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SKIT ON "TRUTH"

"NEWS" Spreads Furphy

Juggling with an innocent skit in "On Dit" (14/4/47), "The News" in a moment of vision conjured up a purely hypothetical impression of Varsity morals, which they proceeded to splash in an eruption of black type as "Varsity Favors Freer Sex Life," etc. With great industry these injudicious reports were disseminated throughout the Australian press.

"The News" failed to publish a submitted correction of these erroneous reports. Is this good faith with their readers? Further frivolous reports were published.

To vacuum the mire of misrepresentation we present an unbiased analysis of this sensationalism, written by the noted commentator and champion of liberty, Mr. Errin Malee, who is enjoying an unobtrusive holiday in Australia.

"DAVUS SUM NON OEDIPUS"

"On Dit" (14/4/47) presented a report on student morals in the Otago University, N.Z., under a heading of "SEX STALKS VARSITY." Under another heading "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE" the danger only of such a position arising in the Adelaide University was discussed.

As I read it, "It Can't Happen Here" refers to the Otago speech and Freshers' handbook which contained information on sex. The opening sentence which follows, "But it has," acknowledges the fact that in the past similar addresses have been given here at debates, etc., and that there have been certain publications which did contain obscene matter.

The whole story was presented as a skit on your well-known weekly "Truth," whose general pattern and style the "On Dit" story faithfully followed.

Evidently, the skit was too subtle

for "The News." "Fools rush in . . ." ("Truth" can no doubt, finish). Once before "On Dit" published a skit on "Truth" (printed on this page), but this was of the sledge hammer variety. Apparently, this story should have been the same.

On the other hand there does appear to be a certain amount of misrepresentation of the Varsity in "The News."

By some obscure mathematical process "The News" arrived at the conclusion that 200 students voted three to one in favor of freer sex life. These figures are dangerously incorrect and cannot be substantiated.

Most of this misrepresentation has been splashed across the Australian press per media "The News."

The blame for the Australian press, falling for a skit, rests with your evening paper. "The Argus" and other papers merely followed what they imagined was a faithful report.

BONFIRE AND BRAWL?

Despite the fact that "The News" had been informed of its error at the first available opportunity, it reiterated the erroneous report.

A few embryo Socialists raced around the University refectory banging toy drums like so many enthusiastic children, and then proceeded, rather self-consciously, to burn about 20 copies of "On Dit," which were donated by the "On Dit" staff to humor their childish whim.

The Socialists then proceeded to the Torrens to dispose of their banners at the City Council's expense.

"The News" avidly seized upon this story and made a front page story, which was in turn relayed to other States.

The stories dealt with bonfires, brawls, and large-scale demonstrations. Twenty "On Dits" would not even toast a peanut. The accompanying photograph exposes the brawl story. Less than a dozen Socialists out of

5,000 students may mean a large-scale demonstration, but only in a Dali dream.

"On Dit" wishes to correct all those newspapers who, in their diligent search after truth, fell into error concerning the president of the Socialist Club and his name.

The president is Ron Hieser, not George Heiser. He was not wearing a gas mask as stated in "The News" and "Truth."

Commenting on this slur on his appearance, Mr. Hieser said, that it was "typical of the misrepresentation, distortion and garbled facts, which we have come to expect from our yellow capitalistic press."

This, I believe, is the one point on which "On Dit" might agree with the Socialist Club.

For the benefit of the Varsity notoriety it is stated that the man in the mask was Edgar Castle.

The editor, when interviewed com-

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TRUTH WILL OUT SLAYER SENTENCED

LAW LASSIE'S STORY OF PASSIONATE LOVE

Accused told Judge that accident was caused by a young woman rushing into his path from the Torrens bank—causing him to swerve and hit her.

Miss Goodenough said she told the court when she told the judge that she had been in the car when the accident occurred. She told her that she had been driving the car when she saw a young woman rushing into the road from the bank. She said she had been driving the car when she saw the young woman rushing into the road from the bank. She said she had been driving the car when she saw the young woman rushing into the road from the bank.

"I DO NOT think I was drunk," was the startling statement of accused, 22-year-old John Wilful Slayem, when being questioned by Mr. Ross in connection with the alleged manslaughter of one Charles Jonah on the night of the blank day of blauk on Victoria Drive.



ACCUSED AND P.C.P.C. NABB ENTERING COURT FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

RIVERSIDE TRAGEDY

It was alleged that Slayem, through grossly

ANTI-SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION

The wave of feeling that has been growing against the University Socialist Club is becoming increasingly noticeable in student activities. The Socialist Club, by their fatuous and futile acts of extroversion, are dragging the Varsity through the mire of the sensational press.

The Socialist Club aroused further disapproval and disgust by marching with banners and gowns as a University body in a procession that was reported in the press as organised by Communists.

As a protest a body of students demonstrated by deluging the uncomfortable Varsity Socialists with flour as the march approached Hindley Street.



WHAT IS A BRAWL? This is the "brawl" reported in "The News" and the "brawls" reported in "Truth." Ascending are the Socialist minority; descending student vigilantes. This is evidence, not journalistic imagination. (See text.)

mented, "Evidently he could not have known 'The News' photographer would be present. Or could he?"

SUCCESS OF SKIT

That "On Dit" were successful in their skit on "Truth's" style may be adduced from the fact that their story became the front page story of that paper. The story was published almost in full.

While "On Dit" may disagree with "Truth's" interpretation of the importance of the Socialist Club and of the contentious article, it must be grateful for the chance afforded the few rational people who may read "Truth" to realise what an unnecessary "storm in a tea cup" the whole press report was!

"Truth" quotes "On Dit" as saying "Too many find a stimulus and outlet for their surplus energies in anti-social malpractices." Anti-social malpractices cover a wide territory.

The truth of this statement is evidenced by the Socialist Club, who, by their exhibitionistic activities, have converted a transitory incident into a public issue.

IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING

"Freedom of the Press" does not mean freedom to twist innocent words by distortion or omission.

"The News" would do well to ascertain facts in future, before injudiciously rushing a story into print. It has a duty to present the public with facts. If it does not, it is falling down on that duty.

On Dit

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DON THOMPSON

The necessity was occasioned by highly imaginative statements in a sensational press which would do well to keep better faith with the public it serves.

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In contrast, the Chief Justice, Sir Mellis Napier, delivered a sober and dignified address a week later, in the course of which he flatly denied press reports that students were frivolous, irresponsible adolescents.

Mr. Garland's remarks were even more specious than "On Dit" sometimes is. He dealt exclusively with "worker and student marching together to revolution."

Recently, at the behest of the Socialist Club, Mr. Garland, of the Trades and Labor Council, addressed University "commrades" on "Trade Unions." We would have liked to learn something of Trade Unions.

Communism is that political dogma which recognises no other political feeling, and which in power will suppress all opposition.

An attack on Communism would not be political, but, rather, preservative.

A scurrilous attack has been launched against "On Dit" and the student paper shall and is defending itself.

"On Dit" may be accused now of forgoing its principle of non-political partisanship.

"On Dit" suggests that the real reason for the Socialist attack lies elsewhere. Possibly they are not getting sufficient of their propaganda published?

From one of their banners, "Editor Keeps Strict Watch on Morals," it would appear that the Socialists do not want morals to be improved. Why?

Impressed by this example of misleading exaggeration we shall be prepared in future.

It is unfortunate that our spirit of persiflage should be so misrepresented in a paper from which the public expects more erudite inspection.

WITH due consideration for "The News" we are printing this editorial upside down. After their erroneous reports of our articles, and University activities in general, we feel that "The News" will be less likely to misunderstand us if they follow the elementary process of working from the bottom up!

Of Course It's Upside Down!

PROCESSION

"EVERY five years the Varsity revives its annual procession." This was the distinguished comment of a more distinguished member of the staff when Len Perkin's letter (14/4/47) was referred to him. At that rate, Adelaide does not deserve another procession until 1950.

Scarcely two years ago, without any forewarning to newsreel photographers, hundreds of University students with flags, placards, guys, cadavers, cymbals, gowns and mortar-boards, motor-bikes, and horse and trap, marched on the town. A spontaneous march to celebrate the end of the war in Europe it contained old jallopiés bearing signs such as "Lactogen builds bonny babies," and Doc. Mitchell's trotter-drawn, flower bedecked chariot carrying the only senior staff representative, Dr. C. T. Madigan. Perhaps it was lacking in the fervor, vim, and humor of the traditional march, but it did show that the student body had not completely divorced itself from tradition.

Our University, with most others in Australasia, lacks tradition behind it; we cannot afford to let the few traditions now remembered pass from us. The Varsity may creditably claim that its degrees rank highly throughout the academic world and we may point to our impressive and concrete buildings with pride and delight; but we are likely to lag behind our fellow-students until we gain, through customs handed down through uninterrupted generations of undergraduates, traditional roots which will add the respectability of age to our modern grandeur.

At the present moment there is nothing distinctive about a University student. Whatever the students may say to the contrary, undergrads, have thrown off the black robes once billowing out their culture and overshadowing the hallowed ground of our Alma Mater, giving a united esprit de corps to all the students here. Apart from the Criminal Trial, in which all can participate, we have nothing left in which we all can join, irrespective of faculty.

The Revue, presented by the Footlights Club with such well-known artists as Rex ("Waacka") Dawe and Keith McDonald of 5AD, which with the procession were part of the commemoration festivities have gone. The Bowser Cup (for Engineers) and the inter-faculty wheelbarrow race down North Terrace have also passed the way of all flesh, although we hope to have astounding news regarding the revival of the latter event in our next issue.

University tradition has come to mean nothing but cold, aesthetically distasteful statues, and plaques prominently displayed on the walls

of buildings. We are deprived of any special and specific rights; unlike our English, Russian, Indian, and even Melbourne confreres we are granted no special voting rights as University students.

Sydney, probably, was the scene of the liveliest and most gigantic procession. Reporting on an attempt to revive this procession last year, "Honi Soit," the students' paper remarked, "The procession, which is probably a tradition imported from the Old World, had become a notable day in the life of our city by 1940, when it was last held. Many people, perhaps most, who witnessed the parade disapproved of University humor, and indeed the custom was for several of the more adventurous spirits to spend some short period in gaol."

Sydney, evidently, always had more trouble with the police than Adelaide. Quite often the police would meet a bogus procession at the main gates and proceed to stop it from entering the city streets, while the real parade would quietly slip out the back entrance.

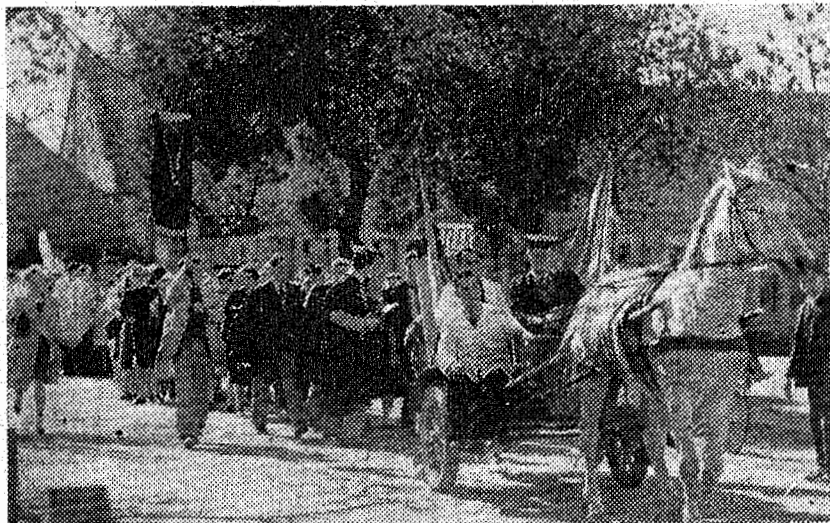
In these processions any vehicle capable of moving, either under its own power or by Fresher propulsion, was put into action and a special section, for which a prize was awarded, was devoted to the most humorous old car. Backbone of the whole show, however, was really the faculty floats built over lorries, each faculty competing for the prizes offered.

Why such events moved old ladies to cry: "I knew it, I knew it: I knew there'd be a revolution," why a gowned student should be asked by a police official to "control his boys," why an old gentleman with fading eyesight should start cheering the Ninth Division, we cannot tell. We can only sympathise with the zealous constable who "was amazed that our teachers had let us free from classes during school hours."

In Adelaide, we have never been able to taste the full fruits of such police and public interference and indecision as in Sydney—possibly because Sydney DOES have a procession. In fact, after our last little celebration "On Dit" reports that: "Someone yelled, 'Three cheers for the cops!' These were given with enthusiasm, for there had been sympathetic smiles from Adelaide's police as they held up the traffic to let us through (—they, too, were young once)" That was the end!

JOHN RODER.

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ATHEIST ANSWERED

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RED FASCISM

To the Editor,
Sir,—What does "B.O." mean? If the University fulfils its purpose of "the impartial and disinterested pursuit of truth"—it will naturally be Christianised; but the quest must be impartial and disinterested—no red-tinted spectacles.

Are the guiding rays of the beacon an "intrusion on the liberty of the

Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia drown the injustices of the past. The clanking chains may be those of Stepinac—it is not Mikhailovich, he didn't get the chance.

Yours,
"VERITAS"

BO PULLS BO-NER

To the Editor,
Sir,—In the 'On Dit' of April 14, one 'Bo' indignantly objects to the suggestion that the University should be Christianised.

Cardinal Newman said: "A University from which religion is excluded is a contradiction in terms; the advocates of a secular University must either admit that the province of religion is barren of real knowledge or that in such a University one special and important branch of knowledge is omitted."

A study of the effects of religious authority in the history of thought would show 'Bo' that the power of the Church has been exerted in every age in the defence of reason, and against the onslaught of reason, which began with the scepticism of Pyrrho and survives to-day in the anti-intellectualism of Rousseau, maintained by Bergson and William James. These gentry would have assured 'Bo' that truth is unattainable to the intellect, and reason, and would abandon him to his instincts.

This is an intrusion upon the liberty of the mind which no true religion can permit.

The Christian religion still remains a form of spiritual fascism, with its cry, "Believe and be saved," its curse, "Believe or be damned."

It would be pointless to have a church without authority, but this is not an imposed authority; it is gladly accepted by those who recognise it as the privilege of sharing the mind of Christ. Without authority no "wise ethical teachings" survive. To borrow Dr. Nicol's phrase, "Christian modes of living are the flower that beautifies the world, but to-day, torn from its roots (that is, dogma . . .), it is rapidly fading."

"Let all men worship their gods" is meant to be a gracious concession from 'Bo,' but their gods need to be examined. The God of the Thug is worshipped in a manner most inconvenient to the infidel; deifying the human mind condemns man to be left to his own resources, and 'Bo' will find them insufficient if he perseveres in his pursuit of truth. A studied impartiality does not survive anywhere, it always goes down before authority, and 'Bo' will find the alternative to Christian authority a far more rigid and paralyzing influence. Tennyson might truly have said "There is more dogma in honest doubt than in all your ranting creeds."

F. B. POWER.

ATOM BOMBS AND GALILEO

To the Editor,
Sir,—It is difficult to comment with dignity of language on the letter of one who signs himself "Bo," (On Dit, 14/4/47). It is also difficult to retain politeness and patience in reference to one sufficiently boorish to characterise the

Christian religion, shared by many of his fellow-students and fellow-citizens, as "spiritual fascism." For the most part, "fascism" is a controversial noise, generally covering up a refusal to think.

An education that is non-religious inevitably takes up this attitude towards religion—that it is unimportant. Impartiality is more often imagined than real. A non-religious education is no guarantee of the "impartial and disinterested pursuit of truth" that your correspondent sug-

LETTER OF THE WEEK

To the Editor,
Sir,—The colorful scene enacted by the galaxy of Socialist Club members on Tuesday, April 29, leaves one questioning many things.

Just what was the demonstration against? Was it really against the articles on student morality? Was it just a frolic, a lightsome piece of nonsense bubbling up from their infectious exuberance, or could it be that Mr. Dunstan is irked at his inability to produce a smattering of sense in his articles that have appeared in this "odorous rag?"

However, returning to the impressive dignity of the pageant. Was there ever such an assortment of martyrs and innocents crying in the wilderness? It was noticed that one innocent child was charmingly accoutred in a shapely and becoming gasmask. Did he find it necessary to wear when mingling with his comrades? Could it be that the paper held twixt finger and thumb was intended as a fan—an auxiliary protection?

Evidently Mr. Dunstan is taking your suggestions seriously and trying to brighten up our lives at University, but in his own way.

However, we really must thank the members for their circus, but what we missed most of all was Mr. Dunstan's gymnastics with the hammer and sickle.

Yours faithfully,
CAPITALIST, R.A.N.K.,
(Protected Worker)
Siberia Saltmines.

P.S.—It is believed that,
"Bacon's not the only thing,
That's cured by hanging from
a string."

gests as ideal. "In modern times there developed the phobia that the love of God would becloud scientific neutrality. Is the contempt of God any less prejudicial?" So said Dr. Hubert Cory in "The Emancipation of a Free-thinker" which your correspondent would find illuminating.

It is the Christian contention that an impartial and disinterested pursuit of truth leads to God and Christ. The vast majority who deny this have not spent an hour in serious consideration of the evidence that can be adduced. They rely upon vague and journalistic impressions that Christianity, intellectually, is finished.

An attempt to resist this impression is not an intrusion on the liberty of the scholarly mind, but an effort to enrich it, integrate it, and free it from error. Mental liberty, if it means anything, means freedom from error; to exercise one's liberty by ignoring truth is the surest way of being enslaved to ignorance.

Lip-service to Christ as an ethical

teacher is unconvincing when it is eclectic and discriminating. The clearest ethical duty, taught by Christ, and embodied in His life, was a religious one, involving belief. It was He who offered the dilemma of belief or condemnation. The precise meaning of the dilemma has doubtless eluded your correspondent.

Tolerance is a catchword of those who regard religious belief as absurd. "Any stigma," said Phillip Guedalla, "will do to beat a dogma." But tolerance is a two-way virtue, not readily to be inferred from Bo's rather ignorant contempt. His tolerance appears to be the order of Voltaire's. Voltaire suggested that he would resist an opinion with his last breath, but would die for his opponent's right to hold it. But he was insincere. He also said: "Ecrasez l'infame." The infamous thing was Christianity.

No Christian wishes to defend all the acts of his predecessors. But of Galileo, Professor Whitehead, who is not a Christian apologist, was that Galileo suffered an honorable detention and mild reproof before dying peacefully in his bed." And that, in the popular phrase, for sticking his neck out, not for affirming the Copernican theory. Bruno was burnt for persistently denying ideas thought basic to the society of his day and was punished with the severity of the times; we dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and pattern bombed north-western Europe in defence of ideals we thought important. Shelley was just a spoilt child, preaching what he practised, and advocating moral anarchy which would make civilised life impossible. As far as I know he had no chains to clink.

The suggestion of long lists of martyrs of liberty is a tradition of irreligious obscurantism.

Sincerely yours,
M. WHITE.

DISLOYAL SPORTSMEN?

Dear Sir,—With the experience as an undergraduate of three Australian Universities, I would like to take this opportunity in criticising the apparent lack of loyalty of some of our sporting members in the University.

In Melbourne, when I was there, it was "not done" for an undergraduate to play for any other club in a sport, where there was an equivalent club at the University. In fact, the player in question, was ostracized by his fellows.

I should like to point out, that I believe the University Cricket Club was the only one to take steps in this matter and, as a contrast to all the other clubs, it was able to defeat Melbourne in the Inter-varsity contest.

This matter may not be the sole cause for our various teams suffering such dismal failures in the Intersports spheres, but I think it helped a lot.

Again, it is becoming increasingly evident that members from our neighboring States are becoming the leaders of our various sports in the 'Varsity.

I do not deny that they are able leaders, but I should like to see our own skilled players showing a little more enthusiasm and loyalty to their fellows at the 'Varsity.

Yours sincerely,
"VARSITY BLUE."

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The first shipment of French books has just arrived from Paris. Titles include Baudelaire, Sastre, Arnus, Celine, de Sade, etc.
A stock of post-war Austrian books and magazines. In German.
Art books due soon from Italy and Switzerland.

MARY MARTIN

13 ALMA CHAMBERS
COMMERCIAL PLACE
(Behind Brookman Bldgs., Grenfell St.)

mind" of the mariner? Yet they are no more insistent, nor more reliable than the light of Revealed Truth.

Pontius Pilate may not appreciate the comparison, but, like him, your correspondent betrays a grudging admiration of Christ coupled with an echo of his puzzled "What is truth?" Pilate condemned Christ to the scourge and the cross. Would "B.O." brand Him as fascist? The proposition "He that believes and is baptised shall be saved, he that believeth not shall be condemned" is His.

As an undergraduate, your correspondent should know that Fascism is a system of government by which the means of production and distribution are controlled by the government which asserts for itself power over every individual in every phase of his personal life in the interest of the State from the cradle to the grave. It is well portrayed in modern Russia. The volume of misery under Red Fascism in Poland,

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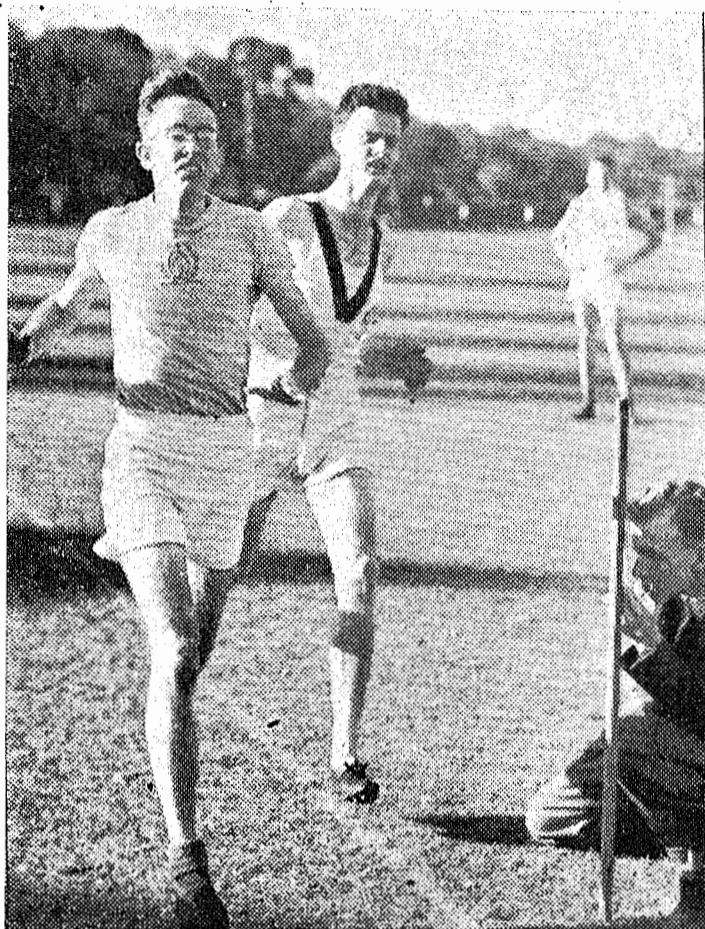
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STUDENTS IN SOVIET OCCUPIED POLAND

LIVE IN CELLARS

Mrs. Phyllis Farley, W.S.R. representative in Poland, writes: "The destruction is so great that merely to read about it conveys nothing, but to see it is quite incredible. Warsaw, for instance, is a city where every house on every street is ruined, and it is difficult to imagine how the people live. One sees them emerging from what seems to be a heap of ruins, and it appears that one room was less damaged, or perhaps a cellar, and somehow they live there. "Food, especially fats, is very scarce in Poland, and the poorest students eat in the student canteens. Many eat only once a day, the lunch served in the canteens. The calorific value varies from 800 to 2,000 daily, and averages just over 1,000. On an average only about 15 per cent. of the students who apply and who need such help can be accommodated in the hostels and given lunch in the canteens, sometimes much less. "To overcome the great shortage of textbooks the students have special committees which print lecture scripts on mimeograph machines. These scripts are bound and sold for the cost of production, but often the students cannot afford even that.

Pars and Jars

Did you heifer? The Australian Statistics Compendium shows that the head of the Division of Animal Health and Reproduction of the C.S.I.R. is none other than Dr. L. B. Bull.

Prof. Sir Kerr Grant who dabbles in literature as well as physics was seated in the Ref. one day reciting reams of Milton's "Paradise Lost" to Prof. Jury. The performance ended. With tears in his eyes and a frog in his throat, Sir Kerr managed to whisper "What sublime nonsense."

Gordon Waterman, of Ozone Theatres, vouches for the fact that the following notice actually appears on the Nevada (U.S.A.) border: "Nevada State Line; admitted to the Union as the 36th State in 1864. A debt-free State welcomes you. NO income tax, NO sales tax, NO inheritance tax, NO corporation tax. NO gift tax." Really? NO kidding!

The impecunious student is well-known in history, and has quite often been the subject of legislation. As far back as 1389, Parliament made it an offence for any able-bodied man to beg in a public place: Students, however, were excluded from this law so long as they held a certificate of authorisation from the Chancellor of their University.

For those who were unable to buy "Truth" in the rush, we quote a few lines: "... one thing is certain ... many parents will conduct a review of their undergraduate off-springs' leisure hours." We liked this bit, too: "On Dit," at one penny per copy has a restricted and exclusive circulation ... but receipts for the issue of April 14, would exceed the publishers' wildest dreams if sufficient copies were available for sale to the many parents who are now seeking copies." Please pass it on to the folks that the subscription is 3/6 per annum (posted).

"At all lectures, examinations and public ceremonies of the University, Graduates and Undergraduates must appear in academic dress ... for Undergraduates, a plain black stuff gown and trencher cap."—University of Adelaide Calendar."

A caller at the Publications Office the other day was very indignant over the fact that we had not given the anti-social editress credit for her article in the last issue. Asked to show us which column was her handiwork, he immediately pointed to one bearing the seductive banner "Tutti Frutti." 'Twas long before we finally convinced him that it had come from the S.C.M.

The Garland meeting evidently gave a few ideas to the 'Varsity "comrades." In an impassioned outburst, "Trades Hall" Tom had called on the students and workers to "march together." The Socialists took him literally and turned up in full force for the May Day Parade. Unfortunately, I missed seeing them: by the time they passed your scribe, they were wallowing in a couple of inches of flour which somebody had evidently wanted to get rid of.

The staff agrees with one Socialist's sentiments expressed during the burning of "On Dit." Seeking an explanation why it failed to burn quickly, Crowther could only tell the crowd, "It's wet."

UNION COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET

WHERE YOUR £3-3-0 GOES

The following is an account of the way in which the £3/3/- statutory fee paid into the Union Office at the beginning of 1946 was spent.

UNION COUNCIL ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1946.			
To Sports Association	£2,050 0 0	By Union Fees	£5,876 15 0
" *Union House Committee	2,642 0 0		
" Health Committee	£105 0 0		
" Balance	395 0 0		
(held by Union Council)	500 0 0		
" S.R.C.	480 0 0		
" Graduates	60 12 5		
" Balance	144 15 0		
	£5,876 15 0		£5,876 15 0

*For further details see the statements on the noticeboard in the Refectory.

And this is how the S.R.C. spent their grant—

ENDED DEC. 31, 1946.

Expenditure		Receipts	
To N.U.A.U.S.	£150 17 8	By Debates	£52 17 8
" Table Tennis Club	7 8 9	" Commencement Functions	38 6 2
" Men's Union	16 8 3	" Net Expenditure for year	365 9 2
" Glee Club	2 17 0		
" Debates	64 12 1		
" "On Dit"	115 4 0		
" Entertainment	16 14 0		
" Women's Union	40 4 6		
" Student Hand Book	24 5 0		
" Commencement Functions	18 1 0		
	£456 13 0		£456 13 0

The balance of £114/10/10 covers the liability of £90 for "Phoenix," and provides an initial basis for this year's S.R.C.

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS

"There is a great lack of warm clothing and strong footwear both for men and women students—perhaps more for the latter, even, as there has been a limited amount of surplus army supplies available through UNRRA for men.

"W.S.R. has been able to give funds to help in rebuilding a hostel and in furnishing others. I myself saw in Cracow, for instance, rooms where students were sleeping on straw palliasses on the floor with no furniture at all. In one room three girl students slept. One had a bed which she had brought from home, the second slept on a long canteen table, the third on a palliass on the floor. Apart from one box which stood on end to act as a stool there was no other furniture in the room.

"W.S.R. has also sent food, periodicals, books, mimeographing machines and so on, but all that can be sent is but a drop in the ocean. There are other organisations who give from time to time when W.S.R. intervenes, but W.S.R. is the only organisation working here exclusively for academic youth."

"ON DIT" CODE

FOR SATERDEE, 17th
(By "Confounder")

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GIANTS CLASH!

Varsity Defeats '46 Premiers

May 3 saw a brilliant opening for Varsity football, the A's and B's recording wins against Woodville and Kelvinator respectively. The A's determined to avenge their defeat at the hands of Woodville in the grand final last year. Our opponents had their usual horde of enthusiastic supporters. Varsity, also as usual, were followed by a mere handful of loyal parents and injured players.

From the first bounce, it was obvious that the game would be even. Teagle, Woodville centre-forward, marked well, and sent the ball down for his team to draw first blood for the match. Varsity rallied, and playing fast, open football gave the forwards many opportunities. Our kicking was astray, however, and at the first change we trailed by five points.

The second quarter was much the same story—we had most of the play, but our attacks were not well finished. On the other hand, Woodville's forward lines were combining well and giving our backmen a run for their money. Our rovers, Butterworth and Stalley, were both playing well, the former doing well, and kicking straight, while resting in the forward pocket. Chester Bennett went off with an injured ankle and Ross Duffy came on and immediately made his wing a safe avenue of attack.

At half-time, we were still behind, and in the 3rd quarter both sides fought hard to establish a match-winning lead. Digby Harris, playing his first game for Varsity, was making his presence felt in the ruck, and Don Davies, at half-forward, was beginning to show his old form.

In the last quarter, it was a matter of which team would last the distance better. Every man in the team was pulling his weight now, and we went ahead. Woodville fought back strongly, but our backlines held past, and kept the ball in the forward lines. Here Don Davies was playing brilliant football, and kicked two quick goals. At the end we were going further ahead, and the final scores were Varsity 12-17, Woodville 11-8.

Goal-kickers — Butterworth 4, Davies and Day, 3 each, Goode 2.
Best Players — Davies, Holmes, Butterworth, Stalley, Harris and Duffy.

B Results

'Varsity B, 10-10, defeated Kelvinator, 9-11. Goal-kickers—Two-penny, Basedow, Rook and Lean (each 2), Gilbert and Cullity (each 1). Best Players—Cullity, Robertson, Keeves, Michelmore, Welch, Bungey and Smith.

C Results

'Varsity C, 10-7, d. C.B.C. Old Collegians, 3-6. Best Players—Potts, Morris, Downing, Watson, Lindon.

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THE STUDENT THEATRE GROUP

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RUNAWAY WIN

On Saturday, May 3, University A's were again victorious, this time against British Tube Mills. Sol Levitt was top-scorer with six of the team's eight goals. A feature of this match was the number of corner-kicks wasted by the wing-men being caught off-side after kicking. Results: University, 8, defeated B.T.M., nil. Best Players—Forrester, Levitt, McGowan. Goal-kickers — Levitt (6), Stoutjesdijk, Geisler.

The B team was defeated by Sturt, 8 goals to nil. Best Players—White, Bateman.

WOMEN'S GOLF

It has been proposed to start a Women's Golf Club within this University, and an inaugural meeting has been called for to-day, Monday, May 12, in the Men's Library, George Murray Building, at 1.30 p.m. All interested are asked to attend this meeting and help start the club on a firm footing.

STUDENT DANCES Southern Jazz Group FRIDAY, MAY 16.

TIE FOR CUP

One record was broken at the Varsity sports, J. Harbison vaulting 11 ft. 1 1/2 in. in the pole vault, and breaking his own record. J. Stevens and J. D. Copley tied with 14 points for the cup. Mrs. Harbison presented the various prizes at the conclusion.

RESULTS

Cup Events:—
100 yds.: J. Stevens, J. Copley, A. Evans. Time, 10 3-10.
220 yds.: J. Stevens, J. Copley, Proudman. Time, 23 sec.
440 yds.: J. Copley, Proudman, Brooks. Time, 51 2-5.
880 yds.: J. De Cure, Brooks, McKenzie. Time, 2 1/4 1-10.
1 Mile: Fisher, Irving, McKeckie. Time, 4.40.
Shot Put: J. Tregoning, D. Barker, C. Millard; 39 ft. 10 1/2 in.
Discus: Irving, Millard, P. Harbison; 84 ft. 9 in.
Hop, step and jump: A. Jose, Nairn, Birrell; 45 ft. 0 1/2 in.
High jump: J. Harbison, B. Michelmore, J. Stevens; 5 ft. in.
Broad jump: A. Jose, J. Stevens, Hiscock; 21 ft. 6 1/2 in.
Freshers' 100 yds.: Steele, Evans, Josp. Time, 10 3-10.
120 yd. Hurdles: P. Harbison, J. Harbison, D. Williamson. Time, 16 7-10.
440 Hurdles: Brooks, Copley, Williamson. Time, 57 9-10.
Handicaps—100. D. Trudinger, B. Saint, M. Bell; 220. E. Manca, Price, Dinham; Ex-servicemens' 100. D. Craker, K. Tregoning, Kerr; 880. Strang, A. Martin, R. Hoeker; Mile. Hawke, Mellor, Potts; 120 hurdles, G. Wicks, P. Harbison, E. Newell; Broad jump, Wicks, Baker, Michelmore and Jolly.

UNDEFEATED

BASKETBALLERS' AMAZING RUN

On April 26, the three basketball teams got away to a good start by winning all matches, repeating the performance the following week. Alison Way and Edith Kirkman dominated the A grade matches.

RESULTS

A's defeated Y.W.C.A., 23-13; and Grads., 20-15.
B's defeated Ikous, 19-18; and Y.W.C.A., 27-13.
C's defeated Intermediate Legacy, 20-13; and Peoplestores, 22-12.

S. C. M. BALL May 24



WIN BY A WHISKER?

SENSATIONAL WIN

'VARSITY DEFEATS OLD COLLEGIANS

After going down to Woodville, 21-6, the rugby club were just a little unsure of themselves. The defeat was their first and totally unexpected. But there were no excuses. The forward play to me seemed like chaos, and any idea of what they were trying to do wrapped in impenetrable mystery. But they at least remembered a few of the basic requirements, more than can be said for the backs. Not a good word can be said for the game.

It was a salutary defeat. Against Old Collegians, we played like giants awakening from a sleep, if but half awake at times. Hone and Burton weren't even that. Several Varsity students played against us—"Shine" Hoskins and Brian Claridge in particular. Owing to circumstances completely beyond his control, the latter later left. Perkins, to the regret of many of the Varsity team, did not play. Paltridge, to the regret of many, did.

There were several good back movements. G. Mellor was the most improved, but then he had room for the most improvement. Carter, easily the best winger in the State, was outstanding. Moffin was a little distracted at times by a luscious blonde (who wasn't?) but played a pretty sound game.

Amongst the forwards, Kerr-Grant, that plunging rugby powerhouse, played a splendid game. He took several hard knocks, and his face, at the conclusion, resembled Bruce Woodcock's after half a dozen meetings with Joe Baski, but it didn't take long to bring him back to normal again.

Hone amazed everyone by converting now and then. Probably had both eyes shut for a change.
Score: 29-0.

The B's played a smooth but exciting game against W. Torrens. Tim Wall (shortly to leave for Cambridge), Lawton and Nunn were the best in an open game that gave the backs every opportunity.
Score: Varsity, 14, Torrens, 12.

RANDOM HARVEST

(By K.T.)

From New York city comes our playing coach for the men's basketball, Irvine Marcus, who has played the game in and around N.Y. since he was a nipper. Last team before the U.S. Army was Columbia University. Then, in the crack 104th (Timberwolves) division, he fought from Normandy to the junction with the Red Army south of Berlin. Rushed back to the U.S. for Pacific training, they were in California when the Jap. cracked. Too late by a few months for the U.S. Universities, he hopped a 'plane for Australia—is now doing 3rd year Medicine here. And helping to place A.U. on the basketball map.

The Sports Association celebrated its fiftieth birthday in April this year, with the largest number of teams ever to play for the Varsity. In 1897, the Lacrosse, Tennis and Rowing Clubs were affiliated, and the Sports Association formed. Now, there is Mr. Hamilton and 7 hockey teams, 6 baseball, 3 football, cricket and lacrosse, 2 rugby and soccer, as well as athletics, tennis, boxing, shooting, golf, table-tennis and gliding, plus women's softball, basketball, hockey, tennis and athletics. That's not all, for a new club, men's basketball, will be affiliated in two years if it makes the grade. And women's golf has passed the preliminary stage. Not much student apathy, here!

It's already been noticed by another, if minor, columnist, that Don Selth did a grand job with the mike at the Varsity sports the other week. You can easily become bored at an athletics meet, but thanks mainly to Don's 'malice towards none' brand of humor, his running commentaries and his encyclopedic athletic knowledge, it was a pleasure to listen and watch.

This week's hockey personality is Dick Gill, 3rd year Med. student. A newcomer to the game last year, not knowing which end of that curved piece of wood was which, and played with the other freshers in the bottom team, about grade M. Best player in his first game, worked his way through several grades in his capacity as back, won the club's trophy for most improved player. Played left back in the A2's last Saturday—best player again. Reckons the game is too soft. "Should be four thirty minute quarters," he states. "A man can raise a decent thirst, then!"

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good: when Chester Bennett twisted his ankle against Woodville and came off in the third quarter, one man at least heaved a sigh of gratitude. Ross Duffy, the 19th man, had been chewing a despondent cud all afternoon. With more than half the match gone, he had little enough time to impress, but he excelled in every aspect of the game, completely outclassed his opposing winger and played himself into a sure position in the A1 team. No more sitting and watching for him. But the question now is—who will be dropped?

Arriving late, a newcomer to the B soccer team rushed onto the field. At half-time he was seen to take off his boots and say, "Gee! it will be beaut. to wear them on the right feet!"

Don Selth's commentary on the inter-faculty relay at the Varsity sports: "All faculties are taking part in this event—Science, Med., Ag. Science, Teachers, and Engineering." Grrr!!

In Society

The Australian Millennium

S.R.C. News

(By Our Anti-social Correspondent)

The Athletics Ball was the first ball of the year (apart from the Freshers' Brawl), and was a great success in spite of competition from the Teachers' College, S.P.C. Old Scholars' Ball and the beautiful, frosty night air.

Supper disappeared in record time. Those who were to the fore getting the lion's share as well as the share of those in the rear.

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A LA MODE

Well, dearies, I've been keeping my eyes on the new fashions, and just between you, me and the next boufire, I've seen some startling sights.

Among the more enchanting color schemes was an egg yellow blouse brightened with pale pink flowers and sprawling bilious green leaves. This was very attractively combined with a tartan plaid skirt, gathered into soft voluminous folds at the hips which were evidently padded with pillows.

And my dears, have you seen that shocking *** red coat (that's the name of a new color—perhaps) with the fashionable sloping shoulders. Yeah! I thought at first she was naturally round-shouldered, too.

Another very smart and original outfit intruded itself into my consciousness in the Barr-Smith. A sloppy white sweater designed to enhance every feminine curve was accompanied by an attractively baggy skirt. To complete this dainty attire was a pair of devastatingly feminine-looking golf shoes. Some slick chick!

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SOCIAL NOTE

You will all be vastly interested to hear that charming Rosalie Witch has the most stupendously interesting year ahead. Apart from her simply fascinating studies this stunning student has the most wonderful outside interests. Also this terribly sweet girl has proposed that we ought to have a clay-modelling society and as I am one helluva good sculptor I think this is just the cleverest idea ever. But then Rosalie is such a marvellously clever girl.

IT ISN'T CRICKET

Gad, Sir! These Infernal Students Again

ON Sunday, April 20, the Dental Students Society held its first post-war picnic, at the National Park, Belair.

BASKETBALL OR CRICKET BALL?

Cricket was soon under way, the teams being Delta (the Drunkards) and Sigma (the Intoxicants), each officially of nine men. The match resulted in a walk-over for Delta, by 187 to 97 runs. The players had a drink or two or three or four before starting, and supplemented these every three or four overs. Sigma's top-scorer was Lloyd Twartz, with 46, a really staggering effort. Had basketballs been used instead of cricket balls, most of those on the field still not would have seen them.

Stevens hit the only six for the day, quite accidentally. The fieldsmen were not asleep, they only looked that way. "Dagwood" Leach caught one man, almost, and was pursued by his team-mates, all accusing him of being a quisling. He was equally successful batting, having a long walk for absolutely nothing.

The picnic will probably become an annual event again, and preparations are already proceeding for the next.

SPEAKING on the third of the S.C.M. series of addresses, "Freedom, More or Less," the Hon. R. S. Richards said that freedom in industry was a myth, as man, in no branch of human affairs, was, or ever could be, a law unto himself. But man's rights, and especially the laborer's rights, had to be considered. "And history records few, if any, voluntary reforms on the part of the employer in the interests of the laborer."

BEER AND A BOB EACH WAY

The trade union, Mr. Richards explained, was a close association of the worker, not for absolute freedom, but for his rights. But rights cannot be given to the many without taking privileges from the few. "But we haven't reached the stage where every worker desires to be emancipated. If you give the average Australian his beer and a bob each way he thinks the millennium is here, and the powers that be will try to keep the average Australian thinking that way. Moreover, the man on £3,000 a year will fight to

the last inch against a 6d. a week increase in the basic wage."

CHAOS IN INDUSTRY

The reason for the present chaos in industry in Australia was, said Mr. Richards, the inability of those who had made promises to keep them. Men had not fought for the conditions of pre-war industry, and they were not going to submit to them now. It is our task, he concluded, to restore order out of this present chaos and to see that those who do their share receive what is due to them.

Youth Crowd Town Hall

STUDENT MORALITY

Much has been written lately, especially in the local press, on the morality or otherwise of University students as a body. Such statements only tend to show up the ignorance of the person or persons making them. In an age when to have a good time means to have a morally bad time, it is a little difficult to find a standard for comparing morality. Most people assume the Christian standard for their comparisons, but even this is often ill-defined, as so many new Christian "religions" spring up with conflicting definitions of what is right and wrong. Therefore, the majority of students are being wrongly accused of doing something which by their standards is not wrong.

"DRUNKEN DUNCAN."

1,700 young people crowded into the Adelaide Town Hall on a Saturday for a taste of first-class music from artists such as Jack Somers, George Brockbank, Edward Gare and Joan Kuechone and to hear the life experiences of two young folk who have experienced real victory and peace in their inner lives.

Saturday night, you say, in the city of Adelaide! We didn't expect that. The two successive nights saw another building—a smaller one—crowded with 1,200 young men and women seeking the secret and power of Victorious Living.

So the "Youth for Christ" movement is a well-established fact. Its committee can boast a group of professional men, standing high in their calling, who are linked with keen, vital preachers of most denominations. The tremendous fact of our natural disposition toward evil and ungodliness (as individuals mark you) is emphasised, and then, with like force, the fact that Christ died for our sins (individually, mark you) and can both deliver from the crimson stain of past sin and folly, and give power and new life (victory life) to overcome in the present.

The Evangelical Union (E.U.) commends the movement to the undergrads. of this University.

UNION BALANCE SHEET

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Council

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"On Dit" has been conducting intensive form surveys of likely starters, and we are amazed at the form shown. We have noticed several Engineers in the vicinity of their new buildings, heavily disguised as members of the Builders' Laborers' and Concrete Mixers' Union, getting first hand experience at handling wheelbarrows. The agility displayed shows that these boys will be something to contend with.

Then again it is rumored that the Dentistry fraternity have developed a miniature, but powerful jet propulsion engine, small enough to be concealed in a molar, but powerful enough to send the strongest man racing at incredible speed. But that's nothing new; my dentist has one of those, but he calls it a drill.

And what of the Meds.? Those mysterious cadavers carried by Pen-gelly and Knabb we have seen disappearing into the Anatomy School have been discovered to be members of the Medical Faculty who smuggle themselves in and out of the Varsity so that their training may go on in the utmost secrecy.

Science is rapidly developing a radio-active substance impregnated with Vitamin Zee. This substance is reputed to enable a 4 stone pigmy to wheel a 12 stone man for 3 miles at 7 m.p.h., without—without, mind you, having Weaties for breakfast.

Seriously, though, we want applicants for the following:

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- Tuesday, 13th—E.U. Talks, Maths. Building.
- Wednesday, 14th—Arts Association discussion, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, 14th to Friday, 16th—Student Art Exhibition.
- Thursday, 15th—Jazz, George Murray Library, 1.20 p.m.
- Saturday, 17th—Science Bridge Evening, Refectory.
- Thursday, 22nd—Background to Jazz, George Murray Library, 1.20 p.m.
- Saturday, 24th and Sunday, 25th—Aquinas Winter School, Mount Lofty.
- May 24 to 29—E.U. House Party, Mylor.
- May 26 to 29—S.C.M. Conference, Holiday House.

S.C.M. BALL

SATURDAY, MAY 24

REFECTORY

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NEW CLUB'S GREAT PROGRESS FROM SCRATCH START

The Men's Basketball Club was born at the beginning of the current University year and already has advanced from infancy to adolescence.

The Sports Association, following its usual policy (the pros and cons of which it is not proposed to enter upon here) has and will disclaim any connection with the club until its success is assured.

The club already has 25 players registered with the South Australian Men's Basketball Association and has entered 2 teams for competitive matches this season. Owing to its position here at the Varsity the club has had to become very parasitic towards the O.B.L., for the use of their court for practice. However, they have been very generous and helpful and the club has, needless to say, been very grateful.

For all practical purposes the Association did not exist during the war years; last year, matches were recommenced, 15 teams played in two grades, and an interstate team was sent to Sydney. This year, over 30 teams have entered, and matches will be played in four grades.

There will be an inter-Varsity competition in Sydney in the May vacation, and we hope to attend.

Men's Basketball Blues may sound more like the name of a dance than an award at the moment, but they are an ambition which the club confidently expects some of its number to attain in the not far distant future.

The club wants more players; there are already two teams entered and there is no reason why another should not be entered. No previous experience is necessary—all that is asked is enthusiasm.

GEORGE HAD IT LAST

"I think George had it last."

Whenever I hear that in our house, I know something is lost, and that in half a minute they're going to come into me and say, "Where is the rolling pin?" or "Where is the screw-driver?"

I usually try to get out of it by saying, "What screw-driver?", but that's not much good, for they always answer, "You know—the screw-driver."

There's not much point in continuing an argument that way, so I try, "Mary had it yesterday," and go on reading the paper.

But they are ready for you.

"She said she saw you with it in the shed.—Now go and look for it, please—I want to open a tin of beans."

"Why not use the tin-opener?" I say.

"Because I can't find that either, and Mary says you can always open a tin with a screw-driver—now hurry up."

There is now no hope, and you go looking for the screw-driver. Three hours later, when you've turned the place upside down, you come in and say, "I can't find the screw-driver, but I've found the tin-opener."

"Oh," they say, looking surprised, "didn't Mary tell you? I found the screw-driver in the kitchen drawer

SOCIAL NEWS

FIRST EXHIBITION

The first students' art exhibition at the Adelaide University will be opened by Professor J. G. Cornell, at 1.30 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall. Mr. Louis McCubbin, Director of the S.A. National Art Gallery and Mr. H. E. Fuller, secretary of S.A. Society of Arts, have kindly consented to judge the exhibits, and Professor Cornell will present the prizes. Five beautiful art books will be awarded for the 2 exhibits showing the greatest artistic perception and presentation, the most original contribution, the best photographic exhibit and the most promising contribution. Students are invited to the opening of the exhibition at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday and the exhibition will be open until Friday, 16th. There is no charge for admittance.

The best work will be sent to Sydney to the headquarters of the N.U.A.U.S. which is to conduct a tour of Australia in the second term with art from all States. The exhibition of this work will take place in Adelaide in July. It is hoped that the Art Exhibition will lead to greater interest in art in the University, perhaps, followed by the establishment of a Chair of Fine Arts; this exists in Victoria, as Mr. Hayward mentioned in his address at the opening of the Society of Arts Autumn Exhibition; there are three such chairs in America. All should make a point of seeing our exhibition and help to create, next year, a larger and more developed body of student art from this year's nucleus.

CONSERVATORIUM DANCE

The Elder Conservatorium dance will be held again this year for the first time since the war. An enthusiastic committee is making plans for the dance which is to be held on June 21. It will be open to all University students. Committee members include Margaret Adey (president), Pauline Dick (secretary), Pauline Whitford (treasurer), Yvonne Newman, Heather Miller, Margaret Evans, Joyce Hecker, Vivien Tuck, Natalie Sellick, and Messrs. P. Holmes, B. Harrison, I. Adams, R. Miles, D. Creedy, Brenton Langbein and Brian Meeger.

'VARSITY PERSONALITIES

Two prominent Varsity girls are Nan Black and Elizabeth Robin. Nan is golden-haired, bright-eyed and witty; Elizabeth is the daughter of Professor Robin; she has a razor-slashed hair style and thoughtful blue eyes. Both girls have definite plans and opinions.

Nan is a Med. III student whose ambition it is to travel as a ship's doctor; she has a multitude of other interests such as music from Beethoven to Tchaikowsky, reading (her favorite literature, she said, is E.M.A. Journal and "Vogue"), yachting, driving and Western Australian medical students; Nan will pursue these interests more thoroughly during her holidays.

The Anatomy School, she said, is a typical example of a general tendency for students at the Varsity to associate only within the limits of their own specific course or circle. "We are all too wrapped up in ourselves and take too little interest in other aspects of Varsity life."

Elizabeth Robin stresses the same point. She is a Science student who is taking Chemistry and Physiology as her chief units. There is also much to be desired in the Science course, Elizabeth thinks—there should either be a Seminar System or else regular essay writing; the size of classes in arts subjects has proved no bar to the latter suggestion.

Both Elizabeth and Nan think that the establishment of a Chair of Fine Arts is an excellent idea and they suggest that there should be the incorporation of the established Art School with a degree course in Aesthetic Appreciation. Elizabeth said that she agrees with Sir Stanton Hicks' view that, although Science can solve many practical problems of every day it cannot understand human nature and its problems. She, herself, is in favor of more emphasis on fine art in the Varsity, as she is a lover of art of all kinds, especially music. Her favorite composition is Beethoven's Violin Concerto. There are numerous other interests for Elizabeth—she is an active member of the S.R.C. and other organisations.

ART STUDENTS!

Discussion on

Do We Want a Faculty Ball?

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GRAND QUIZ—MEN v. WOMEN

ARTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Wed., May 14, at 8 p.m.

just where my things are. For instance, my cigarettes are always up here on the mantelpiece—see?—Just up here. . . . That's funny! . . .

Hey, Where are my cigarettes? They aren't up here on the mantelpiece!

Hey!! Won't someone tell me where my cigarettes are?!

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