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RAGGE SPECIAL

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"Funny, ain't yer?—screaming—one long roar of mirth—thousands turned away nightly—front seats threepence extra—bring the wife."

The Editor 'Varsity "Ragge."

Dear Sir,

I appreciate the efforts being made by the people backing the "Ragge" to stir up 'Varsity life. While the various articles are well written, to my mind, the "Ragge" seems to lack that brightness which is essential to any such production. Snap-piness and brightness, I maintain, are the qualities most desired. In addition I should like to know exactly who is responsible for the work done. At present the Editors seem to be hiding their respective lights under respective bushels. This letter is not meant to be critical, but merely seeks information and is a plea for a brighter "Ragge."

Yours pithily,

CUTHBERT C.

In reply to the above letter we publish the "Ragge" Special (Midnight Edition), and hope that Cuthbert C. will be satisfied. We are sorry that we are all obscure and unknown—modesty would keep us so, but lest there be many C.C.'s thirsting for knowledge we wish to say that at present the C.C. is bearing the financial burden of the "Ragge," and more or less directing its policy. It is hoped, however, that after the third issue this year the Students' Council or the Union will carry on in this connection. The names of those on the Editorial Staff are: Miss Rosalie Trengove, Messrs. Kenneth Newman and Lyall Dixon. So that there'll be no mistake we append a poem about ourselves:—

Bro' Ken
Had a pink and grey blue
Tie on;
Sister Sue
Had a sweet little aeroplane
Hat;
Bro' L. had a '25 rattley
'Liza;
And that (said the Editors)
Is that.

(Apologies to A. A. Milne.)

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If money is a disease, the "Ragge's" in the best of health.

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FIXTURES.

To-night—Literary and Debating, Lady Symon Building.

To-morrow—

- (1) 1.20, C.U. Meeting.
- (2) Commerce Dance, Refectory.
- (3) Law Students' Gallery Party.

Monday, May 6th—Varsity Constitutional Club.

Friday, 10th—Sports.

Saturday, May 11th—Dance Club.

10th-13th—C.I. Conference, Mt. Lofty.

Wednesday, 15th—Union Dance.

Thursday, 16th—Next "Ragge."

VACATION: MAY 18th—JUNE 3rd.

Lectures begin: Monday, June 3rd.

AMONG THE ARCHIVES, A.D. 2000.

Among the history essays set this term we notice one entitled "The Peasants' Revolt"—1381. This is quite wrong—we are sure it ought to be "The Students' Revolt" (date uncertain). The following is an extract from some massive tome of the future, called "From Barbarism to Democracy—the Story of the Revolution at Adelaide University."

Scene: Group of Student Comrades entrenched on the Union Lawn.

S. Comrade No. 1: "Yo-ho, and a bottle of — (oh, not so sharp, young man). Yo-ho, and a bottle of Mr. Goodall's tomato sauce."

S.C.'s (all): Hurrah! Bravo!

S.C. 1: Let's make a job of the staff.

All: Hurrah! Bravo!

S.C. 2: We'll do Prof. — first. He's a wild man.

(They proceed to this Prof.'s lair, and enter boldly, without knocking.)

S.C. 3: How now, villain!

Prof.: Go-goodarff-ta noon, ladies and—

S.C. 1: Enough of that stuff! Your doom is at hand. You've ruled the poor students with a rod of iron, but your glories have faded as the last shafts of brilliance from the setting sun. (Groans from Prof. S.C.'s drag him out on to the landing.)

S.C. 2: Guard all the chimneys and drainpipes lest the villain hie off.

(A fearful death is planned for the poor wretch. He is to be stabbed with a rusty pen.)

Just as he feels the vending pain of steel upon flesh he murmurs (so the nearest comrade said), "Et tu Brute"—which **MAY** mean, "Stop it, you wretch."

He dies and they heave the body down the drain-pipe.

S.C. 49: Now for fresh fields and pastures new.

(In the distance a **VERY** tall figure is seen striding over the landscape.)

S.C. 21: Let's catch him—he'll make a good groundsman for the oval.

(S. Comrades approach stealthily from all sides. At a signal they all rush on the victim.)

S.C. 1: Let's paint him with "wode." (Just like the ancient Britons did.)

All: Hurrah! Bravo!

(Victim is pinioned on ground and is painted with "wode.")

S.C. 2: What a nice colour!

S.C. 3: A "bloom'n'" groundsman for you. (Ha, ha!)

S.C. 1: But **HE'S** not in a winning team!

S.C. 2: But he **IS** blue, isn't he?

(They tie the "bloom'n'" to the Refectory pillars with a piece of white cotton.)

S.C. 2: Methinks it behoves us to capture a specimen and pickle him for the delight of future comrades.

All: Hurrah! Bravo!

S.C. 1: What about the librarian; he's a nice man!

S.C. 2: So he is—too good for the usual common death.

S.C. 3: Let's catch him and boil him in oil. (Snacks his lips.)

All: Hurrah! Bravo!

They proceed to the doors of the library, where they remove a few floor boards and place over the top a beautiful sea-green mat. Then S.C. 1 is seen

leading a piece of green cheese (the sort that **USED** to interest the Logic Prof.) up the stairs by means of a nice, shiny steel hawser. The g.c. is moored on the sea-green mat. After a few minutes it becomes somewhat lively and frisks and chirps and— (well, you know!) Librarian comes out to see what it's all about. He spies the g.c. attached to the hawser and goes to remove it—when, alas! the mat did the rest. The S.C.'s haul him out and prepare to boil him.

S.C. 2: Shall we put him in head first?

S.C. 3: Might as well put his soul (sole) first as last!

All: Hurrah! Bravo!

Librarian: Gurgle, gurgle, gluggg-glug. SILENCE.

You don't leave footsteps in sands of time by sitting down.

IL CHERCHE.

(Apologies to Milton.)

Haste thee, fellow, and bring with thee
A tray of tin and thy money.
Come, and shove it as you go
On the green and smooth lino;
In thy left hand lead with thee
Thy frayless friend, alas! hungry;
And let thy big feet never fail
To haste towards the cakes so pale,
And gaze upon the pie-house roof
With doors of tin all insect-proof;
The case of glass so richly dight,
Casting a dim, fruit-salad light.
Here let thy meagre orders flow
To the waiting hest below,
With "Three pies, two rolls, cream-puff, dear!"
This sumptuous fare thy heart will cheer,
Dissolve thee into ecstasies
And bring all Heaven before thy eyes.

RACING SCANDAL.

Were the Officials Corrupt?

The Adelaide University Women's Turf Club held its Autumn Meeting on the University Oval on Wednesday last. There was a record gate. Many uninteresting people were present. The numerous stipendiary stewards, including Misses Morris, Boyce, Richardson, MacDonnell, Wannan, Eardley, Angel, and Gault, did good work.

The chief event was the Obstacle Race, but modestly forbids a detailed description. We hasten, therefore, to the lesser exciting events. These included the Tortoise Race, the Crocodile Race, the Egg-and-Spoon, and a Chariot Race.

Our reporter left before the last event, but we understand that the Oval is in a frightful mess, and that several wheels have been found lying around. There was a disgusting scramble for prizes, and the secretary is spending to-day in bed.

The highest dividend was one and threepence, and the totalizer receipts amounted to sixteen pounds odd.

There were no arrests.

ON A CERTAIN THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE.

I am of the Higher Learning—I am a Superior Person.

I do not descend to the base passions of mankind. Life is boredom: to be interested is to be ignorant: enthusiasm I shun like the plague.

I am sceptical beyond all possibility of conviction: this, too, reveals my superior learning.

I do not display the weakness of pursuing my units of study beyond the examinations, nor do I relate them to life.

I despise faculty societies: to co-operate is to be no longer superior.

I do not enter for 'Varsity sports: I am not a vulgar athlete.

I do not write for the "Mag." nor the "Ragge": I am no common journalist.

I am not of the Christian Union: Christianity is a subject for discussion, not a way of life.

The ignorance of professors is lamentable, but I grant them an easy tolerance.

I know how to educate; I could remedy the ills of the world: but I will not do anything about it, for the enlightened should be above the desires and passions of the flesh.

I have a grasp of education; it is a cognitive grasp.

Soon I shall go into the world, but I shall not be of the world.

I shall be a professional man and I shall be aloof.

I did not acquire the Higher Learning for the service of an ungrateful public: the community is my laboratory as long as I need it.

Politics are corrupt, therefore I shall have nothing to do with politics.

The country is going to the dogs! Let it! It is no concern of mine! Nevertheless, I shall so far unbend as to tell democracy of its sins.

The Press is ill-informed and fippant: we of the Higher Learning have no dealings with the Press.

I shall deal kindly with the Church; I shall ignore it: its teachings are antiquated and its clergy effeminate.

I shall display no vulgar interest in economic or industrial affairs: the struggles of the wage-earner and the problems of the employer shall be to me as subjects of academic discussion.

The future of Australia, the affairs of the nations, the world's need for peace—none of these things shall disturb my majestic indifference. They are as nought.

One thing I shall do! I shall disparage all efforts of the unenlightened. I discern error, and all effort without complete knowledge is error.

I know: and because I know, I will not act. I am the Everlasting Theory: I am the Negation of Action: I will not DO anything.

The other day a man said he had intended to pursue the Higher Learning, but had decided instead to spend his life upon a Hindu prayer mat until he should be absorbed into the Passionless, Unknowable Absolute. He thought it the more direct way.

He, too, was of the unenlightened: he was not of the Higher Learning.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATORIUM.

The Conservatorium has treated the editors of the "Ragge" with majestic contempt and lofty indifference. This is what our bard thinks about it:—

O students-um, O students-um,
Oh, conservative Conservator-ium,
O students-um,
The Ragge men they cried
Will ye give us no news-um,
O Students-um?
The Students, they said
It's far too much bother-um,
O Students-um!
We are music-i-ans (? Ed.)
They say to their selves-um,
O Students-um.
We won't soil our hands
With these rude Samaritans,
O Students-um!

(With apologies to the author of a certain famous ballad.)

TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

Fifth Annual Sports Day.

Was held on April 24th on the Jubilee Oval, and, despite the unpleasant weather conditions, was a very successful meeting. Great interest was shown by students, and a large number of entries received. The women's cup was won easily by R. Wallis, who excelled in a varied list of events. Keen competition for the College Cup (men) resulted in a tie for first place between E. Rudd (captain of club) and H. Pfitzner, each scoring 15 points. The second and third places went to A. Cranston and G. Phillips respectively.

The Melbourne Cup (ha! ha!), presented by Melbourne Teachers' College for inter-house competition, was won by a considerable margin by the Freshers' House, who showed themselves fine, all-round athletes.

Football.

The first team won the first match of the season on Saturday against South Adelaide Ramblers, the scores being 17 goals 16 behinds to 7 goals 9 behinds, which looks very bright for the College.

Hockey.

Also won its first match last Saturday v. Wirra Warra by 6 goals to nil. Which looks even brighter for the College!

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To the Editor 'Varsity "Ragge."

Dear Sir,

"Interrogians" asks whether such things as "shouldering the burden of the 'Ragge,' issuing 'Varsity handbooks to prospective undergraduates, initiating these same undergraduates into 'Varsity life by means of freshers' welcomes" "could or should be done by such bodies as the University Union or Students' Council."

May we reply that the opinion of the C.U. is that one of these bodies mentioned could and should do these tasks, but that as it did not, and because we deemed them things that should be done, we did them? Having shown that they are necessary features of 'Varsity life, and having successfully launched them, the C.U. does not wish to perform the duties of other bodies.

We decided, therefore, at Pre-sessional Conference (March 15-18) to carry on these things until we could properly approach the right body, Students' Council or University Union, with the suggestion that it should take them over. We do not expect to carry on the "Ragge" after the first term, nor the "Handbook" after this year, **if the right body decides to take them over.**

"Interrogians" further asks what exactly is the function of the C.U. That function is hard to define, but may be found in the fostering—or even creating—of that spirit which expresses itself in such "public-spiritedness" as "shouldering the burden of the 'Ragge'" and in helping freshers to feel that on entering the 'Varsity they do not enter as it were "the lion's mouth," but that here they may experience a true friendliness and comradeship.

But the function of the C.U. goes far deeper than that; it stands for a definite attitude of the whole personality to life—the attitude of unselfish service to God and man. It stands for the direction of knowledge here gained—scientific or classical—to the furtherance of good-will in every department of life. Its function, in other words, is the creation of Christian personality.

If "Interrogians" can find some other society in the University which has this aim as its function and contribution to 'Varsity life, we shall be glad to dissolve the C.U. and join it. If "Interrogians," and any others, really desire to know what is the peculiar contribution of the C.U. to 'Varsity life, there are our Mid-day Meetings, Week-end Conferences, Study Circles, Foreign and Home Service Groups, Social Service Department, and we bid them "Come and see."

C. T. SYMONS, President A.U.C.U.

DOESN'T THIS GIVE YOU THE BLUES?

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To the Editor the "Ragge."

Dear Sir,

With many others, I have waited long for some improvement in the rules for the award of Blues. The standard has been, on the whole, held high in the past, but there have been irregularities, and the principles governing the award seemed to be somewhat nebulous. Individual clubs had their own ideas and standards, and there was jealousy and a distinct possibility of favouritism. The whole thing wanted lifting out of this petty inter-club competitive state and placing on a higher plane under more definite rules. Thus I was astonished when the effect of what appeared to me to be a very satisfactory new draft of rules was largely nullified by a hastily considered amendment carried at the annual general meeting of the Association. The argument centred round two rules, which provided that Blues should be awarded to all members of a winning team and to any member who had taken part in three inter 'Varsity contests in any one game.

There seemed to be fears that this would flood the University with Blues, and also that many cheap Blues would be awarded. These fears were based on ignorance and club jealousy. As to the first objection, the arguments were all as to what might possibly happen, and were unsound in the light of experience. A review of the past ten years, say, will show what the effect would really be, namely, the award of considerably fewer Blues. As to the second objection, who would be mean enough to deny a Blue to a member of a winning team, and how many undeserved Blues would have been awarded in the past ten years to members of winning teams?

And again, what more can the Association ask of a man than to win an Inter-'Varsity or play three times in the attempt? Surely very little. On what grounds, then, should a club sub-committee of three men have power to refuse a Blue in these cases? No indication of such grounds is given in the new rules. If a man is good enough to represent the University on three occasions, and is still unworthy of a Blue, this is a reflection on the club rather than on the man.

No thought was given to the undeserved Blues awarded under the old haphazard rules, where popularity could have full influence; or to cases of good men denied blues through unpopularity on some grounds or other, which in future need be known only to three men of a sub-committee. These cases would far outnumber the cheap Blues under the new rules, unamended. It is to be remembered that Blues are awarded solely for athletic ability.

In order to safeguard the supposed rights of individual clubs, amendments were introduced to the effect that Blues should be awarded under these two conditions only provided that the committee of three of the club concerned recommended the award. Thus the full power of veto is given to three men of a club, a power denied to the Blue Sub-Committee and to the General Committee of the Association which awards the Blue. I cannot believe that the situation was fully understood by those who voted for the amendment. A general meeting should never attempt to make rules. It should only have power to accept or reject.

The present position is ridiculous, and I sincerely hope that it will not be allowed to remain as it is. If the matter comes up again, it will be found of advantage to have read the rules in the Year Book before speaking or voting on them.

DOUBLE BLUE.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Engineers are having a trip to the railway workshops at Islington on Saturday, May 4th. All freshers are urged to attend these trips, as they provide a good chance of gaining knowledge of actual engineering practice. Details of times, etc., will be found posted in the Engineering Common Room.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

Our next meeting is to be held in the same place on Thursday, May 2nd. The programme is to consist of a Mock Trial, in which Miss Grace Anders, of the teachers' College, will bring an action for breach of promise against Mr. W. Harrison, of Hockey Club fame. Some astounding revelations are expected to be made in the course of the case; and unless the judge (? Ed.) should decide to clear the court, an enormous attendance should result.

[There had better be plenty of supper, my word! Ed.]

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

A meeting was held in the Refectory on Friday, April 19, when Mr. F. Villeneuve Smith, K.C., gave an address on various topics, including "Ethics and Etiquette" and "The Value of a Study of Literature to a Lawyer." (We presume "Smith's Weekly"—Ed.)

The Gallery Party to have been held on April 26 will instead take place on Friday, May 3.

The first debate will be held on May 7. Captain A. S. Blackburn, V.C., has set a contracts question and counsel will be Messrs. F. H. Chapman, R. B. Moodie, G. B. Hutchesson, and R. D. Elliott.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE NOTES.

Freshers have now settled in comfortably and work is proceeding smoothly. A cricker match was played against Sacred Heart College and won by St. Mark's. Tennis matches are being held to decide which year shall hold the cup presented by H. Thomson, Esq. This term has been very quiet.

(Poor old St. Mark's—Ed.)

COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

An excellent programme for the year is in preparation. The first function will take the form of an Informal Dance and Games Evening, to be held in the Refectory on May 23. Everyone is invited and a very enjoyable time is assured to all Commerce students, discard your apathy!

(Please don't be hard on our little Commerce mascots.—Ed.)

WOMEN'S UNION.

The annual general meeting was held on April 22, when the following officers were elected:—Chairman, Miss M. Wait; vice-chairman, Miss P. Saunders; secretary, Miss R. Trengove; treasurer, Miss M. Angel; Mrs. R. Hone, Misses H. Morris, M. Cleland, K. Lade, C. Eardley.

C.U.

Is prayer merely auto suggestion, or is it something more?

Hear what Professor Stewart has to say on "Prayer and Auto-Suggestion" next Friday at 1.20 p.m. in the Mathematics Theatre.

May 10-13.

C.U. Conference, at Holiday House, Mt. Lofty. Subject: "Christianity and International Relations."

MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

The first monthly meeting was held in the Darling Lecture Theatre on April 18. Dr. Ray gave a very interesting paper on "Perversions of Conduct called Crimes." [The paper was given in the right

company.—Ed.] His paper was illustrated by a demonstration of lantern slides. Mr. Younkman gave a paper and demonstration on "Regional Anaesthesia."

Women's Hockey.

Last Saturday, the A's played Heathpool in the first Association match, and lost by 3 goals to 2. Goalhitters: J. Pellew and B. Cleland.

[Superfluous to state the winner—the public knows.—Ed.]

Women's Tennis.

The club held a successful tournament on April 10. Misses R. Webb and R. Barker were the winners.

Men's Hockey.

Association matches begin early next month.

According to the proposed new ruling re transfer of the grades, anyone playing three consecutive matches in A grade cannot play B grade during the rest of the season. A display of good form early in the season would be to the advantage of those desirous of a place in the A team.

[Freshers, we entreat you to visit the beauty parlor at once, at our expense.—Ed.]

Football.

This year we will once again have two teams in the Amateur League, and a third in the Students' section.

The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. P. Lewis, an old interstate player, for the position of coach. He will be down on Wednesday nights. So Wednesday is to be the big practice for the week.

The new committee comprises C. B. Sangster, M. W. Evans, B. W. Hone, D. T. Mitchell, and F. H. Finlayson (hon. secretary).

Rifle Club.

On April 27 we fired in the Albert Trophy match, which is open to all Australian and New Zealand Universities, and fired on the home ranges. Conditions were bad, a treacherous wind causing extraordinarily low scoring at 500 and 600 yards.

H. H. Wight was responsible for the best performance, registering 165 out of a possible 200. He was followed by S. W. Thomson with 158, and J. O. Corbin with 149. The average was 144.5, or 72 per cent., reflecting the difficult conditions.

The club, unfortunately, has had several matches in the last few weeks, so that we have not been able to take our new members down to the range. They should come on the first available practice day, and we still want more new men.

Baseball Club.

R. Krantz and L. B. Power have joined the club. Krantz has already got into the habit of hitting home runs—three in two practice matches. Of other new members Wilcher and R. Peliew are showing great promise.

Bayly was awarded the Gillman Medal for 1928. This is given to the best all-rounder for the year, and there is no doubt that he thoroughly deserved the award.

Inter-Varsity is in Melbourne this year.

Saturday's results:—A's defeated West Torrens; B's defeated Y.M.C.A., 12-1.

Adelaide University Lacrosse Club.

On April 20 we played Goodwood A and B, and won each match. Cook is again playing at his best and got most goals. The C's and D's combined against Norths.

Anzac Day saw us against North A and B. North won, 3-2. Galloway showed up well, playing forward instead of attack, and Len Evens—from the B's—displayed great promise in defence. The B's drew, 4 goals all.

[What about the X, Y, Z's, etc.?—Ed.]