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CHEAPER BOOKS

New Book-buying Scheme

By F. A. DIBDEN, N.U.A.U.S. Representative

Every University student knows the necessity of having text books for which ever course he is doing. These are not only necessary, but essential for him to make a success of his studies.

Strange as it seems the student is not the only one who realizes that he cannot do without books. The book-sellers, that noble band of philanthropists, by dint of great study and extensive investigation, have come to the same conclusion, and, being by nature of a generous and kindly disposition, have in past years allowed students to buy books at the ridiculously low figure of cost price, plus x per cent. profit, where x equals anything up to infinity. The students suffered under this great burden of kindness for many years, but at last their manliness came to the fore and they were forced to seek some way of relieving the booksellers of their onerous obligations.

Having now come to the limit of my abilities as a writer of parables, I will come to earth and proceed to business. But because my style has changed, please do not stop reading, dear student, as this is a matter of importance to you and your fellows.

The question of book-buying was discussed at the last Annual Conference of the N.U.A.U.S., and the following comprehensive resolution was carried:—

"That this Conference agrees:

(1) That any system of book-buying by the National Union is impracticable.

(2) That steps should be taken by each constituent body representing students of a University in which there is not already in operation a system for the sale of text books by an organisation controlled or approved either by the University or by a student organisation to introduce such a system in its University.

(3) That such University-controlled organisation should, if necessary, seek entry to any Australian book-selling association.

(4) That steps should be taken to have such organisations trade in second-hand books as well as in new books on terms most advantageous to students.

(5) That the general policy of such organisations should be along the lines of the regulations laid down by a sub-committee hereafter appointed with power to co-opt persons who are not members of the Union.

(6) That the regulations of such a sub-committee should be ratified by such constituent organisations.

(7) That each organisation undertakes to conduct a thorough campaign to persuade students to buy their text-books from such organisation, but also undertakes to use due discretion with regard to publicity."

Let us now consider those clauses of this resolution which are applicable to the conditions at present existing in Adelaide.

Clause (2).—Adelaide has an organisation approved by the University, viz., the W.E.A. Bookroom.

Clause (4).—The W.E.A. Bookroom will sell your old books for you if possible, charging as commission a small percentage of the price obtained. No sale, no charge.

Clause (7).—This is the primary cause for this article.

Students for some years past have been buying their books from the W.E.A. Bookroom at cheaper prices than obtainable elsewhere. This year the Book-buying Sub-committee of the Union made an agreement with the W.E.A. Bookroom to test out a scheme whereby students pre-ordering books can obtain them at considerably reduced rates. The exact prices cannot be given here owing to the proviso in Clause (7) regarding publicity, but students will find them lower than prices obtaining elsewhere.

Under this scheme students must order their books before the third term ends to enable Mr. McRitchie to order them and have them here by the first day of the first term. Examination results are out before the term ends, so students will know what they are going to do next year. The professors and lecturers have agreed to co-operate by selecting their text-books for the following year early, so that each student will know what books he requires in plenty of time to order them.

The advantages of this scheme are that students will get their books cheaper and will be sure of having them right at the beginning of the first term.

All orders must be written out and signed, with addresses, and a deposit paid. The amount charged for deposit is given in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue. These precautions are necessary to protect both students and the W.E.A. Bookroom and to ensure the smooth running of the scheme.

One factor which may cause difficulty is uncertainty regarding second-hand books. Co-operate with the Union by letting the W.E.A. Bookroom sell your books. The W.E.A. Bookroom only makes a small charge to cover the extra work entailed and it saves you a lot of bother. If you let it have your second-hand books before the third term ends you stand a much better chance of selling them, and you also assist those students who are making up their orders for the next year.

Pre-ordering is necessary for you to get the cheaper price. Owing to frequent revision of text-books and the publication of new editions, the bookroom cannot afford to keep large stocks of books on hand, and must, therefore, charge more to cover losses sustained. So remember, if you do not pre-order you will have to pay more, or you may even be unable to procure the book required, and have to wait for it to be sent from abroad.

Co-operation of all students will ensure the smooth running and success of this scheme. If the response is half-hearted, it will cause a lot of confusion, both for students and for the W.E.A. Bookroom. Read the advertisement of the W.E.A. Bookroom in this issue, and go to see Mr. McRitchie, who will explain any points not made clear in this article.

Remember, complete co-operation means success for this scheme and a considerable saving for you.

(As this article was written before war broke out some of the statements in it may not hold good for next year. However, the W.E.A. Bookroom is doing its utmost to keep to its original plan.)

VACATION TRAVEL

Plans Modified Slightly

Melbourne, September 6.

War or peace there will still be some students doing University Annual Examinations in November — and there will still be students looking for a well-earned rest after the exams are over.

With this in mind the N.U.A.U.S. will continue its vacation tour programme for Australian university students in the coming summer vacation. The Travel Department feels it is a justifiable service to students to offer them the chance of a short, cheap, but effective holiday in the midst of tension.

It has been thought advisable to cancel all arrangements for the New Zealand tour.

Two tours are available to students. An eight-day tour of Gippsland by luxury coach at a cost of £7/17/6 will be available for a party of fifty students of both sexes. A Tasmanian mountain hike will be arranged for ten men for twelve days at a cost of £11/11/-.

Highlights of the tour are picked out below. Details as to arrangements and timetables can be had on application to the N.U.A.U.S., Melbourne University, Carlton, N3, or to the Travel Secretary, Frank W. Coaldrake, or to the Secretary of the Student representative body in this University.

Applications should be lodged before the end of November.

The Top of Tasmania.

The student party will be limited to ten men under the guidance of two Tasmanian students, who know the reserve, even in a snow-storm. The party will hike through the reserve between Cradle Mountain and Lake St. Clair, camping in huts and carrying supplies on a packhorse. Some days will be spent at centres in the reserve, where the camper may climb a different mountain every day for a fortnight. There will be a day for sightseeing in Hobart.

Workshop of Victoria.

Yallourn, a model town, nestling in the heart of the bushland, is of absorbing interest.

The Latrobe Valley, in which Yallourn is situated, contains a well-nigh inexhaustible supply of brown coal. It has been estimated at 27,000,000 tons. In the thirty square miles that embrace Yallourn itself there are approximately 6,000,000 tons.

In the great Yallourn open cut about 250 acres of coal are uncovered. Two dredges are at work with endless ladders of buckets reaching down 90 feet, scooping up the coal and delivering it to a constant succession of waiting trucks drawn by electric locomotives.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND MILITARY SERVICE.

The following proposals in regard to the University examinations of students called up for military service will be considered by the Council at its meeting on Friday. It is not proposed to make any alteration in the time of holding examinations for those who are not called up. For those who are special arrangements would be made for their examination before going into camp. All students called up for military service are, therefore, requested to report at once to their professors and lecturers. These steps are being taken because of the increased military demands which were originally confined to a sixteen-days' camp.

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On book orders worth over 10/- and up to 30/-: Deposit third value of the order. On book orders worth over 30/-: Deposit quarter value of the order.

By pre-ordering books students will not only effect a saving but will also be reasonably sure of getting their books in time.

All orders must be written out and duly signed and address given.

Secondhand Books sold on a ten per cent. commission basis.

FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO
LEARN ITALIAN.

Dr. K. K. Barris has just published his "First Course in Italian" (Preece). The book is a clear and comprehensive exposition of the subject, admirably suited for those who wish to acquire a knowledge of the language in their spare time.

Dr. Barris is lecturer in Italian in the W.E.A., and is in the happy position of being thoroughly conversant with idiomatic English, although he has studied mainly in Italy. He has spent two years on the editorial staff of the W.E.A. Weekly.

The book is published at five shillings and may be obtained either from the W.E.A. Bookroom or from Preece's.

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THE CANDIDATES

The following are the candidates for the coming elections:

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J. G. M. Gent
J. L. Gough
T. A. Hutton
E. F. Johnston
D. B. Kerr
J. M. McPhie
B. M. Magarey
G. M. Neuenkirchen
R. W. Richardson
E. G. Robinson
R. T. Steele
R. G. Willoughby

G. J. AITCHISON

I should like to make the following comments:—

(1). Provided a suitable student is available, I am in favour of a student president of the Union. The three student presidents that the Union has had, have made quite apparent the advantages of putting a student in charge of Union affairs. At the same time, I would not be in favour of the appointment of an unsuitable student merely in order to continue the policy of student government.

(2). The question of merging the Men's and Women's Union libraries appeals to me strongly. Both are nearly empty (at least the M.U. library is). The state of segregation existing in this University prevents me from having any direct knowledge of the W.U., but if combined neither set of shelves would look quite as bare as at present. Further, this would remove the need for duplicating periodicals. In fact, why shouldn't the top floor of both buildings be open to both sexes? Other Universities find no need of separation in this form. Are Adelaide students less trustworthy than those elsewhere?

(3). Regarding "On Dit" I have no criticism to offer at the moment. That does not mean that I consider "On Dit" perfect—definitely not—but my criticisms are not sufficiently radical to warrant being expressed here. In other words, I agree with the general policy of the paper.

"Phoenix," however, seems to me to be a waste of money. Its main purpose seems to be to give about six students an opportunity of exhibiting their literary prowess (if any). In fact, the person who remarked: "There's only one thing wrong with 'Phoenix,' it's too thick for shaving paper," wasn't very far wrong.

(4). Let Mrs. Goodall deal with them.

(5) (a). I think that the Union should make an effort to secure an ex-officio seat on the Council for the President of the Union, or for a student representative if the President should be a member of the staff. Student representation on the Council seems an excellent idea from both sides, both in bringing the Council into contact with Union opinion, and vice versa.

(b). Has the Union, which seems quite wealthy, ever considered giving financial aid to the Sports Association, which seems completely broke? The idea may not appeal to enforced members of the Union who are not voluntary members of the Sports Association, but a little finance might well be the means of making the latter a little more attractive to students generally.

(c). The Refectory lawn needs some fertiliser.

R. A. BLACKBURN

My comments on your questionnaire: (a) Yes, certainly. But better a good President than a not-so-good, even if the latter is a student. The first consideration should be "who is the best man available?" (b) At present the upstairs rooms of the George Murray and Lady Symon Buildings are reserved for their own sexes. This seems to me an arrangement worth preserving on grounds of elementary biology, psychology, etc. Therefore, unless the libraries can be housed elsewhere, the present library arrangements will have to do.

(c) I don't think this ought to be too much, but in fact I think it is, be-

cause we don't get our money's worth for what we spend on "On Dit". Several times members of the staff have told me that they had difficulty in getting enough material to fill the space. I think the Union Committee's recommendation that next year less money should be spent on "On Dit" a good one. It will reduce the size of the paper and compel the staff to pick and choose instead of printing everything they can lay their hands on.

While on the subject of "On Dit," may I say that I consider the special "On Dit" notepaper, which first came to my notice when I discovered one of the staff using it for his private correspondence, a scandalous extravagance? As for "Phoenix" I think it is equal to anything of its kind in Australia and considerably better than most of the University magazines that come from elsewhere. Those who condemn it on the ground that it is the product of only one faculty are trumpeting abroad their own infirmities.

(d) Put them on a week's exclusive diet of Refectory coffee.

(e) I sometimes wonder whether the compulsory Union membership can be justified on any ground of principle. Why should people be compelled to pay if they are not interested? A good deal of harm may be done to the Union in this way, particularly if, as I fear sometimes happens, such people help to choose Union Committee candidates, and even vote for them—for reasons which one hopes are clear to themselves at least. To those who are not interested the twenty-five shillings is an extortion. However, this is a difficult question, and I haven't made up my mind about it.

With which medley of candour and equivocation, Mr. Editor, you are asked to be satisfied.

H. E. COCK

My answers to your questionnaire are as follows:—

1. Student president is an excellent move, and has shown that the students are capable of self-government, and has abolished the master to student atmosphere that existed previously.

Also, the President, being a student, must still regard himself as one when called to discuss student matters.

2. Good idea, should be satisfactory because the literary tastes of the opposite sexes from one extreme to the other should be comprehensive enough to satisfy anybody.

Would also suggest that magazines and periodicals be purchased in preference to a sack of books, because students only use the library between lectures and at intermittent periods, hence short articles would be more to their liking.

3. "On Dit" is honest of purpose, but I still can't wade through most of its leaders. I think that the political and I.R.C. group get too much space.

"Phoenix" is beyond me, and I think the money spent on this publication would be better diverted to channels of mutual interest. About five per cent. of the University appreciate this work.

4. Insert notices in "On Dit" pointing out that all breakages and replacements obviously increase the cost of running the Refectory and don't help to keep the price of food down.

Threats of fines are no good.

5. That the Union Committee member at all times that its duty is in dealing with interests and affairs of students mainly, hence any of the restraining tendencies which seem to follow graduate members should be carefully weeded out.

F. A. DIBDEN

My proposed policy on the points you raise is as follows:—

1. Student President of the Union. The University is, or should be, a place where the student is master of his own affairs, and where student activities are organised by the students themselves, for who knows better than the students themselves what conditions are most conducive for their work and their relaxation. The Union Committee, composed to a large extent of students, is concerned primarily with students' affairs, and it is only fitting that a student should be president of this committee. Surely from the number of students at the University we can find one a year who is interested in Union affairs, and who is capable of being president.

Now we have a student president I say keep the principle going, and I

Choose Your Men

UNION ELECTIONS THIS WEEK

At the recent general meeting of the Union it was decided that Freshers have the right to vote at annual elections.

We have decided not to give our usual facetious questionnaire for the coming elections, but to try to get some information as to the views of candidates on Union problems. The Union is so large that many of us will be voting for people whom we do not know personally. The next best thing is to know something of their cerebral contents. In these columns candidates have been given an opportunity to give something corresponding to an election speech. Several topics were suggested to candidates, and they were asked to discuss any other matters connected with Union policy that seemed to them to warrant ventilation.

For the benefit of the handful of members who do not attend general meetings of the Union we might explain that under the new system of elections twelve members are elected to the Men's Union Committee and these chose eight of their number as Union Committeemen. The new Committees go into office at the end of the year.

Below we print the letter that was sent to candidates.

Dear Sir,—An election issue of "On Dit" is being published this week. Instead of giving the usual questionnaire we are asking candidates to state briefly (one or two quarto pages) their proposed policy in the administration of Union affairs.

The following are some subjects suggested for comment:—

1. Student President for the Union.
2. It has been suggested that the Men's and Women's Union Libraries

should be merged into one. What do you think of this suggestion?

3. Publications this year have cost the Union about £120. Do you consider this a satisfactory state of affairs? What do you think of (a) "On Dit," (b) "Phoenix"?

4. How would you deal with students who persist in leaving Union crockery outside the Refectory?

5. Any other suggestions on Union policy.

J. L. GOUGH

The year 1940 may be first of several lean kine for the University. Membership of the Union and funds will probably decline and set us thinking more seriously of our house-keeping.

The work I have done for the Union and the experience gained, has been chiefly with the publications. It is here that economy will first be shown, it is most likely. For one thing, both "Phoenix" and "On Dit" will find less support from advertisers. The present editor of "On Dit" is investigating the possibilities of cheaper production and will supply the basis for reorganisation next year.

In relation to "On Dit" a tentative suggestion which might better have been put forward in more prosperous times. That the Editor should be a graduate who can keep well in touch with University affairs. An analogy may be found in the organising secretary of the N.U.A.U.S. He might regard the job as business and get some reward for it. The paper could be run more efficiently and even at less cost. A man with exams cannot spare sufficient time. As to "Phoenix," it may be inadvisable to publish it next year, for we shall probably find less support from outside.

Debating is to be encouraged, but it might wear a little less thin next year. Open forum on Union matters should be continued. It may be possible to dissuade people from practising public-speaking on such occasions and keep them to the matter before the house.

Our art and musical treasures are securely enough guarded by the Library and the Conservatorium. Talks upon them might increase their usefulness and a system of borrowing in both collections be introduced.

As may be seen, I am not a revolutionary. For one thing the time is not ripe for violent enterprise. But the addition of some efficiency and enthusiasm might lubricate the system of committees and sub-committees within the Union.

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E. F. JOHNSTON

1. I strongly support this. The Union is predominantly one of students and should be led by a student.

2. I support this proposal. The duplication means more expense, inferior libraries and a servile acceptance of a stupid convention. I think that the Lady Symon Library should be retained and the men's library turned into a common room for men and women.

3. I do not think the figure is too high. I think it could be reduced, however, by more advertisements in "On Dit". (It might be profitable to engage a city advertising agent) and by altering the rule of not selling advertising space in the Handbook. I think "On Dit" is an essential part of the Union. I favour the cutting down of reports, more articles, an editorial and the abolition of the present divided editorial responsibility (along with life histories). I strongly oppose the abolition of "Phoenix". Its real value of promoting creative artistic activity and lucid statement of the theory (literary and scientific) is not affected by the goodness or badness of any issue. I look forward to its including more diverse work, but I think that its present nature is dictated by the contributions received.

4. If this sin actually does cause inconvenience to the staff, then I think that a letter from the secretary to the individuals concerned, pointing out the inconsiderate nature of the act would be sufficient.

Other Suggestions: A drive for student representation in the University Council, the first step to be automatic representation on sub-committees of the Council, considering matters which affect students, e.g., library. Strong support for the National Union. Possibility of Union making grants to affiliated bodies, i.e., faculty societies, P. and I.R.C., S.C.M., etc. Abolition of dictated lectures. Alterations to the Lady Symon stage. Enlargement of the platform in the George Murray Hall, which is hopeless for debating at present. A real effort to use the Carnegie Arts collection by regular rehangings throughout the buildings every two or three months. Lectures (specially by students) and a committee more efficient though possibly less distinguished. Thorough investigation into the possibility of bringing the Carnegie Gramophone down to the Union with a suggestion that the graduates' room would be better used for this purpose than at present. Abolition of inter-faculty debates as New Day "entertainment," and the substitution of addresses, discussions, etc., of more general interest. Abolition of faculty endorsed candidates for elections, and also of the separate voting for men and women. More night debates. Rigid opposition to any attempt to interfere with freedom of speech in view of the war.

D. B. KERR

1. Eminently desirable, I think—when there is a good student offering for the job. I do not think, however, that anything would be lost by returning in a lean year to one of the well-known official figures.

2. As far as the books are concerned I think it an excellent idea, but, in other respects, risky. Nobody is more in favour than myself of co-habitation, but not in libraries.

3. A damnable state of affairs! I may be wrong, but I fancy that £120 is not the sum spent this year on "publications," but the sum spent on "On Dit" alone. I shouldn't object to this if the innumerable members of the staff displayed a slightly more highly developed sense of responsibility, and humour; and if the members of the Union generally were rather more enthusiastic about the paper.

It is true, as I have implied, that the soggy of "On Dit" cannot be blamed on the staff entirely, but I do suggest that the staff is too large, in places too inexperienced, and altogether abominably organised.

As the editor this year of "Phoenix," I may say that I regard it as one of the few brightly shining lights in this University, and, as an unbiased member of the Union, I say I should be very sorry indeed to see the light blown out, but if it shows the slightest tendency to fall off from the standard to be set this year, I shall be standing by ready to lend my wind.

4. Let them wait and see. There will be a hellish storm in a tea-cup soon.

5. I suggest, for obvious reasons, that it should be the consistent and aggressive policy of the Union as soon as possible to get more substantial representation on the University Council.

J. M. McPHIE

Regarding a "proposed policy" in Union administration, I lack anything so lofty. However, here are my views on some of the more outstanding Union questions.

1. Though a Med., I am not a disciple of the elusive "isolationist policy" which Meds. are popularly (and, incidentally, erroneously) imagined to pursue.

2. Collaboration between Union and Sports Association to assist latter.

3. Union publications. (a) "On Dit." Sound, though favour more levity and brevity. Some tangible return for Union subs. (b) "Phoenix." In present form not sufficiently representative and too highbrow. If to exist (and we should have a 'Varsity magazine) include official article from each faculty. Probably be no more readers, but would be less ill-feeling against "Phoenix" as a hobby for a few students, begrudgingly financed by all.

4. Favour student President for Union if keen and capable person available. However, rather than have one who has really insufficient time suggest a recent graduate. Definitely oppose any senior officer of 'Varsity as authorities already too sure that we can't look after ourselves.

R. T. STEELE

The deplorably low standard of sport at the University at the present time requires careful study.

Why is it that so many men and women do not take any interest, or at the most a very little interest, in the 'Varsity's sporting activities? Why are they content to see our teams so low on the premiership tables and very rarely winning an inter-Varsity competition? To my mind it is because the sports association subscription of 35/- is far too high, many people can't afford it. In order to get over this difficulty three ways are open to us:—

1. A large grant from some wealthy person.

2. The whole University joining the Sports Association at a reduced fee of 20/- (as in other 'Varsities).

3. A reduction in the Sports Association subscription, coupled with an affiliation with the Union subscription either in whole or in part.

As it is now, every member of the University, with a few exceptions, pays a compulsory 25/- to belong to the Union and they pay without a murmur. The result is that at the end of the financial year the Union shows a large profit because their expenses are so easily covered by the money coming in. This money is accumulating and is being put aside for a rainy day, which may not come for some time.

Meanwhile the Sports Association is getting less and less money each year. The grants are cut correspondingly, and the clubs are run at a loss, which has to be made up by the members of the teams themselves. Thus the football club had to pay an additional 10/- levy. The rifle club pays sixpence each shoot for its ammunition.

In addition to all this individual members of teams have to pay their passage money to other States in order to represent the University of Adelaide at sport. It is not so in other States, why should it be so here?

The University Union can afford to send a debating team to Brisbane, yet

individual members of the football team even had to pay for the dinner given in honour of the visiting teams. The result of giving the Sports Association some of the excess money from the Union would mean:—

(1). Clubs would be run efficiently.

(2). The sports subscription could be lowered, resulting in (a) more members, and (b) therefore greater keenness and Adelaide University teams would again rise to the top of the premiership tables and would be worthy representatives of the Adelaide University in inter-University contests.

R. G. WILLOUGHBY

The keynote of Union administration should be SERVICE for its student members.

The N.U.A.U.S., because of a wider scope for service to students, deserves active support. Essentially as student movement, some of its constituent bodies, like our own Union, are not composed solely of students. But the Union Committee as at present constituted, provides for fourteen student members out of twenty-five, and this majority, could if it were active enough, control Union policy, just as an S.R.C. I do not mean that student interests should be regarded as being of paramount importance, nor that secession from the Graduates' Union would be a good thing, but a few bouts between the student and staff representatives on the Union Committee would stimulate interest in Union affairs, to say the least.

The Chairman Speaks.

I wish to appeal to all members of the Men's Union to help the Committee in maintaining their buildings in a manner worthy of Sir George Murray's gift.

The Committee realises how easy it is to use the building and its furnishings carelessly, but it is absolutely impossible for us to make the place more homely and comfortable unless you appreciate the responsibility of maintenance as being yours, and act accordingly.

A. P. CHERRY,
Hon. Chairman Men's Union Committee.

However, in many minor ways the Union could be far more useful to its members. Freshers could be interviewed during their first term at informal afternoon tea, in groups of a dozen or so, and the benefits of extracurricular activities stressed. To people who object to this as spoon-feeding, I can only point out the great success of the scheme in Melbourne.

The division into a Men's and a Women's Union, with sovereign rights in their respective spheres, is not a good scheme, but the division is becoming less and less apparent in this University. A final gesture of unity should be the coalition of the Men's and Women's Union libraries.

Finally, "On Dit" and "Phoenix" should be revised. "Phoenix" might possibly be handed over to the Arts

Association entirely. If they have such a surplus, they might at least stand the cost of what is virtually their own production.

The Editor of "On Dit" should be free to criticise Union administration, or the Committee, but should be answerable to that Committee for any breaches of confidence on matters which have been discussed in camera.

Stop Press

We anticipate that in the ordinary course of events Mr. Gent will be two days late with his reply, so we are reserving space for it.

J. G. M. GENT.

A student President for our Union seems fairly obvious, even if a particular student does not. Any body which is to promote the interests of a group should have one of that group at its head.

I think our libraries should be merged. It would be less trouble to keep up one library, and it would have the merit of being available to everybody with the minimum of research. I suggest the Lady Symon as a common meeting place, the small room off the stage; divided control and duel sphere of influence means total lack of interest and minimum advantage.

"On Dit" will have a hard row to hoe next year. This year has shown that there are only a few things in which there is a forceful student opinion, e.g., University regiment; £120 does not seem too much to me. I would, though, suggest a single policy, with concentration of good action—preferably by someone with plenty of time. But an organ of University opinion must express what opinion there is, and there is remarkably little.

"Phoenix"? I really don't know. The idea is good enough, but has it been justified in practice? Pragmatic sanction would rule "Phoenix" out, I think. But there is this about both publications. There are only too many to sneer, but very few to help do anything about it. Admittedly our standards are low, but because those standards are those of a very few who don't have the help of the many, whose experience and thought, however limited, is always required.

To (5) fines seem to be the only thing. Thoughtlessness, i.e., in giving extra work to staff, can only be cured by conscience, and consciences are embarrassing. Therefore small conviction—Chinese Students' Relief Fund, perhaps.

Union policy. The only thing I could hope to do would be to try to arouse a little enthusiasm. That is vague enough for any electioneering speech. But just look at our place. Run by a dozen people, while the other hundreds sit back and criticise. They are rarely helpful and just present a background to general activities. All I can say is—try to wake people up. At the same time bitterly conscious that far more able people than I have failed miserably.

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CLUB MATCHES

Cricket

The annual general meeting of the cricket club was held on Thursday, September 7, and the following officers were elected:—

President: Dr. W. Sangster.

Delegates to S.A.C.A.: A. B. Barker, Esq., E. N. Loneragan.

Committee: J. J. Rice, J. L. Stokes, E. D. J. Stewart, A. B. Barker, Esq., C. M. Gurner.

Practice Captain: J. J. Rice.

Secretary: C. M. Gurner.

Assistant Secretary: E. D. J. Stewart.

The first practice will be held on Tuesday, September 26. Anyone, irrespective of ability, who is interested in cricket, should attend. If sufficient players are available a "D" team will be formed, and all standards will be catered for. Keeness is the only requisite.

A practice match will be played against P.A.C. on September 30.

Baseball

Our B team met with the greatest success, winning its grand final against Sturt on September 16. Charlie Noack was pitching well and the infield was fairly safe. The batting was strong when we needed it most and gave us a comfortable lead of three runs.

Paul O'Brien has kept his team together, helped by a strong battery and infield. Paul himself, Oldfield, Kerri, and Soar have been most successful at bat. The present team is perhaps the strongest B grade combination the Varsity has put out.

The A's have had bad luck. They are the second or third strongest team in the State. They beat Goodwood, this year's challengers, soundly a short time back, but loss of players through illness and the inevitable handicap of the inter-Varsity contest just kept them out of the final four. The battery, Vic, to Joe, has been for the most part good, and on occasions very good. Swan, of first base, has been good enough to rank with "Saturday's Stars". Fred Catt was chosen for the All-Australian team. Johnston has been very snappy on third. The outfield has become a very strong one. Captain Thompson has been inspiring and untiring in the midst of many troubles; he has played well in several positions and handled a good team to good effect.

Both the third and fourth teams would have won to the head of their grade with better health and fewer forfeits. We can only mention briefly the good work of Johnston as captain, a fair infield and sometimes strong pitching. Max Anderson was outstanding with the bat in the C's. Of the D team here are the prominent names: Todd (conscientious captain), Nairn to Alderman, Vernon Potter (who finished playing for the A's).

And now to Mr. MARTIN KRIEWALDT, our hard-working, hard-talking coach, we remove our hats and pay any gratitude we failed to show on the night of the 23rd.

Table Tennis

Our pennant team finished the season in a moderately satisfactory position for its initial year in competitive matches. After a run of preliminary successes, when our chances of remaining in the four were particularly rosy, a few setbacks were met with, and these, capped by two forfeits during vacations, were sufficient to put us out of the running on the premiers list.

Winners in the tournament matches must be congratulated on their successes.

The Stan Goodall Cup goes to L. Wright, with D. Wilhelm as runner-up. In the handicap event these two met again, but on this occasion Wilhelm came out on top.

J. Hodge and J. Tregoning were successful in defeating C. Kerr and C. Noack in the championship doubles, and A. Plummer and J. Thompson defeated C. Alderman and Dawson in the finals of the handicap.

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Hockey

The Sydney trip resulted in a very marked improvement in our play on our return. We played two matches on the first Saturday after we got back and though all suffering from 'flu, etc., had a win (2-1 against Parkside) and a loss (1-0 to Argosys).

The next week we again defeated Parkside in the third round, and left bottom place for the first time for many months.

Our successes were increased when we defeated Kenwood 5-4, but a loss against Argosy put us in danger of returning to bottom place (with a relegation match to follow). However, Kenwood, by some amazing means, saved us by defeating Parkside with only six men—they started with eight.

Scores:—

August 26.

University 2, d. Parkside 1.
Goals: Hargrave, Motteram.
Best: McBean, Smith, McPhie.
University nil, lost to Argosy 1.
Best: Kirby, Bowen, Clarke.
B's lost to Grange 4-0.

September 2.

University 4, d. Parkside 0.
Goals: Hargrave, Motteram, Kirby (2).

Best: Kirby, Smith, Bowen.
B's d. Kenwood 2-0.

September 9.

University 5, d. Kenwood 4.
Goals: Kirby (2), Motteram (2), McPhie.

Best: Bowen, Smith, Kirby.
B's d. Wanderers 4-3

September 16.

Argosy 2, d. University 0.
Best: McBean, Smith, Kirby.



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Rugby

Saturday, September 16, saw Varsity come out on top in the final of the Navy Cup against Woodville. Last time we played them they scored on the bell to even the scores, just after one of our men had been injured. This was supposed to be a grudge match, but after the first few minutes the opposition was not showing theirs.

We won by the colossal total of 50 to 3. In the first twenty minutes Varsity were well on top and Napier scored the first four tries. It says something for the backs that this was possible. Varsity were out-maneuvring and out-pacing the Woodville backs, and although Napier was being carefully watched, his brilliant running gained its well-earned result. Lindsay's kicking was another amazing feature—five in a row to start with—it would have been considered impossible for him before.

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INTERVARSITY MATCHES

Baseball

This fixture took place in Sydney, and we were represented by a team made up of a just proportion of baseballers and non-baseballers. All members of the team combined well to make it, according to veteran Thompson, the greatest inter-Varsity of all time.

Notable incidents were:—Thompson's K.O. a few minutes after the opening bell; Messrs. Johnston, Thompson and Johnston's disappearance to the Pacific somewhere between Manly and Palm Beach; Alderman's safe hit; Todd's scoring; also his ability to locate bomb-proof shelters; Gwen Parkes, blonde; Balmain's victory in Rugby League semi-final.

We are indebted to Messrs. Swan, Johnston and Lewis for representing us in the combined game; Messrs. Swan, Kilgariff and Todd for reports on the 50-50 Club; Ziegfelds and Romanos, and to Messrs. Kriewaldt and Johnston for supplying one dozen cascade. (We regret to inform these kind donors that the cupboard was bare long before Moss Vale was reached.)

For the benefit of those who may be interested we finished in third position, losing two games to Sydney and one to Melbourne, the ultimate winners. Details of scores and errors may be had on application to the secretary or any member of the touring side. Perhaps the Victorian station-master's impression that we were a basketball team wasn't far wrong.

Men's Hockey

The inter-Varsity trip to Sydney was an unqualified success—except for the matches.

A cold train trip (thanks to Auntie Judy) on the first night gave us a bad start from which we had not recovered when we played our first match—against Melbourne. Lost 3-2.

The backs and halves seemed but mildly interested during the first half of this match, and Melbourne scored six goals. The second half was better when the team came out of its lethargic state to raise a thirst for the sherry party which was to follow. We scored two goals (Knight and Hargrave) while Melbourne did the same. The final score being 8-2 down.

The sherry party, another party, and yet a third, followed the match. Unfortunately those present at all three seemed a little vague as to exactly what happened. However, it was a very fine evening.

Reggie disappeared at some stage of the evening, but came back in a day or two, having been, so he said, "Sailing up the River". We staunchly refused to believe any of the rumours we heard, although Reg. did not look his best when he finally found his way back.

We managed to drop in and play a match against Queensland, and, under the circumstances, played quite decent hockey to draw, 1-1.

Public-school man Yates was transferred to centre-half in this match in place of Wickes, who appeared troubled about three little fishes. Everyone played reasonably well, although the halves were still passing indiscriminately and the forwards shooting inaccurately. Basal, who happened to be sober, hit the goal. By this time we were feeling that Sydney was a pretty decent place, and it was a sad blow when the home team defeated us 4-0 in our last match. The whole team were showing signs of wear and tear and there was a lack of dash throughout. Final placings were: Melbourne, Queensland, Sydney, Adelaide. Motteram and Hargrave were selected as reserves for the combined team.

It might be worth mentioning the impressions of Sydney gained by members of the team.

Reggie, being captain and notorious, had everything turned on, so cannot remember anything.

Nat, who, incidentally must be congratulated on his efficient management of the team's affairs, did not have time to think of anything beyond get-

ting Reg. (and others) home in time for their next match.

Basal, who showed a pathetic desire for "more gin" made a martyr of himself in disproving the popular theory that you cannot get tight on Sydney beer. (Zero hour in about five hours.)

Miles should believe by now that it pays to "look before you leap," as he spent much time dodging irate females discarded as not coming up to expectations.

Kirby, Knight and McBean lurked on the quiet—not that that was any credit to them, since actions speak louder than words. Bowen did quite well for a married man, while Don, besides having his fish trouble, usually looked and smelled exceedingly happy. Paul remembers little, though he bears Basal a certain amount of malice over some "lemon squash". Mac created the impression that he quite enjoyed himself.

Thanks, Sydney!

Women's Hockey

Congratulations are due to Melbourne who carried off the cup after remaining unbeaten. We also think that a few congratulations should come Adelaide's way for tying for second place with Tasmania. Sydney was third and Queensland fourth. We should have remembered that it is not good manners to beat your hostesses. We must admit, however, that we weren't over-upset at beating Queensland after they had taken us to Redcliffe and filled us up with fruit, which they later told us was absolutely green.

Adelaide's scores were: Versus Sydney, 1-2; v. Melbourne, 0-3; v. Tasmania, 4-3; v. Queensland, 4-0.

Joan Cleland was vice-captain of the combined team. Elizabeth Teesdale-Smith was picked to play and Elizabeth Cavalier picked as emergency. Cynthia Miller and Helen Church were also selected for the second combined team.

Basketball

Adelaide's first match in Hobart was against Sydney. Adelaide won and gave the Tasmanian team a nasty jolt to which they immediately made a counter-attack. On the day before we were due to play them they organised an all-day hike to Mount Wellington, only to discover at the last minute that only half of their team could go. It gave them another nasty jolt to discover the next day that Adelaide could take the knocks and still manage to beat them up 27-22.

Appropriately enough, the last match was also the final between Melbourne and Adelaide. It is a rather doubtful consolation that we had four more tries for goal than Melbourne, because the final score was 29-26 to the opposition. They are to be heartily congratulated on their outstanding play throughout the whole carnival.

Highlights of the tour were Judy Young's running commentaries during matches. Snow White gallivanting in the snow with Prince Charming. Izzie Salter's man, and the pilfering that went on at Cadbury's.

An unheard of thing was the inclusion of four Adelaide girls out of the seven in the combined team. These were Judy Young, Marjorie Crook, Ruth Grant and Elizabeth Salter. Neat work Jude!

In Hobart Judy also cultivated a habit of carrying large bunches of flowers about the city streets, making speeches over the air, dropping bricks about the Spirit of Progress and being generally bad.

The Basketball Club turned on a fine dance in the Varsity Library, to which we all went with large specimen labels on us, reminiscent of baby shows.

If there is anything anyone wants to know about Hobart, about the new pontoon bridge, the hydro-electric, the waterworks by moonlight, or the convict system, just apply to the basketball team. We know, and we're going back for the hop-picking in January!

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