

# V A R S I T Y R A G G E

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## STATEMENT.

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## FOOTBALL.

Saturday, July 7th.

A disastrous day for the 'Varsity.

A's 9.13 v. Semaphore Central 13.7. Lost.

Best players: McPherson, Finlayson, Hone, Smith, Schulz. Goalkickers: A. D. Smith (3), Power (2), Hone, Sangster, Williams, Finlayson (each 1).

B's 4.10 v. P.A.C. Old Scholars 7.12.

Best players: Magarey, Chapman, Pengilly, Lewis, White. Goalkickers: Hodby, Lewis, Collins, Maitland.

C's 10.8 v. S.P.S.C. 21.17.

Best players: Muecke, Evans, Abbot, Jens, Richards, Besanko. Goalkickers: Dinning (5), Colebatch (2), Gregory (2), Kayser (1).

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## LACROSSE.

June 30: 'Varsity, 5; Port Adelaide, nil.

Goals: Cook, 3; Lawrence and J. Davis.

July 7: Goodwood, 11; 'Varsity, 9.

Goals: Cook, 4; Muecke, 2; Galloway, Lawrence, and J. Davis.

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## BASEBALL NOTES.

June 30:

A's v. West Trrens, 3—9. Drawn.

B's v. Millswood B's, 19—9. Lost.

July 7:

A's v. Millswood, 8—5. Won.

B's v. Goodwood, 14—10. Lost.

There will now be no A Grade matches till August 4th owing to interstate games, but members of the team will be wanted in the interstate practice game, an exhibition match, probably at Gawler on July 21st.

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## RIFLE NOTES.

The shooting year ended on June 30th, with 27 members efficient, which was a decrease on the previous year of eight. Now that the inter-'varsity is over, men do not seem at all keen, and although we have started to use military targets in preparation for the British Imperial Universities' match, attendance at practice has been disappointing. Members are reminded that to be included in the teams they must attend practice.

Best scores at practice have been:

June 30:

500 yards (possible 50)—F. M. Best, S. W. Thomson, 48; H. H. Wight, P. T. Cooke, — McKenzie, 46. The last-named did exceptionally well as it was his first shoot with the .303 rifle.

July 7:

500 yards—S. W. Thomson, 46, 49; P. T. Cooke, 46.

Practice on July 14th at 600 yards (tin hat); 21st, 70 yards (bull's eye).

## MEN'S HOCKEY.

July 7: A Team—'Varsity, 4; Forestville, 1.

Goal-hitters: Barbour, 2; Beauchamp and Martin.

B Team—Wanderers, 14; 'Varsity, 1.

Goal-hitter: Hutton.

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Whether it was Hildred's timely lecture is hard to say, but the entire club is now possessed by the will to win. Saturday's results:—

A Team: Beaten by Aroha, 3—1 (this is good!)

B Team: Drew with last year's premiers, 1—1.

Best players: Lois Bayne, whose powers of kicking reduced the opposing forwards to despair; Violet Plummer, and Margaret B. Cleland.

C Team scored a good win.

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## THE CONVERSAZIONE.

A full and proper account belongs to the Magazine, we content us with a passing glance.

We may forget how the geyser geyzed, we may not have seen the near asphyxiation of one really nice medical student, but one sight will be with us always—that of an eminent professor smashing perfectly good eggs all over the floor.

It was nice, we felt, for the public to see professors at their work.

We commend the miraculous insight of Miss Morris and Mr. Sheppard which enabled them to decide just how much food an unknown quantity of people would consume.

The splendid success of Saturday night just proved what we can do when we all work together; and the ready assistance with which so many students did their bit to back up the committee presages corporate efforts in the future which will carry this 'Varsity anywhere. There was some real 'Varsity spirit abroad, and we're not going to lose it.

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## WEREN'T YOU THERE?

The general sports assoc. meeting last Monday saw assembled the flower of the University—something like 100 "pig-headed conservatives" and at least 50 fervent "iconoclasts."

We heard a lot of things.

One member urged us to deal with our sports clothes in a bold way. While wondering if there was anything bold left to do these days we learnt it was only a reference to the intrinsic beauty of a really large check.

We heard at last that the now notorious colours—blue, silver, and gold, are not—yet—the registered colours of our University—Mr. Eardley said so.

Two most excellent members having just seen Mr. Eardley and heard him make two contradictory statements, one began to wonder just what the Registrar could have said.

Whether this knowledge influenced the voting for the black and white—we'll one doesn't know.

But one is convinced that the sight of a piece of mustard coloured silk nailed to the wall turned a few weaker stomachs.

We decline to give a list of the motious (were they?) put before the chair. Let it suffice to say that many worthy members rose to their feet and moved in all directions at once, producing giddiness perhaps even in the chairman.

A full account of this meeting, unique for the withdrawal of the motion for which it was held, will appear in the Magazine.

This will give some constitutional genius time to find out what an amendment really is.

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### SOCIETY NOTES.

#### Literary and Debating Society.

The rumour that no one became intoxicated at the Annual Dinner is true. The speeches were particularly good, and the organisers are to be congratulated on the highly satisfactory arrangements.

The meeting for to-night is cancelled owing to the pressure of social engagements last week and this. Watch further alterations of programme.

#### Med. Society.

Being a society with the tradition of being the Society in the University, one or two of us are wondering how long it will be before that is merely a tradition. At present it is extremely doubtful if it is a fact. Mr. Younkman was besieged by people wanting to demonstrate at the Conversatione.

The Review—this will be of interest to the whole Varsity—has reached the “proof” stage. Mac has been reading proofs for a fortnight now. It promises to be better than usual! What is worrying most of us at present though is the financial situation, at least we hope it is. Conversatione, A.U.S.A. Ball, that's enough, but the Dinner is on Aug. 4th, and Pridy is demanding 8/6!

Sholto is still wondering what he really did want to propose at the meeting on Monday, and we all think Sir Harry is a good sport.

#### The Commerce Students' Association

is holding several most interesting and enjoyable functions in the near future. It is hoped to arrange a lantern lecture for Monday evening, July 23, on some subject of general interest. The arrangements for this have not been finalized, but it is expected that a very interesting lecture will be given. A trip to the Glen Ewin jam factory at Glen Ewin is proposed for either Saturday afternoon, July 28, or Saturday, August 4th. The party will travel by charabanc, and those who are fortunate enough to be able to go will be assured of a most interesting time.

One of the events of the Varsity year, the Commerce Ball, has been fixed for the last Wednesday of term, August 8, in the Elder Hall. Everybody will be there!

The debate with W.E.A. Economics Class has been arranged for September 3 (Monday night). The trial debates to select our team will be held towards the end of this month. Now then, you budding orators, let a member of the committee have your name for a part in the trial.

#### The Engineers

wanted to tell you in this issue that they were all going somewhere next week. Unfortunately not one of them seemed able to write down the name of the place.

#### Dance Club.

If noise is an indication of enjoyment, the long night last Friday was the brightest dance on record.

The ear was delighted by a continuous blast from the whistle blowers, while the eye was charmed by the latest thing in hattery adorning many elegant heads of the staff.

Two other items of interest were mentioned to the writer—one, that there was a most reckless smashing of glasses, and two, that the staff was present in full force!

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### BATES DEBATES.

On Saturday, July 28, and Monday, July 30, two debates will be held between teams representing the Adelaide University and Bates College, Maine, U.S.A.

Bates College is one of the smaller American Universities, but one which makes debating its chief diversion. I believe that success at debating counts as a unit towards a degree. The result is that Bates has had a wonderful record in its debates with other American Universities, winning over eighty of its last hundred debates, consistently defeating Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Bates teams have also beaten Oxford in England and America. There is good reason, therefore, to believe that their standard is very high.

The present teams consist of three men with great debating records. They are making a world tour, coming through San Francisco, Hawaii, New Zealand, Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart. From Adelaide they go to Perth, then to South Africa, thence to England, and home. It is up to us to give them a good hearing in Adelaide, and it is to be hoped that the Institute Hall on North Terrace will be filled with under-graduates on both evenings. Tickets are obtainable from faculty secretaries at the very moderate cost of one shilling.

L. C. WILCHER, Hon. Sec.

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### THE BREATH OF A UNIVERSITY!

It is a rare occasion which affords one an opportunity to behold anything within our halls of learning which does not particularly concern one's own work. So, that when the Varsity was thrown open to the public gaze, I left my usual paths and sought something new.

On looking at a program over some low shoulder, I beheld that there was to be a lecture on “How we breathe.” The simplicity of the subject immediately aroused my interest. That we breathe is evident, but how we breathe, I must confess I had never pondered that question.

About the hour of nine I hastened towards the Darling Building. There in a cold brick hall I was directed to a cold room.

As his Excellency had not yet arrived, I was able to gaze vulgarly around. Yes, there were many people, but my eye was taken by numerous appliances at the end of the room. Strange devices for which my untutored mind could find no usage.

My thoughts were then rudely broken in upon by the Governor and his suite.

Then the lecturer and his assistants commenced a series of happenings, and many strange and wonderful things were done.

By means of a tube attached to the chest of one of the experimental animals (a technical term), strange and varied markings were made on a revolving paper. These markings seemed to vary with the different attitudes of the subject. Many strange apparatus were used, all to show us how we breathe. Indeed, we were shown how we didn't breathe.

Then, to vary the proceedings, a youth was mounted upon a bicycle. How his feet whirled, how his eyes popped, how his face reddened; but did he rush in ever decreasing circles and finally disappear. Not so! He didn't, and yet he breathed.

And so an interesting lecture came to an end, and the Governor, still in his suit, retired.

E.A.

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### STUDENTS' COUNCIL! IS IT?

Dear Sir,

The Students' Council, by proposing to continue after the formation of the Union, has raised questions of some moment. The original constitution of the Council provided that it would cease to exist as soon as the Union was formed. Now, we hear, the Council, a body of some 20 persons, has taken it upon itself to revise its constitution, to the effect that it will still continue in existence. Surely it is evident to everyone that on such a vital matter as this the Students' Council should have placed the question before the whole student body, just as Parliament "goes to the country."

The question as to whether a Students' Council should exist side by side with the Union is an open one. Personally, I think it should, for there is a definite place and work for it. But this Council should be truly representative of the students, which the present Council is not.

The present Students' Council consists of two members from each faculty society, plus two from each of the A.U.S.A., the C.U., and the W.U. These societies are not in the least representative of the whole body of students. Moreover, they pay their affiliation fee most unwillingly, and would gladly see the Students' Council further. The two delegates who are elected from each society are usually two poor unfortunates who have the job thrust upon them, and carry it out more or less manfully as a toilsome task. It is an example of the high sense of duty of our faculty committees that the Students' Council has any standing at all.

When the Union is formed it will absorb most of the Council's present objects. The Union should manage debates (through the A.U.L. & D.S.), it will have control of the magazine, and it will also rouse some 'Varsity spirit amongst the students (which the S.C. has so far failed to do).

The only reason for the maintenance of the Students' Council is that the governing body of the Union will consist of (in addition to students) graduates and members of the staff and University Council. Because of this, there should be a body, composed wholly of students, to represent the students themselves.

So that my criticism cannot be said to be purely destructive, I suggest a proposed Students' Council based on the lines of the one in Sydney. My figures

are only approximate, and I have omitted all Teachers' College and Education Department students, for they have other such bodies of their own.

I have taken the number of students in each faculty, and have apportioned one representative per fifty students up to a hundred, but only one extra representative whatever the number be. That is, no faculty can have more than three representatives. Then we would have: Arts, 95 students, 2 representatives; Science, 65, 1; Law, 76, 2; Medicine, 116, 2; Engineering, 120, 2; Commerce and Economics, 392, 3; Dental, Massage and Music, 30, 1; Pharmacy, 54, 1.

This makes a Council of fourteen members, and they would elect a President, Secretary, etc. In such faculties as Law, Medicine, Engineering, etc., I think that one representative should be elected from the junior years and one from the senior years. This suggestion is offered merely as an outline, and to provoke discussion. Whatever happens, I do not think that the Students' Council, under its present constitution, should be allowed to continue as the representative body of the students. I, myself, do not see how it possibly can. It will have no claim, once the Union is formed, on any of the societies which pay affiliation fees now. These societies will do right in breaking away, for they will owe everything to the Union, which will house them free of all cost and thus reduce their expenses by half.

The present Students' Council was born in strife. It has lived with indifference, contempt, and derision as its partners. It should take care that its end, which should have been a graceful withdrawal, is not more ignominious than its career. Under its present constitution and with its unhappy traditions it is manifestly impossible to raise the Council to a worthy place in the student life. Therefore, let the old order change, yielding place to better things.

B. W. HONE.

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### TEACHERS' COLLEGE NOTES.

Arrangements are now well in hand for the forthcoming interstate contests, when Melbourne, Sydney, Claremont, and Adelaide Teachers' Colleges will compete in Adelaide. Practice teams have been chosen, and final selections will be announced by July 20th. Subjects for debate have been submitted to the teams concerned, and Sydney has elected to debate Adelaide "That moving pictures are more beneficial than detrimental to Australians," and Melbourne will debate the winners "That Republicanism is a better form of Government than Constitutional Monarchy." Mr. Schubert and Mr. Mitchell will be pleased to receive any helpful suggestions.

"We have some fine teams, but especially one. . . ." Rather! Have you heard of our Hockey team? Why a fortnight ago they beat Aroha, and last week they secured a victory against Graduates, six goals to one! (Is it rumoured that the presence of a large number of "barrackers" was directly responsible for this.) And what of our Basketball team? The College I are top of their premiership list now, and won again on Saturday, 54 to 20 against 'Varsity.

The Tennis team has now won four matches and lost four in the Winter Hard Courts Pennant Association. Last week they tried concussions with Kensington Gardens, who won, four rubbers to two. Ross Haywood regained some of his earlier form and played brilliantly throughout his single, to win, nine games to six. "Joe" also fought hard to victory at nine games to six, but "Dud" and "Clive" were less fortunate, and though they played fine tennis, were outclassed by Dawkins and Bungey, respectively.

Our Football team! Hm! Yes, they lost, but—they're going to be at Port Elliot next Saturday. The B's were more successful, however. They played School of Mines and won, 12 goals 10 behinds to 6 goals 9 behinds (they've lost only one of all their matches, too).

Our Social life is not altogether neglected in all this maze of sport. The Annual Concert will be held in the Adelaide Town Hall on July 30, and in spite of a slight reduction in numbers, the choir, which Mr. Gratton has for some time been raising to its present high standard of excellence, will equal, if not eclipse all previous A.T.C. choirs. Tickets are not yet available, but when ready they will sell like the proverbial "hot cakes," so if you enjoy good music, get in early and buy your ticket.

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#### HAVE YOU HEARD

of the 'Varsity Unemployed Relief? There are 5,000 out of work in Adelaide, many of them and their families are suffering great hardships, especially in the winter months. Their most urgent needs are cash and clothes—cash for food and clothes for warmth. 'Varsity men are asked to help with old clothes.

How often have you wondered what to do with the accumulation of years; and how often (if you think of others) have you sympathised with those whom circumstance has reduced to poverty? Fulfil two pious aspirations by one act. Bundle your old clothes, socks, boots and shoes, anything of serviceable warmth and wear, into parcels on Thursday and Friday of next week, July 19 and 20, and drop them at the front office, where arrangements have been made for their reception for distribution among genuine cases of distress. Your dignity will not be offended if you make a neat parcel.

Don't let your neglect show that the 'Varsity is out of touch with the life of the community, or that you are out of sympathy with those less fortunate than yourselves.

Old clothes—Next week, Thursday and Friday.

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#### A DIALOGUE.

A street in Athens about 450 B.C.

Socrates enters and meets Hippias.

S. Hippias boy, where hast thou been these many long moons?

H. I've been seeing the world, Socrates—doing the cathedrals and pubs.

S. Stout fellow! I suppose you know just about everything now, eh?

H. Yes, nearly everything.

S. Ha. There's a question I've been waiting to ask a learned man. What is a Union?

H. A Union? Why it's—well—you know, a Union's a Union.

S. Quite. But what I want to know is the secret of a Union. What makes a Union a Union?

H. Well—er—a building I suppose Socrates—a big building with a common room and committee rooms and a place to eat.

S. But I know a University that has a common room where meetings are held and food is consumed, but they do not consider that a Union.

H. Perhaps a building doesn't exactly make a Union—the tradition that elings to its walls helps.

S. You mean cobwebs and dust? Then a new building cannot be a Union?

H. No, no, stupid! Tradition is not made by cobwebs and dust, it is made by people.

S. Oh! So there must be people in a Union, Hippias?

H. Of course, you numbskull—what did you think the building was for? It's for the use of the thousand or so people who belong to the Union.

S. Surely a thousand people massed together in a building don't make a Union?

H. Hence madman, ask no more of thy fool questions.

S. Now thou art angry because I have shown that thou dost not know everything. Hear this, Hippias: It is not a building, or a tradition, or the people that make the tradition, it is the spirit of the people that makes a Union. That is the secret, the people's spirit. A Union can exist without buildings, Hippias, provided the people have the right spirit, but with buildings it can become a mighty force.

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#### A PROTEST.

Dear Sir,

There is a matter arising out of recent issues of the 'Varsity Magazine and Ragge which should, we think, be brought before the notice of students. We refer to the use of the word "Shop" to designate the University, its application to the Adelaide 'Varsity is to be deplored.

We have other hopes for our University than that it should be a "degree shop" where the necessary amount of information may be obtained to fit one for a profession. We hope to see it the intellectual headquarters of the State, the home of breadth of outlook, true culture, and the spirit of research. So why damn it to commercialism and mediocrity by calling it "the shop"?

Let us stamp out this unfortunate phrase before it gets a hold on us!

We appeal to the editors of the Ragge to see that it does not appear in print, and to the people who are interested enough to read the Ragge to see that it is banned from the conversation of decent gatherings. Yours,

BIB AND BUB.

#### CLOTHES AND BOOTS.

'Varsity Unemployed Appeal.

Bring your old clothes, shoes, and boots with you next Thursday and Friday,  
July 19 and 20.

Leave Parcels at Front Office.