

VICE-CHANCELLOR RETIRES

Great loss to University

It came as a great surprise to the student body of the University, when at a special Graduation Ceremony at the beginning of the year, the Chancellor announced the retirement of the Vice Chancellor, Mr. A. P. Rowe, after ten years in office.

Mr. Rowe was in England last year, so many of the students do not know him well, yet it is due to his driving force that the development of the Union in the University has been so spectacular.

The Council of the University of Adelaide appointed Mr. Rowe as the first full-time Vice Chancellor to succeed Professor J. McKellar Stewart in 1947. Mr. Rowe was born in Cornwall in 1898. He graduated at the Royal College of Science in 1921 with first class honors in physics. After three years of research he was appointed assistant to Dr. Wimperis, the first Director of Scientific Research at the Air Ministry.

From 1927-37 he was also part-time lecturer at the Imperial College of Science, and in 1938 succeeded Sir Robert Watson Watt as head of the Telecommunications Research Establishment of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Medal for merit

After the war Mr. Rowe was one of eight British scientists to be awarded, by the United States Government, the Medal for Merit. This medal is the highest award made by the United States to a civilian. He received the medal for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations."

As head of the great Telecommunications Research Laboratory of the Ministry of Aircraft, Mr. Rowe had shown himself to be "a stimulating and energetic leader of men, exercising a dominant role in the development of radar and counter measures in the United Kingdom."

University honors

Mr. Rowe was Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee from 1954-55. In 1955 the University of Melbourne conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was elected the Honorary

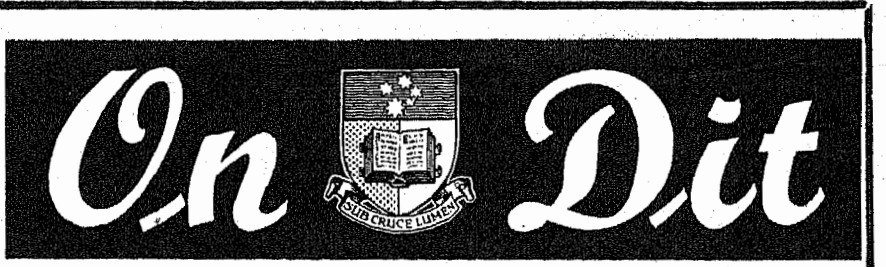
Fellow of the Imperial College of Science and Technology (London) in March, 1957.

During the past six years Mr. Rowe has conducted a personal survey of the students studying for degrees who came as freshers in 1952. This survey will ultimately be published.

Behind the Union

From the outset Mr. Rowe has stressed the importance of the Union. In a non-resident University he has felt it to be very necessary that a substitute for living should be made in the University. Students can look back on the tremendous improvements in the Union during Mr. Rowe's period of office with gratitude and pride, for the co-operation from the Union has been due in main part to Mr. Rowe's interest in the wider aspects of University life.

With these achievements in mind, the students wish Mr. and Mrs. Rowe every success in the future.



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The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. A. P. Rowe.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ASIAN STUDENTS

Dear friends from Asia,

I have been granted Study Leave this year by the University, and will be abroad from April to December next.

As most of you know, I shall be spending the first two months or so of my leave in various countries of South East Asia. So many of you have asked about my trip that I thought I would tell you something of it by means of this letter.

Broadly, the purpose of my study leave is to enable me to visit schools and universities in other countries, and to study various aspects of University education, organisation and administration. I am especially interested in problems of the transition period from school to University.

In South-East Asia I hope not only to visit many of the schools from which you have come, but also to confer with educational leaders and others interested in the flow of students to Australia for study purposes.

I shall be going first to Djakarta, where I shall spend about eight days as the guest of the Indonesian Ministry of Education. I hope, amongst other things, to visit the Universities of Indonesia and Gadjah Madah, together with one or two typical secondary schools.

PLACES TO BE VISITED

After leaving Indonesia I shall spend about a month in Singapore and Malaya, where in each case my programme is being arranged by the local Ministry of Education. In Singapore I hope

to visit Nanyang University, the University of Malaya, and a number of schools, including St. Andrews, the Anglo-Chinese School, the Chinese High School and Raffles Institution. In the Federation of Malaya—whose Government has kindly invited me to be its guest—I shall spend about five days in Kuala Lumpur, about two days in Ipoh, and about three days in Penang.

Early in June I go to Bangkok for about five days to see the Chulalongkorn and Thammasat Universities, then to Calcutta for about a week before flying on to Europe and the U.K.

As many of you know, for the last eight or nine years I have been closely associated with the University's arrangements for the admission of students from Asian countries, and I have come to know quite well by correspondence such persons as the headmasters and headmistresses of schools in Singapore and Malaya, and the officials of the two Ministries of Education. I am greatly looking forward to seeing some of those schools for myself, and to meeting

many of the people who have helped us so much.

I am also looking forward greatly to seeing again many of our former students who have completed their courses and are now back in their home countries; and indeed arrangements for me to do this have already been made in many centres.

SUGGESTIONS

I should now like to ask all of you what I have already asked some, namely, have you any ideas on the general question of the provision by Australia of educational facilities for students from Asia? Have you any suggestions as to how our arrangements for the admission of overseas students can be improved? If you have such ideas or suggestions, I shall be interested to have them. Would you please put them in writing, and leave them either at my office or with Mr. Borland?

Finally, I should like to let you know that, through the kindness of Mr. Borland, I shall be in the Warden's Office on Friday, April 18 next, from about 12.30 p.m. to about 2.30 p.m. I hope that

General student meeting

The SRC has been petitioned to hold a general student meeting.

The meeting will be held to consider the following motion: "That NUAUS supports the active struggle of student unions in colonial, dependent or totalitarian areas in their attempts to attain full educational opportunities even where this means they must necessarily work for national independence by peaceful means in the first two cases."

This motion, rejected by the S.R.C. by one vote, arises from the NUAUS Council meeting.

Under the Constitution of NUAUS certain motions passed at Council cannot be binding until confirmed by 50 per cent. of constituent S.R.C.s.

any, of you who would care to do so will call at his office then, so that I may see you before I go. I leave Adelaide on April 22.—Yours sincerely,

H. E. WESLEY SMITH, Assistant Registrar for Academic Affairs.

This motion comes under this clause of the Constitution.

VOTE CANNOT BE CHANGED

Closing date for confirmation for this motion was March 28. This S.R.C. has registered its vote against this motion, and such a vote cannot be changed. We do not know as yet whether this motion has received the confirmation required. How-

Staff meeting

There will be a meeting of all the staff of "On Dit" on Tuesday, 22nd, in the Publications Room.

We would like to start about 1.10, so bring your lunch along.

ever, the Melbourne S.R.C., on the assumption that this motion has been lost, intend to circulate an Extraordinary of NUAUS similar to the Council motion but without the words "by peaceful means in the first two cases."

At the General Student Meeting on May 1 it may be decided to support this motion. However, such a decision cannot influence the NUAUS policy decision.

RESULTS OF SRC BY-ELECTIONS

WOMEN'S GENERAL	
HANNON, Pauline Mary	4
LE MESSURIER, Patricia	19
McNALLY, Marie (Elected)	56
SYKES, Meredith (Elected)	43
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
COX, Marilyn (Elected Unopposed)	
R. W. HERCUS, Hon. Secretary	

A General Student Meeting has been petitioned. This means there is a group of students, a reasonably large group, who feel it will be worthwhile to discuss an SRC matter in a formal meeting.

It seems to be a little-known and little-headed fact that ordinary SRC meetings are open for anyone who wishes to attend, although, only members may participate. If students were to take advantage of this fact, and SRC matters were talked about more, the fate of some motions might be different.

At the moment, the student body is divided over the following motion: "That NUAUS supports the active struggle of student Unions in colonial, dependent or totalitarian areas in their attempts to attain full educational opportunities even where this means they must necessarily work for national independence, by peaceful means in the first two cases."

The fact that criticism has been aroused is a healthy sign. Even though students are divided, it is encouraging to know they have definite opinions and are prepared to air them. Those who attend the meeting on May 1st will decide the outcome of this matter.

S.R.C. DISCUSSION WEEK-END

They tell me I haven't a snowball's chance in hell of arranging a successful Discussion Week-end. They say you students aren't interested in discussion, couldn't care less about it, and that you haven't any ideas anyway.

But I know 'they' are wrong, for I know that these students who have already heard about the Discussion Week-end are interested, and that many of those who are now hearing about it for the first time will also be interested. So, acting on (this conviction, I have arranged the date, place, subjects, speakers (and even a cook to cater for your lower selves) of the first S.R.C. Discussion Week-end for 1958.

DATE: May 17-18.
PLACE: Parnanga N.F.C. Camp, O'Sullivan's Beach.

SUBJECTS

—Should Nations Disarm? (Proposed speaker, Professor W. G. K. Duncan, of the His-

tory and Political Science Dept.)

—Are the Humanities Keeping up with Scientific Progress? Professor C. Horne, of the English Dept., and Professor L. G. Huxley, of the Physics Dept.)

—Is Christianity Still a Strong Moral Force in Society? (Mr. C. B. Martin, of the Philosophy Dept.)

—Are Monarchies Outmoded? (Professor H. Stretton, of the History Dept.)

The rest is up to you. Applications close one week before, that is, Friday, May 9. The cost is moderate since the S.R.C. is subsidising it, but the interest, entertainment

House Committee rumpus

The Union House Committee met the other day and one item provoked lively discussion instead of the usual sedate debate. (For the uninitiated, the House Committee is that body which administers, for the Union Council, the Union Buildings and staff, among other things).

It appears that the secretariat made a 'blue' and allowed an outside body to book the Union Buildings for a dance on a Friday night. Apart from this unfortunate breach of regulations, the snag was that the Engineering Society Ball is scheduled for the following night.

Many were the objections of the Engineers (a voluble organisation at any time!), and eventually, after much discussion, the motion supporting the priority of students was carried, despite two undergrads. (one an S.R.C. member) who voted against. It will now be possible for the Engineers to run their ball without the two disadvantages of having someone else cleaning up as they commence decorating, and possibly a financial loss.

COME ALONG

Ever had an urge to attend an S.R.C. meeting? They are open to the

public, in case you didn't know. It would be a good thing if more students did attend and took notice of the way in which their representatives carry out their duties. Perhaps both students and Council members might be surprised. There is only one way to find out.

No doubt quite a few stories will be told after the S.R.C. business session over the week-end of April 11 and 12, but more of this next issue.

LSF FRESHERS' CAMP

This year's camp, again held at Mylor, 21-23 March, had "Marching Orders" as its theme. From 65 to 70 enjoyed a full and varied programme. After a warm up evening on Friday, campers settled down to solid discussion on Saturday morning, when Dr. Hamann Jr. of Concordia seminary presented the first paper "What are the orders", setting out various philosophical, psychological, and finally the Christian approach to the problem of ethics.

Saturday afternoon was spent playing tennis, or swimming and boating on Silver Lake. The social that night was a hit—livened up with a good assortment of skits.

Dr. Hamann also conducted the early Sunday morning service on the banks of the river. John Sabel's paper dealt with the strength for the marching, also giving the basis for the Christian ethic.

"Desert Island Disks" on Sunday afternoon proved a novel item. Seven people had to justify their choice of a certain record which they could play if stranded on an island—a novel form of musical appreciation.

This term a series of Bible Studies on the Psalms, led by Rev. R. H. Altus, M.A., of Concordia Seminary, is being held every Friday at 1.15 p.m. in the Lady Symon Library.

Dr. S. P. Hebart will be the speaker at the first night meeting for the year on April 10—topic: "World Lutheranism."

purely literary journal for the benefit of arty arts students. "Varsity" will not be a literary journal, and will leave this market to such publications as "Verve."

It is hoped that "Varsity" with its pages of articles of wide general interest, its modern layout, and low price, will become an essential part of University life.

"Varsity," our great, new University magazine, will be on sale in second term. Watch for it.

ON DIT

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From a great height

A letter from the E.U. to the S.R.C. states that the hoax which advertised a talk on "Sex" at the same time and place as an E.U. meeting has apparently caused a misconception in the function of the E.U., and that the issue could become serious.

Some people apparently think that "On Dit" reported the decision of the S.H.C. on colonialism and educational opportunities in an unfair and biased manner. Have they asked themselves if "On Dit" was any more wrong—or right—than the S.R.C. when it passed its decision with only 19 of its 37 members voting? And are they convinced that by its reporting "On Dit" has failed to accomplish the primary aim of a University paper—namely, to promote discussion which will lead to a more informed student opinion? I think that the answer to both these questions appears in part in the petition which the S.R.C. received on the matter early last week.

In a more serious vein, the desire of some people to form such a club shows that the established political clubs aren't doing their job. I think that they would do well to seriously consider their effectiveness as organisations devoted to the advancement of their particular political creed in the light of this new Club's existence. Lethargy and complacency are the least of



the ills which have beset them.

I wonder what part of Adelaide is the next to be lionised?

Latest date for completion of the Union Hall is August of this year. Considering its history we are probably lucky to have it within 12 months of the original estimated time of completion—which was February of this year. Any further delays will make it virtually impossible for students to use the Hall this year.

What I predicted in this column last year is apparently coming true. It is said that first and second year students are being refused permission to park their cars in the University grounds. I still maintain that there would be room for all if the available space were properly marked out. Yellow paint on the roadways might offend the aesthetics—but it would be a fitting accompaniment to the rest of the University's design.

—Fanny

Contributions called for Varsity

Contributions are invited from students in all faculties for a new University Magazine to be published by the SRC in second term.

Details of the Magazine, called "Varsity," were announced this week.

Contributions for "Varsity," in the form of articles, stories, sketches, or photos, should be sent as soon as possible to "Varsity," c/o S.R.C. Office.

All contributions should include the sender's name, address and faculty, in case the material has to be returned.

"Varsity" will be of interest to students in every

faculty, and with contributions from staff and students it will be the only Magazine representative of the entire University.

Last year's engineering magazine, "Hysteresis," has shown that a well-produced and attractive magazine can be a success with students.

The Editor of "Varsity," Mr. Colin Ames, told "On Dit" this week that he hoped students in all faculties would give "Varsity" the support the engineering students gave "Hysteresis."

"Hysteresis" was undoubtedly the best magazine the University has seen for some time," he said. "While some of the articles were a bit techni-

cal for non-engineers, the general picture was of a well balanced and extremely readable publication."

"Some engineers have pledged their support for 'Varsity' in addition to their own faculty magazine, and I hope this idea will spread to other faculties."

Not a literary journal

Other Australian universities publish annual magazines, but they tend to have a literary flavor similar to some past issues of the Adelaide University Magazine.

There is a tendency for students to regard a University Magazine as a

"Hotel Paradiso" a great success

It must be stated, before any probing begins, that "Hotel Paradiso" was a virile and roistering success. And so it takes its place in a line of AUDS successes which began with "Our Town".

Despite this, I should suggest to the management that they tread warily in future by choosing "good" plays, in other words plays which do not snatch with ferocity all the players' talents. "All My Sons" was an intrinsically pretentious, dull effort which fooled many. "Hotel Paradiso" is what you make it. Dull to read, since the dialogue is lacking in surprise, it is an essay in heavily worn situation.

STRAINED

This being so, it is to the resounding credit of the Society that everybody was vastly amused. The cast mimed their way to success. Mr. Branson's wizened yet pulsating antics were in a class which we rarely see. The success was essentially his, for without him the play would have been noisily dull. As it was, it was still dull in parts. The authors strained the situation unmercifully. It is their fault, not the actors, if the play sags accordingly. Act II is too long; more tightness would have helped, while the final act is too obvious. Even so, Mr. Branson strove.

He was supported

throughout by a cast which, taken together, cohered well. The method, which if deliberate was clever, was to illuminate by contrast. Mr. Branson is indeed "chaplainsque." Miss Cranwell, with less bodily fuss, acting in what I will call direct line, was a scrupulous study in facial expression. Normality, making a third contrast, was presented by Miss Green's conception of womanliness.

Mr. Lea was his usual enervated self. Mr. Dorman, I thought, though working hard, overdid things. A violence which reaches expectorating dimensions has ever alarmed me. Mr. Mark showed the right way, if at times one did think he ought to have been wearing motley.

GOOD FUN

Mr. Jenkins was disappointing, acting at a schoolboy level. He is apparently unaware that normal speech rhythm can be utilised with effect on a stage. Still, he unintentionally served to delineate further this gallery of grotesques. The production was competent, and the intimacy of using part of the auditorium



Greg Bransen and Liz Cranwell, stars of this year's first AUDS production.

was very shrewd. Fun was had by all, so to speak.

In conclusion, will some kind person tell Miss Levy, who incidentally played Miss Levy with some success, that one just does NOT smile at the comedy one is presenting.

—A. HYSLOP.



Another scene from "Hotel Paradiso"

FANGIO, CUBA AND STUDENTS

Rebels in Cuba recently captured ace-driver Juan Fangio and held him hostage. They wanted to attract attention to their cause. The students of Cuba, too, have a cause which cries for attention.

Recent events in Latin America have followed the trend which we have come to expect in this continent of military coups. In four years, most of the hot-headed little republics strong-men of the various have been replaced. Latest was Venezuela's Perez Jimenez in January. Left are Trujillo of the Roman Republic, and General Fulgencio Batista, Cuban dictator.

BATISTA UNEASY

Batista is not having it all his own way. In the hills and in the cities, the supporters of rebel leader Fidel Castro harry him continually. And though he has suspended almost all constitutional guarantees since his coup of March 10, 1952, he has yielded enough to the constitution to allow the regular Presidential elections on June 1.

Now, elections in Cuba are run affairs. Batista came to power in 1950, and when it became obvious he was going to lose the 1952 elections, he came to power again, and

has held that power since, with the aid of the Army and police. And this election seems certain to go to his own candidate, Andres Rivero Aguero.

But the people have been demanding a restoration of certain rights prior to the elections, and the restrictions on press and radio have been lifted somewhat. Batista is uneasy. The rebels fight on. No amnesty promises stop them. Under his nose they stole world champion race driver, Juan Fangio, and kept him from one of Batista's Circuses for the People. (Fangio, of the Argentine, was philosophic about it all.)

LOSS OF LIFE

And what of the Universities in Cuba? The delegates from the International Student Conference in Nigeria late last year tell us the answer. The students of Cuba are the leaders of the underground against Batista. Rebellions of July 1953 and August 1954 were failures, with high loss of student life. Students are

arrested, exiled, gaoled, tortured and murdered. But the fight goes on. At the risk of their lives they came to Nigeria to denounce their Government. They say they expect to be murdered on return. Of the last three student presidents of the Federación Estudiantil Universitaria, two have died under police machine guns, the other has disappeared without trace.

The students maintain their position. This is what they say: "We defend only the reigning of the constitution, of the sovereignty of the people and of the decorum of the citizens... We will fight indefatigably for the restoration of the constitutional regime... Let those who have trodden underfoot the laws without consideration of any kind not ask us to respect those laws..."

The University in Cuba is virtually at a standstill. Until there is freedom it will remain so. We await the coming elections with trepidation for the students of Cuba.

A liberal attitude to life

(Written on behalf of the Liberal Union.)

In this world of cliches the vast majority of our citizens are prepared to accept unfounded statements as gospel truths. While only a few people study history as a background for evaluation of present policy in the light of past experience, there seems to be little chance of altering the common acceptance of false cliches.

We university students are too young and inexperienced in the ways of the world's many citizens to provide and execute remedies for contemporary political ills. We do not know the many types of people not in our own circle of friends, nor will we have the opportunity to study them for some years.

In laying the foundations for their future careers, young people must do more than study to obtain a qualification. The university graduate can be a person who has never

moved outside his small circle of friends. He can allowed himself to drift into the ranks of the mentally stale. Thus students must try to understand the motives, or lack of motive, which cause the actions of their myriad fellow citizens. With such understanding, and great tolerance, they will then be fit to lead their fellows.

The Liberal Union hopes to be able to offer to members the opportunity to learn something of the art of national living. By giving members the chance to hear what our elders believe is best for us, discussing such views and airing our own, we may each obtain a personal national outlook based on logical and informed deduction.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

The Liberal Union does not expect its members to accept rigidly any particular party policy. Membership requires only that you accept as basic principles the right of the individual to choose his own way of life, that governments must legislate for the good of the community as a whole, and that the prerequisite of national citizenship is loyalty to Australia.

BOTH VIEW POINTS

The Liberal Union was not formed as a social club, nor will it become so. It is not affiliated with any political party, and so we hope that some of the intolerance associated with party politics can be eliminated from our activities.

We value friendships

with those whose political ideals clash with ours. Some of the ideas of non-liberal thinkers may be brilliant, and of use in the practical liberal economy. If so, let us accept such ideas and, where possible, gladly incorporate them into a design for better living. Likewise, let us explain patiently the liberal viewpoint to others, and be as willing to accept criticism as we are to criticise.

If our leaders have trained themselves to use tolerance among men who use processes of logical deduction, then we can expect from them an impartial programme for the benefit of the whole community.

Liberal Union guest speakers and discussion leaders will be announced throughout the year. Our programme includes a two-day conference at "Holiday House," Mount Loftus on June 11-12, being the Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of the University vacation. This is planned as a pleasant mixture of political discussion and social high-jinks, both of which we learned last year can be very entertaining, even to cynics.

TALKS

On Tuesday, April 22, at 1.20 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall, Sir Arthur Rynill will speak on "The Banking Bills."

Further, on Monday, April 28, at 1.20 p.m., in the George Murray Lounge, Senator Nancy Buttfield will give her views on, and lead a student discussion on, "The Future of Australia's Migration Programme."

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In The Faculties

SCIENCE

Do you want a trip to Perth? This is what the NUAUS science faculty bureau offers in the form of a Science Conference to be held there in August vacation.

The duration of the conference is from August 20 to 27, which includes a week-end in the middle of eight days, and this promises to be a really good show, both socially and scientifically. Our Procession Day is on Friday, August 15. We will leave on the following day and arrive in Perth on Monday. Nine days in Perth and three to get back, and we will be home again on Saturday, leaving one week of the vacation untouched.

Title of the conference will probably be "Science and Industry," and will

comprise a limited number of talks and discussions, as well as a trip to Rottnest Island and tours of the Kwinana refinery, Swan brewery, and the charcoal industry at Wundowie.

Socially the week will be a great success. We have been promised two dances, and plenty to fill up the other evenings.

Expenses will be made up mainly of fares and accommodation. Second class rail fare to Perth is a little over £30, but with student concession and a possible 50 per cent. reimbursement by CSIRO and UNESCO this will be reduced to about £15. Accommodation is at yet unknown, but if billets are not provided the hostel should not cost more than £5. **TOTAL COST SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN £20** (exclusive of spending money).

Does this appeal to you? If you are free in

the August vacation and are interested in the conference, leave your name in the "H" pigeonhole, with any Science Association committeeman, or in the S.R.C. Office IMMEDIATELY. This will not put you under any obligation to attend, but will give us a lead as to whom we must send further information as it comes to hand.

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On Monday, April 28, at 1.15 p.m., Dr. Martin (Biology) will speak in the Lady Symon Hall on "SECRETS OF LIFE." This should be really worth hearing, as we're sure that most students are most ignorant in this matter. Please note the change of date—Monday, April 28.

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The next "Science Bulletin" will be published on April 16, and copies will be posted to all members in their pigeonholes. Any contribution should reach us before the preceding Friday.

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This year we are endeavoring to produce a Science tie, and both to

obtain a design and to find the response we are sponsoring a Science tie contest, with a free ticket to the Science Ball as first prize. All we desire is a design for a Science tie before April 23. Details are on Page 7.

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Finally, we would like to remind you of our Discussion Week-end, May 9, 10 and 11. Keep this week-end free. Details in next "On Dit."

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Our next function is an INFORMAL DANCE in the Refectory on Friday, April 18. This is being held in co-operation with the Arts Association, and dancing will be to the University Jazz Band. Admission will be 2/- for members of either Arts or Science Associations, and 3/- for non-members. Come along and make this show a big success.

Write for 'Varsity'

"Varsity," the University's new magazine, wants articles, stories, photos, or sketches as soon as possible. Further details from S.R.C. office.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS

CONTROVERSIAL EDITORIAL

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate you on your forthright Editorial in the last On Dit (April 2). You appear to have far more nous than the apathetic majority of members of the S.R.C. Their rejection of the motion backing Asian students is surely symptomatic of the poor intellectual standard of the present S.R.C. Little wonder that not one person in ten here at this University is vaguely interested in what motion the S.R.C. passes or rejects, and, indeed, it is doubtful if you could find one person in five who thinks that the S.R.C. isn't largely a waste of time (as can be seen from the number of people who DON'T vote in the S.R.C. elections).

S.R.C., awake! Look to your laurels! Show us that you serve some constructive purpose apart from organising dances, which any social committee can do, before you become as dated as the League of Nations.—
Yours faithfully,
BOBBY ROBERTSON.

I STRONGLY DISAGREE

Sir/Madam,—I write to strongly criticise the way you have dealt with the N.U.A.U.S. motion the S.R.C. recently considered at its lunch-hour meeting. As I am writing in a personal capacity, I will not say anything about the article that appears on page 1. (Let the S.R.C. secretary write on this matter on the S.R.C.'s behalf, if it so decides.)

It is G.C.'s "Editorial" which, as an S.R.C. member who voted against this motion, I find most annoying. Her distortion of the motion and the facts contained therein leaves me amazed. As pointed out on page 1 of "On Dit," it was the last two clauses which caused concern at the S.R.C. meeting, viz., "even where this means they must necessarily work for national independence by peaceful means in the first two cases."

Three points stand out: First. Some members of the S.R.C. queried the direct relation, indicated in the motion, between the attempts of students to attain full educational opportunities on the one hand, and national independence on the other. Some felt that the relation was by no means as close as indicated by this motion. G.C. conveniently omits this viewpoint.

Secondly, as pointed out in "What is N.U.A.U.S.?" N.U.A.U.S. is a STRICTLY non-political . . . organisation." I, for one, and some councillors evidently agree with me, do not consider that this motion is strictly non-political. With it on the "books," N.U.A.U.S. could very easily be forced to support, or at least be involved in, a political question.

Thirdly, however, the thing which caused most concern was the very last clause, "by peaceful means in the first two cases." G.C. again conveniently

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

leaves this out altogether from her editorial. This I consider is gross misrepresentation of the facts. This is the reason why I personally voted against this motion. What of the third case—totalitarian areas? The motion not only allows, but could be considered to encourage, the use of means other than peaceful in these areas. In other words, N.U.A.U.S. could well find itself compelled to encourage and support the use of force by students in some countries. This, as a constituent of N.U.A.U.S., Adelaide S.R.C. was sensibly loathe to support.

No doubt a little of what G.C. says is correct as far as it goes, but a consideration of all the facts (which G.C. omits) leaves the S.R.C. completely exonerated.

To any reasonable person the action of the Council must appear only logical, sensible, and correct. Admittedly, it is a cautious line which the S.R.C. has adopted, but as pointed out above, such a treatment of this matter was not only sane, but necessary.

These are the main reasons only why I feel compelled to protest against G.C.'s "Editorial." Was she so unconvinced of her own convictions that she daren't air them except under the initials G.C.? Why not at this S.R.C. meeting?—I remain, yours sincerely,
JOHN G. JENKIN.

May we point out to Mr. Jenkin that an Editorial expresses opinions, and is not a factual report. This report appeared on page 1.

For the enlightenment of Mr. Jenkin, the initials "G.C." stand for co-editor of "On Dit" Gillian Cashmore.—Ed.

ALL PRAISE TO G.C.

Dear Sir,—At last G.C., in her Editorial in the April 2 "On Dit," has had the moral courage to break away from the middle of the road, wishy-washy attitudes that are symptomatic of the apathetic approach and gutless thinking that permeates the University, and prevents a positive approach to any controversial subject. Let's be careful, let's not commit ourselves, let's not show that we wish other students to have the same opportunities as ourselves, let's not let others live! This appears to be the attitude of the S.R.C. God help the University at large if it degenerates to this level of thinking.

Some students appear to condone imperialism. Is force to be met with force, or are students' opportunities in some countries to be crushed by oppression? Would they be prepared to have their educational privileges taken away by a force without retaliating—be realistic! Let's not quibble that N.U.A.U.S. is a non-political organisation. This does not stop it passing an opinion on a political subject. It does, however, provide the Adelaide

S.R.C. with a convenient excuse to put into effect its spineless policy. All praise to G.C. Wake up, you angry young men, and show that we are not frightened of radical opinions, not frightened to support them, that we are not yet devoid of all moral courage.

I. A. HARMSTORFF.

AS I SEE IT

A "budding" soap-box orator asks "On Dit," dated April 2, 1958, "Are You Naive?"

- Our aims are:
- 1.—To educate the innocent.
 - 2.—To provide an unbiased atmosphere.
 - 3.—A roof without beams for the squeamish who dislike Botanic Park on wet Sunday afternoons, who feel they need an outlet.
 - 4.—To generally liven up."

This is a faithful extract, with unimportant omissions, from the article of the new "independent" club, and I understand its nucleus consists of "promising" female undergraduates. Its first meeting promises to be a riot. By the way, I forgot to mention it is supposed to be a political club, but I will leave my remarks as to its fallacies to the future—that is, if they introduce politics.

ANALYST.

FRUSTRATED MISGUIDED

Dear Sir,—Since coming to this University, all of my noblest illusions have been shattered. Last week the last of them, my firm belief in the moral uprightness of the E.U., was smashed.

There appeared on one of the notice boards outside the refectory last week a notice with the word "sex" in foot-high capitals, and then, underneath in small writing, "a talk; bring your problem along. 1.20, L.S. Hall."

Hundreds of frustrated and misguided adolescents crowded the Lady Symon where, to their horror and indignation, they received (by a very sexy missionary) a diatribe on the Bible.

Had the E.U. actually put up a fake notice to trap the erring to listen to this? The fact that they have not denied this leads me to this woeful conclusion. Sir, I demand an explanation.

"INDIGNANT AND FRUSTRATED ATHEIST."

YOUR EXPLANATION

Dear Sir,—The Evangelical Union Committee wishes to make it known that the E.U. was in no way connected with the displaying of notices by an alleged "Eugenics Society" on Thursday, March 27, advertising a "meeting" to be held at the same time and place as an E.U. address by the Rev. A. L. Burrow.—
Yours faithfully,
G. MOSELEY, Pub. Off. (pro E.U. Committee).



Several of the nondescripts that attended "Birdland"

COLD SHOULDER

Dear Madam and Sir,—During the course of his lecture on the "International Geophysical Year" in the first Union Night, Dr. Elford gave warm praise to the enthusiasm and vigilance of scientists all over the world, who had been enduring much physical hardship and personal sacrifice so that the frontiers of human knowledge might be extended. As the words echoed round the virtually empty Mawson Theatre, the irony of the situation struck painfully home!

All of us will agree that the University is a seat of higher learning, and that University students are SUPPOSED to be filled with an insatiable hunger for wisdom and knowledge. Yet only about 20 out of the 5,000 students in this University were keen enough to attend a lecture on a topic of current and history-making importance, given by an expert intimately connected with the I.G.Y. Surely that was a very poor show, by any standards!

Union Night is one of the most interesting and informative functions of the University. Considerable expenses are incurred in getting leading speakers from interstate. By not attending these lectures we are throwing our own money away, and at the same time committing a great discourtesy to our guest speakers who, I am sure, will always remember the cold shoulder they received here with a bitter taste in their mouths. I am particularly shocked by the poor attendance of S.R.C. Councillors at the last meeting. We can't very well criticise the apathy of the students when at these functions the S.R.C. is so conspicuous by its absence.

In closing, I would like to make a strong appeal to students. Please find some time from your balls, dances, films, and meetings on sex, etc., to support worthwhile functions like the Union Nights. Surely that is not too much to ask of a University student. Or is it?—
Yours in frustration,
LEE YEE CHEONG.

THE INK STINKS

Dear Sir,—South Australia is booming. The Government has tabled the Murray Report. The University occupies the centre spread of the popular press with quite monotonous regularity, and a new Union Hall is nearly here. The refectory is larger, a new tower will soon disrupt the skyline

ENGINEERS!

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INTERSTATE ENGINEERING STUDENTS

will be coming to the Symposium in the first week of the vac. (May 26-30).

You can help them and become an Engineer — as distinct from the common Uni. Student — by having one in your home for those days, and coming to the Symposium with them.

Your help can make this the best all-Australian meeting of Engineering students ever.

Please see the Civil Engineering Secretary or the SRC Secretary right away, and tell them you can billet one of our visitors.

near the refectory. Progress!

But walk into the Barr Smith Library and write a few words. Inevitably your pen runs out, and what happens? You look for the ink, if you're a fresher. If not, then you gnash your teeth and commence a long, dreary trek to the S.R.C. office. If you're lucky, there's a suspicious looking liquid there, thankfully accepted as ink, foreign bodies and all.

N.U.A.U.S., S.R.C., all represent the interests of the students (see last two "On Dits"). So what about a goodwill gesture and "ink wells, full, in the Barr Smith"? — Yours faithfully,
INK SPOT.

BAGS IN SACKS!

Dear Sir,—Further to "The Ratraps," "On Dit," 2/4/58, might I say that I am horrified at the great influx of prudish female freshers. These inhibited and insipid women are undoubtedly excellent material for the SCIAES, but it's morale-shattering to find that this year's "passing parade" contains too many with figures like hysteresis curves and statistics that a telephone pole could rival.

I've even seen bags in "sacks"!

Those who are different insist on necklines which finish at the Adam's apple. Where are the plunging necklines of yesteryear? — the ones that ceased to be a neckline, and were all plunge? Mr. Editor, you've got to do something, as I'm sure the Government won't. — Yours hopefully,

J.X.S.—vW MK II.

I agree with you. I've joined the Naval Cadets.—
Ed.

FRESHERS, GO HOME!

I must say, irrespective of what others think, that freshers are NOT welcome. If possible, this year's intake is even less interesting than last year's. Some club with a shred of honesty remaining should hold a "Freshers GO HOME" meeting. However, for those who would survive this event I give this little advice: Be careful what clubs you join. At the end of the year you may find yourselves members of a seriously active group which could well impede you in the social climb.

Why, even our distinguished Vice-Chancellor, who has spent so much of his time warning students of the pitfalls of 'Varsity life, appears to have discovered a practical illustration. You see, it pays to be careful.

Note the case also of the ex-Bonython Professor of Law, Bunny Blackburn, who was last week locked (accidentally) in the cells of the Adelaide Police Court, all of which goes to show that culture can only be acquired by personal experience.

It seems as though, in this era of specialisation, that nothing is sacred. The social climbers have even resorted to making themselves conspicuous by holding rowdy political meetings.

"Here social eagles, chattering in flocks, Have quit their lonely eyries on the rocks For farmyard barns, the synagogues of owls, And hutches whitened by the dung of fowls.

LES FORMIDABLES

WATCH FOR "VARSITY."

Jazz Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide University Jazz Club was held in the George Murray Lounge on Thursday April 3. Business of the meeting was the presentation of the reports for 1957 and the election of the new committee.

Last year's success was outlined by the secretary in his report: the three big concerts, the dances in the Lady Symon Hall, and the weekly seminar courses being his illustration of the wide scope of the club's 1957 activities. It was felt that much had been achieved towards fulfilling the club's ideal of establishing and developing an intelligent appreciation of jazz in the University. The club's new system of membership—a limited number of people who answer to the requirements of the committee, and who have certain privileges—was found to be successful, and will be continued in 1958.

In a very brief speech, the outgoing treasurer, Mr. Rodney Porter, announced that the club funds for the beginning of the year were over £60, compared with £15 at the same time in 1957, and £5 in 1956, which shows quite clearly the increasing popularity of jazz. It is understood that some

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books on the subject of jazz are to be purchased with the idea of building up a library for club members.

COMMITTEE

The new committee, as elected at the A.G.M., consists of:

President: Mal Wilkinson, part-time Economics student, and trombonist leader of the University Jazz Band.

Secretary: Colin Nettlebeck, third year Arts student, late pianist of the U.J.B.

Treasurer: John Melville, final year Law, trumpeter of the U.J.B.

And Rod Porter, Robin Storer, David Goldsworthy, Jim Crawford, Alec Hyslop, Brian Gorman (freshers' rep.), and Josephine Rankine.

If you are interested in the club, see these people, or drop a note in the secretary's pigeon-hole. Also watch the notice boards for coming activities.

HISTORY AND POLITICS CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the above society was held on Friday, March 28 in the Chapman Lecture Theatre.

The club wishes to fulfil the same functions as the French and Literary Clubs do in their respective fields. A committee has been elected and a constitution drawn up. Membership is free and open

Carnegie

Newness was the keynote of the Carnegie Freshers' Welcome on March 28.

Firstly, it was held in the Society's new room above the new Union offices. Secondly, two of the works played date from the present decade—"My Spare Lady" and the Hoffnung Festival. Even the third work, Dvorak's "New World" Symphony, fitted in with the spirit of the meeting.

Most important was the Society's brand new radiogram, which aroused the interest of all present. This valuable machine is a gift from the German Government, and is complete with "all mod. cons."

With all these features, needless to say, the Welcome was a success, although some eloquent persuasion from the treasurer was needed to get membership fees as the traditional and systematic plundering, which had occurred at earlier Welcomes, had left the freshers short of funds.

to all students of History and Politics. Associate members are accepted from any faculty. It is hoped to hold discussion groups in the near future, to which all students are invited to attend. The club is under the twin patronage of the Professors of History and Politics, with Ian Harmstorff as Chairman and Meredith Sykes as Secretary.

Wholly set up and printed in Australia by E. J. McAlister and Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide, and published by the Adelaide University Students' Representative Council.



HIYA SQUARE

SCIENCE TIE CONTEST

For many years now the Science Association has been lacking a tie. This year we are trying to do something about it. Both to find the interest in a tie and to get a good design the Science Association is sponsoring the above contest.

If you, as a science stu-

dent, feel that the Association should have a tie or that you have a good design for a tie, make a rough sketch of it, and place it in the "H" pigeon-hole in the George Murray building straight away. Contest closes on April 23. You could win yourself a free ticket to the Science Ball. Association colors are accepted as black and gold, those of

the badge, but this is not essential.

If the response to this contest is good, and sufficient people express their wish to have a tie, we will have one for you by the beginning of second term. Remember, the fate of the Science tie depends on you. Put your entries in before April 23, or if you haven't a design, put in a note to the effect that you would like to have one. DO IT NOW!

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY SQUADRON



R.A.A.F.

The Adelaide University Squadron, formed in 1950, is a Citizen Air Force Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The Squadron is a training unit for students attending the University, the School of Mines or the Teachers' College who wish to gain a commission in the RAAF. After a two year period with the Squadron as Officer Cadets, they are graduated to the General Reserve with the rank of Pilot Officer—except for Medical Officers, who take the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

While a Cadet in the AUS one receives all the privileges of an officer; for example, he "lives in" at the Officers' Mess on Air Force Stations, and is given first class travel when on Air Force business.

A Cadet is required 28 days' service in each of the two years that he is attached to the Squadron. 14

days of this is taken in the 21 day May or August vacation, as continuous training, and the rest is made up by Home Training parades. These include weekly parades on Tuesday evenings between 6.30 p.m. and 9 p.m., some of these are compulsory, and others (especially near examination times in third term) are voluntary; special duty at the Air Pageant on Air Force Day; a week-end bivouac and survival course; and a camp at which gliding instruction is given by the Adelaide Soaring Club.

Pay is at the rate of £1/5/6 per day (£1/9/4 if the Cadet is over 21 years of age) and to this can be added other allowances, giving the Cadet, in all, approximately £50 per annum.

Squadron training is allied as closely as possible to the Cadet's University course. The Squadron

has flights in Medical (inc. Dentistry and Pharmacy); Equipment and Accounting; Administrative; Technical (Engineering); Works (Civil Engineering and Architecture); and Radio, Radar and Signals.

Members of the Squadron who have been balloted to do National Service Training may expect to have their Service deferred until the completion of their University course, when they will be expected to do the complete period at an Air Force establishment as an Officer doing work allied as closely as possible to their degree.

The Squadron does its best to assist the individual Cadet in his University Course, since the RAAF believes that a Cadet's first responsibility is to obtain a good degree at the University. To this end, Squadron timetables and training commitments are arranged so that

the individual Cadet suffers the least possible interference with his course. Special arrangements can be made to suit individuals.

Admission to the Squadron is not difficult. Applicants are merely required to meet a standard of medical fitness at an examination given by the Air Force, and to be interviewed by a selection committee.

The Commanding Officer (Squadron-Leader K. C. Andrews) of the Squadron at 155 Barton Terrace, North Adelaide, (Telephone M 9282) will be glad to discuss conditions of service at any time; and so will any other member of the Squadron. Application forms may be obtained at the above address, from the Recruiting Centre at 97 Currie Street, or from the SRC Office.

APPLICATIONS FOR 1958 ENTRY CLOSE ON MAY 9TH

THE WOMEN SHOW HOW

BACK PAGE SPORT SPOT

ROWING IS HERE

The Australian Universities' Boat Race, for the Oxford and Cambridge cup, is to be rowed over 3 miles at Port Adelaide this year.

The Adelaide University Boat Club started training for this race early in February. There are now a first and second training eight. Because of the high standard of both crews, there is still much speculation as to who will be selected for the first eight, to be finalised soon.

REGATTA

The A.U.B.C. have just held one of the most successful regattas that have been rowed on the Torrens, due mostly to the unlimited efforts of Alex Russell.

The first VIII rowed in the Senior Eights championships at the Metropolitan Regatta last Saturday. Results were not at hand as this issue went to press.

Table-Tennis

The University Table Tennis Club has again entered three men's and one women's team in the S.A.T.T.A. winter competition.

The matches will commence on April 28.

The club practices are held regularly of a Saturday morning in the Uni. boatshed, commencing at 10.15 a.m.

Functions planned this year include the annual University tournament, conducted during second term, and the Intersvarsity competition, held this year in Brisbane in the Second Vacation.

Having won the Szabado Cup for Intersvarsity last year, Adelaide is anxious to field a team strong enough to retain it.



Drinks are served, during the last Intersvarsity in Adelaide, to, from Left: Jan Snowden, Jane Wholahan (Sydney Capt.), and Barbara Orchard.

ORIENTEERING— A new sport

If you wish to keep fit during winter, or want to take up an interesting sport which will get you fit, try the new sport of Orienteering.

Briefly speaking, Orienteering is cross-country running using maps and compass to find the way. It normally takes place in rugged, hilly country, unknown to the competitors.

The S.A. Orienteering Club, formed in 1956, conducts trials about once every three weeks, usually of a Sunday afternoon, starting and finishing at one of the many Youth Hostels in the Adelaide hills.

COMPETITORS

Competitors include some of S.A.'s better known athletes, as well as members of some of the larger youth groups of Adelaide. Several University students, not members of the Aths. Club, have taken part. A num-

ber of women take part in each trial.

The competitor leaves the starting point with the map reference and a brief description of the first control, endeavoring to reach it in the shortest time possible. This he does by combining his running ability with his accuracy with map and compass. His choice of route can either win or lose the event.

At Control 1 he receives further instructions, and thus passes through four or five control points before returning to the starting/finishing point.

Competitors run individually, starting off a couple of minutes apart, the one taking shortest overall time being the winner. The course varies in length from three to seven miles.

ORIGIN

Orienteering originated in the Scandinavian countries, where it is a most popular outdoor activity. Sweden alone has about 1,500 clubs, with some 250,000 competing athletes. National championships and international competitions are held regularly.

The sport was introduced to S.A. by Mr. L. Jarver, of the National Fitness Council, who is also a prominent S.A. athletics coach. Since its introduction here it has slowly grown, two State championships already having been conducted. An interstate competition is being planned for later this season.

Here is your chance to

HONOURS TO CRICKET CLUB

"Womens cricket?" say the sceptics, both men and women. "Women can't play cricket". This has been, and still is, the attitude of many of the ignorant.

In spite of this, women have continued to play, some of them very well indeed, as was seen in Adelaide recently in the third test against England.

Although the University Women's Cricket Club is only a small one, its members are very keen, and a successful season has just been concluded. The team finished third in Division I after a bad start, due to lack of practice and to exams.

INTERVARSITY

The highlight of the season was, as usual, the Intersvarsity contest, held in Sydney. For the first time, a Melbourne team took part.

Adelaide, by defeating Sydney outright, and losing to Melbourne on the first innings, retained the trophy, and reign as champions for yet another year. The match between Melbourne and Sydney resulted in a first innings win to Sydney.

For the first time, a combined Universities

team was chosen to play a N.S.W. State XI, five Adelaide players gaining selection, viz., Barbara Orchard, Val Bungay, Rosemary Kay, Jan Snowden, and Sally Harrington (12th).

The combined team, with only two interstate players, went down to the strong N.S.W. team, making 99, to 8 for 250 (dec.).

TEST PLAYER

The club was very proud of Barbara Orchard, who played in three matches against the Englishwomen, representing S.A. in a match at Mount Gambier, and winning the Australian blazer in the first and second Test matches in Sydney and Melbourne.

Two other University players, Judy Farmer and Sally Harrington, have been named in a South

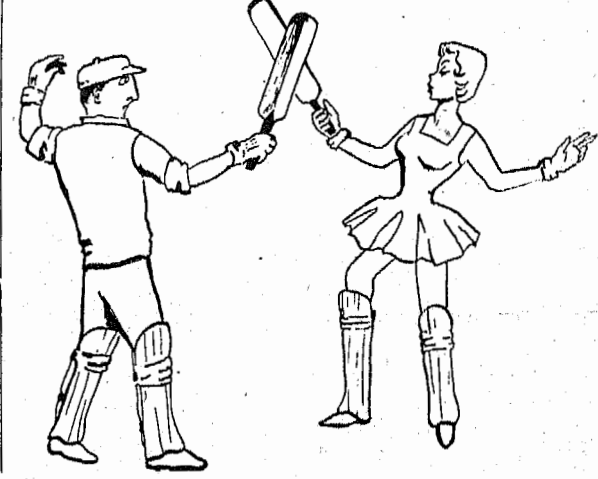
Australian team to tour New Zealand next year.

NEXT SEASON

The girls are eagerly looking forward to next season, when Intersvarsity will be held here. By then, they hope, numbers will have increased by the influx of freshers and others who would like to take up a new and interesting activity.

Most new recruits have not played the game before, and can bear in mind that there is no reason why women should not be just as good at cricket as they are at tennis, swimming, or to take perhaps a better example, fencing.

After all, if batting at its best is a thing of grace, perfect timing, rhythm, and flowing action, it should come as easy to some women as it does to many men.



COPY

Sports copy will close next Wednesday, April 23.

Club secretaries or correspondents are asked to write articles NEATLY, on one side of paper, and submit to Sports Editor, c/o S.R.C. office.

WEIGHTLIFTING

The weight lifting club is now on the ground floor of the Pavilion. It seems that it will now have a permanent place for its activities.

For those who do not know, here is all the information required:

Firstly, there are three categories of members:

(a) Those interested in weight lifting as a sport.

(b) Those interested in body building.

(c) Those requiring strengthening exercises for sports such as judo, football, etc.

All the sporting clubs are provided for in the way of suitable exercises. Each set has been proved to be of great value, and is now in use all over the world.

The club's thanks are given to T. Cohen, of the Melbourne Uni. Weightlifting Club, for his interest in promoting the schemes.

try something different. Orienteering is a pleasant pastime, which will put you into the best of condition. Those interested are asked to contact either Mr. Jarver (c/o National Fitness Council) or the Sports Editor, both of whom will be only too pleased to give further information.

Those whose sports occupy the summer could do a great deal for themselves by doing work with weights during the winter.

Training is held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, any time throughout the day, but generally from about 5 p.m. onwards.

JUDO TRAINING UNDER WAY

The Judo Club has now entered a boistrous third year at the University; due mainly to its Secretary and Coach.

At present play is held on Friday afternoon from 5 p.m. onwards, and on Wednesday at lunch time—for newcomers. Headquarters in the University boatshed, across the Torrens, is ideal.

At the moment there is a move to establish a women's club. No doubt that will eventuate when the new Union building is finished.

Judo offers you an ideal opportunity to become fast on your feet, and strong. In a few months you'll be able to move with snake-like speed, in short, you'll be fit.

At the moment the veteran members of the club are training for the Intersvarsity, which will be held in Melbourne this year. Coach J. Klemp has the team well in hand.

Those who are interested in the club should join immediately, since we can only take a certain number of players.

STOP-PRESS

Entries for the Handicap Sports Day next Wednesday may be made on notices pinned up near public telephone outside refectory. These entries will close soon so HURRY UP.

★ SPORTS DAYS

UNI. CHAMPIONSHIPS, APR. 30

— Trophies for all event winners.

— Entry forms on new notice board at west end of cloisters.

HANDICAP MEETING, NEXT WED.

— Generous handicaps; prizes for first and second.

— ENTER ON THE DAY.