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FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Inter-'Varsity Football Match will take place on Wednesday, August 15. Melbourne have their usual strong team, and, if all goes well, Adelaide should field a team which will have a reasonable chance of success.

Our team began the season with high hopes, for it seemed that we were going to have a really strong side, quite the best for some years. But as is usually the way, our expectations were not fully realized. First one thing and then another went wrong, and the team seemed unable to find its best form. And in the last few weeks, just as the early promise was being fulfilled, we have lost, only temporarily we hope, some of our best players through injuries. But with a reasonable modicum of luck we should have our best team out against Melbourne, and "say bo, it sure will be some match," as our friends put it.

Several new members of the team showed good form early in the season. Clarkson, Mitchell, and McPherson, in the back lines, quickly showed their worth. The centre line was handicapped for a long time by the absence of M. W. Evans, but his return has considerably strengthened this position.

W. R. James, the goal-sneak, has again been the outstanding forward. Though closely watched, and at times severely handled, he manages to elude his opponents, and usually secures a good bag of goals. The rest of the forwards combine well with him, and as a whole our attacking division has few weaknesses.

C. B. Sangster was elected captain at the beginning of the season, and he has led the team very capably. He always sets a splendid example by his skilful play and vigorous bumping. If the injury to his knee prevents him from playing against Melbourne, the loss to the team will be incalculable.

B. S. Hanson, the vice-captain, also, has an injured wrist, which has kept him out of the team for the last two matches. However it is almost sound again now, and the team will be strengthened considerably by his presence in goal, where he exhibits rare skill and judgment

BASEBALL NOTES.

At last things are looking up. Firstly the B's have won another match, and secondly, of lesser importance in comparison, 10 men are making the trip to Sydney, eight of whom have had previous inter-'Varsity experience, and one of the remainder, inter-State.

The team is as follows:—Pridmore, captain and second base; Reid, catcher; Dwyer, pitcher and third base; Bayly, pitcher and third base; Jolly, first base; Hodby, outfield or short stop; Pellew, centre-field; Gray, R field; Cooper, L field; Newman, outfield; Heaslip, if available, short stop

Some of the team are or should be experienced players. Pridmore has been playing since 1922, and has seen 3 inter-'Varsity games, 1923, 1926, 1927. Dwyer began playing in 1924, and played inter-'Varsity in 1925, 1926, 1927. Of the others, Bayly, Jolly, Gray, Cooper, Reid, and Heaslip have faced Sydney and Melbourne pitchers. Pellew was chosen in the last inter-State practice match.

This does not in any way represent our best team, and would probably be incapable of beating any but the last two A grade teams in the S.A.B.L. Holland, Hughes, Alexander, and Greene represent half the batting ability of the present A team, and are unavailable. However, there is little need for pessimism, as the battery is the best that has ever been sent away to Sydney, where all the inter-'Varsity contests to date, outside Adelaide, have been played.

Jolly, Reid, Pridmore, Bayly, and Pellew have been batting well recently, and should stir the rival pitchers up somewhat.

The programme is roughly as follows:—August 13, Adelaide v. Sydney; August 14, Adelaide v. Melbourne; August 15, Combined Australian Universities v. Stanford; August 16, Adelaide v. Sydney; August 18, Adelaide v. Melbourne.

Of course there will be a dinner! Who said there wasn't?

LACROSSE NOTES.

July 28—v. Sturt. Lost, 7—3.

Goals: Cook, Bonnin, and Davis.

August 4—v. West Torrens. Lost, 6—2.

Goals: Lawrence and Watson.

Now Inter-'Varsity Lacrosse is in Adelaide on

Wednesday, August 22, and we want to see you there. Sympathetic barrackers supporting us will bring out the best in the team, and perhaps lead us to victory.

Combined match, Thursday, August 23.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

'Varsity A v. Wanderers.

July 28.—The match resulted in a draw, 2—2. Goalhitter for 'Varsity, Barbour, 2. Best players: W. Harrison, F. W. Arden, Barbour.

University B. v. Forestville.

Win for Forestville, 6—1. Goalhitter for 'Varsity, Martin. Best players: Gibson and Martin.

The University will meet Queensland on Friday, August 10, at 2.45 p.m.

We are sending a team to take part in the inter-'Varsity Carnival at Melbourne, and hope to win some matches.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

A Team defeated Teachers' College by 4-3 on Wednesday, August 1. It was a most unfortunate game (as one member's nose would have you notice), but well played. Varsity goals: J. Pellew, M. Nesbit, E. Boyce.

B Team were defeated in the semi-finals against A.H.S.

We all spent a good deal of time on the ground, it having been a wet night, but it was a good game. A. Burdett shot an excellent goal, and M. Cleland spurred up the attack repeatedly.

C Team has won a place in the semi-finals.

We report a successful **Hockey Dance**, everyone found it most enjoyable. We omit an account of the costumes, suffice it to say that everyone was dressed.

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RIFLE NOTES.

Fired our first matches since inter-Varsity, last Saturday, in the Metropolitan Teams Match at 300. We had two teams of six shooting, but, although weather appeared easy, except on one or two mysterious occasions, no one, with the exception of P. T. Cooke, could keep in the centre of the black. Cooke's score: 36, 39, equal 75 of possible 80, was excellent for that range.

Both teams finished about seventh out of eleven in their grades.

Members are reminded of the Championships and Imperial Match, which will be fired next week.

Have you, reader, as one who takes an interest in Varsity affairs, bought a ticket or more for our Benefit Night at West's. Can't go! Well, instead of getting only half of the ticket value, we get it all!

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SOCIETY NOTES.

Literary and Debating.

We concluded the term with a one-act play presented by members of St. Mark's College. "Thread O' Scarlet" is a tense little tragedy, and the actors succeeded in producing this tenseness to a very high degree. Mr. J. H. Reynolds, as the drunken thief, was the outstanding performer, and introduced the climax with great skill. The other members of the caste supported him well, and all are to be congratulated on their success.

Next term: September 5, Five-minute evening; September 18, Debate; October 4, Address from Mr. Kirwood; November 22, Dramatic evening.

Commerce Students

remember the debate with the W.E.A. Economics Class on September 5. This is the second Wednesday of next term. Be sure you come along, and bring your friends—it is going to be most interesting.

Medical Notes.

The night of August 4th saw the pick of the choicest spirits from the University and several breweries congregated at "The Grosvenor." Med. Society Dinner was, of course, the excuse for such congregation of choice spirits.

Our visitors were not surprised at the punctuality with which we started, but we were surprised at the late arrival of some of them. They ran a great risk.

Dr. Shorney's repeated glances in the direction of an eminent Professor, while monologuing on the subject of anthropoidal apes, called forth loud applause from his appreciative audience.

The speeches were of high calibre throughout, but Mr. Hanson's certainly called for a horrible mention.

Some of us are still wondering why one table kept shouting the question: "Was Voronoff bald?"

Our songsters and variety musicals did exceptionally well in adverse circumstances. One of them was suffering from transient amaurosis, so just sang or didn't.

The selectors of the Baseball Team are seriously considering dropping George Bayly because he's not a Med.

Science Notes.

A party of members from the Science Association paid a visit to the telephone exchange at the G.P.O. last Saturday morning. But great was the disappointment when we were told that visitors were not allowed to go up the tower—we did long so to souvenir one of the hands of the clock.

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ST. MARK'S COLLEGE.

Thunder and hail, wind and rain, invaded our common room during the rehearsals for "Thread o' Scarlet." Bleatings of sheep and lengthy oaths accompany the frenzied last minute efforts to produce a convincing "Rory Aforesaid."

After our release from the pain of bringing forth these dramatic efforts we shall abandon ourselves to pleasure for a night and hold a dance in our common room.

The popularity of a College Buttery has exceeded all expectations. So avidly did our froth-blowers lap up their Coopers that the supply was exhausted before the committee knew where they were, and a short dry period perforce ensued. The non-beerites are staunch supporters of the Buttery because it has increased the water supply.

There is a rumour that the work bogey will be raised next term. We condole with one of our number over the excessive inconvenience he has been caused by being gated, and we admire the noble, long-suffering spirit with which he has born this hardship.

Conference

will be run by the C.U. at Mt. Lofty from September 7th to 10th.

Subject: Christ a Reality.

Study: Purpose in Life of Christ.

These conferences are occasions on which Corporate University Life is lived with rich, intellectual, spiritual, and social benefit, and you will be very welcome.

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WHAT'LL WE DO?

On the formation of the Union, what remains for the Students' Council to do?

It is impossible to enumerate the functions of this body conclusively. But one looks forward, for instance, to the day when Adelaide Students will co-operate sufficiently to organize a **Commem. Week** on the lines of Melbourne and Sydney—a regular activity of the S.C.

To state a minimum, the S.C. will still function as under:—

(a) Afford a recognized means of communication between the students and the University Council;

(b) Represent students in all matters of discipline. (Is it a sign of development or "inertia" that the Board of Discipline has not been called upon to function for about three years? I suggest the "latter.")—A Union Committee consisting of Council Members, Professors, and Graduates, as well as Undergrads, cannot possibly perform this function;

(c) Assist the formation of any society having for its objects the furtherance of the interests of the University, and the academic, social, and sporting activities thereof;

(d) Control inter-Varsity debates;

(e) Control the issue and publication of "The Adelaide University Magazine";

(f) Being affiliated with the Australian University Students' Union, all communications, other than sporting, with students of other Universities, are made through this body;

(g) As in Melbourne and Sydney, the S.C. should arrange such matters as "Common celebrations," Freshers' welcomes, 'Varsity ball, and 'Varsity concert (when the A.U.S.A. gets the benefit of a compulsory subscription), and any rags or processions as occasion may arise. (One cannot imagine the Council reps. taking a part in the latter!).

The machinery for the organization of any of these exists in the Students' Council. If the Union wished to arrange some such event the necessary machinery would have to be constituted by electing a joint committee from the men and women's club committees.

The Students' Council is filling a real place in Universities of far greater experience than ours, and we should be slow to decry something whose value we have not begun to appreciate.

THE INTERNATIONAL DEBATES.

Messrs. Ames, Guptill, and Davis passed through Adelaide, a welcome breeze of fresh air. In fact, from their treatment of the Adelaide men in the debates, they might well be compared to a gale of very fresh air. Certainly the Adelaide team—consisting of Messrs. Pick, Mayes, Mitchell, and Harry—did very well, but the experience, the wit, and the eloquence of the Americans were too much for them. And the adjudicators said so, politely, of course, but firmly.

The Americans themselves were a good argument for the subject they supported in the first debate—efficiency. Their teamwork was effective, while the individual members exhibited high debating qualifications—confidence, excellent platform appearance, eloquence, clear reasoning, and a delightful, often subtle humour. Mr. Davis, who is not quite as youthful as he looks, cracked a new joke for his audience on Saturday. When the bell sounded for the termination of his speech, he carried on for a moment, and then suddenly said, "Well, like Lady Godiva said as she drew near the end of her ride, 'I am drawing near my clo(th)se'." Mr. Guptill, while on the subject of clothes, refused to give woman his pants—an excellent sentiment, and doubtless sincere.

In the first debate the Adelaide team directed many of their shafts at that very creditable institution, Henry Ford. Most Australian debaters managed to rake that unfortunate gentleman's name into their speeches. Mr. Ames, when he rose to reply, began with giving Mr. Ford credit for one thing—"he has made walking a definite pleasure." The audience laughed.

There was one very noticeable contrast between the Adelaideans and their opponents. The former persisted in being very pessimistic, in making gloomy prognostications for the future of the race; a policy which may or may not have appealed to their auditors. But the American cheeriness certainly did appeal; and it sent the audience home perfectly pleased with themselves.

But not all. Owing to an unfortunate miscalculation of the number of people likely to attend, the committee hired a hall which proved much too small for the vast crowds who turned up. Many were turned away, while many more decided to brave the draughts and discomfort of standing in the doorway—catching the words as they floated by. One lady complained about the draught, while the unfortunate secretary was having hysterics outside. However, the profits were large, and he has recovered.

The Americans stayed at St. Mark's during their visit to our city. They seemed to enjoy themselves, and despite their principles, they managed to swallow some of the contents of the College buttery. They politely admired the view from the hills; and they even more politely won huge sums—about one shilling each—at bridge. They also were able to enjoy a real American supper at the house of a fellow exile in Adelaide. A well-known Adelaide man also enjoyed the supper—so much that he was ill for days after. And serve him right.

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TERM END.

Cast your mind back to this time last year—getting ready for the torch light procession—and see if we haven't made some history in a year.

Perhaps we caught some of the enthusiasm of the agitators who "raised the red" at us that night, but from being a mere name the "Union" is actually coming into being.

Even as we write the nominations for the first Union Committee are being received by the Registrar, and by this term-end the Committee of the Adelaide University Union will exist and be preparing for action.

The University Council representatives are already appointed—Professor McKellar Stewart and Dr. Helen Mayo, with the Registrar as ex officio member.

Mr. Bampton has been appointed as the Honorary Treasurer.

The women meet to-day at 1.15 to elect their four representatives; as we go to press Miss H. I. Morris and Miss V. Plummer have been nominated.

The Men's General Meeting is dated for Wednesday, August 8, and will result in the election of eight representatives.

This Union Committee, as soon as fully elected, will be immediately called together, possibly during the holidays, and begin to function.

Membership of the Union for the balance of this year will be 10/6, and every student worth anything at all will pay up. It is going to be remembered as an honour—some day in the far future—

to have been a first member of the 'Varsity Union, famous for its corporate life, and the first Union Committee members will go down in the annals of its history.

Have you been down to examine the Union Buildings yet? No, I suppose you haven't; so far to walk! But they're jolly well worth a visit, and the best cure for an apathetic student just now would be to conduct him down to the magnificent refectory hall—you can't look down such a hall and fail to catch something of the spirit of the Union.

Every student should make it his business to make a tour of inspection of our future quarters, and once you've seen the refectory you won't like the idea of part of it being screened off for men's committee rooms either!

Since we aren't going to light our way through the city in search of a Union, let's finish up by going down a few steps and having a look at it.

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NOTE THE ALTERATION!

Mr. Ludbrook's suggestion has been adopted. Of the eight men representatives to be elected to the Union Committee, **not more than three** are to be of one faculty.

Of the four women reps., **not more than two** are to be of any one faculty.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,—As a hard-up, hard-working student, who in his youth managed to win a government bursary, I would like to know my exact position as regards the compulsory Union fee of 10/6. Are the Government going to pay it as part of my University fees, or will I have to go and crack stones or dig up roads in the next vacation to raise the necessary sum myself. I think this is a matter which calls for consideration. It is something, though only a little of what should be done, which the Government could do to help the poor and needy of the underpaid and despised professional classes to be. Moreover, if I have to earn the large amount of 10/6 it will be taking this sum from the mouths of some unfortunate people who find it difficult to obtain work. (Needless to say they are not at the University.) Therefore I would be very pleased to obtain a favorable reply. Yours sincerely,

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TEACHERS' COLLEGE NOTES.

Here's a health, Hurrah! To the College, Hurrah!
To the the Adelaide T.C.,
To the College, Hurrah! Good wishes, Hurrah!
The heartiest that can be!

Adelaide is a battle-ground. About that shield! Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide are met to try conclusions, but they are not too busy to extend a hand to Claremont (W.A.). Good old C.T.C., Good luck to you! What colour schemes! Greens and golds (C. and M.) rioting among the azure, black and gold of Sydney, and the silver black and blue of Adelaide. And what war-cries! Say, pal, what voices!

The Grosvenor is Adelaide's new rendezvous: beware of "complications"! And congratulations to the artists of our College, we do not know the A.T.C. in its new garb.

How goes the day? Congrats. to Melbourne and Sydney on their hockey successes. Congrats. to Sydney for its success at athletics, but three cheers for the A.T.C.! We are second! Oh, we have some born debaters in Adelaide! Keep the colours flying, debating team!

Keep it up Adelaide! Remember the Ball is Thursday night, solace for all our woes and balm for all our hearts. Remember, too, the Architect-in-Chief has given us permission to hang the shield in our Hall, so:

"On, bearing ever before us,
"The Silver, the Black, and the Blue."

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A GRAND FINISH.

to this term is being provided by the Rifle Club Benefit Night—

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THIS FRIDAY, AT WEST'S.

Huge parties of 'Varsity people are going; the rumour is the place will be just about given over to us, and we can make as much row as we like!!! This should induce all of us!

This Benefit Night gives us a chance to help the Rifle Club, and have a good combined finish up to the term at the same time.

SEE YOU THERE.