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"Unfaithfully Yours"

REX HARRISON, LINDA DARNELL
 Plus—SHORT FEATURETTES



Teaching, Research Go Together

The tendency to think of teaching and research as two separate activities was a mistake, said the Chancellor of the University, Sir Mellis Napier, delivering the annual commemoration address in the Bonython Hall last Wednesday.

The search for knowledge and understanding is the very life blood of the University, he said. The staff must be given more time to participate in research.

During the course of his speech he welcomed new professors and lecturers, and drew attention to the great loss which the University had suffered with the recent death of Professor Campbell. He also welcomed the new Vice-Chancellor, and said that the first task performed by the Vice-Chancellor for the University Council was a survey of the needs and resources of the University. This occupied 326 foolscap pages, he said.

Student Body

The student body were virile, industrious, and capable, Sir Mellis said. It was a pity that the University was not in a position to give students the advantage of intimate contact with their teachers, which was the privilege

of their predecessors when the University was smaller.

297 graduates and graduates-elect were admitted to their respective degrees and offices. Members of the S.R.C. among those admitted to degrees were: Elisabeth Adam, B.A. (Sec. S.R.C.); Sam Lang, B.A. (President, Teachers' College S.R.C.); Denise Hine, B.Sc., Harry Medlin, B.Sc. (Science Faculty Reps.); Diana Wauchope, B.Sc. (President, Women's Union).

Procession

The procession after the ceremony was a most colorful one, the red and orange gowns, together with the gold and silver braided cloaks and caps of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor lending great dignity to the occasion.

BY-ELECTIONS MON., TUES., WED.

Only two of the five nominations for the vacancy of men's general representative on the Student Representative Council were allowed. They were Alan Kennedy and Francis Bryan Power, both Arts students. The nominations of Messrs. Meaney (Science), Smith (Medicine), and Cox (Law) were rejected on the grounds that a men's general representative had been elected from their faculties. (Const. Clause 4.)

Voting will take place in Refectory from 12—2 p.m. on



SCRUB HO, ME HEARTIES! First year medical students Wells and Kennedy partake of a little initiation by scrubbing the road in front of the senior years' hut at the Adelaide Hospital. (Photo by Jim Wallman.)

HERMES FOR N.Z.

Local Boy Makes Good

Clarrie Hermes, local N.U.A.U.S. Debates Secretary, has been selected to tour New Zealand in May with the Australian National Debating team.

The team will have three members, Hermes, Adelaide law student, Adrian Roden, law graduate, proceeding to a higher degree at Sydney University, and David Webster, Arts graduate of Sydney, also proceeding to higher degree.

The party will leave Sydney on May 19, in the "Wanganella."



Mr. Hermes.

They will meet Varsity teams at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, and will debate against the New Zealand national team in Wellington. They will be away about one month.

The tour has been arranged by the N.U.A.U.S. in conjunction with the N.Z.F.S.

What's On

MONDAY, APRIL 4th:

12—2 p.m.—All male members of the Union are allowed to vote for Men's General Representative on the S.R.C. Polling in the Refectory.

8 p.m.—University Theatre Guild will present "Thinking Makes It So" (by Pirandello), directed by Thelma Baulderstone. In The Hut.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5th:

12—2 p.m.—Voting for Men's General Representative in the Refectory.

8 p.m.—University Theatre Guild will present "Thinking Makes It So," directed by Thelma Baulderstone.

1.20 p.m.—Aquinas Society. Talk by Rev. Fr. Gabriel, C.P., on "The Fall of Man—What Is Original Sin?" Lady Symon Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th:

12—2 p.m.—Voting for Men's General Representative in the Refectory.

1.20 p.m.—S.C.M. Public address by Dr. Peter Hetzel. Subject—"The Student East of Suez." Lady Symon Hall.

8 p.m.—University Theatre Guild will present "Thinking Makes It So," directed by Thelma Baulderstone. In The Hut.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7th:

8 p.m.—Arts Association. Symposium of Prof. Tew, Prof. Jury, Prof. Cornell, Prof. Bishop, on "Professors Are Born, Not Made." Lady Symon Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th:

8 p.m.—University Theatre Guild. Distinguished English Producer, Mr. Tyrone Guthrie, will give public lecture: "The Theatre and the Community." Bonython Hall.

1.30 p.m.—Short talk by Mr. Tyrone Guthrie sponsored by S.T.G. All welcome. Lady Symon Hall.

Which Witch?

The A.G.M. of the Witches, Which club was held on Friday, April 1, at 5 p.m. in the clubrooms (saloon bar of Richmond Hotel) to consider the inception of a new member. Result will be known when a medium is available to receive the communication.

STORM IN WEST OVER I.U.S.

S.A. Favors Disaffiliation

In the greatest burst of student activity ever experienced, voting on the I.U.S. disaffiliation issue proceeded at great pace during last week. The final count when voting time concluded was:

YES: 547
 NO: 260

Hear the Profs.

On Thursday next, April 7, there will be a Symposium in the Lady Symon Hall, at 8 p.m.—the first big Arts Association meeting for 1949. For the past two years these Symposiums have been highly successful, and this one promises to be even better.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Anyone who heard Professor Portus sing "The Three Miss Lees," or the plaintive account of Professor Tew's very low blood-pressure, will look forward once again to a most entertaining evening on Thursday, and any Fresher who misses this meeting will certainly regret it.

The subject to be discussed is "That Professors are Born, Not Made," which would appear to offer plenty of scope to the speakers, who will be Professor Jury (English), Professor Cornell (French), Professor Tew (Economics), and Professor Bishop, of the Conservatorium—a most impressive team. The meeting is being held

WARNING

Student members of the Union are warned that disciplinary action will be taken against persons failing to return crockery and trays taken from the Refectory on to the lawns and cloister steps to the collection tables in the cloisters.

ELIZABETH ADAM,
 Secretary, S.R.C.

for Arts students, but visitors are welcome. Don't miss this meeting—we can guarantee that you'll enjoy it!

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HOLLWAY GIVES £10,000 FOR VARSITY HOSTEL
 Prompt Gov't Action on S.R.C. Executive's Request

BIG LOSS ON CAP
 Appeal For Help by Union Board

SHOP SOIL

"FARRAGO," Melbourne University students' newspaper, announced the establishment of a student accommodation hostel in their last issue (above). Negotiations were successfully concluded after a luncheon conference between the Vice-Chancellor (Sir John Medley), the Premier (Mr. Hollway), and the executive of the S.R.C. had been arranged. Except for Tasmania, Adelaide is now the only Australian University which does not provide hostel accommodation for undergraduates.

National Council Decides

FURTHER decisions of the council of the National Union of Australian University Students, which met at the New England University College, Armidale, N.S.W. are here reported by Elizabeth Adam, one of the members of the local S.R.C. who attended the council meeting.

LESS COUNCILLORS

Conceived as a further economy and later supported on grounds of efficiency, the size of the Council has been reduced. It will in future be as follows: Sydney 4 (previously 6); Melbourne, 4 (previously 6); Brisbane 3 (previously 4); Adelaide, 3; West Australia, 3; Tasmania, 2; New England, 2; Executive, 6 (including general secretary).

DISAFFILIATION

Under the constitution of I.U.S., twelve months notice of disaffiliation is required before it takes effect, consequently N.U.A.U.S. is a member of I.U.S. willy-nilly for this year. Although the 1948 delegate, Mr. Ken Tolhurst, has not been reappointed as a delegate, two observers have been chosen, subject to sufficient funds being found to finance them. These observers are Charles Elliot (Queensland) and Ren Potts, 1948 Adelaide Rhodes Scholar at present studying Mathematical Physics at Oxford University.

BIGGER CONGRESS

The success of the 1949 Congress has proved it to be both the most significant and the "safest" National Union venture. The 1950 Congress will be held in N.S.W. and the 1951 Congress in S.A.

The number of faculty delegates sent to Tallebudgera has demonstrated the feasibility of making Congress the venue for annual faculty bureau conventions. Congress will probably continue to be a meeting-place for delegates from other tertiary student bodies and a nucleus of the proposed Federation of Australian Students.

NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE

During the 1948-49 long vacation the National Union was able to find employment in New Zealand for 25 Australian students. Limitation of the original grand scheme was imposed by lack of transport. In the next long vacation it is hoped that this obstacle will be overcome by the use of specially chartered aircraft which will be able to take a load of Australians to New Zealand and a load of New Zealanders on the return trip. This will work out cheaper than sea travel.

In addition to overseas exchange mechanism is being set up for vacation exchange of students from State to State. Although instituted late in 1949, this scheme has already had some success.

NEW GUINEA NEXT

Indications have been received from the Federal Government that it is interested in vacation employment of students in New Guinea.

The head of the Travel and Exchange Department of the National Union will investigate the position more fully and news of developments will be published as they come to hand.

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

Specialised employment problems are encountered by students wishing to do field work outside their own States and science students wishing to obtain vacation employment in their own fields of study. To tackle this, most faculty bureaux will work in conjunction with the Travel and Exchange Di-

rector to supply information on the availability of such employment.

FACULTY BUREAUX CONSOLIDATED

Most faculty bureaux were not started until late in 1948 and in many cases were unsure of their proposed function. Faculty conventions at Tallebudgera were instrumental in formation of policy and details of 1949 projects, and it seems likely that these will be successful.

RESEARCH OFFICER

The position of research officer, instituted at the Perth Council meeting in 1948 has proved a most useful one. This officer prepared a valuable report on C.R.T.S. and C.F.A.S. which substantiated claims made on the Universities Commission by the National Union. In addition, reports were prepared on recognition of units, the New Zealand Internal Affairs Act (whereby student organisations are granted financial assistance), and university administration (a comparative survey of the various systems of Australian universities).

Projects for the R.O. in 1949 include: (1) documentations of the C.R.T.S. of matriculation standards; (2) student loan case for presentation to the Universities Commission; (3) investigation union facilities; (4) value of guidance officers; (5) higher appointments board; (6) student health insurance schemes.

"BRIGHT IDEAS"

The most fertile brains of the Council, acting as the "Bright Ideas" committee, have brought forward the following projects for consideration. More will be heard as they mature (the projects!).

1. Interstate special study conventions styled after the Queensland science students' barrier reef expeditions and the Adelaide expedition to Kangaroo Island.
2. Chartered bus trips to Central Australia and passages on lighthouse tenders and small trading craft.
3. Student sanatoria, modelled on the I.U.S. sanatoria where tubercular students can continue studies.
4. Pen friends' service.
5. Feature films of university activities.
6. Interstate chess by amateur radio.
7. Music festivals.
8. Literary competitions.
9. Australian student song-book.

Revue Auditions

The "Footlights Club" will be holding auditions the week after next. Whether you have an act or not, if you want to be in the Revue this year, make sure you get along. Watch the "What's On" column for definite information next week.

HINTS FOR HITCHERS

By Diana Lorking
(From Congress, 1949,
Queensland)

Methods of hitching a hike—

(1) You appear like a tramp so walk with the gait and carriage of a distinguished visitor—this attracts saloon cars.

(2) Appear dejected and exhausted, and you may even develop a limp in the left leg—this arouses pity in the heart of the most hardened "jalopy" driver.

(3) Let the smaller hiker of a pair hail the cars, while the "big fellow" only appears from the scrub with most of the baggage when the car has stopped—this halts small Austin and Morris cars.

(4) Should the above methods prove unsuccessful stretch yourself at full length across the road—this should stop any driver.

Your benefactors (the drivers who stop)—if you should at any time dislike their company, you need only mention that you feel car-sick, and you will speedily find yourself again at the roadside.

The greatest menace—"lovers," for they disturb a well-needed sleep at all hours of the night; you must avoid secluded spots, and seek the well-lit areas of a town, if your wish is for a peaceful rest.

Schwarz Talk Lively

Communism aims to destroy the State by revolution, remove universal suffering, and institute a dictatorship of the proletariat. Lenin specifically desired a violent revolution, said Dr. Schwarz in a lunch-hour address, "Communism and Religion."

The speaker stressed the fact that Marx and Engels predicted a revolution, but made no attempt to prophesy what would happen when this state of chaos had been instituted.

Dr. Schwarz recommended a book, written by Marx and Engels, expounding "scientific socialism." He mentioned that the book fails as it omits to say a word on socialism.

Listeners were at liberty to peruse books by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, who wore Dr. Schwarz's authority for some of his statements. He stated the importance of the method used in attaining a goal by comparing Communism with Mr. Braund's method of treating cancer—to insert alum, remove good flesh, and then leave a messy wound to make the patient more uncomfortable while he dies of his original disease, cancer.

Communists want a State based on force and unhindered by law, said Dr. Schwarz. The conclusion of the meeting was decidedly heated.

Dr. Schwarz stood against the barrage of questions by responding to three-minute addresses with about three words. His questioners had no time in which to get

Shortest Presidential Address

(By Robin Ashwin)

What could well be the shortest presidential address on record, and the most successful, was delivered by Frank Zeppel at the Student Theatre Group welcome on March 18.

He rose from the chair clutching a huge sheaf of notes, paused, and then, with the one word "Welcome," he sank back again amidst a prolonged burst of applause.

An interval of silence followed while those present tried to imagine the President of the Arts Association and Liberal Union doing the same. The interval was rather long because the requisite stretch of imagination was equally long.

Abandoning formalities, the President then told freshers all about the Student Theatre Group's activities and plans for the forthcoming year, amongst them, the Drama Festival, to be held in Adelaide during the second term, probably at the Tivoli. It had previously been decided to abandon the play "Prunella" and concentrate on several one-act plays during the first term. Freshers were given an opportunity to discuss these with other members of the Group, as they will compose a large part of the various casts.

The final part of the evening was taken up by supper, gossip, charades and individual acts, Geoff Scott took such an interest in the acting of the word "dipsomaniac," that he was eventually prevailed upon to give his imitation of Moey McCackie, with Gil Wahlquist playing 'Arry, Spencer and sundry other parts. This was received with both laughter and gasps. However, the highlight of the evening was to come. Mr. Leon Atkinson, a fresher, concluded the meeting with a remarkable original act in which he showed his versatility, his powers of imitation, and above all, his enormous quantum of breath.

Commem. Bawl Answer

When the Editorial appearing in the issue of "On Dit" (28/3/49) referring to the charges made for admission to the Commencement Ball was referred to a spokesman of the Ball Committee it was pointed out that the increase in the price of admission was 3/- compared with the price charged in 1948.

The increase was necessitated by increases in the cost of hire of the additional floor and the fact that the actions of a minority of students at the Recuperation Ball at the end of last year were so costly that if it had not been for generous donations the S.R.C. would have had to pay Entertainment Tax on the tickets sold for that Ball. In computing the charges for the Commencement Ball it was necessary to consider the possibility of similar irresponsible acts, such as the souveniring of costly hired crockery and the evasion by a large number of students of the admission charges, occurring again.

The committee also considered the fact that the Acceleration Ball to be held in April would prove to be a financial burden owing to the fact that Freshers may obtain a double ticket for only 5/-.

Many people forget that important S.R.C. activities for the benefit of students such as the Housing Service, the Text Book Exchange and "On Dit" are run at a financial loss, and that the S.R.C. must find alternative means to pay for these services. The S.R.C. is also supporting a student who faces the possibility of paying heavy legal damages for an accident which occurred during the Procession last year.

More than 540 people paid for admission. This was an increase of more than 100 on the 1948 figures.

Club Secs.

Your club functions will appear in the "What's On" column only if you write a notice on a separate sheet of paper from your other contributed material. Leave in "On Dit" box before noon on Wednesday preceding publication.

Extract from "Pelican," W.A. University paper: Men often make passes at girls who drain glasses.

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RANDOM HARVEST

What club has the largest membership, do you think? I would have said the S.C.M., but that cherubic University institution, David Barnes, told me I was wrong, and that his baby, the "Footlights," easily led the field with over 200 members. Which isn't bad for a baby that is not two years old. Next in size, I believe, is the Liberal Union—but that's understandable, seeing they give you C.A.B.'s for nothing. (When asked to comment on Mr. Barnes' alleged statement, Mr. Donaldson said: "I am speechless at this impudence."—Ed.)

Selectors for the Rugby Club watched with anxious eyes a tall, well-built young man running around at his first rugger practice recently. Anyone with height is welcome with the rugger boys, so why the anxious watchers? The tall young man was new recruit, Kevin Magarey, and his fame had come before him. Would he be distressed, they wondered?

Anyone who has had the misfortune to sit in on a S.R.C. meeting would probably be under the impression that the majority of students were addle-brained adolescents (and possibly it could be made compulsory for all students to attend at least one meeting), but it would be an erroneous impression. You have only to go to one Sports Association meeting to know that. Here profs. and students together deliberate seriously and soberly, moments of the largest issue. As one who has sat on both bodies, the difference is amazing. The Sports Association is also noted for a courteous and helpful office staff, which is more than can be said for the majority that make the S.R.C. office, their hide-out.

Sheila Hamilton, the only University player in the State softball team that recently competed in Melbourne, won the title of "the ideal softball player," and was chaired off the field at the conclusion of the carnival. She has every likelihood of being the sole South Australian to be included in the Australian side against N.Z. To the best of my knowledge, this makes her the first University student to be chosen for an Australian team for many a long year. That makes a very proud pappy in the Union office right now.

There is a possibility that a Sporting Club will be holding a competition to discover "the car that most resembles an undergraduate jalopy," with photos in "On Dit" and all. There are plenty of the weirdest looking crocks imaginable down here, and there seems plenty of scope for such a competition. But the profs. would walk away with the prize, I think, so perhaps, to save a little embarrassment, the competition had better be restricted to undergraduates!

—KEN TREGONNING.

National Union Congress

Bray Reports Debate

The record of debates from the 13th annual Council meeting has just been received, and Bill Bray, the local Secretary-Treasurer of N.U.A.U.S., has selected those portions which concern us most.

The record of debate has now reached us and the ratification date is drawing near. Space does not allow a full report on the 13th Annual Council Meeting, but several important observations can be made.

Firstly, Council supported our S.R.C. in their efforts to obtain rail concessions for students. This question will, no doubt, be again brought up on the assurance of N.U.A.U.S. support. Council also congratulate Adelaide on our efforts for W.S.R. last year.

Elections

Adelaide delegates, although sent with instructions from the S.R.C. to attempt to have an Adelaide N.U. councillor on the N.U. executive, were unable to carry this through owing to bloc fiddling by Queensland. However, we may be able to send observers to executive meetings, due to a special motion to that effect at the Council meeting.

This year's officers as elected at Council are:—
President, Brennan (Q.).
Vice-Pres., Long (N.E.).
Gen. Sec., Tucker (V.).
Treasurer, Newman (V.).
Executive members: Jackson (Q.), Ruth Harvey (N.S.W.).

It might be noted in passing that this executive contains two members from Queensland and Melbourne, and no one from Adelaide, Hobart or Perth. Mackinoly (V.), a man with perhaps more N.U. experience than anyone in Australia, was passed over

for President, Gen. Sec. or Executive member. South Australia has no reason to be pleased with these elections.

Finance

Council passed a series of motions regarding constitution and finance, which gives N.U.A.U.S. an entirely different financial set up. Fees were reduced from 2/- per head to 1/3, and most N.U. activities put on to an independent financial basis. This gives the appearance of lightening the financial burden on constituents, but if a constituent takes part in all N.U.A.U.S. activities (such as Drama Festival, etc.), which have been put on the basis of self-payment, it is extremely doubtful if undergraduates will notice any financial relief. A loan has also been asked of the S.R.C.s. by the N.U.

C.R.T.S. and C.F.A.S.

Adelaide's policy regarding C.R.T.S. and C.F.A.S. were accepted in toto by Council. This policy asked that C.F.A.S. should be built up as C.R.T.S. runs down, and the C.R.T.S. payments be geared to the basic wage. A committee was set up to deal with this and to make recommendations to the executive at the Executive Universities' Commission conference.

I.U.S. discussions took up much time at Council, and the motion passed has already been discussed by Adelaide University students. Ade-

laide's motion about Chinese students was re-formed, and the executive charged to make enquiries to bring the results of their enquiries before the Department of External Affairs.

A point noticed about I.U.S. was that Council considered Congress recommendations on I.U.S. after they had voted, not before. But then Congress had defeated the same motion, 150 to 30.

Shortage of text books were discussed, and a survey of this subject was projected through Faculty Bureaux and public libraries. This led to discussion on the status of the N.U. with other tertiary education bodies. It was eventually decided that the N.U. should co-operate with, but not incorporate, other tertiary bodies. The N.U., however, decided to send a representative to the A.U.S.A.

Other Activities

Under this heading, the N.U. decided to widen its field of activities to include Youth Camps (Mr. Tregonning's excellent idea of last year) and Youth Concerts in conjunction with the A.B.C.

It was also projected that the N.U. should issue wall news-a Universities' hour on the papers and attempt to have radio.

I.U.S. Relief

The Student Needs and Welfare Department of the I.U.S. is at present organising the distribution of considerable quantities of penicillin which have been sent to I.U.S. by the Association of Internes and Medical Students as part of their relief activities of the I.U.S.

15,000,000 units have been reserved for Chinese students, 10,000,000 for Vietnamese, 9,000,000 for Hindu students, 8,000,000 for students imprisoned in Spain (forwarded through U.F.E.H.) and 8,000,000 for students imprisoned in Greece. All India Student Federation also has received medical supplies and injection needles collected by A.I.M.S.

£209

Profits from the Revue, when all expenses were met, amounted to £209/8/10, said Peter Bateman, Treasurer of the Footlights Club, at the A.G.M., which was held in the George Murray Hall on Friday, March 28.

Main business was the reading of the financial statement, and election of officers for 1949.

David T. Barnes, last year's President, was re-elected, unopposed. Miss Betty Porter was appointed Secretary, Grant Harry—Assistant Secretary, Bruce Marsden—Treasurer, Bob Reid—Business Manager, and five committee members, Rosemary Burden, Michael Drew, Len Perkins, Jim Slattery, and Leon Atkinson, who represents Freshers.

I.U.S. EXECUTIVE MEETS IN PRAGUE

EXECUTIVE Committee of the International Union of Students began its meeting in Prague in January, reports the latest I.U.S. Newsletter.

The bulletin says: It is meeting at the permanent headquarters of the I.U.S. which was previously impossible owing to lack of space. From now on there will be enough room in the I.U.S. building to hold many different kinds of meetings and to have a reading and club room for I.U.S. staff and students in Prague.

Present at this Executive Committee meeting were: Joseph Brohman, Czechoslovakia, President of the I.U.S.; Tom Madden, Great Britain, General Secretary of the I.U.S.; Pierre Trouvat, France, Vice-President of the I.U.S.; Liang Ken, China, Vice-President of the I.U.S.; Michajil Pesljak, Ukraine, representative of the Soviet, Vice-President; Ken Tolhurst, Australia; Vimla Bakaya, India; Rafaelo Ecchevaria, Ecuador; Luiz Azcarate, Republican Spain; Vitold Lipski, Poland; Ib Magnussen, Denmark; and Dusen Djuric, Yugoslavia. Bert Williams and Kutty Hoopkam, Secretaries of the W.F.D.Y., represent the World Federation of Democratic Youth at this meeting.

More than twelve observers are attending the meetings:

Bogdanovic, Yugoslavia; Micka, Czechoslovakia; Maminikin and Vdovin, U.S.S.R.; Nagy, Hungary; Pieniazek, Poland; Galvez, Republican Spain; Sugiono, Indonesia; Bereanu, Rumania; Lorincz, Hungary; Huong, Viet Nam.

W. Bonney Rust, the President of the National Union of Students of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, attended the two first sessions.

Science Faculty Bureau

Held in the Lady Symon Hall on Tuesday, March 23, at 1.20 p.m., under the auspices of the Science Association, an open meeting of undergraduate members of the Science Faculty resolved to co-operate in the National Science Faculty Bureau and to elect a local sub-committee of three including one staff member.

The committee for 1949 is: Mr. Peter Nossal (staff) Miss Elizabeth Robin Miss Margaret Jeffrey.

Are You Interested?

Asks our Social Reporter

Why there is any need to write anything at all about the Commencement Ball, is beyond my comprehension—because obviously those who could afford the 13/6 admission, made the most of the opportunities provided, and nothing I can say here would interest them. As for those who couldn't afford the 13/6, this article won't be of any interest to them, because it had to be seen to be believed. Thirdly, as I have to write this, and feel that I am on dangerous ground, I refuse to let myself go for fear of libel.

However, if I stick to facts, I can't go far wrong. The Commencement and Commemoration Ball was held in the Refectory, on Saturday, March 26. I have an idea there was a second floor, out on the lawn. People who arrived early enough, I believe, were received by the Chancellor and his wife, Sir Mellis and Lady Napier.

One supposed attraction was supper. I gather the Freshers were the only ones

really to be taken in by this, and the old hands provided their own. Officials of clubs and societies were invited to join the official party for supper. I have never before realised just how many officials there were—and such a lot of new faces, too.

Dressing was drab, I thought—most of the women looking like Cinderellas without Fairy Godmothers. Several came in fancy dress, one as Alice in Wonderland, complete with long curls tied with a silver ribbon. Another wore a jewelled birds'-nest on her head.

The men, as usual, looked charming. Forbes was distinctive, not in the front row, but in tails. And somebody wore a tuxedo.

Hear that the "roof of the world" man came down to earth rather suddenly. However, he seemed full of excellent spirits.

13/6 may seem exorbitant, but after all, the S.R.C. did provide us with free streamers and balloons. Why, there was even a band!

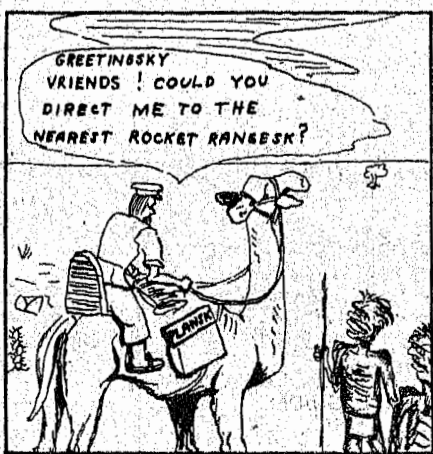
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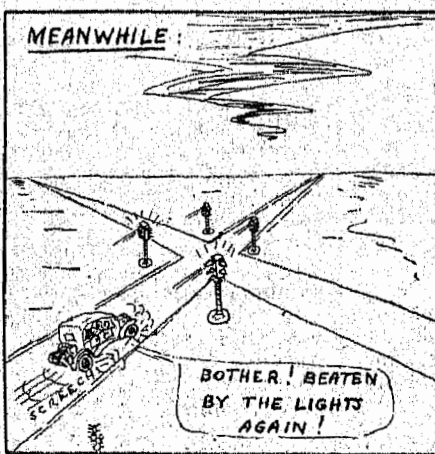
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Matter of Policy

Candidates for the position of Men's General Representative on the Students' Representative Council were invited to submit statements of policy for publication in "On Dit." The statements appear below, and male students, all of whom are entitled to vote irrespective of faculty, are reminded that polling will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

A. Kennedy

In desiring to be elected to the S.R.C. as a Men's General Rep. I do so in order that I may follow in the general direction of the present council.

The policy I would advocate is two-fold, firstly that every student in the University should be made mindful of his responsibilities to his fellows. This could be achieved by the S.R.C. being permitted to carry out its full functions as the students governing and disciplining council. Therefore, I would advocate a larger—not overwhelming—student representation on the University Union.

My second platform is that of student co-operation. This year the efforts of W.S.R. must be supported wholeheartedly. If we leave I.U.S.—as a member of S.R.C. I would feel it my duty for us to approach N.U.A.U.S. immediately with a proposal that a new form of international student co-operation be discussed.

I feel it also imperative that the whole question of C.R.T.S. and C.F.A.S. allowances be discussed in the light of whether the students are being given enough upon which to live. This I feel is not the case.

If elected, my first motion to S.R.C. would be, "that this council approach the University authorities with the question of providing a drinking fountain within reach of the men's buildings."

F. B. Power

My candidature is independent, as I seek to represent those who deplore the intrusion of party politics into student affairs. My policy is to see that the S.R.C. does nothing contrary to the interests of students, and that it leaves nothing undone which is worth doing.

It seems necessary to state, however, that my personal political views are neither communist, fabian nor socialist. The fact that large quantities of socialist writing found their way into my copies of "On Dit" last year was due to my belief that freedom of speech is a good thing. If socialist material predominated, it was because this was the period when Liberal meetings were held in the foyer phone-box, and Liberal contributions to student discussion were written on tram-tickets.

Hey, Sports!

Sports writers are wanted to forward results, programmes of matches, etc., each week from the various sporting clubs. Here's a chance to embark on a journalistic career. Aspiring reporters are invited to contact Jim Slattery, Sports Editor, c/o "On Dit" office.

I consider nationalisation a necessary evil within rigid limits, and I have more respect for private property and capitalism than most Liberals, because I believe that more people should possess private property, and that everybody should be, in some degree, a capitalist. For these and other reasons, I decline to be labelled with a party ticket.

There are a few points on

which I feel sufficiently strong to lay down a policy—

● I.U.S.—I favor disaffiliation from I.U.S. because I believe that its redemption from communist domination is a lost cause.

● C.R.T.S.—I am in favor of reminding Mr. Dedman that the living allowance established three or four years ago has shrunk as the cost of living has risen.

VALE ARTHUR

by Prof. G. V. Portus

Arthur Campbell went back a long way with me. He came up as a chubby fresher to Andrews in 1907, the year I left Sydney for Oxford. His uncle, afterwards Mr. Justice Campbell of the N.S.W. Supreme Court, had the idea of making him a specialist barrister for Engineering and Scientific cases, somewhat after the pattern of the late Frank Leverrier. But first Arthur took the Arts course. And what a whale of a record he had! Firsts in Maths., in French, in German. The idea was that he should now take Engineering (a four years course) and then Law (another four years course). The prospect of another eight years in undergraduate studies did not charm Arthur, and he applied to be allowed to take Law concurrently with Engineering. This request met with a thunderous "No" from the Professor of Law, J. B. Peden, who could not tolerate the idea that a student could do the Law course (with his left hand, so to speak, and as a giddy little paragon) while he was also taking a degree course in another faculty. So Arthur let Phillip Street alone and proceeded to qualify for Law by taking the N.S.W. Bar exams while he was graduating, with more firsts, in Engineering. So it came about that, when he was appointed to the Chair of Law in Adelaide, he must have been one of the very few Professors of Law in the world who had never taken a Law degree. But that did not seem to matter much. His mental equipment was such that he could have taken most Chairs with competence, if he had been given a little time to get the subject up. This remark will shock the academic mind, but I make it quite seriously. Moreover, the academic mind needs a shock or two.

I renewed my acquaintance with Arthur in the military censorship during World War I. He was very well adapted to be a censor, not only because of his linguistic attainments, but also because he did not get bustled and he had the knack of suffering fools (in and out of the censorship), if not gladly, then with a maximum of forbearance. After the war he was awarded an M.B.E., which he used to describe with a grin as "More Block than Energy." We came into close touch

again when I came to Adelaide in 1934, and for the last fifteen years I saw a good deal of him. In private life he was a curious and individualistic figure in the society which is Adelaide. With no family curses, his interests were spread over a wide range. He was a keen patron of the theatre and the ballet, and he became something of an expert in wines. He was in fact the Arbiter Bibendi of this community. To him was given the task of "seeing about the drinks" at University functions, and vigneron in Adelaide were anxious for him to pass upon their vintages, and were always overjoyed when his verdict was favorable. Also he was a very good bridge player, but he never toted up the scores on his marker, for his memory for figures was phenomenal. At the end of a rubber he would say laconically, "1,715 to 821"; and his opponents, after counting on their fingers and several crossings-out, would eventually agree that Arthur's reckoning was correct.

Yet withal he was a solitary soul in some respects. He would sit alone at the end of the dress circle, watching a play or a ballet or listening to a concert; and in the evening of his life he would pass night after night in his study, reading omnivorously. It always seemed to me that Arthur was something out of the nineteenth century—the kind of man whom Galsworthy pictured in his "Stoic." He did the things he liked to do, and he did not care greatly whether others approved. He was, in fact, quite adequate company for himself. A rare quality this, but a man's associates do not always understand it. Themselves sociable and gregarious, they are apt to regard the self-contained man as a bit of a freak.

Any memoir of Arthur Campbell would be inadequate which did not stress the great service he rendered to the undergraduate world of his two Universities. In Sydney he had, as a young graduate, helped to see the University Union through the first awkward days after its overhaul in 1911-12. In Adelaide his work for the Union was beyond praise. Generations of students passing through the University have learnt to rely on his good judgment, his tolerance, his scrupulous fairness, and the encouragement he gave them. No-one at the University knew the student life of the place as he did. We shall miss him very sorely.

Contributors

Please submit stories, poems, photographs, letters, etc., as early as possible each week, if publication is desired in the following Monday's issue.

EDITORIAL

A Golden Opportunity

THE apathy of members of the faculties of Agricultural Science, Pharmacy and Optometry towards elections for the Students' Representative Council could have most undesirable effects on the student administration in this University. Two opportunities have been given these faculties to elect representatives to the council, which, by the way, spent £1,200 of student moneys last year, yet the responsible persons in the faculties have failed to see that candidates of any kind have been nominated.

What a golden opportunity for a political or religious pressure group to nominate a person to act in their own interests on the S.R.C.!

In the apathetic faculties, the nominee would be unopposed, and would secure a good "party" seat. There is no law against the disgusting practice of party and society nominations. The matter is entirely in student hands. That is why the faculty societies, and groups of students with the interests of the faculty at heart should see that at least two persons are nominated for the positions of faculty representatives on the Students' Representative Council. The students in the faculties should also see that they are well informed as regards voting, so that they will best be able to exercise their franchise as financial members of the Adelaide University Union in connection with administration of student affairs, and not allow the faculty to be used as a blind for the nomination of a political or religious axe-grinder.

THE EDITOR.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Social Science National Faculty Bureau

By Alwyn M. K. Gow

(President Soc. Sc. Stud. Assoc.; Official Delegate N.F.B. at N.U.A.U.S. Congress, 1949; Committee Member N.F.B., 1949.)

THE system of National Faculty Bureaux was first instituted last year following the 1948 N.U.A.U.S. Congress. It was in June of that year that we, in Adelaide, were approached by the Director of Faculty Bureaux on the possibility of forming the headquarters for Social Science here. The proposal was discussed, and met with real enthusiasm from the students. The National Bureau was then officially ours for the remainder of the year.

The aim of the National Bureau is generally this:—To bring all Australian students of Social Science into one body and to work for the solution of student problems either local or national.

The Bureau established sub-committees in the other two universities concerned, namely, Sydney and Melbourne.

In the Faculty Bureau Session at the 1949 Congress, the collated results of the questionnaire were presented for further discussion. This session brought forward a number of recommendations for the N.F.B. committee to consider. It was interesting to note that many of our problems are common to fellow students in the other universities. We feel, therefore, that much can be gained by a faculty bureau if it is well planned, conducted and, above all, used as much as possible by the students.

This year the Bureau has been given to Adelaide again by unanimous vote at the Congress. The new committee has been enlarged to six members, with John Tarbath as President and a director yet to be appointed.

We are very pleased to have our Lecturer-in-charge, Mrs. Wheaton, on the committee in an advisory capacity, as we have realised that the true position of any problems relating to the students cannot be fully understood without consideration of the point of view of the staff. The solution of many problems can only be realised through advice and guidance of our staff. There must be the fullest co-operation on all points from both sides. Co-operation is a prerequisite if the Bureau is to function successfully.

One or two of the problems which we intend to tackle are peculiar to our cause, and some are not. Other activities will include the possibilities and development of an information centre for interstate students wishing to meet home students willing to befriend them, the issue of bulletins publishing the possible avenues of interstate employment.

I would say this, that the Bureaux must have the full support of the students. We are fortunate to have had strong co-operation from all of our students here. This showed itself in a practical form when £14 (approx.) was raised at the end of last year to subsidise our three delegates to N.U.A.U.S.

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THE JOURNALS OF ANDRE GIDE:

AN APPRECIATION

Introspection is a habit of the present day, and one which is much mistrusted. Any man who is interested in the working of his own mind runs the risk of being called an egoist, absorbed in the contemplation of himself because he admires himself. Very often this is the exact opposite of truth; it is the man who is not satisfied with himself as he is, who wishes to develop, and find in the study of himself the roots of his weakness and strength.

The Journals of Andre Gide, now translated by Justin O'Brien, are an intimate record of the actions and thoughts of one of the greatest European men of letters of our time, and they offer perhaps the clearest justification for self-seeking which has appeared since the *Essais* of Montaigne. Far from being unproductive or circumscribed, Gide's life has been most generously and fully lived; he has used his knowledge of himself to help himself, his search for himself to help others.

"I intend to give to those who read me, strength, joy, courage, defiance and perspicacity, but I am above all careful not to give them directions, judging that they can and must find them only by themselves (I was about to say, in themselves). Develop at one and the same time the critical faculty and energy, those two contraries." (Journal, 1924.) Gide works on the lazy mind like a good charwoman on an attic, sweeping the corners free of dust, investing the whole room with an atmosphere of cleanliness and vigor, opening the windows wide to let in fresh air and light. He dislikes the self-conscious modernity of Cocteau; they are stale ideas, not necessarily old ones which he has thrown out. There is nothing in these journals which relies only upon convention, established criticisms of literature or living, the slovenly habit of thinking in to which at times we all fall, and which is, properly speak-

ing, not thought but assimilation, springing not from the brain but from the ear and eye.

Gide stimulates without exhorting. It is simply by revealing his own personality—a phrase one is certain he would have hesitated to employ—that he arouses us to action. By analysing his emotions, he leads us to analyse our own; by recognising them he wakes in us the desire to know, to realise what it is that we feel. The first book is immensely encouraging in its uncertainties, naive criticisms and youthful expressions, because it justifies us to ourselves. The Journal of 1890, in that way, gives one something of the reassurance of the old recruiting slogan, "Every private has a field-marshal's baton in his knapsack." One says to oneself, "Gide is very like me here. Could not I progress as he has done?" This immediacy stirs one, not to follow, for he has advanced no pattern of conduct, but to strike out for oneself in individual action.

Above all the Journals are a record of living, of movement and development in body and mind, the notebooks of a man "determined to enjoy his being loyally," and use to its best advantage every faculty of which he finds himself possessed. They are documents of growth.

"Some people head towards an objective. Others simply go straight ahead. As for me, I do not know where I

am going, but I am making progress. . . . I am perhaps merely an adventurer. It is only in adventure that some people succeed in knowing themselves, in finding themselves." (Journal, 1924.)

Gide repeats many times, "I never am, I am becoming."

The interest of these journals never diminishes, as he



Andre Gide.

evokes throughout our sympathies, intelligence and attention. The literary criticism is individual and challenging; the humor quite excellent; the theological reasoning logical and moving. The patchwork fabric is held together by a strong thread of complete sincerity, and an unmistakably Gidean tone.

Most journals of this nature lose their immediacy with time, especially those which owed many of their good qualities to the period in which they were written (who, now, reads even Byron's?). It seems that these journals, despite their contemporary reference, possess a vitality which age will not weaken. Such is the hope of their author:

"Nothing is more foreign to me than this concern for modernism which one feels influencing every thought and every decision of Cocteau. I do not claim that he is wrong to believe that art breathes freely only in its newest manifestation. But, all the same, the only thing that matters to me is what a generation will not carry away with it. I do not seek to be of my epoch; I seek to overflow my epoch." (Journal, 1918), N.G.

cent vulgarity to be immediately critical—we see the two cemeteries and their staffs, the British film colony cricket club ("I often feel like an ambassador, Barlow"), the American film-world as it has, surely, never been seen before, the Los Angeles ethos. And over and above his protagonist's way of seeing these things, we have the author's own—together two different points from which we see the story develop with stereoscopic vividness.

The short novel form seems to be the one in which Mr. Waugh's talent is most at home. In "The Loved One," he has, we think, excelled himself. It is architecturally almost perfect piece of work; one which does everything it sets out to do, and that with scarcely a word wasted. And if the function of art is to show us truths we had not before recognised, Mr. Waugh might be said to have produced a work of art. Were there no other recommendation, that "The Loved One" has been banned somewhere in the United States might well serve.—E.C.

MORE WAUGH . . .

Mr. Evelyn Waugh is an Englishman, as English as only an English Roman Catholic can be. It is not surprising, then, that when his novels are set 'at home' their satire is comparatively gentle, concerned mainly with the temporary aspects of fundamentally good institutions. "Vile Bodies," believe it or not, is such a novel; its characters are fantastic, amoral, but their terms of reference are 'right.'

For the full exercise of his talent, Mr. Waugh must go abroad; "Scoop" was set in Abyssinia, "Scott-King" in the Balkans, and his latest and most macabre, "The Loved One," takes us to Los Angeles, U.S.A., "where all men are displaced persons."

The locale, a fantastic and expensive burial-ground named "Whispering Glades" (Forest Lawns must have been its prototype) where we find, for instance, an exact, but mechanically operated, reproduction of Yeat's "Lake Isle" and steel-and-concrete "Tudor" buildings is intrinsically satirical. But the story which Mr. Waugh sets in and around its mausolea must surely be his best.

The central, and only sympathetic character is Dennis Barlow, dilettante poet, and, by necessity, attendant at an animals' cemetery roughly equivalent to "Whispering Glades." (This is their form—"The burial of a canary, over whose tiny grave a squad of Marine buglers had sounded Taps.") With Barlow, and largely through his eyes—too entranced by their magnifi-

"On Dit" Magazine Section

CONTRIBUTIONS from all members of the University are invited for this page. Especially welcome are notices of current books of merit, reviews of plays and films, poems, polemics, and phillipics. Illustrated articles are doubly welcome.

A SILENT WITH SOUND

Essentially, the film differs from all other arts by virtue of the fact that it is not only a visual art, but also a moving one. These are the qualities that are emphasised in "Les Enfants du Paradis," the qualities that make it so completely a FILM—and so hard to write about!

Words can give some idea of the plot, assess the quality of the acting and technical work, but they cannot give a real conception of the particular features which make this film one of the most extraordinary to reach the screen.

The opening scene is set on the Boulevard du Temple, the street of theatres, during the 1840's. It is carnival time, and the screen is filled with a seething crowd, flashy, noisy, dirty—in short, alive.

The main characters soon appear. First, there is Garance, a lady of love of semi-professional standing. Then Frederic Lemaître, a young actor, tries to pick her up—talented, charming and unscrupulous. And lastly, there is the compelling, tragically absurd mime, Baptiste Deburau.

They are drawn together and establish a mutual relationship which remains unchanged throughout the picture. True, things happen to them; they become rich and famous and so on. But events do not change them as characters: they remain true to type.

The plot also gives the impression of being merely a sequence of events, designed merely to keep the camera moving about the theatres and neighborhood of the Boulevard du Temple. Characters and plot, in fact, seem subordinate to the magnificent background of the film, packed with an incredible amount of detail and alive with all the atmosphere of the period. With this emphasis on the visual, it may almost be called a silent picture with sound, a tapestry with movement.

In this respect, it resembles that remarkable picture of medieval life, "Les Visiteurs du Soir" (The Devil's Envoys) shown at the Liberty last year. This is not surprising, for both were directed by Marcel Carne, both written by Jacques Prevert. Having worked together as a team for fifteen years, a certain, definite style is evident.

Apart from the technical characteristics already noted, a note of fatalism is easily discernible in their work. Emotional frustration and sorrow, treated poetically, are invariably part of the theme.

The escapist trend of the two films is not due to Carne and Prevert particularly, but rather to a general feeling of French films made during the

Occupation. For obvious reasons, social and political themes were avoided, and production kept going with detective stories, sentimental and historical romances.

In "Les Enfants du Paradis" particularly, every effort is made to emphasise a complete lack of realism. When the lights go out, the screen becomes a proscenium opening and curtain, on which the title and credits are thrown. Then the curtain rises slowly, and the opening scene, as described earlier, is gradually revealed to view. At interval time, the curtain on the screen comes down with the word interval written upon it. After interval, the screen curtain rises again. Obviously, it is Carne's object to bring home to the audience the fact that they are an audience, the fact that they are watching an entertainment of "moving pictures."

There are many things I have not mentioned: the mime scenes at the Funambules, the crowd scenes, the excellent performances of Pierre Brasseur, Arletty, and Jean-Louis Barrault. However, as I said earlier, this is so essentially a film that it defies description—it must be seen to be believed!

FRANK ZEPPEL.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

That is the question Tyrone Guthrie, due in Adelaide next Thursday, must answer in regard to Australia's National Theatre.

Invited by the Commonwealth Government, he arrived by plane earlier this month from England to investigate, and report on, this all-important question. An actor, writer, producer, and lover of ballet, opera, drama and comedy alike, he is a complete man of the theatre, and obviously a well qualified man for the job he has to perform.

He has built his reputation chiefly as a producer, and sprang into prominence in 1933 when he joined the Old Vic. He began the practice of enticing stars to act for him at absurdly low salaries, and offering as compensation the prestige of acting in richly mounted and well-produced Shakespearean and classical plays. In this way, John Gielgud, Sir Ralph Richardson, Michael Redgrave and all the acting great of England were produced by him. Sir Laurence Olivier first acted Hamlet under him with Vivien Leigh as Ophelia.

With this background of experience, his only public lecture in Adelaide, "The Theatre and Community" should be full of interest. This will be held in the Bonython Hall at 8 p.m., and all interested are invited to attend. Student Theatre Group members may collect special reserved seats from the club-room between 1.30 and 2.00 p.m. any week day.

On Monday, April 11, he will visit the University and lunch with members of the Student Theatre Group in the Lady Symon Hall. Afterwards, he will give a short address, which all students may attend.

—F.Z.

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Political requirements should not be a string to Government grants. Clearly this is what occurs if criticism of the Liberal Government is suppressed on the pretext that such criticism will prejudice the possibility of this Government granting finance to the University.

K. E. GILES.

Council Representation

Sir,—I strongly support the claims put forward by Mr. Bray in his guest editorial ("On Dit," 28/3/49), and further consider that undergraduates should be represented on the University Council. This is the system which has worked successfully in Melbourne, even last year when one of the undergraduate representatives, Ian Turner, was a Communist. Obviously some information ascertained by representatives would have to be treated as confidential.

Representation would both assist the council in its deliberations as it would be possible for those who are most affected to have their viewpoint heard, and it would be possible for the council's efforts on our behalf to be made known more readily.

MICK TSOUNIS.

Mazey not Lazy

Sir,—Mr. Bray, in attempting to draw the poles together by joining the names of Weisman and Michurin, has misunderstood me. My basis of argument is that in this house of learning I have been given as gospel truth, by several departments, that the theory of evolution is a satisfactory theory, and that scientists accept it as logical, scientific, and true to known facts. (Of course, Huxley grasped it in the beginning solely as a stick with which to thrash the theologians, but no-one would think of doing that now.)

Answering Mr. Bray's questions.

1.—Yes. But I haven't found a book that has been game enough to say that gene-mutations are frequent or directive enough to have produced the entire range of species; in fact, far from it. Gene-mutations must be only a small factor.

2.—Yes. I have only read such excerpts of his August address to the Lenin Academy as are published in English, but I have read other Russian scientists' interpretation of his science. It is significant before examining his theories to note that Lysenko achieved power only after exponents of the (I quote Lysenko) "pseudo-scientific quasi-mathematical" Mendel-Morgan theory had been removed from Russia, mostly by murder. The first reason for this is undoubtedly Lysenko's greed for power, but the second one is of more concern to this discussion. The Soviet has "overthrown" bourgeois science because they know that natural selection and gene-mutations, which explain some of the difficulties of natural selection, do not support the Communist philosophy. If they think that, may I ask what "The Tarshish Baby" is burbling about?

MAZEY.

Greater Representation Opposed

Sir,—Mr. Bray has requested an increase of student representation on the Union Council. I have read Mr. Bray on this point, and still fail to see the desirability of such a move. At first glance it appears that the S.R.C. wish a majority on the Union Council; such, I am told, is erroneous. So, not being a member of the A.S.S. (Apathetic Students' Society), one looks further.

Increased student representation would give us, so it is hinted, better student-staff

relationships. Surely this talk of "student-staff" relationship is dependent upon the individual and not upon two additional students sitting in council with eight members of the staff,

Secondly we are told, he who pays the piper, should at least put in a bar here and there, and not just a single lonely note. How can two additional student members help us here? Are five people likely to influence the council so much more than three that any concrete advantage will be gained by this increased representation?

I consider this issue has no real value and no real meaning. Nebulous advantages are hinted at, and nothing concrete stated. Perhaps it is just another case of "popular politics," pointing out to the poor benighted underdogs, how they pay all the money and then how other people handle it for them, giving them little say in its distribution, and thus raising discontent where none was before.

A. C. WILLIAMS.

I.U.S. Article Attacked

Sir,—I should like to express the extreme dissatisfaction which is felt by many students with the report in your last issue of the I.U.S. Special General Meeting. The ground for this dissatisfaction is the biased character of that report. Let me say at once that this is not the plaintive wail of the little boy who has been slapped; the damage to my personal vanity is negligible. But when "On Dit," the organ of the S.R.C., a newspaper financed by students of every shade of belief and opinion bestows editorial endorsement and consequent prestige upon a particular side of an issue which is at the time being voted upon by the whole student body, then it is imperative that action be taken.

From the article one gathers that the only tangible, solid and reasonably presented arguments came from the "No" side; that the "Yes" case went something like this: Hermes—"The young intelligentsia are a mob of gutless wonders"; Moore—"I.U.S. is a mad dog"; Molloy—"Receiving I.U.S. benefits is analogous to murder"; and thus "Yes" speakers appear as a gang of scamps noteworthy mainly for their stone-throwing and name-calling ability. The "No" speakers are given faithful representation. In point of fact your reportorial method lines up "Yes" arguments for their elimination in the following paragraph by a "No" orator. Thus, following Hermes' allegations, "Mr. Bray agreed that I.U.S. was leftist-minded, but rightly argued that in the event of a national schism, the loss of Queensland from N.U.A.U.S. would be far less important than the loss of the latter body from I.U.S." You don't say! The editor of "On Dit" thinks that Mr. Bray "rightly argued"—but does the S.R.C. think so? And has the editor the right to take for granted that the student body is so unanimous in thinking so that he may state the Queensland issue with complete assurance that his view is that of all students?

I hesitate to refer to my own treatment, but to imply that I made nothing but a vague and general accusation against I.U.S. is inadequate reporting. "Internationalism-No Dice" — the large-type heading of this section, is typical of the spirit of the whole article. I particularly stressed to the meeting that I believed in Internationalism both as a philosophy and as an historical process, and realised that students of the world must co-operate more and more. Yet the editor represents me to his readers as a narrow isolationist whose parochial clarion call is "Internationalism—No Dice." And this is dishonest reporting.

The report of the I.U.S. Special General Meeting is, I think, a test case. If the students of this University neglect to protest in this matter, and to insist on complete editorial impartiality in reporting, they may resign themselves to a perpetual struggle between groups of extremists for control of the student paper and to the propaganda treatment which will follow. It is urgent that the S.R.C. investigate the state of affairs which has permitted a biased piece of editorially-sanctioned reporting to influence (perhaps decisively) the result of an important referendum.

R. B. MOLLOY.

The President Replies ... To Thompson

Sir,—With great difficulty but with diligence I have studiously read Mr. D. Thompson's letter which appeared in the last issue of "On Dit" and feel that an official reply is required.

Firstly, Mr. Thompson berates me for allowing the I.U.S. motion to be placed before a General Meeting worded in such a manner that it would require a 2/3 majority of those voting for the N.U.A.U.S. disaffiliation motion to be effective. I would point out that the President of the S.R.C. has no power to alter the form of any motion submitted to a General Meeting. The proposer of the motion (Mr. Hermes) and his seconder were quite at liberty to form the motion as they sought fit. Once that had been done my only duty was to place it before the students in the form submitted to the S.R.C.

Secondly, Mr. Thompson appears to suggest that I should take little notice of the constitutional requirement that 2/3 of those voting at a General Meeting must support any motion for it to pass. I can do nothing but accept this decision of a General Meeting held in 1946 (at which Mr. Thompson was present) at which this requirement was adopted in the Constitution.

Mr. Thompson's third suggestion that I should not rule that the loss of the motion at the General Meeting instructed the S.R.C. to refuse ratification of the I.U.S. motion is purely of academic interest. The whole matter of I.U.S. has now been definitely decided by referendum. However, I would inform Mr. Thompson that I would have ruled that the loss of the motion was an instruction to the S.R.C. to refuse to ratify the I.U.S. motion. I would feel myself bound by the precedent established in the case of the General Meeting dealing with arrested Sydney students in 1947. At that time, Mr. Thompson was a member of the S.R.C. and found nothing wrong with the ruling. The S.R.C. could, of course, overrule my decision, and I must admit that I should not have been offended if it had done so. That would have been a matter for the S.R.C., however, and not for me.

I will dismiss the irrelevant remarks in the letter dealing with the price of admission to the Commencement Ball, and correct some mistakes made by Mr. Thompson.

For his better information, the S.R.C. has until April 7, not April 1, to ratify the N.U.A.U.S. Council motion. I would also be pleased to find out where the information regarding the state of the 1948 S.R.C.'s accounts was obtained. To the best of the knowledge of S.R.C. and Union authorities no report of any kind has been received from the auditors as to the state of the 1948 S.R.C. accounts. When this is obtained the information will be made available to the members of the Union.

By the time this letter is published I will have given the S.R.C. time "for deep meditation" on the fact that

I was a member of the Executive of the previous S.R.C., the accounts of which are described by Mr. Thompson as chaotic. Should the S.R.C. also meditate on the fact that Mr. Thompson as a member of the same S.R.C., was among the members of that body who from time to time adopted the various interim Treasurer's reports supplied by Mr. Gawne?

JOHN H. RODER,
President, S.R.C.

... To Tregonning

Sir,—I cannot agree with Mr. Tregonning that I am "sitting on the fence" over the I.U.S. question. I have not hesitated to explain to any person interested that I am in favor of continuation of affiliation with the International Union. My views are based on the belief that I.U.S. is still primarily a student organisation and not a political playground. I believe that the outstanding support given by I.U.S. to World Student Relief, the organisation of the World Student Games in Paris, and the success of the International Union in obtaining considerable transport reductions for European students are a few examples of the varied activities of the I.U.S. which support my proposition.

However, I admit there is a secondary and political aspect to I.U.S. which merits serious consideration. We are informed that it is Communist-dominated and that therefore we should withdraw. I have continually opposed this on the grounds that I do not believe that Communism can be defeated by ignoring it or by withdrawing from it wherever it appears: in doing this we admit that Communism has scored a victory over us.

Furthermore I feel that the Australian students should not withdraw their support from the National Unions of England, Wales, Scotland, New Zealand and France, among others, which still retain affiliation with I.U.S.

The position of these non-Communist National Unions will only be made harder should the N.U.A.U.S. withdraw.

JOHN H. RODER.

S.R.C. In Camera Sessions

Sir,—Students must welcome the reporting by "On Dit" of the proceedings at S.R.C. meetings. It was disturbing, however, to read that a part of the session held on March 2 was held in camera. This seems a rather unusual thing to expect from a body called the Students' Representative Council; if the S.R.C. has any claim to being representative, then in camera sessions should be virtually unknown.

It is possible, though, that the council was justified in closing this part of the meeting to the general student body; I hope it was. But students are equally justified in requesting some exposition by the S.R.C. of the principles on which the chairman acts when he allows a motion such as this to be put.

JOHN S. MILL.

Reply

Sir,—The following is the record in the minutes of the section on I.U.S. of the debate on policy at N.U.A.U.S. Council, at the S.R.C. meeting on November 23, 1948:

Motion: That this S.R.C. suspend judgment on continued affiliation with I.U.S., pending the report of Mr. Tolhurst.—Moved Bourke, seconded Judd.

After considerable discussion the motion was lost on the chairman's casting vote.

Motion: That this S.R.C. instruct delegates to vote for affiliation with I.U.S. without prejudice to this council's policy concerning I.U.S.—Moved Bray, seconded Medlin. The motion was carried, 10—6.

As I remember it, the feeling of the meeting was that

there was insufficient time for a full debate on I.U.S. at that moment; that delegates should maintain the status quo if possible, and as any motion would be put to constituents for ratification later, it should be put to a general meeting of students then.

ELIZABETH ADAM,
Secretary, S.R.C.

"Them Chairs"

Sir,—I am one of that over-exploited and unnecessarily humiliated category — "The Freshers," i.e.:—I have undergone the University for barely a week or so, and already I've noticed a would-be commodity which needs a drastic overhaul. I speak of those hitherto unmitigated pin-cushions deposited at our disposal under the gross misnomer of Refectory chairs.

I approached one University official about the matter and the satisfaction received therefrom was the type one expects from an unflattering "fortune-telling" machine. Hence I have been forced to go every day to the Refectory equipped with hammer and nails with which I perform a half-hour's practical lecture on the withdrawal of nails free of charge for both an admiring audience and my clothes.

I thought it advisable to make this wanton devastation public through you, in the hope that something may be done about it.

If the evident "sublime apathy" continues and the "chairs" subsequently continue their "wicked work," this may serve as a warning to unwary "Freshers" saving them both money—and in certain cases—dignity.—I lost the lot.

Yours demurely,
W. F. HOLLIS.

Forbesian Errata

Sir,—Mr. Forbes in his tirade against Communism in the first edition of "Liberal Opinion," claims that the appellation "dollar-a-day-murderers" was applied to the A.I.F. from the official A.C.P. platform in the Domain, Sydney, on December 24, 1939. I do not deny that there was a minor riot (two arrests) around that platform on that date, but would assure him that the offensive words in question came from a provocateur in the body of the crowd. Of what political leaning, or responsibility, the individual was, who can say?

The derisive name, "dollar-a-day-murderers," originated in the Domain alright, Mr. Forbes, but a few weeks earlier—from the platform of the pseudo-religious organisation known as "Jehovah's Witnesses"

At the time "Smith's Weekly" was running a justified campaign against the notoriously subversive activities of that body, and if the early war period copies of that paper can be obtained then no doubt a good deal now conveniently attributed to the A.C.P. will be found recorded therein. Furthermore, ultra-respectable "Sydney Morning Herald" of December 25, '39, did not mention the contentious phrase as a cause of the riot. In fact, "Granny" published a refutation by Mr. Sharkey a day or so later.

"Granny" also records Mr. W. M. Hughes (then a Federal Minister) as saying that he knew of no anti-recruiting activities by the A.C.P., or, apparently, of any activities contrary to the Defence Act. Perhaps if Mr. Forbes can gain access to the official records of the G.S.O. (3) Dept., Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, concerning the activities of "Jehovah's Witnesses" at the period then it is my humble guess that there the most illuminating evidence of all will be found.

EX-NX'ER.

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WELLINGTON WRONG WRITES TREGONNING

The Duke of Wellington, brilliant historian, soldier, and hero, was pretty clear on most things, but about cricket he was right off the pitch. After one hundred and thirty-four years the matter has been cleared. The Battle of Waterloo was not won on the cricket fields of Eton—Rugby was responsible. Now read on.

The same factors that make a successful rugby team make a victorious army. A study of the many battles in the 1939-1945 war will show you that the tactics of the German High Command and the British were simply based on good rugby technique.

The team and the army need a wealth of material well trained in the fundamentals. The students owe that much to the coaches—the General Staff. The army and the team needs unity of command. Neither Hitler meddling with his generals nor advice from the side-line is a policy to be recommended. Both army and rugby team need a high degree of teamwork, both on and off the field, and they need a good discipline on the field.

Once the game starts, the work of the coach (General Staff) has finished, and the officers in the field take the brunt of the responsibility, but he depends for his success on everything learnt from the coach. The military commander considers terrain in choosing his attack. Similarly, the captain of a rugby team must choose his play with reference to his position. Deep in his own territory, he must be exceedingly cautious and conservative. In mid-field he can open up with passes and trick plays. His "tank" for the wide-open mid-field, may be a winger on the blind side, or a dummy pass by the scrum half and a plunge to the breakaway. Once he gets inside the enemy 25, however, the terrain is mountainous indeed, for the defence is packed far closer. Now he must use specialised weapons, and change the direction of attack with utmost rapidity. Straight out to the wing, as Patton showed, is often the best way.

We can learn three great lessons from football that will be of help to us in the next war—one for tanks, for air-power and for propaganda.

Of all the belligerents that faced Hitler at the beginning of the war, only the Russians appeared at that time to have grasped the fact that offensive power has now become so strong that no static defence line can stop it. Rugby learnt this lesson long ago. As any good rugger coach (like J. Portus, University coach) could have told them, the answer to tank offence is not a static line, but a plunging tank defence. J. Phoenix or J. Botham, State and University forwards, are good examples of perpetual attack, especially when hardest in defence.

Air power to-day is more than half the offence, just as quick passing now dominates the rugger field. Parachutists, in the form of punting, is a valuable means of surprise attack, but must be carefully planned, and exploited only when the terrain is favorable.

As for propaganda, the Germans early learnt the lesson football coaches know

about your own morale and the enemy's—give your own team a reason to fight, a healthy respect for a strong enemy, and a pride in their own strength; give the enemy over-confidence.

Yost's "Manual of Rugby Play," printed in 1907, could fit a modern military magazine with only a few changes: "Get the jump on the other fellow . . . it is much easier to break up a movement before it is started than after it has attained full momentum.

"Judgment must be quick and accurate, and the man who has a faculty of instantly adapting himself to a situation which suddenly presents itself, is the man who makes a valuable member of the side. You have no time to go home and figure it out;

he must act instantly, as would a colonel of a regiment surprised by the enemy.

"The main attack may be diversified and deceptive . . . it may feint at one place and strike at another. . . . On the offence, the pressure must never be released. The attack must be executed with such force, speed and determination that they cannot be resisted.

"Score in the first few minutes of the game, before the enemy realise what is going on."

It is by observing these principles that Montgomery (and the University Rugby Club) have proved so outstandingly successful. We commend all future generals to study the principles of tactics at first hand by playing with us this year.

CRICKET

The B grade team has met East Torrens twice this season. The first meeting of these teams at the Hindmarsh Oval resulted in a tie, both teams scoring 273 runs. In the match played at Hawthorn on Saturdays the 19th and 26th of March, a similar conclusion was reached, both teams scoring 140 runs.

Features of this phenomena were that on each occasion East Torrens batted first; the last three Varsity wickets fell for less than ten runs; Varsity run one run short; if this had not happened we would have gained a victory by one run.

In this match just completed, East Torrens, batting first, were dismissed for 140, a total which seemed in easy reach of our batsmen. Whittle bowled well to take 4/55, using the worn ball particularly well in his second spell. Hamilton bowled steadily to take 3/25, sending down innumerable overs.

Varsity opened with Gun and Brebner, the latter being dismissed, caught in slips, after both batsmen had seemed to have settled in. Thompson and Stag were quickly dismissed, and with the score at 3/55 at stumps East Torrens 140 did not appear so diminutive after all.

Whittle and Gun resumed batting the following Saturday and took the score to 63 when Whittle was dismissed for 11. Gun batted extremely well until he tried to force the pace a little too quickly and was dismissed after a very solid innings of 63. With three wickets to fall, Hamilton and Williams had six runs to scrape up between them to get the win. Williams a

single, Hamilton a single, then Williams three and only one run now required to win, when Hamilton was clean bowled by Kempster. Slee came in and we waited confidently for that extra run when he was clean bowled first ball. Hyde followed, and as the rest of the team prayed for that "french cut" to give us victory, he, too, was clean bowled. Kempster, for East Torrens, a junior from the "C" grade, bowled extremely well, and took six wickets, taking the last three in four balls for nothing.

East Torrens batted again, and flayed Varsity bowling, being 4/203 at stumps. Thus the match concluded in a tie on the first innings.

SOCCER

With the first fixture of the season on next Saturday, keen interest is being shown by all players at practice. The selection committee have an unenviable task in selecting the teams to play on the opening day, as many newcomers are showing good form at practice, and some of last year's team may be struggling to retain their old positions.

The teams will be published on the notice-board in the Refectory on Thursday. The A's are playing the Olympic Club at 3 p.m., whilst a curtain-raiser between the Juniors and Norwood Club will commence at 1.30 p.m. Both matches being on the new turfed ground on Memorial Drive at the rear of the Zoo. Supporters are assured of two thrilling matches, with the Varsity team on top at the final whistle, we presume.

Varsity Inter-Club Premiers

The final Inter-Club competition was held on March 26, and although Varsity Club lost this meeting by 3 points, they emerged Inter-Club premiers for 1948-49 by a margin of over 100 points.

The first event was the 220 yards. Our only places here were Jim Lawrence second and Bill Proudman a third. The high jump resulted in an easy victory for John Harbison with a fine leap of 5 ft. 10 in. only 1½ in. less than the Varsity record. Peter Harbison was second in this event.

Surprise of the meeting was the defeat of Tony Dinham in the discus throw. If this athlete could improve on his practice performances in the competitions, by as much as other throwers do, there is no doubt that he would have a second to none chance of taking the Intervarsity championship.

Varsity hammer throwers disappointed also, none of them reaching anywhere near best form. However, Gordon Storey and Peter Harbison managed to take second and

third places respectively. John West, who improves with every run, ran a brilliant ¼ mile to gain fourth place. With more training he could easily hold his own in any field in this State. Warren Quintrell was placed in this event. Jim Lawrence scored a popular win in the second division of the 440 hurdles. At last he has broken through, and next season, with more confidence, should win many races. Roger Bungey ran a fine race in this event, but was unlucky to strike a fast heat. Tony Dinham is best left unmentioned, although his first 220 was perfect. The pole vault, as usual, was a great success for Varsity. Peter Harbison defeated his brother John, with Gordon Storey in third place.

B Grade

The B grade team put up many good performances. Outstanding was Greg Markey who won the pole vault and hammer throw, and was placed in the discus. Brian Skinner was also very successful in his many and varied events, with seconds in hop, step and jump and pole vault, and places in the discus and high jump.

Randall Butler, Peter Reade, John Richardson, all ran well, but need much more hard training.

State Championships

These begin on April 2, and Varsity athletes should score well, especially in field events.

Hurdlers John Harbison, Roger Bungey, Jim Lawrence and Peter Harbison should all gain places, but will find Olympian, Peter Gardner, a little too good for them. John Harbison has an excellent chance in the high jump, and Tony Dinham in the discus.

Bill Proudman may secure a place in the 440, and Peter Harbison in the shot putt.

Whatever the result of the championships, all athletes will complete a most successful season at the Athletics Ball on April 9 in the Refectory.

WELCOME TO FRESHERS

A welcome by the Student Committee of the Conservatorium will be given to Freshers of the Music Faculty in the Elder Hall on Wednesday, April 6, at 8 p.m.

There will be an address by Mr. John Horner, and supper and novelties will form part of the evening.

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