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## National Union Comes Home

COUNCIL MEETS IN ADELAIDE.

After seven years of wandering about the eastern States, exposed to duststorms, brainstorm, black markets and overcrowded trains, and after prolonged haggling with the Director of Rail Transport, the Council of the National Union of Australian University Students returned to its birthplace of 1937 for the annual meeting in February.

To be sure, a cynic having afternoon tea in the Refectory at his own expense was heard to remark that it was the first sign of student activity in the University for any number of years, and his friend remarked, "God help us," but as far as that goes, the delegates were aware of the old adage about helping themselves. And if further justification is needed, we quote Ralph Parsons, our delegate to an earlier conference with the Universities Commission. "If Adelaide is to keep abreast of other Universities, we must devote more time to the problems that occupy their student bodies."

### Your Delegates

Adelaide is entitled to two voting delegates on the Council, representing proportionately the number of full-time undergraduates. When our number reaches 1,000, as it should this year, our representation increases to three. The Union Committee nominated the President for 1945, Sam Jacobs, and the Vice-President, J. R. Prescott. In addition, Mr. Jacobs undertook the task of organising the conference.

Their part in the conference will become sufficiently apparent in the course of the year, when various recommendations come up for consideration.

### Proceedings of Conference

Not all of the very long and complicated agenda was completed, mainly because of a fundamental difference of approach to the various problems which colored all the arguments and led to a certain amount (!) of repetition. With such a difference, the argument itself was highly interesting and stimulating, just so long as it earned the name of argument. For future conferences, it is thought that some attempt should be made to relate highly contentious topics, and keep them distinct from important business routine. Briefly, it may be said that

### Sydney dissented;

Melbourne took a rather dim view of it ("too childish"); Adelaide (the perfect host!) thought a compromise could be effected; Hobart wanted to know what all the fuss was about; The question didn't arise in Perth; Brisbane was not quite clear; and Armadale wasn't allowed to, anyway.

If the conflict can be stated in a few words, without recourse to pamphlets and pamphlets and books and books on the subject, it was between those who see the role of universities as the full pursuit of knowledge, untrammelled and unfettered, and those who see it as a training for life and for livelihood. Add what to many was the spectre of increased Government control over educational institutions, and you may cease to

wonder at their haggard expressions after ten days of it.

### What the Conference Did.

The matters dealt with here are selected as the most lively topics; together with others they will come up again during the year, but that does not stop you from letting your faculty representative on the Union Committee know your views now, as the Conference Report comes up for ratification before the end of March.

### 1. RETURNED SERVICEMEN:

The problems of rehabilitation into University life were discussed at some length. Basically the questions raised will be the same in every University, but they must be answered in the light of differing circumstances in each State and the Council accordingly arranged for an exchange of information on the light of experience with the small numbers now returning. It was pointed out that by virtue of age and experience, servicemen and women would unavoidably have little in common with the civilian undergraduate, and that therefore their desire for companionship among themselves and their eventual assimilation with the student body must be respected without prejudice.

On the more practical side, the need for tutorials and refresher courses is to receive attention in every State.

### 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Council reaffirmed its belief that students with the ability to undertake a University course, but lacking the financial means, should receive assistance along the lines of the present subsidies scheme, but subject to modification as regards eligibility and administration. The conference could do no more than affirm principles without knowing who would hold the purse strings after the war. There was general feeling, however, that in any scheme, assistance should be unconditional as regards both the selection of courses and future obligations to the Government as a result of accepting assistance. Strong disapproval was expressed at the present 3-year limitation of living allowance payments to ex-servicemen.

### 4. QUOTAS:

Council recognised the need for quotas while manpower shortage and control persists, but is anxious for a progressive liberalisation, especially in unreserved faculties. The present formula governing discharge of servicemen to resume courses is not yet sufficiently well tried to merit examination, but it was emphasised that lack of facilities should not be permitted to hinder the scheme: rather should facilities be progressively expanded.

### 5. NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS:

Lengthy consideration was given to the prospect of forming a National Union of Students, to include teachers and technical training institutions. The motion was submitted by Melbourne, who have apparently gone further on this question in their own State than other Universities, except possibly Sydney. The desire for such a body was unanimous, but there was strong disagreement on method, mainly as to whether and how the N.U.A.U.S. should retain its identity in such an organisation. To give delegates an opportunity of discussing the matter during the year in their own States, Council refrained from expressing any opinion which might compromise such discussion.

### 6. UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION:

Partly as a result of questions directed to us by the Commission in December, Council gave some time to formulating its views on the future of the Commission. We came to the conclusion that such function of the Commission as should be continued should be exercised by an independent statutory authority free from the Government control to which the present Commission is subject. It was also felt that such an authority should be decentralised by States, though this raises the question of who pays for it, Commonwealth or State, and no one knows the answer yet!

### 7. SECONDARY EDUCATION:

Because it determines the standard of University entrance, secondary education was discussed at some length, especially in its relation to (a) the "specialisation" trend of University education; (b) its suitability for non-University students.

While most delegates were agreed that students should come up to the University with a broad educational background, the method of achieving such broadness was in dispute, especially as it affected the stage at which individual talents should be given full reign. These subjects are well worthy of debate during the year.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

The usual—amend the constitution, amend the constitution, amend the constitution, etc., etc., etc., amend the constitution.

### WHAT THE CONFERENCE DIDN'T DO!

1. STUDENT HOUSING: ?
2. STUDENT HOUSING: ?
3. STUDENT HOUSING: ?

## COMMENCEMENT BALL TO-NIGHT

IN THE REFECTORY

Dancing, 8 till 1. Tickets, 3/6 Single; Freshers Free

(But get your Ticket from the Union Office)

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The generous gesture of the University Council in providing lunch daily for the delegates and in giving a dinner.
- 2. The address of the Chancellor, Sir William Mitchell.
- 3. Address by Dr. Frank Mitchell, and his solving of Conference Headaches.
- 4. The co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde in the Refectory.
- 5. John Prescott's whistling rendition of Bach.
- 6. The Boat Race that didn't come off. It was a good show, and had Press reporters well worked up. Such is "news."
- 7. Sam Jacobs advertising "Bex."

Send this copy to your friends, if you have any, in the Services—it is printed by E. J. McAlister & Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide.

## President of the Union

We found Mr. S. J. Jacobs in his room in the George Murray Building, in a comfortable chair, reading J. T. Lang on "Communism in Australia." He wasn't smoking a cigar. Mr. Jacobs came to the University in 1939 as a Law student, but after 18 months' strenuous activity, including co-editorship of "On Dit," he enlisted, and was on active service for nearly 4 years, until discharged early last year.

Asked for a policy statement, Mr. Jacobs said only that there was considerable student activity planned which would be fruitful in proportion to the enthusiasm of the student body. The most urgent problem to be considered by the Union committee



was that of adequate student housing. The University Council already this year has the matter in hand, he said, but it is important that students should give consideration to their own problems.

In welcoming Freshers, Mr. Jacobs said "Welcome" and pointed out that probably be chosen those who would have the task of student administration in the first years of peace, and he, therefore, urged Freshers to make themselves as fully acquainted as possible with all student problems, and in particular the impact of demobilisation on University life. Even irrespective of this aspect, the privilege of reservation carried with it the responsibility of making the fullest possible contribution to the University, so

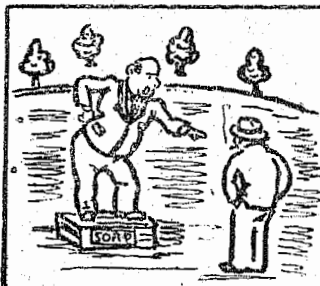
drawing the maximum advantage from it.

He urged support for the National Union and student societies, from which should come a full and free expression of opinion. Such opinion, however, depended for its real value on the habit of unbiased critical thought.

At this stage we warned Sam that the interview was getting serious, but he simply said, "Oh, its got its funny side," and dashed off to keep an appointment with some iced coffee.

### "STUDENT NEWS"

Full details of the Conference will appear in the N.U.A. U.S. paper, "Student News," shortly to be published throughout Australia. Watch for it!



# OPINION

'Where you air your own views  
and view other people's airs!'

## LINGUISTIC LAPSES.

To the Editor, "On Dit":

Dear Sir,—In spite of the multitude of subjects studied by University engineering students, there is still something lacking in the engineering courses.

Students entering the University must have passed Leaving English—in other words, they must be able to write an appreciation of certain types of English literature. Such a knowledge of English literature should form an essential part of every citizen's education, but, in addition, engineering students, should be able to write English as well as appreciate it. There is a vast difference between

writing essays, etc., for the Leaving Examination and writing concise scientific articles. The students of today are the men who will be the contributors of the various engineering journals of tomorrow, and no article, however, profound the subject matter may be, will be published if it is not composed clearly and logically in a scientific manner.

Until the Faculty introduces a course of lectures on the scientific use of the English language—that is, on technical exposition—graduates will be leaving the University without the ability to express themselves clearly, an ability which is indispensable to the engineer and scientist.—I am, yours faithfully,

R. W. PARSONS.

## A WORD TO FRESHERS FROM PROF. MAWSON.

The Present is the Psychozoic Era of Earth history: a period of dominance of mind over matter: a time when brain-power is the chief determining factor in evolutionary developments.

The application of mind to what we call Science has never been so general; resulting discovery and invention is securing for humanity fuller life and higher things.

You who are to devote your lives to science are enlisting in a campaign against the unknown which has achieved so much in the recent past and which faces an unlimited future. You may be but an insignificant figure in the army of scientists, but the way in which you may be a vastly responsible factor in the march of science. At least you can set out with high hopes and good resolve.

Bear in mind that what the brain can achieve is greatly dependent upon the maintenance of a healthy body. Therefore ensure that there is provision in your programme not only for study but for bodily exercise and for leisure. The varied activities embraced within the Students' Union offer scope in these fields.

The best in science needs a broad foundation of general knowledge and cannot be attained by concentration within too narrow limits of study. It is true that by narrow concentration, a year or two may be saved in arriving at a degree of mental equipment requisite to secure some specific employment in science: but thereby, also, a life's prospective achievement may be lost. Specialisation in science should be a post-graduate development.

Having selected courses of study, students will achieve most who ensure that they lose no time in fully comprehending the subject matter of each lecture. Keep pace with the lectures.

## WANTED

A SECRETARY FOR THE  
DEBATING SOCIETY.

Apply at the Union Office.

It is more than unwise to defer revision until the approach of examinations.

The transition from school to university is fatal to some freshers. At school we are told what to do, and so far as practicable somebody sees that we do it. A university student is more on his own resources. He must plan for himself, and he will do well to keep a watchful eye on himself. Don't be a fish out of water for the first term of your course and thereby miss a year by failing in November. Forewarned is forearmed.

## YOUR UNION BUILDINGS

Men freshers, on wandering into the library in the George Murray Building, may wonder at the glaring nakedness of the shelves. They may also wonder why, downstairs in the locker-room, they are forced to stagger about in semi-darkness, even though electric light fittings are provided.

The reason is that, in recent years, the original ideas behind the providing of the building have been forgotten, and people have taken a morbid delight in destroying those things which were intended for their relaxation and comfort.

Because of this, and to protect what remains of the library and furniture, it has become necessary to hide most of it away and leave but a bare minimum until those who use the buildings realise their responsibilities.

So far the Women's Union has not experienced such trouble.

The erection of the Lady Symon Building for the Women's Union was made possible by the gift of £9,500 by Sir Josiah Symon in 1926, his purpose being to establish a place where women students could gather for social and academic activities. The building contains a comfortably furnished sitting room, a library, a rest-room and locker rooms.

Ten years later Sir George Murray, then Chancellor of the University, gave £10,000 for a building for the Men's Union, which is known as the George Murray Building. The idea which prompted this gift was to provide a club for the men where they could spend their leisure time in comfortable surroundings. The building has a library, lounge, gymnasium, bathrooms, and locker rooms.

Union members have the privilege of having good meals at the Refectory, which is managed for the Union by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde. The funds for this building were donated by members of the University Council and staff and many leading citizens.

The cloisters around the quadrangle are intended as a University War Memorial.

Now its members know what the buildings are intended for, the Union believes that it is up to them to see that their hopes are fulfilled, and that privileges are not abused.

See the notice-board by the Secretary's office for details of rules.

## "REX" Theatre

Programme  
Commencing  
FRIDAY  
March 16.

HE LOVED HER ENOUGH TO KILL  
HER!

### "THE LODGER" (A)

Starring GEORGE SANDERS,  
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SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE.

Co-feature: The All-Song, All-Star  
"HIT PARADE OF THE SCREEN!"  
PHIL BAKER in

### "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" (G)

Edward Ryan—Marjorie Massow.

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Friday, March 16—

Commencement Ball, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 19—

1.20 S.C.M. Study Circle—"Science,  
Christianity and Truth"—in  
Lady Symon Hall.

1.20 A.G.M. Labor Club in George  
Murray Hall.

7.30 Science Society—Freshers'  
welcome.

Tuesday, March 20—

1.20 A.G.M. Rifle Club—George  
Murray Hall.

1.20 S.G.M. Study Circle—"Chris-  
tianity and Social Order."

Wednesday, March 21—

8.40 a.m. S.C.M. Morning Devot-  
ional in Conservatorium.

6.00 p.m. Medical Society—Fresh-  
ers' welcome.

7.40 p.m. Engineering Society—  
Freshers' Social.

## IT'S ALL YOURS.

The editors think so little of their own writing that they would much rather not see it in print.

It's your paper, and it's for you to keep it supplied with information, articles, photographs, poems or what have you.

The "Coming Events" column may be incomplete this week, as there has been little attempt to inform us of meetings and entertainments.

All contributions should be written legibly on one side of the paper, and signed by the writer, whether or not the signature is for publication. The number of words in the article should be written on top.

There will probably be a small extra edition of "On Dit" next Friday, and after that normal publication will be fortnightly.

## OUR NEW PROFESSORS

### PROF. ABBIE.

Adelaide's new Professor of Anatomy and Histology (Prof. A. A. Abbie) is a scientist of wide experience in anatomical research in Australia, England and the Continent. He was born in England in 1905, and matriculated at London University in 1922. He came to Australia and entered Sydney University in 1924, and graduated there in 1929 with degrees in both science and medicine. For three years has been resident at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and in 1932 won the Walter and Eliza Hall's Travelling Medical Research Fellowship. This took him to London, where he worked at the University College with the Sir Grafton Elliot Smith. His research there earned him a Ph.D. He also worked in Amsterdam with Ariens Kappers and in Paris with Prof. Anthony. In 1934 he returned to Sydney and was appointed senior lecturer in Anatomy there in 1935. He took an M.D. in 1936, and a D.Sc. in 1941. He joined the A.I.P. in 1941 and spent some time on service in New Guinea. He was released from the Army in January of this year to take up his appointment as Professor of Anatomy in Adelaide.

While he was in France, Prof. Abbie did some anthropological work in prehistoric caves in the south. He was particularly interested in the relationship between the art of men of the Upper Palaeolithic age (some 20,000 years ago) and aboriginal art in Australia.

Concerning student life in a University, Prof. Abbie was only prepared to say that each man must work out his own salvation—a University offers the facilities and he must make the best use of them himself.

He has a high opinion of the work of the National Union of Students in England. Before the war they organised skiing trips to Austria and Switzerland, boat trips to Iceland and along the Danube, hiking tours in the Black Forest and cruises in the Mediterranean. He thinks Australia offers excellent scope for similar activities.

### PROF. LeMESSURIER.

While Prof. Sir Stanton Hicks is engaged on full-time military duties, his work as Professor of Human

## FRESHERS—

If you haven't already got your  
UNION HANDBOOK, get it now  
at the Secretary's Office.

Physiology and Pharmacology is being done by Acting Prof. D. H. LeMessurier.

Prof. LeMessurier studied in Adelaide from 1930 to 1934, and graduated with an Honors B.Sc. in Physiology. From 1936 to 1940 he studied in Edinburgh, where he gained his M.B., Ch.B. He worked with Dr. C. H. Kelleway in Melbourne for a time, and later with Profs. Marshall and Geiling in Baltimore, U.S.A. For three and a half years he has been serving with the R.A.A.F.

When asked about student life in Edinburgh, Prof. LeMessurier said that people of many countries, races and creeds came there to study, and as a result the Union became an excellent meeting-ground for discussion, especially questions of social and national character. The S.C.M., too, was quite a large and active body in discussion.

Student life was organised to some extent in a few small colleges, but in Edinburgh most students prefer to live in boarding-houses or 'digs.'

During their vacations, students in Britain make a special point of moving about the Continent in order to broaden their education. Prof. LeMessurier went on one of these tours, visiting hospitals in Germany, but owing to the political situation the party had to leave rather hurriedly.

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# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## JOIN THEM ALL

### FRONT OFFICE NEWS.

There have again been changes of staff in various departments of the University.

Mr. F. W. Eardley retired from the position of Registrar in December. He entered the University in 1900 as an accountant, and in 1911 was appointed Assistant Registrar. In 1924 he became Registrar.

Mr. A. W. Bampton is the Acting Registrar.

After 40 years' service, Mr. H. B. Henderson retired in February. His place in the front office has been taken by Mr. D. W. Wallis, who has returned after two and a half years' service with the R.A.A.F.

Professor A. L. Campbell, Dean of the Faculty of Law, has returned, and resumed lecturing in his subjects.

Professor Goldby has gone to London, where he has been appointed to the Chair of Anatomy at St. Mary's Hospital. In his place we have Dr. A. A. Abbie, formerly senior lecturer in anatomy at the Sydney University.

Sir Stanton Hicks is now devoting his whole time to the Army, and during his leave Dr. D. H. LeMessurier will be Acting Professor of Physiology.

### THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Adelaide University Engineering Society is open for membership to all engineering students, and is intended to encourage social life amongst the students and others connected with the University who are interested in engineering.

During the meetings much important(?) business is discussed and some interesting talks are given. The aim this year is to make the talks not too technical, so that less qualified students do not lose interest in them. We hope that the talks given will be of general interest to all engineering students, whatever branch they hope to follow. At these meetings the committee hopes to be able to show films on popular topics also.

The fresher's first insight into the working of this society will take place when he goes along to the George Murray Hall on Monday, March 19, at 7.30 p.m., where a lively entertainment has been arranged.

After this the freshers will be fully fledged engineering students, and, as such, are invited to the first official general meeting of the A.U.E.S., which will be held in the engineering lecture theatre on Wednesday, March 21, at 7.40 p.m. Here they will have the opportunity of meeting the Dean of the Faculty (Prof. R. C. Robin) and his staff, and of hearing a short message of welcome from the Dean.

The film, "Brown Men and Red Sands," will be screened, after which supper will be served.

The Engineering Society is recognised as being one of the most progressive societies connected with the University, and we look for your support in making it continue to be so.

The annual subscription is 6/-, and this will be joyfully received by our competent treasurer, Les Nicholls.

Students may also attend meetings of the Student and Junior Sections of the Institute of Engineers of Australia, and also of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

The engineering dance at the end of the year is a fitting climax to the society's functions.

### SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Science Association will be held in the Lady Symon Hall on Monday, March 19, at 7.30 p.m. The programme will consist of the patron's remarks by Dr. C. T. Madigan, a pep talk by the president (John Prescott), films—mildly scientific and otherwise, supper, dancing, and, of course, the inevitable Freshers' Welcome, which promises to equal former high standards of excellence. All full-time Science students are strongly advised not to miss this meeting. Part-timers are also invited to attend.

The Society provides a common meeting ground for all students interested in Science and all those who consider the University as something more than a degree factory should attend the meetings, etc., of the association. The year's programme is designed to broaden the student's outlook, help him to a reasonable attitude towards life, and make him realise his place in and responsibility towards society in general.

This year looks like being just as successful as last year. Besides the usual staff talks, students' papers and excursions, an innovation which was enthusiastically received last year, viz., the novelty evening, will be retained in the second term. But more about that later!

The subscription for this year is 7/6, with a discount of 6d. if paid before the second meeting. This may be paid at any time now to the treasurer, John Keeves, or, if you don't know "Pug," it may be left at the Union office. Pay as soon as you can, Science students, and enjoy the privileges and advantages of membership, and don't forget to roll along on Monday night.

### WHO IS SHE?

"Steps for rehabilitation of Servicemen at Universities were being taken by the Adelaide University Women, said Mr. S. J. Jacobs at the annual conference of the National Union of Australian University Students, which was continued in Adelaide to-day."

—"The Advertiser."

### S.C.M.

If you take any sort of pleasure in applying your brains to problems of some importance, you may find something to interest you in the following discussion groups. These discussion groups, or study circles, run by the S.C.M., exist for the purpose of letting students give voice to their opinions, or merely listen to other people's opinions and inwardly digest them. We don't care what your opinions are—orthodox, atheistic or in between, and we're not going to give you ready-made answers. The subjects to be discussed are:—

"Science, Christianity and Truth," led by Mr. Charles Birch, M.Sc. (Mondays), and

"Christianity and the Social Order," led by Mr. Kenneth Newman, B.A., B.Ec. (Tuesdays).

These circles start next week in the Lady Symon Hall. Bring your lunch and an enquiring mind at 1.20 on Monday or Tuesday.

Another circle will begin after Easter, but more of that later.

On March 28, one of our travelling secretaries, Mr. John Garrett, will give an address on "The Function of a University."

Our activities are not restricted to brainwork, of course. On March 24 a "Hurly-Burly" is to be held, and later in the term there will be other social functions.

Don't imagine that the S.C.M. is an isolated little affair run by a few people in Adelaide. There are branches of the movement in most of the Universities of the world. It even has the honor of being banned by the Nazis in Europe.

All the movement's activities are open to anyone who cares to come to them.

### S.C.M. STATE CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY, 1945.

An earth tremor in the direction of Holiday House, Mt. Lofty, on February 16, 17 or 18, might have meant that four or five dozen people were learning folk dancing; or that someone was asking for a dinner-time joke; or possibly that the president was trying to get into bed. Silence in that direction might have indicated that the time was between 2.30 and 5.30 a.m.; or perhaps that the party was away hiking; or even that we were occupied with more serious matters.

The serious matter of the Conference consisted of three main addresses: Rev. W. F. Hambly's subject was "What is man?" in which he discussed man's relation to God; Mr. Ken Newman spoke on "The Sickness of Society" and answered the question "Am I my brother's keeper?"; and Frances Paton, one of the Travelling Secretaries, in the third address collected up the threads of the Conference discussions. Study circle work, led by Frances Paton, Charles Birch, Ken Newman, and the Chairman (Basil Hetzel) was based on Archbishop Temple's pamphlet, "What Christians Stand For in the Secular World." At the Federation Service on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Frances Paton, Charles Birch told us about the founding of the W.S.C.F. by Dr. John R. Mott.

An exhausting list of events for our Saturday afternoon sports carnival was announced by John Keeves. The lap-dash was more disconcerting to the men than it first appeared; they were told to sit down while a horde of Amazons dashed up and sat on their laps. Sundry other events were fraught with similar subtleties. Community singing drew crowds together. Midnight hikes drew crowds, but not so much together.

The keynote of the Conference was fellowship, well diluted with nonsense, and those who did go are only sorry for those who didn't.

### THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY LABOR CLUB

The Club believes that Socialism is the only solution to Australian and international problems. In this respect the Club has a twofold aim: to present the idea of Socialism to the body of University students and within the club to obtain precise understanding, by reading, thinking, and discussion, of the forces and movements, in our society, leading to Socialism.

The Labor Club policy this year will be:—

(a) Democratisation of the University and the achievement of a self-governing student body.

(b) Continuation and extension of subsidy scheme in the post war years and elimination of the present anomalies.

(c) Extension of Commonwealth research grants.

(d) Post-war and present extension of University facilities.

(e) Alteration of N.U.A.U.S. to N.U.A.S., so as to include all technical students.

(f) Investigation of student housing, with a modern hostel as our aim.

Our programme will consist of lunch-hour addresses, debates, evening meetings, with discussion and end of term conferences. We will also continue our informal Friday night dances and hold other socials.

The A.G.M. of the Club will be held on Monday, March 19, at 1.20 p.m.

### ARTISTS AND OTHERS.

Whether or not you may be just a little tired of the name Ern Malley it may be interesting to students of this University to note an episode which has never been referred to by any newspaper, police court or by Mr. Hornage, whose pamphlet on the case has just appeared. It has to do with a meeting of the University Arts Association on Tuesday, June 13, 1944. Mr. Max Harris, as speaker for the evening, spoke on "Contemptible Australian Poetry." The autumn number of "Angry Penguins" had just been published. Apart from slashing at Brennan, Ian Mudie, Ingamells, etc., Mr. Harris went into ecstasies about Ern Malley; he added that a certain English lecturer had questioned the authenticity of Ern's poetry and had challenged Harris to prove it. Excited by the prospect of a newsworthy controversy, the then editor of this paper declared, in front-page headlines, "Local Lecturer Cries 'Hoax!';" and filled a page with interesting details of the matter. The "Mail" took it up, teleprinted the whole of the front-page of "On Dit" to Sydney, where detectives were summoned, and Ern was revealed, etc., etc.

The moral of this story is, "Don't forget the Arts Association." The subscription is only five shillings for a year, with supper thrown in at each meeting (not literally). Anyone can join whether arts, med., dentistry, science or engineering. (The Law Society has it under ban).

Watch for further news and date of first meeting.

### DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN NEW ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTED.

To maintain the spirit of comradeship amongst discharged men and women of the Services in the University, and to assist in their rehabilitation as students, the Discharged Servicemen's and Servicewomen's Association was constituted at a general meeting held in the Geo. Murray on December 6, 1944.

With Prof. Gartrell in the chair, and seventeen ex-Service men present, the meeting elected Mr. Andrew Wells (Law) as president, and Mr. Malcolm Mackay (Arts) as secretary. An executive committee was also elected, representing individual Faculties.

With an increasing number of men and women coming into the University from the Services, not all of whom will have had previous knowledge of University life, it is considered that this Association will have an important duty to perform. Wherever possible, it will be the aim of the Association to arrange tutorials and other matters affecting its members, as well as to provide a liaison between individual students and the University.

Already much valuable assistance has been received from official bodies, such as the Union and the Council; and the personal help given by Profs. Gartrell and FitzHerbert and by Mr. Statton is greatly appreciated. The Union has made the former Chess Room available to members, not in order that they might segregate themselves from normal University life, but simply to provide a place where new-comers who are strange to University ways can find a touch of home and a familiar atmosphere.

The first general meeting for 1945 will be held in the Refectory building on Monday, March 26, at 7.45 p.m., and it is urged that all men and women who have been discharged from any of the Services make an attempt to be present.

We understand that the following societies also exist, but we have not received any information from them, so we can't tell you anything:—

Medical Students' Society, Debating Society, Evangelical Union, Aquinas Society, Evangelical Union, Aquinas Law Society, Political and International Relations Club, etc.

## BROWN & PEARCE

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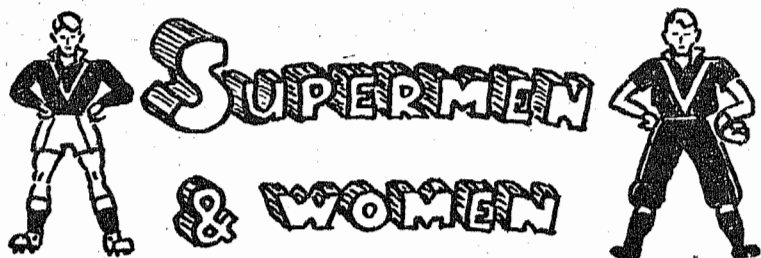
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### CRICKET CLUB.

With only one more match to play, our cricketing news is mainly retrospective.

The 'A' team lost its first three matches and was beginning to have some notoriety as the easiest team in the 'A' grade. With a run of wins to follow, reputation and premiership points soared. After the fourth win we were equal second, headed only by Prospect, who had led all the season.

In the next match, against Port Adelaide, all that we could return against a mediocre 177 was a miserable 157. Goode was the only batsman to put up resistance against McLean.

Since then we have suffered a similar fate to that of the rebel angels:

"Then the Almighty Power  
Hurled headlong flaming from the  
ethereal sky

With hideous ruin and combustion,  
down

To bottom place"; (from which  
the last match has redeemed  
us).

Goode has been our outstanding batsman; while Bennett, Douglas and Wellington have each made more than

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three hundred runs. Beard has done well for a fast bowler in taking 33 wickets, and batsmen have usually found him difficult to score off.

Chester Bennett, who has set a fine example—in fielding, as well as batting and bowling—gained well deserved laurels in being chosen captain of the State side in its last match with the services.

The 'B' team has fared worse than the 'A', with only only 4 wins out of eleven matches. In several of our losing matches the prospects looked quite bright (with 250's or 300's to our credit) until the other side slugged up a 350 or 400. Going to the other extreme, our modest 129 was enough to beat West Torrens' 81.

Laurie Rice, the opening bat, has a good succession of scores (including one century) to his credit. The only other century-maker was Hallett.

Of the bowlers, there have been such a number playing on and off, that it is difficult to say that this one or that is best. Whittle, Day and Church head the 'B' match aggregates.

### SOFT-BALL.

"Glorified rounders or simplified baseball."

A Softball Association was formed in the latter part of last term, and many basketball and hockey enthusiasts decided to try their skill at the newly-introduced game. Practices were held on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m., but this hour proved to be too early for some, enthusiasm waned, and numbers dropped considerably. However, we were able to play practice-matches on Saturday afternoons, and at the beginning of this year entered one team to play on Tuesdays.

The committee of the S.A.W.S.B.A. had decided to hold matches on Saturday afternoons and on Tuesday evenings at 5.30 p.m. Our numbers were not great enough to allow us to enter two teams, and so we only entered the one to play on Tuesdays. Of the four matches we have played, we have only won one, but with everyone back from holidays we hope to be successful in our final match.

The first season ends on March 20, but during the winter months we intend to practise regularly each week, so that when the new season begins next summer we will be ready to meet the opposing teams.

We welcome all freshers and hope that many of them will join the association. (Subscription is only 5/-.) Will all those who wish to play please watch the notice board for the date of the meeting to be held early in the term.

### ATHLETICS.

The last meeting of the club was held on the University Oval on November 25. The meeting was very successful, many competitors from other clubs participating. A highlight was the spectacular jump of 5 ft. 11½ in. by J. Harbison.

The A.U.A.C. hope to field strong teams in the senior and junior State championships on April 7 and 14 in an effort to win the shields presented to each section. Entries for these championships will close at the end of the month, and may be lodged with the club secretary (J. Stevens).

The A.G.M. will be held at 1.20 in the George Murray Hall on Wednesday, March 21. All interested freshers are particularly asked to attend.

For the benefit of freshers and old hands who have forgotten, the Varsity Oval is available every night for training. There are facilities for high jumping, pole vaulting, hurdles, discus and javelin throwing and long jumping. Apparatus can be obtained at the shed behind the pavilion.

We hope to see large numbers out training every night, as the University annual sports will probably be held on the last Wednesday in April, which is not far ahead.

### RIFLE CLUB.

After a most successful season during 1944, the club looks forward with confidence and enthusiasm to a

year of even greater success.

All those interested should attend the A. G. M., which will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 1.20 p.m. in the George Murray Hall. New members having rifles of their own can obtain peep-sights from the club.

The programme for the year will be approximately as follows:—

A practice shoot held every Sunday morning at Keswick Barracks, when silver handicap spoons will be presented. Members can obtain ammunition and targets at the range. Trophies for club championship, handicap aggregate, handicap points and 'B' grade championship will be presented for the year's shooting. Later in the year the club will take part in the postal teams matches against other South Australian teams. Inter-club matches will be arranged whenever possible, such that we will have the chance of directly competing against member clubs of the Metropolitan Miniature Rifle Club Union—for example, Reedbeds, Cyclists, etc.

Members can take part in half-yearly prize meetings held by the M.M.R.C.U.

The season will end with a prize-meeting of our own, when the trophies competed for throughout the year will be presented.

J. D. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

### BASEBALL

Watch the Notice Board for the date of the Annual General Meeting. Freshers will be specially welcome, whether or not they can play Baseball now.

D. D. BEARD,  
Hon. Sec.

### WEST TORRENS MATCH.

Varsity won on the first innings, the opposition making 158 in reply to our 248. Bennett top-scored for us with 68 and gave no chances in his innings. After his and Goode's dismissals, the batting tailed off rather except for a 23 by Hone (a new member) and a 21 n.o. by Hallett.

In West Torrens' innings, our bowlers made short work of the opening batsmen, and at one stage the score was 7 for 34. A fine partnership by Sykes (89) and Weekly averted a follow-on. Beard bowled particularly well for his 5 wickets, and got Sykes caught in slips off a beautiful ball. Weekly was the hero for West Torrens with 8 for 91 and a score of 42.

#### VARSAITY, 1st innings, 248.

Douglas, c. off Weekly	26
Bennett, c. off Dodson	68
Goode, b. Weekly	63
Cullity, b. Weekly	12
Rook, b. Weekly	8
Hone, stpd. off Weekly	23
Hallett, n.o.	21
Cowper, b. Weekly	6
Whittle, b. H. Woods	3
Beard, c. off Weekly	2
Selth, stpd. off Weekly	10
Sundries	6
Varsity, 2nd innings, 3 for 55.	
Douglas, c. off Sykes	5
Goode, c. off Paterson	18
Rook, b. Paterson	3
Hone, n.o.	21
Hallett, n.o.	6
Sundries	2

#### WEST TORRENS, 158.

Bowling.—Beard 5 for 46; Bennett, 2 for 33; Whittle, 2 for 21; Rook, 1 for 21; Hone, 0 for 35.

An informal match was also played last Sunday afternoon against Sacred Heart College down on their grounds. We won by 18 runs. Hone and Beard top-scored with 27, which shows that cricketers are as unpredictable as horses. Hone seems to have gained some mysterious prize for getting the

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most runs (12) off one over. Other bright spots were Jim Whittle's six (he was on his way next ball) and Henry Rodger's bowling. For a wicketkeeper he displayed great versatility in getting 3 wickets and 1 run out in an over, including a quasi-hat-trick (2 dinkums and the run out). Varsity 'B' v. East Torrens-Glenelg.

Varsity lost by 9 wickets. Varsity, 1st innings, 98 (Kenihan, 49). 2nd innings, 182 (Kenihan, 81; O'Loughlin, 30; Jose, 27).

E.T.-Glenelg, 1st innings, 8 for 258 (dec.). 2nd innings, 1 for 27.

### PICTURE EVENING

On FRIDAY, MARCH 23, at 7.45 p.m., in the George Murray Hall. The films will be mainly of Test Cricket and Test Cricketers in training, interspersed by films of tennis and golf.

There will be a commentary by the international slow bowler, C. V. Grimmett.

### NON-PENNANT TENNIS.

The Non-Pennant Tennis Club has been formed for those who cannot, or prefer not, to play at the Memorial Drive. Informal matches are played on Saturday afternoons at the University courts, which are open for practice on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Members are expected to pay a two shilling ball fee to the secretary, O. B. McLeay, and to be financial members of the Sports Association. These conditions fulfilled, only three things remain to be done. First, get more balls from McLeay or, preferably, bring your own; second, procure a partner; third, fetch a net from the pavilion (the groundsmen will know where they are).

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