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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO-NIGHT!

Come and give your grievances a public airing. It is the one occasion in the year when your criticism can actually alter the constitution or tactics of the Union. Don't let the Law students hold the floor uninterrupted.

This, the 'Varsity's biggest general meeting of the year, is termed the annual general meeting of the Union. Perhaps it would be more correct to term it the "Law Students' Annual Picnic." Judging by the state of the refectory notice board we are not to miss our yearly entertainment of hearing our budding barristers' blurb. But freshers must not be misled. The evening is not totally reserved for amusement. There is a great deal of serious business to be brought before the meeting, including plans for 1939, and nominations for the Union Com-

This year the Freshers' Social has been postponed till March 24, when it will begin its new life under the alias "Commencement Social." We understand that this innovation has caused considerable rejoicing among the ranks of the Law students, for now their production of hot air will not be curtailed as in previous years.

A sub-committee was appointed by the Union to negotiate with the M.T.T.

and to try to obtain concession tickets for bona-fide 'Varsity students. Our hopes, raised by the first visit, were

dashed by the second, when we were told that such concessions, once begun, were very hard to limit. Other

bodies of pupils, such as apprentices to trades, people who work by day

and attend night school, girls attend-

ing dressmaking and business colleges have all applied for concession rates in the past, and would do so again if 'Varsity students were granted any

such concessions.

The whole question boils down to:
"Who should pay for education?"

Should the working man, just able to keep his head above the water of bankruptcy, help pay with part of his own, Although nominations and votes cannot be received from freshers, be not dismayed, for if you so choose, it would not be the first time that the backseaters have initiated an organised mob hysteria.

Last year the president closed the meeting when some half dozen students were still clamoring to be permitted to speak, with the momentous words: "As there is no more business within the limits of the constitution to be put before this meeting, I de-clare this meeting closed." It is to be hoped that this regrettable incident will not occur again. It is also to be hoped that this year it will not be found necessary to forcibly eject

any of those present.

One and all of you, honor the meeting with your presence to-night. Come armed with brilliant suggestions and nominations, and prepared for an eminently respectable and enjoyable

the fare of his employer's children, just because they have a scholar's concession ticket? In fact, the people

who benefit most from trams and the

M.T.T. rarely ride in them. Take, for instance, the new routes to Springfield and Tusmore, which have greatly

increased the value of property in

those areas, to the ill-concealed satis-

faction of the local landed gentry,

who by splitting their huge estates into 50 ft. blocks, have made thousands. They enlarge their palatial homes, and

buy another car or two, and so are entirely independent of the M.T.T., which made them richer.

It is because of such social injustices that poverty stricken 'Varsity students ride bicycles, or else walk. Still, it is healthy exercise!

evening!

PROMINENT COUNCIL MEMBER PROMOTES PHYSICAL FITNESS

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OUR STUDENT ADVISER'S ADVICE

FOR FRESHERS AND **OTHERS**

The environment of a University, particularly to those who have come straight from school, is naturally a somewhat strange one, and for many, in one way or another, the process of adjustment involves difficulties. The Editor has suggested that I should take this opportunity of reminding newcomers to the University, and others who need to be reminded, of a few things that may perhaps help them in this connec-

At this stage I have only two suggestions to offer. The first is that the freshman should realise from the outset the real importance, from his personal point of view, of the non-academic side of University life. The Union and the Sports Association are not there merely for the convenience of those who have a good deal of spare time on their hands. Between them they represent a side of his University training that no student can afford to neglect. However exacting the de-mands of a particular University course may be, a little thought and effort will provide time for partici-pation in some at least of what are often called "outside" activities, although in reality there are just as much an integral part of a real University training as attendance in laboratories and at lectures.

One of the first things a newcomer to the University has to do is to decide for himself how his regular or daily or weekly programme is to be arranged and what proportion of his time is to be allotted to Union affairs and to sport. He has then to decide further which of the many branches of Union or Sports Association activity are most attractive from his particular point of view. Both organisations are many-sided and both have something to offer of interest and of real profit to all of us, whatever our tastes or our capacity may be. For the added convenience of its members the Union now concentrates many of its activities within the extended lunch-hour on Wednesdays. Freshmen (and seniors) are encouraged to adopt the seniors) are encouraged to adopt the habit of lunching in the Refectory each Wednesday and of seeing for themselves what the Union has to offer between 1.30 and 3 p.m. The University has agreed to leave this period, as far as possible, free of

My second suggestion is in the form of an invitation to freshmen (and, again, to seniors) to make the fullest use of the Student Adviser in any matter in which he can be of assistance. Problems discussed last year varied from the planning of University courses to the planning of match tactics. This year I shall be available to meet students in my room (first floor, George Murray Building) on week-days between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., or at other times by appointment. R. R. P. BARBOUR.

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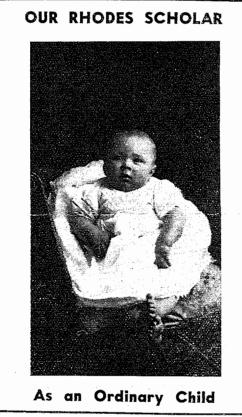
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THE RHODES SCHOLAR

Hard as we tried there was little of outstanding peculiarity that we could find out about Mr. Duncan Campbell Menzies, Rhodes Scholar for 1938, on Thursday last. Whether this was due to the fact that he was a most ordinary child, or that he had primed his parent in the answers to our questions we should not like to say—although we rather believe the latter. Anyhow, we found out that he had no infantile habits, diseases, or accidents. Unfortunately, for our needs, he was perfectly healthy, and beyond the fact that he had no habits—he didn't even suck his thumb, a thing must unusual in a child—



perfectly normal. He was, we learnt, quiet, reserved, and shy—qualities which it is a pity he no longer possesses.

One thing of importance that we did glean was that at the premature age of five he had begged to be allowed to go to school. (N.B.—Not kindergarten.) He was sent, but was so young that his name was not put on the roll for six months! Even at that early age he foresaw the distinguished honour that was to be conferred upon him, so betook himself to the classroom, where he realised his duty lay. As he waxed strong, and grew in favour with God and man, he went from strength to strength in his scholastic career, till finally, in 1938 Anno Domini, the Rhodes Scholarship was bestowed upon him. He had reached the culmination of his life-work. He is to proceed to Balliol College, Oxford, in August of this year, bearing with him the hearty congratulations and good wishes of the 'Varsity.

MEN'S UNION ELECTIONS

'The Men's Union Committee consider that under the present system of elections, decisions made subject to members of any one faculty may be appointed to the Men's Union Committee. approval by the Union Committee do not receive adequate attention by the Union Committee, and that matters which the Men's Union Committee wish to be decided rapidly are likely to be shelved by the Union Commit-

To remedy this, a new election system has been proposed, which necessitates an alteration to the Union Consitution. The substance of this change is that instead of the male members of Union and Men's Union Committees being elected independently, the election of men directly to the Union Committee should be abolished. In place of this, 12 members should be elected to the Men's Union Committee, and that this committee should appoint eight of their number to the Union Committee.

This would undoubtedly ensure closer co-operation between the two committees, and assist the rapid transaction of Union business. Faculty representation is not affected by the new system, since no more than three

The pros. and cons. of the new system, as well as some alternative schemes will be discussed at the annual general meeting. The proposed alterations are posted on the Union notice board outside the Union office, and the members of the Union are advised to consider carefully the schemes, and decide which they prefer before coming to the annual general meeting. This would facilitate a rapid decision being made, and prevent the meeting from becoming a practising platform for budding young lawvers.

An addition to the Constitution has also been proposed to allow life-mem-bers of other University Unions, resident in this State, to enjoy the privileges of life-membership of our Union. This will be granted only to those Universities who will reciprocate, and each case must be considered, and their University approved of before life-membership to our Union is granted.

G. L. AMOS.

BETTER, BRIGHTER, FRESHER!

Who is coming to the Commencement Social on March 24, 1939? This high-sounding event has been known for the past few years, as the Freshers' Social, and was a frightfully dull show, held mainly to attract students to the annual general meeting of the Union, which took place before the social. As it failed hopelessly to achieve its end, the idea of it was abandoned altogether last year in favor of the celebration dance for the opening of the George Murray Building. This was such a success that it was thought that a dance at the begin-ning of the 'Varsity year should be made an annual event in place of the Freshers' Social, and so the Commencement Social, unfledged as a naked, new-born babe, is timidly taking its place among the 'Varsity dances of 1939. Of course, we should like everyone to understand that it's only like a naked new-born in that

it is unfledged, so that all those who are strictly proper and nice can come

along without any qualms.

The date is March 24, as already mentioned—a Friday, and the cost is 3/6, but, Freshers, stop! look! listen! You get in free, but only if you apply for your tickets 24 hours before the dance. So go and do it now. The entertainment consists of dancing chiefly, but bridge and monopoly are also on the list for those less actively inclined.

The dance is run by the Men's Union—the secretary, Roger Willoughby—aided (it is hoped) by the Women's Union in matters of decoration and the first conditions of the first condition o tion and supper. The profits (if any)—but this belies our insurgent hopefulness on the success of dance—is to the Men's Union Furnishing Fund. So everyone come on March 24 and crowd the refectory, where fresh and jaded will mingle joyously!

DR. TYLER DENNETT

On March 8 Dr. Tyler Dennett spoke in the Prince Theatre at a meeting jointly arranged by the University Politics and International Relations Club, and the Model International Parliament of Adelaide. Professor Portus, in introducing Dr. Dennett mentioned numerous responsible posts held by him, making it clear that Dr. Dennett could speak with some authority as an American citizen, and a student well acquainted with the Far East.

Dr. Dennett undertook to give an objective picture of the Far East as he had renewed acquaintance with it on his way to Australia. In eastern America he left people with their eyes largely turned to Europe; as he tra-velled west interest in the Pacific problem grew. At San Francisco he found the longshoremen striking against the loading of goods for Japan; the Government seemed sympathetic to their action. Throughout America there was a most effective voluntary boycott against Japanese

In Japan he immediately entered an atmosphere of suspicion. Foreigners were not wanted. Such as were returning to businesses and posts in Japan did so with the intention of winding up their affairs as soon as possible. There did not appear to be a shortage of food in the shops, or of young men in the streets. Signs of a war being carried on in China were very few in Tokyo. It was generally averred that the best materials and the best men were being kept in re-serve: "Japan is fighting China with her left hand; the right is kept for Russia." Yet the war was not neces-sarily popular. The military had got the upper hand because they had shown the people in the Manchuleno affair that no one would interfere with them. But the people did not appear to love the war; they were convinced by the well-known (and by no meansnegligible) thesis of the need for raw materials and markets, which if not given must be taken; but they did not see war as the "divine purgative of nations." The students of Japan are especially dissatisfied, about a third of them being Socialist in sympathy. Nevertheless, there is little likelihood of the Government being overthrown; and meanwhile a new economic system, based on the raw materials and markets of Manchuleno and China, is being built up to the dissatisfaction of the civil industrial and merchant

Dr. Dennett found China at almost a high water mark of optimism. But to a great extent that optimism was based on events outside China-especially the promise of loans from Britain and the United States. The war in the heart of China continues to be fought very vigorously. A feeling of national unity and of complete trust in Chiang-Kai-chek (provided he does not think of compromising with Japan) holds the country together as never before. Atrocities at Nanking seem especially to have burnt themselves in on the minds of the Chin-A vast new army is being prepared far to the west of China. Munitions in hand in December were enough for another year. A new road through from Burma would keep China in contact with sources of supply. As far as Dr. Dennett could see, there is no co-operation between the Chinese Government and the Russian Comintern. In the territory "held" by the Japanese there are large numbers of guerillas, who are a constant menace to Japanese life and property. Roads and railways are constantly being blown up, and even in Shanghai Japanese residents. The famous 4th Route Army (Communist) itself is stationed in the Shanghai district in a state of semi-mobilisation. In fact Japanese authority reaches only as far as a gun will shoot, and that only along the railway lines. The position of the 4th Route Army is strategically very important from the point of view of internal Chinese politics: it is a perpetual threat to any Government which dares parley with Japan, and even should peace come it might well throw China into an idealogical civil war (Chiang-kai-chek is a Nationalist and a Capitalist without the slightest tinge of pink-

On the coast, especially at Shanghai, trade is booming. The Japanese have to be fed and supplied. Thus Chinese contractors using American trucks are making high profits by carrying materials to a new aerodrome to be the "biggest in the world." Out of this

COMING EVENTS

March 20 (Monday): A.G.M. Theatre

Guild, The Hut, 7.45 p.m.

March 21 (Tuesday): Science Association Freshers' Welcome. Rennie Theatre, 8 p.m.

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arch 22 (Wednesday): A.G.M. Women's Union and Freshers' Tea, Refectory.
March 24 (Friday): Commencement

Social, 8.15 p.m. March 28 (Tuesday): Arts Association, Lady Symon, 8 p.m. March 30 (Thursday): A.G.M. Medi-cal Society, George Murray, 7.30

-:0:-ADOLESCENT SOCIALISTS

Students' Socialism, to put it briefly, is an ill digested body of theories, figures and facts, mixed with copious quotations from worthy and learned writers, and a great many references to the happiness of the individual.

I will go so far as to admit that on the whole their facts and figures are correct, or if not, are obtained from sources that should be correct, but their theories and their talk of happiness seem to me so hopelessly incompatible as to make me wonder.

Some of the (allegedly) most brillian students in the 'Varsity have told me in all sincerity and earnestness that they believe that the greatest happiness for the common man lies in a Socialist state. They fail to see that man is not a robot, a suet pudding, or an idiot. A man must have ideas, ideals, aims, and ambitions if he is to be content. He must experience success and failure, he must build something with his own hands if he is to have satisfaction.

"In a Socialist state, man will have leisure time to develop his hobbies, his art, and his spiritual life." I have heard this and the like time and again. That a man may come home from work at 4.30 instead of 6, and spend the extra hour and a half sticking stamps in his album, free from all worry, is to them just perfect. They fail to see that man's intellect and spirits will become dulled by this placid and secure lift. Man may not be, and is not, a perfect being, but there is at least in him a spark of life that will resist this enforced calm. A carefree hobby is enjoyable, because of the contrast it provides to ordinary days of life, but there will be no contrasts, no lights and shades, in the millenium the Socialists are preparing for us.

So I say to all of you who may hear them talk, beware of their long words, their catch phrases, and their glowing theories. Use a little psychology, just simple every-day psychology, and the one great fault in their plan will be only too horribly apparent to you.

"Human happiness is a frail thing, for the gods are evidently jealous of

trade boom two things stand clear. first, the anti-Japanese boycott by Chinese and Europeans is very conplete-Japanese shops are deserted; secondly, it is clear that the Japanese. despite talk of co-operation, do not intend to let European traders continue much longer in China (witness the closing of the Yangtse-kiang to all but Japanese traders). The only co-operation the Japanese traders will want will be in the form of loans. However, the fate of the European in China was settled long before the war: Europeans are no more popular with the Chinese than with the Japanese.

Dr. Dennett concluded his statement on China by saying that he thought that in the end it would be a war between the Chinese dollar and the yen—referring to the stability of those currencies. He imputed that at present the dollar is better money in China than the yen; but if the position were reversed the Japanese would soon find themselves supported by the money of China. The statement seemed to me singularly "newspaperish" (i.e., meaningless), and incompatible with much else that Dr. Dennett

had said. Dr. Dennett ended his talk by referring to the Philippines. They have been given a democratic Government, which they seem to be running quite well, and a promise of complete independence from the U.S.A. in 1946. Now the Philippino Nationalists are wishing they could remain under American protection, while American Capitalists are only too eager to cut

UNION TOPICS

General Union Committee Meeting, 27/2/39.

The book-buying scheme that one has heard so much about was again mentioned, only to be referred to the incoming committee. No doubt, when confronted with it, they will refer it to a sub-committee. As the W.E.A. book room is virtually being run at a loss, one fails to see how students here can hope to improve their posi-

The cabaret last year was attended by nearly 700 people, and showed a profit of over £50.

Mr. Hamilton is to be provided with a safe. Miss Wighton explained: "We felt the need of a safe, and we went into it at the end of last year." (No laughter).

Last year's commencement ball proved such a success that the Men's Union Committee has asked for permission to hold another one as the opening event of the year, and they suggest making an annual affair of it. Permission has been granted. As this takes the place of the Freshers' Social, it was decided that Freshers should be allowed free tickets to their own welcome. This will be available from Mr. Hamilton till the day before the commencement social, March 23.

Poker schools, snap schools, and bridge schools, in addition to dancing, were suggested to provide a social element. Dancing apparently is not considered to be a social amusement, or exercise, or art, or craft, or sublimation, or vicarious satisfaction of inhibitions, or whatever it is. Dr. Pennycuick, too, said he was in favor of not restricting people to dancingso bring your cars.

The committee deplores the poor attendance at annual general meetings. If you're going to enjoy the fun of the ball, it's only just that you should attend the meeting too. And what's more, you should all attend the meetings, even if there were no ball. But then we are all human. Freshers have no vote at the annual general meeting, but they, too, should attend to what's doing, and what's what, and who's who.

The Men's Union Committee has

suggested that instead of electing 8 Men's Union Committeemen and 8 members of the Union Committee, the Union should elect 12 members for the Men's Union, and these would seof their number as general

Union Committeemen.

The idea is that these 12 would have a better idea than the general run of Union members who was most suitable. But then the general run of Union members suggested these 12. "On Dit" suggests a still better plan. Let the Union select 12 men. Now let these 12 select another 12, and these another, and these another, and so on about 12 times. The final selection would be infinitely more select the original 12, and indeed would probably not contain more than one or two of the original selection. Still, the principle is good, and has been approved by the Men's Union Commit-

Either of these suggestions will require an alteration to the Constitution, so in any case, nothing can be done

for this year.

The first balance sheet of the Union (1896) was presented by Mr. Padman, with suggestion that it should be framed and hung. Perhaps it would have looked a little odd amongst our Van Goghs and Uzannes. It was suggested that if it were framed, the ink might fade. Besides, the honorary treasurer immediately spotted several inaccuracies.

So it was decided to put it into Mr. Hamilton's safe, and so still further purchase.

The old balance sheet showed an income of less than £20, representing the subscriptions of 70 to 80 members. Last year the Union had nearly 900 student members, and its income was approximately £2,700. The total membership was 1,498. This includes

graduate members, etc.

It was decided that the Murray
Building should be closed at 7 p.m.,
till the demand justified keeping it open later.

the tie of empire which makes the Philippines a dangerous competitor in the home market.

Dr. Dennett does not think that the Japanese are in the least interested in Australia, except in so far as an attack on Australia might weaken Britain in an international war, and might persuade us to alter our tariff arrangements. Dr. Dennett confessed that he doesn't know anything about

A FAREWELL TO DR. MEAD

A farewell luncheon was given to Dr. Mead by the medical students last Friday. Over eighty were present. Several speeches were made, but were for the most part inaudible, though greatly enjoyed by the few who were near enough to hear anything. Owing to the ravenous clattering of teeth, knives, forks, pies, etc., in another part of the refectory, those who were more than two or three yards away from the speakers had to content themselves with watching the motions of the speaker's lips, and listening to the laughter of the inner circle.

Dr. Mead, who had a longer effective range than the other speakers, opened his reply with the remark that "moles don't like light, and Meads don't like limelight." In a witty don't like limelight." In a witty speech, he drew attention to the fact

that he and Professor Goldby were the only two people who were legally entitled to practice anatomy in this State. In addition, he, as a former Minister of Religion, had another right—the right to marry or to bury —of which no students had so far availed themselves. He did not mention another right, however, conferred on him by the University, the right to plough, of which, unlike the other, many students have in the past availed themselves.

Dr. Mead, the fine old man of the University, has become almost a tradition here, and his generous helpfulness will always be gratefully remembered by the many generations of medical students who passed through the medical school in his time.

THE LIBRARY

A good many years have passed since Carlyle said that the true university of these days is a collection of books—or words to that effect. The implication is that the true student of these days is a student of books, and that is even more true to-day than it was fifty odd years ago.

We are lucky here in possessing what is probably the best University library in Australia, and freshers would be well advised to get the habit of making the best use of it from the outset.

Borrowing regulations were introduced last year, so now students may enjoy the privilege of taking books home for study. All that is necessary is to leave a deposit of ten shillings at the front office. This gives the student the right to borrow two volumes for a week at a time. If the books are wanted for longer than a week, it may be reborrowed for another.

There is also a lending system for country students, particulars of which may be obtained from the front office. A new periodical room has been opened this year. In its shelves are

the current volumes of some 800 different periodicals—so if you don't know what you want, you are sure to find it there.

There are also special carrels for the use of Honors students in the basement. These may be reserved at the beginning of the term. (Intelligence test—A carrel is a carpet, song, book, shelf, table?). Freshers are strongly advised to become borrowing members of the library at once for the following reasons:

1.—They'll have to do so sooner or later, so they may as well enjoy the privileges from now.

2.—The deposit of ten shillings may be collected when the student no longer wishes to borrow—an appropriate time would be after final exams. At a pinch it could be collected in times of sore financial stress.

3.—Library books may be used, not enly during the week, but also over the week-end. Even books kept in reserve may be taken out over weekends.

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MONDAY, MARCH 20 7.30 p.m.

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Arnold Haskell and the Theatre Guild

Like most men who are propagandists rather than genuine critics of an art, Mr. Haskell is rather than profound (by saying sound I suggest that he has a considerable propensity for platitude). The worst, however, that can be said of him is that he is continually interesting.

After a preliminary buttering up of the audience, and after giving off the doubtful aphorism that the importance of ballet lies in the fact "an ambulent museum of that it is art" (later "an ambulent university") with an enormous propagandist force, say for Russia, Mr. Haskell in his lecture last Thursday to the University Theatre Guild, outlined numerous bases for criticism of ballet and of ballet dancers. His subject was supposed to be vaguely "Ballet in Relation to Drama."

Ballet, he maintained, is essentially a branch of the theatre, and thus the first thing to demand of it is "realism." but a realism depending on a series of conventions. What he demanded of all art was plausibility, within convention. (Surely the word "plausibility" carries derogatory im-

The music of ballet, he said, has far more than rhythmic importance. The music sets the mood, and it is dancer's difficult job not merely to play a role, but to interpret the music.

Further, ballet music must be dramatically sound, must tell its story clearly without the help of programme blurbs. Actually, ballet can do more than ordinary music; it can present situations and so on susceptible to diverse interpretations.

Finally, the decor in ballet is far more important than in drama. The costume must be designed in accordance with the wearer's part, must be an integral part of the ballet. Mr. Haskell maintained that, for a ballet to be really successful, there must be close collaboration between the musician, choreographer, and costumedesigner.

The first thing he asked of the dancers themselves was that they at any rate, the impression that they are beautiful, "a dancer's body is her instrument." The difference between the artist and the mere acrobat, he said, was purely a matter of intention. The acrobat uses technique merely for technique's sake, the artist for a dramatic end, as a means of expression. The real artist is one who can give the impression of complete spontaneity.

Towards the end of his speech Mr. Haskell asked himself the question, "Should an artist be intelligent or not?" He said he didn't know, but He said he didn't know, but virtually supplied an answer a minute later when he stated that he had frequently noticed in dancers that the feeling was superior to the reason, that, in fact, their dancing was vitiated by their lack of intelligence. He concluded his remarks by once more buttering up the members of the Theatre Guild, which pleased them inordinately.

MUSIC STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the above association was held on Monday, March 13, in the south hall of the Conservatorium. The attendance, as usual, was disappointing, prospective members apparently having been scared off at the thought of a business meeting. Luckily the Music Students' Association is unhampered by a constitution, so proceedings went fairly smoothly on the whole. President Phillip Wood handed over to Miss Doreen Jacobs, and the new committee includes Misses Alison Holder, and Jean Gillespie as secretary and treasurer respectively, and the remaining members are Messrs. Hartley Searle, Stanley Edmonds, Lloyd Vick, and Misses Joan Kneebone, Dorothy Shapley, and Beatrice Pether.

After the business meeting was concluded, the fun of the evening began, but ended abruptly, as at 9.30 a.m. an irate caretaker, anxious for his bed, firmly ejected the whole meeting, and nearly locked the president in by mistake.

FRESHERS ENTERTAINED ROYALLY

Nothing of outstanding event seemed to happen on Friday, March 10, at the Women Freshers' welcome tea, perhaps because all ran so smoothly. Anyhow freshers galore rolled up. They ate their afternoon tea, were played to by Dorothy Shapley, and talked to by Rita Rix on the Student Christian Movement, and they were shown round the buildings of the University, to be duly left gasping at their magnificence. And so these waves and waves of freshers unobtrusively (though some less so than others) take their place in the life of the 'Varsity. —To drop from the sublime to the ridiculous (or is it to climb from the ridiculous to the sublime?) we heard that the remains of the women's tea graced the tables of the men's the following day. Hurray!

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THE CARNEGIE GRAMOPHONE

Despite the efforts of the committee, students last year failed to take advantage of the recreation afforded by the Carnegie Gramophone. Many indeed seemed either ignorant of its existence of sceptical of its value. Those who did appreciate it, however, spent many leisure hours listening to good music, and they urge you all to share and enjoy with them the lunch-hour programmes. This year's proceedings will be inaugurated at a meeting next Monday, March 20, at 1.25 p.m., in the South Hall of the Conservatorium. After a committee has been elected, those who wish to use the gramophone will be shown just how it works and where they can find, among the library of eight hundred records, their own particular selection. Your tastes in music may not be of the highest, but here is your chance to improve them. Come along to this meeting on Monday. And, freshers, that invitation includes you. Don't be shy; you are now part and parcel of the University and all its activities, so patronise the Carnegie Gramophone.

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COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 10

At a committee meeting, March 10, the poor support that was being given to the shop was deplored—it was put there for the convenience of members of the Union who should use it if they want it to stay.

The secretary pointed out that applications for free tickets for the commencement social must be in the day before the social.

The refectory balance showed a loss of £27—so you're not being got at.
Union members are urged to exer-

Union members are urged to exercise a little discretion in the use of lights in the Union buildings. Last year's gas and light bill was £257. Don't leave lights burning unnecessarily. Remember that they're your own.

You will be interested to hear that Clause 11 of the Constitution is to be altered by deleting sub-Clauses J and K.

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CORRESPONDENCE

ESAUS IN OUR MIDST

The Editor,

Sir,-I should like to lodge an emphatic protest against the grubby growths that have somehow appeared on the upper lips of a number of Union members during the vac. These excrescences are certainly not ornamental, nor are they useful, unless by some gymnastic feat their owners and promoters invert their lips and use them to clean their teeth-but that seems unlikely. I have always been a great believer in the freedom of the individual. As these appendages are invisible to the owner, and presumably cannot be felt, or in any other way enjoyed by him, he is obviously not the person whose concern their existence is. The individuals concerned are the ones who have to look at these disgusting objects, and they, therefore, are the ones who should have the voice in their removal. As spectators derive no pleasure, but only a considerable amount of pain from them, I think they should be summarily and totally removed, and this could be most easily done by their wearers, growers, owners, and promoters

Yours in great disgust, WILLIE WHISKERS.

WAKE UP, SMOOTHS!

Dear Sir,—There is a notice on the board in the refectory which you, in the rounds where your duty lies, have probably seen—namely, that about the table-tennis tournaments for men. It seems rather ridiculous to be writing to you on a matter which concerns

solely the women of the University, but let's hope they read this and bestir themselves accordingly. What about instituting a tournament for women as well? We could have an entrance fee of threepence or sixpence, from which we could buy the trophies, and perhaps present any spare cash that there may be to the Lady Symon Library. The male students seem to have all the go in these matters while the females amble along in their piano way, terrified lest they should have to do a bit of organisation or hurrying. So women, what about it?

I am, Sir, yours, etc., FEMALE TABLE-TENNIS.

MUSIC MAESTRO, PLEASE!

The Editor, "On Dit,"

Sir,—I wonder whether the gramophone this year is going to remain the unseen, unheard, and practically unknown voice it was last year. I understand that it is the property of the University students, and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the Union. It is very prettily placed where it is, but one can hardly ever play it on account of the proximity of Professor Davies' room. Why the use of the gramophone should be governed by Professor Davies' hours of afternoon sleep I don't know. There are several rooms suitable for it in the Union building, and if it is moved this year, as I hope it will be, the students for whose use the instrument was intended, will have a much better opportunity of availing themselves of this recreational and educational advantage.

Yours, MELODY MICK.

COMME IL FAUT

The Editor, "On Dit."

Sir,—It was rather distressing to observe, at the Commemoration last year, how few of the graduating students had the courtesy and the manners to bow to the Governor as they walked past him. The majority shook their heads waggishly at him as they sped off the dais; several stopped and were rewarded with a pleased and gratified smile; quite a number ignored His Excellency altogether

The Dean of the Faculty, though useful or otherwise in the past, was considered slightly de trop on this occasion and fit to be ignored.

If these graduates find it so difficult to show common politeness to the Governor, they have a long and arduous hunt ahead of them before they discover a society more in accordance with their tastes.

Yours sincerely, COMME IL FAUT.

GOT ANY OLD FOSSILS?

From a notice on main notice board: "Students interested are informed that Mr W. Burdett has established at the Adelaide Museum a fund out of which rewards may be paid to persons discovering any South Australian fossil remains of rare or unknown marsupials, etc.

"Those interested are requested to get in touch with the museum." Curious that they should come to the University looking for fossils The clock in the hall of the Lady Symon Building, which last year pointed to 7.25, has now advanced to

The Adelaide Museum has recently overflowed its walls into the University grounds. A portion of the Simpson Desert has been transplanted, and as Exhibit 2796 is now roped off from the public on the Reflectory lawn. Mr. Goodall has now a new part-time job—guarding the precious relic with a hose.

We must congratulate Miss Judith Young and Mr. Nugent Wallman on their success in the mixed relay at the Swimming Association carnival recently, when they won by some third of a length. Neat handicapping, Miss Young!

News came to my ears recently of a slight scuffle amongst some sixth year meds. that reminded me of the old proverb: "Patience and diligence like faith remove moustaches."

Mr. Johnston has twice been seen without his hat. Perhaps somebody has snooped it. Quaint!

Have you read the 1939 Handbook? No? Read the introduction, at least, I beg of you. Thenceforth you will bless the hand that led you from school to the 'Varsity, where you may indulge in "expression and discussion of one's ideas with fellow students," a custom strictly prohibited and punishable by corporal chastisement—or so I gathered—at school.

However, congratulations are due to the Editor for at long last making clear the exact nature of the University Peace Group. "The group has no definite policy—it embraces pacifists, League supporters, and those who favor a 'popular front' of democratic socialist powers." May those who have previously criticised in ignorance read and mark, and if they still fail to support the movement, may they at least let the group continue its activities unmolested. Thanks are due to Mr. Cherry and

Thanks are due to Mr. Cherry and Mr. Fletcher who, armed with strings of sausages and saveloys respectively, entertained, free of charge, some two hundred and fifty students on the Refectory lawn last Monday. So unselfish of them, I thought.

VOTING FOR STRANGERS

BITS AND PIECES

There is a suggestion that at least five names should be included on every ballot slip at Union elections to make it valid. This defeats the object of voting, for it means that many of the votes are for complete strangers.

The whole object of voting is to get deliberate choice. If we are going to vote for people we don't know, we are defeating that object, and might as well draw lots.

INTER-'VARSITY FIXTURES

THE YEAR BEGINS

Another Homily for the Fresher.

The location of the intervarsity contests for the coming year have been fixed. While exact dates cannot be given, the month in which each will be held is given below:

Athletics Brisbane—May
Baseball Sydney-August
Rowing Sydney-May
Cricket Melbourne-December
Football Adelaide—August
Golf Adelaide—May
Hockey Sydney-August
Lacrosse Melbourne-August
Rugby Adelaide May
Shooting Hobart-June
Swimming Adelaide—January, 1940
Tennis Melbourne-Easter

Women.

Basketball Hobart—August Hockey Brisbane—August Swimming ... Adelaide—January, 1940 Hobart—May Tennis

It can be seen that we are to be at home in five intervarsities, which is more than our proper share.

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The early part of the first term is always somewhat confusing to the fresher, and perhaps there is rather an abundance of advice coming from every conceivable source. No doubt who are inclined towards the sporting side of the 'Varsity have al-ready been approached by canvassers of all the winter clubs. If they haven't already, let us warn them of the fate that is in store for them in the hope that they will benefit by these words of kindly advice, and be made to some small degree conversant with the position of sport at the 'Varsity.

If the enquiring fresher has read his hand-book (issued gratis by the Union) he will have seen that all sport is controlled by the Sports Associa-tion. He will also have seen that there are quite a number of different sporting clubs. This is one of the features of our sport—it is so very diversified. During the winter no fewer than ten of our clubs field regular teams, most clubs at least three. For the fresher's information the winter sports that can be played are football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, baseball, rugby, soccer, and shooting for the men, and basketball and hockey for the women. Also there are the athletics, boxing and wrestling, and boat clubs. So there is little excuse for the fresher who stands aloof. Even if he can't play football, which was probably the

only thing offering at school, it is most unlikely that he will be entirely unsuited for one out of rugby or soccer if he is tough, lacrosse or hockey if he wants to be brutal, or baseball, golf or shooting if he is just nonde-script. The fresher will probably know very little about these last named sports, but he has only to approach some veteran to have all the. finer points revealed to him. Practically all of these clubs are having their annual general meetings very shortly, and the fresher would be well advised to attend that of the club in which he is vaguely interested.

At the same time it must not be forgotten that there is a central body —the Sports Association. You pay your subscription to this and then you are entitled to play any 'Varsity sport whatsoever, with no further expense to yourself. So our second piece of advice to the fresher is not to neglect the Sports Association. Its annual general meeting is to be held next Wednesday night, and attendance then would be a practical way of displaying interest.

To conclude, at last, we sincerely advise the fresher to join at least one winter sports club (the summer sports come later), and to take an interest in the association. He will find that his interest is well repaid.

B Grade.

Our first innings score of 228 proved too small when East Torrens batted

last Saturday. They made ob-fra wickets. Our successful bowlers

five wickets. Our successful bowlers were Rose, MacIntosh, Edwards, and

each of whom took one

They made 332 for

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RESULTS OF LAST **SATURDAY**

10 for 9d.

CRICKET

Our Third Win for the Season. Our A team is at present at the foot of the District Cricket table. We have actually lost, however, only the same number of matches as the five teams immediately above us, and we have been rather unfortunate in a number of matches. On last Saturday, however, fortune favored us. The previous week we had dismissed Colts for 205, and with the score well above 100, and no wickets down, it looked as if we could not lose. But our opening batsmen (Colin Gurner 83, and Fred Catt 85) did not last for ever, and then the rot set in. Seven wickets were down for 183, and our stocks were rapidly falling when John McGlashen stemmed the tide. He and Morrison then had a merry hit, and our innings closed for 266. The individual scores were:

Catt, l.b.w., b. Ellis	
Gurner, c. and b. Mattie	88
Stokes, b. Noblet	4
Lonergan, c. Tuck. b. Noblet	-
Page, l.b.w., b. Noblet	
Rice, b. Ellis	
Dawson, b. Ellis	
Stevens, b. Ellis	
McGlashen, st. Tuck, b. Ellis	
	-
Morrison, c. Noblet, b. Ellis	
Slade, not out	
Sundries	•
Total	266

TENNIS

Taylor,

wicket.

Our chief interests in tennis are now concerned with the B1 team, which is doing quite well in B Grade. An attempt to help it by strengthening the B2 team, thus hoping to defeat possible rivals, proved unsuccessful as the B2s lost easily. The B1s, however, in a hard fight were vic-Our A pennant team was

just out of pain. Results:
A Pennant v. Glen Osmond: Zelling-Macklin lost to Gellert-Padfield, -6, 2-6; South-Kerr lost to Bayly-Adam, 5—6, 4—6; Zelling lost to Gellert, 4—6, 2—6; Macklin lost to Padfield, 5—6, 3—6; South lost to Adam, 2—6, 4—6; Kerr lost to Bayly, 1—6,

B1 v. North Adelaide: Hutton-Magarey d. Pengelly-Miller, 1—6, 6—3, 6—3; Plummer-Hunter d. Thredgold-Worthley, 6—3, 6—5; Plummer lost to Pengelly, 3—6, 6—5, 5—6; Magarey lost to Miller, 4—6, 3—6; Hutton d. Worthley, 6—4, 6—3; Hunter d. Thredgold, 6—2, 6—2, 6—2.

B2 v. Keswick and Wayville: Worthley-Price lost to Schafer-Chalmers, 5-6, 6-5, 2-6; Cherry-Menzies d. Rowan-Frost, 6-Worthley lost to Chalmers, 0—6, 3—6; Price lost to Schafer, 2—6, 2—6; Cherry lost to Rowan, 4—6, 1—6; Menzies lost to Frost, 2-6, 6-5,

RUGBY

The annual general meeting was held on Thursday at lunch-time. The following are the club's officers: President, Professor Portus; captain, M. C. Reilly, vice-captain, R. W. Richardson; secretary, G. M. Neuenkirchen; committee, F. A. Hamilton, H. J. Edelman, W. L. Ligertwood, D. Reed, and R. W. Richardson.

Arrangements for the intervarsity

Arrangements for the intervarsity to be held here in May are to be in the hands of a special sub-committee. There will probably be four teams competing the three besides ourselves being Sydney, Melbourne, and Bris-

Tennis ANNUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 20.

POLICY OF "ON DIT" FOR 1939

Although it is the intention of the editors for this year not to write any editorials, a statement of policy will perhaps not be out of place.

It was decided to eliminate editorials mainly because they are not of much interest, and few people read In any case, there seems to valid reason why the editor should have the privilege of expressing his views in large print, and in one of the choicest positions on the After all, we are a democratic community, and one man's opinion is considered to be as good as another's. So if the editors want to get anything off their chests, they will do the same as everyone else, and write indignant letters to the 'correspondence.'

One of the main objects of a paper such as this is to give free expression to student opinion, and this can be done through the correspondence columns. Judging from the amount of correspondence that has been sent in till now, it would appear either that students have very few opinions, or that they prefer to keep the progeny of their minds and imaginations to themselves. In a paper like this, one expects that students should let off steam freely on all sorts of subjects related to the University, and it is the hope of the editors that this year will see flourishing correspondence, both wild and willing.

There will be no foreign affairs section this year, because it is considered that we are inadequately informed on these matters, and opinion formed on inadequate information must necessarily be superficial, and advice given to other nations, which they will never read anyway, will be entirely gratuitous. Anyone with burning opinions, which he can no longer contain, may express them freely in the correspondence column.

Another purpose of this paper is to bring students' opinions before the appropriate authorities. This has been part of the policy in past years, but this year the authorities will be invited to give a full reply on the matter of any campaign. This should make for the closer co-operation between students and staff that so many of the staff seem devoutly to wish for. For instance, when the dictation of notes is being attacked, our great dictators will be asked officially to justify themselves. That sort of thing should lead to a very good understanding between students and staff.

In this, as in other matters, "On will co-operate as closely as possible with the Union Committee, for it is, after all, the official organ of the Union. To keep members acquainted with the affairs of the Union, committee meetings of both the Union and the Men's Union will be reported on. To make this possible, the editor of "On Dit" has been made a "silent" member of both these committees.

The quality of the paper will depend, of course, entirely on the quality of the contributions received. Members of the Union are urged to co-operate in this matter, and as often as they feel that "On Dit" is a lousy rag, it's up to them to correct the defect. The fault is theirs, and the responsibility is their own.

Finally, it will be our policy of this year to carry on to the best of our ability the good work done by last year's editors, and to keep as near as we can to preserving their high standards of work.

UNIVERSITY SWIMMING

At a committee meeting of the Swimming Club yesterday morning it was decided to hold the annual swimming championships on April 5. Among the events will be included

100 yards championship, 200 yards championship, 100 yards breast-stroke, 100 yards back-stroke, fancy and high diving, and numerous handicap events.

Of special interest will be the interfaculty relay races. It is hoped this year to include as an added attraction a pillow-fight on a greasy pole over the water—reminiscent of the old pirate days.

Entries should be lodged as soon as possible with the joint secretaries, Miss J. Young and N. C. Ligertwood.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The opening meeting and Freshers' Welcome Social of the Adelaide University Science Association will be held in the Rennie Theatre, Chemistry Department, on Tuesday, March Science freshers and , at 8 p.m. other freshers interested in science are cordially invited. Supper . G. J. AITCHISON,

Honorary Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Murray Neuenkirchen, who has been awarded a rugby blue, and who thereby is admitted to the select ranks of the aristocrats of the Sports Associ-

The following have been awarded. A.U.S.A. awards for lacrosse: R. V. Harry, G. T. Barnfield, C. G. Nancarrow, M. G. Taylor, O. C. Isaachsen.

While extending our congratula-tions we observe that it is in respect of the 1937 season that the awards are made, and we refrain from comment on the Australian Universities' Sports Committee responsible.

ANNUAL **GENERAL MEETINGS**

The following are commended to those interested:

The Sports Association on Wednesday, March 22 in the refectory. There is a proposal to alter the constitution of the Blues' Committee.

The Football Club on Tuesday, March 21. Votes are to be taken at their meeting for the Gunning Medal.
Those who played more than six matches last year (in the A's) are allowed to vote. Absentee voters should communicate with Jim Rice or Bob Brown.

'Varsity Sports.

These have been tentatively fixed for May 5. Final arrangements will be made at the annual general meeting of the Athletics Club, to be held when half the club returns from the present military camps.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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Note Please!

1.—It is open (or at least some events are) to any member of the Sports Association.

2.—There is a wide range of events, both handicap and championship, male, female and mixed. For the first time there is to be an open dou-bles handicap for men. The popular invitation mixed doubles will be con-

tinued.
3.—The entrance fees are small. 4.-Forms are obtainable from the Union Secretary or any of the com-

5.—THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 20—NEXT

TABLE TENNIS

Two Reminders.

1.—The tournament. Entries close on April 1. This is being run by a sub-committee of the Men's Union Committee. There is a fine cup (pre-Stan Goodall), and numerous trophies to be won.
2.—Our proposed team to play in

pennant matches.

For both, see the refectory notice board, or even better, A. P. Cherry.

A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

It has been revealed that the cost of "Phoenix" last year was only £6/10/5, compared with some £53 the year before. This great reduction in expense is due mainly to the efforts of Mr. Jenkins, the business manager, who secured so many good advertisements that many good advertisements that the magazine practically paid for itself. His services have been worth something like £40 to the Union. We are lucky enough to have Mr. Jenkins as business manager of "On Dit" for 1939.

ELECTION ISSUE "ON DIT" Next Week

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