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Debate against W.C.T.U. TO-NIGHT!

The wiles of Women . . . the canons of Christianity . . . the terrors of Temperance . . . these are but a few of the accepted theories that will be challenged to-night when the Adelaide University Union meets the Woman's Christian Temperance Ditto in debate, on the subject of "Wet Canteens." You who are booze-artists and you who are not, this contest holds interest for all. The tastes of everyone are catered for in a debate such as this. The W.C.T.U. will lay the arguments against Wet Canteens—Mrs. H. C. Herbert, Miss Ada Bromham, and Miss Millicent Harry, B.A.—and a more formidable combination has seldom set foot in the University. The Union (Adelaide University), represented by Messrs. Matison (the Majestic), Kerr (Sinister Sam), and Jacobs (ditto), will drink in their words, which, if not too spirited, will be thrown back at them. The proceeds are in aid of the Crimson Cross and the Kiddies' Hospital; tickets are still available, but if you haven't got one, you can pay your bob at the door of the Refectory, to-night, at 8 p.m.

Coming Events

Tuesday, May 14.

Union Debate against W.C.T.U. on the motion that "This House is not in favour of Wet Canteens," to be held in the Refectory at 8 p.m. The Lord Mayor will adjudicate.

Wednesday, May 15.

Adjourned Union A.G.M., 1.20 p.m., in the Sir George Murray Hall.

Thursday, May 16.

Meeting of Med. Students' Society in the Sir George Murray Hall at 8 p.m.

Friday, May 17.

Meeting of Medico-Legal Society in the Refectory at 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 18.

First term ends.

Saturday, May 18-Wednesday, May 22.

S.C.M. Conference at "Holiday House," Mt. Loffly. The study will be on the nature of a true University and its place in modern life. The Vice-Chancellor will give the opening address.

Monday, June 3.

Second term begins. Carnegie Gramophone Recital in the South Hall of the Conserv. at 1.10 p.m. Programme: Rachmaninoff's "Isle of the Dead" and Stravinsky's "Petrouchka."

Friday, June 7.

The Aquinas Society will tender a reception to the new Archbishop in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 8.

Med. Ball in the Refectory.

Wednesday, June 12.

Graduates' A.G.M. and Reunion in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 13.

Meeting of Commerce Society in the Refectory at 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 15.

Football, Dance in the Refectory.

Thursday, June 20.

Meeting of Med. Students in the Sir George Murray Hall at 8 p.m.

Friday, June 21.

S.C.M. Bridge Evening (which is by no means confined to bridge) in the Sir George Murray and Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m.

Eighty Books Disappear

The committee of the Lady Symon Library has discovered that no less than eighty books have gone from the library. The new system of cataloguing which was to have been begun immediately must be postponed, and if the books are not returned, steps will have to be taken to prevent the possibility of anyone having access to the library or some similar method to prevent those with rather highly developed taking ways continuing their habits.

If there were ten books missing, or even twenty, it might be put down to selfish carelessness, but when the number is eighty it appears more as a planned conspiracy, or let us say wholesale robbery.

It becomes impossible for the committee to vote any more money for the purchase of books. These books are there to be read by all, but not to enrich the bookcases of individuals.

If you have a book at home, then bring it in at once. Every book that comes back now means a better chance of being able to borrow books later.

You are warned—there is an imminent danger that the books in the library will not be available for borrowing. Is it better to keep the one you have got or to borrow as many as you like in the weeks to come? We leave it to you.

Again and Finally!

This business of people putting locks on lockers in the basement of the George Murray, and refusing to take them off or losing the key, or otherwise holding them without making due application for permission so to do, is getting serious. A notice to this effect appeared in the last issue, and we don't intend to waste any more space on it. Unless Mr. Neuenkirchen has the names of all locker holders by the end of the term, he'll get to work with his file. So, for the sake of your lock and his time, don't be a damn nuisance.

To be Continued

About five weeks ago we did our monthly moan when the Union Annual General Meeting was adjourned—it lapsed when the fortieth member departed, and with her went the quorum. To-morrow, during the lunch-hour, that meeting will be resumed and, we hope, carried to a conclusion. The only thing that can stop it is lack of a quorum, so when the committee comes along and tries to drag you in, don't be hard to get on with. The business is important, and, judging by the letters we have received, of some interest.

According to the notice paper, the agenda is as follows:—

- (1) Ratification of National Union Constitution and amendment.
- (2) Any other business in accordance with the Constitution.

That may sound pretty dull, although in reality it is not. So far the National Union has not come home to many of the students in this University, and because to-morrow's meeting will decide the nature of our future association with it, we print again the relevant issues involved.

The National Union desires that its membership and advantages should be available to all University students whether they be members of the local constituent body or not. In Adelaide, therefore, there would be 2,500 members of the National Union, of whom only 900 are members of our Union. The difficulty arises over the question of our financial obligation to the National Union because of the increased membership. It has been suggested, at the last N.U.A.U.S. Conference, that the N.U. members

outside the local Union should each count as a half, on which basis we become responsible for about 1,700 students. This means that we have to pay nearly twice as much to the National Union as before—about £50 as against £25. The Finance Committee has indicated that it can meet this expense if we decide to adopt the new membership clause of the National Union Constitution.

The question then arises as to the desirability of giving those 1,700 students who are not members of our Union some of the privileges of membership in the payment of a substantially reduced subscription, thereby helping to defray the cost of our increased N.U. contribution. The Teachers' Training College and the Conservatorium will have something to say on this, and, judging by the previous meeting, something to say against it.

You can ask any questions you like at the meeting, and fuller particulars on this subject appeared in "On Dit" of April 2 and 9—but we don't anticipate you've still got those.

Sensational Leap! Procession

STUDENT JUMPS INTO TORRENS FROM 'VARSITY BRIDGE.

About three hundred people saw the feat performed last Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. The whole business started in an Histology lecture, when one of the Med. school offered five quid to anyone prepared to do the deed—he'd probably won it at poker! This was beaten down to £2, the amount to be raised by general subscription.

Meanwhile, the diver-jumper had hired a boat for a bob, and with the aid of a weight and some string sounded the river—a depth of about twelve feet was the best he could find, but what's a bit of mud in the eye, anyhow? Dead on time, he took his position, twenty-five feet above the water, fully clad, and made the plunge. Anxiously the multitudes watched for him to appear; cars were ready to take away the body, when not unexpectedly it spluttered to the surface. Somebody told it that it was wanted on the 'phone by the water police for disturbing the mud, but don't you believe it—he didn't!

NEXT ISSUE.

With the approach of the vacation, the editors are looking forward to a short hibernation.

If you use "On Dit" to light your fires with, save some of this issue because there won't be any more till Tuesday, June 11.

Final day for copy, Friday, June 7, and for Sports copy, Monday, June 10, before 9.30 a.m., in the front office, and addressed to the Sports Editor.

Have you any ideas? The Men's Union has decided to sponsor a 'Varsity procession in aid of the F.F.C.F., and wants some bright suggestions. The last effort, several years ago, was not a success, largely because the public expected 'Varsity students to be clever, whereas they were just crude. Of course, that is probably true, but people like to work out for themselves that we drink, smoke and do all the nasty things they think other people don't think they think about. They obviously did not appreciate being told point blank. Hence we do not intend to exceed the pale blue. However, if this cuts out all your ideas, do your best and we will try to break it down. After all, the Vice-Chancellor is colour-blind.

Incidentally, we do not appreciate the kindness of those who say what a fine idea it is to have a procession for them to laugh at, but a little more active support will be appreciated. The Men's Union Committee members do not feel capable of making clowns of themselves for the benefit of the rest of the 'Varsity. Everyone will have to lend a hand or it will be a flop.

Remember, too, that the primary object is to raise money, and suggestions as to how this can be done will be welcomed with open arms. Also any offers of vehicles, particularly antiques, will be gratefully received.

Either give your ideas personally to F. A. Dibden, T. B. Hunter, or J. H. McPhie, or write them down and leave them (unsigned if you wish) in "On Dit" box addressed to one of the above.

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On the Trail

By the Watchdog.

Yesterday the British Government was called to account for the dismal failure to bring about the boasted elimination of German forces from Norway. Once again Mr. Chamberlain defended the indefensible and got away with it, but this time by only 81 votes. He did it by the usual means—an appeal to sentiment—"I have some friends in the House"—and expressions of righteous indignation at the moral obliquity of Germany's rulers. He used exactly the same technique after Munich, since when he has apparently learnt nothing. It is clear that Chamberlain must go. And it may be that a majority of 81 will be considered insufficient in view of the Conservative back-bench criticism and the outcry of the press. About one hundred members refrained from voting, but at present the reason for their abstention is not clear. The least that can be hoped is that the Cabinet will be reconstructed on Conservative lines by the inclusion of Hore-Belisha and Duff Cooper in place of Chamberlain and Hoare.

Another vital question has been put to the vote this week—that of the return to work of the coal miners. Here again the position is not yet clear, as the Victorian miners have not voted. But it seems likely that the majority in favour of continuing the strike will be about 1,000. The question was put to the men in the form of a strong resolution to continue, and the voting was done in public by show of hands. Here again the question arises, Will the union leaders consider the majority large enough? With the Queenslanders returning to work, and the Government threatening to introduce free labour next week, it seems likely that the strike will collapse. It will be interesting to see whether the learned judges of the Arbitration Court will be able to preserve their impartiality when the miners appeal against the award—if they are allowed to appeal.

The situation in the Mediterranean and the Balkans becomes tenser each edition. Italy continues to fulminate while her small neighbours scurry for cover. But, after all, the Italians are a theatrical race, and it is over 1,000 years since they have held the centre of the stage. So things may not be as bad as they sound. On the other side of Europe the Dutch are again getting nervous. And some people are canvassing the possibility of a German attempt to end the war by an invasion of England. Where will the blow fall? I'll probably tell you in the next thriller instalment. But you can have my boots (the brown swede elastic-sided pair) if something big hasn't turned up by next term.

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Book Announcement

An interesting publication which will be in the bookshops early next week is Max Harris' first book, "The Gift of Blood."

His work is known in the University from "Phoenix" and in Jindyworabak anthologies, but it will arouse even more comment and interest in the Eastern States, where his work and qualities have been the subject of a raging controversy for some time.

James Devaney, author and literary critic of the "Brisbane Catholic Leader" has said: "His experiments are interesting and there is no more serious and capable artificer in the anthology . . . a great literary artist in the making." The Sydney "Bulletin" wrote, "Max Harris is by far the most interesting of the Jindyworabaks . . . his experiments are interesting . . . the young Dylan Thomas is doing the same thing in England."

But there is the other side.

"So young, so green, so what?" cried J. Alex. Allen, while an outraged correspondent of Melbourne "Bohemia" wrote, "Max Harris needs a sound spanking." Well?

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"To Be, or . . . ?"

This is the question: Are those who have been agitating for a procession serious in their intention, or is it just another scheme as was last year's Revue? If they do want to proceed with the idea, then it seems to us, as it has seemed to someone before us, that there is no time like the present.

The suggestion, anyhow, is at least worth your consideration, because to make plans without a guarantee of wide support would be to waste that time which University students never seem to have. It is proposed to stage the procession in aid of the Fund (Comforts Forces Fighting Branch University), regarding which our activities so far seem to have been confined to knitting things—which our better half would do anyhow—and collecting tooth paste tubes, shaving cream tubes, and silver paper—that is, those who clean their teeth, shave, or smoke.

We learn from Sydney that plans are well advanced for their Festival Week, during which there will not only be their usual Procession, but countless other activities in aid of the Fund; if there is any reason why we should not go and do likewise, we suggest that it should be advanced without delay so that the sponsors can gauge just what the feeling is on this question. Meanwhile, those who have had this egg for at least three weeks may be able to hatch something over the ensuing vacation.

Arts Association

Mr. F. H. LEGGE

The Arts Association, at its meeting last Wednesday night, almost established an all-time record. Eighty people turned up to hear Mr. F. H. Legge, alias "The Prattler," speak on "How to Acquire a Sense of Humour."

Mr. Legge began his speech with the somewhat cryptic remark that he was "more accustomed to speaking from behind something than in front of something."

Concerning a sense of humour, he said that either one was born with it (such people usually being rather objectionable) or else one acquired it, on the way through life, as a result of receiving odd experiences.

Mr. Legge then, taking himself as an example of one who had acquired this sense of humour, proceeded to relate to us some of the odd experiences that had given it to him.

The talk then passed from incident to maxim ("things aren't quite what they seem") and from maxim to incident (the wrong room in a Paris hotel and the light switch over the bed and someone middle-aged with very long finger-nails).

Reminiscences of work in the Bank of England, where he learnt that honesty doesn't always pay and lost £170 for the Bank, and was told, "Don't do it again, old chap."

The scene then passed to a hotel in Melbourne where he and his wife arrived to spend the night with a small suit case, and realized that "things are sometimes what they seem to be not."

Mrs. Doreen Jacobs played three charming French pianoforte pieces, and Mr. Gent and Mr. Kerr persuaded the Association to give its name to the magazine to be produced in place of the castaway, "Phoenix."

N.U.A.U.S. News-Letter

1. English Students and the War.
The English N.U.S. is confronted with a big problem as a result of the war's effect on the Universities and students. Students generally have been very hard hit. Not only have certain Universities (notably London) been evacuated to remoter areas where many students in advanced stages of their courses cannot afford to follow them, but buildings and laboratories have been commandeered, and grants and scholarships are being heavily reduced, while the Treasury grant is threatened with reduction.

Particularly as a result of the last of these, the number of University students is rapidly diminishing. In one College alone 150 students were unable to resume their courses because of the war, while in another three were no first-year students at all. The incomes of many parents have been drastically curtailed by the war, and this, too, has contributed to the present University situation.

The N.U.S. has quickly moved into action. Much of the evidence and material which it had collected was used by the Independent M.P. for the Combined Universities in a debate on education in the House of Commons. He saw no signs of a recognition of the seriousness of the position by the Government, and urged "that the Government ought, by means of a special grant, to create a hardship fund for the war emergency—to help in the case of students who are doing good work and whose careers will be

broken if they are not able to get assistance." The response in Parliament, however, was not encouraging, while the N.U.S. was further alarmed by the fact that the Treasury grant of £2,000,000 per annum was for the first time granted for six months only, and was threatened with reduction.

Forthwith the National Union drew up a petition asking that the Treasury grant be increased in order to effect the increased costs by maintaining the Universities and the reduction in their incomes. Members of Parliament were approached and press publicity obtained, while meetings on a large scale were organized. The petition was to have been presented in February, but to date there is no news of its result. It is to be gathered, however, that a great bulk of public opinion is with the students, though there is considerable danger of the Universities being stifled. Among other hopeful signs of general sympathy is the "Manchester Guardian's" comment on the suggested reduction of the Treasury grant. "Any such economy would be an act of short-sighted folly . . . A wise Government would be more likely to increase its grants to the Universities than to reduce them."

2. Liberty of Conscience in Australia.

Action has been taken to implement the resolution of the Hobart Conference of the N.U.A.U.S. relating to liberty of conscience. This resolution reads as follows:—

Front Office News

LISTER PRIZE.

The Lister Prize for examination in fifth year medicine has been won this year by Mr. R. G. McA. McKay.

CONSERV. SCHOLARSHIPS.

Four scholarships have been awarded for orchestral instruments at the Conservatorium. Those receiving the awards are Mr. James Duncan (flute), Mr. Clifford Bevan (French horn), Mr. Norman Lewis (bassoon), and Miss Judith Crase (oboe).

ESSAY ENTRIES.

May 18 is the last day for submitting essays for the League of Nations Prize.

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"We believe the liberty of conscience in Australia is endangered by the existing law relating to those who conscientiously object to participation in war. Although members of the National Union hold differing views on the question of National Service during wartime, we wish to see individual liberty of conscience maintained. Lest, in the words of the Prime Minister, "we fight for freedom and lose it in the process."

"We, therefore, request the Government to amend the present law to bring it into line with the present law of Great Britain in this matter, and to interpret the present Australian law with the greatest possible degree of moderation pending such an amendment."

Last month a strong deputation of widely representative people waited on the Prime Minister with their request embodied in the resolution.

The Prime Minister promised to take the matter up in Cabinet. He expressed his agreement on the ethic of the question, but warned the deputation that there would be difficulties.

The relevant Australian statute law on conscientious objection may be found in the Defence Act (1903-1939): "Section 5:

(1) If any person liable under this Act be called up for service claims that he conscientiously objects:—

- (a) To being registered in the military service register, or
- (b) To performing military service, or
- (c) To performing combatant duties, he may, on furnishing the prescribed particulars about himself, apply in the prescribed manner to be registered as a conscientious objector in a special register to be kept by the Minister . . ."

"Section 6:

A local tribunal, if satisfied, upon an application duly made to it under this section, or the appellate tribunal if satisfied, on appeal, that the ground upon which the application was made is established, shall by order direct either:—

- (a) That the applicant shall, (with) out conditions, be registered in the register of conscientious objectors; or
- (b) That he shall be conditionally registered in that register in that until the end of the present emergency, the conditions being that he must until that event undertake work specified by the tribunal, of a civil character and under civilian control, and, if directed by the Minister, undergo training provided or approved by the Minister to fit him for such work; or
- (c) That his name shall be removed from the register of conscientious objectors, and that he shall be registered as a person liable under this Act to be called upon for service, but to be employed only in non-combatant duties.

But if it is not so satisfied, shall by order direct that his name shall, without qualification, be removed from the register of conscientious objectors."

NORMAN SHANKLY,
News Editor, N.U.A.U.S.

Correspondence

HANDS OFF THE CENSOR!

Dear Editor.

The community is not perfect, we know, but we also know that its alteration will never be accomplished by the methods employed by President Johnson and Queen Young. The old peace group and its arch-pacifist Crisp held views just as unpopular as these Radicals, but they did an excellent job in a quiet way, mainly by study circles. If only our Radicals could show their worth in the same way they might gain a few converts to their cause.

These clubs are like garbage collectors—tolerated when they do their job. But if a dustman were to parade before one glorying in his filthy rags, one might be forgiven for suggesting a bath. And a bath is just what this hot-headed bunch want.

And not to appear menacing, but just to record an actual fact, we of the X.Y.Z. society have sworn a secret oath.

Yours, etc.,

F. N. ODLUM.
(Foundation Member of the Xtra Young Zealots' Society.)

[The Radical Club has arranged three Study Circles, two of which have already begun.—Eds.]

IN . . . OUT!

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring before your notice the ins and outs of the new traffic regulations in the University grounds.

The practice of putting up large notices bearing the legend IN might well lure the unwary into thinking that herein is contained an open-armed invitation to come in. Not so—for what is really implied, or so it seems to judge by the shouts that greet any attempt to proceed southwards up the main drive, is definitely "Stay Out."

The notices I refer to have been erected at the northern or bottom end of the main drive. On them it is stated that there is one-way traffic only, viz., IN, and also two small arrows, to remove any doubt, indicate that this way is either N.N.W. or N.N.E.

If, then, one continues IN as directed, one ends up either in the Darling or in the Anatomy Building.

Standard practice in the city where one-way streets are concerned is to suspend a large notice bearing on it the sign IN at one end, and another bearing OUT at the other end. Nobody would dream of going along a street so marked the wrong way.

Why can we not have a certain conformity between our regulations and those enforced in the city? Can it be that those used in the city have not been effective, or is it just a case of "Autre pays, autres moeurs"?

SENS UNIQUE.

TO-MORROW
at 1.30 p.m. in the
GEORGE MURRAY HALL
The Union A.G.M. (ad-
journed) will be continued—
and finished

**Radical Club's Opening Meeting
Professor Goldby's Brilliant Address**

The drawing power of the Radical Club is undiminished, and another large crowd, including visitors from other progressive bodies, such as the Civil Liberties League, attended the inaugural talk of the club, given by Professor Goldby.

Prof. Goldby is a patron of the club, his talk being on the subject, "Science and Social Change." His analysis was a splendid one and the sympathies of such persons as himself, Professor Portus (who was also present), and Professor Isles will, no doubt, give great impetus to the work of this very active club.

In the course of his talk Professor Goldby pointed out that in any consideration of social change, technical and scientific factors must be taken into consideration as conditioned elements. He analyzed "science," pointing out the danger of giving abstract terminology concrete meaning in one's mind, then went on to indicate the importance and function in relation to social change. In one way as an activity science is fortuitous, offshoot of curiosity, as with Newton. In the other it is active, "doing"—the social significance of this was the matter of Prof. Goldby's remarks—the demand of social change for "doing" on the part of scientists and technicians. "Social needs provide the fundamental stimulus for science," he commented.

At the same time, science was not fulfilling its purpose of controlling and directing growth. The Radical Club, he concluded, should assume an objective attitude, analyzing and studying facts, beware of the abstract:

as science its aim should be to direct social change from an objective basis that is firmer than that supplied by political ideologies and factions.

A motion was placed before the meeting prior to the talk, but the putting of which to the house was postponed at the suggestion of Professor Portus, who offered to give a talk at a later date on the FREE SPEECH issue. An amendment to the motion, which was an affirmative of the free speech principle, was placed by Mr. Willoughby. Mr. Jacobs also spoke!

The FREE SPEECH question is one which will not die down easily in an environment such as this, and a clarification of the issues involved is hoped for in the next Radical Club meeting. The Radical Club is placing the facts before the students by placing prominently the clauses of the censorship regulations with the facts of which even Mr. Willoughby remarked that he was not familiar.

Censorship Reviewed

When Milton wrote "Areopagitica," and Mill, "On Liberty," liberty was a fact and both writers felt almost obliged to apologize for writing on such a hum-drum subject, but to-day when half the world has not the slightest conception of the true meaning of the word, we people of a democratic country because there is a war on, submit to regulations which are capable of taking away our freedom, when we should be making every effort to preserve it.

The opportunity to discuss this question of the freedom of all means of expression, particularly the press, was given on Friday night when the Radical Club arranged for Mr. C. Bright, from the Council of Civil Liberties, to address a meeting of students.

It would be folly on the part of a Government to suppress opinions as false because they are opposed to its own. It is only by a conflict of opinion that the truth will emerge. If only one side of the question is stated the opinions so expressed will become as an article of faith, a rigid dogma, not a reasoned opinion.

Thus the apparent injustice of the censorship is that some papers such as the Communist papers, cannot express criticism which Conservative papers can. It is no answer to say that they are subversive. What is subversive and who is to be the judge? One man, and the regulations under which he has to work are such that he is not bound by any strict definitions, but by a general clause in the interpretation of which he must use his own discretion. Moreover, press censorship implies more power to the written word than it merits, as most people read papers not to learn opposing opinions, but to confirm those which they already hold.

If the Government's war effort were to go uncriticised, mistakes—and even the most optimistic cannot deny that there have been mistakes—would be covered up. It is only by a free criticism that mistakes can be found and remedied. Our danger lies in the fact that the Government, having been given what is in effect unlimited power, may, like so many National Governments with no real opposition, get out of hand.

After Mr. Bright's address, an informal discussion took place. Facts raised in his talk were further argued. Is it proved that the Communist papers are subversive? Any Government harassed by a restless minority may take any unconstitutional action into the courts, but to suppress free criticism is contrary to the fundamental principles of democracy.

As a matter of interest, the following resolution was put to the meeting: "That this meeting of students declares its adherence to the principles of freedom of thought and freedom of speech, and deplores the attempt being made in Australia to limit such freedom; it expresses its disapproval of the present censorship regulations not in so far as they guard against the divulging of military secrets, but in that they permit of the suppression of criticism of Government policy and of the discriminatory application of these regulations. It protests against the proposed prohibition of books and periodicals freely circulating in England and elsewhere. It points out that such encroachments on democratic rights have in the past been followed by further attacks, that it is the procedure of Fascism to burn books and suppress intellectual freedom, particularly in Universities."

After some discussion the resolution was passed.

**Learn a New Word
Every Day**

1. Can an egg be too friable
To be friable?
2. If one twin has neuralgia,
Will the other have synthalgia?
3. Antarctic lore
Is a frightful bore,
Sighed the student historian,
And arctic explorin',
Is even more borin',
In fact, hyperborean.
4. When a snake has worn its skin long
enough,
It casts it off and throws away the
slough.
When a field is far too boggy for the
plough,
The farmer might describe it as a
slough.
5. The wind, oddly enough,
Can either soug or soug;
Or, if you want a rhyme for plough,
It can either soug or soug.
6. Judge, to counsel:
When I'm interpellating,
Kindly stop interpolating.
7. Men sweat without mortification,
While ladies exude perspiration;
Some dainties we know
Who don't even glow,
They have bouts of somatic sudation.

Corrigenda.

1. Through the printer substituting "superstitious" in the second line, the point (if any) of the following rhyme was lost. (See "On Dit," 23/4/40.)
When Bromley says "Weather prop-
ositions,"
Some people say "Too suppositious;"
But 'Varsity grads
Like to say to these cads,
"We presume you mean "suppositi-
tions."
2. "Nonageranian" ("On Dit," 7/5/40) is certainly a new word to us. Perhaps it means "pertaining to a nine-year-old geranium."

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THE CLOISTERED LIFE

Last week's highlight, of course, was the suicide leap by blank (name naturally not mentioned). The event received notice by our august dailies, and we are justly proud of our headline hitter. At about 1.25 p.m. on Wednesday (the usual time to rush off to meetings, you observe) the Refectory in a body left its lunch and lined the bridge. Our modest hero, amid cheers, with an apologetic and diffident air, approached the rail, and before many realized why they had followed the rush there he was flying through space, skilfully keeping the right end up. Someone noticed a hesitation mid-way as if he might have remembered that his vest would shrink without Lux, but he manfully went on. Some of the tail-enders, the tip-toe peepers, were heard to wonder if it might be a woman who was tired of it

all, but no—nor was it an advertising stunt. We doubt if he even kept his mother's face before him. He did it for filthy lucre, and can't you hear the swirl of bagpipes in his r-r-r-rolling name?

Later our hero was seen spruce and dry at the women's sports, which were run rather vaguely by Big John and a few other brave souls. Amid football, lacrosse and baseball practice, with balls flying in all directions from scornful males, they went on in a typically feminine way—you may have mud on your knees, but you always have powder on your nose. With a fetching disregard for detail, concentration on final effect, balls flew over tunnel-baller's heads and toes crept over starting lines. Maybe the judges were hard, maybe they were simple,

susceptible men, but a very pretty girl (was she?) carried off most honours.

There always seems to be a particular problem for tall people—psychologists allow them all sorts of inferiority complexes and so on—so we are pleased to note the felicitous mating of two sky-scrapers and their happily uncomplex behaviour over lunch and the 1.30 sunning.

We have always known how you enjoy our "On Dit," some enthusiasts even rushing to grab seven or eight copies, so our thrifty hearts were warmed to see how useful the devoured copies are—some of our softer-scalped birdies make them into paper hats for anti-sun wear. We would remind these folk that the paper hat, inverted, needs only a

feather to become a boat suitable for Torrens navigation.

A most alarming thing happened the other day in a laboratory. About fifty quivering students were locked in, and the key nowhere to be found. Anxious heads hung out of windows looking at the cruel grey crags below—instant death for the escapee. Eventually the resourceful demonstrator pressed a button and up rushed warden with heavy, clanking keys . . . but we have it on good authority that it was only a little lark on the part of one of our more scatter-brained, so-called Meds.

Now that term's nearly over and a fortnight's freedom approaches, the nuns wish everyone a happy holiday and success in the Inter-Varsities and hope for juicier gossip next term.

WAR NEWS—FLASH

SEVEN DAYS TRUCE DECLARED

after Bloody Battles

Women's Tennis Club

The team, chosen from those available, to play in inter-Varsity tennis in May, is as follows:—

Barbara Welbourn.
Elizabeth Teesdale Smith.
Helen Chamberlain.
Joan Chamberlain.
Pat Fraser (emergency).

Rugby

In the match against Adelaide on Saturday we were narrowly defeated 15—14. With our three-quarter line moving well, and with the score 9—3 in our favour at half-time, Adelaide's chances were not bright. However, after half-time Adelaide drew ahead to 15 points, and determined play by University could only bring their score up to 14 points.

Scorers for University:—

Tries: Archibald, Jeffries, Edwards, Osman converted one try and kicked one penalty goal.

Who was the man who wanted a pick, and why?

Why, when we have a beautiful ensly oval to play on, do we have to play on a morgue slab or a muck heap?

Engineers' Ball

JUNE 22

Baseball

Varsity's baseball performances on Saturday would best be left unmentioned. The "A's" played badly, the "C's" played worse, and the "B's" were absolutely appalling.

The "A's" went down to the tune of 10 runs to 7 to East Torrens, who hold the wooden spoon. Our batting was slightly superior, but errors cost us the game. I do not think anyone played an errorless game. Rose's pitching was often sadly astray, and he charitably donated Torrens with a few runs by wild pitches. Kilgariff's throwing to second still leaves much to be desired, and when batting he continues to hit nothing more solid than air. Schwarz is finding it difficult to take Kilgariff's throws, and, although he took a brilliant catch, he does not cover sufficient ground for a second baseman. Nichterlein at short stop, nearly landed a ball in the Torrens, a feat as yet unaccomplished by a Varsity baseballer, and later in the game he held the ball while a runner trotted to first. Although we are short of balls, we do not want Nick to hatch any during a game. O'Grady has hit safely seven times out of 13 times at bat, but he dropped an easy fly at left field. Lewis at centre field allowed an easy fly to sail over his head. Perhaps he thought the match was over and was running off the ground.

The "B's" were badly beaten by Goodwood by 16 runs to 2. The "B's" sadly lack a pitcher, but this is no excuse for the terrible fielding, the outfield, especially Soar, excelling in the making of errors. Our batting is hopeless, and we were unable to hit Hodgeman, even though at times he emulated a basketball player.

The "C's" were whitewashed by Sturt by 10 runs to nil. The field refused to give any support to pitcher Fahy. Todd excelled with seven errors, and Southcott with his one hand was not far behind. Johnson was the only player without error, but he did not receive any plays.

On the whole, our performances were terrible, and a little more interest might be shown in practice. It is evident that we need plenty of it.

Official communique state that hostilities will be resumed next Saturday.

Football

A game was played between 'Varsity "A's" and Colonel Light Gardens on Saturday. Very little more than that can be said, for the standard can be summed up in the word terrible. The only thing right with the game was its willingness. We were last to the ball. We didn't pick the ball up, and on the few occasions that it lobbed in our hands it either bumped out again or we didn't get rid of it at all.

We were very nearly beaten by one of the bottom teams, and it was only through the efforts of Mayo in ruck and full backs Skipper and Magarey on the half-back line that we ran out winners by three points.

Of the forwards Ligertwood was best, kicking five out of the seven goals.

It is very hard to pick on any particular man because the standard was so bad all though. Dunstan nullifies much of his fine work at centre half-forward by his faulty and ineffective kicking towards goals. Jim Hodge must get rid of the ball more quickly, as also must Hill, who, through this fault, upset much of his fine work while roving.

The least said about this match the better: the fact remains that we won and are still third on the premiership table.

Scores: 'Varsity, 7.16; Colonel Light, 7.13.

Goal-kickers: Ligertwood 5, Hill, Mansell 1.

Best Players: Skipper, Mayo, Madigan, Abbott, Magarey, Mansell.

In an equally poor game the "B's" were defeated by Pulteney Old Scholars.

Dawson was the outstanding man until moved into ruck, which was much too hard work for him. His marking and clearing at centre half-back should soon see him in the "A" side.

Rosenthal worked untiringly all day, as also did Stevenson, who must also be considered for the higher grade, as he has played well in each match.

Gunn played his usual lazy game, but he still manages to score most of the goals.

Scores: Pulteney Old Scholars, 17.16; 'Varsity "B," 10.10.

Goal-kickers: Gunn 5, Harris 3, Bennett, Cherry.

Best Players: Stevenson, Rosenthal, Bridgeland, Cherry, Fletcher, White.

Football Dance

JUNE 15

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Boxing and Wrestling Club

There was another good practice last Monday. A considerable amount of "juice" ran out of several members, thus pleasing them greatly.

One member, in his eagerness to get at the instructor, tried to bite his head, and received a cut lip for his trouble.

Wrestling has lapsed for several weeks now, but the mats have now been repaired and there will be a general turn-out next Friday.

Next term it is planned to have a dinner, and many are looking forward to it already.

If you have not yet taken up a winter sport, think about boxing or wrestling over the vac. and turn up for practice next term. (The hot showers will then be operating in the George Murray, we hope.)

Athletic Club

Inter-Varsity meeting, Wednesday, May 29, University Oval. Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide will be competing. This meeting will undoubtedly be the best to be held in Adelaide since the 1934 National Games. Several of the competitors from Melbourne and Sydney are State and Australian champions. There will be three or four men jumping over 6 feet, and two or three who can run better than even time: two things which are rarely, if at all, done in this State. Everyone is urged to come along—you won't regret it!

Inter-Varsity Athletics

University Oval, May 29, at 2 p.m.
ROLL UP

Hockey

The "C's" are making history—a draw last week and a win the week before, and only three matches. Bob Jones has done an extra good job with the team, in which six new players are included. Their play on Saturday, with flashes of sound system, put the "A's" and "B's" to shame. Jones, Hart and Robertson were the best, while Gerny, Irwin and Pope had some bright patches, and Tucker's position play was a lesson to some who play in higher teams. There was rather a tendency for some men to go for the bash quite indiscriminately and to hit the ball over the back line. However, at other times intelligent centering was very much in evidence.

Of the "A's," all that can be said is that they were perfectly bloody. It is useless to criticise eleven men who were unable to produce the rudiments of hockey—namely, stopping and hitting the ball. The result, 4—0, was barely doing our opponents justice. The erratic defence left the inners with too much ground to cover, and they were unable to catch up to the forward line when we were attacking. The only consolation lies in the fact that all the team can play much better, and it is only a matter of time before they do. Incidentally, Clarke (who had to retire hurt), Gates and McPhee all stayed home on Friday night and were worse than ever.

We did not see the "B's" in action, but probably did not miss much. They lost 4—0, due, I believe, to poor forward work to a great extent. Hewitson and Lloyd were again the best. One of these days we hope to be able to mention some goal-hitters.

Lacrosse

"A's" lose, 7—13.

"B's" win, 17—2.

"C's" win, 8—6.

Although they were playing last year's premiers, the "A's" disappointed on Saturday when they were defeated by Brighton 13—7. In the first quarter Varsity held their opponents to one goal, and in the third scored three goals to nil by Brighton, but this good work was spoiled by Brighton's nine goals in the second quarter.

Goal-throwers: Martin (3), Snow (2), R. Ward (2).
Best Players: Frayne, Thompson, Snow, Laycock, Cottle.

One can only wonder if the "A's" will ever beat a team that is any good at all, or if the time will come when all the said "A's" will stay home to play during the vacations.

However, it seems likely that the "B's" will again be the pride and joy of the club. They defeated North Adelaide 17—2, and should do well in future games.

Goal-throwers: Krantz, Tucker (5), Gooden, O'Sullivan (3), Sampson.

Best Players: Tucker, Krantz, Wright, Cropley.

The "C's," all of whom are in their first season, defeated Legacy 8—6. The club is most fortunate in its new players this year, as a number of them have shown outstanding form already.

Goal-throwers: Nancarrow (3), Wallman (2), Freeman, Miller (1), and one knocked in.

Best Players: Wallman, Miller, Nancarrow, Smith.

Women's Hockey

"A" Grade.

University drew with Aroha, 2—2.
Goal-hitters: J. Edwards, P. Robinson.

On a very fast field, and against more experienced players, the "A" played a much better game than last week. Team play is still poor, however, and a great deal of practice is necessary to make what seems a promising team really A1.

"B" Grade.

University d. A.H. School 12—4.
Goal-hitters: B. Cane 10, B. Oldham, B. Jackson.

There was a great improvement on last week's play both in individual and team work. Still more combination is needed, though.

"E" Grade.

A.T.C. d. University 6—2.
Goal-hitters: W. Patterson, A. Hogben.

The team played comparatively well, especially in the second half, when the odds were so against them. Team play once again needs improvement, even though there were some bright patches at times, and the forwards must learn to shoot harder and more quickly.

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