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"LIFE HAS A MEANING IN CHINA NOW"

Our international university

— Adams tells students



Life has now got a meaning in Red China, Mr. Tony Adams told a gathering of students in the Mawson Lecture Theatre at the first Union Night. Mr. Adams recently returned from a National Union delegation to Communist China, where he and seven other Australians were guests of the All China Students' Federation.

Delegation leader Mr. Tim McDonald came from Melbourne to attend the meeting, which was well supported by students. During the four-week trip the delegation visited universities, schools, hospitals, prisons, theatres, and villages.

They were greeted with enthusiasm wherever they went. The interpreters were particularly good and any requests that were made were met without hesitation.

Former National Union vice president, Tim McDonald spoke on his impres-

sions of the changes in social atmosphere of China. He said that the success of the communists in China was achieved by the impression upon the people of the material things of life.

The Refectory was jammed during Orientation Week for the International Club Fresher's Welcome. Hundreds of students, both new and old, enthusiastically applauded concert items by Asian and Australian students.

After supper, a dance enabled new members of the club to get to know each other.

The photos above and below, by staff photographer Barry Hailstone, show two of the most popular items. If you don't know the names of the people in the photos, why not join the International Club and find out?

Mr. Adams was impressed by the way in which the communists had revolutionised Chinese life. Education especially has received attention. Since the communist regime began, the number of students has increased four-fold.

There were over thirty medical colleges and many technological universities. Mr. Adams was surprised to find that there was a 99 per cent. pass rate.

Universities are free and on making a request and showing a preference for a course, a student is told in which field he must specialise.

Mr. Adams said there were compulsory subjects which included physical education and "The History of the Chinese Revolution." Lenin and Marx doctrines also played a predominant part in university syllabuses.

He found there were few clubs in the universities by our standards and that the debating clubs were run along government lines.

Concluding his talk, Mr. Adams pointed out that under communist regime there

STOKES MADE A LIFE MEMBER OF LIBERALS

A 24-year-old Adelaide journalist, Mr. Charles Stokes, has been made an honorary life member of the University Liberal Union.

He was elected at the annual general meeting of the Union late last year.

Mr. Stokes, who received his B.A. degree at last year's Commemoration, is a former president of the A.U.L.U., and editor of the Liberal Union paper, "Liberal Opinion." He is also a former treasurer of the Students' Representative Council.

In conjunction with another former L.U. president, Dr. Ian Marshman, he was responsible for the re-forming of the Australian Universities' Liberal Federation, and convened a meeting of the council in Adelaide in 1952. He was elected secretary, and later became Australian vice-president.



Mr. Charles Stokes
—'News' photo

He was also largely responsible for the resurgence of the S.A. Young Liberal Movement in 1951, and was a branch president as well as deputy chairman of the Young Liberals' Co-ordinating Council.

In recognition of this work, he was co-opted to the State Executive of the L.C.L., and became its youngest member. He resigned after leaving the University.

Mr. Stokes was a leading University debater and public speaker, and represented Adelaide in three Inter-Varsity debating carnivals. He was well known for his quick repartee, and decisive treatment of interjectors.

Mark's College, University of Adelaide.

There are only three other honorary life members of the A.U.L.U. They are Dr. Ian Marshman, now doing post-graduate work in medicine in England; Dr. A. J. Forbes, the Liberal member for Barker in the House of Representatives, Canberra; and Mr. Robin Millhouse, L.C.L. member for Mitcham in the State House of Assembly.



Library thefts

The Barr Smith Library warns all students that it is not safe to leave money in the Library vestibule.

A member of the public, a complete outsider to the Varsity, was caught recently on the last of a number of his trips of collecting purses from the Library.

Please do not leave money around!

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FIRST ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN

The first holders of the NUAUS Aboriginal Scholarship have been officially announced. They are Miss Margaret Williams, of Queensland, and Mr. Irwin Lewis, of Western Australia.

The objects of the scholarship are (1) to promote financial help for aboriginal students who wish to enter universities; (2) to make people aware of the needs of the aborigines for special assistance because of their handicaps; (3) to make people realise that, given the

same opportunities, aborigines are just as capable as white people, so that, in the face of this, responsible authorities will not be able to withstand pressure to extend the scheme, and to better the conditions of all aborigines.

(4) To give a badly needed incentive to aborigines to continue with higher education; (5) to prepare the more capable aborigines for the task of leading their people, and helping them to seek their rightful place in society.

Miss Williams is doing an Arts course at Queensland University. Her ambition is to be a teacher or to enter the public service.

She was educated at Casino High School, where she took an active part in the school's social and sporting life. She will be living at home this year, and will

Anglican Society

The Anglican Society is holding a series of lunch-time addresses during Holy Week. They will be given by the Society chaplain, the Rev. N. C. Paynter, and they will be of a devotional nature.

A weekend conference has been arranged for the 3rd to 5th of May at Retreat House, Belair. The theme is "How shall we pray." The Leader will be Fr. Anthony Snell, S.S.M.

Evensong is read daily at 5 p.m., and Matins at 8.45 a.m. on Tuesdays. Both services are held in the society room.

● Blood bank

5,000 DONORS NEEDED

The Director of the S.A. Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, Dr. John Begg, revealed to a small student meeting last week that the Blood Bank is only just able to cope with the demand for blood.

There are 9,500 donors in Adelaide, most of whom give blood every 3 months rather than the more satisfactory 6 months, but an epidemic of 'flu' could reduce the available numbers drastically and severely restrict the Blood Bank's valuable work. Because of this, April is a month for which the Red Cross has set a target of 5,000 new donors—all of whom are urgently needed.

Quoting a few instances where many lives have been saved by blood transfusions, Dr. Begg said that last year at one maternity hospital alone, 143 Rh babies out of 144 were kept alive by completely replacing all their blood soon after birth. For this type of transfusion people with full Rh negative blood grouping are badly needed, as theirs is the only satisfactory blood. However, people with the most common blood groups are needed just as badly as the rarer ones because of course the majority of sick people

receive an allowance of £300 p.a.

Mr. Lewis, who gained his Leaving Certificate last year, with a distinction in Geography, already holds a Commonwealth Scholarship. Therefore he can receive only £78 plus a £50 book allowance without endangering his Commonwealth Scholarship.

He will be a resident at St. George's College, and he intends to do an Arts course, majoring in Mathematics.

Mr. Lewis gained a scholarship to Christ Church Grammar School in Perth four years ago. He was a school prefect, and was also elected captain of both the football and cricket teams.

● 'Asiana' CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INVITED

Contributions are invited for the 2nd and 3rd editions of "ASIANA," the new Australian-Asian journal. "ASIANA" was commenced in 1956 as a student and University publication to act as a forum on questions of Asian-Australian relationships, Asian culture, literature, politics, economics and development. The aim is to spread understanding of Asian countries and people in the Australian community.

Contributions by way of articles, short stories and poetry for the 2nd edition are requested by April 20 and for the 3rd edition by July 30, and should be forwarded to the

Editor, "Asiana,"
c/- N.U.A.U.S. Office,
Sydney University.

to provide such accommodation.

The regulations governing the granting of free passages under this scheme are as follows:

1.—Passages will be awarded only to graduates who satisfy the selection committee that they will have sufficient funds to enable them to devote their whole time abroad to study and research, and give an undertaking to do so.

2.—Except in leisure hours and in University vacations, paid employment must not be undertaken unless the employment is in itself necessary to the study or research proposed by the passage holder.

3.—Passage holders will be expected to spend at least two years abroad. Return passages must, however, be taken up by the end of June in the third calendar year after the year of award.

4.—Except in special circumstances, passages shall not be tenable by married persons.

5.—Graduates to whom passages are awarded must sign an undertaking that they will, on completion of their courses, return to Australia. Exemption from this regulation may in special circumstances be granted by the Conference.

6.—In the case of engineering students, it is recognised that some of the time will necessarily be spent in shops and yards of engineering firms, but the Associated Lines have expressed a wish that where possible such students should supplement their practical work by attending a University.

7.—Subject to the above conditions, the selection committee will give preference to graduates who, although possessing sufficient means to live in Europe, could not afford to pay their sea passage both ways.

Applications for passages on vessels leaving Australia between July 1, 1957, and December 31, 1957, should be lodged with the Registrar of the applicant's own University not later than Monday, April 15, 1957. Special (buff) forms of application may be obtained from the Registrars of all Australian Universities, or from the Secretary, Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, c/o University of Melbourne, Carlton, N.S. Victoria.

COPY

Because of the Easter holidays, all copy for the next issue must be in by next Thursday, April 18. The next edition will be on sale on Tuesday, April 30.

are also in "common" groups. In reply to a suggestion that more donors would be recruited from the University if a mobile centre were brought here once or twice a year, Dr. Begg commented that the blood collected at such a centre was not collected under ideal conditions and was limited in its application.

Also, the great amount of work involved in setting up a mobile centre could hardly be justified when it was "just around the corner" from the permanent centre. It takes about 40 minutes at the centre to donate a pint of blood, so people with an hour to spare during the day would have time to walk to the centre and back.

Refreshments are provided after each donation and S.A. is the only centre to include beer for the few who like it. Finally, enrolment forms and information pamphlets for new donors are available from the S.R.C. Office.

From a
great
height



Sydney University's English Department remarked their English I examination papers after protests in the "Sydney Morning Herald" by those who had failed. As a result, SIXTY more students were passed.

We know of one faculty at Adelaide which could follow their example.

★ ★

From darkness of a car parked near the Refectory during the Commencement Ball: "Peter, get your foot out of it!"

★ ★

Had the University sold "Deepacres" as separate home units they could have received £3,000 to £4,000 for each of the fifteen flats. Instead, it was sold as a block of flats—for £37,000.

★ ★

Is Anne Levy still eligible for Vice-Presidency in the Immateralist Society?

★ ★

Thirty-one students arrested, one student and eight policemen injured in a riot at Massachusetts Institute of Technology because there was a SUGGESTED rise in fees. Adelaide had a rise in fees this year—but most of you won't even ask why.

★ ★

Is there any connection between the new Union Chapel and the new secluded corners in the Barr Smith?

★ ★

One of Miss Bush's tender fresher seedlings from St. Ann's is "terrified of that look in Jeff Scott's eye."

Never mind, dear. You get home by 11.30 every night, and the naughty man won't get you.

—Fanny

SURPRISE MOVE BY W.A. COUNCIL

PERTH: University of W.A. Guild Council voted recently for abandonment of a formal NUAUS policy on "White Australia."

This came as a major surprise from the representatives of a student body which, little more than twelve months ago, registered an 83 per cent. affirmative vote in a referendum questioning the need for change in current immigration laws.

Guild Council approved this action immediately after ratifying NUAUS Council's resolution continuing the Union's policy, in slightly modified form, on immigration laws where they affect students as students.

W.A. Guild President Jim Walsh moved for a West-sponsored emergency resolution favoring the abandonment of NU policy reference to restrictive immigration practices. The tactic of ratification, then striving for deletion, was necessary for technical reasons.

Walsh called for a realistic approach to the question of interaction of immigration policy and social conditions of Asian students studying in Australia. He asserted that the interests of Asian students would be best served by NU investigating and striving to redress individual cases of discrimination and hardship.

ALARMED

The W.A. student leader was also alarmed at possible political reactions that might arise in Australia and elsewhere from NU's policy. "If this policy is maintained... we will be condemning... ourselves out of our own mouths."

Walsh maintained that the NU record exaggerated the amount of bias, by implication, on Asian questions actually existing in the Australian community.

He was supported by other speakers, who stressed it was neither right nor proper for NU to maintain a policy that was neither consonant with student needs nor representative of their attitude.

OPPOSITION

Opposing the motion, other W.A. Councillors cited the damage and distrust that Australian immigration policy engendered. Asian students suffer from the insular attitudes encouraged by the "White Australia policy." Social anomalies

Cyprus meeting

Labor M.P., Don Dunstan, will give an address on the subject of Cyprus at the initial public meeting of the Labor Group on April 23 at 1.20 p.m. in the Lady Symon Hall.

Mr. Dunstan, who has recently returned from a controversial trip to the troubled island of Cyprus, has come back with facts that are never printed in the press. Everyone who is at all interested and wishes to become acquainted with the position in Cyprus is urged to attend.

In May, Mr. Rupert Murdoch, M.A. (Oxon.), a director of News, Ltd., will address another public meeting.

which operate to their detriment will never be corrected until the basic causes are removed.

Opposition speakers recalled the overwhelming W.A. student vote calling formally for some modification of immigration policy. If the Guild Council voted in favor of abandonment, it would be demonstrating its incapacity to operate as a representative body.

Voting was eight to four in favor of the emergency resolution. Two Councillors registered formal dissent from the Council's action.

There appears to be some possibility of repercussions from the collective W.A. student body.

AMPLIFIER

The amplifier in the Refectory is available for notices from Clubs and Societies to be read at lunch times, announcements being made daily at 12.10 and 1.10 by the Amplifier Officers.

If you wish to have a notice read, have it on the board in the S.R.C. Office before noon.

THE AMPLIFIER OFFICERS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE EQUIPMENT.

FIVE GERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Five scholarships are being offered by the Federal German Government and the German Academic Exchange Service to Australian nationals wishing to study in Germany in 1958.

Each scholarship is valued at 3,000 marks (approximately £A300). This income will have to be supplemented by the scholar, who will be required to meet his own travelling expenses from Australia to Germany and return. Owing to difficulty of obtaining accommodation, married students may in general apply for a scholarship only if they are prepared to travel without wife and children.

The scholarships are open to all students, irrespective of their field of study, who have already studied for at least two years at a University or technical college at the tertiary level, who have an adequate knowledge of German, and have reached a standard of education and general development which will enable them to take full advantage of a period of study in Germany.

The scholarships are tenable at a University or Hochschule in the Federal Republic and in West Berlin. In

In the Faculties

Dental Students' Society

The Freshers' Welcome for 1957 was held on Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Dental Hospital. The secretary, Mr. G. C. Hall

read the minutes of the previous meeting, and after these had been duly signed by the popular president, Mr. H. Kinnear, several items of business were hotly discussed by the meeting.

Chief amongst the items was the choice of a suitable hall for the Dental Ball (the Burnside Ballroom being unavailable) the result being that the names of several localities were submitted for further investigation. Two grand films were then shown, one revealing cricket titbits of the last ten years, and the other showing a most interesting expedition by Australian scientists to the Antarctic in 1954.

The Freshers present were then officially welcomed, and after being presented with their badges by the president, were individually introduced to the meeting amidst the roaring of the crowd. The meeting was then declared closed and everybody adjourned to the super supper prepared as ever by the immortal Kay.

The stagnant societies of other larger faculties would do well to copy the highly efficient organisation of this small and powerful society, which is due entirely to co-operation between students of the different years.

However, in any faculty it must be realised that senior students who attempt to assume a superior air will instantly crush a potential harmonious relationship with their juniors, and it is a fact that many faculties are cursed by this disease!

FILM SOCIETY

About eighty people were present at the Film Society's Freshers' Welcome, held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 3rd April, in the Mawson Theatre.

A most entertaining and enlightening documentary, "Architects of England," served as a curtain raiser. It traced the development of English architecture down the ages. Then the president of the Society, Dr. Forsyth outlined the history of this young society in his welcome address. Besides re-affirming the society's aim to regard the film as a medium of artistic expression he appealed to all members for co-operation and suggestions to make the society a success.

He went on to give some introductory comments on the main feature of the evening, "The Forsythe Saga." Based upon John Galsworthy's classic, the M.G.M. production featured such old favorites as Greer Garson and Robert Young.

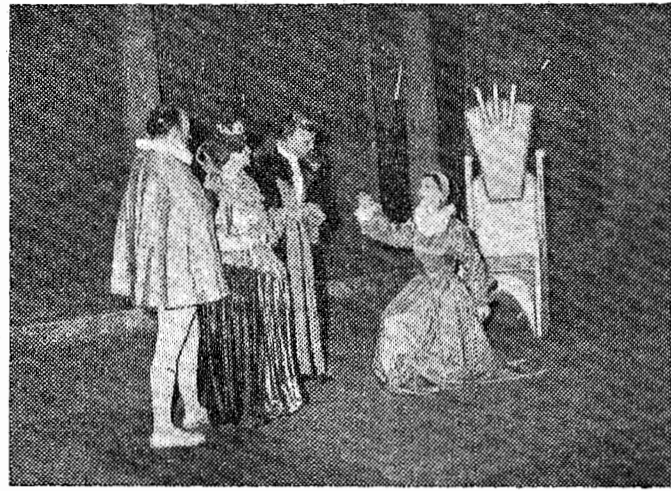
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To laugh or not to laugh? ...

THE THEATRE



Scene from "Maria Stuart" in the cloisters. Left to right: Lord Burleigh, Queen Elizabeth I, Lord Shrewsbury, and Maria Stuart.

OUR TOWN—"satisfying"

At last the AUDS has put on a play which can consistently be described as satisfying. Although there were no really outstanding performances in their production of "Our Town" in the Hut, April 3-6, there were none of the usual glaring faults of University productions.

Of course, in all this rejoicing we must remember that the play was produced by an outside producer—highly competent Miss Vivienne Oldfield. Her cast was well trained, perhaps too much so, and her stage effects were admirable, especially the lighting.

The role of the stage manager, who narrates the play direct to the audience, was well handled by David Evans. His movement was good, but he could have had a little more voice expression.

The main cast divided itself into two families—the Gibbs and the Webbs.

Patricia Green as Mrs. Gibbs was excellent, and shows great promise for the future. As her husband, Greg Bronson was far below her standard. Age was incongruous in this part, and Mr. Bronson will have to be careful of his choice of roles to avoid being "typed" as a bronchial old man.

Emily and George Gibbs were played by Frances Eckermann and Michael Muecke. Miss Eckermann was charming, and Mr. Muecke admirable, if a trifle superficial, as a country lad.

Editor Webb and his wife were played by Malcolm Bennett and Pat Lemessurier. Mr. Bennett could have had more vocal variation, but he made an attractive small town intellectual. Miss Lemessurier gave her usual enjoyable performance, with many amusing lines well handled.

Judith Cutler took the part of Rebecca Webb, the sweetheart and wife of George Gibbs. Miss Cutler tended to hurry her longer speeches, but gave an integrated performance, with a wonderful air of other-worldliness in the last act. Some of the scenes between her and Mr. Muecke became a little mawkish, but others were very moving.

The star of the minor cast was Tony Harvey as Simon Steinson, the disillusioned, drunken artist. The lack of explanation of his "peck of troubles" was frustrating, as his despair was so abject.

Catherine O'Donnell has greatly improved her voice control since her last A.U.D.S. appearance. The rest of the supporting cast were satisfactorily representative of small-town tradesmen.

The People from the Dead must be complimented on the air of detached remoteness which they maintained throughout the length of the last act.

"Our Town" was A.U.D.S.'s first success for some time, and it may be that the secret of the success they have striven for recently lies in their choice of plays. Thornton Wilder's play contains some effective social satire of American life, and in particular their attitude to childhood, marriage, and death, the three divisions of the play.



9 p.m.

If we had a Social Page like the, uptown Press, the caption to the above photo would read something like this: "Gay young dancers tripping (how true!) around the floor of the delightfully lit Refectory at Adelaide University's Commencement Ball."

Criticism has been hurled at the oafish undergraduates who laughed at Schiller's historical tragedy, "Maria Stuart," as produced in the cloisters last month by its translator, Dr. Derek van Abbe.

It was unjust to restrict this accusation to undergraduates only, but we can take this opportunity to state our right to laugh at what is funny before we have to submit to the "Society," middle-class, middle-age habit of only laughing at what is meant to be amusing.

As long as University Theatre Groups continue to reduce tragedy and drama to the level of farce by over-acting and poor interpretation, the undergraduates will laugh.

The acting in this particular production was extremely uneven. The producer took a part for which he had no feeling. Sir Mortimer Paulet, played by John Pitman, appeared, from his stage movement, to suffer from some nervous affliction. Barbara West, as Hanna, Mary's maid, ruined an adequate performance by a ham Scottish accent: "Let Gawd be mah witness." Alex Gradusov obviously enjoyed his double role as French Ambassador and Scottish retainer/priest, but did he have to be so indecently disappointed in Mary's innocence as professed in confession?

On the credit side there were some very polished performances. Pat Merritt gave an intelligent performance of an unfortunate interpretation of Queen Elizabeth as a "cling-ing vine," first begging adm-

vice, and then reproaching the adviser when things went amiss.

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Things were beginning to warm up . . . just a little.

A MEMBER OF THE LABOR GROUP LOOKS AT . . .

Socialism and Communism

What is Communism? Is it merely a redder version of the "pink" programmes of Social Democrats? Are we both pursuing the same goal of a classless society, differing only as to the means by which this objective may be reached?

The belief that there is some special affinity between Communism and Socialism dies hard. It is a dangerous belief, with many roots. One is the terminology that is used. Communists insist on describing the Russian economic system as "socialist."

The confusion runs even deeper. Historically, both shared the same antagonism to capitalism.

The gulf between the Communists and us is not just a contrast in political methods, between our democracy and their dictatorship. Fundamental as the contrast is, it is only one aspect of a profound antithesis of ends and values which is expressed in a different approach to the whole of social organisation, not least the economic system.

Socialism—and this can never be said often enough—is essentially a struggle to protect the dignity of man. Capitalism was condemned not because it had failed in material progress, but because it led to the exploitation, oppression, and degradation of the workers. It was hated for what it did to the human beings who were its victims.

The reverse is true of Communism. No crumb of respect has been shown to individuals as persons. What rights has the worker under Communist rule. He cannot organise, he cannot strike, he cannot control his wages or working conditions. No concern is shown for equality. Instead, a ruthless system of piecework competition has been introduced, which would be an anathema to any free trade union movement. A new hierarchy has been created; the gap in earnings between those at the top of the pyramid and those at its base is much wider than in Australia or in the United States. Anyone who raises his voice in protest, or refuses to conform, can expect short shrift.

The values of Communism today are terrifyingly similar to those of capitalism at its very worst; everything must be sacrificed to economic growth. Communism probably does produce the most rapid economic development, the swiftest advance towards industrialisation, the highest rate of investment, but human beings suffer and fall by the wayside in the process.

The Communist purpose is power and expansion till all the world is conquered; human beings count for naught. Our purpose is precisely the opposite; it is to uphold and enhance the dignity of man.

JAZZ

A large crowd jammed the Refectory last week for the Jazz Club's Fresher's Welcome.

Bruce Gray and many of the other local stars had the enthusiastic audience really keen.

Watch notice boards for future Jazz Club functions.

DEDICATED TO PROFESSOR ROBSON

"Hard work is all I offer you
Who've newly entered here."
The words were heard in silence,
For no one raised a cheer
In honour of the travail
Which made this country great.
They knew that they would sit around
All week, and wait and wait.
The freshers' welcomes are too few
To fill the vacant days,
And lectures haven't started yet.
So they must think of ways
To pass the boring seconds,
Every minute, ev'ry hour,
While conversations shorten
And people grow more sour.
So that is why there were no cheers,
In honour of hard work,
Because, you see, there is right now
Just nothing on to shirk.

—ALAN JONES.

[This was written during Orientation Week, before lectures began.—Ed., "On Dit."]

Shots in the dark!

More than a thousand people crowded into the Union Buildings for the 1957 Commencement Ball on Friday, March 29.

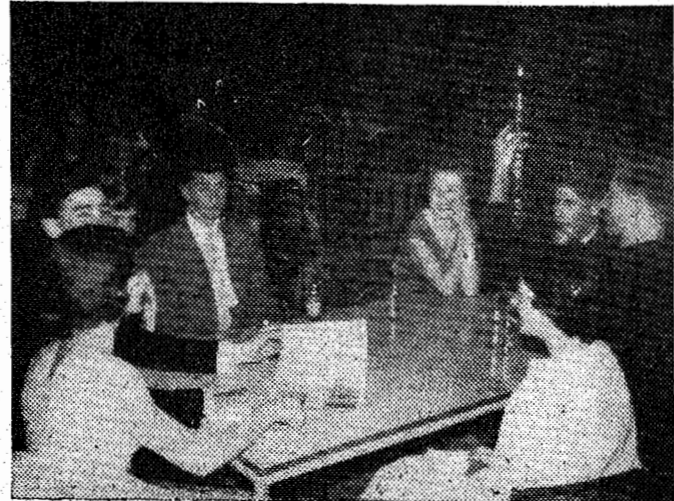
Bruce Gray provided the music, and the Refectory, with blue and yellow lights spotlighting the western wall, was packed with dancers. The marquee, specially erected on the lawn between the Barr Smith and the Union to provide extra dancing space for the big crowds, was also popular.

The Ball finished early on Saturday morning, and about eight hours later a handful of volunteer helpers began to clear away the debris and answer enquiries about lost property.

"On Dit" Photographic Editor Barry Hailstone decided there may be something at the Ball worth (un)covering, so he stuck his camera under his arm and spent a quiet evening taking the photos you see below.

If you think these photos are good, you should see the ones we couldn't print. Mothers of teenage daughters and reporters from a certain Adelaide weekly newspaper (?) that always prints the truth may inspect these photos at a cost of 2/6 for a quick look.

The money will be paid into a fund to enable the Photographic Editor to purchase a telephoto lens for his camera before next year's Commencement Ball.



11 p.m.

Things were beginning to warm up . . . just a little.



1 a.m.
THE END

All those ginger beers proved too much for this character. . . . Barry Hailstone said this was the only person he saw lying on the ground at the Ball. . . .

SKELETON

Parched creek-bed, thistles dry and piercing,
Green and yellow tobacco-bush; deserted house,
Cheerless dusty hearth, sculptured mounds
Of pigeon dung, eyeless window frames,
Rude earth floor, sterile cellar;
Monument, sepulchre of memories, hardship, death.
This derelict frame of a departed soul.
Blue sky shimmering haze, breathless
Breath of wind. Hot shining faces
Three pairs of quizzing eyes, haunting
Dream.

Trudge through scant stubble, brazen
Rocks, frowning dunes. Seek an unknown
Land of fantasy,

Yonder stone in the sand,
Smooth blanched, gleaming-white, unnatural.
Ironical. What more natural than a human skull
Half-buried bleached inert tomb. Vagrant
Temple, life, possessions, soul. Symbol,
Resurrected, born of winds and drifting sand.
New life, new form, new being, virgin parentage.

Two fearful faces search remote
Isolation for death, A third kisses the pitted
Brow with panting breath while probing fingers.
Sieve rewarding sands. Time slips
Through childish fingers. Time, time
Which thwarted hopes, cankered dreams and rotted
Palsied flesh. Man, corpse, life
And death, shared this common bier. Youth
Kneels beside this gritty grave, piling
Clicking bones into a heap. A jam tin
From beside the line. I'll carry the skull.
Poor old Charlie. So long mate.

B. J. BROCK

Letters to the Editor

THE MURAL—doesn't anyone like it?

Dear Sir,—The rather neat comment in "On Dit" that "some students like the mural, while others do not understand it," at once delightfully ignores the view of a great proportion of the University body, and yet crystallises the whole problem of the mural.

This grotesque apparition suddenly appeared at one end of our beloved Refectory. No explanation of its obviously deeply hidden meaning, or whisper of the great functional or artistic purpose of the mural, ever issued from the hallowed walls of the great ones. Surely we are entitled to some lucid explanation of the mural, instead of a bewildering mass of rumor concerning its meaning.

We are not, we cannot, all be Dali's, so, great ones, help us in our search, our stumbling, faltering search, for the culture that we crave.

"DEPRESSED."

• And again

Sir,—May I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Union for their realistic approach to the problem of over-crowding the Refectory.

We can now rest assured that, apart from those few with bad eyesight or extremely bad taste, none will dare to risk the horrors of chronic indigestion by lingering over their meals while confronted by the horrifying spectacle of some emaciated freaks holding bird cages (or are they toast racks?).

Thus the Refectory will be kept clear of all save those so starving as to force themselves to make a quick sally in to obtain sufficient food to satisfy the worst of their hunger before being repelled out in stark terror by the horrific monstrosity on the western wall.

I can only admire the genius who devised this simple solution to the hitherto insoluble problem of congestion in the Refectory.—Yours, etc.,

S. P. BURLEY.

• "Out with women!"

Dear Sir,—In reference to an article appearing in the other great Adelaide newspaper to the effect that women go only to the University of Leeds to gain a husband, I would say how relevant that is to our own situation, especially in the Arts faculty.

This faculty seem to predominate in butterflies, or women who have turned to religion, being frustrated in love; certain religious societies seem to specialise in gaining women recruits who are not attractive enough to do anything else in life.

To the casual observer it would appear that most of the day is spent trying to waylay young men, and talk to them. These intellectual dullards, these dissipators of Government money, these parasites, attend the University while the country screams for more males to enter the centres of higher learning.

Some pass, a great many more would fail if it was not for the notorious fact that an institution on Kintore Avenue, while producing some of the most brilliant, also produces some of the most intellectually and

spiritually dead creatures in the University, and thus keeps the pass mark suitably low in at least the first year subjects.

The crux of the matter, however, lies in the emotions. These rather attractive young women emotionally upset the growing young men. They tantalise them, arouse them, and then, as often as not, leave them trembling in an anti-climax as they refuse to fulfil their initial promise. To any observer the effect is obvious—the student becomes listless, bags appear under his eyes, he aches in parts of his anatomy, he is, in a word, frustrated.

This is perhaps the greatest cause of failure in male students. What you do not have you don't miss, and it is due to this convincing evidence that I must agree with Leeds University, and ask all those who support me to rally in the removal of women from the campus to eradicate once and for all this evil of frustration.

"ONE WHO HAS SUFFERED."

• "O. Kae"—the facts?

Dear Sir,—Through your tolerant and benevolent columns our organisation wishes to further our appeal for funds. Let me explain the purpose of this appeal.

Our organisation cannot, will not, and should not rest until Cyprus has been democratically granted "self-extermination." To quote Freud, Churchill, and Mick O'Halloran: "It is, after all, a duty incumbent on us all to encourage self-expression by the immature, especially if such self-expression will result in the greatest good for the greatest number in the shortest time."

Our point is that the unfortunate aspect of the policy of bloody carnage being courageously implemented by that "all-right organisation," O. KAE, is that it is proceeding too slowly.

The facts, as compiled by our globe-trotting experts without portfolio (alternatively read diplomacy) reveal that O. KAE has only killed 269 people since April, 1955, and that, more regretfully, only 45 per cent. of these have been Cypriots. This is not good enough. Even with the unfailing support of Sir J. Harding (the "bloody butcher"), the venture lags behind our hopes and expectations.

This lag is largely due to "lack of money for alms" (Makario's sermon, 1/4/56). Or alternatively, this has been capably summed up, if unwittingly, by Dr. H. V. Evatt, who said in the Royal Commission on Espionage, 1955: "This is a case of too much buttering-up and not enough gun-slashing."

Our fund has been underwritten by H. Lennox-Boyd, Esq., and should have the support of all Democrats.—Yours hopefully,

D. DUNG-STAND,
President, Australian Committee for Self-Extermination of Cyprus.

IAN HAIG, who edited "On Dit" last year, and who recently returned from a Student Press Conference in Manila, begins a new series of articles on current affairs . . .

MAC PLUS IKE EQUALS MIKE

The much-discussed Bermuda Conference probably did more than most people think to cement rickety relations between Great Britain and the U.S.

Ever since Great Britain gambled everything on the Suez adventure, relations have been strained, and it was obvious that there must be some top-level move to try and change this dangerous state of affairs.

Bermuda was the outcome.

While the U.S. concession to Britain at the conference—U.S. membership of the military committee of the Baghdad Pact and U.S. supplies G.B. with guided missiles—were not enormous in themselves, their granting has proven to sceptical Britons that the U.S. does want to co-operate with them, and is willing to grant concessions in doing so.

Eisenhower's assurance that the U.S. was no longer interested in feuding over the whys and wherefores of Suez, and Macmillan's statement of Britain's point of view, left the conference open to discussion of matters where mutual agreement was more likely to be reached.

Responsible people on both sides of the Atlantic have no doubt heaved sighs of relief as the Big Two have parted amicably, and poured oil on troubled waters as they did so.

White or right?

The harm being done to Austro-Asian relations by our so-called White Australia policy can best be appreciated by travelling in this region.

Time and again during a recent visit there Australian student press representatives were reminded of Asian

antagonism to White Australia.

They would point out that the attitude of Australian students on this question differed in the main from that of their Government, but that it would be a long time before the antagonism was general enough to bring about a change.

Australians who want practical evidence that a quota system would be the answer to this thorn in the sides of Asians (and many Australians) should spend a month or so in Asia.

Criticism varies from antagonism to carefully couched suggestions, but the overall impression is that Asians are hurt by this example of Australian racialism.

• Nasty pasty problem

Dear Sir,—As a long-suffering student, I would like to point out just another sickening anomaly in the present lunch-hour catering arrangements. Fine weather invariably brings students (male AND female) from inside the Refectory to outside the Refectory.

Limited seating means that one has the alternative of either sitting on the cold concrete steps (and on windy days this seems all crazy and exciting for the men, but strictly the last for the girls), or trudging across to the small strip of lawn.

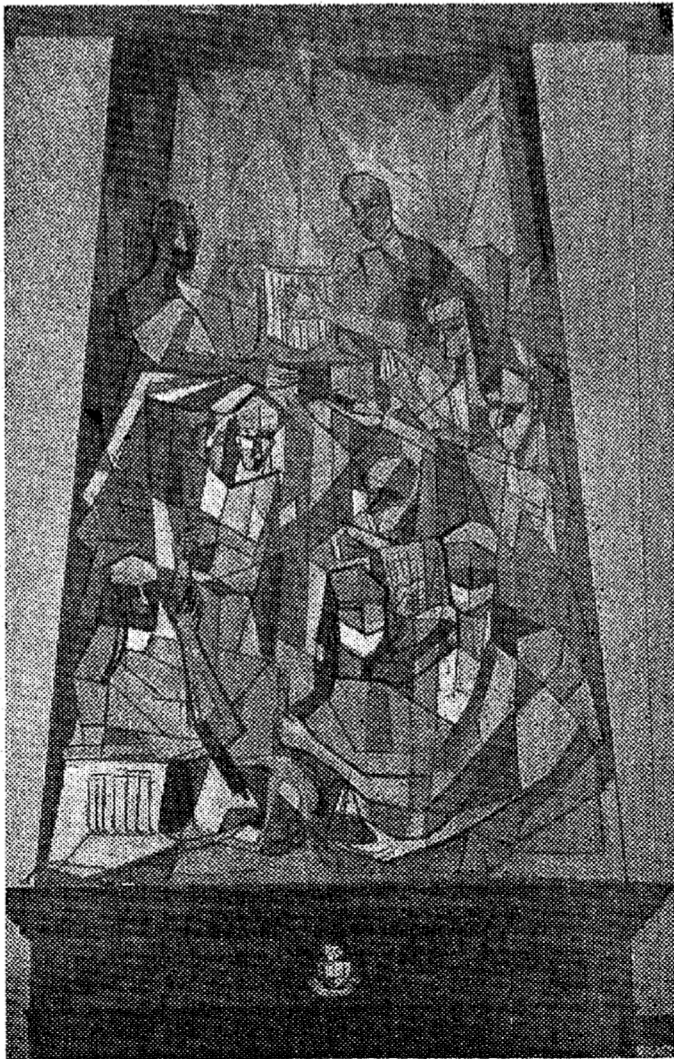
You may well ask what is wrong with the lawn, and I must admit that it is perfect except for the one major blemish of the whole structure. I am afraid, Sir, that the lawn slopes towards the road, and because this glorious green strip slopes like that, I, along with thousands of sufferers, find eating a pasty while the plate slides down the metal tray a physical impossibility. Not only do pasties slide, but also cakes, bananas, and the big plate of doughnuts (and jam, etc.).

I exhort you, Sir, as a man of influence, to enquire into the possibility of raising the level of the lawn to a respectable and horizontal height. I am confident that the number of people who would at last be able to drink a full coke, instead of only half a coke, and cut a pasty with reasonable accuracy, would be incredibly surprised with the zest of such a vital cog in the vast machine—yourself, Sir! I leave the matter in your hands.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL R. STEWART.

P.S.—Mr. Jeff Scott is right behind me (in the idea, I mean!), (I hope!).

[Trying to eat a pasty on a sloping lawn is indeed a moving problem. You may eat assured that we will not let the matter slide. Meanwhile, don't let this little question of raising the lawn worry you too much. Keep a firm grip on the situation, or else things will continue to get out of hand.—Ed., "On Dit."]



FACULTY BUREAU

— what is it?

Over the last few weeks most of you will have heard the term "Faculty Bureau." If you haven't, it is about time you did, because Faculty Bureau is something which concerns every one of you!

Faculty Bureau is one of the activities of NUAUS. Its aims include:

- (1) Exchange of interstate news, views, and activities between faculty clubs.
- (2) Organisation of national faculty conferences.
- (3) Publication of a national faculty newsletter.
- (4) Exchange of information on courses.
- (5) Information on interstate vacation employment, accommodation, and entertainment.
- (6) Correspondence with overseas clubs.

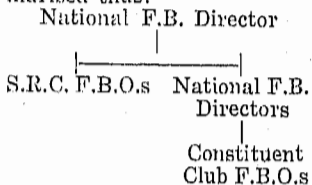
In other words, it is an organisation through which you, as individuals, can meet and get to know your opposite number in the other States.

To achieve this a fairly streamlined organisation is necessary.

To co-ordinate the activities of all the bureaux there is a National Director of Faculty Bureaux. (This year he is Mr. T. A. Krishnan, Arts student, of Melbourne University). He is appointed by NUAUS Council, and is responsible for the administration of the annual F.B. grant. Each University S.R.C. appoints a Faculty Bureaux Officer to act as deputy to the National Director, i.e., to stimulate F.B. activities, and to report to the National Director. (In Adelaide he is Mr. Peter Boros.)

The activities of each F.B. are co-ordinated by a National F.B. Director, who is elected by representatives of each constituent club of the Bureau concerned at their annual meeting at congress. In addition, each club has its own Faculty Bureau officer, who is in charge of all F.B. activities.

Briefly, this can be summarised thus:



With such a smooth organisation much can be accomplished. Among the many things planned by the various bureaux are:

- (1) An engineering symposium on "Automation," and a law moot to be held in Sydney during the first term vacation.
- (2) A med. seminar.
- (3) Engineering F.B. is again going to publish its ever popular news letter, "Torque," which contains information on club activities (e.g., tug-o-wars), funny stories, information on vocational work available interstate, courses, exam. techniques, etc., ad inf., all of which makes very good reading.

The most ambitious scheme organised so far has been the exchange of engineering students between India and Australia. Last year nine Indian students spent their long vacation working with Australian firms. A delegation of Australian students was chosen to go to India, but, unfortunately, lack of ships, due to the Suez crisis, finally prevented these students from going. This year we hope to welcome more Indian students to Australia, and to send Australian engineering students to India, and possibly Pakistan and Malaya.

If, having read this article, you feel that F.B. is worth while (which I can assure you it is), find out what your

faculty, club, or society is doing about it, and if not, why not. After all, you can only hope to get as much out of the organisation as you are prepared to put in.

KEITH WELLER,
National Engineering
F.B. Director.

Aquinas Society

Toc H Camp at Victor Harbor was commandeered by the Aquinas Society from 18th to 24th of March for the Freshers' Summer Camp. Thirty-two members spent a week there under the able care of Fr. Peter Daly, S.J., the new Dean of Aquinas College, who has replaced Fr. Green. At the weekend the valiant cook catered for ninety people who had to resort to devious means of obtaining a mattress, as the camp accommodates only eighty.

The purpose of the camp was to familiarise those attending, especially the freshers, with the general problems which will face them at the University and to provide freshers with a wonderful opportunity to meet other undergraduates.

A series of talks was given on a variety of subjects, including "The Difference Between School and University Life," by Henry d'Assumpcao, "Ideas Abroad at the University," by Hans Sasse, and "Complete Education," by Neil Crowley. After each talk, discussion groups of six or seven clarified their ideas, and the group leader outlined their conclusions to the general assembly.

As is usual with University camps, the social programme, planned to provide relaxation, left everyone in need of a rest cure. Surfing at Chilton, a hike to the Bluff, swimming at Petrel Cove, a barbecue, dancing in the evenings, tennis, golf, and table-tennis provided blisters as badges of endurance and the camp philosophy soon became "Their's not to reason why, their's but to do or die."

The camp was followed by the Freshers' Welcome on Tuesday, the 26th. His Grace the Archbishop, Dr. Beovich said Dialogue Mass in the Lady Symon Hall at 5.15 p.m. after which Fr. Daly gave a short sermon.

After tea in the Refectory the large crowd attended the dance in the evening. Music was provided by a University Jazz Group, and a disappearing miracle was performed when supper was served.

Several Discussion Groups have been formed to keep members of the Society in closer contact with each other. An extensive social programme for the year has been planned. Further details of this will appear in these columns from time to time, so keep watching for them.

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There are many Chopin recitals available these days on L.P., but to my knowledge there isn't one that comes up to the standard of this disc. This isn't just a hotchpotch of Chopin thrown together: it is a deliberately planned recital. I think you could

play the whole disc through without becoming tired of it.

Malcuzyński is one of the foremost interpreters of the works of Chopin, and in this recital he is at the top of his form. It would be difficult to single out any one work in particular, but if you wanted to sample the disc, then I think I would try either of the big pieces—the Ballade or Sverzo, or for a shorter piece, any of the Mazurkas.

The recording of the piano is of the very best quality. Highly recommended.

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WORTHWHILE MAGAZINE

"Westerley" is the name of a worth-while magazine published three times a year by the Arts Union of the University of Western Australia.

It is described as a "literary and critical magazine," and a look at the Table of Contents gives some idea of the wide range covered in the latest issue—a special Festival of Perth edition.

Prof. Marcus Oliphant contributes a penetrating discussion on "The University and the Community." This article, which is made up of excerpts from an address delivered in Hobart during "University Week," 1956, is perhaps the most significant contribution in the magazine.

"The condition most difficult to satisfy in the Australian scene is that a university must enjoy the fullest measure of autonomy," say Professor Oliphant.

He then proceeds to show how Governments which establish universities in Australia set up councils to govern the universities. Academic representation on these councils is small. He

points out that Oxford and Cambridge are governed internally, without any direct organisation from outside.

Prof. Oliphant's article deserves to be read by all thinking people.

"The Film in Australia" is discussed by Mr. Cecil Holmes, and then there is an interesting feature about "The Outlook for Democracy in Japan." There are many other stimulating articles, stories, ballads, reviews, and "bits and pieces."

Copies of "Westerley" can be purchased in Adelaide at the W.E.A. or Mary Martin bookshops.

TUG O' WAR

The annual Tug-o-War between the Meds. and the Engineers was won by the Meds., who had more pull.

The event was watched by a large crowd of students, and the footbridge was again crowded.

Story and exclusive photos of the event will be published in the next "On Dit."

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FOOTBALL SHOWS EARLY PROMISE

Athletes training hard

With the Handicap Meeting only a fortnight away, athletes are beginning to liven up now.

Several freshmen look like performing well, while most of the old men are still around.

The club's main event will be the University Championships on May 1, when a good field is expected to participate.

Any athletes who want to train for these events are reminded that the club has the use of the oval every night, and that equipment is readily available.

A new coach, some promising freshers and the old guard should combine well to ensure another great season for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1957.

Former interstate and Sturt player, Jack Giles, has replaced George Tilley (now coaching Sturt) as coach this year, and already he has all players working hard.

Jack is aiming at four premierships for the club and if the amount of hard work being done is any criterion, he'll get them.

More than 60 prospective players turned out for the club's first official trial on March 30 and the form shown by all players indicates that the Blacks will again have an abundance of talent. Jack Giles' chief complaint was poor kicking,

but this should soon be rectified.

With many of last year's regular A players now out of the line-up, several freshmen could appear in this year's A side.

• Freshmen

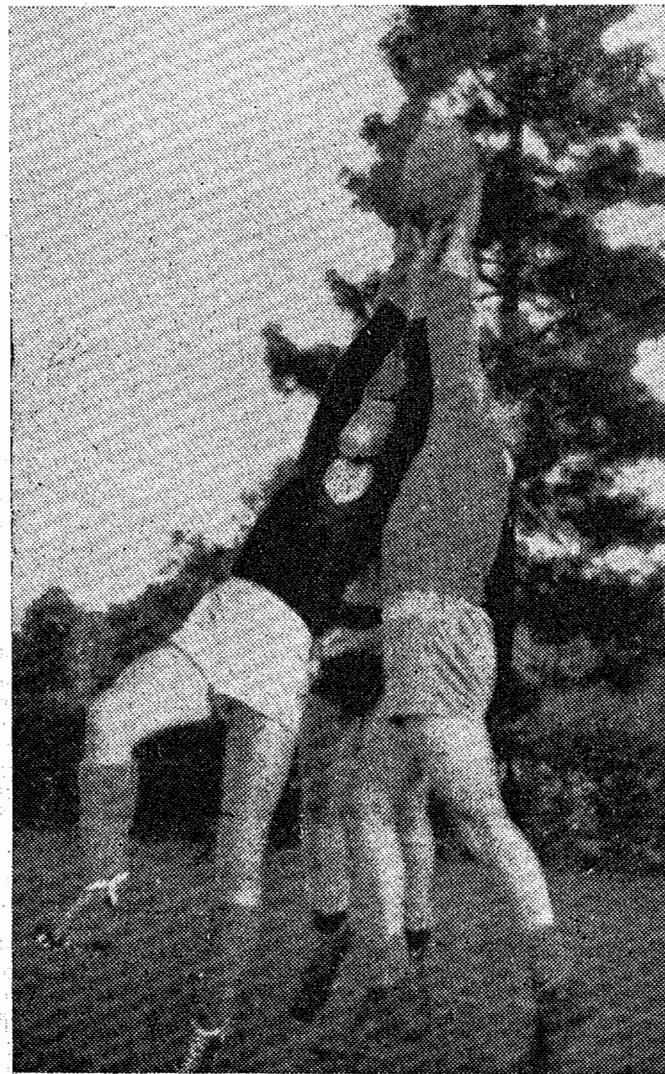
Among the new players to show promise in the first trial were former St. Peter's star Montgomery, who showed dash and good disposal at centre; Brian Sepelt, a very solid half-back who could well make the big-time; Richard Lee, who defended strongly and showed plenty of determination, but kicked poorly, and Ian Wheeler from Adelaide High, who rucked effectively.

The Black twins showed plenty of dash and determination in the crushes while Saunders roved effectively. Players will have their first try-out tomorrow when the season opens in all grades.

The A's will be pitted against Semaphore Central at Semaphore and hope to avenge last season's grand-final defeat. Spectators will be more than welcome at any of the club's fixtures, which can be checked on the notice board, but the A's need special support for their old rivals tomorrow.

At the A.G.M., held in the Mawson Theatre on April 2, former stalwart, Whimpy McLeod, was made a life member of the club.

Elections resulted in the re-appointment of Dr. Steele as president, while Tom Hanson was elected secretary and Deane Terrell, treasurer. Peter Clayton is assistant secretary and Reg.



Strickland, social secretary. The committee will be completed by Greg Smith, Frank Altmann and Geoff Wilson. Players were reminded of the club's new uniform

which will be worn for the first time tomorrow. We wish all teams the best for the opening game and hope to see spectators in thousands at Semaphore.

Men's basketball: it began this way...

Not so very long ago, back in the winter of 1894-1892, a Canadian from Springfield College by the name of Dr. James Naismith was wondering what he could do to keep his athletes in top condition between football and baseball seasons.

He decided that what was wanted was a fast, vigorous, indoor game without too many complex rules, a game that would excite interest and at the same time call for a high degree of speed and skill. As a result, he invented a sport which has now become the only major sport of completely American origin.

Originally, Dr. Naismith's rules and methods were a little primitive when compared to today's modern game, for in those days they nailed peach baskets to the walls and nets and used old soccer balls or, where these were not available, it is said that they often tied a bundle of rags into a ball and used that.

Despite obvious disadvantages of this, the game rapidly spread through the United States under the influence of men from Springfield College, and also due to the sponsoring of the game by the Y.M.C.A.

By 1893 most of the colleges had taken up the sport and interest became so intense that constructive criticism came from everywhere suggesting modifications and improvements to the game. By 1915, a Joint Rules Committee had been formed and, presumably due to the influence of exhibitions played by United States teams, the game soon achieved world-wide recognition.

By 1936, just 44 years after Dr. Naismith had thought of it, the sport was included in the Olympic Games, 21 nations competing.

Here in South Australia, basketball has been recently hailed as the fastest growing major sport in the State, and, with the Olympic Games only just recently completed, the organisers fully expect it to continue its remarkable growth.

LACROSSE IS FAST AND SKILFUL

All freshers, along with others who do not play winter sport, are cordially invited to take part in the fastest and most skilful game of all—LACROSSE.

Even though you may not have ever picked up a lacrosse stick before, it doesn't take long to learn the game. Quite a number of the club's best players started off from scratch, as freshers completely new to the game, and several of our last year's freshers are shaping up well.

Last year our teams did not do so well. The "A" team, however, won several matches towards the end of the season, and nearly defeated the top team in one of the best matches of the season. The game was not lost until a minute before the final bell.

This year we are set for greater success. Practices have already started (in the first week of term), and with

six weeks' training behind them, our players should be mighty fit for the first match.

This early training should also give newcomers every opportunity to learn the game, and also to fit into teams. Greater success is also expected since more of our seasoned players will be returning this year, including Geof Peirce, A.U.L.C.'s representative in last year's State squad.

You, too, can help the club. The more we have at practice, the keener will be the competition for team places, and the higher will be the standard.

The Lacrosse Club can also promise plenty on the social side. Last year we had a well organised bridge evening and, of course,

plenty of fun when the Melbourne University team came to Adelaide. This year we return the visit, and hope to defeat the Vics as easily as we did then. Plenty of social activity will be associated with this trip, which takes place in the second vacation. A picture evening has been arranged for Thursday, May 2, at the Marryatville Ozone. Further details will appear soon on the notice boards.

At the A.G.M., held last Thursday (April 4), the following were elected into office for 1957: Chairman, Frank Caine. Secretary, Ian McMurtrie. Assistant Secretary, Robin Offer. Committee, M. Guidney, C. Haslam, A. Jeffery, G. Peirce, J. Russell, and A. Wilson. Captains of teams will be elected at the first matches.

Anybody who is interested in the game will be welcome at practice on Wednesday afternoons at the University Oval, or can contact the secretary through the L. pigeon-hole.