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DEBATING LOOKING UP

Good Crowd Sees Women's Double Win

The Lady Symon Hall was comfortably full for the Inter-Union Debates on Wednesday. We were very fortunate to have as adjudicator, Mr. G. Harry, whose individual criticisms were much appreciated—debaters generally seem to appreciate the reversion to this system. The standard of debating was not the best that we have heard this year, but it had its moments.

"On Dit" regrets that the men did not convince the audience (or, at least, the adjudicator) that "the 'New Day' should dawn." Mr. Zelling spoke in a heartfelt way as a law student in favor of the reform and was brightly supported by Mr. Cotton, who advocated early rising to save the daylight and eurhythmics to beguile the lunch hour. He queried the intelligence of his audience and digressed up its digestion. Miss Warhurst, for the Women's Union, thought an extra hour inadequate and the scheme in general impractical. Miss Beaton suggested that the men who had previously driven hence the "butterflies" now sought to entice them back to divert our great intellects in the long midday. In summing up, Miss Warhurst talked about a quite mythical medical scientist, "pure and simple" (to us, at any rate), while Mr. Zelling said that the Meds. who were not already blind were night owls and so would not miss the daylight from their work. Mr. Harry gave the decision to the women and named Miss Beaton as the best speaker.

These Rational Animals

Mr. Amos set out to prove all (the many) conceivable aspects of the proposition "That Man is a Rational Animal." He held that rationality, sex-linked, like color blindness, came out only in man. Miss Woodger charged him with cynicism, and set out man's three ends as eating, loving, and sleeping—the greatest of these being loving, and loving being irrational. Miss Woodger took as proof of her case. She examined the love life of the sadist, the passionate man, and the average man in various aspects, and passed over the girl who gave her love wholesale. Mr. Anderson complimented the opposition on their "feminine pulchritude," stated that it was "axiomatic that God is fairly reasonable," asked "why buy a cow when the world is a well-run dairy?" and sat down. Miss McIntosh gave a grim picture of Christmas day, and finished on an elevating Peace Group note. With the advent of Mr. Mattison, who had heard that "the female of the species is more deadly than the male," the debate took a new turn. He doubted now whether it was true that reasonable man embraced reasonable woman, and found Miss Woodger's philosophic approach to the subject of love too platonic. Miss Salter said some very crushing things about her opponents' arguments. Miss Woodger and Mr. Amos summed up well, and after Mr. Harry had again given his decision for the ladies these same two proposed a vote of thanks to him.

Will the mere males, after this crushing defeat, continue to monopolise the cane chairs?

THE UNIVERSITIES AND GENUINE FREEDOM

The following extract is taken from a speech given by Professor A. G. B. Fisher, of Western Australia, during the Universities Conference recently held in Adelaide:

Universities in Australia, it is further suggested, should be extremely hesitant about accepting—except as a short period policy imposed upon us by practical consideration—the view that their function is to train only the leaders of the community. For the leaders must somehow be selected, and it requires unceasing vigilance to ensure that the selection is not determined by perfectly irrational considerations of wealth and social status.

Complacent Australians need to be constantly reminded that the distance which we have to go before we achieve genuine equality of opportunity is still so great that there is no time to waste in thanking God that we are not as the more obviously feudal societies of the Old World. Our social distinctions are

ERRATUM.

In the report of Mr. Clarke's lecture in last week's issue there was an unfortunate slip. The first row of figures in the first column of our report shows a pound sign where there should have been a dollar sign. Thus the British National Income per worker should read 1,241 dollars, and so on.

more fluid, no doubt, but they are in constant danger of becoming rigid and permanent, and universities must constantly guard against the influences, often more dangerous when they are subtle than when they are crude and easily recognised, of privilege and vested interest of one kind and another. Would it indicate an unreasonably suspicious mind to suggest that some even of the clearest and most effective defences of academic freedom are not entirely untainted by these influences? Academic freedom is sometimes commended to respectable people on the implicit understanding that it will not in the end lead to anything subversive. There is no real danger from the left, we are told. But would the case for academic freedom be the slightest degree different if there were a real "danger" from the left? The true Socratic doctrine is to follow the argument whithersoever it may lead, and not with any mental reservation that any excursions to the left (or, for that matter, to the right) will be merely temporary tourist excursions, and will not require us to take up permanent residence.

CONGRATULATIONS 'VARSITY'

The First Step in the Campaign to Eliminate T.B. Lies Behind Us

By A. McQ. Thomson.

The wisdom of our students has never been seen to better advantage than in the magnificent response that has been made to the appeal to check T.B.

Naturally, the clinic, with only one medical officer, has to select, and so from now, until further notice, preference will be given to those who have actually come into close contact with the disease, in their homes or at their work (as, for example, medical students). Now we are in a position, as we hoped we would be, to say to the Government: "Look how your first effort has been appreciated. What about some more of the same?"

This does not mean that those who were making the resolution to undergo regular examination need not do so, nor that we may cease our efforts to spread the habit outside the 'Varsity. Further plans are being drawn up, but space does not permit us to discuss them now—they will be put before the Union and discussed when the time arrives.

Meanwhile, we would welcome any expression of opinion or advice, particularly from those whose experience has shown them the drastic effects of delaying investigation until forced to visit a doctor.

And, to save anyone a fruitless walk, we repeat that for the present preference has to be given as stated above.

It would appear that once again the early bird has caught the worm.

T.B. Clinic

Sirs,—Although in most cases Mr. Thomson's celebrated article may have fallen on deaf ears, such a step on the part of the Government in the right direction should not be overlooked by students. Accordingly, availing myself of the glowing opportunity presented so forcefully in the issue of July 6, I presented myself at the clinic only to be informed that such a concession was reserved for Med. students. If others can take advantage of such a benefit, surely students, who are most concerned, should not be excluded. I trust that through your virile paper, so fruitful in bright suggestions, attention may be drawn to this anomaly.

"WOULD-BE EXAMINEE."

OTHER STATES WANT LECTURE REFORM

From north to south on the continent "On Dit's" plea for the overhauling of the lecture system has found ready sympathy and support. Here are a few extracts taken from other University papers:

"Honi Soit" (Sydney), July 21. Editorial: "Adelaide University students have begun an agitation against the system of compulsory lectures which obtains there. We also work under the same system . . ."

"As 'On Dit' has said, there can be little doubt that the present method of University study is far from satisfactory. . ."

"If the Public Questions Society could somehow induce a few wealthy friends of learning to give the University a further endowment fund of half a million pounds, there would be some hope of scrapping for ever this fatigue-producing, note-taking system of compulsory lectures."

"As long as this system survives study at Sydney is at a disadvantage. We must get rid of this system. The best way to get rid of it is to find money for the University to engage a larger staff, erect more buildings, and buy more equipment. Then the offending method will disappear, for, taking hope from the Chancellor's recent remarks, we can safely say that in general the staff like it as little as we do. The most satisfactory way to support the work of our fellows in Adelaide is by making it plain that we are with them in spirit, and are doing our best, in the only intelligent way, to bring about in Sydney what they are trying to do."

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"Farrago" (Melbourne), June 29: "On Dit" . . . devotes most of the space of its last issue to the vexed question of the respective work of lectures, notes, and tutorials.

"Much of the criticism offered in this editorial is applicable to aspects of tutorial discussions plus printed notes being introduced (in Melbourne). This has been notably successful in the School of Philosophy. Also, under the new regime, students are freer to do closer and better-directed reading."

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"Togatus" (Tasmania), July 23: "Recent issues of 'On Dit,' the South Australian paper, have been full of demands for the revision of lecturing methods in the University."

"In our own University many professors and lecturers provide typed notes, which greatly facilitate an understanding of the lecture. In the smaller classes, too, the tutorial method is often adopted with advantage—that is, individual discussion of the subjects as brought forward by the lecturer. Nevertheless, there is often too much drudgery attached to lectures, and they then accomplish little in giving comprehension of the subject, but only in giving a knowledge of a narrow class of facts for later use in an examination.

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AUGUSTUS

A Cautionary Tale

Augustus had left school at last: Forgotten was his childish past. His masters gave him good advice, And told him plainly what was nice, Added their blessings, said good-bye, And left him to his old school tie.

"God, boy! A man at last!" cried Gus, As, leaping on the nearest bus, Without Mamma (just think of that!), He went and bought a green felt hat To join the species undergrad. Your really should have seen the lad!

He bought his books and started class, Intent upon a first-class pass. But towards the middle of the year He caught the 'Varsity atmosphere.

First he tried some manly sport; And having weighed with careful thought

The merits of each winter game, In Rugby chose to make his name. At practices he now appears Crash-helmeted about the ears, But fearful of becoming tough, For Rugby seemed a trifle rough, On Tuesdays, seeking grace and poise, He went to fencing with the boys. The S.C.M. attracted him, And then he had another whim: His "On Dit" told him he should be A truly downright M.P.G. But finally his old ideas

Of first-class passes and careers Were shattered on one fateful night Of singing songs, and getting tight— His Faculty's uproarious dinners Were never meant for mere beginners. And in the hazy aftermath Gus started on the downward path. Thenceforth from club to club he went

Solely upon amusement bent, Arts, Science, P. and I.R.C.— He even wandered into 'Glee. Debates and plays were on his list, Nor was there one dance ever missed, And, failing else, there'd always be The joys of female company. But if his fellows in their zeal Brought to Augustus an appeal Some knotty point to puzzle out, He'd answer, with indignant shout: "My dear good chaps, I don't remember, Leave it alone till next November!"

November came, Augustus dropped His careless pose; but still — he flopped.

St. Mark's College Notes

The College officially said good-bye to Mr. Barr on Tuesday night. We are sorry to lose him, but expect him to do great things at Oxford. May he never go home on the drunkards' express!

As far as going to the College dance is concerned, the College is divided broadly into those who do and those who don't. We hear that the oncoming holidays force Tutor Sinclair into the camp of those that don't.

The College is ashamed to learn that one of its members has perfected a method of showing appreciation of his dancing partners by infecting them with delayed-action influenza.

Tutor Wills has returned from a highly successful snow holiday in Victoria. He returns the heavier for a pot won at ski-ing (this, he insists, is pronounced "she-ing"), and from upholding the capabilities of South Australians in general.

The College appreciates the fourth of last week's limericks.

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BRIDGE OPENING

The official opening of the University Bridge by His Excellency the Governor next Monday afternoon will mark the end of yet another cycle in the history of our University, for at long last the oval will be directly linked with the rest of the 'Varsity grounds..

When the first students took up sport they were handicapped severely by lack of space, and one of the favorite hockey "fields" was the main driveway leading from North Terrace. In 1889 the members of the newly-formed Lacrosse Club were forced out into the Medindie park lands for practice. Then in 1910 the Adelaide City Council granted to the University the use of six and a half acres of park land which, through the tireless work of Professors Henderson and Naylor and an enthusiastic body of students, were transformed into the picturesque oval that we know to-day. The usual method of entrance was via a hole in the tin fence along the river side of the present University grounds, and then across the muddy Torrens by stepping stones.

Time passed, and the University acquired the ground between its buildings on North Terrace and the river. In 1929 the centre of student activity was changed from the old Union building (W.E.A. Bookroom) to the Refectory. Finally in 1930 the University obtained the grant of the Jubilee Oval. Thus by a process of peaceful penetration the University had radiated out from one small centre on North Terrace until it embraced a large, consolidated block of land. Only the oval remained isolated. And now the opening of the footbridge will mean that all parts of the University grounds will be welded into one complete whole in deed as well as in name.

Our heartfelt appreciation to the generous donors can only be expressed by a rallying of students at the opening ceremony next Monday at 3.30.

THE RESIGNATION

has been announced of Sir Robert Chapman, Professor of Engineering, who for fifty years has been connected with the staff of our Engineering School. It is through his brilliance and energy that the Adelaide school has such a high reputation, and it will be hard to find a man to fill his position.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr. Mark Mitchell, who has been appointed as Professor of Bio-chemistry and General Physiology.

AND

to Mr. Kevin Ellis, LL.B., who has been elected as the first student representative on the Sydney University Senate (the equivalent to our Adelaide University Council). We hope that now Mr. Ellis has been appointed to this position, he will be able to prove the worth of student representation on the governing body of the University.

'VARSITY GUYED THE SCIENTISTS THROW A PARTY

The Science dance on the 24th was a wow—one of the most successful faculty hops, in fact, for some time. This was in no small way due to (1) the right spirit, assisted by the Saints old boys' dinner, (2) the decorations, which looked like harvest festival gone berserk, (3) and, of course, those present. The cartoons were quite up to the standard of previous years. We of "On Dit" particularly appreciated Nos. 10 and 12 on Messrs. McBeth and Mitchell, with obvious reference to our lecture campaign. But we would assure our scientist friends that our view of them is not that of the supernumerary cartoon at the end of the refectory. We understand, too, that owing to unforeseen treatment of the vegetable animals used in decoration at the dance, mashed turnips and marrow will appear on the cafeteria menu rather than the roasted variety.

COULDN'T TAKE IT.

Underneath a photo in the "Mail": "Gregory Stroud, Gilbert and Sullivan baritone principal, who thinks that Australia has the most beautiful chorus girls in the world. He left this week for England for a rest after two years in Australia."

THAT LUNCH HOUR SIREN

Once again the women showed themselves superior talkers when they swept off the laurels at the debate last Wednesday night. The "New Day" was discussed very solemnly. Mr. Cotton pointed out that if it comes into existence when the building has been finished, the opportunities for indoor sports will be greatly increased. Is this an open invitation to all our Angies and Fannies to enjoy more eventful lunch hours, or another campaign for eurhythmics and the body beaut?

INQUIRY BUREAU

Dear Madam Hu,
At a very bright party last week I was amazed to find that some of our 'Varsity men seem domestically inclined, for at intervals during the evening they mentioned something about the advantages of ironing. Can you throw any light on this puzzling situation?

B. WILDED.

Answer: This is not a domestic problem, B. Wilded, but seems necessary to some men, though you will find exceptions to every rule. It is a delicate point and difficult to describe in detail, but do your best with this:

- I for in the spirits.
 - R for Onkaparinga down the nanny goat.
 - O to be alone.
 - N for "now we're right, folk."
 - I for I feel better.
 - N for no more mixing.
 - G—got the game by the throat.
- (This might not appeal to any one.)

LET US NOW TEASE FAMOUS MEN

SERIES 2.

Reality, the Undefeatable Sand Castle

ROMIL, July 24.

The Duce concludes: "One day, sooner or later, sand castles will be swept away by reality, which has always been one, overpowering and undefeatable."—"Advertiser," 26/7/37.

They say that these Fascist Dictators Have "purged" many scores of their haters; They might feel the urge For another big purge If they captured their English translators.

The Elder Conservatorium Quartet has concluded a series of five recitals.

To judge by the concerts we've had, These players would not be too bad If they all knew the score, And rehearsed a bit more, And if each of the four had a Strad.

Vice Versa

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the honor of knighthood on Professor Robert William Chapman."

With all due respect to the Crown, This honor should be upside down; While his titular knob Can mean little to Bob, To the Knightage it adds great renown.

Our Stan

Professor Sir Cedric Stanton Hicks, Kt., M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. (N.Z.), Ph.D. (Camb.), F.I.C. (Lond.), F.C.S. (Lond.). If time won't permit you to scan Twelve names, all for one little man, You may form your own views About which one to use, But for heaven's sake don't call me "Stan"!

Re Hersel

The brain of our bright Willie Hersel Has a quality quite universal; The result of this range Is a lack of small change, And some diffidence in its dispersal.

HOCKEY BRIDGE

In Sydney they rified, we mean raffled, a 75/- tennis racket for sixpence a guess to raise funds to send their hockey team to Tasmania. Is this right? Our hockey women hope to raise theirs at a bridge party to be held on Friday, August 13. Incidentally, they have something to raffle, too. We hear that two well-known law students have accepted the dental bridge challenge, and seconds will be called and cards drawn on this eventful night. If you don't come for a game of chance or to enjoy a good supper, come and watch this Olympic contest of brains and tricks (no, we didn't say tricking).

Football in the Mud

The recent mud has transformed the football changing sheds. Socks are now stood against the wall in pairs, and trousers will be worn off-white now—a long way off. The trainers are taking advantage of mud pack beauty treatment. Law and Arts (black) defeated Engineers (colors) in the Rugby 17 to 3 on Wednesday last. "Colors" consisted of blues and reds, striped and plain, grey, purple, and green. Mud and blood, as the game progressed, added a further dash of color to the conflict. Hair is being worn shabby this winter. The ninepenny or pudding basin trim is out of favor. Yes, somebody suggested a "reveal the man" drive this week; in fact, we badly need a Delilah to cut the hair of some of our Samsons.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

University Women from the Scientific Outlook

The time honored theme of "University women" has become a subject of heated controversy at the Melbourne University, and for weeks men and women students have been anonymously slinging mud at each other through the columns of "Farrago." Whereas all Varsity women were once labelled bluestockings, a Melbourne cynic, after days of worry and sleepless nights, has at last been able to classify them with botanical precision into three distinct types.

Class.	Sub-Class.
(1) <i>Ingenu</i>	(a) <i>Natural</i> (b) <i>Sweet</i> (c) <i>Just dumb</i>
(2) <i>Pseudo-sophisticated</i>	(a) <i>Intellectual</i> (b) <i>Pseudo-intellectual</i> (c) <i>Nit-wit</i>
(3) <i>Sophisticated</i>	(i) <i>By instinct</i> (ii) <i>By experience</i>
	(a) <i>Intelligent</i> (b) <i>Intellectual</i> (c) <i>Hot Stuff</i>

Among the numerous replies to "The Cynic" was an article from a wise dame, entitled "Does your approach bring reproach?" in which she declares: "Little does the classifier of women realize, however, that, though we may be typed, we all share the knowledge of approaches used by his sex." She then enumerates the four recognised methods of approach.

(a) The polished approach, practised by the legion of the pseudo-intellectuals who consider they are complete wake-ups. Their interest at first is purely mental, gradually increasing in male possessiveness, and ending in taking everything for granted.

(b) The animal vitality approach used by the sports coats brigade.

(c) The take-it-or-leave-it approach method of those who consider woman an inferior creature.

(d) The bull rush: These individuals believe that overwhelming and inundating a girl with invitations and compliments assures the end. They are thick-skinned to a degree, especially around the head—leaving no room for grey matter. The only cure is rudeness, more rudeness, and not a small degree of rudeness. As a last resource a bomb is useful.

Unclassified: The huge herd which has no approach at all.

The issue finally became so heated that, at the instigation of "Cuckoo," University women were treated merely as chemical elements. This is the result:

Element Woman
Symbol Wo
Family Human.

OCCURRENCE: Can be found wherever man exists. Seldom found in free or native state. Quality depends on the state in which it is found. Combined state to be preferred.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: All colors and sizes. Much lighter than air; in fact is the lightest substance known. Always appears in the disguised condition. Surface usually protected by a coating of paint or a film of powder. Boils at nothing; may freeze at any moment; however, it melts if properly heated. Very bitter if not used correctly.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: Extremely active. Possesses a strong affinity for gold, silver, platinum and all kinds of rare stones. Violent reaction when left alone by man. Ability to absorb expensive foods at any time. Undissolved by liquids, but activity is greatly increased when saturated with spirit and alcoholic solutions. Sometimes yields to pressure. Turns green when placed alongside a better specimen. Ages rapidly. Fresh variety has great magnetic attraction.

CAUTION: Highly inflammable and liable to explode at any time.

SPORTING NEWS

MEN'S HOCKEY.

The "A's" defeated Forestville, 4-3. In the first half Varsity had practically all the play and led 3-0 at the interval. After this Forestville improved greatly and repeatedly penetrated the back lines, only to be stopped by Bowen in goal. Rolland played well at right back, and gave his best performance up to date.

The "B" team were without their normal half line, and went down to Argosy, 9-0.

The "C's" played disappointingly and were beaten 2-1 by Argosy.

Scores: Varsity, 24, d. Waratah, nil. Scorers: Edelman, 4 tries; Napier, 2. Cleland converted 2, Edelman 1.

"B" Grade.

The "B's" had a rather easy victory against Waratah to defeat them, 12-nil. Scorers: Jeffries (2), H. R. Smith, McGowan.

FOOTBALL.

"A's" BRILLIANT WIN OVER PRINCE'S OLD SCHOLARS.

The Varsity "A's" further enhanced their chances of inclusion in the final four by soundly beating Princes, who, prior to Saturday, had occupied fourth position on the premiership list.

Up till half-time the game was fairly even, but Princes, by reason of better shooting for goal, had a lead of one goal.

In the third quarter Varsity played brilliant football, and scored seven goals to our opponents' none.

In the last quarter Varsity, kicking against the wind, had posted two goals before Princes scored, thus establishing a winning lead of eight goals. Thereafter the play see-sawed up and down the field, and Varsity ran out winners by six goals.

"Pansy" Goode, at full forward pocket, was our outstanding man. He led out well and took some fine marks. He fully deserved his six goals. Brian Magarey was moved to centre half-back to oppose Ward half-way through the game, and thereafter he played a great game to subdue this fine player.

Final scores were: Varsity, 15.12; Princes, 9.12.

Goalkickers: W. P. Goode (6), Parkin (3), Page and LeMessurier (2), Gurner and Rice.

Best Players: W. P. Goode, Magarey, Elix, Hutton, Masters, Rice, and Kleinschmidt.

RIFLE CLUB.

Conditions for shooting on Saturday were not at all favorable; poor light made sighting very difficult and the scores low. In spite of the rain there was a good attendance for the second stage of the Championship and Handicap fired over 600 yards. Scores:

Championship.

J. Barrien	37	36	73
M. Mattingley	34	38	72
A. E. Welbourn	31	38	69
C. J. Starling	36	33	69
E. G. Robinson	33	35	68
R. E. Allen	31	36	67
W. C. R. Brooke	34	31	65
T. H. McFarlane	31	31	62

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THE NEW NATIONAL GALLERY

BEHIND SANDSTONE AND BRICKS.

For some time we have been watching the outside growth of our National Gallery. But growth inside has been even more phenomenal. Between them Mr. McCubbin and the decorators have made the new sections of the Gallery a true home for art. The wide roof windows make the lighting good; but what is almost equally important is the coloring of the walls. These are done in shades from fawn to grey, but in no place is there that gloomy, wet-Sunday-afternoon atmosphere we have so long associated with the Gallery.

The lower floor of the new wing contains a vast array of porcelain, pottery, etc. Down in one corner is a little Minton teapot, painted a brilliant yellow, with a lovely rhythmic modelling. It is worth hunting out. On the ground floor also is a collection of pictures and relics related to the settlement and early life of South Australia.

Along the staircase to the upper floor is a series of Indian paintings, very richly colored, and with a marvellous sense of balance and pattern. Some people say that cubism and a tendency to simplify the human form are modern "stunts": they ought to have a look at these pictures from India. At the top of the staircase is a room full of lithographic prints on war subjects. In the same room are several color-prints: Cezanne, van Gogh, Botticelli, van Eyk. Unfortunately, these pictures are hung very high—the light shines on them badly, and they are difficult to look at.

The room of etchings and engravings contains some excellent work. There is a good section of Dutch engravings, particularly some of Rembrandt. Those who saw "Rembrandt" at the York will recognise some of the characters.

There follows a room of English and Australian watercolors. Anyone who does not believe that Australians have developed an art of their own, should just examine the two walls of this room and mark the overwhelming difference of our painters from the English. The next room is arranged to show another contrast—the art of to-day and of thirty years ago: post-impressionism, cubism, and even vorticism (in "The Harvest," by James Bateman) have had a very big effect in the passage of thirty years.

We come to oils. Most of these have simply been moved from the old Gallery. But Septimus Power's "Summertime" is new; it is a picture to be thoroughly enjoyed. Peter Boneghel's "Flemish Lawyer" (sixteenth century) is one of the few pictures we have which is more than eighty years old; it is small, but a masterpiece in execution and characterization. It is queerly reminiscent of the more antique of lawyers' offices to-day.

The room immediately leading off the entrance porch is disappointing; it should not be so, because first and last impressions will, as ever, be sadly persistent. A "Church," by Millet, and a rather mediaeval-spirited picture, "The Candle Flame," with a lovely coloring in mauve, are alone outstanding.

And so to the old Gallery. And what a fall is there! Gloomy, unrepaired walls: depression. But we hear that it is, fortunately, not to remain thus.

Most of the pictures in the old Gallery have long been there for us to show to any odd visitors from the country. Some of them are new, including a self-portrait of Colonel Light. A great many people are unaware that we have in the Gallery a very fine Epstein bronze, "La Belle Juive." A new method of hanging in this old section makes it much more interesting. By the entrance a number of pictures by Arthur Streeton, Fred McCubbin, and Tom Roberts makes an interesting group by the real founders of Australian art. Nearby are pictures by their successors—Hans Heysen, James Ashton, George Whinnen, and a portrait by Nora Heysen, of a still younger generation. A long way away are two pictures by the greatest of our rebels, Blamire Young: "Chaucer" and "The Musician"—the latter a splendid picture, almost all black, set off with a throb of red-brown, and with a tiny Australian landscape seen through a window.

The new section of the National Gallery will be opened on August 16.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Results of Saturday's Matches.

A's played a practice match v. Greenwood.

B1 lost to Public Service, 2-3.

B2 lost to Mirama.

LACROSSE.

The "A's" have disappointed lately; they have lost successively to Goodwood, North Adelaide, and Port Adelaide, all of whom were below them on the premiership list. On Saturday those regular members of the team who are not available for the inter-Varsity did not play, and our team was rather weak. But it should have done better. Last time we defeated Port Adelaide; this time we lost, 13-9. The goalthrowers were: Harry (6), Nicholson (2), Barnfield. The best players: Harry, Nairn, Cottle, Nicholson.

The "B's" did much better. They played East Torrens, who for years have been unbeaten by our team. The result this time was a draw, 13-13, and, as we had a much-weakened team, we have every reason to be satisfied. Goalthrowers: Ward (7), Snow (3), Taylor (2), Aitchison. Best players: Frayne, Aitchison, Ward.

The threat of rain proved too much for some members of the "C" team and for all the emergencies, and our "C's" had to forfeit.

RUGBY.

UNIVERSITY "A" v. WARATAH "A."

University attacked from the outset, due to the dominance of the pack, and it was only a good defence that saved Waratah. The ball came out too slowly for the three to get moving properly, but Edelman crossed twice and two goals resulted. Freeman was playing his usual excellent game, utilising the kick to advantage every time. The score at half-time was 10-nil.

At half-time the Varsity backs combined better, and Edelman and Napier both crossed twice, Cleland again converting. The forwards on the whole played well and were far superior to the opposition.

PEACE GROUP NOTES

Those who still hold a faith in a league and collective security system for the maintenance of world peace cannot but be cheered by the new policy of the All-Australian Trade Union Congress—the industrial wing of the Labor movement—as adopted last Friday in Melbourne. The key resolution reads:—

"We believe that the peace of the world is one and indivisible, and the only way to keep Australia out of international disturbances is by playing our part in stopping wars from arising in the world. The most immediate threat to world peace at the present time comes from German and Italian aggression in Spain, German aggression in Central Europe directed finally towards Russia, Japanese aggression in China directed against Russia, and the domination of the Pacific and Australia. In this situation we believe in the following:—

- "(a) Organising the masses against war.
- "(b) Opposition to the rearmament policies of Baldwin and the Lyons Government.
- "(c) Support of a policy of collective security through the League of Nations, as may be necessary in the interests of peace; and
- "(d) Securing democratic control of the army inside Australia.

"Included in this is opposition to conscription and labor camps. We support the principles of the Brussels Conference, including recognition of the sanctity of treaty obligations, reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement, and the suppression of profit from the manufacture and trade in arms; strengthening the League of Nations for the prevention and stopping of war by the organization of collective security and mutual assistance; and the establishment within the framework of the League of Nations of effective machinery for remedying international conditions which might lead to war.

"The most important political step that could be taken in Australia would be the achievement of a united effort of all working class bodies as a means of building up independent action for peace to supplement or oppose actions of Governments or the League as may be necessary in the interest of peace."

Approving the critical attitude adopted by the Labor leaders, Messrs. Curtin and Forde, to the Imperial Conference, congress pledges its support to the Labor Government to repudiate any commitments that might have been made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons) or the Minister for Defence (Sir Archdale Parkhill) while abroad.

Congress also agreed to the reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement, the suppression of profit in the manufacture of trade in arms, and strengthening of the League of Nations for preventing and stopping war by the organization of collective security.

Because of the danger of world war, "which has arisen and will continue to arise from capitalistic competition for world markets," congress resolved to convene conferences in each of the capital cities to set up combined councils to organize and direct the activities of the Australian movement against war.—"News," 23/7/37.

Glee Club

The club will meet weekly in the Lady Symon Hall on Tuesdays, at 1.20. The new secretary is Mr. R. A. Blackburn, in place of Mr. Doug. Allen, departed hence.

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Correspondence

LOCK-OUT

Dear Editors,—Now those two letters regarding the locked and barred doors on North Terrace found an echo right from the bottom of my heart.

The first time I went to the Freshers' evening I was dumbfounded when I saw myself up against locked doors, high iron fences with spikes and barbed wire. Walking along the fences I met some male freshers, who although not handicapped by a long evening dress like poor myself, were evidently hesitant to take the risk of seriously hurting body and limbs in a rash attempt to overclimb those dangerous obstacles. Then I got what I considered at that moment a bright idea. "Let us penetrate to the Public Library and from there we might be able to leave the Varsity grounds in a normal way." Fortunately, as it turned out that this spark of genius did not work in practice, only one of the students followed through. Suddenly in the dark we found ourselves up against brick walls, and the only gate near the place was the worst of all, over man's height. However, much valuable time had been lost in this research work. If I wanted to catch the last tram to the beach, I had not one moment to spare. I entrusted my chance companion with my bag and gloves, and he manfully and skilfully climbed and jumped the gate. On the inside I found some scarce foothold, and after careful climbing, I found myself sitting on the sharp edge of the corrugated iron door. While I did some deep thinking, how to get down from this lofty height without breaking my neck and limbs, and, furthermore, without tearing my even more valuable evening dress into shreds, the gate was cheerfully rocking to and fro under my weight, exactly like one of those antiquated chairs in the Law lecture room.

A voice from underneath said: "Just jump. If you fall on me, you fall all right! Honi soit qui mal y pense." However, as it is in my nature to avoid any kind of unnecessary risk, I asked after careful consideration of the whole situation my knight in distress to temporarily let me grasp his hands in order that I might be able to climb down on his shoulders and from these I jumped without accident on the ground. Despite all my precautions I had a tear in my dress, and my companion had lost one heel of his expensive pumps. While we loudly emitted bitter words about the damage and wanted to know which official and authority we could make liable for it, a seeming tramp, who turned out to be a plainclothes constable, came along. Of my wrathful reclamations he took no notice, as I am only a female, but what he did to state the student I am unable to state. I simply had to race for the last tram, and I just made it.

But never since have I been able to solve the problem. Why, when other universities open their doors at night for public lectures, does the A.U. not only lock all the buildings, but even tries its very best to make the grounds inaccessible. Might it be that ordinary people could get imbibed with heretic thoughts in merely taking a nightly in the by Mr. Colin Clark just recently discovered A.U. atmosphere? And in doing so, might their every day minds become so estranged, as to even endanger the solid foundations of true democracy?

Or have the responsible authorities merely the welfare of the male and female students at heart? Shall they be forced to camp on the Varsity grounds for some nights each week, as to become thoroughly hardened and able to work and to take with clam fingers and chilblains speed tests in long and shorthand in unheated lecture rooms?

Therefore, I beseech the Editors of "On Dit" to answer my question, if necessary by a combined Varsity debate: "Are the certainly as well-meant as unsurpassable precautions intended as a lock-in or as a lock-out?" Very humbly and dumbly yours,

SBEKER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT

A Legal Objector

Sirs—It was suggested in the article "Lawyers and New Day" that the period of articles is too long and that the length of the term of articles should be reduced or might be reduced to one year. The writer entirely disagrees with this proposal, because it takes an average person at least 12 months to pick up the requisite amount of knowledge of office routine which is essential before a clerk can hope to attack jobs that really matter. When he has learnt where the Government offices are and where the courts are, how to find his way about a library, and how not to speak to Government officials, he then has his foot on the first rung of the ladder which will carry him to success in the practical side of legal training.

At least two years is then necessary for the clerk to be able to learn how to draw documents and how to find points of law and the other many jobs which it is the articulated clerk's part to perform. This, I think, shows that three years is the least time possible for the articulated clerk if he really wants to know something of the practical side of his profession.

The reader will now be asking what is wrong with the system of articles, and it is this:—

There is no monetary recognition of an articulated clerk's services.

The answer to this statement is of course that the consideration moving from the side of the legal profession is the experience and teaching which an articulated clerk gains from his immediate principal, but it is submitted that this is inaccurate. It is true that in the contract of articles it is there stated that the principal will teach the clerk in his profession as a barrister, solicitor and proctor; but this is as are many other terms in legal documents, superficial and so much "moonshine." The profession do not teach their clerks; they permit them to learn, and the only way the clerk does learn is by ferreting things out for himself and making a fool of himself almost every day. The only virtue in such a training is that it teaches one never to be too cocksure. A young man who has even reached his majority and works for anyone else should be paid something. Any form of slavery is demoralising and not in the best interests of any honorable profession.

"EMINENT DOMAIN."

The Editors, "On Dit."

Sirs,—I read in your last issue that Mr. Bridgland had consulted Sir William Mitchell about your proposed "New Day," and had been received with a quite sympathetic attitude. Two practical difficulties were mentioned to Mr. Bridgland—the interference with the work of the Medical School, and of the Law School—and I duly noted that Mr. Bridgland did not consider these insurmountable.

Now, I regard Mr. Bridgland as a personal friend, and I don't want to decry him in print; but I cannot help wondering just how much consideration he has given to these two practical difficulties. As far as I know, the Faculties concerned have not been consulted; but I may be misinformed here. I do know for certain that the Medical Students' Society as a whole has not been consulted at all.

At a recent meeting of this Society the curriculum was discussed, and one of the proposals put forward was for shortening our long vacation, to give us more time to get through our work. From this it would appear that some, at least, of the medical students would not be in favor of the "New Day." Of the attitude of the Law students I am not qualified to speak.

But the point is that the Medical and Law Schools are probably the two biggest Faculties for full-time students in the University, and I feel sure that you will agree with me when I say that the students in these schools should be consulted before any active movement, originating from the student body, is started. I notice that there is already a definite movement to alter the time table next year; and I sincerely hope that before this is actu-

ARTS ASSOCIATION

Miss Jean Ward's first production was in short pants. Everyone wore them. Mr. Cotton's legs, beneath a formal suit of black tails and shorts edged with green, looked most servicable and kept the audience entertained during such unintentional pauses in the conversation as occurred. (These were also filled in by the voice of the prompter.) The strangeness of the costumes was accounted for by the time of the play, approximately three generations hence.

Johnston, besides being the principal character, made the play by his inspired action. His part as a verbose but shrewd motor magnate suited his temperament. His chief shrewdness was suddenly to bring forth a breed of horses (elsewhere extinct) when all mechanical transport had stopped through world-wide lack of fuel.

The other players were D. B. Kerr, the magnate's idle son; Miss Pritchard, the attractive daughter of a visiting Yankee business man; Mr. Cotton, Miss Salter, a stenographer, and J. G. M. Gent as a reproduction of the good old coachman of Georgian days, which the motor magnate intended to revive.

After about ten minutes fiddling with the epidiascope, Mr. McCubbin's illustrated talk on the progress of art began with a prehistoric drawing of a bull, only the back side of which had appeared during the foregoing fiddling. The talk was much appreciated.

THOSE ART STUDENTS

Dear Sirs,—I expect you will publish a more or less eulogistic report of the proceedings at the last Arts' Association meeting.

For myself, I arrived about 8 p.m., no time having been advertised. In the neighborhood of quarter past, an amusing play commenced, which was quite up to standard—not the least amusing were the audibility of the prompting, the singularly hairless masculine (?) legs displayed in extremis, and the verbal gymnastics of Mr. Johnston, who never spoke so fast that he forgot to append a verb or two that had escaped its right place in the sentence.

Twenty-five minutes after the play ended, Mr. McCubbin and assistant were still attempting to bring their infernal machine into operation. The interval was enjoyed by the ladies with needle and tongue, and only enlivened by the removal of the body of the audience to make way for the epidiascope and a game of hunt the shoe (f.), in the back row.

Eventually the back row was thrown into hysterics by the continued and persistent reappearance on the screen of the hindquarters of a bison, no matter what side the slide was inserted from.

Of the rest of the illustrated lecture it is sufficient to say that Mr. McCubbin explained that it was his first experience of the epidiascope, admitted that he had not seen the slides before, and named the painter of each with remarkable facility.

I would suggest that the association adopt the motto "Be prepared," or else be prepared to perform one night before an imaginary audience. "NIHIL."

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ally done, the attitude of these two students' societies will be ascertained. Any movement from the student body should at least have the acknowledged support of the majority of students.—I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,
J. R. MAGAREY.
(We have received a similar letter from Mr. J. A. Game.)