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Report (and Balance-sheet) of Commerce Dinner.

[Précis of the Commerce students' annual dinner or light luncheon. By a Paying Guest.]

TWENTY per cent. of the University students doing Commerce assembled at the Piccadilly about 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, and by the expressions on their faces I think they were ravenous, after a cold afternoon at sport. The other 80 per cent. are married, and have families; so they had dinner at home.

I myself had had afternoon tea, so I was unconcerned.

The students had come together to dine because they knew, from lectures and private study, that nothing inspires confidence in a client so much as that well-fed appearance.

We paying guests, to wit, Commerce diploma-holders, discovered we were numerous, and were substantial backing for the forty Commerce students there assembled. It is interesting to surmise that in twenty years we will outnumber actual Commerce students.

The tables were grouped together in the shape of an "E," without the middle bar, or a bar of any sort, and were prettily decorated with gumleaves and Iceland poppies. But being neither native bears nor opium fiends, we could do nothing but wait eagerly for the soup.

The committee this year is essentially Commercial, for I heard a notable paying guest complain that he had to pay for some wine, which was complimentary to the committee.

We realized we were at a dinner again when toasts were drunk. The loyal toast was proposed by the president of the Association (Mr. Gordon).

The toast of the University and its lecturers was artistically proposed by Mr. Merv. Kennedy. This effort was all the more meritorious because earlier in the evening he had dictated his

Welcome to Central Heating.

"Ours is a nice house, ours is." So sings the bard (at least, we'll say it was the bard), and the members of the Women's Union heartily agree. Judging by the hordes of applications from other bodies for the use of our building, we are not alone in our appreciation. Not desiring to be dog-in-the-mangerish, we are willing to allow bodies (other than dead ones) of either graduates or undergraduates to have the use of our building.

Central heating has arrived, and has been welcomed with open arms. (Inset, picture of the committee welcoming central heating with open arms.) Now, there is enough heat for each and all, no matter how bleak the weather. None need go unwarmed and shivering.

In the last fortnight several notices of real interest and importance to women undergraduates have been posted on the notice-board. Apparently they have been totally ignored. Wake up, women! This will never do!

speech to his young brother while having a bath. Professor Melville responded.

Mr. Harding Brown proposed the toast of the Commerce Association, amid ribald interjections from a Faculty representative. (Reason later.) Mr. Brown considered the position of the country was due to our economic sins, and our other sins, maybe. He practically forgot to mention the Association, but Mr. Gordon nobly thanked him on the Association's behalf. The dinner concluded with the Froth-blowers' Anthem, played on a cash register.

An official report says the dinner was one of the most successful the Commerce students have ever had.

University—Sturt Draw: Lacrosse Results.

In the first lacrosse match of the second round on Saturday, University A met Sturt again. A hard, fast, vigorous game resulted in a draw, each side scoring seven goals.

The South Park was very slippery, and shots for goal would kick, giving the goalies little chance.

Varsity started off with a rush, and Cook soon scored. By checking a long way out Varsity made Sturt passes go astray. Just before the first quarter ended Brooks, of Sturt, turning quickly in front of goal, fell and injured his knee. He left the field, which necessitated Ken Boykett, who had been playing well at cover-point, leaving also.

Though the scores were 3—2 in favour of Varsity at the end of the first quarter, Sturt soon evened the score. But Varsity put on three goals to one in the second quarter.

There was only one goal in the third term—Selth (Sturt) coming from the back line and scoring. In the last quarter Sturt came with a rush, and evened the scores. Varsity found the Sturt backs very solid. When Sturt scored another goal things looked black for Varsity, but just before the bell Ron Cook received the ball near the centre-line and, with the most brilliant effort of the day, scored the equalizing goal. As the ball hit the net the bell rang.

Best players for Varsity were Cook, Muecke, Cornish, Galloway, and Davis. Goalthrowers were Cook (3), Galloway (2), Muecke, and Rollison (each 1).

B's lost to Deaf Adults, 9—10. Goalthrowers: Lawrence (4), Gillett (2). Chapman (2), Bonnin (1). Best players: McKay and Lawrence.

C I beat Goodwood C, 8—7. Varsity scored 6 to 1 in the last term. Goalthrowers: Abbott (3), Pedler (2), Russell (2), Cox (1). Best players: Abbott, Russell, Cox, Dawson.

C II beat North C II, 10—2. Goalthrowers: Todd (5), Colebatch, West,

Lit. and Deb. Soc. Has Another Gathering.

THE Lit. and Deb. Soc. threw open its salon to the intelligentsia once more on Thursday night.

Our reporter was mercifully absent for the first half, but as far as we can gather from the *debris* of human intellect left after the meeting, individual crimes were committed by Miss Robertson and Mr. Gray. They both took the form of papers.

Miss Robertson's was on Modern Drama. This subject is too broad for us to attempt an imaginary report on same, but we understand things flowed smoothly on to Mr. Gray's little effort on Witchcraft. (We think Mr. Gray looks too much like a cherub to produce any disastrous effects with this weapon, so we will pass on without further description.)

After an interval consisting of Mr. Wilcher and Mr. Hone, or *vice versa*, a play was hurled at us. The Society being too mean to produce any stage property, Mr. Wilcher explained that we were to be elevated to the Shakespearian heights of drama in contemporary dress and scenery. The latter was especially good, being a striking example of the work of the Pengelly period.

For some time the actors read things to us out of books, until peace was mercifully restored by supper. Buttered jubilee cake and coffee were served. As we pay 3d. a slice for jub. cake in the Refectory we can finish our report in true journalese and say fervently: "A good time was had by all."

Fergusson, Doyle (each 1), and one knocked in.

The A team is fourth on the premiership list. So far Cook has thrown 19 goals, Galloway 6, and Watson 4. B's are lying a tie for fourth in their association. C I's so far have not been beaten in C grade. C II's, also in C grade, are fifth.

Pitiful cry from St. Mark's: We are all working very hard.

College Footballers Have Easy Win.

The Teachers' College A team beat Prince Alfred's Old Collegians by 23—13 to 8—0 on Saturday.

The College team is gradually developing into a strong combination. It hopes to break Kingswood's run of successes next Saturday. The probable inclusion of Day and Hayes, who are both on the injured list, will strengthen the team for the next game.

One of the best men for the College on Saturday was Yeates. He started quietly, but in the last half was almost unbeatable. He played at centre half-back, and was ably supported by Riedel on the half-back wing. Chapman, Gale, and Morrison also did solid work in defence.

Rabone, solid and reliable, set a fine example to his men. McCarthy and Sullivan were prominent on the wings. Downs (10 goals), Butt (4), and Byars were conspicuous among the forwards. Downs has now kicked 47 goals in five games. Hack, Nottle, and Flint held their own in the packs, and Neill and Willing roved well. Semple and Semmens both played useful games.

With the interstate contest a little more than a month away, the team is making each practice a good one. It is confident of repeating last year's success.

The B team defeated School of Mines by 12—12 to 6—6. Evers, in ruck, was the best man on the ground. McQueen played well for his five goals, and Patterson rucked well, and kicked three goals.

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Women's Hockey Teams Lose

Varsity women's B1 hockey team lost to Grange, 1—5, on Saturday. Varsity B2 lost to Blackwood, 4—5, at Blackwood. Goalhitters were V. Fricker (2), E. Watkins, J. Campbell (each 1).

The A team had no match.

Prof. Strong has returned to the fold. He has had a haircut.

Y.M.C.A. Beats Varsity A: Baseball Scores.

The Varsity baseball A team was defeated by Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, 11—8. This result was due to a series of errors in Y.M.C.A.'s third innings.

We started well, scoring six runs in our first two innings, against Y.M.C.A.'s two. But in their third innings our fielding went to pieces. The series of runs was started by bad errors, and after this Bayly was freely hit. The innings ended with Y.M.C.A. three runs in the lead, and we could not make up the leeway.

Safe-hitters: Krantz, Bayly (each 2), Jolly, Wilcher, Power, and Pridmore (each 1).

The B's drew, 7—7, with East Torrens B after an exciting game. East Torrens B scored seven in their first two innings, but after that they were shut out by good pitching and fielding. We evened the scores in our fifth innings, but could not take the lead.

Newman, with three safe hits, and Burden, with two, were our best batters, while Cooper, on first with 13 put-outs and one error, was the outstanding fieldsman.

On Sunday the B team was beaten, 21—10, by Sacred Heart College. We were without our pitcher, Hughes, and three other regular members, and as a result were outclassed. Sacred Heart scored eight runs in their seventh innings.

Todd was the best batter (three two-baggers), and Meldrum and L. Pellew were best in the field.

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Varsity Football Results.

Varsity A football team beat Semaphore Central by 15—15 to 13—9 on the Varsity Oval on Saturday. On Wednesday Teachers' College beat Varsity B, 30—32 to 3—6.

To-day's great thought: If all the fees paid to the University were stretched end to end in a straight line round the Darling building, someone would probably pinch them.

A Hockey Team Loses; B Team Wins.

University A hockey team was beaten on Saturday by Kenwood, 1—4. Martin hit Varsity's goal. We have no detailed report of the match.

A report of the B team, signed by someone calling himself Half Right, or Right Half, is:

The B team, now relatively strong, swept or slipped along to its first decisive victory when it defeated Kenwood B by six goals to one.

Strange though it may seem, we seemed to demoralize our opponents by our clever passing and open play. Thomas hit an easy goal a minute after the bully, and Robjohns hit through a crush soon after and scored. After that the bright star was Jacky O'Connor, who hit four excellent goals, two in each half.

The whole forward line played a good game, and combined well.

Bosworth, as left half, was useful and vigorous, and Dix, the skipper, thundered around the back lines and frequently swiped the ball, or at the ball, with good results. Mackay was also solid as a back, and Reg. Wheeler, the goalie, acquitted himself well on the few occasions the ball neared his goal.

Rain fell heavily during the interval, and we rejoiced at the instability of Kenwood's feet.

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Women's Hockey Club Dance.

The Women's Hockey Club will have a Dance in the Refectory early next month—not for purely social purposes, but to raise money as well. The tickets are 5/- each, and are obtainable from the secretaries (Misses P. Taylor and I. Fairhead). There will be bridge in the Lady Symon Hall for non-dancers.

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A.T.C. Hockey Results.

In women's hockey on Saturday A.T.C. I drew with Graduates, 3—3; A.T.C. II beat U.H.S., 9—2; A.T.C. III lost to Wirra-Warra, 5.

Just a Few Hopes and Aspirations.

IN this, the first issue of the Ragge since it was taken over from the C.U. by the Students' Council, we rise (unaccustomed as we are to public speaking) to say a few words about our aspirations—(Order, please!)—our aspirations and hopes for the new Ragge.

We hope, first of all, to give the Ragge a permanent and more prominent place in University life. We want it to be the organ of University opinion, and the expression of the University spirit. We shall record all aspects of University life, and interpret them, as faithfully as we can, in terms of the University as a whole, in the hope that faculty may be linked with faculty, and students with professors for the better understanding and appreciation of each other and of the University.

And all this, mind you, for a penny.

We are going to do the best we can to realize our hopes. But if the Ragge is to become the voice of the University it cannot be just the work of a few people. It must have the co-operation, in one way or another, of everyone in the University. It depends very largely on You (and You, and You, and You) whether the Ragge is to be a still, small voice, or a voice like that of the God in the Ballad of Hampstead Heatu, when he cried, "Rejoice, rejoice."

And his great voice

Rolled like a splendid river."

Everyone can buy the paper. It will appear weekly, and the price (if enough people buy it) will continue at the greatly reduced rate of a penny. And many people can (if they will) send in contributions with a University flavour, letters, and suggestions, and give us side-lights on what the University is thinking.

The letter-box marked R. in the front office, gapes wide and greedily. Do your bit to help us make the Ragge the voice of the University.

There are about twenty professors in the Varsity. There is only one South Pole in the world. What a pity.

Not a Word of Truth in All of It.

There was a professor whose characteris-
tical

Way of expressing himself was statistical.
His lectures were loaded with figure and
fact,

With percentages rampant and averages
packed.

His students smiled bravely and copied
them down,

But the whisper went through Univer-
sity town:

His lectures are packed
With figure and fact.
It's characteristic—maybe;
But if it continues,
By Hercules' sinews,
We'll get this statistical baby.

But lectures continued, and nothing was
done.

Statistics were still ladled out by the
ton.

And students got harassed and worried
and ill

With figures and rates and percentages,
till

An Ec. History student
One day ('twas imprudent)
In anti-fact-figure distress or
Because he'd been fee'd
By the rest for the deed,
Bloodthirstily killed the professor.

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Water Polo, vice Hockey, Resigned.

The prohibition members of the
Varsity women's hockey C team enjoyed
a watery time at Blackwood on
Saturday, where the team played an
exhilarating game of water polo. A
steady downpour kept the swimming-
bath full.

We led the field until near the end,
with a score of 4—3, but here the tide
turned, and carried the ball up-stream
rapidly, and twice in succession our
goalie could not quite prevent it from
floating through the goalposts.

Many handsome demonstrations of
deep-diving were given by both teams.

Union Club Saves Masses.

At its first meeting the Union Club
saved the masses from darkness only by
17 votes to eight, by deciding against
the largely debated proposal that the
education of the masses should be
abandoned.

Mr. Pick began the debate in his well-
known ponderous manner, and the
Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Doyle)
countered with some vigorous platitudes.
The Rev. W. H. Irwin, a visitor and a
schoolmaster, had no difficulty in
arousing enthusiasm for the cause of
greater ignorance for scholars and more
pay for schoolmasters, although,
obviously, he spoke with his tongue in
his cheek. The Rev. L. C. Parkin, the
fourth speaker on the paper, and another
visitor, refuted everybody's arguments
vigorously and interestingly.

The House then debated the motion.
Fifteen men spoke on the question, of
whom two-thirds were remarkable for
the eagerness with which they demanded
more learning for the great mass of
people who don't want to learn any
more.

The meeting began with Question
Time, during which members were called
upon to answer questions about their
dress, industry, lack of industry, and so
on. It was at this period that Mr.
E. M. A. Brown confessed that he
would shave only when he married.

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Chance to Starve Moths.

Don't let the moths bring up their
families on that old suit, or the
guernsey you don't use since you've
taken up draughts. Bring along the suit
and the guernsey and any other old
clothes you have, to the C.U. Unemploy-
ment Relief Drive on July 1 and 2.
Someone would be glad of them.

Boxes will be placed in the front
office, the Darling Building, and the
Engineering Building.

A. H. Young, of St. Andrew's, has
been given an Australian Blue for
athletics.

Happy Times at B.M.A. Conversazione.

IT was unfortunate that the B.M.A. conversazione was held on the night on which Wirth's Circus opened—to wit, Wednesday.

Because both the conversazione and the circus were housed in tents, and one was apt to get a bit mixed. It is said that some people wandered into the conversazione and looked round eagerly for the elephants. The only substitutes the conversazione had to offer were doctors and professors; and these people said rather brusquely that they would accept no inferior imitations.

And other people set out for the conversazione and suddenly found themselves in the circus. And (some say) stayed there. But that may merely be slander.

Anyway, the conversazione was a very pleasant affair. After the reception we walked down long canvas corridors lit by gay little lights, feeling like Alice in Wonderland. There was a feeling of excitement about it, and we were not quite certain where the corridors were going to take us.

They led to the Union Building—a Union Building transformed with leaves and huge bouquets of lovely flowers.

We studied the latest methods of administering anaesthetics, and charts dealing with infectious diseases, and instruments used in the blood-thirstiest surgical operations, and had a good time generally.

We also saw the brains of a frog, a monkey, a mouse, an aboriginal, and a European. We examined them all minutely, and concluded eventually that, all things considered, we'd rather be a monkey.

The marvellous Cant film, which shows the ordinary cells of the human body and the malignant cells, was on view. This film was not a talkie.

Supper was served in a huge marquee. We then left.

Sir Douglas Mawson will represent Adelaide University at the forthcoming conversazione at the South Pole.

Written Entirely in Jest.

(Professor A. Killen Macbeth gave an extension lecture on Catalysis.)

Professor Macbeth gave a lecture on—gueth?

Well done, sir, you've hit it—catalysis; yeth!

He told us a lot in a technical way; We all nodded wisely, and none said him nay.

He talked of catalysis, this and then that,

Catalysis thin and catalysis fat;

Catalysis crimson and yellow and blue.

He told us exactly the things that you do

To make people well when catalysis blights 'em,

And how to treat cats if catalysis bites 'em.

He said if catalysis comes in the day

Just tell it serenely to go on its way.

But if it creeps on you at dead of the night—

Don't wait for your 'clothes, but take refuge in flight!

And if it pursues you (alack and alas!) Don't offer it money, but *step on the gas!*

He said that catalysis, brutal and strong,

Will never do right if you'll let it do wrong.

And yet, taking one thing along with another,

It is (very strangely) so kind to its mother.

"It's wild" (said Professor A. Killen), "and yet

I've one in the Chem. Lab. I keep for a pet.

For I've found, fed on hay, it's as tame as an ass—

Though it roars like the devil when pastured on grass."

Professor, professor, I know I'm a mutt, A fool and a moron, a nincompoop,

but—

I listened attentively right to the end, And one thing I simply could not comprehend.

And (don't think me silly, professor) it's this:

What, or who, in non-technical terms, is this darned fool catalysis, anyway?

The Law at Smoke Social. Teachers Take to Drama.

The Law Students' Society had a smoke social at the Exchange Hotel on 17th June, and a good time was had by all, as far as your correspondent can remember.

His recollection of the affair is rather hazy, for certain reasons, but he seems to remember that a record quantity of lemonade and distilled water was consumed, without legal argument, by those present.

Professor Campbell was in the chair, and right well he carried out his duties. Messrs. C. C. Brebner, J. F. Brazel, C. L. Mortimer, G. D. Rollison, and J. N. McEwin represented the legal profession. About thirty-five law students were present.

The first meeting for the term was held in the Law Library on 11th June. A question on Nuisance, set by Mr. W. A. Norman, was argued by M. C. Gillett, W. C. Beerworth, W. A. Scales, D. Hogarth, D. S. Yelland, and G. E. Bleby. The way the speakers attacked the subject gratis augured well for what they will do when someone is paying them.

The Society will meet to-night (Tuesday). A problem set by Professor Campbell will be argued. Next Tuesday First-year students will have a debate on our old friend, "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?"

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College Ball on 28th June.

The Teachers' College Ball will be held at the Palais Royal on 28th June and a bit of 29th June. One will sport oneself at the graceful dance from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m., including supper. Come one, come all.

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A.T.C. Basketball.

Basketball game on Saturday. A.T.C. I beat Alberton, 33—31; A.T.C. II lost to Trojans, 10—39; A.T.C. III beat Glenunga, 41—25; A.T.C. IV lost to Semaphore, 26—52.

The Teachers' College Dramatic Society made an impressive entrance into the 1929 season on 17th June, when four plays were produced under the direction of Miss Olive Carter, who needs no introduction to our readers.

The first play was The Florentine Tragedy, in which the male characters were taken by women. That accounted, some say, for the very good acting. It was a very ambitious undertaking for amateurs, but they got through so well that the only bouquets were flowers—and they were handed up, not thrown.

The other plays were farces—"The Castaways," "The Paying Guest," and "The Old Geyser."

The Governor will attend the Union Club luncheon on 10th July.

To Choose Debating Team.

At the next meeting of the Teachers' College Literary Society, on 1st July, there will be a trial debate to enable a final choice of the three men who will form the team in the interstate debates to be made.

Sad Tale of a Supper.

At a meeting of St. Mark's Wranglers' Club, Dr. Morey gave a very interesting talk on his trip to Europe last year. The talk was illustrated by very moving pictures. The meeting was very cheery. It ended in a supper parsimoniously provided by the secretary. There was nothing left.

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Basketball A's lose, 31—32.

The Varsity basketball A team lost to Ramblers on Saturday, 31—32, after a great game. The A2 team lost to Gawler, 6—49.

Ping-pong Blights St. Mark's.

Ping-pong has cast its sinister blight over St. Mark's, and its heathen devotees may be seen in dark corners practising mystic ceremonies with a butter-pat and a thing like a celluloid balloon.

The ping-pong championship is now in furious progress. This year the committee has evolved a brilliant new ritual for the event. Instead of the ordinary knock-out tournament, the school-class system has been adopted. This is rather too intricate to explain here; only the initiate can understand it. But it is very fine.

It was decided at the last meeting of the College Club to have a brighter College term by playing more football matches, golf tournaments, and ping-pong championships.

Some members were inclined to doubt the brightness of football matches on Sunday afternoon; but eventually they proved willing to sacrifice their feelings, and play.

The chief result of the meeting was the discovery of a large number of epicures; or, putting it more exactly, men who are exceedingly interested in their food; or, putting it more plainly—No.

C.U. Meeting on Friday.

At the next meeting of the C.U., on Friday, the Rev. L. C. Parkin will speak on "Doubt—Its Place in Religion."

The Travelling Secretary of the A.S.C.M. will visit Adelaide from 1st to 14th July.

Editorial Regrets.

We regret that our reports of Saturday's Sports are not as complete as we had hoped. But the Ragge now goes to press early in the week, and full reports in some cases could not be obtained. Others come in too late for publication. Next week we shall do better.

Lunch and an Address.

The Union Club will have a luncheon at 1 p.m. in Refectory on Wednesday, when Mr. E. W. Holden will address members of the club, and other students who care to come along, on "University Men in Commerce."

Those lunching in the Refectory would help greatly if they would obtain their food as early as possible. Arm-chairs will be placed at the side of the room for those who have finished luncheon before Mr. Holden begins; begins his address, that is.

Others could help by eating as quietly as possible.

Entrance to the Refectory will be only from the cloisters.

Letters Then be Up and Doing.

Scene.—The Refectory.

A: ? R U?

B: A1. U?

A (embarrassed): A? I? O, OK.

B (to waitress): T.

A (to the same, shyly): H2O.

B: H2O? Y?

A (hangs head, and says nothing).

B (several times): ? ? ? . . . ? ?

A (blushing, poor thing): T's 3d. H2O's 0.

B: O, G!!! (To waitress, loudly): 2 T's. (Hauls £1 note out of his pocket and pays waitress, who is dumbfounded at seeing so much money in the refectory. A looks on in awe and admiration. Waitress².)

A bursts into tears. B folds her tenderly to his bosom. X.

THE END.

World's Record for St. Mark's.

St. Mark's has three new members—J. H. Gray, A. H. Magarey, and F. V. Gray—making the total 33. This is a world's record for St. Mark's.