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## EDITORIAL.

The wheels of Time move on, and already stationers and booksellers are thinking of 1930 calendars, and makers of automobiles are thinking of a "new model" car. But the Adelaide Varsity is intrigued with 1929, and has no thoughts for 1930 as yet. With the year scarcely half gone, we have seen the opening of the Lady Symon Building and The Refectory, and now we have the inauguration of a Union Club. Maybe the next six months will bring new wonders.

It is gratifying to note, however, that the move in connection with the Union Club has already met with success. The idea of having a Club which will train men to understand the affairs of State, and equip men to work in Parliament, is undoubtedly worthy of whole-hearted support. The Club will follow the lines of the Oxford Union, and has a place for all thoughtful male students.

Evening meetings will be held from time to time, and on such occasions a model parliament will be held. In addition, however, the Club intends to arrange a series of luncheons in the Refectory, and at these meetings public men will be asked to speak. It would seem that the Union Club is to serve as a link joining the University to the State.

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## YE ANNUAL SPORTES.

Ye olde Athletic Clubbe held a most wonderfully successfull meete on ye ancient greene swarde o'er yonder banke of hoary Torrens stream on Friday last in ye after noone. Ye attendance of contestants and spectators was most large, and reflected great and shining glory on ye Most Ancient Brother Martin Young, who arranged ye tourney. Ye Vice Royalttee did arrive with due pompe and splendoure.

Ye gladiators did not exhibit their usual splende-physique to the best of advantage—but there were ye glorious exceptions. Combatant Seppelt is to be congratulate on gaininge ye much coveted silver vessel.

During ye daye ye visitors from ye distante places strolled across ye open meadowe to partake themselves of a sumptuous feast under ye spreading verandah of ye boate shedde.

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## ON THE VILLAGE SWARD.

A certain Professor was heard to mutter that it was a pity that students did not take their mid-day siestas on the cloister lawn.

Have you never noticed that this is a practical Age? On every hand we are exhorted to be useful rather than ornamental, to choose bread and jam rather than trifle, and chewing gum rather than chocolates.

This being so, I make bold to ask, can normal and intelligent students be expected to pass the quadrangle of lawn outside the Refectory without shuddering in disgust at the obvious waste of perfectly good space and grass? Absolutely not! Instantly, one can think of thousands of ways of transforming the quadrangle into something useful.

For example, there are many golfing enthusiasts among our ranks who could no doubt be persuaded, by kicks and blows if necessary, to use this quadrangle as a "putting green." Indeed, I have no doubt that many students could continue their education in colour schemes and choice expressions of wrath, by draping themselves on the cement steps

and focussing their binoculars on the players. Savoir c'est pouvoir.

Again, any one who has seen the swarms of athletes and others who disport themselves with more or less success, on the University Oval, will agree that the congestion would be considerably relieved if the football team, for example, would hie itself to the quadrangle. The several thousands then remaining could play in comparative comfort. The nearness of the players would force spectators to take a keener interest in the game, and an Insurance Company, inaugurated by the Students' Union, could count on anything up to ten policies being taken out.

But in summer, when the days are at their hottest and longest, a splendid swimming pool could replace the useless lawn. Here at last would be the golden opportunity for everyone to display the latest fashion in bathing suits and fancy diving. In the moonlight, the beauty of the scene would capture the imagination of even the most cynical and brutal criminal.

Yet another suggestion. In order to foster a spirit of adventure in the University, and lest some of the more timid spirits may feel that their wants have been ignored, I propose that the quadrangle be made into a speedway track, where madmen and dare-devils may ride to fame amid the applause of their fellow-students, perched on the roof of the Refectory and the window sills of the Lady Simon Building. I admit that the corners may be few and far between, but if the speed is anything over five miles per hour oceans of thrills will result.

Those of us who are becoming somewhat jaded and worn might prefer bowls and croquet. In this case the weak-willed person must be master of his desires, for these pastimes are public menaces. Spectators collapse through over excitement, while players have to be borne from the field breathless and exhausted after a few moments of strenuous effort.

If, perchance, any of these suggestions, with the exception of the last, which is in truth the last straw, should meet the eye of some responsible committee, may they lead to a transformation of the useless quadrangle into a thing of usefulness and a joy for ever.

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There was once a Prof. who could really have sworn That all undergrads. would lounge on the lawn;

"After eating their lunches

In several great munches,

They ought really to leave the cloisters forlorn."

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## TO A WEE MOUSIE IN THE DARLING BUILDING.

Would that my ears were blue like yours,  
Would that my eyes were blue like yours,

O sweet little, perky mouse!

Would that I had your soft little paws,  
And lived in your glassy house!

Would that my simple daily fare  
Were like unto yours, mouse dear!  
For you serve a wonderful purpose rare  
Your contribution's clear.

I long, little mouse, to be great;  
Useful, important too;  
To never be dull, and never late;  
In short, to be just like you!

## UGLY NOTICES IN THE 'VARSITY.

It is to be deplored that those in high places do not condemn the practice of posting ugly and ill printed notices in conspicuous places around the 'Varsity.

1. **The Refectory.** Already a precedent has been established, and we are offended and irritated by glaring (oftentimes disgraceful) posters and miscellaneous matter calling attention to various functions and meetings. Surely it would be a good thing to keep the Refectory for its original purpose, and not turn it into a cheap American eating house!

2. **The Front Office.** So common has become the practice of sticking bills here, that it is sometimes a nuisance to get letters. We notice that even the window, and the walls of the office have been used for notices.

Certainly, we live in an advertising age, but may we suggest that the 'Varsity sees to it that even this small department is carried out efficiently and at least in a dignified way. We would suggest:

(a) That the Students' Council or the Union make plans to have a bigger Notice Board in the front of the 'Varsity—the present one is totally inadequate for the present demands.

(b) That a Notice Board be placed in the front of the Refectory.

(c) That the various Club secretaries be educated or made to take down notices after meetings are over.

(d) That much of the difficulty could be overcome by advertising in the Ragge.

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### "SPEED COPS WATCH'IM."

His students all have odds on  
Professor Harvey Johnston,  
He lectures on at such a rate,  
None e'er was heard with such a gait;  
The odds are fifty-two to one  
That e'er this blissful term is done,  
His students will be mad—what fun!

With nerves and sinews all a flutter,  
One haunted wretch was heard to mutter,  
Ye gods, ye gods, why can't he stutter?

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The Editor, 'Varsity "Ragge."

Dear Sir,

In your issue of May 2nd an article appeared under the heading "On a Certain Theory of Knowledge." In it were the words, "I am not of the Christian Union: Christianity is a subject for discussion, not a way of life." Might I enquire whether there was not a misprint and it should have read, "I am of the Christian Union: Christianity is a subject for discussion, not a way of life."

I am, etc.,

"CURIOUS."

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## HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ONE OF THESE?

Why do we attend lectures? Well, why do we? I attend because I have to attend 60 per cent. A man I know told me once, in a burst of supreme confidence, that he attended to show off his new suit to the admiring gaze of the multitude. Some go to see some others (now don't you wonder!). There was one man I once heard about who attended because he wanted to gain a little knowledge! Just fancy! I expect he was sadly disillusioned before very long! I doubt very much if he ever heard more than half a dozen words per lecture.

What should we poor students do? We know we ought to hear, but we can't; oh, it's dreadful, dreadful! One of the tragedies of this life, my worthy friends. I've an ideal, you know, how awfully jolly, what! Trundle the old nuts along to the Conserv. to get their little, little voices trained up a little bit! Or, my friend, what about a little bit of motor oil?

## ST. MARXIAN TENDENCIES OF OUR UNIVERSITY.

There is as much logic in continental peoples making a saint of the celebrated German economist Marx as there is in making St. Marks "in toto" the patron saints of this University, with the numerous privileges saints are supposed to hold. The impression one gains these days is that all our student organisations are for the edification and advancement of St. Marks in particular, and the University mass of undergraduates as a minor consideration.

We admit how celebrated St. Mark's students are, and the beneficial effects of that institution towards fostering the atmosphere of English Universities; we admire many fine qualities in the individual men, but it is objectionable that they believe themselves the Cabinet of this little place.

Surely these fellows are showing a shortsighted and selfish policy when they place the undergraduate destinies of St. Mark's above those of the whole mass of university undergrads.

At meetings of every student organisation, sports, social, and intellectual, control is sought for St. Marks. Hang it if there are as good and better men available. The difficulty is that St. Marks houses a few brilliant organising minds; these men are always desirable on committees, but they include their mediocre associates when better men are left standing.

One remembers the election for the Men's Union. Interviewed a notable St. Marxian said, "Well, all the St. Mark's fellows were there: we got what we wanted."

The same attitude is apparent in the Sports Club. This residential college is convenient to the sports fields, and rightly so the men in residence train and practice assiduously. But they practically control the Sports Association, and the exclusion of the unobtrusive efficient athlete is frequently noticed.

Is this all desirable when it is remembered that St. Mark's came into all the benefits accrued over many years of university development.

In the literary department of student life the same tendency is noticeable. "Let us have control: we are the aristocrats and the brains of the University."

Dramatic Society—"Why worry about resurrecting that: we're sufficiently interested in ours at St. Marks."

There seems to be a decided lack of broad vision on the part of these men, and little concern for the everyday man. St. Marks every time, why worry about the University.

But even on a question of expediency, St. Marks should realise that a discouragement of general University undergrad. life will react on them adversely.

I would welcome a refutation of these unpleasant statements.

"GEORGIAN."

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### ONE REFUTATION.

"Georgian" has written a remarkable indictment of St. Mark's College. It is all the more remarkable in that much of it is very badly expressed, and the meaning is consequently obscured. But one must struggle with these difficulties and strive to read the true meaning of the letter contained between the lines.

I am able to speak as one who has been four years at this University as a non-collegiate student, and who, during this year, has been in residence at St. Mark's. Thus I am not more than one-quarter St. Marxian, and am surely fitted to judge both sides of the question.

Having just entered the college I am naturally flattered at the compliments Georgian pays to the intellect and organizing ability in residence at St. Mark's, and on behalf of my fellows I thank him for his kind remarks. But alas! his other statements are very wide of the mark.

Let us first consider the selection of teams and the election of committees. For some three or four years I have been a member of the selection committee of both the cricket and football clubs, two of the most important clubs of the A.U.S.A. Until this year there has been no member of St. Mark's on either committee. Moreover, I can say "straight from the horse's mouth" that as far as is possible in any selection committee there has been no unjust preference shown to any "St. Marxian" or any other member of the University.

The present General Committee of the A.U.S.A. numbers 27, of which 3 are members of St. Marks. Of the nine men elected at the Men's Union Committee only four came from St. Mark's, and the committee as a whole is the best and most representative body that has been elected to any office in the university. The approximate number of men members of the Union is 400. The number of undergraduates at St. Mark's is 32. It says something for the spirit and energy of the 368 other members if a mere handful can alter or change every elected body in the University.

These figures speak for themselves, but it must be said in fairness to Georgian that St. Mark's men are beginning to dominate various spheres of University life. This is all the better for University life because as Georgian says, St. Mark's has the men. What is more important, living at St. Mark's gives these men more time and opportunity to devote to University affairs. Thus until their residential colleges such as St. Andrew's grow in numbers, we may expect to find St. Mark's men at the head of many University activities. But knowing the spirit of the college as a whole I can resolutely deny that any unfair preference has been, or will be given to St. Marxians as against other undergraduates of the University.

B. W. HONE.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Consciousness during a Latin lecture.

Lost: All respect for the Eds. of the "Ragge" after last issue.

Found: A back collar stud branded "W.H." in the Lady Symon Building.

Lost: One appetite, after having finished three pies, two rolls, and one cream puff, in the Refectory.

#### WANTED.

Wanted: Some work for economic students.

Wanted (immediately): A long vacation.

#### ARE 'VARSITY PEOPLE FUTILE?

Why is University thought unpractical?

A general contention that University processes of thought are entirely divorced from relations with life as it is, would perhaps be unsupported, but it is undeniable that there is a deplorable tendency among Adelaide University students towards obscure idealism.

The value of the vision of youth is not to be depreciated, but it is more or less useless when youth loses sight of things as they are.

'Varsity people are handicapped by the fact that they are confined, in a limited sphere of intellectuality; but that does not excuse them from making any attempt to dispel their ignorance of the problems of the masses, and, what is more important, of the outlook of the masses.

Intellectual aloofness, a painfully detestable form of snobbishness, may foster a superiority complex, but it is more likely to result in futility and stupidity.

A lot of 'Varsity people will be rudely awakened when they get away from their smug little North Terrace home.

It will probably be a shock to them to find that they are not to have the honour of spoiling the first page of history. Plenty of others have tried their hand. There is no hope of starting from scratch, and if 'Varsity training is to serve its generation it must know how things stand in the world, and start from that point.

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#### TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

1. We can't help excelling in this city's sport:

##### Hockey.

Beat Aroha 6—2, and are now top of the list.

##### Basketball.

Defeated Alberton 26—13.

##### Football.

Beat St. Peter's Old Collegians, 26 goals 19 behinds to 4 goals 9 behinds.

We won the inter-faculty flag race at the women's sports.

2. We didn't ask to be cinematographed for use at Australia House and other overseas places. But the honour was thrust upon us last week

3. So come along for a little modest celebration of our worldly success at the dance of the Social Club at the Masonic Hall, North Terrace, to-night, at 8 pm

#### HOW YOU SHOULD SPEND THE VAC.!

During the vacation it is not desirable that students should go out at nights! Stop home; go to bed at eight o'clock; see that you **always** have your bovril at bedtime, for this makes you strong and healthy and fit for the terrible times ahead. All good students should take their books home with them, read them, read them, read them all through the day—but at eventide let your pleasures cease and prepare for the stern business of rest taking. Don't, please don't read in bed—it ruins your sight, gives you a headache, and above all else, wastes the electric light. If you happen to be so misguided as to go **away** (fearful word, away, you know), let your thoughts ceaselessly dwell upon your Alma Mater—think of the delightful hours you spend in lecture room and library, think of what you miss by being forced to the dreary country or the madding crowd of distant city—you owe it, my friends, you owe it to your Alma Mater, never to smile when away from her precincts: for that would be unworthy, would it not? You must **never** forget your dignity; don't ride on hirdy-girdys, for that would be frivolity; don't be so weak as to display an interest in your surroundings, for that would be disloyalty. One desire, one only, should consume your whole being—a deep yearning for June 4th.

#### ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY DANCE CLUB.

The University Dance Club will hold its first meeting for the second term on Saturday, June 8th, and the Ball has been arranged for Friday, July 5th.

The subscription for the season is 2s. 6d., and outsiders and non-members will be welcome on paying 2s. 6d at every meeting they attend.

## ST MARK'S COLLEGE NOTES.

Members of the College are very interested in the new Union Club. Several of our number were laid up last week with influenza, but are practically well again now. A meeting of the Wranglers' Club is being held on Thursday night. Most of the members are giving papers on subjects varying from baseball to bodysnatching.

(Collapse of Eds.; Eds. insuring their bodies!)

### ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

The meeting of the Society held on May 7th was well attended, and the adjudicator, Captain Blackburn, commented on the improved standard of debating.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, when a Torts question, set by W. A. Norman, Esq., will be argued. Counsel will be Messrs. W. A. Seales, D. S. Hogarth, M. C. Gillett, W. C. Beerworth, D. S. Yelland, and G. E. Bleby.

A smoke social will be held on June 19th, and the annual dinner on July 31st. Members should keep both these nights free.

### CHRISTIAN UNION.

Is materialism tenable in this age? If you are positive that it is, hear Mr. D. K. Picken, M.A., Master of Ormond College, Melbourne University, on "Matter or Spirit—Which is Ultimate?"; first week of second term.

If you think it isn't, get your ideas clarified under Mr. Picken's guidance.

Mr. Picken is Chairman of the Australian Student Christian Movement, and a mathematician of note.

### COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A bridge, dance and games evening was held in the Refectory on 3rd May, and was most successful—so much so that another will be held at an early date.

Arrangements are in hand for the Annual Dinner—that event so eagerly anticipated by all students, and fuller details will appear in the next issue of the "Ragge."

### MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

The clinical branch of the Society held its first monthly meeting at Adelaide Hospital on Monday, April 29th.

Dr. Gartrell was Chairman. Mr. Younkman read a paper on "Methods of Therapy at Broken Hill." Mr. Macgraith, the secretary, showed a case of Complete Heart Block. Dr. Gartrell gave some notes and a demonstration of Electrocardiograms.

The next monthly meeting of the general society is on Thursday, May 16th. Dr. Downey will speak on "Mental Diseases and Topics," and Mr. Macgraith on "Vicious Circles in Disease."

### Women's Basketball Club.

The first matches for the season were played on Saturday, May 4th. Unfortunately both of our teams were defeated.

The A<sub>1</sub> team was defeated by Trojans, the score being 51 goals to 17, while the A<sub>2</sub> team yielded gracefully to Alberton, putting up 6 goals against their opponents' 48.

We would not call this a good beginning, but at least it has spurred us on to hold early morning practices at 7.30 a.m. on Fridays.

Club members are asked to take special note of this, and to favour us with their presence at these practices.

### The Women's Hockey Club.

The A team played Blackwood on Saturday, 4th May. After a far more even game than the scores indicate, Blackwood won 3—2.

The B team lost to Adelaide High School 3—2.

Of the achievements of the C team the less said the better

### Hockey.

May 4th. A's v. Forestville. Varsity 1 goal, Forestville 3 goals. Goal hitter: Barbour (1). Our team gave a poor and disappointing exhibition. There were no best players.

B's v. Parkside Rovers. Varsity 2 goals, Parkside Rovers 2 goals. Goal hitters: Bills (1), Cooper (1). There are several promising new players in this team. Cohesion amongst the forwards and harder and more accurate striking within the circle are needed to make this a match-winning team.

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### Baseball Notes.

The A team has started very well, having won both its matches. The B's have won one.

In the match against Adelaide, Bayly was the outstanding player. He pitched a fine game, allowing only one safe hit. Eight of the team hit safely, Power being the best batter with a home-run and a two-bagger. The final score was 12—2.

The B's failed against Adelaide Colts, whose pitcher was too strong for them. Our fielding was not good, only one player being errorless. The score was 4—17.

We should like to remind some of the B team that the players who come down to practice are the most likely ones to be picked on Saturdays.

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### Lacross Club

Results, May 4th.

A's v. Sturt.—Lost 5—6. A good match which we lost in the first 10 minutes of the last quarter, when Sturts cracked on all they knew, and it appears they knew just too much. Goalthrowers: Cook and Watson (each 2), Galloway (1). Best players: Watson, Cornish, Cook, Jack, Muecke.

B's v. Deaf Adult.—Lost, 6—8. Goalthrowers: Lawrence, Chapman (2 each), Pedler, Gillett.

C's v. Port Adelaide C.—Won, 10—3. Goalthrowers: Haslam (3), Vincent, Russell, Cox (each 2), and one knocked in.

D's.—A bye  
**Wanted Badly.**

Volunteers for the positions of goal umpire and timekeeper in A grade Lacrosse matches. If you don't play games Saturday afternoon, here is a chance for putting in your time very usefully

### Rifle Club.

Since last issue the Club has entered a team for the All-Australian Teams Match. Weather conditions were remarkably good, resulting in good scoring. The ranges were 500 and 600 yards, B. A. Saddler scoring a possible at the former. The team was within a few points of Port Adelaide, who won the Metropolitan Championship recently.

On May 11th practice was held at 700 yards. We still require many more new members, as there are at present none to fill the gaps in the team for next year's inter-Varsity, which will probably be fired in Adelaide. These should see members of the Club, or meet us at the Railway Station on practice days.

### Football Notes.

The A's first Amateur League match for the season against St. Augustine's proved to be a very close and hard fought game, the issue being in doubt until after the final bell. The team work was not very good for the first three quarters, but in the last quarter everyone played splendidly, and we won by five points. Scores: 14—18 to 14—13. Best players: Clarkson, Sangster, Baker, Richards, Hone, and Abbott. Goalkickers: Finlayson (6), Abbott (3), Hone (2), Magarey, O'Connor, Power (1 each).

### UNION CLUB.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Club may do so by notifying the Secretary, Mr. S. Pick.