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## Address Follows Lunch, at a Distance.

THE Union Club ran a luncheon, and an address by Mr. E. W. Holden, last week. The luncheon got off to a fair start, but the address left the barrier very late.

First of all, it was scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Later the time was changed to 1.15. Later it was still later. The barrier did not actually go up for Mr. Holden until 1.35.

It was pathetic to see the extreme suffering of students condemned to do nothing but eat for thirty-five minutes. This may have accounted for the lethargic way in which they applauded the various speakers, except when it was suggested that no work should be done in the afternoons.

This proposal met with rousing reception, one enthusiast cheering so loudly that he was almost asphyxiated by part of a pie, which took the wrong turning.

The Union Club provided some slight diversion by having a photograph of those at the head table taken. The chief speaker tried to look as though he were speaking, and the others as though they were enjoying themselves listening.

But the way in which the eyes of some blinked towards the dinners waiting for them destroyed any belief that they were listening to anything but the cries of pies and the tongues of sheep.

Mr. Holden's speech was advertised as "University Men in Commerce." The chairman announced it as "A corporate spirit in the University." The connection was hard to see, but Mr. Holden came to the rescue in fine style, and gave us a bit about both.

He said the fostering of a corporate University life would knock the corners off our men, and make them less like fish out of water when they got into the

## Teachers' College has Its Annual Ball.

THE Teachers' College annual ball at the Palais Royal on Friday was a huge success, and more than justified all the expectations and excitement that preceded it (which were considerable).

The women are agreed on one point at least (no remarks, thanks!)—that it was worth all the time and money (both very important items at the College) which they expended on their "outward trappings." In fact, Lady Kitty had a busy time describing the "frockage." It's a pity we haven't space to give detailed descriptions of what was—or was *not*—worn.

With the men supper was, some say, the most important event of the evening. Feeding-time at Wirth's Circus was nothing compared with the spectacle of "men eating food" (as a certain Prof. would say).

Perhaps it wouldn't be fair to mention the star performer in this "turn"; but your first guess will probably be right. You should have seen that table when the lights went on. It groaned beneath the weight, not of "cakes and dainties," but of receptacles which once had held them.

What did the waitress say? Never you mind!

To put it briefly, we chased the glowing hours till 1 a.m.; after which we chased the Yellows.

And everyone who was there is still talking about the great and gorgeous time which was had by all.

hurly-burly of every-day life. Which is even so, my brothers.

Mr. Andersen thanked Mr. Holden very graciously. This really was well done, except that it was all in one key.

Our musical correspondent suggested it must have been D flat. But you don't want to take any notice of him.

## Varsity Football Matches.

Varsity A football team met St. Augustine's for the second time on their ground on Saturday, and won, 19—24 to 13—8.

The team showed poor form till half-time, when it was two goals behind, but in the second half it showed its true form, and won easily. There was a great improvement in the passing of the team, and the forward play was much better than it has been this season. But there are still too many going up for marks and spoiling one another.

Sangster, Hone, Seppelt, and Smith did what they liked in the rucks, and all marked and kicked well. Richards, McPherson, and Larkin played well in the back lines.

Evans was easily the pick of the centre line. Abbott and Schulz roved well, and with the resting rucks did well in the forward lines.

Goalkickers.—Hone (6), Seppelt and Abbott (each 4), Sangster (2), Smith, Finlayson, and F. W. Mitchell (each 1).

Varsity B lost to St. Peter's Old Collegians. Scores.—10—10 to 12—10.

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## Dance Club Revels on 12th July.

The Varsity Dance Club will hold its annual ball on Friday week. The revels will go on until 1.30 p.m. It is whispered amongst the cognoscenti (Professor, sir, what is a cognoscenti?) that the cuisine will be excellent.

Non-members' tickets cost 6s. 6d. each. Members will receive invitations on payment of the annual sub. of 24s. 6d. Members may bring partners on payment of 3s. Invitations may be obtained from the committee.

Though the Canti film had been shown Medical students at the B.M.A. conversazione recently, Meds. came in full force to see the film in the Physics Theatre on Friday. Now, just what were the Meds. interested in at the conversazione?

## Lacrosse Fast and Even.

Varsity A lacrosse team had a bye on Saturday, but several members turned out to a strenuous practice.

The B's had a fast and good match against the strong North team, and until half-time play and scores were even. In the second half North, with some rather lucky goals, drew ahead, and won by 13 goals to 6. Varsity goals were thrown by Lawrence (5) and Gillette. Best players were Lawrence, Bonnin, Gillette, Harbison, and Adcock.

The C1 team beat a strengthened West Torrens team in a very fast game, 9—7; but the C2 team was beaten, 11—4, by Goodwood, runners-up to the C1 team, which is top.

The C Graders got as much fun, if not a good deal more, out of their games than the A's and B's. Their enthusiasm is tremendous, vocally and otherwise—as much vocally as otherwise. The C1's have now played and beaten all the teams in their grade, scoring 155 goals against 32, which is fair enough.

Goalthrowers on Saturday for the C1 team were Russell (3), Abbott and Vincent (each 2), Todd and Haslam (each 1). Best players were Russell, Abbott, Barker, and Pedler.

For the C2's the goalthrowers were Colebatch (2), Burnard and Luxmore (each 1). Best players were Luxmore, Colebatch, and Dowie.

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## Invitation to One and All.

St. Mark's will put on two one-act plays at the end of the term—A. A. Milne's "Wurzel Flummery" and W. W. Jacobs's "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler." The plays are primarily for private execution in the common-room; but the College is quite willing to give the University at large a chance to see its efforts, if so desired. The College desires no thanks. It's just born generous.



## Baseballers Have Two Wins.

Varsity won both its A and B Grade baseball matches on Saturday. The A's beat West Torrens 3-2, after an exciting game, and the B's had an easy win over Y.M.C.A.

West Torrens did not score in either of their first two innings. In our second innings we scored two, mainly as the result of fielding errors. We added another in our third, Wilcher and Pellew making nice hits. We were shut out after this innings. Torrens scored one run in each of the fourth and fifth innings. Bayly pitched well. Twice Torrens had bags full, but steady work by Bayly was mainly responsible for holding down their scores. Our fielding was slightly better than it has been, but the batting was weak.

Safe-hitters—Power (2), Wilcher and Pellew (each 1).

The B's beat Y.M.C.A. 10-3. We scored five runs in our first innings, and four in our fourth. Although safe hits were scarce, errors on the part of the Y.M.C.A. battery were plentiful. Heaslip reproduced his inter-varsity form as a pedestrian, receiving three walks in five times at bat. Cooper did well on the initial sack. Jolly hit three safeties on three times at bat. Newman was the only other safe-hitter.

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## Law v. Medicine Match.

The Law Students' Society has challenged the Medical Students' Society to a lacrosse match. The contest, which will be to the death, will be played on the Varsity Oval on Wednesday, 10th July.

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## Shakespeare at a Glance.

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 Hamlet's famous soliloquy ? ? X ? ?

## College Football A's Lose.

The College A football team were beaten by Kingswood, 13-10 to 10-10, on Saturday. The effects of the College ball were marked. The team was very sluggish. Rabone, Day, and Yeates were among the few who played up to form. Batt was the best of the forwards, kicking five goals, but the absence of Downs was noticeable.

The B's played Immanuel College, and won, 11-16 to 11-8. Pearson, after roving well for the first half, was unable to take the field after half-time. Eysers and Cranston in ruck, and Tucker at centre, were conspicuous. The goal-kickers were Jeffery (6), Cranston (3), Pearson, and Harper (each 1).

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## More A.T.C. Hockey Victories.

Saturday's games failed to relieve the monotony of A.T.C.'s unbroken hockey record in A and B Grades. The A's beat Wirrawarra 4-2, and the B's beat Varsity B's, 6-0.

The A's seemed to enjoy themselves, the centre-half especially forgetting where she was, and trying to raise a smoke-screen between herself and her opponent. Later on she refused to play in the field, but stood outside, and hooked at the ball for dear life till she finally pulled it out of the field, yelling "Hooray" the while.

The centre-forward, not content with having already shot two goals, set out for the goal once more. The opposing half-back got in her way, but what of it? She went straight on regardless, and hit a splendid goal, putting College well ahead—4-2—just before the bell.

C's did break their record—they beat Heathpool, 3-1.

St. Andrew's Walking Club successfully crossed Mount Lofty summit without the aid of ropes or guides, and then went on to Bridgewater, swinging golf clubs at intervals.

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## About the Canti Phantasy.

A very large assemblage of Varsity celebrities (yes, we were there) congregated in the Physics Theatre on Friday to see the extraordinary microscopic film of the activity of the cell. It would have been a sell (sorry—unintentional) if the chromoblasts had refused to manoeuvre and gobble up each other.

Everyone managed to pack into the room, from the Chancellor, sitting with the vice-regal party within the chancel rails of turkey twill, to gaudy Goodie g—ushering.

Never was there such an intellectual gathering before, what with the denizens of the Darling and the cynics of Science, and all the rest. (Yes, we were there).

It was good to see the great interest shown in the film, which should do much to stimulate the progress of cancer research and radium treatment.

At first one thought it was a nightmare when intoxicated bugs seemed to emanate from a weird asterisk-like mass of fluff. Then these bug cells had some futuristic fights, and disintegrated and formed more fighting units. One wonders how it would feel to have a cell separation frustrated within oneself.

The deadening effect of radium on cells was very vivid. No wonder its potency is highly valued.

It should have been used to exterminate those microbes who came into the theatre late, and threw light on the subject.

Well, it was a very fine film, though the plot was rather complicated and there didn't seem to be a love interest. But the acting was magnificent.

We feel sure that if the film had been a talkie we could have told which cells were good and which malignant, just by their voices.

There was a young fellow named Goudie,

Whose coat was most wondrously gaudy.

He said, "will you please

Neither chatter nor sneeze;

In moments like this, don't be rowdy."

## Let us Have Light.

SOMEONE signing himself "Bill Muggins" (which we suspect to be an assumed name) pleads for a bigger and brighter University. He writes:—

"Let us have brighter Commems.; brighter seating accommodation in the Prince of Wales (Yatala chapel is no worse); brighter lectures, with typed notes provided. And give us a little light round the University at night.

From North Terrace the Varsity looks like a dim, religious convent, with a secret entrance. We have lights on the flagpole for functions for outsiders, but for the rest of the year we have to grope our way over pebbles and through puddles—curse it!

"Every pathway here should be lit at night. Why must I creep round in the dark like Bill Sykes to reach the motor-bike shed, merely because there are no lectures in My Darling or Ford's factory, and consequently no light?

"If I choose to dine in the disinfectory, knowing it to be open till 7 p.m., why should I have to feel my way down with the careless grace of a circus elephant, instead of being able to see?

"There are four lights on the steps and one on a pole. Surely the caretaker does not decide whether they shall be on or off. I have already missed two of the steps in immediate succession. I did not miss the third, but I should have preferred to hit it with some other part of my anatomy.

"A perfectly good (sometimes) telephone is made practically useless if the Conserv. isn't working.

"Well, the Ragge can't help this, but it can at least air our opinions. And these are mine."

(Yes, we know it doesn't rhyme properly. But it started off as blank verse.)



## Women Argue, as Usual.

A vast crowd of some six or seven members attended a meeting of the Women's Debating Club on Friday night. This number did not include the speakers. Mounted police kept the crowd in order, and they filed respectfully four abreast into the common-room. Here, they almost succeeded in filling the four armchairs and one of the settees.

Then followed an exciting match of Home Rule for India. This game is played with six speakers, a chairman, and a judge. Among the speakers present were:—Affirmative—W. Bleby, B. Lyn, and J. Campbell; Negative—H. Moyse, E. McDonnell, and P. Taylor.

The best speaker for the evening was Miss McDonnell, who gained 24 points out of 25.

No reputations were lost except those of England and India, the former being represented as a tyrant of unspeakable cruelty, and the latter as a seething mass of half wits, whose morality consisted of grabbing everything for themselves and living by a complicated system of bribery.

India, at the end of all the argument, was denied Home Rule; and the Chingers carried off the victory.

Our last impression of the meeting was the homely scene of very sleepy students curled up in armchairs and gorging biscuits and sponge cake.

The caretaker declared the meeting closed.

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## C.U. Welcome to "Jonah."

The C.U. will give a whale of a welcome to "Jonah" (otherwise the Rev. H. Cunliffe Jones), travelling secretary of the A.S.C.M., in the Lady Symon Building on Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

The C.U. will have a Men's Week-end Conference at Old Oxford House, Brighton, on 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th July. "Christianity and Social Unrest" will be the subject for discussion.

## Loud Cries for Help.

IF we may say a few words about ourselves? Thank you.

The new Ragge comes our every Tuesday at noon. After that time it is obtainable at the front office, the Refectory, the Union secretary's office, and from various people at various places (to be specified in detail later) at the Teachers' College.

Last week we mentioned light-heartedly that we could do with a little co-operation from all and sundry. We feel just the same about it this week; and we need your help just as much. You can help in two ways—by buying the Ragge regularly (which of course you will do) and by sending in ideas and suggestions and contributions.

Some people (heaven bless them) have sent ideas and contributions already. Let us hear from you.

The box in the front office, marked "R," still yawns wide and greedily.

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## Pity the Poor Rising Generation.

Law and Art students will say this and that about the poor foreigner at a meeting of the Varsity Literary and Debating Society in the Lady Symon Building at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, when they will debate whether he should be pitied or not.

At the same meeting men's and women's teams will decide, for the benefit of the public generally, whether one can have any faith in the rising generation. If it is decided that one cannot, the rising generation will be expected to do the decent thing, and cease to rise any further.

In the movie world, if you say someone is "going Hollywood," you mean that Hollywood is casting a spell over him. A sinister newspaper heading last week said, "Women May Go Bald Soon."

## On Food and Music.

A correspondent writes (almost illegibly):—

"IN view of the imminence of the University ball and the Dance Club ball, may I plead that suppers be not served as in 1928 functions, i.e., everyone grabs a dish of something and decamps on chairs to some obscure corner with half a dozen lads and lasses, to eat crayfish and fruit salad and cake with his fingers in barbaric fashion.

"And half the congregation go hungry because they do not behave like—well, animals.

"Committees would do well to think deeply over orchestras, for music is the essence of dancing.

"The programme of the 1928 Varsity ball could easily have had 50 per cent. more dances included. Believe me, it is jolly boring to have to spend up to half an hour, just talking, with some people."

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### **St. Mark's Blames Democracy.**

Mr. C. Harding Brown enlightened St. Mark's College on Australia's fiscal evils on 27th June. The College decided the financial state of South Australia is rotten—the situation being due in the main to democracy; and then applied itself to the more satisfactory task of considering the master's excellent supper.

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Messrs. Brown and Corbin, of St. Mark's, are seriously ill.

The Commerce Students' Association committee will meet on Wednesday to discuss an Association trip to an industrial centre—probably the Vacuum Oil Company's works at Birkenhead.

The Rev. H. Cunliffe Jones, travelling secretary of the A.S.C.M., will address a men's midday meeting on Friday, at 1.20 p.m., in the Maths. Theatre.

## And the Petrol Exploded.

At the last meeting of the Law Student's Society was argued a problem so abstruse that not even those who were arguing about it were quite sure what it was all about. But no matter.

The problem, set and adjudicated by Professor Campbell, was all about some petrol which was thought to be kerosene, but wasn't, with the result that it exploded and damaged a horse owned by a man named Smith, who sued someone named Jones, and a company as well, trying to get damages, mind you; and do you think he was really entitled to them, or who was responsible?

After counsel had spoken—and right well they acquitted themselves, as Prof. Campbell said afterwards—several others had their say. Most favoured the defendant, Jones. At the end of the debate Prof. Campbell gave judgment for both defendants.

Next Tuesday a promising problem on defamation will be argued. Is it defamatory to say of a golfer, "She is better at the 19th hole than at any other?" We shall see.

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### **Home to Lunch.**

St. Andrew's College bus (to wit, Taylor's motor-car) is functioning as well as ever. The College goes home to lunch, amid the envious jeers of the lads of St. Mark's. The time it takes varies with the driver's hunger. If starved sufficiently he can get from the Varsity to the College in six minutes fifty-six seconds—the record to date.

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The Conservatorium opera class will give performances of Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis in Norwood Town Hall on 11th and 12th July.

Mr. Pick has resigned from the post of curator of St. Mark's common-room, and Mr. Wilcher from that of librarian. Their places have been filled by Mr. Bills and Mr. Brown.



**Students in the Maths.**

Someone, evidently distraught, and signing his letter with a cross, has written us thus:—

“Sir: May I have the space in your valuable, etc.

“Experiments conducted in my laboratories have resulted in the discovery of a new and hitherto undreamt of formula for finding the density of University students. Stripped of all its Wiltonian flourishes,

No. of hours worked  
it is:—  $\frac{\text{No. of exams. taken}}{\text{X No. of times failed}} = \text{density.}$

“The average density, worked out to three decimal places, I have found to be .005 greater than that of lead.

“Now, sir, this being so, I consider the shur cast on University students for many moons, that they are wooden-heads, is entirely unjustified; and I rise,

**In Re a Newspaper.**

From a correspondent: We hear that Smith's Weekly is to find a place on the Common Room table. Personally, we enter a solemn protest. The demand for such a paper is neither representative nor serious. In any case we feel that Adelaide Varsity should maintain a higher standard than this. The decision of the House Committee in this matter is surely open to question.

Sir, as well as my density will allow, to protest.

“Furthermore, inasmuch as we are one and all members of this great institution, except where otherwise stated, and cross out the numbers not required —”

(The letter here ends.)

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## Varsity A Wins: Women's Hockey Matches.

University A beat Heathpool A, 2-1, in women's hockey on Saturday. The first half of the match was an exhibition of decidedly mediocre hockey. Varsity had an uphill fight to prevent Heathpool from scoring more than one goal.

With renewed zeal, Varsity redeemed its fortunes in the second half. A timely pass from S. Morris was helped to its right and proper destination by J. Pellew, and the scores were even. Towards the end of the game, a shot from E. Wannan eluded the opposing backs, and, striking the post, rolled through on the right side (as seen through University eyes). Neither side scored again, and Varsity went on its way rejoicing.

B1 team had a bye.

B2 team lost to A.T.C., 0-6. It would be idle to attempt to give the Varsity goalhitters.

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## Still on the Ping-Pong Theme.

St. Mark's rises to protest that ping-pong, its favourite pastime, is not a rite, as reported in last week's Ragge, but a game. Its ping-pong tournament is still rushing furiously on. Frantic efforts are being made to avoid the wooden spoon, for which Messrs. Hone and Humphrey are at present the most prominent contenders.

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## A.T.C. Basketballers Win.

A.T.C. basketball team covered themselves with goals and glory on Saturday. The A1's beat Gawler, 57-17; the A2's beat Ramblers, 29-28. There was a disputed goal, but those are the official figures, and you can't argue with official figures. The C's lost (alas) to Finsbury Park, 35-48; and the D's, with great vim and determination and not a little skill, beat Seaton Park, 48-14.

## A Hockey Team Loses: B's Win.

Varsity A hockey team was beaten by Wanderers, 4-2, on Saturday. Barbour and Bills hit Varsity's goals. No detailed report of the match is available.

The B's beat Wanderers B, 6-4.

The B team (says our trusted correspondent, Half-right), appears to be developing into a formidable combination, under the advice of Mr. Dix.

Though Wanderers attacked in determined fashion early in the game, we were determined they should not goal. Lloyd, small for his size, defended and hit powerfully, and Dix, with a broken finger, or a broken nail, was solid.

Our forwards quickly got into their stride (they were already in their "strides"), and by clever passing across the field added goals frequently, Limbert (3) and Thomas (2) distinguishing themselves.

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## 59-5 Basketball Win.

Varsity A Basketball team arrived at the Oval in its usual spruce condition on Saturday, and was amazed to find some of the opposing team, Muirden, wandering around in a disconsolate fashion. We were completely staggered. Were they not playing on our court (one of the best in the Association); using our new dressing-room to change in; and were playing us? Why, then, should they be so gloomy. At last we learned their secret. They were two players short. (After some little delay two B grade players were produced to take the place of the deserters, and the game proceeded. It was an easy win for us—59-5.

We cannot congratulate ourselves on especially brilliant play, but we did play a better team game than usual.