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EDITORIAL.

"On Dit" does not look with favour on the formation of irresponsible clubs. Nor does it look with any greater favour on the A.L.P., with which a correspondent proposes to affiliate if the Labour Club of his dreams materializes. But "On Dit" does feel that, sooner or later, these Labour people are going to get their Club, and it can think of positive reasons why sooner is preferable to later.

As somebody's subconscious prompted him to say, "The times are out of joint." Of course. Familiarity had not made Miranda more tolerant of Caliban than this generation of its deformed era. But are the times more out of joint than in the England of George III? Then, as now, a class was growing to consciousness in a confusion and ferment that no generation since has been better qualified to gauge than ours. The same movement, affecting other countries, led to revolution. In England, with the exception of minor disturbances, it led to the Reform Act of 1832.

By that Act a governing aristocracy surrendered its monopoly and admitted the middle classes to a share in the government. To-day we look back and applaud, and yet to-day a third class is struggling towards the same goal. Sooner or later there must be another compromise on the pattern of 1832. And Melbourne basks in the glory of having thrown its apostles in a lake.

It is in the process of historical evolution that compromise must come, or the Conservatives split in ruin and the people be left helpless under incompetent leaders.

It is the high distinction of any University to sponsor such compromise. If the Labour Party seem a nasty crew, is it the fault of the movement they represent or is it the fault of hidebound Conservatives, who deny it discerning leaders?

The Editors are feeling rather tired of restrictions, and their need to ask themselves, before printing any article, Is it wise? Is it kind? Is it true? We invite your candid criticisms (written) of the Labour paragraph, and if we are still in office they may be printed.

Correspondence.

The Editor, Dear Sir,—It has recently been proposed to form a Labour Club in the University as a branch of and affiliated to the Australian Labour Party. Those responsible for the proposal feel that this Club, if formed, would fulfil a very much needed function in University life. Much has been said and little done to the effect that Adelaide students should take an active interest in the affairs of their State. Efforts have been made to interest them in outside affairs, but hitherto almost entirely without success. Those who are prepared to listen with interest to an excellent address on the life of Birkenhead, or be advised on how to thwart recruiting sergeants, have in the past shown themselves unwilling to listen to discourses on matters of public interest.

It would seem therefore that no better means of achieving this much desired end exists than the formation of groups of

students interested in and actually connected with the political parties of the State. That such an innovation would be beneficial to political parties is not to be denied, and indeed is well borne out by the experience of others countries. That students themselves would benefit considerably is an argument so potent as hardly to warrant discussion. The formation of affiliated political groups would open the way directly into public affairs for students who should then take part rather as young and enthusiastic idealists than as disillusioned profit-seeking misanthropes.

In proposing the formation of a Labour Club we not only hope to give labour supporters an opportunity for taking an interest in public affairs, but also to stimulate a general interest and activity in the University.

I would be pleased therefore to receive the names of any students who are interested in the formation of such a club.
Yours faithfully, R. W. DAVIS.

Literary and Debating Society.

On Wednesday evening, July 19th, the above Society held a meeting in the Lady Symon hall. A wordy battle regarding the "rights and wrongs" of the minutes, waged between Mr. Napier and Mr. Kerr, held up the proceedings for some little time. However, the President managed to arrange a compromise. The first address was delivered by Dr. Alex. Burnard, on Modern Music. At first he traced the development of music through the Victorians, and the more simple Grieg, down to the present day. He then spoke of the inspiration that modern composers gain from native melodies, and their "clear, delightful, mobile terms"; and also of the element of parody that has crept in during recent years, and is especially noticeable in jazz. We learnt a little of the wonders of modern orchestration, and of the great possibilities that still lie in this branch of composition. In conclusion Dr. Burnard advocated the use of the historical viewpoint in the appreciation of all music, and said, "No art can stand still, music is always evolving new forms of speech, and if it retrogresses, it is never for long at a time, and I am sure that it is not retrogressing now."

Mr. Kerr then read a paper on Masefield. He opened by warning us that it was only of the more obvious aspects of Masefield's work that he proposed to speak. However, by reading cleverly chosen passages, he presented a very comprehensive outline of the poet, advancing from the Salt Water Ballads, colloquial and vivid, with an irresistible easy carelessness about them, to his more serious side, to his thoughts on the very core of life itself.

The Society was then given a very delightful half an hour listening to gramophone records, which Dr. Burnard had brought with him, some beautiful examples of modern music. The Rio Grande, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and extracts from Hugh the Drover, and The Village Romeo and Juliet.

A descent from the sublime to the ridiculous followed—supper. After which the more energetic danced until eleven o'clock.

The committee have not been able to find a suitable day for another meeting this term. It is therefore proposed to hold two early in September. Suggested programmes are: Friday, September 1st, "Pre-Raphaelite Art and Poetry", and a short play; Friday, September 15th: Debate v. St. Peter's College, and another play.

Anyone anxious to submit a paper is asked to approach the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. G. Kerr.

Cave Men.

The Boxing and Wrestling Club held its first annual tournament in the Refectory on 27th, and spectators witnessed a thrilling display. Play began with a wrestling match between Grosvenor and Boundy; after pulling and twisting and pushing each other's bodies through all the contortions which the human frame can stand, and several which it can't, Grosvenor eventually secured a fall which won him the match. Next, Barker met Eckersley, and the contestants began the bout in great spirit, throwing each other across the ring several times as a preliminary to more serious work. Barker won.

The best wrestling of the evening was seen in the contest between Howell and Prior. After an evenly fought match, Howell won by 1 fall to 0.

A mediaeval note was introduced by a jiu jitsu display, in which a convincing demonstration was given of how a woman could disable a man who wanted to kiss her in the dark. We would like to hear of some practical application of jiu jitsu before passing judgment on it.

Mr. Sibthorpe's introduction of Nichterlein as the running boxer was borne out in his match against Brooks. Brooks, who was in fine form, gave a great display, and left his opponent ruefully wondering why on earth he ever gave up running. A touch of colour was added to the evening's entertainment by the bout between Davey and Sheppard. The match was fought with great gusto, Davey being covered with blood at the finish. Further analysis showed that it was the blood of his opponent, who nevertheless put up a very game fight against the more experienced Davey.

Hardy and Norgard began at a great pace, with the result that both were very tired in the last round, and warily crept around each other, neither eager to attack. There were, however, several fierce onslaughts, one of which produced a pretty sprig of blood from Hardy's nose. Hardy, however, had the satisfaction of winning.

Wyatt, in beating the much heavier Ryan, showed that he is in better form than ever, and he ought to do well in the coming State championships.

At the conclusion of the tournaments, the Cup presented by the President of the Club, Mr. C. L. Abbott for the fairest and best boxer, was handed to Davey on the decision of Mr. Noonan, who obligingly came down to referee.

The Editors of the Magazine desire all sorts of contributions from all sorts of people. Poems, short stories, book reviews, articles, wood cuts, line drawings, and upper cuts will gladly be received—although the Editors reserve the right of deciding what they will accept. All contributions should be in by the first week in the third term, and it is desirable that at least a small part of each contribution should be original. Address them to "The Editor," Box E.

The Varsity Magazine.

Official Gleanings.

The Council at its meeting on Friday last awarded Dr. J. G. Wood, Lecturer in Botany, the degree of Doctor of Science for his published and unpublished original scientific work.

The Royal Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 have awarded Mr. R. C. L. Bosworth a scholarship tenable for two years at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Bosworth will be married before he leaves for England.

The next Conservatorium concert will be given by advanced students on Monday, 14th August.

On Wednesday, 30th August, the Conservatorium Dramatic Class will give a performance of two short plays, supported by musical items.

Mr. John Horner's series of lunch-hour organ recitals for this year will end on the 31st August.

Coming Events.

August.
Friday, 4th: Refectory. Commerce Student's Ball.
Saturday, 5th: Med. Dinner.
Monday, 7th: Lady Symon. St. Mark's College plays.
Tuesday, 8th: Refectory. Science Association Meeting and Supper. Law Dinner.
Wednesday, 9th: Graduates' Union Bridge and Dance.
Thursday, 10th: Pharmacy Dinner. Dental Dinner.
Friday, 11th: St. Mark's College Dance. A.S.C.M. His Hon. Mr. Justice Richards will speak on "Force and the State."
Saturday, 12th: End of Term.
Friday, 25th: Refectory. Women's Basketball Club, Inter-Varsity Dance. September.
Friday, 1st: Literary, Debating, and Dramatic Society. Lady Symon.
Weed-end, 1st-3rd: A.S.C.M. Conference. Mt. Lofty.
Saturday, 2nd: Dance Club. Refectory.

A. S. C. M.

On Friday, July 21, the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Mitchell) spoke to the S.C.M. on "Job and its Argument." He carefully analyzed the various speeches. His conclusion was that when Job said, "Now mine eye seeth Thee," he was referring to the impressive pageantry of nature in its inorganic and organic forms, which is so eloquent of mind. And if nature be so sublime, how sublime must be the mind of which it is the expression.

Last Friday the Rev. A. Depledge Sykes spoke on the "Relevancy of Christianity," and pointed out the power of a thorough-going Christianity to solve the problems of the world to-day.

The second week-end conference will be held at Mount Lofty from September 1 to 3. The conference topic will be "Christian Faith."

On the Lawn and Over the Fence.

We are prepared to concede to Jacky and Teddy their daily bone on the lawn, but we do deplore the tendency of many students to treat with these amiable animals on their own level. Let good fellowship and St. Francis be our watchword by all means, but let us show ourselves conscious of a slight superiority. Therefore, do not strew the evidence of your repast on the grass, be it cutlery, crockery, tray, orange peel, or chocolate wrapper, and in addition to the improvement in the appearance of the Refectory, who knows what reformations example may not work in the benighted canines? Jacky, we fear, is hardened in sin, but Teddy is yet young. So never let it be said that he was corrupted by the bad example of his betters.

Intercollegiate.

The annual debate between St. Andrew's and St. Mark's Colleges took place on Monday, July 16. The subject before the House was "That we have more to fear than hope from the further spread of Education," the St. Andrew's team taking the opposition.

Mr. Finnis, from the Pennington Terrace

establishment, led off the attack for St. Mark's, and used some very long words during his twelve minutes. Mr. Williams then outlined the plan for the Scots and mentioned a few of the interpretations he could put on the word "we." Messrs. Magarey and McBain finished off the preliminaries for St. Mark's, whilst Messrs. Laffer and Wilson rounded off the work of their leader.

Mr. Williams then retold the argument for the opposition in a few minutes and Mr. Finnis for the House in a few well rounded sentences.

The adjudicator (Mr. Garland) awarded the honours to St. Andrew's.

The hockey match played on the following Wednesday was remarkable for the lack of casualties in spite of the vigour displayed by the Scottish defenders. The final bell went with the score at 5 goals all.

Faculty Notes.

ENGINEERS.

Thirty-one members of the Society recently visited the Osborne power house, and we are indebted to the authorities for a very enjoyable and instructive afternoon. It is gratifying to those who arrange the trips, that such a large number of cars are forthcoming when called for, and that those who ride in them assist in defraying running costs.

The Annual Dinner, held at the Southern Cross Hotel on July 22nd, was a great success in many ways. When the 67 people present sat down, there was not a place vacant in the whole room. The quality of the food was such that even the most fastidious soon waxed merry, and the speeches bristled with humour and original ideas, some of them quite foreign, but none the less plain for all that. A feature of the evening was the success of an examination paper designed to test the general knowledge of our Prof. and Lecturers. We are glad to be able to report several bright replies, though some of them fell in their efforts. (Mr. Clark, luckily, was not among these!)

Well, the business was still going strong at 11 p.m., by which time not even the notoriously thirsty had had time to voice a complaint; so with a last song (of which there were several) we departed—some homewards, and some to the Science Dance. This also seemed very bright, though I believe I remember the representative of the Arts Society (at our Dinner a short while before) bewailing the extortion, as entrance money, of "A shilling, a shilling, a sixpence, a threepence, a penny, and a cigarette-lighter."

In the Boxing and Wrestling Tournament, held in the Refectory on Thursday, July 27th, the representatives of our Society did well to score three wins out of four entries.

The annual football match with the Meds. will have taken place by now, and we trust that all of those who saw it were duly rewarded, though the absence of members of the A team may have robbed it of some interest.

LAW.

The Law Students' Society met in the Law Lecture Room on July 25, 1933. Owing to unfortunate, unforeseen, and entirely unwarranted absence of the more frivolous members, the earlier portion of the meeting was distressingly dull. Mr. Bright occupied the chair until Mr. L. A. Whittington

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arrived. The question for the evening was an intricate one, dealing with a nasty phase of Real Property Law. A, B, and C were the parties concerned; A was represented by Messrs. K. Elliot and Dawe; the latter declared he had just emerged from a concealed trap, but it was apparent that he had fallen foul of something else; B's claims were boldly advanced by Mr. Moodie, with his famous *doubles entendres* and Mr. M. Davoren. All the speeches were impressive, particularly Mr. Dawe's rather maudlin jests. The latter (the jest, not Mr. Dawe) obviously appealed to the adjudicator, whose erudite judgment was entirely in favour of A. The eloquence of the leaders was sustained in the brilliant and altogether original vote of thanks passed in favour of the learned Rhadamantus.

SCIENCE.

On Tuesday, July 25th, the Science Association held a meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Physics Building. Professor Kerr Grant delivered an address on the subject of "Cosmic Rays." The lecturer began by indicating the extent to which cosmic rays occupied the attention of modern scientists, as reflected in the immense amount of literature bearing on the subject. The suggested theories as to the nature of cosmic rays, and the various explanations of their origin, as given by contemporary physicists, were critically examined by the lecturer. A demonstration of the Geiger Electron Counting Tube, and a series of slides illustrating the subject were given. The Professor's fund of anecdote and reminiscences served to increase further the interest of the address. Mr. Price proposed a vote of thanks, to which the lecturer responded. The meeting adjourned to the Refectory for supper at about 9.30 p.m.

Ex Cathedra.

There will be three issues of "On Dit" next term. Inter-Varsity reports are invited for the first of these, and correspondence for the other two.

Sport and Sports. THE SCORE BOARD.

In recasting the form of the sports notes, the Editors have tried, without depriving of any essential the many who enjoy them, to meet the criticisms of those who do not. Club secretaries, in submitting notes, are asked to bear in mind the new form and to state clearly (a) the scores of "A" teams, with those of any minor teams worthy of note; (b) the position in the premiership table of the "A" team and of any outstanding minor team; and (c) notes on individual players who can claim anything to their credit (either way). An attempt will be made to find space for a full account of any important match if sufficiently well written to command general interest.

Football.	Varsity.	Oppnts.
d. St. Augustines	25.19	9.9
l. Alberton Church United	13.11	14.21
d. Semaphore Central	17.13	12.10

Hockey.		
d. Grange	7	3
d. Parkside Rovers	6	3
d. Centaurs	4	0

Baseball.		
d. Prospect	4	1
l. Adelaide	5	8
l. Goodwood	1	15

Lacrosse.		
l. Sturt	4	9
d. Goodwood	17	15
d. North Adelaide	12	8

Rugby.		
Interstate Trial Match.		
Interstate Match against Victoria.		
d. Adelaide	17	8

Premiership Table.	July—	15th.	22nd.	29th.
Hockey	1	1	1	1
Football	2	2	2	2
Baseball	3	4	5	5
Lacrosse	?	?	?	?
Rugby	?	?	?	?

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GOLF CLUB.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the inter-Varsity match against Melbourne on Tuesday, 22nd, and Wednesday, 23rd August, on the links of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club at Seaton. Teams are six a side, and matches will be single and four-balls, each over 36 holes, match play. On Thursday, 24th August, the Australian Universities' Golf Championship will be played at Kooyonga, over 36 holes, stroke play.

The Golf Club Committee are arranging a day during the vacation, probably Thursday, 24th August, on which two competitions, 18 holes stroke, and 18 holes bogey, will be played. Entry fees, 1s. each, and competitors to pay green fees. Provided enough entries are received by Mr. J. C. Cuming, pewter mugs will be given as trophies. Any further information about the inter-Varsity may be had from Messrs. Cuming and Cudmore.

On 23rd July a team arranged by Dr. A. H. Lendon entertained six men from the University at Royal Adelaide, and a very close match resulted.

Scores were: Dr. Lendon's team, 5 matches; University, 4 matches.

BASKETBALL.

Our inter-Varsity is to be held in the second week of vac., and there is nothing therefore to prevent the members of all the other inter-Varsity teams patronizing our dance, the Crown of the Dancing Season. The fair beauties from no less than five States will be present. Just think of it, men!

To pass on to more serious matters. We expect to put up a very good fight for the inter-Varsity honours this year. The team as a whole is working splendidly together, and the recent results of the "B" show that we will have some fine reserves to draw upon if necessary.

- Results:
- A defeated by Otiose, 23-28 goals.
 - A defeated Training College, 26-25 goals.
 - B defeated by Magpies, 25-27 goals.
 - B defeated Training College, 25-23 goals.
 - C drew with Training College, 23 goals all.

The "A" team had also another very important match, against a strong team which prefers to remain incognito, which they won by nine goals.

SUNDAY JOTTINGS. (By the Editor.)

In the match against Parkside, on the 22nd, J. L. Allen scored all six goals, hitting five in ten minutes at one period of the game. The hockey team is the only unbeaten Varsity team in any "A" grade.

A number of Varsity men were included in the Interstate Rugby team. As this is only the club's second season the fact is all the more commendable. The stalwarts were O'Connor (vice-capt.), Lyons, Davey, Porter, Richardson, Haydn, Allen, Law-Smith, and Hardie.

The half-back line, White, Burnard, and McFarlane, played excellent football against Semaphore Central in last Saturday's match.

Kumnick was responsible for 9 of Varsity's 17 goals in the lacrosse match against Goodwood on the 22nd.

Last Saturday all four hockey teams won their matches. The "C" team succeeded in defeating Port Adelaide 48-1, Russell throwing 15 goals and Wight 12.

On the previous Saturday all four lacrosse teams won, the "B's" piling up 33 goals to Goodwood's 1, and the "C's" winning comfortably 19-1 from West Torrens. On the 15th the three minor teams again won, the "C's" and "D's" defeating the top teams in their respective grades.

Steele, Leitch, Colebatch, and Badenock have been distinguishing themselves in recent matches between the Blacks and Whites.

J. S. Muecke is the only Varsity man in the final XII picked for the Interstate hockey against Victoria on August 5.

The hockey club will be represented in the Interstate at Brisbane by the Allen brothers. Both have been playing consistently well in local games.

Helen Fletcher, Ruth Hone, and Katherine Wood are representing the women's hockey club in the Interstate matches at Adelaide this week.

INTER-VARSITY FIXTURES.

- Adelaide:
Baseball, in first week of the vacation.
Golf, in second week.
Basketball, in second week.
- Melbourne:
Lacrosse, in first week.
Football, in first week.
Boxing, in second week.
- Sydney:
Rugby, in first week.
- Hobart:
Debating, in second week.
- Brisbane:
Women's hockey, in first week.
- Lacrosse Jubilee Week.**
(1883-1933.)
Programme.

Friday: At 3 p.m., Veterans' match, Neutral Ground. At 8 p.m., Bridge Evening, Wentworth Café.
Saturday: At 3 p.m., Victoria v. S.A.
All lacrosse players and followers should support these events if possible.

Women Defend Their Reputations. Win Both Debates Against Men's Union.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 26, the Men's and Women's Unions commingled in the Lady Symon Hall to hear their champions debate. Mr. Sergeant occupied as much of the chair as he required.

The first debate, "That men would be more incompetent at housework than women are at business," was ably contested by Misses Mitchell, Hawker, and N. Newland, who spoke for the negative (work it out yourself), and Messrs. Nichterlein, Janzow, and Irwin, who argued pro. The wording of the debate forced both sides to adopt the same tactics of debasing themselves to the dust and hurling compliments by the handful at the opposition. For this, possibly, unique feature, we thank those who selected the subject to be debated.

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THINK LAWRENCE'S

Mr. Nichterlein's witty confession of domestic incapacity was too transparently honest to be doubted, although Miss Mitchell, with keen penetration, detected in him possibilities of improvement. Mr. Janzow's remarks were clearly legible. Miss Hawker rang the changes on the theme of man's infinite capacity to perform all a woman's duties with training, and Mr. Irwin let his poetic fancy play on the barren scenes of history, raising them to the "all-talkie-super-super movie" class. Miss Newland coursed, with shocking familiarity, through big hotels, floating palaces, homes of the very rich, and other haunts of vice. The replies on both sides were bright and eloquent.

The second debate, "That it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," offered the affirmative side, Misses Pat Richardson and Shirley Cuming, every chance to draw on, apparently, wide experience. Miss Richardson flung off a racy string of wisecracks in a sentimental voice and made points subconsciously on a congenial theme.

Mr. Clark, for the negative, made a speech of parts, now one part and now another, and was obviously arguing against his convictions. Miss Cuming made a moving appeal, full of restrained pathos and womanly dignity and, as might be expected, said, in consequence, very little. Mr. Hall would seem to be more at home in biological channels than in the murky fields of psychology, and changing the basis of his speech from one to the other did not help its presentation.

Professor Campbell adjudicated. He awarded the first debate to the women because he felt capable of judging an issue that centred round incompetence. He also gave the second debate to the women, which centred round love. Now, if he is capable of judging on love, he can't be as incompetent as he would have us believe and therefore, your honour, we submit that this is no creditable witness and that he be bound over to testify accurately in future under penalty of being asked to adjudicate again, and on the personal bond of his housekeeper.