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## OUR VICE-CHANCELLOR COMES OF AGE

CONGRATULATIONS, SIR  
 WILLIAM!

Formerly Professor of Philosophy in our University, Sir William Mitchell was appointed Vice-Chancellor on March 15, 1916. Sir William had, of course, been a member of the Council as long ago as 1896. The Chancellor (Sir George Murray) took the opportunity at the last Council meeting of congratulating Sir William upon the length and value of his services to the University. "On Dit," as official organ of the Adelaide University Students' Association, wishes to add congratulations for this long and sympathetic reign.

### PROFESSOR GOLDBY

#### INTEREST IN STUDENTS.

Easter brought us Prof. Frank Goldby, the lord and master of the Anatomy School. He has had little time as yet to judge whether or not our Meds. are as hard-worked and hard-working as they profess to be.

Prof. Goldby is very interested in student activities, and does not intend to remain in highbrow seclusion in the Anatomy Building. When interviewed, he was perfectly charming, and despite the fact that he had not had time even to hear of "On Dit," made no attempt either to put off or throw out our representative. Asked if he intended to come to University dances, Prof. Goldby said, "Yes, certainly; that is, if I can bring my wife."

Outside his medical work, the Professor has several interests—photography, hiking, and camping, as well as two small children. He apologised for not being able to produce an amazing sporting career, but admitted that he had spent the greater part of last few years in concentrated study, as he graduated as a Doctor of Medicine only last year.

After our short interview, we feel sure that Prof. Goldby will not only make a name for himself as an anatomist, but will be very sympathetic towards the students. From "On Dit" he has every good wish in his new work.

On Thursday the senior Anatomy students had lunch with Professor Goldby at the Richmond.

### PUBLICATIONS SUB-COM- MITTEE.

#### PHOENIX!

Nominations or applications are called for the position of editor and business manager of Phoenix 1937. These should be in the hands of the Union Secretary as soon as possible.

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## STUDENT OPINION AND RHODES SELECTION

*This article, covering a third topic of the February Students' Conference, has been specially written for "On Dit" by a former Rhodes Man.*

"Rhodes Scholar Selections: Scathing Attack by Students!" "Premium Put on 'Pot Hunters!'" "Students Want Say in Selections!"

Such were the captions in the popular press following the conference of students' representatives in Adelaide at the end of February.

#### The Requirements.

As a Rhodes Scholar is not selected on the result of one examination or set of examinations, but is selected by a committee of men who judge him not only by his scholastic attainments, but on his "character and personality"—things amazingly hard to assess—and on his "fondness for and success in manly outdoor sports," it is reasonable to expect that at times the selection committee's choice will not be the popular choice. But the students' criticism (as reported) was so outspoken that it seemed worth while to examine their criticism, and to find out, if possible, wherein the students' ideal Rhodes Scholar differed from those usually selected, and how, if possible, better selections could be made.

#### Student Criticisms.

The opinion (held by at least the more vocal members of the conference) seemed to be:

1.—That the selection committees in general judge candidates solely on their "paper record," and award scholarships to those with the greatest list of offices. "The practical result," it was alleged, "of the emphasis placed upon a candidate's record, as distinct from his character and personality, is to force him, even against his inclination, to seek appointments and distinctions." Or, as one speaker put it, "a premium is put on the pot-hunter."

2.—That too much emphasis is laid on a candidate's academic brilliance, so that the all-rounder is passed over. That more emphasis should be placed on capacity for leadership. I have an uneasy feeling that this is, in some subtle way, not altogether in agreement with the previous assertion. I may be mistaken.

3.—That professors and lecturers unduly favor candidates from their own faculties. They are so biased, it was said, that they write "over flowery" testimonials for these men, and so sway the selection committees.

4.—That the students themselves would give a much better assessment of the candidate's worth. And it was suggested that the students' choice could be made by means of a secret ballot.

Allowing for a few individual prejudices, the students' ideal candidate seems to be: One who is good academically, one who is moderately good at games, for the majority did not favor the outstanding athlete or "varsity hero," one who is of outstanding character and personality, who is a capable leader, and who takes an interest in his fellows and their activities.

In fact, their ideal is much the same sort of man as most people think a Rhodes Scholar should be, and, as far as can be ascertained, as most selection committees try to select. Indeed,

most of the recent selections approximate very closely to the students' ideal, for the pot hunter and the 'varsity hero have not been unduly favored.

#### The Poor Old Pot-Hunter.

Now, will a students' ballot eliminate the "pot-hunter"? Will the ballot be unbiased, or will it suffer from the "faculty blight" with which, it was asserted, some of the teaching staffs are afflicted? How, indeed, does the pot-hunter get his positions? In the writer's student days it was by vote of his fellows, for all offices were elective. Mayhap we were not such good judges of men. Nor was there any lack of inter-faculty rivalry in those days. I do not mean that the walls were plastered with "Vote for Mike the Med." or "Eugene the Engineer"; but there was often a lot of quiet whipping-up done at election time. The modern student is doubtless not so herd-minded. Judgment and the critical faculties are now more developed, and wherever their profs. may still be swayed by party feelings, the students' maturer minds will select for true worth alone.

So far we have assumed that the office holder, who seems to be identical with the "pot-hunter" of the conference, is rather a despicable creature. Most of us tend to despise a certain kind of over-zealous office seeker, and such a man does not secure many important offices. The majority of office seekers are actuated by honest motives, a desire to run well some branch of student activity, the rowing club, the debating society, and so on. Pot-hunting in the right spirit has much to commend it.

#### Pot-Hunters and Public Affairs.

Remember that Rhodes hoped that scholars would, on their return from Oxford, interest themselves in public affairs. Many think that by this he wanted men to enter "politics." If this is so (the writer is not sure that it is the only way), then an early pot-hunting training will stand the Rhodes Scholar in good stead. How else may the young man break into politics? There are few, if any, "easy" seats for the promising young man in Australia. No! Pot-hunting it is that opens the political door. If a man does not show that he is interested in his fellows and their activities, their clubs and their societies, by associating himself actively with them, by seeking responsible offices, by devoting his spare (or his whole) time to administrating—in short, by pot-hunting—nobody will know that he is interested. (Of course, there is another way, but I am assuming that returning Rhodes Scholars are as poor as they used to be.)

If a man's earlier training at school and University has not developed in him the technique, he may not find such a career easy. So even if it goes "against his inclination," the aspiring candidate may find it profitable "to seek appointments and distinctions." Mayhap even the students' ballot will reward him.

It may be objected that too strong a case has been made for the "pot-

## ELECTION RESULTS

### THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

Polling this year was as disappointing as in previous years. We may have some suggestions to make about this matter later in the year. For the present we content ourselves with setting out a list of successful candidates, and recommend that all Union members make use of these committee members on every possible occasion. That is an essential of real self-government. "On Dit" congratulates those who have won selection.

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The Union has yet to select its President, and the Men's Union its officers. We shall announce these selections as they come to hand.

hunter." Then we are forced to favor the man who holds aloof from public affairs. Yet it was declared: "It is quite useless to regard a man who is to do an academic job as the best man." Of those who take no active part in politics, the man in an academic job seems to be as good, if not better than, the man engaged in private medical or legal practice or in engineering (though these may be of greater service to the community); for the holder of a University job can play a great part in public life through his influence upon the country's future leaders.

#### How Can Students Participate?

The writer feels that the weakness of a simple ballot is that the "popular" man, the "good fellow," will be favored. This, indeed, was feared by many at the conference, who feared that the ballot would favor the "Varsity hero." Consequently, in the final motion, the conference merely asked that there should be some consultation with student authorities.

From all that can be learned, the selection committee, in S.A., at all events, does not rely entirely on the written record and testimonials in judging candidates. Though no official opinion is, as yet, obtained from the student body, members of the selection committee make very thorough enquiries about the candidates. There is little doubt that the new "student adviser" will be consulted, and the committee would no doubt welcome an expression of the students' own opinion of the candidates, if a sound method of giving this opinion could be devised.

## HOW TO MAKE A REVOLUTION

AND HOW NOT TO.

It was not R. W. Postgate, but Dr. Koo, who talked of revolution in the Rennie Theatre recently—not of the revolutions of the West, but of the great Chinese revolution in the East. Yet behind him and above him we seemed to see Postgate, the analyst of Revolution.

### Intellectual Renaissance.

The first disillusionment came within three months of the "coup d'etat," when the new leaders realised that political power, like patriotism, is not enough. And the revolution—the political revolution—was insufficient precisely because its executors and the general mass of political beneficiaries were so hopelessly out of touch. The Chinese revolution was not an affair of the people so much as of bright young men who had seen the glories—for some folks—of democracy in God's own country. They found support for their formulae of the New Heaven and the New Earth among the intellectuals and the educated (these terms seem to have been synonymous) of China. Lenin might have made something of this material, but China had no Lenin. The aesthetic and literary training of the intellectuals had cribbed and confined their minds: there was, before the Revolution, and even after it, no Marx to call for a loosing of chains. It was only when, faced by the deadweight of frustration of their plans that the leaders of the New China realised their necessity. The true and the beautiful must bow to the scientific and the utilitarian. In the time of intellectual renaissance there must be a temporary eclipse of classical forms, and development must be in the vernacular—the renaissance must be directed by the intellectuals towards the people. "We must speak as the peasants speak, simply, harshly, and candidly, and in good faith" (Mussolini). Only the intellectual revolution could inject the essence of a new social dynamic into the peasantry of China—China's "People."

The years 1913-1920 were a period of intellectual ferment along the new line—a ferment which touched the people. The higher peasants, at least, could share the delicious tremors of the leaders as thought blossomed and bloomed. In the years that followed, the old exploiters became the new companions. The educated stepped down and walked the new road with the less fortunate—Christ the Master washed the feet of humble disciples. The elite found in privilege an obligation of service: that was the new discovery of the new age.

### Social Change.

Intellectual ferment found its counterpart in social ferment, and the years 1919-1927 saw revolution in such institutions as the life of the family clan. The old unit was no part of the new plan. The repression and dependence of youth could not exist where youth drove the new democratic republican machine. Only individuals could have significance in the new order.

### The Moral of this Tale.

Dr. Koo's tale was one of courage and hope. There could be only one reflection for us. It is not of good cheer. We have allowed years of unprovoked aggression on a people who had looked to us to keep the law of which we boasted, and in which some of us try to believe. China saw the barrenness of the Lytton Report. China now sees another duly elected republican democratic government in Spain in danger of submersion. What hope have the Chinese of the Good Life? They are making their struggle at home: can we enforce a law which will make China and the world safe for democracy?

### COMMERCE STUDENTS.

There will be a meeting of the Commerce Association on Thursday next, April 8, at 7.30 p.m.

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## STAND UP AND SING

*If one thing more than any other impressed us at the Students' Conference regarding the informal side of student life at other Universities in Australia it was the place of songs and singing. Two or three of the Universities even run a song book—that of Western Australia, for instance, is enriched by the lyrical output of Prof. Walter Murdoch. Commem. Week seems to be the especial occasion for song and dance. We, of course, have no such institution as Commem. Week. Oh, dear, no! We are far too staid and dignified—and we would add stodgy, stolid, dull, degenerate and dead, touching any suggestion of a festival atmosphere at some time during the year.*

*But why should we not sing? Why not, indeed?*

*So if you hear a piano in the Refectory or the Lady Symon busy at lunch time in the near future with some new jazz tunes or some hardy perennials do not pass by on the other side. Go and join in—you are bound to enjoy it—and we submit that you will be the fresher for it. Immemorial rumor has it that there were even Varsity and Faculty songs in years gone by. It is the unique privilege of our Engineers to have kept their song alive for the University. Let us, then, move on from "John Peel" and "San Francisco" to Varsity and Faculty songs. Members of the Conservatorium are only too anxious to play for such a purpose. Is it too much to ask twenty or thirty minutes of your time once a week or once a fortnight?*

*We have, of course, an ulterior motive; we admit that frankly. Out of singing together we hope to get a keener sense of unity, of the "oneness" of our existence as the student body of the University. At the same time, in hoping to revive faculty songs, we hope to consolidate the faculties. As a result of both movements may come some greater interest in and support of Union affairs and activities. This would be for your good. The end is good and the means are good—separately and collectively. It is for you to make it a success.*

## WE REGRET

*The new Editors of "On Dit" deplore the action of the Editor of "Honi Soit" in using the Editorial of his second number to press political propaganda of a sectional interest. This seems contrary to the principles laid down by the Publications Sub-Committee of the Students' Conference. We of "On Dit" reserve the Editorial of the Union paper for Union affairs, whatever we may allow to appear elsewhere as articles or correspondence.*

## Politics and International Relations Club's Wedding

The open season for constitutional gymnastics commenced last Tuesday, when Messrs. Amos, Stokes and Bills took the chair at a joint meeting of the above clubs. From a barrage of "heretofores" and "hereinafters" we had learnt from two attractively typed notices signed by the two secretaries, Mr. Bills, that these clubs desired to enter into a state of wedded bliss. The attendance at the wedding (or was it only a kitchen tea) proved disappointing. Mr. Bills did everything except produce the proverbial rabbit out of the I.R.C. constitution, but did his work so convincingly that extreme violence among the lawyers was happily avoided. In fact, it was a bloodless revolution carried to a happy conclusion. The project of amalgamation received the patriarchal blessing of the Cerberus-like chairman (men?), and it was decided to hold the annual meeting on Wednesday, March 31. Mr. Bills is to be congratulated on his handling of the case. In a tight corner we would readily entrust ourselves, if not our money, to this eminent lawyer.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge most gratefully the receipt from Mr. Hugh Gilchrist, former editor of "Honi Soit" (Sydney), the manuscript of his comprehensive comparative survey of Australian University student publications. The Editors feel now, more than ever, that the work on publications, second only to the foundation of the National Union, was the Student Conference's outstanding achievement. But apart from his activity in Adelaide, Mr. Gilchrist has put a month's work into marshalling the facts he collected at the Conference.

## WORLD WITHOUT END

(Inspired, we understand, by a long discussion on "Fundamentals.")

Theology is a merry thought  
On which to chatter  
On a wintry night.  
But argument always goes for nought  
When useless patter  
With no end in sight  
Flows on and on,  
And on and on,  
And over the hills,  
And far away,  
To die quite dead at the dawn of day,  
Thank God!  
—Harewood Wallah.

## GOLDEN GLORY CHOCOLATES

*MacRobertson's*

# AS WE PLEASE

THE CINEMA.

I should be very sorry indeed to appear to be holding myself out as a connoisseur of the films—not, I hasten to add, because I consider them unworthy of my notice, but because I know almost nothing about cinema technique.

All I wish to do here is to make certain observations about the cinema as an art and its relation to other arts.

"The Times" literary supplement recently said of Rudolf Arnheim's book "Film": "No serious student of the cinema can ignore it." Imagine anybody, let alone "The Times" literary supplement using such a phrase fifteen or even ten years ago! I myself remember that when the talkies first arrived everybody solemnly discussed what their effect on the drama would be. We were treated to interviews on the subject with well-known actresses. "Do you like film work, Miss So-and-So?" "Oh, yes; of course I think it's marvellously interesting! To think that one's voice will be heard by millions of people all over the world! But, of course, I don't think the films will ever be as great as the legitimate stage"; and so on. The last phrase well illustrates the old-fashioned and still common opinion of the cinema—that it is a bastard child of the stage. It is not so at all; it is a new art, employing new media and demanding a new technique. It can learn much from the stage, but the less it is shackled by the fetters of stage traditions the better.

There is no reason on earth why it should be confined to the range of a play; why it should tell a story and have people acting parts. There is a branch of film work—it is already important enough to have had a book or two written on it—known as "documentary," of which the function is said to be simply "the provision of evidence about the world as it exists." (We see specimens of it in what the advertisements call "travel shorts.")

In an interesting letter in the W.E.A. publication "The Australian Highway," last year, Mr. C. R. Badger, recently of Adelaide, said: "The modern films, bad in many ways as they are (but are they any worse than the general average of the plays in other centuries?) are in every way more suitable to our age than the plays of the past. I would sooner see "Trouble in Paradise" than a "Comedy of Errors"; Charles Chaplin than Ben Jonson; "Battleship Potemkin" than "Macbeth." This involves a view of the function of art which I do not share, but I do not want to discuss that. The point is that Mr. Badger is surely wrong in comparing the cinema with the plays of this or any other age, or suggesting that the future of drama is in the films, as he seems to do. The drama and the cinema are two quite different arts, and it would have been more to the point Mr. Badger was trying to make to say that he would sooner see "Dreaming Lips" than "Battleship Potemkin" (1924?-25?).

The cinema can turn to its own ends several other arts. A book has recently been published in England called "Film Music." We have passed the days when Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" accompanied a country scene or a storm at sea demanded Rachmaninoff's all too well-known "Prelude." Incidentally, the publishing rights of this book for Russia were instantly snapped up by the directors of Soviet publishing, and the first Russian edition (of ten thousand copies) was sold out in a few weeks. But then, of course, Russian barbarism is a menace to Western civilisation. All this seems to show that I am a regular picture-goer. I am not. I think that 90 per cent. of the pictures shown here are appalling.

THE OBSERVER.

## WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

DR. T. Z. KOO.

"Tee-Zee" Koo has come and gone. And we listened quietly to what he had to say. C. F. Andrews was here last year; Kagawa before him. China, India, Japan—each finding in the New Testament the incentive and the programme for constructive action with the drive of an adequate religious foundation.

Koo told simply about several instances in China of applied Christianity—one after student riots and bloodshed in Shanghai in 1925, when a small group within the Chinese Student Christian Movement were able to help restore goodwill between England and China by bringing out an English secretary for their staff just when relations were becoming increasingly strained, and initiating friendly and reasonable discussions between flesh-and-blood English and Chinese people on the spot.

Christianity for him does not mean just the usual orthodox "morality" and generally circumspect conservatism. He asked why the Cross was now a symbol of victory and not of mere physical torture and defeat. And the answer was that the "Victim" refused to return hate for hate, but instead made an excuse for His killers to the last. The love or respect for "enemies" which continues even through distrust and betrayal by them is the lowest common denomination of Christianity; without that Christianity is hamstrung, mere sentiment. He spoke at the Freshers' social most strikingly. And, like Andrews and Kagawa, he had more than one string to his bow, more than one hole to his flute. He did not rant on one note; he could give a most illuminating exposition of the Sino-Japanese position without mentioning the word "Christianity." His English was perfect; his hesitations almost always for the better word. Remember also Kagawa's authoritative address on Science and Religion with copious references.

The mystic side of these three men is valid and healthy. It is not a garden of the spirit with the scent only to be smelt in vague heavenly places; it is the necessary obverse for their personal social work among real people who are living either in conditions of hell or the fear of such conditions.

John Macmurray's interpretation of Christianity (cf. especially "Reason and Emotion") may seem fantastically far removed from orthodox episcopal interpretations. But with these people from the East that antiseptic peace and goodwill issuing in the developing Communism and friendship of equal persons is the only Christianity that means anything to them. Koo and Kagawa would have been content with their own household gods if the differentia between Christ and Confucius had been less startling.

## SPORTS ASSOCIATION

A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Sports Association was held in the Refectory on Wednesday, March 24.

There were two very promising signs to begin with—the meeting started on time, and a good crowd was present, representing nearly every sport.

Dr. Chris. Sangster, our capable and enthusiastic chairman, read a long and detailed report of the past year's activities. The year, on the whole, was satisfactory, and the standard had been maintained. The University Council and the Footlights Club were largely responsible for the excellent financial position. Features of the report were the unbelievably long list of officers, the decline of the 'Varsity Ball, the extraordinary number of blues for rifle shooting, the outstanding success of the 'Varsity Revue, and, most noteworthy of all, Prof. Campbell's golfing feat of three pints in one draught.

The Footlights Club and its profits came in for considerable discussion. On Mr. Barbour's proposal, a recommendation was carried that revenue from this source be used to form a fund to defray the expense of interstate trips. This has been a long-felt need, and it seems a much fairer use of the Revue profits.

Several important new changes in the Constitution were carried. In future each sport, and not each faculty, is to have its sub-treasurer; women's subscriptions are raised to £1; and the black list of those who haven't paid their snbs. is to go up regularly at the end of the first term. It was proposed that each sport be given a representative on the Men's Blues Committee, but after a long and fluctuating debate, this was defeated. A proposal that the Women's Basketball Club should have greater representation on the Blues Committee was carried with one dissentient—a male.

By this time it was late, and after a hurried election of scores of officers, the meeting dispersed supperless.

The more important officers elected were: President—Dr. C. B. Sangster. Deputy-President—Mr. Verco. Hon. Treasurer—G. L. Duffield. Hon. Assistant Secretary—A. J. Stevenson. Hon. Auditors—Messrs. L. T. Evans and H. L. Read. Representative of the Life Members—Mr. R. P. Barbour. For the numerous Sub-treasurers, and for the Blues Committees, see the notice board.

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A NEW COACH FOR THE  
WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of the Women's Hockey Club the following officers for 1937 were elected:—

President, Miss Roxy Sims; Captain, Miss Jocelyn Ray; Vice-Captain, Miss Pat Salter; Secretary, Miss Edith Irwin; Committee Member, Miss Joan Cleland.

The secretary announced that the club's new coach will be Mrs. MacKenzie, a former English International. (Loud applause).

SWIMMING.

Events for all swimmers, good, bad, and indifferent.

Wonderful trophies to be won. Watch the notice board for a list of events.

## A.U.L.S.S.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Scene: Lady Symon.

Date: Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. The Dean (Mr. E. W. Benham) presiding, proceedings opened with Mr. Cocks reading the minutes, and his report for 1936, in his liquid tones, and well watered words.

The Treasurer summarised composedly the state of finances, despite alarming numerical discrepancies from the Secretary, and items of damage paid for (4/-).

Mr. Cocks, after again lowering great draughts, propounded a scheme (not for drainage, but) for a disciplinary committee, to control turbulent spirits, and prevent such outrages as resulted last year in the closing of the Law Library at night.

Mr. Davey gave his full support to the proposal, for he had been present at the said outrages, but as he never used the library, he could see no objection to removing it to the Barr Smith and therefore strongly opposed the suggested committee.

Mr. Josephs, impressed with Rights of Man, infants, contracts, etc., opposed the motion, without showing how he proposed to inform the Council that the library—which he admitted using—was ours as of right.

Mr. Moulden thought he never had occasion to use the library, felt that the sitting in judgment of law students on law students was intrinsically repulsive.

Mr. Bonin stressed the serious need for some positive action to induce the Council to reconsider its decision, as the loss of the library would be vital to some students, and its removal to the Barr Smith severely hamper the debates.

Mr. Benham then proposed to call in his to-be-famous equitable discretion to end the discussion, but was attracted by Mr. Davey's earnestness to hear him again. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Harry, who had also been present at the crimes, but never had occasion to use the library, spoke for and incoherently against the motion, respectively.

At his discretion, the President put the motion, which was promptly carried by all those students who did find the library useful, and welcomed the chance to give the Council some guarantee of future behaviour.

The officers for 1937 were elected in record time, thanks to the President's skilful use of his discretion—with one eye on the clock, the deaf ear he turned most successfully to all irrelevant motions, and to Mr. Cocks' explanations, and to the abandonment of fundamental principles. The freshers, after their default from the customary parade, were likely to be excluded from the Society, until the President, by a skilful equitable interpretation of a motion to admit them individually, individually admitted them all at once. The thanks of all were thus due, and given, to Mr. Benham for a very pleasant evening.

## COMING EVENTS

April 6 (Tuesday):  
First Football Practice.  
April 7 (Wednesday):  
Athletic Club Committee, Refectory, 1.20.  
Boxing and Wrestling: First Practice, Jubilee Oval Pavilion, 5.15.  
Annual University Swimming Carnival, Unley Crystal Pool, 8 p.m.  
April 8 (Thursday):  
"Which Way to Peace?" Lady Symon Hall, 1.20.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS:

B. McIntosh and E. Salter d. K. Francis and N. Magaroy, 6-5, 8-6, 6-4; J. Tassie and B. Warhurst d. M. Burnett and J. Edwards, 6-4, 6-5; J. Ward and J. Hewett d. E. M. Hargrave and A. Rix, 6-1, 3-6, 6-5. M. C. Newland and R. C. Angove d. G. M. Turnbull and A. McQ. Thomson; D. F. Cleland and J. W. Fletcher d. C. G. Semler and E. W. Mills, 5-6, 6-4, 6-5; R. H. Formby and R. G. Plummer d. E. R. Schwarz and N. C. Hargrave, 6-2, 6-4; R. L. Miller and R. W. Daniell d. D. C. Menzies and E. W. Palmer, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; H. E. Wesley Smith and L. W. Parkin d. C. G. Semler and E. W. Mills, 6-4, 6-1; R. H. Formby and R. G. Plummer d. M. C. Newland and R. C. Angove, 2-6, 6-5, 6-2; T. A. Hutton and E. F. Johnston d. D. F. Cleland and J. W. Fletcher, 6-4, 6-5. C. G. Semler d. R. H. Elix, 6-4, 6-2; H. E. Wesley Smith d. N. C. Hargrave, 6-0, 6-1; E. R. Schwarz d. D. F. Cleland, 6-2, 5-6, 6-3; H. E. Wesley Smith d. E. R. Schwarz, 6-2, 6-2. B. Mills d. J. Edwards, 6-2, 6-0; J. Watson d. C. Walker, 6-4, 6-3; R. D. Hammill and J. Tassie d. J. E. Kelly and P. Whitford, 6-4, 6-3; R. H. Elix and M. Hargrave d. A. Yule and J. Ward, 6-5, 6-3; J. M. Dicker and A. Rix d. M. G. Gratton and P. Dawe, 6-3, 6-5; P. F. Cleland and M. McLachlan d. S. J. Edmunds and B. Mills, 6-2, 6-2. J. M. Dicker d. E. G. Gann, 9-0. Ties for this week are already posted. All uneliminated competitors will probably be playing on Saturday, April 10.

## AN ARTY GATHERING

PROMPTER'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

Maurice Finnis and Herb Piper as be-stubbled, tunic-ed villains; Treasurer Darcy Cowell's report which showed a credit balance of 1/10 against last year's 1/2; and Mr. J. P. Macfarlane, LL.B., at the wash-up basin, ably assisted by Pansy Goode with tea towel, were the highlights of the Arts Association meeting last Wednesday night.

When the Secretary (H. Wesley-Smith) had read his report and had been censured and forgiven for omitting to mention the outstanding social event of the Association last year—the sherry party—the more formal business was put aside by the Chairman (C. J. Bridgland), and a play enacted for the entertainment and enlightenment of Freshers and others. The title, "The Saint's Comedy," suggests something a trifle holy and hilarious. And so it was but, we regret, mainly at unexpected moments. How could an audience be expected to restrain itself when Saint Don Wallace, garbed in brown cloth held in by string, declared in all earnestness that he was spiritually dry?

Every imaginable theme of drama was wound into a one-act play—a remarkable achievement. It was almost a tragedy, yet there was plenty of comic relief. There was a scene of passionate love between Muriel Macdonald and Donald Kerr; a most dramatic stage death and a subsequent heaving corpse (John Stokes, whom we were sorry to lose, as he played his part well); and a contest between good (in the form of Don Wallace) and evil (portrayed by Monk Blackburn).

Despite the fact that the prompter's voice echoed and re-echoed through the hall at frequent intervals, there was plenty of scope for amusement in the play, especially when the villains were performing.

The following officers were then elected for 1937:—

President: M. M. Finnis.  
Vice-President: H. Payne.  
Secretary: R. A. Blackburn.  
Treasurer: J. Stokes.  
Committee Members: Miss J. Ward, Miss E. Irwin, L. F. Crisp.  
Auditors: Mr. E. R. Corney, B.A. (Hons. Adel.), B. Magarey.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has come to hand from the president of the Sydney S.R.C. (Mr. Kevin Ellis) thanking the Union, and particularly our President and Secretary for hospitality and help during the Students' Conference. The letter includes resolutions of the Sydney S.R.C., thanking those concerned with the arrangements and commending the work of the conference.

Miss Nancy Newland has written commending the Student Adviser (Mr. R. R. P. Barbour) for his prompt action in making the Carnegie gramophone accessible after 5 o'clock. "Go tell your readers," she concludes, "that in Mr. Barbour they will find a practical counsellor and an effective intermediary with the powers that be."

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# AT LAST!

## A Fresher Hits Back

*We saw him in the Refectory! Yes, a critical, scoffing Fresher! So we asked him to say a few words to our readers. Here they are. As we found him breaking lances for the Freshers we may conveniently call him Don Quixote.*

### What were your first impressions of the University?

Amongst great hopes were mixed awe and confusion: confusion which was increased when my mission to the front office was completed. It is natural to expect to pay fees for knowledge, but what is this "Union fee—25/-"—at the bottom of the entry form? "Do we troop into Grote Street beneath a waving red banner?" The Clerk coldly declined to comment. Reason and emotion are sharply divided "functions of conscious life," but this outward frigidness of welcome is chilling to the Fresher.

### Did you find the Handbook any help?

It is an admirable and encouraging little production: we appreciate the compilers' Christian attitude towards us complacent and lowly Freshers. Freshers, don't think their advice merely another kindly platitude handed out by regal officials of Uniondom. To disprove the dull-wittedness and low-spiritedness which is proverbially ours, we should literally fulfil the final two suggestions of the introduction. But why the brackets round the next to last—this is not a suggestion to the Council that we intend to provide brighter illumination for any of the buildings, despite that pressing necessity. Would it not be of great assistance to everybody concerned if you incorporated a directory, map, or plan of the University in next year's Handbook? Hoary age would thank you for your kindness, Freshers would bless you for your foresight.

### What do you think of 'Varsity atmosphere?

Rather delightful to a Fresher is the freshness of the idealism that percolates through all student affairs. For one who has been long spent and deadened in the wide world outside, and its obvious realism, I would prescribe a course, or a year, or even a term at the 'Varsity. If he remained unmoved by the genuine enthusiasm prevailing here, then he is a peculiar specimen. Apparently, a certain Mr. Cuming found "realism" of little account amongst best 'Varsity circles, though we have not seen his effeminate gentlemen friends bathing in the Torrens.

### What do you think of our betters, the Staff?

We Freshers have read, have been told, and believed, that we would come here to mix with the gods of the intellectual universe. But we are disappointed. We found them very ordinary. A tall, dark Professor, emaciated and stooping, slouches round corners, just as any cat-burglar would do. Another, obviously with mathematical leanings, hurries past to hide himself in his room. On the whole, they are a shy, retiring race of creatures, little given to laughter, and quite incapable of tears—their tearful emotions have long since dried up. But one Professor, at least, can still blush at the bawdries of Terence and his fellows: indeed, we rarely catch a glance of his fascinating eye, so fastidious is he in his shyness. Rumor tells of a lecturer who spent thirteen years lecturing on the spectrum, only to be found color blind recently by an enterprising medico.

Again, I am disappointed in University life because that gloriously happy life of Compton Mackenzie's "Dreaming Spies" has not eventuated. Despite what the Handbook says on work, I personally had not hoped to deaden my wits with toil

until the final fortnight before exams. But this cannot be. We are treated as slaves. There is work, work, and still more work to be done.

### But what about Ourselves?

Lunch time seems to be the social highlight in this University life. It affords a revelation in human character and University personalities. The Refectory is the hub of this small Universe of ours. The Refectory also expresses the fallacy that the British race still maintains its early vigor, as the lounging men and dreaming women in it prove. Economists of the political school would be well advised to view the potential fathers of our race indulging in this sensuous case. They would have supporting evidence then for their theories of the nation's declining birth-rate, and corroboration for their fears.

Freshers seek to summon courage to stalk the length of the luncheon hall, but instead stroll bashfully between rows of giggling females to the cafeteria. Yet these lurching Freshers should be the envy of more senior men, who have lost all trace of sociableness in the virtuous pursuit of dulling the wits. You know this crowd immediately by their atrocious habits of drifting along alone from lecture-room to lecture-room, like the sheep from the C.S. & I.R., each in its own pen. Perhaps their minds are deep in meditation, and they have forgotten that other minds exist. Norman Douglas has said that genius is stifled by our modern educational system. Undoubtedly he is right. Seniors, whom we Freshers knew at school for sparkling intellects, have become middle-aged and dull. That bright schoolgirl complexion has degenerated into a surly, pallid, emaciated scowl. The versatile and vivacious elders have grown into dour, straightlaced specialists. Will their superior wisdom descend to take an active interest in the Procession this year?

I mentioned giggling females; the female Freshers are, of course, above such in proprieties and exhibitions of bad taste—and rightly so. We Freshers must maintain the social precepts and snobbishness bred in us by years and years of paternally-imposed detention in schools, that know no other code than that laid down by the hostesses of the early days of good Queen Victoria. Possibly this fact explains the spontaneous segregation of the sexes in the lecture-room and Refectory.

Fresh from schools where attendances at meetings are compulsory, Freshers were surprised at the paucity of numbers at the Commencement Social. With all due respect to the staff of "On Dit," I, for one, disagree with you. If there are over 1,000 members of the Union, then the A.G.M. attendance was poor.

### Our cup of bitterness is full—have you anything further with which to flood it?

Many other interesting features could be discussed. Much has been glossed over, and still more questions remain unasked. Such topics as the gradually evolving Men's Union Building, the Bridge, the mysterious Fountain, the charming bow of Dr. Koo, the insistent Ryan and the imperious Crisp at the Union A.G.M. are matters of everyday discussion, and are left to those moments when Freshers congregate in cloisters and quadrangles. Despite the constitutional intricacies of the new Australian 'Varsities' Union, we hope that the presently elected committee of our Union will inform us of its progress from time to time.

## DR. KOO'S BONYTHON HALL ADDRESS

### THE FAR EAST TO-DAY

#### 1. Russia and Japan.

The world wonders why war has not broken out already. Dr. Koo sees the answer simply in the fact that Russia has no desire whatever for war or expansion. Her economy does not require it. Only attack would force Russia to arms. The job at home and the fear of simultaneous war on two fronts put Russia on the side of peace. Necessity arising from their economic system, and hence the fear of Russia as a rival in Manchuria drive the Japanese towards war. A fear-psychology has driven Japan to Korea, to Manchuria, and onwards to China. There is the constant fear of insecurity. Dr. Koo thinks the military party would already have been at war with Russia if they had been perfectly free to act. Japan feels that time fights for Russia, the passing of the years means a stronger and stronger Russia—not so much militarily, but economically.

#### 2. Japan and China: China.

Pressure has been exerted by Japan on China with an ever-increasing intensity since member States of the League of Nations let China down over the Manchurian affair. At first, it was recognition of Japanese sovereignty over Manchuria that was demanded. China stood her ground. Then Japan suggested Sino-Japanese "co-operation"—in these terms: (a) China was to call off and suppress any form of anti-Japanese practice, propaganda, or criticism; (b) China, as a gesture of goodwill, to leave the League of Nations; (c) economic co-operation by China's lowering tariff barriers to Japan and by restricting Chinese economic development to raw material production; (d) military co-operation and the instructing of the Chinese forces by Japanese exclusively. This was delivered almost as an ultimatum in 1935. China was in no position to say a categorical "No." So she asked for four naval instructors for her (non-existent) navy.

There is a narrowing field for temporising—indeed, everyone thought that war was inevitable last year. No Government in China can possibly ask the Chinese people for friendship with Japan, unless Japan first makes a

friendly move—as, for instance, the removal of troops, planes, and smugglers from China. China is facing a struggle for existence as a nation.

#### Japan.

Apart from any genuine need for land and raw materials, Japan is convinced that her future is not secure until she controls the human and material resources of the continent of Asia. When she has that control, she will go on to conquer the world. But Japan is most inconsistent in her demands and action: there are two screws loose in the Japanese machinery of government. First, there is the constitutional clash of civil and military authorities. The anomalous omnipotence of the War Minister simply means that in Japan the civil power does not control the military. Secondly, there is the clash between the military in the field and the military headquarters at Tokio. Thus, as in the case of the 1935 ultimatum, the military in the field can and do act off their own bat. Yet Japan is faced with the prospect of a strong economic crisis—witness the poverty in rural Japan. So likely is this that it is reasonable to say that the Government at home has been restrained for fear of revolution in the event of war.

#### 3. World Peace—War Anywhere is War Everywhere.

The Far Eastern situation is no longer an isolated affair, but part of the world situation—especially after the Japanese-German agreement. The world is irreparably linked, and trouble could not be confined to the East or to the West.

Yet work for peace can be of only limited value, so long as all the big nations go on with more or less intense nationalistic education. An effort must be made in the education of youth to give a foundation to world peace.

Dr. Koo contrasted the beliefs in "full sovereignty" and "relative sovereignty," and expressed his own conviction to be unhesitatingly that future steps must come through application of the latter. The nations must advance through the stages by which individuals have achieved civilisation. Dr. Koo contrasted the urgent and earnest desire for peace amongst the youth of all countries he has visited, with their feeling of hopelessness against State policies and commitments. Why does the human spirit seem so discouraged, so hopelessly wretched? Simply because we have been continually raised to pinnacles of hopeful expectation, only to be dashed to nothing. From the heights of Wilson's Fourteen Points we were dashed down to the depths of Versailles. We hoped for a League solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute, but the League members let China down and betrayed the new approach to world peace. Then came Italy and Abyssinia. Eden was to be a saviour, but the British and French Governments betrayed the League principles again. Dr. Koo pointed out that we cannot expect the human spirit to trust to love and not to armaments when this happens time and time again. Only bankruptcy of the spirit can come of such shocks. We must work to re-establish man's trust in his own will and not in armaments.

## ST. MARK'S COLLEGE NOTES

First marriage claimed Mr. La Nauze, now the service of his country calls Mr. "Bin" Moodie from our midst. No! Mistake me not. Mr. Moodie has not been driven by pacifist propaganda and propagandists to find an intellectual asylum in our permanent forces, nor spiritual exaltation with the air force mess. He leaves us for Canberra, there to learn the subtleties of the insinuating diplomatist. We hope Mr. Moodie slips easily into the Canberra caste to which his salary-scale will immediately assign him; and after the war after next we hope he may have reached the top of the tree and be in a position to save Australia's two men and a dog from further assault.

The College misses the cheery face of the Boy Golfer. Our days will be duller, our nights quieter, and our meetings flatter for his absence. Perhaps our rooms will be tidier, too.

Our building extensions are fast raising their ruddy head. We hope Tutor Wills is not addicted to sleep walking—he might find himself slipping downhill fast.

Owing to the business of Cupid with our more entangled members it is difficult for any of us to break a close monopoly over the phone at this College. We are moving for the installation of another phone to relieve us from our too frequently hearing the "engaged" signal.

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