

# ON DIT

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Give me a place to stand, and I will move the earth.

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## EDITORIAL.

It is with interest that we view the recent formation of a Rover Crew in the University. Although we do not look upon the mushroom growth of new societies with favour, we pause and ask ourselves: Is this a new activity, a new diversion of our social life, or is it an attitude? Not the naso-digital attitude of the editor of "Autumn Leaves," but the attitude of the helping hand.

"And someone there stole forth a hand  
To draw a brother to his side."

But scouting strikes deeper than the mere formula of service. There is in it a certain enthusiasm—call it a moral fervour—for comradeship, that grips the novice and grows in intensity with the years. The more one becomes of scouting the keener one becomes in it.

The freedom of shorts and shirt-sleeves, the vigour of the open air, the simple camp-side service, the voices round the camp-fire, and the whole glory of hiking are things not to be contemptuously dismissed by the "intellectual snob" or the "hairy partisans of true Unwisdom."

The question that should be uppermost in the undergraduate mind is: What am I going to do with my profession? Consider it as an end, or a means to an end? And scouting answers with the alternative; it gives a sense—a sacred sense—of dedication to one's profession, a determination to improve all faculties for other than selfish purposes. It is a simple, practical solution to the great religions, to Communism, to Democracy. It flings out again the old challenge to the world, "Ich dien."

It seems childish to talk about these things; it takes a man to do them.

For obvious reasons the University Crew cannot take part in too much outside social work. But to send out every year half a dozen scout- or cub-masters will soon be no idle dream. In the meantime it is up to Rovers to "Keep scouting as a kind of sub-stratum for all Varsity activities."

## A Viennese Blind.

Forty-five stalwarts of both sexes assembled in the Vienna Restaurant on Monday night, July 10th, for the purpose of dining. It was the Lit. and Deb. annual dinner and, for a mixed dinner, an unqualified success.

Mr. F. K. Barton, who proposed "The University," said that he had prepared quite a serious speech, but had unaccountably forgotten every word of it. He managed, however, to speak most amusingly, and we were interested to hear that he himself, many years ago, had been a member of that old Arts Assoc. which has now developed into our society. He said that we were a very different society from the one he had known.

Mr. R. R. P. Barbour in responding added, a trifle ruefully, that even then we were not quite the same society as that which had sat down to dinner. (Applause.) He, too, had designed a more or less serious speech, which he now hardly felt inclined to make. (Applause, loud and prolonged.)

So he told us about some delightful practical jokes that were played at Oxford.

Mr. Kerr then delivered a somewhat rambling dissertation about professors and lecturers, to which Mr. Jury responded in a charming short speech. At this stage Mr. Sergeant (who had long been manifesting symptoms of restlessness), jumped to his feet (he seemed to have a great many) and made a very impassioned and lyrical oration on the merits of our President.

Several songs were sung, and the evening concluded with dancing.

## Graduates' Union.

At a meeting of the recently elected Graduates' Union Committee on July 6th, Prof. H. J. Wilkinson was elected Chairman of the Committee for 1933, and Mr. J. Q. Ewens, LL.B., Hon. Secretary. Mr. J. Q. Ewens and Mrs. J. C. McKail were appointed representatives of the G.U. Committee on the Union Committee. Dr. A. H. Lendon was reappointed to the General Committee of the Sports Association.

## Coming Events for the Next Fortnight.

July.  
Tuesday, 18th: Commerce Students meet in Refectory.  
Wednesday, 19th: Literary and Debating Society, Refectory at 7.45.  
Thursday, 20th: Medical Students' meeting and supper.  
Saturday, 22nd: Science Dance. Refectory.  
Tuesday, 25th: Science meeting and supper. Refectory. Law Students meet.  
Wednesday, 26th: Old Chem. Lab. Boxing and Wrestling Club's annual tournament. Men's and Women's Union Debate.  
Saturday, 29th: Dance Club. Refectory.  
Monday, 31st: Dance Club Dancing Lesson.

## A.S.C.M.

In a stimulating address on "Science and Morals," Prof. C. S. Hicks dealt with the relation between advances in scientific knowledge and the state of moral development of the community. Too often scientists are so absorbed in their own work, and in the truth which they are seeking, that they do not realize the ends to which their discoveries are being put by a community which is really not ready to use them.

An instance of this is seen in the case of Nobel, whose investigations into methods for safely transporting and using high explosives had made possible many remarkable and useful works of civil engineering. But these same discoveries had, in the war, been most effectively used for purposes of destruction; purposes for which their discoverer had no intention they should be used, as the peace prize bearing his name indicated.

Similarly, wireless and the "talkies" had been made possible because of discoveries which had not been sought for those purposes. The question was whether the community was ready to use such discoveries. Was there any point in being able to hear in Australia a speech delivered in London if the speech itself were not worth hearing?

We must realize that the ideal of progress through material wealth and welfare was not good enough, and that spiritual or moral values are as real as any other. We should seek truth, beauty, and goodness in the spirit of the true scientist, and the methods of science should be applied in so far as they are relevant. Science and morals must be regarded equally, and made to harmonize and grow together.

## ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING.

The innovation of an annual public meeting of the local S.C.M. was a decided success, with over 100 present. In the absence of Professor Stewart, Mr. Massey took the chair, and spoke a few apt words on the place of the S.C.M. in the University. Miss Haslam outlined the activities of the Movement in its various branches, and Professor Wilton presented the financial report, which indicated that up to date, finances were far behindhand. The chief speaker for the evening was Miss Rosalie Joyce. She compared our work here with that of branches of the World Student Christian Federation in other countries. In Japan the S.C.M. Conference had gone on strike; in France the local secretary had earned "twelve months" through refusing

to undergo military training. Branches in other nations were struggling for existence. As near home as in New Zealand a group of students had broken away from the conventional order, and had disciplined themselves to poverty and life in the slums.

The musical items rendered by Mr. Siegfried Hebart and Miss Hilda Gill were greatly appreciated, and the meeting carried Mr. Clark's vote of thanks with acclamation. Supper concluded a successful evening.

## Men's Union.

The Men's Union held its third meeting on Wednesday, July 5th, when it considered the now celebrated Oxford Resolution. No regrettable incidents marked the local discussion of the proposal "That this House will in no circumstances fight for its king or its country."

Mr. Madigan, at the special request of the Committee, presided over a meeting of some 62 members. Messrs. W. C. S. Johnson and R. J. Clark proposed the motion, and Messrs. M. S. Sergeant and R. S. Day constituted the official opposition.

The fact that the question was treated as a debate probably made some difference to the venom of the discussion. The word "blood" was tossed lightly from mouth to mouth; "treason" was never even mentioned. The reason and lucidity of the speeches made up for any lack of pugnacity, and it seems that even such controversial subjects are far more profitably discussed when not obscured in a cloud of recrimination and jingoism.

Twelve men from the House advocated schemes ranging from the splitting up of all the present European States into metallurgical areas, to a universal suicide pact on the part of all possible belligerents. Time prevented any further speeches, and the Chairman put the motion to the House. Defeated by 37 votes to 18. The meeting was concluded by a substantial supper.

Exactly a week later, at 8 p.m., F. Villeneuve Smith, Esq., K.C., was the guest of the Men's Union. He gave an address on the Earl of Birkenhead; and it was an address worthy of so great a subject. Birkenhead was gay, he was arrogant, and his pride was inordinate; but he was sitting on the woolstack before he was fifty. Mr. Villeneuve Smith showed us the man as he was, without any attempt to excuse his many faults, but with a just appreciation of his genius. "As a barrister, a statesman, a Lord Chancellor, a talker, a journalist, a 'bon vivant,' or an athlete, Birkenhead excelled in all." But the gipsy blood in his veins would not allow him to be still; he was for ever trying something new, with the result that his country never received the full benefit of his ability in its most important functions, and that when he died, Birkenhead's widow and children were penniless.

The audience of 73 heard such a character delineated by one who is among Australia's foremost speakers, and they had no cause for regrets. In every way the address was one of the most brilliant ever heard at the University, and when it was over, an exceptionally hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Villeneuve Smith was proposed and carried.

The meeting closed at 10.5 p.m.

## Law.

The Law Students assembled in their lecture room on the night of Tuesday, June 27, to discuss a question of Contract Law, set by Mr. C. C. Brebner.

Prior to the learned discussion, the attendance of some 46 members enjoyed themselves in no uncertain manner. Mr. Young, having been elected Chairman, was very promptly relegated to the Legion of the Lost, and his place taken by Mr. Napier. No business was done, but votes of censure fell thick as the leaves of Valambrosa about the head of the ex-Chairman. The meeting quickly lost confidence in Mr. Napier, and he, too, was deposed. Out of some 20 nominees for the vacant chairmanship, Mr. Young emerged triumphant. He remained in the chair only long enough to repeat an obscene remark of Mr. Secretary Irving, when the arrival of Mr. Brebner ejected him for the second time.

There followed a very legal discussion. Naughty little B had persuaded C to sell a car to himself and A—A ignorante. Mr. Coventry for C, Mr. Rowe for B, and Mr. Redman for A waxed eloquent in turn. In a penetrating judgment Mr. Brebner punished B's naughtiness by commanding him to pay for the motor car. The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

On July 11 this august body assembled again. Mr. Sergeant was elected and ejected from the chair in the space of some seconds. Five doughty wights were appointed to fill the vacancy. Four soon retired, and left the field to Mr. V. R. Millhouse, who listened to a vigorous disquisition on the law relating to culpable negligence as a criminal offence. Mr. Jones and his chauffeur and his car all combined to kill some insignificant and nameless creature in another car. In spite of the fact that Jones & Co. had been travelling at 40 m.p.h. in a city street, and despite the brave showing of Mr. Glynn and Mr. Wright for the prosecution, Mr. Millhouse's decisive judgment supported the contention of Messrs. Connelly and Stokes, counsel for the defence, leaving yet another Jones to contaminate and confuse the Directory. And yet the unfailing courtesy of the Society led to Millhouse J. (temporary) being thanked for this indiscretion.

## Mr. Pepys Peeps Again.

July 14th—Being merry, to the Ball at the University, and there found the claret mighty sobering, and so danced till a late hour. Was received by Dr. Matters, the surgeon, and his lady, and anon saw the debbing which was prettily done before a great gathering. Filled in time pleasantly enough till supper, whereof the serving pleased me, being done buffet fashion as the Frenchmen have it, and not buffet fashion as commonly at the Dance Club, and in English. The day waxing young, many took great interest to hear the second of the tennis. This being a variation of shuttlecock now much in vogue, and played, as I am told, at a great distance, whereof the knowing it here is truly wonderful. And so it was said on all sides, each report causing great emotion, such that one speaking exhorted all to pray, crying, "Two down in the second set." But no one telling me how many on each side, I could not well gauge the extent of the injury, but deemed it serious. Left about one, after a jolly night, and so to bed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—The loss of Prof. Hancock is going to be deeply felt by all of us, but we were not surprised when it was announced. The whole University is deeply concerned by the frequent loss of its great men, who sooner or later receive appointments elsewhere. It is also worried by the continued vacancy of two professorships.

The reason is not far to seek. It is not that our University is not sufficiently endowed, nor that it is already overstaffed, but that the professors have too much routine work to do. In most cases these are men of genius, or very great talent. What marvellous inventors, research workers, and writers they could become if only they had more time! That some of them have gained an international reputation besides lecturing a dozen times a week to us freshers, is an astounding fact!

Now our suggestion is this, Mr. Editor. Suppose we point out emphatically to the powers that be that we deplore being lectured into a degree, but would far rather read for it, as they do in England. We should benefit by becoming more self-reliant, and besides, we would not have to learn shorthand. But that's a minor detail. Our professors would retire to their studies and laboratories, and write and discover great ideas for us and the world to benefit by. Being able to do this, they would not want to desert our City of Culture, but would add to its glory by remaining.

I would suggest, therefore, that we should petition for the removal of the compulsory attendance regulation along these lines, and sympathize with our staff, instead of abusing it, as your correspondent "V. Sick-Injin" has done.

I am, etc., BRUTUS.

## Sport and Sports.

### BASEBALL JOTTINGS.

The match v. East Torrens was won 9—1 after a game in which we recovered some of our lost prestige. Pellew played an outstanding game, obtaining 7 strike outs and 3 safe hits. The batting of Gillespie and Whittington was also of a high standard.

Against Sturt, the team was again in good form, winning 10—3, but it was mainly on account of the poor fielding of the Unley nine that we scored so heavily. Gillespie was again in fine form.

We "whitewashed" Port Adelaide 12—nil in what, up to date, was our best game for the season. The team obtained 11 safe hits, every members of the team being responsible for one at least. The fielding was excellent, only 1 error being made. Smith pitched his customary pitch, whilst Todd was in form with the bat.

After scoring 31—4 in our last three matches, we lost unexpectedly to West Torrens, 4—3. Mainly due to errors in the field, particularly by third base, the visitors were allowed to score. Our batting was patchy, but Todd and Ray were in excellent form.

The Club wishes to extend its congratulations to Gillespie, second base; Taylor, first base; and Ray, catcher, on their inclusion in the State team to go to Sydney.

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been selected, but efforts to raise money for the trip are still continuing. Any of the competitors in the Ugly Hockey Player competition will be delighted to be made more ugly at your expense.

We are arranging a concert, to be held in the Lady Symon on Tuesday, July 25th. The items will be entertaining. No one should miss this big laugh—the final night of the Ugly Players, so roll up and bring that penny. (The concert, we presume, will be extra.—Ed.)

B1 defeated Heathpool, 3-1; B1 lost to A.H.S., 3-2; B2 lost to W.H.S., 7-4; B2 lost to Durham, 4-2.

## MEN'S HOCKEY.

The A's nearly had their run of wins broken by Wanderers on July 1. At interval 'Varsity were 2-0 down, but managed to equalize before time. An occasional bit of combination relieved a woeful exhibition by the forwards, who found Wanderers' defence too keen and vigorous. Dorsch brothers played brilliantly, and were well supported by Turner and Gray.

The B's beat Wanderers B, 4-0. C's lost to Parkside, 4-2; and (nota bene) D's beat Wanderers C, 3-2.

The depression in the forward line lifted slightly in the match against Forestville Locals. They scored 5 goals, and narrowly missed several more. The backs backed up solidly, especially Bill Dorsch and Doug. Allen.

The B's lost to Argosy, 4-0; C's beat Adelaide, 7-0; and D's did very well to beat Parkside, 4-3. The D team's efforts are highly commendable. If they keep the pace up they may attain even unto the second place in C grade.

## FOOTBALL.

Injuries continue to hamper the A's, although that is not the only excuse for the poor football of the last few matches. The team has lost, temporarily at any rate, its system and vigour. Against Goodwood, 'Varsity played scratchy football, and trailed till the last quarter, when both

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sides took the lead in turn. Almost as the whistle went, Goodwood scored a goal, and won by four points: 9.22 to 11.6.

The next match was again very close. Both teams tussled hard till the finish. S.P.O.C. marked near our goal as the bell went, and put a good kick through, making the match a draw: 'Varsity, 9.22; S.P.O.C., 11.10.

Blacks and Whites lost against S.P.O.C. II, and P.A.O.C. II. Individual players who deserve mention are Verco, Steele, and Tillett for the Whites, and Skipper, Cowell, and Leitch for the Blacks.

## LACROSSE.

The A's match against West Torrens was very one-sided. With the scores at 20 goals to 1 at half time, the backs felt they were due for some contribution, but their endeavours to score only congested the forwards, and lessened the rate of scoring. Final scores: 34 to 3, of which Kumnick threw 13.

B's beat East Torrens, 12-2; D's beat Sturt, 14-4.

Next week the A's had a bye. The B's had a good win against Brighton, who are just above us at second place on the premiership table. 'Varsity gradually drew ahead from the beginning, to win 11-4, the best players being Tonkin, Mackay, George, and Cleland. C's beat Hindmarsh, 13-9.

J. S. Muecke and D. K. Kumnick have been chosen among the eighteen selected for Inter-State practice.

## BOXING AND WRESTLING.

On Wednesday evening, July 26th, the Boxing and Wrestling Club will hold its first annual contests, which will be open to all financial members of the Sports Association.

There will also be demonstrations in boxing, wrestling, and jiu jitsu by prominent exponents of these useful arts.

It is anticipated that dense crowds will roll up to see the contests, and members of the 'Varsity are especially invited to attend and witness the epic struggles.

Members wishing to take an active part in the competitions should give their names

to Mr. Gibson, the Club Secretary, as early as possible. Meanwhile training can be carried out any evening in the boatshed.

If boxers require another night for coaching before the contests, they should give notice at once so that an additional instructional class can be arranged for Monday evenings.

## Faculty Notes.

### COMMERCE.

On July 1st, Commerce Students and Lecturers—that illustrious assembly—held their annual dinner at the Southern Cross. For a while proceedings were held up by the untimely disappearance of the Law representative. What had appeared, however, to be an outsize in silver tankards surmounted by a red halo, soon resolved itself into the said representative, and the party proceeded to the dining-room. After, we presume, soup, the President, Mr. D. Searcy, proposed "The King," which, being an early toast, was honoured to the empty. During fish, Mr. Gordon Bleby proposed "The University"; Mr. Mills, Lecturer in Accountancy, responded. Mr. A. A. Simpson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, wedged a few well-chosen remarks in between a kidney and a piece of bacon, to propose the "Commerce Students' Association." Mr. Searcy responded. Mr. Jim Muecke followed with some conjuring tricks on the poultry. Mr. Harding Browne, Lecturer in Commercial Practice, maintained the high standard we have been led to expect from him in an after-dinner speech, and capped it with the tale of the little girl who thought that the Chamber of Commerce had a handle to it. When the apple pie had at last sorted itself out from the cream, Mr. George Jeffrey proposed "Kindred Societies," to which Mr. Len Ewens ably responded. Mr. Irving, in assisting the response, received a fitting tribute to his rambling remarks from the dog in the corridor. There is no doubt that it was a most successful function, and the Committee were gratified as much by the numbers as by "mine host's" congratulations on the conduct of the members.

On Tuesday, July 18, in the Lady Symon Hall, there will be an address on Contracts and the Law thereof. The importance of this portion of the Law to anyone and everyone coming into contact with the business world cannot be overstressed.

The Annual Commerce Ball will be held on August 4. Not only members of the Association, but flocks of others have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of this date, and the committee have already (July 10) started work to make it a success.

### THE TEMPLE OF BABBLE-ON.

Question raised in assembly, just what IS the Alpine Club, and should the Union be affiliated with it? At this juncture, then, we feel the need for explaining our existence. We exist for the correction of social abuse (sic)—we are, in truth, an acted satire, an attempt to restore certain eccentricities and abnormalities to their right proportions.

We have shown the world that any man with gumption can handle an oar; we have explored the thrills of hiking in purple trousers; we have proved the ease with which new societies, ostensibly purposeful, can be formed at a moment's notice; we have designed an official tie with a green background—these are our half-blues; the selection committee have awarded themselves full blues; and we have probed into enthusiastic depths at religious meetings. Our poet laureate will explain.

Six lugubrious neophytes once passed a Sabbath evening at the Temple of Babbble-On. Religiously they tuned their souls to compaign choruses, classical in their strong simplicity. With fervent song they joined the throng of sinners saved from Fate, and hallelu! Yahoo'ed and strewed their pennies in the plate. And glory be! they cried aloud, and waved their hymn-sheets in the crowd. The spruikers here, the spruikers there, the spruikers all around, they yea-ed and yowled, and roared and howled, and Amens sighed profound. With banners and hosannas was the prophet to

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be faced, when a yell that rent the firmament removed the roof in haste. The priest hath paced into the hall, how voluble is he; nodding their heads before him go two A.S.S.B.G. The seraph-band, each raised his hand, it was a moving sight; with half a tear we raised a cheer as well we sinners might. Then out spake brave Loquacious with another glory-be, "Lo, who will stand on my right hand, and S.O.S. with me?" Then answered fast each Alpine, upon his bended knees, "Here! I'll decline the college wine; I'm through with soul-dis-ease!"

THE ALPINE CLUB.

### ROVER CREW.

The inaugural meeting of the University crew was held in the Refectory on Friday, June 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Twenty-two raw-boned sans-culottes lined up to receive rations in the presence of Messrs. N. M. G. Gratton (Chief Commissioner), and Frank Mitchell (District Rover Commissioner).

After a community meal, the crew posed for a flashlight photograph at 7.20. The photographer was only a three-match man on the magnesium, but delivered the first proof within the hour.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Rover Mate, G. Viner Smith; Rover Second and Hike Leader, W. C. J. White; Hon. Treasurer, J. A. Game; Hon. Secretary, R. W. T. Cowan.

The crew adjourned to the Anatomy Theatre to imbibe the various exhortations of the newly elected Rover Mate, Mr. Gratton, and Frank Mitchell, the substance of whose speeches, with additions, is recorded in the Editorial.

After Viner Smith's rather hurried lecture on his last Jamboree, the crew returned to a light supper and further unofficial business.

We would draw your attention to this, that membership is NOT restricted to the Old Scholars of one school. Former non-scouts, however, must serve a period as Rover Squires until they fully understand what is afoot; this is a Rover Crew, and not a senior scout gathering, a distinction rather veiled to the uninitiated.