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"Our Universities have the task of pounding out on the anvil of debate the real essence of the principles that bind the free nations together"

— DR. CONANT

BUT THERE'LL BE NO ANVIL IN THE BONYTHON

The success of the Adelaide team in the 1951 N.U.A.U.S. inter-Varsity Debates was somewhat overshadowed by the stir caused by the grim decision of the University Council to refuse the use of the Bonython Hall for the final debate. By tradition, the Bonython had been the scene of this debate on previous occasions. The authorities were willing to permit the use of the Bonython, provided the final debate subject was altered to "That Broadcasting is Harmful to Society." The debates committee decided, however, to retain the subject originally chosen, "That Twentieth Century Conditions and Democratic Ideals are Incompatible," and the debate was transferred to the Refectory. His Honor Mr. Justice Reed took the chair.

STRONG S.R.C. PROTEST

At its last meeting the S.R.C. passed unanimously the following motion:

"This S.R.C. protests most strongly at the action of the University Council in refusing to permit the use of Bonython Hall for the final of the 1951 Inter-Varsity debates on the grounds that the subject was unsuitable for debate by students in this hall.

"This S.R.C. protests on the grounds that:

- (a) such action is a breach of academic freedom.
- (b) it is the duty of the University to promote and foster discussion and debate on such fundamental questions;
- (c) it is the duty of the University, as an institution, to maintain a 'positive neutrality' in such discussion and not to express approval or disapproval of any opinions put forward therein;
- (d) it is the duty of the University to develop the powers of judgment of its teachers and scholars and not itself to pass judgment;
- (e) it is the duty of the University to maintain and defend at all times and at all costs the principles of academic freedom in the face of criticism from any section of the community;
- (f) it is the duty of the University to grant the benefits of these principles equally to the humblest student as to the most eminent scholar;
- (g) the Bonython Hall had on two previous occasions been used for the final of the Inter-Varsity debates and on each occasion the subject for discussion was of an equally contentious nature.

"This S.R.C. views, with growing concern, the increasing number of breaches of the principles of academic freedom which have occurred in this University in recent years."

"Today, in the Universities, it is freedom which most needs emphasis."

So Sir Walter Moberley reminds us, though here in Adelaide we need little reminder, but a further point of Sir Walter's might be well taken: "It is not so much the villainy of villains as the canker of the righteous, not the satanism of the Hitlers and the Mussolinis, but the flaws in the Wilsons and the Roosevelts, that cause shipwreck."

The consequences of the Uni-

versity Council's action in refusing the use of the Bonython Hall for the final debate were not in themselves serious, but the breach of principle involved must cause serious concern in the minds of those who have the University's welfare and academic reputation at heart.

The reasons for the Council's actions are shrouded in mist. At first the story was that it was feared some erring debater might put forward the case for Fascism. Why, in a University, in the course of debate, the case

for Fascism, Communism or any other "ism" should not be put forward it is hard to see. Why the finest University debaters in Australia could not be relied upon to expose the fallacies of Fascism has not been explained. Why a subject, which is absolutely fundamental in the field of social sciences, should be unfit for the Bonython Hall remains a mystery.

Was there a fear that its walls, like those of ancient Jericho, would come tumbling down at the blast of alien trumpets?

The Vice-Chancellor threw some light on the mystery in his remarks from the chair at the semi-final debate. He suggested that "by tradition" statements made in the Bonython bore "the stamp of the University's approval."

Such eminent but diverse thinkers as Bertrand Russell, the Archbishop of Canterbury, R. G. Menzies, Dr. Koo, Dr. Coombs, Graham Gibbs and Jeff Scott have given addresses in the Bonython. It is hard to believe that the University was prepared to stamp with its approval everything that each of these speakers might say.

Moreover, one may well ask "Is it the function of the University to approve the opinions of any particular individuals?"

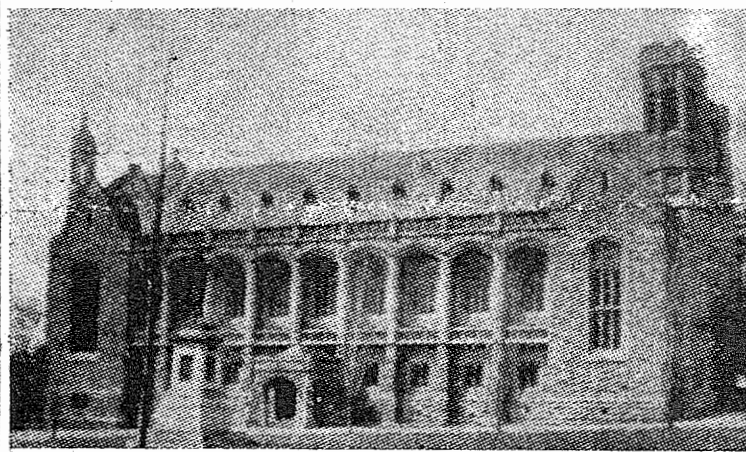
On the matter of tradition the final debates were held in the Bonython in 1938 and 1946 and the subjects were "That The Americans Have Found The Secret of Happiness" and "That All Is Lost."

Ironically enough, a few days after the Council's refusal was made public, the P.M.G. Department conducted their examination for Junior Postmen in the Bonython Hall. O tempora! O mores!

Does the Bonython Ban matter?

We think it does. You see, dear reader, we've been hearing some other nasty stories about our University lately from peo-

THIS IS IT, CHAPS



ple, who should know better than to tell such fibs. Of course, we don't believe these stories. We're like an old and rather distinguished gentleman in this institution who wouldn't believe us when we told him about the Bonython Ban. He hadn't seen it in the "Advertiser."

Anyway, we've heard the story about the economist who was a Fabian (but wouldn't be a politician), and the historian who was a Pacifist. Then there's the beauty about whether philosophers should go to church, and the one about the decision that was held up until it was ascertained that no one minded a little semitism anyway. The latest one, of course, is about the "ban" on controversial political statements being made by cleaners when off duty.

We repeat, we don't believe a word of them. But the trouble is that there are some people who do believe them, and some of these people are in other Australian Universities. They say they wouldn't work in Adelaide for all the West End at the South! This is a pity because some of them are very clever—a bit old fashioned, perhaps, in their beliefs about academic freedom and individual liberties—but nevertheless quite brainy. Of course, they're not as progressive as we are here in Adelaide; they haven't got the Best Men running everything in the other States yet.

But the real trouble is that once a thing like the Bonython Ban gets around amongst these poor credulous people they begin to believe all the other nasty stories about us, even more than before, and so we can't get any good office boys. We don't care though, because we don't want any dirty Commos from Melbourne!

That reminds us of a funny story about a friend of ours who

supports (and is supported by) the Labor Party in order that he may enjoy the pleasures of a capitalist society with a clear conscience. Our friend applied for a Government job and his Acting Dean, who had mumbled "goo-mornin" to him on three different occasions in two years, provided a confidential report to the effect that he believed our friend was "a very extreme Socialist." Now our friend, when he isn't speculating on the stock market or giving remarkably life-like imitations of Eddie Ward, happens to be a lukewarm mixture of Welfare Stater with a bit of Keynes and immaterialism thrown in. He calls himself a Liberal with a little hell, but Schumann says he's just an opportunist. Anyway, he says he doesn't mind not getting the job, because he can make more money by private enterprise without working.

We don't believe this story either, but it sounds very amusing the way Scott tells it.

What would happen if anything wrong was said in the Bonython?

Why, Mr. Flayford might hear about it, or even Mr. Menzies, and then we wouldn't get any money to pay the gardeners, and there'd be weeds, all over the place.

That is why we think "On Dit" and the Revue should be censored and students should be punished if they do anything in the procession which "might bring the University into disrepute with any section of the community." That is why we believe that the student religious societies should be used to throw out the students' elected leaders and clean up student life. That is why we believe members of the residential colleges should all go along to student meetings and vote the "right" way and not the way Gibbs and Scott ask them to vote.

ON DIT

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EDITORIAL

Academic Freedom Once More

It is one of the common misconceptions in University life that the third term is a time of revision and quiet preparation. For the mere mortals that most of us are it is rather a time of belated work than of contemplation and revision. It is left, therefore, to such an immortal institution as "On Dit" to cast its mind back over the varied events of this year and to try to draw some conclusion therefrom. One matter overshadows in importance all the petty events that crowd our privileged lives. It, itself, is a matter of privilege.

There are a few within the student body who, perhaps through a deeper insight, or even, we suspect, a deeper interest in student affairs than is evinced by their fellow undergraduates, have this year noticed the increasing pressure being brought by authority upon the traditional right of students to run their own affairs as they see fit, and the more important right of expressing their views on any subject, however unpleasant or unacceptable to authority these views may be.

The few who have seen the importance of this danger have not allowed to pass any opportunity for airing it and their own views upon it. We feel that their efforts have not been wholly wasted, that there has now grown up within the undergraduate body a stronger realisation of the vital importance of Academic Freedom, that most of us are now aware that it is more than a mere high-falutin' phrase covering its own paucity of meaning by its impressiveness of association, and that most of us are now willing to do something to oppose the encroachment that has been noticeably stronger in these last few weeks.

We are here concerned only with the domestic field of undergraduate life, but we have reason to suspect that these recent and deplorable tendencies may extend beyond that limited field. Indeed, such an argument as that which surrounded the use of the Bonython Hall for the final of the Inter-Varsity Debates does not affect the student body as such but lowers the University itself in the eyes of the other, and we venture to say, more genuinely liberal Australian Universities.

It is to be hoped that the strong and sincere protests made against this kind of thing by the undergraduate body will not go unheeded. Should it go unheeded then it is the duty of every undergraduate and not merely those few to continue the struggle that has begun this year.

We regret the fact that the last edition for the year should be of such a serious nature, we had hoped for more levity to lighten these worrying hours; but there it is, first things must come first.

With that we say *au revoir* to those whom we will not see until next year and *God-speed* to those who, having fooled the examiners into granting them a degree, we may never see again.

THE RIOT ACT

FOIBLES AND FAILINGS OF OUR 'VARSITY

As we are now in the throes of the third term, and most of us are becoming better acquainted with the interior of the "Barr," a few remarks relating to that building would seem appropriate.

The library is, at least in the last term, a work place, and not a social salon. Of this fact, an annoying minority of students are ignorant. Some, because of effervescent good spirits, some out of sheer thoughtlessness, some who are high-born young ladies, and some simply because they are Teachers' College people, are forever guilty of incessant chattering and noisy gossiping, to the inconvenience of the now frantically conscientious majority. Such privileged mem-

bers of the community as Mr. Ashwin, have even been seen kneeling in the aisles, their notes in some lady's lap, in rapt exposition of their (ambiguous) virtues.

It is a gratifying development that the braver members of the library staff have recently taken up their cudgels against the pests described above; what a pity there isn't a librarian in the George Murray to silence the Chopins below. Well, see you in the Barr!

—AIDE DE CAMP.

IT'S UP TO YOU

A little co-operation, if you please!

Because it was third term many people were slackening off more and more with regard to discipline in the use of Refectory property, S.R.C. President Graham Gibbs complained recently.

Instead of making things easier for Refectory staff during rush periods, they were making things increasingly difficult, largely through a lack of consideration, he said.

Since the beginning of the term trays have been strewn every lunch hour all over the lawns in front of the Refectory, and left there after the lunch period. Mr. Gibbs warned that if people did not immediately cease from this practice, disciplinary action would be taken in the form of fines.

It was also pointed out that an increasing number of Refectory spoons were being twisted. This practice is viewed very poorly by the Refectory staff.

Some spoons have been twisted so much that they are now almost useless.

In view of the fact that new spoons would have to be bought to replace the twisted ones, anyone seen twisting any spoons belonging to the Refectory might be subjected to a fine, Mr. Gibbs said.

PARKING

A remarked slackening off in discipline was also apparent in car-parking. Students were reminded to adhere strictly to the parking regulations, or disciplinary action would again be taken.

(A copy of the parking regulations appeared in the July 30 edition of "On Dit.")

COLONIALISMS

FRANK

"Few Goats for Show Judging."—"News" headline.

AND EARNEST

"Jane Hope has written a fourth volume in her sage of school life, and it gives the dreadful truth about that intrepid band, H.M. Inspectors for Schools."—"British Books To Come."

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ONCE BITTEN?

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FRANKENSTEIN AGAIN?

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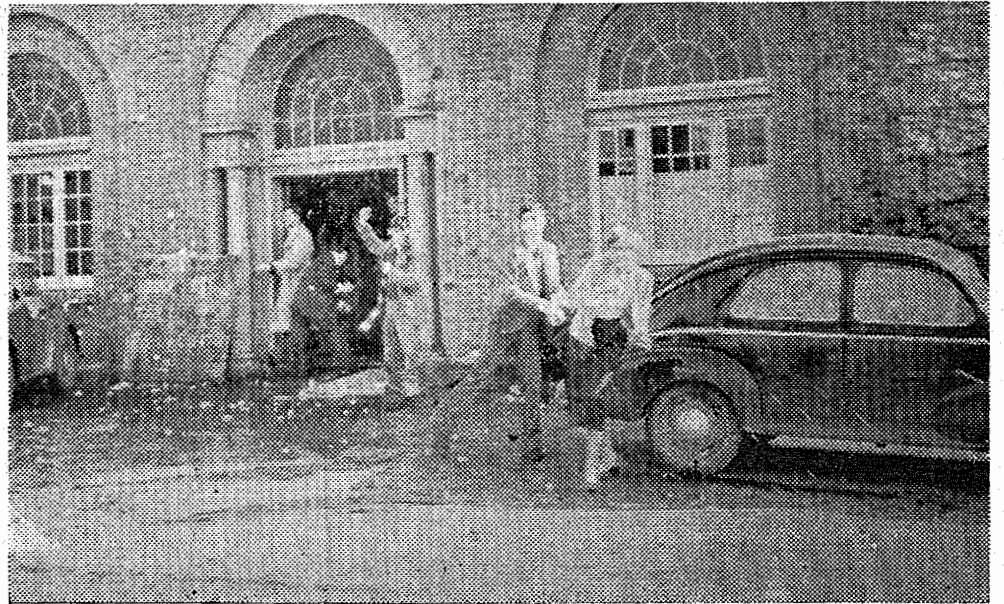
ALLEGORY OF LOVE

In loving memory of Nell, who died January 18. "She is gone but not forgotten, Never will her memory fade; For our foodstuffs often lead us To the spot where she is laid. —Inserted by her loving Lav, Alice, John and Family."—"Advertiser," In Memoriam Notices.

RAILWAY ADVANCES

"Diesel loco makes fast maiden run."—"News" headline.

Chitaciel de Witt



We've had this photograph on hand for some time now. We thought that if we printed it it would revive your examination-frayed spirits and inspire you to greater efforts. We mean the snow, not Wilga.

A.U.D.S. PLANS FESTIVAL

The A.G.M. of the Adelaide University Dramatic Society will be held within the next week or so. All those interested in any branch of the theatre, especially those whose interests lie on the technical side of theatre work are urged to attend this meeting.

It is understood that at the A.G.M. the 1951 President of A.U.D.S., Mr. Brian Bergin, will submit a plan to reconstitute the Society.

A.U.D.S. has had a most successful year with three major productions, Sartre's "The Flies" in the first term and Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Strindberg's "Miss Julia" in the second. Plans for next year include a Festival of Shaw's Plays, in Commencement Week. Mr. Neil Lovett and Mr. Graham Nerlich will produce, between them, "Androcles and the Lion," "Pygmalion" and "Overruled."

All those interested in taking an active part in these productions are invited to approach

either of the producers or any member of the Committee of A.U.D.S.

Remember to watch for the date of the A.G.M.

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O boy, O boy! can we spread ourselves this time. Six weeks since we last appeared, and has the scandal been scandalous! Our ears and our telephone wires have been running hot, so here goes:

We hear that a certain well-known and gay young thing spent most of her vacation sitting on the end of a pier, gazing dejectedly out to sea. Shades of Mario Lanza!

Then of course there was the pair that went overseas and came back feeling proper poorly. We are disinclined to believe that their condition is due to a surfeit of apples.

That debonair young man about town who boasts of Adelaide's best collection of etchings, has, we are told, definite intentions of going west at the first opportunity.

Another up and coming young blade is reported to have spent a very vigorous day and night recently chalking up the end of another riotous year. When we wished him "many happy returns" he replied with an agonised "O, Gawd, no!"

We are still busy trying to ascertain the truth or otherwise of that rumor concerning the sweet young fresher (yes, she is still officially that) who has given her all to advance the Liberal Cause. And herself.

We feel that certain things about certain people would be better left unsaid. So here goes again:

- (a) Jim should do something about his tie or his shirt, or preferably both. (Aren't we cats!)
- (b) Helen had best get that starry look out of her eye and realise that it is last term now!
- (c) Ashwin had better not!

And talking of Ashwin, have you heard . . . Oh, you have! Well, didn't you think it was typical?

We add our felicitations to those already poured upon our latest happy couple. It really gave a buck to the beginning of the term.

We are led to believe that A.U.D.S. parties are really worth going to. Such a pity that there won't be another this year.

Well, that's all for this year, dears. Try and keep being naughty until we come out again next year.

—EUSTACIA.

MILLHOUSE FOR U.S.A.

By now you probably all know that Adelaide won the Inter-Varsity debates and the Philippines Cup. Ever since we last won it in 1947 (with Opie and Scott in the team) we have reached the final, but not until this year have we brought home the bacon.

The victorious team was Ian Marshman, Robin Millhouse, Bob Reid, and George Waterhouse, of whom Robin Millhouse was chosen as one of the two-man Australian University Debating team to tour U.S.A. during the summer vacation.

The details of the tour are as yet not finalised. Indeed, it is believed that beyond the fact that the other member of the team is John Reid, from Melbourne, and that the team will tour the States about January or February little is known.

Mr. Millhouse has been a member of the inter-Varsity team since 1949, and has journeyed to Melbourne (1949) and Brisbane (1950) in search of the Philippines Cup, only to find it eventually in his own home town. With Prof. Blackburn he has been behind the revival of the Adelaide University Debating Club, and was this year's S.R.C. Debates

Secretary with the responsibility of organising the inter-Varsity debates.

All of you who have been privileged to hear the "Rising Cost of Loving" and the "Tight and Loose" debates will have realised that Mr. Millhouse, with his happy combination of wit and solidity, is an ideal choice to represent Australia in Yankee-land.

Adelaide University, which has produced Hermes, Opie and Scott, which vies with Sydney for the lead in the number of times it has held the Philippines Cup, will not be disgraced by its latest "star" debater.



Robin Millhouse

NEW S.R.C. ELECTED

On Wednesday, September 26, at 7 p.m., the new S.R.C. will hold a joint meeting with the old in the George Murray Library. You are reminded that all students have the right to sit on the back benches and watch the proceedings of all S.R.C. meetings.

Representatives of the new S.R.C. (1951-1952) are:

Arts:
Duncan Campbell
Charles Stokes

Science:
Helen Northey
Edward Treloar

Medicine:
Les Caust
Cyril Cameron

Law:
Murray Haddrick

Economics:
Neville Reid

Dentistry:
Chris Somerville

Pharmacy and Optometry:
B. N. Williams

Immediate Past President:
Graham Gibbs

LOST. — Pair clear rimmed glasses contained in blue case bearing optician's name, R. F. O'Connor. Please hand to Pam.

Men's General:

Bob Reid (Arts)
Nick Birchall (Law)

"On Dit":

Jonathan Cole

"Dear Mr. Gibbs..."

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Mr. Graham Gibbs,
Students' Representative Council,
University of Adelaide.

Dear Sir,—

No doubt you will be surprised to receive this belated reply to your refusal to debate the issue of "pink" professors in our Universities. Was it your decision or somebody else's warning that made you back down? You seemed so definite on accepting our challenge the night I rang you; I'm replying in the hope that by giving you a few pointers you may develop a little "deeper" thought on this matter and learn something of what is really going on behind the scenes.

It is high time that our rank and file University people developed some guts and got busy with the job of cleaning out the reds and pinks in our Universities; the economic and political experts, and professors indoctrinating our young students with Socialistic principles, as well as directing government policies along similar lines. They are the fifth column that is undermining our young people's faith in the institutions that gave us a system of government, the British system, and a way of life nearer to the Christian concept than any other country in the world, a system of government that has been the envy of all Christians, and a bulwark against bureaucratic tyranny, the Judaic or anti-Christ philosophy.

These political and economic experts and advisers directing the policies of all governments, with their illogical and impractical advice, aided by ambitious and unscrupulous politicians and others, who want to "get on," create circumstances favorable to the plot to destroy our way of life. An example of this work is the desperate efforts made by both political parties in this country over the last few years, to break down the safeguards in our Federal Constitution to make way for bureaucratic tyranny, necessary for the "one world" government plotters.

At this point I would suggest, that to get an idea of what I mean by world plotters, you read Douglas Reed's book, "Somewhere South of Suez," part 3, commencing on page 307 to 358. This is merely a fraction of the evidence available of the plot to destroy the Christian way of life, and the greatest empire in history based on its principles.

Getting back to "pink" professors, McGill University, Canada, "a hotbed of Marxian Socialism," see "Canadian Spy Trial Report."

London School of Economics, founded by Fabian Socialists, mostly red, and financed by the late Sir Ernest Cassell, International German-Jewish financier; founder termed it a training ground for the bureaucracy of the future world Socialist State. A large majority of the advisers to governments in this country are products of the L.S. of E.

Some time ago a student in a Tasmanian University protested against tutors ramming Marxian Socialist principles down his throat.

It was professors out of Melbourne Universities, eight from memory, not rank and file industrial Communists, that protested to the Victorian Government against J. J. Moloney giving his address on the evils of Communism in Russia, on the same night as the Soviet delegate from Russia was attending an official Government function.

This, too, is but a fraction of the evidence available to demand the attention of all good men and true, who believe in the British way of life, and its institutions for human liberty.

What are you going to do about it, Mr. Gibbs?

Yours faithfully,

E. C. FINN.

N.B.—THIRD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

NOBLE CHAMBERLAIN: Textbook of Medicine (June, 1951).
SHELDON: Diseases of Infancy and Childhood (1951).
LEE McGREGOR: Surgical Anatomy (1950).

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LIBERAL OPINION

At the Annual General Meeting of the Liberal Union the following motion, moved by Mr. Ian Marshman and seconded by Mr. Charles Stokes, was carried unanimously:

"That the Liberal Union declares its undying hatred and loathing of the doctrines and practices of the Australian Communist Party, and pledges its whole hearted support to the forthcoming referendum and to any other measures designed to eradicate this threat from our midst."

Although the Women's Union have grandiose plans for the use of the Liberal Union Office in the Lady Symon, and although they said that these plans were so urgent that we couldn't have the office in the first term this year, we are still occupying it and have received no word from the Women's Union in connection with the matter.

We were going to write something here about Scott, but thought that the less attention drawn to him the better.

A candidate was addressing his constituency when all of a sudden a voice called out: "Go on, I don't care what you say, I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Archangel Gabriel!" Upon which the candidate replied, "My friend, if I were the Archangel Gabriel you wouldn't be in my constituency."

There are about 2,300 male undergrads in this University. About 200 are in the Regiment and Air Squadron, and roughly a hundred could be dismissed as being either medically unfit, or in other branches of voluntary service, such as the Naval Reserve or other C.M.F. units. Where are the other 2,000?

If we remember rightly, it was Nelson who once said, "Every man must do his duty."

The following officers were elected at the Liberal Union Annual General Meeting:

President, Mr. Philip Kennedy; Secretary, Miss Helen Northey; Treasurer, Miss Marget Bridgland; Publicity Officer, Mr. Charles Stokes; Committee, Mr. Peter Wells, Mr. Ian Wilson, Mr. Geoff Pridham.

Mr. Ian Marshman is ex-officio a member of the Committee as immediate Past President.

"First get your facts, and then you can distort 'em as much as you like."—Mark Twain.

This is, in fact, what the Socialist Clubhouse.

"A politician is a figure of speech."—London Opinion.

Dr. Salvador de Madariaga said, "Not as a political party can Communism be outlawed, but as a conspiracy."

The statement by the ex Vice-President of the Victorian Young Liberals, so generously distributed in this University by the Socialist Club, was a clear case of MISSEN-terpretation.

DEBATING CLUB

New officers have been elected in the Debating Club

President:

Professor R. A. Blackburn

Vice-President:

Mr. V. A. Edgeloe

Chairman:

Mr. R. Millhouse

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Mr. Neville Reid

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The series of Immaterialist discussions held in the second term is still yielding a considerable amount of material—mainly in refutation of the arguments expounded by the Immaterialists; but we understand that it was the aim of the Society to foster discussion of essentials and in that spirit we print the following articles.

IS HUMANISM ENOUGH? IN ANSWER TO THE ASSUMPTION

Some of us may still remember a concerted effort made publicly some months ago in this University to convince us that religion in general, and Christianity in particular, is at worst baneful and at best unnecessary.

On the positive side, it was maintained by some of the speakers that all that is needed to lead a fully integrated, a highly moral life, is humanism. You have only to convert men to humanism and all will be right with the world: The question of whether or not there is a God in His Heaven can safely be left unsolved.

Now, no Christian, we hope, would want to deny that humanism, the humanism of men like Babbitt and Forester, Hutchins and Adler, Bergin and Ashwin, is, on its positive side, good. It does see a great deal more of the reality about man than do the materialists who reduce him to a complex of hereditary instincts or who see him as the entirely helpless victim and product of his environment.

When Mr. Bergin says that man consists of both spirit and matter, we Christians say, "Quite; but you probably first learnt that in a Christian catechism." When he says that we must seek "the development of the fulness and wholeness of our personality," we reply, "Of course; but is there the remotest possibility of that being achieved by the generality of mankind without religion?" When he goes on to insist that man is also "a social animal, and therefore must live the life of a social animal," we point out that that is the whole point of the majority of the Ten Commandments. When he maintains that "logically, unrestrained desires are incompatible with man being a social animal," we agree that that is very evident. When he asks, therefore, for self-discipline, we remark that that is a very Christian demand, but is there the faintest hope that mankind will achieve it without a religious motive?

Let us pay tribute to Mr. Bergin. In the anti-religious "mission" he made the fullest attempt to give a positive doctrine, and that is why we have quoted him. And, as Magazine Editor of this paper, he proves his liberalism by requesting this article.

But even on the positive side of his message, we were saddened to see Mr. Bergin fall from grace. He fell into windy rhetoric in demanding "spiritual, intellectual and moral freedom and the right to experience life fully." Here, regrettably, was the bulldozer of the soap-box "rationalist" crudely shovelling aside all sorts of vital distinctions. If there is truth, Mr. Bergin surely does not want his intellect to be free of it. If there are morals (and Mr. Bergin has admitted that there are: We should be social, we must not be selfish), then how can you be free of them? And how can you experience everything, if there are many experiences in life which, of their very nature, rule out the opposite experience. You can't experience the life of a lecher if you want to have the more valuable experience of a life of self-control.

Mr. Bergin's "reasons for rejecting religion" were pathetically inadequate. "Religion stresses dogma." O dogma, blest word to all prejudiced and brainless assailants of religion: Its use was unworthy of you, Mr. Bergin! It is such a conveniently colored word, it is such a fortunately ugly, guttural-sounding word, so handy for spitting out with a tone of contempt, as the Comrades spit out "Fascist" at everything they want their audience to stop thinking about. It is to be hoped for religion's sake that it does stress dogma. It is to be hoped, in other words, that it does stress the things it believes to be true. If ever it ceases to do that, it might as well sell out. In fact, wherever it has ceased to do that, it has sold out.

And then, what whimsical fancy led Mr. Bergin, after going through the ritual of donning the symbolic vestment known as an academic gown, to reject religion on the ground that it includes "a degree of ritual"? Mr. Bergin's own practice shows that he recognises, with Chesterton, that "the old ceremonial gestures of the human body are

necessary for the health of the human soul." Why religion alone, which is pre-eminently concerned with the health of the human soul, should not be allowed to have them, is a mystery which Mr. Bergin did not elucidate.

But is humanism enough? Is it, without religion, able to give men peace with themselves and with one another? Can it on its own bring about "the development of the fulness and wholeness of man's personality." Have we good grounds for Ashwin's "faith in the attainment of the perfection of man by man, without the need of faith in God?"

Simple and innocent faith is always a touching spectacle. We would have been touched by the simple and innocent faith of Messrs. Bergin, Ashwin, Scott and Company, had it not been so entirely groundless. Faith, which is based on unreality is better called credulity, and credulity is not to be admired.

Their faith in the perfectibility of man and society by purely

not want to be saved, and are not worth saving."

All the evidence is that it is simply impossible to get the generality of men to be completely without religion. They may lose the religion they have, but that will not be to become free of all worship. They always find ultimately that they have substituted one god for another, and the other often a god whose worship leads to inhumanism—Moloch, or the Supremacy of the Nordic Race, or Communism. You may deprive the people of their icons of the Madonna with her Child: But you have to set up in their place monstrous portraits of Hitler or Stalin. There are some of us who believe that the images of the Madonna did more to make them human.

Of course, it can be objected that men have too often failed to live in peace, even with religion. That is no more an argument against religion as such, than the fact that men have often failed to be healthy even with medicine is an argument against medicine.

"Humanism," says Mr. T. S. Eliot, a fairly well-read and knowledgeable man, "is in the end futile without religion"; and Professor A. N. Whitehead insists that "the essence of education is that it be religious."

The reason is not far to seek. Our Adelaide humanists underlined the unreality of their conception of human nature by calling themselves the "Immaterialist" Society. But man is not an immaterial being: He is a composite of immateriality and materiality, nor is the spiritual element in him so securely enthroned that we can ever trust it for long to control, unaided, the other conflicting elements in him. The appeal of our passions gets in before reason has a chance to consider, and their pull and that of our selfishness remains unrelentingly strong during the liberation and even after the decision of reason.

Besides, reason has to reach its conclusion slowly and laboriously. Many quite vital principles of conduct can be established rationally only by a lengthy process of reasoning, taking into account many general considerations about human nature, and the conditions of its existence. Perhaps Mr. Bergin can work all these out. But we want a means of redemption not only for Mr. Bergin, who is cultured, well-fed, well-housed and in easy circumstances, but also for Mrs. Harris, who is immersed in the material struggle for existence, and has to get up at an early hour each morning to scrub the marble floor of the city bank. If Mrs. Harris is tempted to be anti-social, she will probably not be very much influenced by being told that she is not being logical, or that Mr. Bergin says that she should not be anti-social. She may possibly be influenced by being told that Almighty God says that she should not be anti-social.

Reason ought to rule our lives. But Cicero appreciated the reality of human nature as it is when he lamented the miserable condition of man—the divine fire of his intellect overwhelmed, as it were, in a frail and infirm body, and a soul that is perturbed by troubles, cast down by fears, shrinking before labor, prone to lust and to error. St. Thomas Aquinas, who was a realist as well as a rationalist, said that if you admit the existence of Divine Providence you would expect that the spiritual element in our nature would so be united with the material that it would rule it without difficulty: that Providence would always give us some kind of dominating impulse to what is reasonable and ultimately for our good, to counteract the irrational pull of the pas-

At an address to the University on August 3 last, Father Buxton set forth the Dogma of the Assumption with, what he would claim, a logical argument to support this Dogma.

The argument follows this line. Jesus Christ was God; Mary was the Mother of Jesus Christ, therefore Mary was the Mother of God and as such it is inconceivable that she should see corruption in the form of death and decay. That corruption is inconceivable we shall leave for the moment for I wish to attack the earlier steps in this reasoning, the basis upon which this dogma is built. It is this, I believe, which has led people off the straight and narrow path of Christendom into the mire of deification and idolatry. I shall deal just with the logic and then with the results of this wrong thinking.

Jesus Christ is both Man and God; He took His manhood from Mary and His God-hood from the Holy Spirit; He is one discrete integrated unit. To attempt by looking at this dual nature to ascribe any properties to Mary is obviously not possible. That this is what is done, when it is said, "Mary is the Mother of God," is proved by the fact that the line of reasoning continues, "therefore it is inconceivable that she should see corruption in the form of death and decay." By analogy, one may consider a mule that has, for a father, a donkey and for a mother, a mare. The mule is a discrete integrated unit and has both parts of its nature truly united. Who, by looking at the mule, knows which properties to nominate as those of the mare? By looking at the mule, that is; without foreknowledge of the donkey and the horse no one can tell. We have no foreknowledge of God or Mary and in the case of Jesus we cannot logically tell which properties He inherited from either parent. Who, by looking at 12 can say whether it is the product of 4 and 3, 6 and 2 or infinity and 0? Therefore, although in the analogy, it is correct to say that both the donkey and the mare are parents of the mule it is not correct to infer that the mare is the mother of the donkey. Similarly, it is not correct to infer that Mary was the Mother of God for Jesus was both God and Man. The New Testament says quite simply, "She was found with Child of the Holy Ghost," Matt. 1:18. If one wishes to state a relationship, which, however, I regard as both unnecessary and

difficulties and the other natural difficulties in the way of consistently reasonable action. In the absence of such natural assistance from Providence he saw an indication that the condition of human nature is somehow out of harmony with the purposes of the Creator.

The Christian doctrine of Original Sin corresponds fully with the realities of human life and illuminates many of its problems. It is, besides, as Chesterton said, the only cheerful view of life. "It tells us that we have misused a good world, and not merely been entrapped into a bad one." Man's nature was not made so that it could attain complete harmony and fulfilment by itself. It was intended that human nature should fulfil itself and its destiny by union with God. That union was lost by an original Fall. It can be recovered, and it is only by its recovery that we gain again the power to keep steadily in view a right moral order, to control ourselves and live as reasonable human beings.

I am not advocating a pragmatic notion of the nature of religious or any other truth. All I wish to suggest is that the facts should (and more and more do) lead men very strenuously to seek a religion that is true, if they want to live a life that is human.—CHRISTIANUS.

by
John Coulter

misleading, one might say that Mary was the spouse of God. The Incarnation took place at the Conception, then the miracle of the perfect blending of His two natures took place, and it was a miracle, for Mary was an ordinary woman being wholly man (generic) and so Jesus is perfect Man and perfect God. Who are we to judge the effects on a man wholly taken over by God? Who are we to relegate some of Jesus' goodness to Mary? But now let us to the results of this thinking.

If we do not accept the statement that Jesus Christ is wholly Man and wholly God, but insist that Mary was in some way different from her sisters and suffered not from original sin (which is of the nature of man since the fall) then Jesus did not inherit from His mother a nature wholly human, but something different, and His life has no relevance to ours. It is only as we steadfastly declare that Jesus is completely man, even as we are, that we can take hope in the knowledge that God can, through Jesus Christ, make us His sons and co-heirs with Christ.

Lastly, let us look at this from the viewpoint of the armchair philosopher and ask where this sort of misplaced emphasis may eventually lead one. If the miracle did not occur in Jesus but in Mary: for she suddenly came to be without sin—or did she? what is to stop one from saying that "Saint" Anne was also without sin and so to her mother and so on until one comes back to Adam? Then one is brought to the belief that man is without original sin and after all one is in the same boat as the Immaterialists. Also Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, is eternal and unchanging. If Mary is in some way responsible for His Godly nature then she is eternal and we have, not a trinity, but a quaternity and so to St. Anne and so we are set on the broad path of pantheism.

Reason

She called herself Gypsy,
I called her whore.
Insisted she loved me,
I said she lied.

I told her, "Be truthful,"
She said nothing more.
All this was reason,
How strange that she cried!

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Wool and the Australian Economy

Commenting on the prices at the opening sale of the wool season, Sir Douglas Copland, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, said that a reduction of at least one-third in the gross income from wool seemed to be inevitable.

Even if the average price were to reach the figure of 100d. per pound in the season, the loss of income compared with last year would be over £200 million, but it would not be surprising if the loss were as much as £250 million. This would involve Australia in a much less favorable position regarding her balance of payments, particularly as the volume of other exports was declining and the Australian propensity to import was at an all-time high, representing about 25 per cent. of gross national product. It was an illusion to think that the Australian economy was buttressed by an impregnable international reserve in sterling. That was not so. The Australian economy remained vulnerable to rapid changes in prices and volumes of exports.

Internally, the position was no less unsatisfactory. Last year

wool prices were still very high, but owing to the increase in costs and general inflation in Australia, the whole economy was being geared to a price for wool that was patently unattainable over a long period. Sir Douglas added that it would still be desirable to organise a stabilisation fund despite the fall in prices.

As regards the proceeds of the 7½ per cent. levy and the accumulated profits of the post-war joint wool organisation, amounting in all to about £100 million, this money was unquestionably the property of the wool growers, but it was not tax-free property, and suggestions that it should be lent to the Government at the current rate of interest was equivalent to giving everybody the right to subscribe to Government loans and list the amount of their subscription as a deduction from assessable income. Obviously, the appropriate step to take with this money was to place it in a stabilisation fund, and it was hoped that the growers would contemplate making such an offer, in their own interests as well as in the interests of the country.

Moreover, this would be an appropriate time for the great wool industry to follow the example of some of the industrial leaders in the United States and to establish the equivalent of one of the great American educational foundations. It could be called the Wool Industry Foundation for Cultural and Scientific Development. Owing to the record income received by the industry last year, the sum of as much as £25 million could be set aside without damage to the industry, but to its lasting credit as a national institution in Australia. All the great sources of wealth in the United States such as railways, iron and steel, oil, motor cars, had established great educational foundations of permanent value to the country. These were doing work of the highest importance for education and culture in the United States, and for the advancement of scientific knowledge. There was now an opportunity for a similar development to take place in Australia, and for a wool industry to establish itself not only as the leading source of Australia's wealth, but as the leading inspiration to higher cultural and scientific values.

Sonnet

What fears possess our minds and make us pause
When idle Time, unseen, unheard, steals past
And silently reveals the void so vast
That we must fill ere long? It gives us cause
To contemplate the time misspent, the flaws
And defects in our good intents that last
But for a day, then perish, and are cast
Forever from the mind, as worthless straws.
And yet what dire disaster if we fail?
For human minds are powerless and frail,
And those that reach the heights they tempt are few.
Then let us think on Browning's words so true:
'Tis not that life succeeds with mere success:
'Tis aspiration, life's real fruitfulness.

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Antacid de Witt writes on:

THE SINS OF "MISS JULIA"

The A.U.D.S. production, or lack of same, of Strindberg's "Miss Julia" was an interesting piece of history. This play is one of the earliest pieces of drainpipe drama.

Strindberg with an insect intellect, but, in his own view, dinosauric dimensions, was an early modern dramatist. The moderns have reversed the successful plan of earlier playwrights. Whereas the earlier writers took what was confessedly unreal, and made it real, or better than reality, the moderns take what is only too sordidly real, and with lamentable failure or more lamentable success make it unreal. "Miss Julia" is such a play.

Mr. Brian Bergin was responsible for the play not being produced. When this play went into production, Mr. Bergin had another play under way and he should not have attempted this. The players, really in need of help, were denied it, to the detriment of the performance.

The important players knew roughly where to stand, and where to speak roughly. The crowd had had even less instruction. I cite a case. The fiddler, supposedly leader of a group of

revellers entering from the court without, entered from the butler's room, where seduction was in progress. The thinking member of the populace will not tolerate such slipshod production.

Of the players, Miss Helen Jones was adequate. She has a pleasant voice and moves easily. Her experience enabled her to attempt to interpret the character of Miss Julia.

Mr. Murray Haddrick as Jean, the butler, was disappointing. His sole attempt at characterisation was a petulant Peter Pan face, divided by a gap from which issued a scarcely audible mumbling. Occasionally, he stopped to hurl down thunderbolts from the molehill of semi-Marxist schizophrenia. Even after tripping the light fantastic Miss Julia, he maintained his unruffled petulance and bewitching inaudibility. Mr. Haddrick was sorely in need of the direction which was not forthcoming.

Miss Marie Simmons, as Chris-

tine, the cook, tried hard, but was not up to the job. Miss Simmons has a natural grace and pleasant personality, which would be used to advantage, but here she was miscast. She was rarely convincing, even when performing the easy task of moralising. She, too, needed more direction.

The crowd of revellers, brief as its appearance, was one of the few bright spots in this performance. It was marred by an occasional audible remark from one of the men.

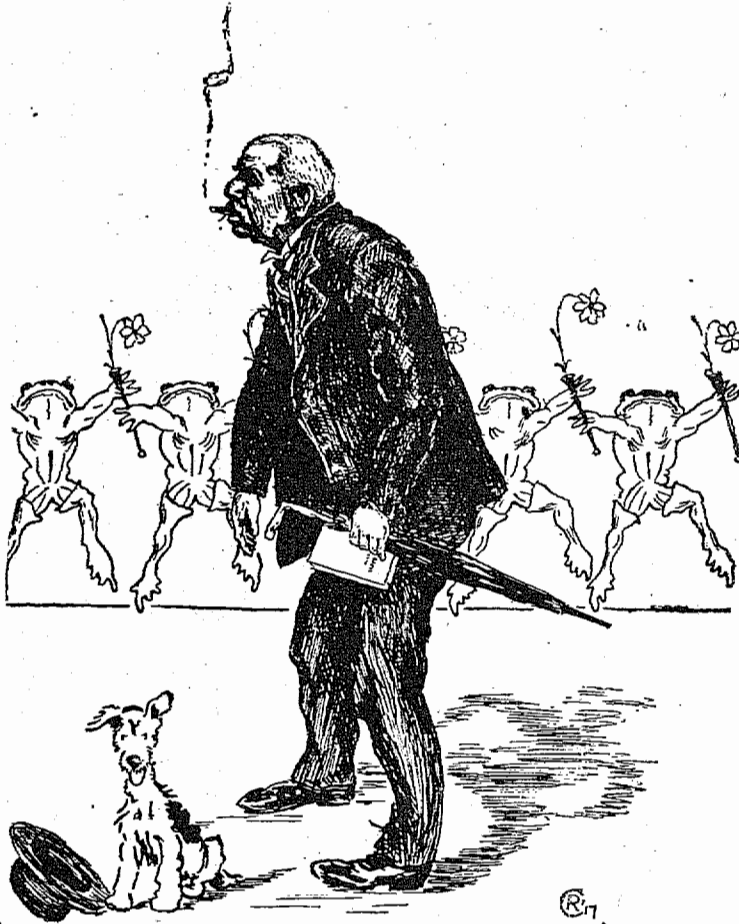
I must emphasise that I do not wish to criticise adversely the players. The faults in this play must be set at the producer's feet.

In this group where none of the players are very experienced, the producer must put more into his job than Mr. Bergin did. I hope that A.U.D.S. has learned this lesson. They have shown that they can do better work than "Miss Julia."

—ANTACID DE WITT.

SIR EDWARD STIRLING

On Tuesday evening, August 21, before the first of the Stirling lectures for 1951, a plaque in memory of Sir Edward Stirling was unveiled in the Stirling Theatre in the new Medical School.



Physiology Time.

Sir Edward Stirling

From a sketch by Sir Raphael Cilento.

Edward Charles Stirling was born in September, 1848, at Strathalbyn, the eldest son of Edward Stirling, who was later one of the framers of the South Australian Constitution. He was educated at Saint Peter's College, and, deciding to study medicine, he went to Cambridge and St. George's Hospital, London. After graduating with high honors, and obtaining the M.D. and D.Sc., he became a F.R.C.S. He was at once appointed Lecturer in Surgery and Assistant Surgeon at St. George's and seemed to have a distinguished consultant career opening before him. However, like his famous contemporary at Bart's, who later became Sir Joseph Verco (and whose centenary we have just celebrated) he returned to Adelaide in 1881.

In 1872, the Reverend Samuel Jefferis had persuaded Sir Walter Watson Hughes to endow his Union College, which was a Non-Conformist Theological Seminary, with £20,000 to establish a University. It is a fact not well enough known or widely appreciated that this University began its life as a liberal institution, and that it is only in recent years

that the emphasis has so overwhelmingly been technological. The first Chairs were in Classics, English Literature, Mathematics and Natural Science. The new University's startling intention to admit women delayed until 1881 the granting of letters patent, so that the first graduates claimed degrees which, legally, they did not possess.

The Law School was founded in 1883, in spite of strict criticism from a section of the daily press, which described it as "unwarranted arrogance on the part of an institution, whose foundation was so recent, and whose endowment is so meagre." Soon after his return Stirling was elected to the University Council, and in 1882 he became Lecturer in Physiology, the first appointment in the medical school. Now the medical school was established in 1883, by an endowment of £10,000 from Sir Thomas Elder, and it is no mere coincidence that the firm of Elder, Smith and Co. was the successor to Elder, Stirling and Co., the Stirling being our Edward's father. The first Professors were some of the most brilliant men who have ever taught together in

any Australian University. Beside Stirling himself, they included Horace Lamb, William Bragg, Edward Rennie, Ralph Tate, Archibald Watson (who very nearly became the only Professor in Australian history to be dismissed by special Act of Parliament), and on the clinical side, Verco, Davies Thomas (famous for his work on hydatids) and Hayward, Way, Gardner and Stirling, and Lendon, Cleland and Poulton.

Originally, the medical course had been for two years only, and the students would have had to go interstate or overseas for their clinical work. In 1885 Stirling calculated that the entire cost would be £1,035 to continue a clinical course, but neither University nor Government would find the money. In this great crisis in the history of the medical school Stirling once again approached Sir Thomas Elder, and got £1,000 from him, so that teaching could go on.

In his early years Stirling had to remain mere Lecturer in Physiology instead of being raised to the dignity of Professor. This was because he served for a time in the South Australian Parliament, and was responsible for introducing the Act which enfranchised women — the first of its kind in the British Empire.

Another of his interests was the South Australian Museum, of which he was Director for many years. His principle contributions to science were made in this capacity, being the description of the blind marsupial mole, *Notoryctes Typhlops*, and giant fossil remains found at Lake Callabonna. He was also responsible for establishing the ethnological section on Australian aborigines which, under his care, grew to be the best in the world. For this work he became the first Adelaide Professor to be elected F.R.S. while still in Adelaide, the others being Professor Wood Jones and Professor Prescott. He was knighted in 1917 and retired two years later, shortly after which he died. He was succeeded by his son-in-law and former student, Thorburn Brailsford Robertson, perhaps the most brilliant man that his University had yet produced. One of his grandsons, David Robertson, is at present working in the Department of Physics and his brother, Stirling, is a fifth year medical student.

At the suggestion of the Adelaide Medical Students' Society, which Stirling founded in 1889, the University Council agreed to name a lecture theatre in the new medical school after Sir Edward, and his descendants gave a replica of the plaque in the Stirling Gallery at the Museum.

This plaque was unveiled by Mr. I. B. Jose, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, on August 21, before Professor Lorimer Dodd's Stirling lecture on "Endocrinology in Paediatrics." Mr. E. S. Booth thanked the University on behalf of the descendants of Sir Edward, many of whom were present. The Vice-Chancellor presided.

IT'S THE SPIRIT NOT THE LETTER

By Jove!

Dear Sir,—Considering the incredible amount of hot air which originates in the Latin lecture room, would it be possible for the Dean of the Faculty of Carpentry, or whoever does such things, to have the windows in that room fixed up so that they will open?

Yours very sincerely in Ciceronic suffocation,

DR. METAPHORPHOSES
LITTLE LIVY PILLS.

More on War

Sir,—It was with interest that I noticed the articles published previously upon the inevitability of war. There was one point apparent in each publication. The writers, evidently content to rely upon their own opinions and ideas made no mention whatsoever of "the God who rules in the kingdom of men." It would be as well to say from the outset that the Bible presents us with the only reliable source of information. Man, swayed by his own individual likes and dislikes, has been trying to rule himself for six thousand years but has not yet succeeded. It has been decreed that however good his intentions, he will not succeed.

At this late stage in history the heart of man is puffed up with pride brought about by his many achievements. There could be some excuse for this in view of the many scientific discoveries and inventions peculiar to our day. But is the pride still so appropriate when it is realised that such conditions were prophesied thousands of years ago? The Bible says regarding the latter days "many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased." Is it man's achievement then or the will and power of God? Man certainly brings nothing into this world and can take nothing from it. "What man by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" He is dependent upon his Maker for all, and his many possessions are merely "on loan."

Unity and world peace will never be achieved by the efforts of men. The intervention of God is necessary and this will happen in a future war. To the interested reader the prophecies written in Daniel are truly remarkable. Four world empires are predicted, namely: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, each succeeding the other. Since the downfall of Rome no world empire has existed, but as foretold a state of disharmony would prevail with some weak and some strong nations. Two notable attempts for world government have been made by Napoleon and Hitler, but each were doomed to failure (as time has proved) before they commenced. Only by God intervening will a fifth world empire be established.

The proclamations of war, so many times foretold in the Bible, ring throughout the world and perilous times have come. People have "a form of godliness but deny the power thereof." Popular theology has blinded the eyes of men and distorted the word of God. It speaks of heaven-going and such-like whereas the Bible speaks of a reign of peace on this earth with Jerusalem the capital city. Much could be written about this aspect but suffice it to say that the message of the Bible presents something tangible; not mythical or mysterious ideas concocted to please the hearts of men. Not even David—a man after God's own heart—has ascended to the heavens the Bible says. His hope was a resurrection at the return of Christ to the earth.

Many proofs and extensive evidence could be brought forward to support the truth of the Bible, but I do not intend to publish them in this article. The existence of God is manifest by our very surroundings. However, for those that scoff and repudiate such ideas hearken to this quotation of scripture "that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts . . . saying . . . all things continue as they are from the beginning of creation." Such ignorance is foolishness for just as surely as history has proved many Bible prophecies so will

those prophecies pertaining to future be fulfilled.

—J. G. KENNEDY.

Bitching at the Bulldogs

My Dear Sir,—May I, with youthful humbleness, draw your attention to the following paragraph which appeared in the "Mail" on Saturday, September 15.

No Calf Love

"San Francisco, Fri.: Clyde Bakker, a Bissoula (Montana) horseman, was sentenced to 90 days' gaol for leaping from his horse, throwing shapely Juanita Anderson, 25, to the ground and sitting on her—a practice known to cattlemen as bulldogging."

I had intended, together with many other belles in my class, to sit for the Public Examinations this year, but this alarming piece of news has made me extremely dubious about sending in my entry form. Adelaide schoolmistresses are, of course, renowned for their broadmindedness, and I feel sure that they will take no steps to have an investigation made on behalf of the sweet innocents whom they tend with loving care. We had always thought (indeed we have been told so many a time) that bulldogs were such NICE people, but this cable from the conservative United States has made us feel that perhaps avoidance of such incidents would be more politic than Intermediate Certificates. We have worked out that 90 days in gaol would satisfactorily cover the period of unpleasant National Service or C.M.F. camps, which makes us all the more concerned. Could you possibly, as a hardened University student, give me and my friends some fatherly advice as to what action to take?

Yours very sincerely,
ANXIOUS ALICE
with full moral support from
CHASTE CHRISTINE
SHOCKED SUSIE
WORRIED WILHELMINA
FRIGHTENED FAY
DEMENTED DORIS, etc.
P.S.—I am enclosing similar letters from basketball and hockey friends in other schools—they did not like the idea of noms-de-plume so they have used pen-names. You will find letters from some of the following:—

"MYRTLE FROM THE METHYLATED"
"A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS"
"ADELAIDE LOW SCHOOL"
"A WAIF FROM WOODLANDS"
"PURITY GIRLS' COLLEGE"
"A WALFORD MOUSE," etc., etc.

Immaterialism, Still!

Dear Sir,—It has been a pleasure to read the discussion and comments about "ultimate questions" by "Another Immaterialist" and "Christiani."

In considering the existence of the universe we are considering one of the most obtruse spiritual truths—and the truth is that this endless universe has no beginning.

The names given to the Divinity require the existence of being.

G.M. Now Open at Night

The scheme planned earlier this year by S.R.C. President Graham Gibbs to open the George Murray Library from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. (see "On Dit," June 18, 1951) is now in operation.

The Library is now open to all students, both male and female, between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., and during this period light refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, biscuits and sandwiches, are available from the servery on the ground floor.

A notice on the door of the library states that it is out of bounds each day until 6 p.m. This is to prevent any soiling

ing. We cannot imagine an education without pupils, a monarch without subjects could not exist, a master without scholars cannot be appointed, a creator without a creature is impossible, a provider without those provided for cannot be conceived; for all the divine names and attributes demand the existence of beings. If we could imagine a time when no beings existed, this imagination would be the denial of the Divinity of God.

Moreover, absolute non-existence cannot become existence. If the beings were absolutely non-existent, existence would not have come into being. Therefore, as the Essence of Unity, that is the existence of God, is everlasting and eternal—that is to say, it has neither beginning nor end—it is certain that this world of existence, this endless universe, has neither beginning nor end. One of the parts of the universe may come into existence, or be disintegrated but the other endless globes are still existing. As each globe has a beginning necessarily it has an end, because every composition must be decomposed.

There is no doubt that in the beginning the origin was one. It is evident that in the beginning matter was one, and that one matter appeared in different aspects in each element. Each element became specialised and from the composition and combination of these elements innumerable beings appeared.

This composition through the wisdom of God was produced from one natural organisation. From this it is evident that it is the creation of God, and is not a fortuitous composition and arrangement. This is why from every natural composition a being can come into existence, but from an accidental composition no being can come into existence.

These thoughts from the writings of the Bahai World Faith are put forward as another contribution to the discussion on the existence of the universe.

Yours truly,
JIM CHITTLEBOROUGH.

Halley in Warsaw

Peter Halley who attended the recent Youth Congress in Berlin, is now, we understand, in Warsaw where he is acting as an observer on behalf of the Adelaide University S.R.C. at the I.U.S. Congress now being held. The S.R.C. refused Mr. Halley's request for financial assistance but accredited him as an observer.

Stop Press

Halley in Moscow

Latest news of our Foreign Correspondent, Peter Halley, is that he is now in Moscow with a party of 45 Australians, a number of whom are to go on to Peking. We have cabled Mr. Halley to send us any news of Humphrey Pennyworth he may be able to obtain.

An Australian team won the International Rugby Final in Berlin, says Mr. Halley in a letter to Alan Kennedy, President of the Socialist Club.

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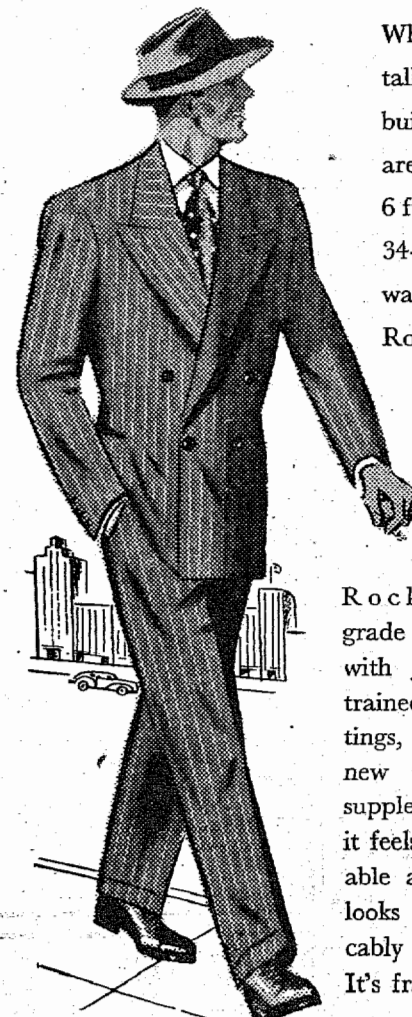
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LACROSSE LOSES

This year's lacrosse Inter-Varsity, held in Melbourne, was, to say the least, overwhelming, not only from the social aspect, but in the game itself.

Not to be outdone by the hospitality received in Perth last year, Melbourne put on an equally fine run of entertainments. Unfortunately, the Perth team could not make the trip, so the main game was the old Melbourne-Adelaide grudge match of long standing.

Much to our disappointment, our goalie, Kev. Whisson, could not be with us owing to eye injuries sustained during the Interstate games, leaving a very sad gap in our defence, but that versatile member of the defence line, Gerry Ward, took over that much sought (out of) position.

The team arrived in Melbourne on Monday, 13th, after one of those nights on the express. After a practice in the afternoon we were entertained at a party at the home of Lloyd Jago, and then at the Combined Inter-Varsity Ball for all Inter-Varsity sports held in Melbourne. Mention must be made of one of these teams, the Sydney University Women's Fencing, who, it might be added, stayed at the "George" also. What luck, J. O'H!

The great day arrived. Adelaide was piped on to the field by Piper Sutherland, much to the enjoyment of the spectators. However, this cleverly thought-out piece of strategy designed to break the morale of the Melbourne team went sadly astray as our opponents stayed in their club rooms partaking of black-board tactics (as witnessed after the game while we were partaking of liquid refreshments) and were completely unaware of the event. Melbourne started off well, scoring several goals in quick succession, taking Adelaide by surprise and rattling the defence somewhat. Although Jim Hyde managed to win the draw fairly consistently from Wal Daines, the ball was soon back to the opposition forwards, who proved too much for our back line. After a hard battle Geoff Clarke put one in the bag for Adelaide, but Melbourne soon retaliated. At quarter-time with scores 6 goals to 1, Adelaide had a big lead to catch.

In the second quarter scores were more even. Play was very one-sided at first, but the backs started to hold Melbourne, due to the efforts of Capt. Dunn and Geoff Sutherland. After good

clearing from the centre through Krantz and Sumner, Adelaide managed to keep the ball in their attacking end and Percy scored, to be followed shortly by Hyde. Much cheered by this, Adelaide's game brightened up, and in the last few minutes of the first half put on a dashing burst with 2 further goals to Percy, scores for the second quarter being 5 goals to 4 in Melbourne's favor.

With Melbourne worried over this phenomenal burst we felt confident of building up our score in the last half. However this was not to be. Energy reserves were low and by using confusing tactics with quick passes in the forward line, Melbourne put on 5 goals, keeping us scoreless. In the final quarter Don Sumner took over the goal from Ward who decided to get a few goals himself. We managed to hold the opposition scoreless and the backs took it in turns to throw goals, Good putting on a brilliant show by throwing six feet over the top of the goal. Clarke threw the last goal. Thus with the scores at 16 goals to 6 Melbourne took the cup while Adelaide had to remain content with the barrel until next year.

Best players for Adelaide were Sutherland (who did a magnificent job in keeping Fox out), Percy, Hyde, Dunn and Ward. These members represented Adelaide in the Combined Universities team which played the Victorian State team on the following day with the scores Victoria 12 goals to 8.

Universities outscored the Victorian team in the last half to the tune of 7 goals to 4—a most commendable effort.

A dinner was held after the Inter-Varsity match at the University with everyone in good voice and spirits at the close of the evening. The team returned that night to play Glenelg on the following afternoon, the results of that game only going to prove that an enjoyable time was had by all in Melbourne.

CRICKET

In the 1950-51 season the A team gained fourth place in the S.A.C.A. District Competition. The "Pounsett Incentive Points System" lifted the team into the major round ahead of Port Adelaide, who gained more match points, but were short of a few of the vital incentive points. After the first semi-final against Sturt, the team was able to store the equipment in readiness for the 1951-52 season.

The season was both enjoyable and moderately successful, with none of the teams completely covering themselves with glory. The district B team was eighth in the competition, the C team (Professor J. J. C. Smart's XI) ninth. There was a keenness displayed in all teams without capturing a premiership.

A cordial invitation is extended to all cricketers to attend practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, commencing on September 18, 1951, at the oval. Keep an eye on the Sports Notice Board in the Refectory for further news. The Committee hopes to arrange practice matches for all teams before the competition begins on October 6. The Lance T. Gun Batting Trophy for the 1950-51 season was easily won by Ern England, who also gained the honor of selection in the State team. The John R. Davey Bowling Trophy was won by Gordon Haynes. Laurie Smart also gained selection in the State side.

This year's Inter-Varsity game

will be played in Adelaide on December 3, 4 and 5. This match has been in Adelaide's favor for several years, but not without a keen fight. Last year, in Melbourne, we won outright in a thrilling race against time.

At the recent annual meeting of the club the following officers were elected:

President, Prof. G. V. Portus. Vice - Presidents: Prof. M. L. Mitchell, Prof. Huxley, Messrs. E. R. Corney, G. R. Fuller, A. E. Hodder, L. T. Gun, J. R. Davey, H. V. Millard, K. T. O'Loughlin, L. M. Smart, Drs. D. G. McKay, R. Hone, C. B. Sangster, L. J. T. Pellew, Colin Gurner, Don Beard and Hugh Douglas. Secretary, S. G. Haynes. Coach, Mr. A. E. Hodder. Equipment Officers: Ken Evans and Don Fuller. Executive Committee: President, Secretary, J. W. S. Wilkin, A. G. Evans, and P. M. Bednall.

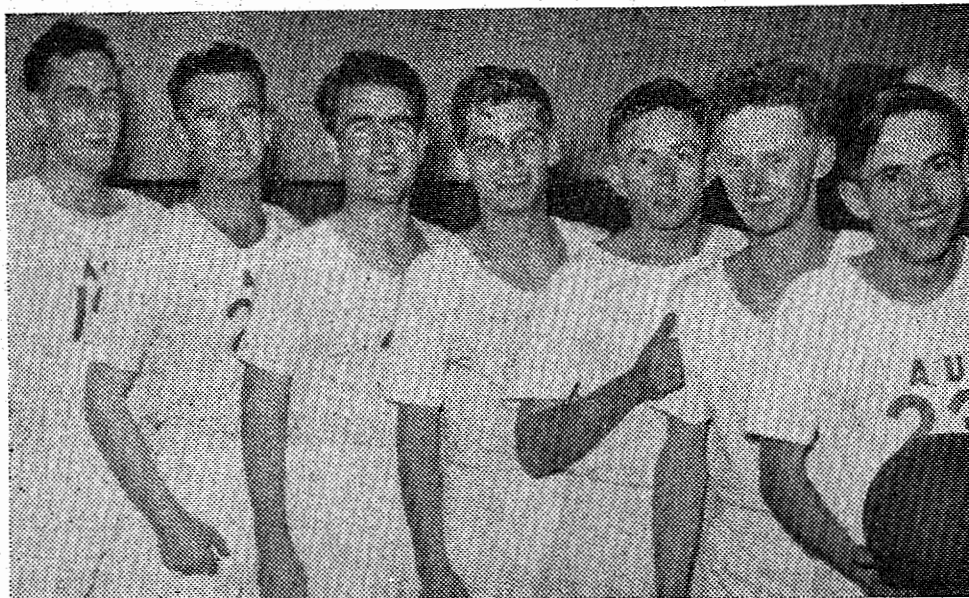
At the first meeting of the Executive, last year's Captain, John W. S. Wilkin, was appointed Blues Committee Representative.

Mr. Hugh Millard has donated a further trophy for annual competition which the Executive has decided to award to the most improved player in any of the three lower teams. We are deeply grateful to the donors of the trophies.

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Hockey Holocaust

Monday, August 13, dawned bright and fair over the ever-hurrying metropolis of Sydney. And why? Because that day was "D" day for the 1951 Inter-Varsity carnival. All States had representative teams and a New Zealand Combined Universities' team made the total seven. The presence of a N.Z. side made history in Inter-Varsity hockey, and quite apart from their good company, they certainly taught us a few things about "The Game that Grows."

The first day's matches were played on St. Paul's two fields and Adelaide had the bye. So most of our team stayed back to play and draw with the bottom team of the Association on the Saturday (what a prognosis). On Tuesday we shifted to the asphalt-hard University grounds and in a hard, fast match Adelaide lost to N.S.W., 2-1.

On Wednesday, N.Z. gave us an object lesson in the short passing game to the tune of 7-1. Following the ball that night Adelaide all but toppled last year's winners, Queensland. Final scores, 1-1 and, as always, the outstanding players were Ellis (in goals) and Karim (inside left). It came as a bit of a shock to us when these two stalwarts were only reserves for the Test match on Saturday. Due mainly to malicious and wilful barracking by the outraged A.U.H.C., N.Z. won 2-1. In the reserve match against a local A team Adelaide was well represented by Lamacraft (vice-capt.), Coates, Meaney, Jamison and Gulland. Coates' brilliance in goals was, we feel, due to the presence of, shall we say, living inspiration. They won, 2-1.

After the week-end rest we tackled Vic. and really struck form. In a slow muddling match we lost 3-1. Johnny's hair-net may have had something to do with it—or perhaps it was forced by a change of diet on Sunday—they are short, you know.

Stung by this set-back the boys let their heads go and in the two remaining matches drew with W.A. 1-1, and beat Tassy—a side vastly improved on previous years—3-0. The final line-up was N.S.W., Q., Victoria, Adelaide, W.A., Tasmania.

Of course, we didn't only play hockey—Oh, no! The Sydney boys turned on hospitality plus. The first show was a picture night to get to know some lasses. Of course, John Anderson, W. and Dave Penny had no trouble in latching onto something without any help. It was at this function we lost two of our team—Jeanes and Coates. Lloyd came back to the Y.M.C.A. at one stage for a clean pair of pyjamas, but for all we know, Brian is still where he was last seen on the day we were left in the foyer of the C.S.I.R.O. building.

In between times we got to know the barmaid at the Australia. Ginge and Smithy were permanent boarders, a fact which led to Ginge being hauled in from a second storey ledge and put to bed by a firm but kindly Karim, who obviously thought that the object of these carnivals was to play hockey. Penny, on the other hand, became the first person to do twenty hours swbt during a carnival—between doing a little research on "Free Love." Chick also set a record; with the aid of numerous gin squashes, he was able to remain

faithful to the one and only for the whole fortnight. Wily old Ken went one better. He brought her with him. Little is known of the lives of Ellis, Mitchell and Rowe, they undoubtedly had a good time though, but like a number of the homesick juniors, were glad to get home.

We wound up an unforgettable stay with the carnival dinner at which Johnny did his share of draining the "Syme" and Smith and Ginge spent the evening wincing every time somebody kicked the keg—not that the beer could have been made any flatter. And now we cast a fleeting thought backwards, but already some of us can hear the glorious cry of "OGFOG!" floating over the hockey fields of sunny Perth.

You are now looking at the last edition of "On Dit" for 1951.

This year there have been ten eight-page editions, one four-page edition, three editors, two news editors, three sports editors, two correspondence editors, and numerous reporters.

Next year promises to be one of the most flourishing years "On Dit" has known. Applications are called for the positions of Editor, Assoc. Editor, News Editor, Magazine Editor, Correspondence Editor, Chief of Staff, and Reporters.

Rugby Wins Well

September 1 was a very satisfying day for the Rugby Club. The A's defeated the hitherto unbeaten Woodville team and so go to the grand final. St. Mark's won their match against Southern Suburbs B and so a double premiership is not beyond our reach.

The entire Varsity team put on a good show and deserved their win. The final score was 14-13 and demonstrates the tenseness of the game. With the temperature about 100 in the shade, Hone, who played a captain's game, was reported to have lost two stone in weight. Coppock opened the scoring with a penalty goal and put Woodville in front. Hancock then broke through in a beautiful movement and passed to Black to open the Varsity account. Hancock was one of the best men on the ground and a good opponent to Scott, the Woodville captain, who always makes his presence felt on the field, but injured his shoulder half-way through the first half and had to go off. The team were unlucky to have lost his services as he may have swung the balance in their favor.

Hone was kicking quite well, but he was given a very difficult task as two of our three tries were near the winner post. The press reported that the Woodville forwards were not up to their usual form owing to lack of match practice. This may be so, but they met their match with the Varsity forwards, who played like tigers to give us our best win of the season. Lawton was hooking well and this allowed Williams to start many good movements in the backs. Several times he made marvellous gaps and left Nesbitt standing. Higgins was unlucky to get a shoulder injury, but was the only Varsity casualty.

St. Mark's, after trailing in the last half, put on a spurt and won 22-11 at the finish. Both victories were celebrated at the pavilion after the games in a suitable manner.



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WOMEN WIN INTER-VARSITIES

BASKETBALL BEAUTIES



Adelaide was once again victorious in the Inter-Varsity Basketball Carnival. This success was due in part to the inspiring leadership of Helen Angwin, but also to the excellent co-operation of the rest of the team.

A lot of work was put into organising the carnival, but the effort was well rewarded by the evident enjoyment of the visitors. The teams themselves were more evenly matched than they have been for some time, so that each match was hotly contested.

The winner is determined by the number of matches won, and competition was keen for the last match of the carnival between Melbourne and Adelaide, since each had won all their previous matches. Unfortunately for Melbourne, their captain, Pauline Hannan, was taken ill the day before, and although she was fit to play, she was not up to her usual good form in defence. Pat Slattery played well in goal for Melbourne and Helen Angwin, also in goal, was best for Adelaide.

After a very hard fought match Adelaide won and so retained the cup.

A fortunate aspect of the carnival was the excellent weather, which made matches pleasant, and out-of-door trips to the Gorge and the hills practicable. This made most of the games fairly fast also. The other teams were, it seemed, all playing "A" grade Association matches in their own States, but Adelaide is, this season, only "B" grade.

This is on its way to being remedied, since the team were minor premiers. The first semifinal against Centaurs was a very hard match and resulted in a win for Centaurs by the narrow margin of two goals. University regained the right to play in the finals by defeating Bluewyns quite convincingly.

This put them once more against Centaurs, who in three matches this season had defeated them twice.

The battle was on last Saturday, with each determined to win. Centaurs won the toss and chose to pass, first giving University the choice of ends. This perhaps lost Centaurs the match, since it gave University the better end for the second and last quarters. Centaurs started off with a sharp attack and had two tries for goal, neither of which scored, before University had any. From then on, University attacked to gain a lead of one goal at quarter time. During the second quarter the goalies Helen Angwin and Meg Sutton, combined magnificently with the consistent support of Liddie Stevenson to give University an 8-goal lead at half-time.

Against strong opposition from the Centaurs goalies, wing and centre, University maintained its defence in these positions and managed to intercept quite often and turn the play from defence to attack.

This teamwork finally resulted in a win for University by eight goals, making them grand as well as minor premiers. This gives them the right to challenge into "A" grade, and on last week's form, they have a good chance of success.

HOCKEY WINS TOO

Following the lead of the reports of the men's prowess in sport, this article will not be a modest one.

As the men were not so successful as usual in inter-Varsity sports women once again saved the day. The inter-Varsity women's hockey has been won by Adelaide for the second year in succession.

Unfortunately Tasmania could not send a team but all other States were represented.

On the Sunday before matches began, there was a drive in the hills followed by "hot dogs" at National Park. I wonder if those two Queenslanders are still waiting for their people to come back from their hunt for more adequate refreshment? There were plenty of cars to take the visitors—it is funny how the men rally round when there are interstate women here! However, we must give them their due, they helped us a lot and were always very faithful and loud-voiced barrackers.

Adelaide played Sydney on the first day and finished 2 all. The game was not of a very high standard, the forwards missing

several opportunities to score.

On Tuesday we had a bye, and the next day played Victoria, winning 4-2. This game was of a much better standard, and we had to fight all the way.

In the afternoon there was a trip to Penfolds. The tour of the cellars took about half an hour and there the fun began! It took another hour and a half to extract everybody from the sampling room where they were very definitely mixing their drinks.

The next day we played Queensland and had our highest score for the carnival, winning 13-2. Our next match against the West was an excellent game with Adelaide again victorious.

Up till then we were equal with Sydney, and, as they had

won their other matches, our fate depended on their final match against Melbourne. This was the best match of the carnival with every person fighting to the end, the final score was 2 all, which meant that we had retained the cup.

The official dinner followed by the pictures was a great success, and that evening the combined Universities team was announced.

We would like to congratulate Margaret Wallage, Peg Watson, Marj. Adam, Maureen Freer, and Helen Astley on being selected and Denise Haslam as a reserve.

The State versus combined Universities was not very good, both teams looked very tired, and as though they had "had" hockey—the score was a draw, 2 all.

The station on Saturday night was a mob of screaming women interspersed with a few others, of course, as we said goodbye to them all.

From a social point of view the carnival was (particularly from the men's angle) a great success, from the hockey point of view it was of a very high standard.

FOOTBALL FAILS

After the usual wet Saturday match, twenty-three footballers and "Longun" left for Melbourne. Unfortunately, seven of the A stars were left behind, but the side had a sound mixture of A's, B's and C's.

Melbourne provided the usual weather and we were not sorry to board the Hobart plane on Monday morning, in high hopes.

Our arrival began a rush which culminated in 18 of the less-damaged players taking the field against Tasmania. The home team played much better football than it has shown in previous carnivals and was five goals up at three-quarter time. During the last term the Blacks at last shook off their lethargy and fought back really well, but the final bell came too early, with Adelaide still trailing by nine points.

For the Wednesday game against Melbourne, who as usual won the carnival, we had a sound team, but missed Lance Burton, who had seriously damaged his knee early in the first match. The Victorians, spear-headed by the brilliant Duncan Anderson, were a much better balanced side, but Adelaide played very creditably. Except for the second quarter, the game was relatively evenly contested, but Melbourne ultimately won very comfortably by making better use of the play in their forward lines.

On Thursday, the selector's job was quite easy. Only eighteen more or less sound players were available. In a shocking display of muddling football, Adelaide managed to hold Sydney till three-quarter time, then began

to play reasonably well and won by five goals.

Two Adelaide players stood out during the whole series. Doug. Giles, who rucked intelligently and tirelessly, was runner-up for the "best and fairest" trophy for the carnival, which was won by Duncan Anderson, and Col Robertson played a real captain's game, always giving everything he had.

Others to star were Ken Fitch, who played really well at centre till he broke his collar bone; "Jerry" Martin, and Graham Wicks.

Our results were not outstanding on the field, but the trip helped considerably by John Renney, was socially very successful indeed. The Mount Wellington tour gave Adelaide a victory in the snow fight and at the dinner our crew, ably led by John Twopenny, whose capacity is prodigious, just lost the boat race to Sydney. Dave Fuller got most of our trip to Cadbury's and was ably supported by the two most dangerous members of the gang, Giles and Southwood, who took a movie picture of the whole tour to be shown at the club dinner. As always, Tasmanian hospitality was boundless and it was amazing how easily partners were found for West Point. George Koehne really hit the jackpot and had us all invited to a party amid luxurious surroundings on Wednesday night, which may have had something to do with the pathetic attempts at football the next day.

Next year Adelaide will be hosts during the May vacation and it is to be hoped we can entertain our guests as happily as we were entertained.

Melbourne, 26.15, d. Sydney, 2.5. Tasmania, 10.10, d. Sydney, 10.5. Melbourne, 19.20, d. Tasmania, 4.9. Tasmania, 10.7, d. Adelaide, 8.10. Melbourne, 22.13, d. Adelaide, 10.3. Adelaide, 9.17, d. Sydney, 4.7.

TENNIS

In the last edition but one of "On Dit" it was reported that Bob Munday had been re-elected Secretary of the Memorial Drive and Tony Rieger had been appointed to the new position of Assistant Secretary. This was, of course, an error, and should have read, "The University Tennis Club." We understand that Mr. Angus is still quite happy in the Memorial Drive job.

BALL TEAM TIES

MELBOURNE MAYHEM

Most important news last month was the announcement that Bill Fuller had been awarded the Capps Medal for 1951. This award is for the best and fairest player in "A" Grade baseball. Bill is to be congratulated on this outstanding performance, as at times it was almost solely due to his efforts that the A's managed to finish fifth on the premiership list.

The inter-Varsity baseball team was also successful in bringing home again the Inter-Varsity Cup. This, however, was not entirely due to their sporting prowess, but also to a cleverly disguised social programme which helped to lessen some of our opponents' efficiency.

The team left Adelaide on Saturday night, August 11, by the Melbourne Express(?), after being farewelled by a multitude of friends. Roach even turned out in a complete uniform, having only just left the gymnasium. Once out of Adelaide, Stan Scarm produced various vivid ties which had been suitably inscribed and presented one to each member of the party. Soon after

some training oil was produced, the team commenced to lay a good foundation for the strenuous week ahead. The night was uneventful except that a stray hockey player had the honor of bearing to Melbourne a personal signature of each basebatter on various parts of his anatomy.

On arrival in Melbourne the team was settled in at the George Hotel, St. Kilda, and after lunch in the traditional manner, went to see the women's softball. Brock and Biddell did their best to maim a couple of nice young things who were playing, but on the whole the team behaved like gentlemen. On Monday night a ball was held for the visitors, who were also entertained at various pre-ball parties. Partners were kindly lent by the University and various hospitals and Tansell hit the jack-pot by scoring some gorgeous female, who happened to own a new car—needless to say, all the team weren't so fortunate!

Tuesday dawned cold and miserable and, after seeing Brisbane defeat Sydney 16-15, the team felt quite confident. The game against Melbourne commenced, as has been quite customary lately, in light rain. The opposition scored a run early and for a while this looked like the only score as Adelaide couldn't seem to do anything right. Biddell crashed out a three-bagger, but was eventually put out attempting to slide home. After two errors in a row, Melbourne loaded the bases and a mighty home-run by their captain put them in front 5 to nil.

In the ninth innings, Adelaide made an effort and scored three runs, but that was the finish and the game was over. The following day Sydney beat Melbourne 6-3 and we thrashed Brisbane 14-5. Highlights of this game were Tansell's fine pitching and the good batting of Othams and Tamlin. Thursday saw Melbourne defeat Brisbane, and Adelaide, continuing their run, defeated Sydney. In this game, the whole side combined well and Tom O'Connor starred with a magnificent outfield catch off a hit which looked a certain home run.

Thus the series ended with a tie between Melbourne and Adelaide, with two wins each. However, we were able to retain the cup, being the joint holders the previous year. It was announced at the dinner that Bob Brock, Bill and Don Fuller, Doug. Othams and Don McLean had been chosen for the Australian Universities team. The last night was spent mainly in entertaining the other teams at the George Hotel and bringing the carnival to a rowdy closure. On Friday, a tired but jubilant team left Melbourne, after being suitably farewelled by several Melbourne players. Thus another series was ended and we look forward to renewing acquaintances in Adelaide next year.

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