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## PROPOSED S.R.C.

WILL ADELAIDE FOLLOW OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

At the first meeting of the Union Committee for 1941 notice was given by R. G. Willoughby and Miss Doreen Jacobs of proposed amendments to the Union constitution to form a Students' Representative Council (S.R.C.).

Some questions arise that should be answered to help explain the proposals, as the constitutional amendments will be moved at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

### 1. What Is an S.R.C.?

The proposed S.R.C. would be in fact a sub-committee of the Union committee, composed solely of elected student members.

The Union Committee will still be the controlling body of the Union, except that in matters which affect only student members of the Union, the S.R.C. will have power to arrange and control student activities. Even then, the S.R.C. will be dependent on the Union for cash, and will have to apply for an annual grant, just as other bodies do.

### 2. What Does an S.R.C. Do?

The S.R.C. will represent all students who are at present members of the Union in matters affecting their interests. The faculties will be represented by their own elected representatives.

The proposed S.R.C. will, therefore, encourage and co-ordinate the activities of all student clubs and societies. By this

means it may be possible to arrange student activities to cater for all members of the Union.

Student newspapers in other States are controlled and arranged by the S.R.C. and it is hoped that in Adelaide the S.R.C. would be the body which appoints the editorial staff.

The annual election of representatives to Men's and Women's Union Committees would be arranged and controlled by the S.R.C., not by the Men's Union, as at present.

### 3. Why Has Its Formation Been Proposed, and What Are Its Advantages or Disadvantages?

a. It will ensure that matters affecting general Union business are not neglected through lack of time.

b. It will help to bring the Men's and Women's Unions into closer co-operation.

c. Student activities in connection with the N.U.A.U.S. will as far as possible be under the management of the S.R.C., except that the Union committee will still hold the purse strings.

d. By having a sub-committee such as the proposed S.R.C., students will be able to deal with their own matters and so save the time of the Union committee, in just the same way as the Graduates' Union deals with matters affecting graduates only, and in the same way matters affecting the George Murray Building are dealt with by the Men's Union.

### 4. Who Will Compose this S.R.C.?

The members of the proposed S.R.C. will be the President of the Women's Union, the Chairman of the Men's Union, the eight men students appointed by the Men's Union Committee to the Union Committee, and the four women students appointed to the Union Committee. Mr. K. T. Hamilton, General Secretary of Union and Sports Association, will be secretary. Thus each faculty will be represented by the S.R.C., and those students who are not members of the Union will not be represented by the S.R.C.

### 5. What Is the Position in Other Universities?

All Australian universities, with the exception of Adelaide, Perth, and Armidale, have a union, composed of students, graduates, and staff members, and also an S.R.C. for students only.

In Melbourne the Union makes a grant to the S.R.C. for its own use, while in Sydney the S.R.C. receives a portion of Union subscriptions.

In none of the other Australian universities is the entire S.R.C. also on the committee of the union, as has been proposed in Adelaide, so that a difference in policy between Union and S.R.C., such as has occurred elsewhere, would be very improbable here.

## AND WELCOME LITTLE FRESHERS IN

Freshers may well wonder at the Annual General Meeting next Friday night as they stand coagulated together like a lump of unknaded dough (not, however, that their dough will be unneeded), receiving merely patronizing nods from their last year's school fellows, avoided like untouchables by older students, and circulated only by a vulture-like horde of society treasurers, who welcome little freshers in with gently grasping paws to their respective societies in a last desperate attempt to balance the accounts after last year's debauch — they may wonder, I say, why we bother to welcome them at all, seeing we contrive to make them feel so unwelcome.

This, I insist, is a mistake. For where would the sophomore be if he could not stroll up off-handedly to this year's freshers and offer to show him over the jolly place. In fact where would we all be if we could not shrug our shoulders, and mutter contemptuously, "freshet," as some timid soul drifts indecisively into the Refectory? No, I repeat, there is no need for the fresher to feel unwelcome. He administers, and that is his "raison d'être," to the gratification of the sophomore's superiority complex.

So my advice to you freshers, and ever since the earliest initiation ceremonies of the Australian aborigine, as may be seen in the posthumous works of Jan de Warobak, a Flemish nobleman, who was the first to realize the potentialities of an indigenous Australian culture, and whose name, corrupted by the Australian accent, was taken by the Jindywaroback Club — ever since these initiation ceremonies, I say, advice has been gratuitously given, and as gratuitously rejected by freshers. My advice to you freshers is to enter enthusiastically into every University activity. Bowl up to every sophomore you see, and ask him questions about the 'Varsity — this will give him an opportunity to answer you in a coldly superior voice. Or if you see a group of them talking together, rush up to join them — this will give them an opportunity to create a painful silence. Above all, don't be discouraged, we really do like it.

Then, if you persist long enough to look up to us older fellows with open baby eyes, and ask naive questions, we'll feel "real good," and decide that after all you're not such bad fellows, and let you stand us a drink.

## Mr. R. WILLOUGHBY and Miss D. JACOBS IN SUPPORT

The main reason for my support of this scheme to form a Student's Representative Council in Adelaide is that it will allow full discussion of matters affecting student interests by a council of students, without being crammed in at the end of an ordinary Union Committee meeting.

A case in point is this very proposal. When I moved it at the first meeting of the committee for this year, ten of the original twenty-two members were present. Consequently, no motion was taken. However, at the second meeting of the committee this matter was again brought up at approximately 6.15, when the original attendance of twelve had dwindled to a quorum of seven members. Yet here is a matter of importance to all students, a change in our constitution. Yet our committee meetings are so crowded with finance and household matters that a major issue like this is left until last, to be discussed by a third of the committee. Is this right?

This scheme is not by any means in the nature of a lack of confidence in non-student members of the committee — I come under that heading myself. — On the contrary, it will merely take from the Union Committee some of its functions, and perform them as seems desirable to those students who compose the S.R.C.

Finally, it has my enthusiastic support in that with such a council it may be possible to arrange student activities to suit all faculties. It may be possible, for example, to encourage senior Med. students to take more interest in the Union than they do, as they did before their new institute was completed. If the proposed S.R.C. can awaken in all students the need for an outlook broader than his or her own faculty, and can arrange its activities in such a way as to encourage extra-curricular studies on the part of its constituent members it will perform a very useful and necessary adjunct to University life.

R. WILLOUGHBY.

There appear to be some misconceptions about the proposed Student Representative Council. If such a body were formed, it would not take the place of the Union committee (which must at all times represent every section of the University), but it would be an adjunct to it and deal with matters relating solely to students. Certain sub-committees of the Union, such as House and Finance, meet separately to thresh out their problems and send recommendations to the Union committee. This means that a great deal of valuable time is saved, but the agenda of the Union committee is still overcharged. Thus many matters that need airing are not brought up at all through lack of time. But if a S.R.C. were formed, consisting of the student members of the Union committee, subjects which concerned the student body only could be discussed by those who, after all, are most concerned with student affairs, namely, the students themselves. Such subjects might be, for example, the entertainment of freshers, student publications, dances, debates, lunch-hour addresses, etc. The secretary of the Union would act as the secretary of the S.R.C.

The impression received in some quarters, namely, that the S.R.C. is designed to undermine the influence of non-student members of the Union is, therefore, entirely a false one. The S.R.C. would deal solely with essentially students' matters, it which matters it would have final authority except that it would be dependent on the Union for finance. Any suggestion that the non-student members of the committee are not interested in student affairs should be repudiated as quickly as possible, and the fact that they give up so much of their valuable time to Union work should itself contradict this impression. Certainly none are more appreciative than the students themselves of their ripper wisdom and experience.

D. JACOBS.

## INTRODUCING Mr. JOHNSTON

The new President is one among that sort of politicians who touch nothing without setting off an explosion. These are the politicians of real value, for they have a faith, impelling them forward always to some positive achievement. They are, in a word, men of action and their secret is their idealism and, above all, their energy. If, then, Mr. Johnston has been born a hundred years too late, that is only a reason why we should respect him the more.

In the past five years the half-hearted and the unconvinced have risen and sunk, but continually, and what is most refreshing without ostentation, Mr. Johnston has devoted himself to the affairs of the Union and the National Union. No undergraduate has stimulated so much activity in local affairs and no undergraduate in Australia has with more tenderness and zeal than he nursed the N.U.A.U.S.

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## Editorial

Each year requires fresh blurb about the war. We need to strike a new attitude to conceal the momentary attacks of the jitters induced by those who urge upon us that modern warfare is won only in the field, and not also in the factories, laboratories, departments of information and industry. This year, I am told, the pose among fashionable circles in London is one of bravado. As bombs burst in the adjoining room, you proceed unhurriedly with your dinner. You turn to light your cigarette on the blaze as you step for the last time over the door sill.

Now, therefore, that Mr. Spender has found a justification for our existence, we may proceed with affected nonchalance, but underlying seriousness, to direct our wills and our intellects towards the creation of that future progressive society that is the best embodiment of contemporaneous thought.

Meanwhile the voice that blurbs at this end of the microphone, though it blurb ever so conceitedly, blurbs only for two issues. Then it will be for you, and your representatives to decide if you want a voice, and whose voice you want.

The present voice may, until then, speak with individual accent. But its policy is to have no policy. It hopes to introduce you all by turns to the microphone, and expects that you will use the latter as a means by which the consciousness of the University can discover itself.

## Front Office News

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS ESSAY PRIZE.

The subject for this year's essay is "A Critical Examination of Proposals for Federal Union." The essay must be submitted by May 18 and should be from four to ten thousand words in length.

### FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Commonwealth Government is offering two scholarships worth £150 each to graduates with some preliminary training in forestry. Particulars may be obtained from the front notice board.

### R.A.A.F. PRE-ENLISTMENT CLASSES.

Pre-enlistment classes are being offered by the Air Board to youths of seventeen who desire to join the Air Force on attaining eighteen years of age. Particulars on all notice boards.

### VACATION LECTURE.

The Rev. G. Stewart, D.D., of Yale University, gave a public address in the Bonython Hall on February 26 on "The Present State of American Public Opinion." This address will be printed and distributed gratis. Copies will be available shortly.

### PROFESSORIAL PEREGRINA- TIONS.

The old Botany Department has been converted into a new lecture room for History, Economics, and French, and into new rooms for members of the staff. Those who are now to be located here are Prof. Isles (basement), Prof. Portus and Dr. Oldham (ground floor), Mr. Cornell, Mr. B. Williams, Mr. Finnis, Mrs. A. Wheaton, Director of the Board of Social Studies, and her secretary; and Mr. E. G. Biaggini, Tutor-in-charge for the W.E.A. (top floor).

### MORE MIGRATIONS

Some of the Gulls from the Elder Park have now migrated to Victoria Square.

## Freshers' Tea

(For Women Only).

At 6.45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, University women will gather in the Refectory for the Freshers' Tea. This is cheery, evening dress affair at which women freshers are welcomed to the Varsity, given a free sample of Refectory goods, and told about the various activities for University women. Afterwards, in the Lady Symon Hall, there is the A.G.M., at which they will learn something of the workings of the Women's Union.

Non-freshers are expected to roll up in big numbers, (1) because it's free, (2) because they are the hostesses, and (3) because there are important things to be heard and done at the A.G.M. There is a list on the Lady Symon notice board where those who are coming are asked to put their names. They are also asked to bring a small — or large — contribution of fruit, for the fruit salad, on Wednesday morning.

# FUNCTION OF UNIVERSITY POST-WAR ORGANISATION

This war differs in one great and important respect from all the wars which have preceded it. It is an all-in war, a total war, in which no one is immune from attack, and in which every aspect of the life of the nation is vitally and directly involved. In this process of mobilization Australian Universities have played their part, and are destined to play an ever-increasing part until, in the post-war period, University men and women will be called upon to assume that leadership in the process of reconstruction for which their training will have fitted them.

Universities are, in one sense, more interested in this war and its aftermath than any other section of the community, because universities are the embodiment of everything for which the war is being fought.

A German victory would mean the end of freedom of discussion, of freedom of thought, of individualism and the development of personality. Culture would vanish from the earth. Truth would be forced to hide its head. Knowledge, for its own sake, would become a matter merely of historic interest.

The universities would become institutions for the training of national leaders, and the chief essential before graduation would be a guarantee that the graduand was not only well grounded in the dogma of totalitarianism, but was imbued also with the belief that any way of thought which was not in line with the accepted political theory of government should be countered by those arguments which he had attended the university to learn.

It is surely not without significance that one of the first actions of the totalitarian powers in the countries they have conquered has been to close the great universities.

The real functions of a university are to seek the truth wherever it may be found, and to preserve and disseminate learning and culture.

All the time bands of students are passing through from matriculation to graduation, imbibing those traditions which are the basis of our democratic society and fitting themselves for the posts they are ultimately to fill in science, literature, medicine, law, and so on.

The training of students, even during a war, or perhaps I should say, especially during a war, is one of the greatest responsibilities of any university, and the chief way in which it makes its contribution to the future of society.

### Post-war Reconstruction.

We must remember that the fight to win the peace may be harder than the fight to win the war — and in the post-war period the whole of the trained brains of the community will need to be mobilized to the full.

Not the least important function of the university at the present time is that of playing its part in post-war reconstruction.

In outlining problems of reconstruction, and in giving careful thought to what the future may hold for us, university men and women are doing work which is already beginning to take on a growing importance, not only for governments, but for private citizens and for the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who form our fighting services, and to whose interests a great deal of the work of reconstruction must, in justice, be directed.

## Hon. P. C. Spender

Underlying the vast amount of work that goes on within the walls of a university, is the constant preoccupation with problems of education as such, or, in other words, with our way of life. In this lies our salvation, and the salvation of our cause, for the broad understanding of problems and sympathetic outlook which the university should instil into its members, underlie all technical problems and technical successes both in war and peace.

This is a war of technology, and to our chemists, physicists, engineers, and other technicians we must turn for that help upon which our immediate survival depends. At the same time it is the duty of the university always to remember the political, economic, and social implications of applied science. This is, I think, as much the function of a university as the actual solution of technical problems. Indeed, it is to an even greater degree the university's task, in the sense that the university tradition is timeless and without bounds or limits imposed by vested interests or preconceived notions.

### Some Reconstruction Problems.

Let me take one or two instances to show more precisely what I mean. The successful conduct of the war requires the maximum utilization of all our resources. To secure this end it is necessary for the Government to control directly a great many of the activities of the people in a manner foreign to peace

conditions. This gives rise to a host of problems which the future will have to solve.

Do we wish to remove these controls when the war is over? If so, how can we best remove them? Will our economic system have been changed to such an extent that capitalism will have to give way to planning, at least for a time? What will be the effect on our system of government of the existence of all these boards and committees, and of the many regulations made under the various Acts of Parliament which the war will have brought forth? Will the duties and responsibilities of the public service have changed, and if so, to what extent? Is the conduct of the war likely to lead to bureaucracy in the post-war period?

Or let me take another example. The successful conduct of this war demands an enormous speeding up of production in certain industries, and this may lead to a worsening of the position of other industries. What will be the effect of this increase in productive capacity on our post-war economy? Will we be able to scale down our production of munitions and other instruments of war so as to avoid depression and unemployment? Are there similar industries which we can hold in reserve to take up the slack in our war-time industries? Can secondary industry survive without protection in the post-war world? Will wheat and wool regain their overseas markets, or must we rationalize these industries with the object of securing the optimum production in view of the circumstances of the time? Will we need a greater population than we can hope to get from natural causes, and if so, whence are our immigrants to be drawn?

That problems of this kind will await solution is obvious, and it is equally obvious that if they are to be solved they must be studied now as they develop.

The great universities of Australia are, by their structure and tradition, the institutions most fitted to watch these developments occurring, and to work towards the solution of the problems which they embody.

I would like to suggest to university students that this is their job. Their chief contribution to the war effort may very well be the care and thought they give to the future and the enthusiasm with which they equip themselves to help make the post-war period one of which Australian historians will be able to write with pride.

(Department of Information.)

## Our New Union Committees

President: Mr. Elliott Johnston.  
Vice-President: Miss D. Jacobs.  
Representative on Sports Association:  
J. M. McPhie.  
Representative on Theatre Guild: Miss M. Cowell.

### Committees:

Finance: Mr. J. G. Cornell, Miss E. Carter, and Mr. R. T. Steele.  
House: Miss M. Scott and Miss A. Plummer.  
Disciplinary: H. E. Cock.  
Regulations: Miss E. Teesdale Smith and R. C. Cotton.  
Carnegie Art: Miss E. Carter, A. Hogben, and E. Teesdale Smith.  
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### NEW APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. M. Finnis, the new Assistant Lecturer in Philosophy, will take up his duties this term.

## Physical Fitness

The Council of the University has instituted this year a course of lectures and practical classes in physical education. Lectures may be attended free, and practical classes at a reduced fee by members of the Union, subject to permission being granted by Dr. F. W. Mitchell, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

## A.G.M., CARNEGIE GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

All who are interested, or feel that they should be interested, in music are invited to attend the A.G.M. of the C.G.S. in the South Hall of the Conservatorium, Thursday, March 20, at 1.15 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr. Max Harris on being asked by Angus & Robertson to contribute to their New Anthology, Australian Poetry, 1941, and on being asked by Mr. G. Mackness for permission to include five poems in "An Anthology of Australian Poetry."

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# NATIONAL UNION of STUDENTS

## Leads Fight Against Tax on Books

The fourth annual conference of the Council of the National Union of Australian University Students—representing ten thousand organized students—met in Sydney in January. The Council made drastic cuts in the budget, reducing the expenditure for 1941 to less than half the 1940 figures, but at the same time maintained the organization intact and opened up further avenues of activity.

The Secretary's report for 1940 showed that the sudden intensification of the war and the increase in enlistments had made impossible a large part of the Union's proposed activities. Nevertheless, valuable work had been done. In particular the steps taken by the Executive to have textbooks kept free from the sales tax, which the last Budget imposed upon other books, is of the greatest importance. As soon as the Government announced the proposed tax, the Executive protested; this protest was rejected, whereupon the President (Mr. F. Coaldrake) lodged a further protest and attended the Minister in deputation. Textbooks were finally exempted and, as the tax is fifteen per cent., the saving to students is very considerable. This serves to show the great potential value of the Union in representing students and protecting their interests.

Chief business on the agenda was a further consideration of the relation of the universities to the war. The Minister for the Army (the Hon. P. C. Spender) delivered the most important statement, which is printed elsewhere in this issue. Dr. H. V. Evatt also spoke on this question and there was a long discussion among delegates. Mr. Spender's statement represents in most aspects the final decisions. Under this heading Council examined student liberties and repeated that it considered the maintenance of a free press and as much freedom of discussion as possible of the greatest impor-

ance. Delegates repudiated, however, any suggestion that University students should claim any greater rights or privileges than are permitted to others and accepted the principle that students should have the same rights—neither more nor less than other citizens—to express their views.

### THEATRE AND DEBATING.

Council decided to hold a University Drama Festival early in the year. The Melbourne University Union has made available its excellent theatre and the festival will take place on April 1 to 3. This will be the most definite move yet made either inside or outside the University to build a national theatre movement.

Delegates were of opinion that, if possible, inter-Varsity debates should be held because of the advantages arising from the opportunity for students to meet and discuss important matters and because they seemed to fit into Mr. Spender's statement of the functions of the Universities. Adelaide has been named as the venue for 1941. If full inter-Varsity competition is not possible, Council approves of such debates as the Melbourne v. Adelaide debate at Mount Gambier last year.

This report is but an introduction to a full account of the conference to be published by the National Union. This account will be issued as a supplement to the first issue of "Honi Soit," the Sydney University student paper, and will be available here next week. It will suffice to add that other matters under consideration were refugee students, physical fitness, the difficulty experienced by students in some Universities in obtaining equipment such as microscopes, and questions of internal organization.

Adelaide delegates to the conference were Miss Elizabeth Carter and Mr. R. L. Cotton.

## THE ENEMY LISTENS

It is noticeable that when Neile Osman and Elizabeth Hawker dine together at the Refectory, people at adjoining tables edge their seats a little nearer. This shows how secrets may frequently be whispered into the wrong ears.

Our President, on dit, has lost his hat. It was last seen by him lying on the road (the hat, that is, not the president) in Stephen Place one Sunday morning about 6 a.m., but he, being then in a somewhat "exalted" state, refused to recognize it. The insulted hat, it seems, has been revenging itself by "getting about."

Stop Press. Information relative to the said hat has just reached us from a somewhat unreliable source, a certain Mr. Max Hashish. Mr. Hashish affirms that he saw Mr. Johnston and Mr. Kerr swaying unsteadily over the said hat in the early hours of Sunday morning, and apparently very much amused that it looked "just like Eliot's hat." They departed in roars of laughter, leaving the hat forlornly on the roadway.

Questioned as to what he was doing in Stephen Place at the said time, Mr. Hashish replied that he was on his way to Early Morning Communion.

—Conducted by "The Enemy."

## Forthcoming Events

- To-night at 7.30.  
Lacrosse A.G.M.
- Wednesday, March 19.  
Women's Union, Welcome to Freshers at 6.45 p.m., Refectory.
- Friday, March 21.  
Union Commencement Social at 7.45 p.m., Refectory.
- Monday, March 24.  
Pharmacy Freshers' Tea at 6 p.m., Refectory.  
Pharmacy Association A.G.M., 7.30.
- Tuesday, March 25.  
Science Association A.G.M., 7.45 p.m., Rennie Theatre, followed by supper and dancing.  
University Theatre Guild A.G.M. in the Hut at 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26.  
Sports Association at 7.45 p.m. in George Murray Hall.  
S.C.M. Freshers' Social at 7.45 p.m. in Refectory.
- Thursday, March 27.  
Medical students' A.G.M. at 7.30 p.m.

## Commencement Social

FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

This year, in the matter of a Commencement Social, we have reverted to the type of social popular a few years ago. That is to say, that the A.G.M. of the Union will be held first, and after the meeting we will move the scene of operations from the Lady Symon to the George Murray for supper, and then the Refectory for dancing until one o'clock. Supper will be served at about 9.45 p.m. Now, you hardened cynics, listen to this! This is a free binge. You can all come and it won't cost you a thing. What about that? Do we get your patronage or do we not?

But—remember this—this is the freshers' dance really. We want all the freshers there, and we want all the old hands there to meet the freshers. Therefore we want everybody so that you can all get acquainted. Roll up in force on Friday, March 21.

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Among the innovations proposed by the U.T.G. this year will be the formation of an acting and stage technique group under the supervision of Miss Barbara Howard and Mr. Brian Elliott.

The guild's first production will be "Martine," by Jean-Jacques Bernard, on April 1. (No, really.)

Those interested in the work of the guild should attend the A.G.M. in the Hut on Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m.

## Boat Club

Freshers and others interested. We will be rowing one or two eights this term in unofficial races against other clubs. All those who are interested are asked to go along to a meeting in the chess club room on Wednesday, March 19, at 1.20 p.m.

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Mr. M. Finnis: "Depressing."  
Mr. C. R. Jury: "My God, it's Magnificent."

Miss Molly Swan: "I haven't seen it."  
Mr. K. Sanderson: "A very good thing. More than that . . ."

Mr. B. Williams: "Dreadful."  
Prof. J. I. M. Stewart: We regret the professor's unguarded statements were "not for publication." We promise you his considered opinion next week.

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## Awakening to Art

### THE CARNEGIE ART GRANT EXPLAINED TO FRESHERS AND OTHERS.

A few years ago the Carnegie Corporation endowed this University with various gifts calculated to foster an interest in art. The purpose of the endowment cannot be fulfilled unless students are prepared to take a look now and then at what they have given. The purpose of this article is to tell them how to look.

The most conspicuous part of the Carnegie grant is the collection of framed pictures hanging in the George Murray and Lady Symon buildings. Early in this year these will be re-hung, with the idea of making a few exchanges between the two buildings. We should like to point out, to freshers, that there will be something to look at on the walls of their Union buildings, and to non-freshers, that there will soon be something new.

The periodicals room of the Barr Smith library houses the print collection. This is a fairly comprehensive selection of prints and photographic representations of works of art in various periods of history. These may be looked at by any student at any time during the day. Groups of prints, chosen to illustrate some particular aspect of art, will be exhibited fortnightly during the year on the panels at the back of the Refectory, and with them will be explanatory articles. The Carnegie Art committee would be glad to hear from people who are willing to write about some period of art which interests them, and to arrange a show of prints.

The two hundred books on art which form the third part of the Carnegie grant, are not now allowed out on loan, but it is hoped that they will be made available before long. Until permission is given for a lending scheme, they can be read in the library.

## S.C.M. Doings

Corio, 1941.

The Australian Student Christian Movement held its annual summer conference at Geelong Church of England Grammar School this year, and it was attended by about fifty Adelaide students. The central theme of the conference was, "God's Purpose for Human Life," and other topics discussed in tutorials were "Nazi Philosophy and Christianity," "Science and Religion," "Three Modern Theologians," and "Christianity: Social Standards."

### "Nazi Philosophy."

One of the most interesting personalities at the conference was Dr. Kurt Schechner, an eminent Austrian refugee from Nazism, whose tutorials on "Nazi Philosophy and Christianity" were among the most outstanding features of conference. Students in Adelaide will have a chance of hearing these addresses, as Dr. Schechner will be visiting the University in April and will repeat them on the nights of April 7, 16, and 18.

### May Conference.

The May conference of the local S.C.M. will be held at Mount Lofty from May 24 to 28. The subject will be, "The Christian Conception of Man," and among the speakers at evening addresses will be Prof. Goldby, Professor of Anatomy, speaking on "The Origin of Man from a Scientist's Viewpoint," and Sir William Mitchell, the Vice-Chancellor, speaking on "The Nature and Possibilities of Man." This conference will be one of the outstanding features of the year, and all who are interested should mark those dates.

During the term the S.C.M. will hold lunch-hour addresses every few weeks, and will hold study circles on different subjects, including one—for freshers—on "Science and Religion," one on "The Christian and the War," and another on "Personal Discipleship."

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# SPORTS

## 'Varsity Women's Tennis Team Reaches Semi-finals

It is most commendable that after our second year in "A" grade tennis, the club has reached the semi-finals. The team has been see-sawing between third and fourth position throughout the season, and, with the absence of Mary Matters in the last few matches, has fallen back to fourth position. The club, which is the youngest in the association, has competed against the best women tennis players in the State.

Owing to the fact that there is such a long vacation in the middle of the season there were five members of the team, Barbara Welbourn (captain), Mary Matters, Joan Chamberlain, Helen Chamberlain, and Nan Brinkworth. All the players were very keen and enthusiastic throughout the season.

Mary Matters has partnered Barbara Welbourn in the first double, and the pair has had some most commendable wins. They have combined well with their forceful drives and attacks at net. This season the Chamberlain twins have been divided for a few matches to play with Nan Brinkworth, with no apparent weakening of the second double. The twins have had many marathon sets again this season, with the odd game deciding the rubber.

## Tennis Club

The tournament entries close tomorrow, so hurry and enter for the various events with Mr. Hamilton in the Union office. The number of events this year is, of necessity, less than last year. We cannot afford to run events where there are practically no entrants, and why should we give an expensive trophy to someone who has vanquished three opponents only?

The events this year are five in number: Men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles, and invitation doubles, and women's singles. These are all self-explanatory except, perhaps, the invitation doubles. In this event, the men and the women enter separately, and then are paired off to give a number of pairs of equal strength. (We do not propose to open up in opposition to any other bodies, but we do propose this as a means of bringing shy young freshers into contact with the rest of the students.)

Entry fees are 1/6 each partner in the doubles events, and 2/- for the women's singles. All players must pay a 1/- ball levy if they have not already paid one this season. This does for the rest of the season if they wish to go on playing after the tournament.

We hope for your co-operation to make this year's tournament the success it usually is.

By the way, you are entitled to play non-pennant tennis on the 'Varsity courts as soon as you have paid your sports subscription and the 1/- ball fee which entitles you to balls for the whole season.

**TENNIS  
TOURNAMENT**  
Entries Close  
TO-MORROW

## Athletic Club

This year we intend to make athletics play a much more important part in the University. Too long has the A.U.A.C. been dormant in State athletics. Years ago we dominated the State athletic world. We wish to build up the club and in so doing boost up the whole status of athletics, which has reached a very low level in South Australia in the last six years. This is due partly to the handicapping system and partly to the presence of only two clubs, viz., the Adelaide Harriers and the Western Districts. This year we hope to have six active clubs.

This means that we will be able to have active inter-club contests regularly, not only during one term but throughout the year. Good and consistent performances throughout the season will be considered by the Blues committee of the club, which will make its recommendations at the end of the season to the Association Blues Committee. Thus, in spite of the fact that there will be no inter-'Varsity contests it will be possible to win a Blue.

For those of you who have doubts as to the advisability of taking up athletics we would like to quote Dr. F. Duras (Director of Physical Education, Melbourne University) — (written 1939):

"The individual who participates actively in athletics undergoes not only a physical training, but also a training of will and character. Active participation in athletics compels him to abstain voluntarily from physical laziness and from many of the usual intoxications of civilization. Athletics teach the individual to control himself, to build himself up, to undertake new tasks, and to solve these tasks with all his energy. The real athlete does not use without good reason the general excuse, 'I cannot do this or that,' and, what is more, he transfers this attitude to his whole life. He recognizes that a good and correct performance can be achieved only by serious practice, by self-control and by many sacrifices. Efficiency in athletics can be achieved only by observing first of all the natural biological laws of our organism, and, secondarily, by voluntary obedience to the self-imposed rules of sports and athletics. Biological law and athletic rules will decide how far the individual can go himself, and what this attitude has to be towards the special event, which in a wider sense means toward his fellow-man."

Do not let what you may consider lack of ability hold you back. Try and even if you fail you yourself will benefit by the effort. There is plenty of room for all. Sprinters, middle distance, long distance (up to ten miles), hurdlers, high jumpers, long jumpers, weight putters, javelin throwers, discus throwers, pole vaulters. At the moment there are only three people training. That means we have an active membership of three to cover all those events, so there is plenty of

scope. A team should consist of about twenty to thirty people. So start training now. Especially those who have never tried long distance running. That is a matter of sheer hard training, not ability. We can supply the competitions — it is up to you to supply the manpower. For a training track we have the 'Varsity Oval, which is acknowledged one of the fastest tracks in Australia, yet look at our records and those of the Melbourne University. By comparison ours appear to have been made by schoolboys. A good athlete thinks not of races this season only but next season's also, so if you are rather young train for next season, but train. Those interested in joining the club are advised to get in touch with G. E. Aitken, M. W. Elliott, or M. H. Draper. There will be a meeting early in the term, probably Friday, March 21, at 1.20 p.m., in the chess room, opposite the Union shop.

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Have you ever seen an item like this in the daily press? —

"A gentleman, giving the name of Mr. —, was found last night wandering in a dazed condition in Thug-lug Alley."

"He told the police that he had been attacked by an unknown assailant and robbed of his cash and diamond cravat pin."

This might one day apply to YOU. Guard against such an occurrence by mastering the art of self-defence with the University's Boxing, Wrestling, and Fencing Club. If any student considers he is able to look after himself, he is cordially invited to resist an attack by our all-time champ., Frank Collins, in the gymnasium on any Thursday afternoon.

The club is well equipped with apparatus, and will provide some of Adelaide's most efficient instructors.

The club caters chiefly for beginners, but we are desirous of sending a team interstate this year, so, if you are interested, make enquiries with R. Schulze, A. Weetman, M. H. Draper, or F. Collins, bearing in mind that you are not obliged to box competitively, or even strenuously, unless you wish to.

# John Martin's

*again wish to remind all members of the 'Varsity Union of the advantage of having an account with the University Shop . . . this account can also be used in our Rundle Street Store. All enquiries and further particulars may be had from our Assistant at the 'Varsity Shop which opens from 11 to 3 p.m. daily, excepting Saturdays.*