday that we could think of.

Pierrot Says . . .

LET'S SHOUT

. . . and I will not be kept in chains, Mother, I am not being melodramatic. I am not being a rebel just for the sake of it. No mother. I'm just going through a stage: I really believe it. Look, why should I take what you say as the thing to do? Why can't I question? I hope I die before I stop asking questions. Who says you are right anyway? Just because everybody else does it doesn't make it right, mother: you ought to know — I mean look at the way you think about sex and everybody does that.

And anyway, who cares whether its "the thing to do?" Alright, so you do mother, and so do your friends, but what do these forms, those empty traditions, these shells of behaviour really mean? You don't properly believe in a lot of them, I know, so why do them? You mean you're happy being a hypocrite, and happy knowing that others are being hypocritical towards you? Surely sincerity and honesty are much more important, mother?

The world'd be a helluva lot better place if everybody said what they really thought instead of hiding it. You should see them — all those hollow words and smiles when they thank a hostess for a party none enjoyed — because it's expected they bow and scrape and laud their sweating hostess who wants to believe them but doesn't.

Don't you see, its all so false — all these obligations — and everybody's so scared of what everyone else will think or say, they fall into line like good children and copy each other's sincerity.

Well, I won't. I'm so sick of doing what's expected rather than what I really want. All our human relationships are a sham, mother; you can't trust anybody to tell what they're really thinking. And since human relationships make up the largest part of most people's lives, mother, most of our lives are a pretence. What a way to live! Let's cast off all these spurious obligations — do only what we want — if we don't want to do some thing let's say so.

Mother, I'm not on a soap-box. I'm not shouting. I really believe it. Anyway, I will shout if you won't understand. I am not being rude. I'm just saying what I think. I am not typical, I will never grow out of this attitude, and I will not, I repeat, write a thank-you letter to that bloody woman for that bloody party she had at that abortion of a house for her bloody daughter. Anyway it was two months ago, and what would they think of me if they got a thank-you at this date? Mother, don't say that. Mother, you don't really mean it, you can't. I'm not like that, really I'm not. Mother, what have I done?

Oh hell, off in a huff she goes. Just shows, you can't talk intelligently to most people without them taking it personally and getting all emotional — typical bloody parents.

WET SUCCESSES

by Elizabeth Beach

The 1966 I-V waterskiing competition which was held in Brisbane, resulted in outstanding success for both team and certain individual members. Since waterskiing is comparatively new to the list of I-V sports there were only five universities competing including Adelaide, Melbourne, Monash, Sydney and Brisbane. In spite of this, competition was relatively high but not high enough to cope with the overall standard of the South Australian men's team. We easily carried off the cup which had been the property of the Adelaide Sports Association since the victory at Sydney in 1964.

We arrived in Brisbane early enough for a short trip to Surfers Paradise, where, in the case of the female team members, temptation gave way and bikinis were chosen in preference to paying hotel bills. The Brisbanites were keen to keep the nightly entertainment at a peak, in some cases it seemed like sabotage

Tony Brookman, Joe Verco and David O'Donnell who greatly contributed to the final overall score.

Although in Tony's case, I have heard along the "reliable grapevine", that with more concentration on skiing rather than on a certain attraction on shore, he would no doubt progress in more ways than one.

ing inflicted on the team up at Cadell proved advantageous in the long run for Elizabeth Beach who became so engrossed with mastering her sideslides that her 20-second trick run consisted of a few more than necessary examples. Unfortunately, her attempt at a 180-degree resulted with a rather wet finish.

Confidence is high for the I-V to be held in Sydney next year, especially with the backing of our most important

JUMPING

Although winning the overall jumping, we were not able to achieve the first placing, although all were satisfied with Peter, featuring in second place with a jump of 102'6".

Thanks to Robert's rapid calculation with his inevitable slide-rule, the team were well-informed of their overall successes, well before the judges had started to sort out points.

Before forgetting, much must be said for the "valiant" efforts of the two strong women's teams, ably captained by Christine Vaclasz, who proved an overall success in all three events. We recommended, however, one-piece bathers in the jumping event rather than her "extravagance" from Surfers, since bikinis had proved to be rather hazardous in the past. Apparently the spartan train-



members, Peter and Robert Freeman who are both state titleholders. Not to be outdone by the men, the women's team hopes to field a complete team of five next year with the hope of bringing back extra victories.



although most seemed fit enough to ski the following days.

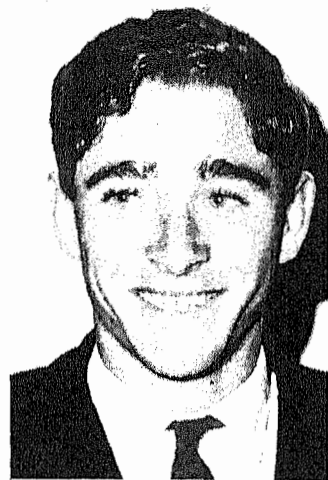
The conditions were perfect for skiing at Lake Kurwongbah, so much so that the female members seemed just as intent on skiing as acquiring a suntan.

SHORT ROPE

Peter Freeman, in spite of a knee injury obtained during a previous practice jump, broke the I-V record and his own by completing the slalom course at 38 mph with the rope shortened 13 feet. He then also rounded 3 1/2 bouys with the rope a further 6 1/2 feet shorter — quite a remarkable achievement! His points finally totalled to a sizeable 45 1/2. Robert Freeman took third place with 31 1/2 points, closely followed by John Angove with 29 points.

In the trick run, Peter and Robert reversed positions. Robert's winning score being 257 points. John seemed persistent in gaining another fourth placing with 746.4 points. Not to mention of course the achievements of

Bob Freeman



Peter Freeman

SPORTSMEN OF THE WEEK

Joint Sportsmen of the Week for this issue are water-skiing champions, Peter and Robert Freeman. Between them the Freeman brothers have represented the State in the Australian water skiing championships on a total of 12 occasions, eight of which were as senior representatives.

Peter has been State men's overall champion since 1962, and in 1961 he was Australian junior grand champion — that is, he not only won the overall title but won each of the three sections — slalom, tricks, and jump. Robert won the State men's tricks title last year, and also came fourth in the Australian tricks title.

Peter, the elder of the two, is 20 years old, and is doing fourth year Ag. Science. Robert, 18, studies 3rd year Engineering. Both took part in the recent intervarsity championships in Queensland, in which the Adelaide team was victorious. Peter won the slalom with a brilliant performance, came second in the jump and second in the overall individual championship, while Robert won the tricks.

The Freemans have been skiing for about 11 years, mostly on the Murray between Morgan and Cadell.

With past records like these, the Freeman brothers can be expected to be prominent on the Australian water-skiing scene for many years to come.



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