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“On Dit” to Sponsor Referendum? S.R.C. AGAIN TO FORE “Take it to the Students”

Following the rejection of the S.R.C., we received a letter from a correspondent criticizing the A.G.M. in cutting short discussion and suggesting a ballot through “On Dit.”

We have decided to “take it to the students.” What are your views? Are you for the Referendum? Make yourself articulate.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,
It was, I think, a great misfortune that the discussion on the proposed S.R.C. was cut short at the A.G.M. of the Union. The proposal was obviously important and should have been treated on its merits, especially as it proceeded from Mr. Willoughby, who after two years as president should have an opinion entitled at least to more respect than it received.

Some of the arguments urged against the S.R.C. were obviously fallacious, and no doubt it was the premature ending of the discussion which was responsible for these not being pointed out. Mr. Bampton contended that the secretary's position would be untenable, as in addition to carrying out the wishes of the Sports Association and the Union he would now also be controlled by the S.R.C. But the proposed S.R.C. was to be a party of the Union with power to control student matters and the only difference would be that in these matters the secretary would be directed by the S.R.C. instead of the Union Committee. No confusion could arise.

Again I am unable to see that the student members gain any greater power through the S.R.C. than they now have. They can control the vote now and the S.R.C. could give them nothing more.

The proposers of the motion maintained that the Union Committee could not devote sufficient time to student matters. It is significant that not a single person who opposed the S.R.C. made any attempt to deny this.

If, then, it be admitted that the Union Committee has not the time properly to supervise student matters, I am unable to see that the formation of a student S.R.C. to control student matters can possibly be regarded as an affront to staff and council representatives. It seems to me, judging by what I heard at the meeting, that the S.R.C. is necessary before student matters and National Union matters can ever properly be dealt with.

I suggest that in your next issue you include a statement both pro. and con. the S.R.C. by people experienced in Union affairs; and also a small voting form with which a ballot can be conducted. I think this would arouse a good deal of interest.

“GREX.”

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.

Commerce Association A.G.M. at 7.45, Refectory.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3.

Men's Hockey A.G.M. at 1.15 p.m., George Murray Hall.

Engineering Association A.G.M. at 7.30 p.m., Refectory.

Law Society A.G.M. at 7.45 p.m., George Murray Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4.

Women's Hockey A.G.M. at 1.15 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 7.

Arts Association at 7.45 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.

TO-NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

April 1 will be celebrated by Miss Menz and Mr. Ken Hamilton in blowing up balloons at the Swimming Carnival; while in the Hut, “Alf” (Sam Kerr) will make love to “Martine” (Judith Murray) under the inspired guidance of Miss Barbara Howard.

Special performance of “Martine” for students on April 4.

S.C.M. STIRS UP FRESHERS With Help from Mr. Johnston

The S.C.M. Combined Freshers' Social 1941 edition, was an affair of some dimensions, being at least twice the size of any similar function within the compass of longish memory. Freshers came along in scores—to what? Not all of them were sure, but they came. Nor were freshers all; the residue of the Sports Association meeting were kind enough to let the S.C.M. know, by their presence at supper, that even if they couldn't raise much enthusiasm for nourishing the soul, they could do it for nourishing the body.

Rhonda Gehling began the evening with a fresh, clear-cut performance of a Mozart Rondo, marred in some small degree by a rasping squeak from the piano pedal (recommended to the attention of the Women's Union).

S.C.M. President Ken Sanderson then introduced the speakers. Mr. Johnston was present in his official capacity as Union President, and he gave it to the freshers straight, his subject being the function of the University, more particularly the Union, more particularly still the part freshers should play in Union affairs. He deplored the fact that University students in democratic countries take little interest in national policy, whereas European students have stood for the liberal outlook, going all out for more liberal laws, free speech and better education—vide the Spanish students in the civil war. Australian students have not only failed to do this, but do not even hold any opinion on major events. New

political regulations hardly ruffle the surface of University life. To be a force in national affairs, students must have some opinion, not necessarily a unanimous one. Faculties can settle faculty questions, but the Union, which should bring the faculties together, is the place for the discussion and formation of general policy. For it to work well, we must preserve freedom of speech and thought. Mr. Johnston quoted Mr. Spender to enforce his appeal for an attempt at post-war planning in which the University should give the community a lead.

Mr. Johnston said that our traditional privilege of freedom of discussion must be watched; especially as there has been a general decline in civil liberties during the last few years. His policy as president would be to ask no special privileges for students in this matter, but to accept no lesser privileges than those granted to the public. Those who ask nothing of the University beyond winning the war do it an ill service. He claimed Mr. Spender's support in appealing for some hard thinking and earnest discussion on policies to be pursued in the peace.

The next speaker was the Rev. J. R. Blanchard. He gave an outline of the S.C.M. for the information of the fresher, giving emphasis to the age and standing of the movement, and its importance at present. He described the work of the S.C.M. in England. The Oxford S.C.M. had distributed circulars pointing out that a student's primary duty was to study for

later life, and that the purpose of this study was rooted not merely in the temporal. Amid the greatest temporal experiment of our day, in Russia, a revival of Christianity seemed likely, for questions were asked which Communism could not answer. The Cambridge S.C.M. had held a series of eight lectures on the Christian Creed, which had been attended by an average of 500 students. Mr. Blanchard concluded his talk with a few remarks on the S.C.M. outside England, showing the solidarity of the movement in its efforts for student relief.

Mr. Sanderson, endorsing Mr. Johnston's remarks by saying that the S.C.M., like the Union, wanted opinion, outlined this year's study circles, and announced some tutorials to be given by Dr. Schechner on the Nazi Philosophy. The S.C.M. woman president, Elizabeth Carter, then supplemented Mr. Blanchard's talk with a few words on the World Student Christian Federation, recommending for special notice the approaching visit of Dr. Kow, and the work of the International Student Service, which all students can help by contributing to relief funds.

After two songs by Elizabeth Salter, the gathering was given an invitation to mix—not unnecessary, as the usual University disease, segregation of the sexes, was present in its peculiarly vicious fresher form; the invitation was reinforced by games calculated to induce conversation, and all henceforth was food and talk.

Of Birds and Butterflies

BY THE SOCIAL EDITRESS.

It has been said that the old spirit is dying out of university life, that things are not as they were in father's youth, and we are inclined to believe it when we hear of a recent case of debagging. Not that debagging is in itself of necessity reprehensible—far from it. But when a shining star of the legal fraternity is debagged by two freshers (!), even if one of the said freshers is an infant prodigy. . . . We feel confident that this gross insult to the older inhabitants will not go unavenged.

The tables were turned (and rightly, too) at a certain initiation ceremony held on Monday of last week. At the hour of half past ten or so, those citizens abroad so late could have witnessed such a sight as is seldom seen in the staid streets of our city of churches. Heralded by shrieks and yells, there appeared in the main street a conveyance drawn by bearded, moustached, and otherwise adorned freshers, and holding those members whose privilege it was to have attended this seat of learning for a year or more. Following this strange apparition came a pony, a motor bike, and a car, together with instruments

“in which they blew and pooped, And therewithal they shrieked and they hooped.”

Degeneration or regeneration?

Having mentioned a motor bike, we are reminded. It grieved us to see the advertisement offering for sale a motor bike owned by two young gentlemen of the faculties of medicine and engineering. Can it be that one member of the partnership has found such a vehicle unsuited to his present needs? Although some women rather like riding on a pillion.

There is just time to remind the forgetful of to-night's swimming carnival. The secretary says it will be fun—what the exact nature of the fun will be, we leave to your vivid imaginations. To see the secretary herself swimming will not be the least of the attractions to be offered, to say nothing of all the young ladies who are preparing to borrow mother's nightgown for the lighted candle race. And there is always the obstacle race, with its many moments of amusement for the spectator and of agony for the unfortunate participant. Of course, there are other features too numerous to be mentioned, so come and see them for yourselves.

You may have noticed some unfortunate students looking rather green on Friday. If you did, rest assured that they were would-be dentists. And if you want to know the reason of the greenness, try a diet of soap, castor oil, cod liver oil, and hair oil, and await results. To complete the process, try stagnant fish. Very effective.

Debating is coming on again in full swing, with two subjects of vital importance to be debated. They are, “That it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all,” by mixed teams in the George Murray Hall on Wednesday, and the other (watch for the date) is for women only. A pity, as the subject, “That young people should be protected from the perils of the dance,” is one that concerns us all.

NEW APPOINTMENT.

Dr. H. C. Trumble has been appointed Professor of Agronomy, which is a more accurate titular description of the functions previously performed by Professor A. E. V. Richardson. Dr. Trumble was previously lecturer in Agronomy in the Richardson regime.

ENGINEERS! LAWYERS!

See Coming Events.

HOYTS REX

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Editorial

We are on the market permanently, it seems. We therefore announce our staff. Additions have yet to be made, and upon this, as upon all questions, we welcome suggestions. Meanwhile, with their and your help, we intend to make the University vocal.

Our policy may at times be somewhat provocative. That is not to say that the views expressed through these columns are necessarily the Editor's. A whisper, for example, has been started, that the licence we extend to our columnist, X. E. Marr, has been deemed in certain quarters a lapse of taste. We therefore have put those quarters out of bounds. But though we shorten Mr. Marr's claim, we do not intend to pare his claws. We, too, would like to see students stirred from their inertia. And they have always the right of reply.

Thus we intend to turn our editorial searchlights from time to time on what we regard as the plague spots of student life. Not to be too difficult, however, we have chosen to lay out on this week's operating table a diseased criminal who no one will deny is ready for the scapel. He is that one person in every ninety-nine who makes off with the Barr Smith Library books.

When some two years ago arguments in favour of a loan system were being put to the University Council, which was not enthusiastic about extending the privilege of borrowing books to students, one of the arguments advanced was that it would probably reduce the number of losses of books from the library. That expectation has hardly been filled. During the past two years 154 books have disappeared. What is to be the upshot?

It is not merely that we honest students are incommoded by being without certain books from the time the loss is discovered until it can be replaced—and this gap has been made wider by the war—but we are in danger either of having our privilege of borrowing withdrawn, or else of undergoing the degradation of having instituted a system of supervision to check the books in the possession of each student as he leaves the library. And all because some few students are dishonest, and the rest too indifferent to care about it.

It is time we stopped encouraging by our tolerance this parasite in our midst. He is not confined to any one branch of studies, or any one faculty. He is the student of moral science who does not find it unethical to steal Aristotle's "Ethics"; the unsocial psychologist who appropriates McDougall, "Introduction to social psychology"; and the religious maniac who takes to his bosom: Gray, "Men, Women and God." He is the unprincipled logician who studies C. A. Mace, "Principles of Logic"; and the philosopher who forgets to sign for and return Miles: "How to remember without memory systems or with them"; and the economist who monopolizes Chamberlin, "Theory of Monopolistic competition." And so he stalks through each department.

Moreover, he is spreading like some contagious disease. Lately he has given the Carnegie Gramophone Society cause to grieve his presence. Can student action do nothing to stop him? It rests with you to initiate an attempt.

Front Office News

MORE PEREGRINATIONS.

One of our eminent pedagogues has been seen recently cycling to his academic chair. It is rumoured that he is carrying out a series of experiments that will culminate in a lecture on "Bicycological Science or Rapid Death." We can't yet say if the experiments have proved successful.

Our Reporter at the Ballet

The Studio Theatre Ballet Club has just presented its latest programme at Tynte Street, North Adelaide, and university undergraduates were absent almost to a man—a curious fact if one recalls the rhapsodizing that goes on down here in the Russian Ballet season. Not that Joseph Siebert can offer quite the same thing as the Russian ballet, but for anyone who takes an interest in ballet as distinct from Russian ballerinas, his shows are well worth seeing. Mr. Siebert's great merit is that he presents new ballets, and patrons of his ballet club will not find him doing violence to their carefully cherished memories of the Russian repertoire.

The recent programme consisted of three ballets. The "Dances de Chopin," a series of solos in the classical manner, were accompanied by very effective light-

ing, but they would not have risen above mediocrity without some really good dancing by Bette Armstrong. Most of the dancers gave adequate performances, although hands and facial expressions often left rather too much to be desired.

"Tchintya," danced to Ravel's "Introduction and Allegro for strings," was the highlight of the evening. Mr. Siebert has created in "Tchintya" an arresting ballet for three dancers. It was danced well, Jean Robertson as the Girl doing particularly good work, and the costumes and décor were satisfying, though a more brilliant costume for sunlight would make the ballet still more impressive.

"Les Golantes chez Marie," a gutless ballet on the "Aurora's Wedding" model, was, unlike "Tchintya," almost entirely dependent for its effect on a brilliance of technique which was, unfortunately,

lacking. Tottering arabesques and set expressions were the dancers' more desperate faults. Mr. Siebert's choreography fitted in too exactly with the more obvious rhythms of Delibes' music, but it was not given much chance. In spite of some good solo work the ballet did not show up even as well as it might have done, because the corps de ballet included some very raw material. Even more damaging to the ballet was the smallness of the stage and the extreme weariness of the audience. In a large ballet where so much depends upon group patterns, much of the effect is lost when the audience has to survey cramped groups at close quarters. With his present material and in so small a theatre, Mr. Siebert's best work is bound to be on a small scale. "Tchintya" proved that even in present conditions he can put on an effective small ballet.

So You Won't Talk?
Featuring Joe Brown Hawkins

Debating is getting under way again. In fact, it will have definitely got up steam by to-morrow lunch time, when Miss Judith Murray and Mr. F. J. Hawkins will each lead a team of freshers to oratorical honours. The subject is an age-old one of great human appeal: "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Mr. Hawkins is convinced of this (has Mr. Hawkins a secret sorrow, under which he is nobly bearing up, like the man no one can doubt him to be?); Miss Murray, on the other hand, would prefer never to have loved at all. And as for the freshers involved—well, judging by the gleam in the eyes of some of them when asked to debate, we think their personal experiences should be interesting too! Anyway, whether you are in search of information, self-abnegation, or vicarious mortification, or whether you just want to hear a really amusing debate, come to the George Murray Hall on Wednesday, April 2, at 1.20 p.m.

For those whose passions are political rather than personal, there will be slightly "heavier" debates later. The committee plans to hold several evening parlia-

mentary debates, with visiting speakers, as well as the regular lunch-hour meetings. Watch for notice of these.

Unfortunately, many of the Union's best speakers are now scattered far and wide in the fighting forces—but this means that there is more opportunity for YOU, whoever you are and wherever you come from, to take part. All you have to do is to put your name on the notice in the Refectory, and the committee will see that you are given an opportunity in keeping with the experience you have had. Or if you are a woman, and a timid one, try your hand (and voice) first in the W.U. debates before you go on to the Union.

If you have debated before, you will know how worth while it is. If you haven't, it's time you found out!

REMEMBER!
GEORGE MURRAY HALL
TO-MORROW at 1.20 p.m.
Judith Murray v. F. J. Hawkins
"Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Correspondence

YOUTH PARLIAMENT.

The Editor,

It has come to my knowledge as a member of another Adelaide organization, that a National Youth Parliament will be held in Sydney at Easter. Delegates from most States are to be present at the Parliament, which will deal with bills relating to a number of questions particularly affecting youth, such as youth employment, education, national fitness, post-war reconstruction.

In view of the nature of the matters to be discussed and the excellent training which the Parliament appears to offer for the development of a real understanding of a democratic practice, I should think that the Union should be represented. Have any university clubs been can they do nothing about it? The approached by the sponsors and, if so, P. and I.R.C. appealed for interest in your last issue. Can it arrange for a delegate?—Yours,

PRO PARLIAMENT.

THAT S.R.C. AGAIN.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

Are students opposed to the formation of an S.R.C. or are they in the dark as to what it is? The main grounds of objection seem to be that it is only another committee to litter up the place and that it is a vote of no confidence in members of the staff on the Union Committee.

As a new member of the Union Committee, I have noticed that little time is allotted to student activities at the Union Committee meetings. From one to two hours are spent discussing finance, Union buildings, the Refectory, why the lid

came off the coalhole, etc.—matters which are of little importance to the student when compared with his own activities, which are in crying need of organization. The Debating Society, the P. and I.R.C., the Gramophone Society, the Art Collection, University dances, and other activities need a central body to which to report. An S.R.C. should also start new activities, such as a dramatic group, and also work in closer contact with the National Union. Even Mr. McPhie does not deny that the National Union is sound in principle. If we in Adelaide could give it more attention, perhaps it would be more satisfactory in practice. But the Union Committee has not time to deal with it, the S.R.C. would.

So in fact it seems that some body is necessary. If the Union Committee is to organize student activities it would have to call extra meetings, so in any case we are not escaping committee meetings. Moreover, student activities are not likely to interest members of the staff. You may say, "Then the staff can stay away." If so, we have in fact an S.R.C., so why not in name. An S.R.C. would be dependent on the Union and would therefore be prevented from overstepping its bounds. It is, moreover, limited by specific clauses set out in the proposed alteration to the constitution.

For these reasons I think it is obvious that the formation of an S.R.C. is not a vote of no confidence in the staff, but a necessary organization to pull the Adelaide University out of the bog of apathy into which it has fallen.

I would like to see the question brought up again before a meeting of students at which freshers could vote after there has been some time for discussion.—Yours sincerely,

E. TEESDALE SMITH.

Nazism in the Nude

The S.C.M. is sponsoring a series of three tutorial lectures this year on Nazi Philosophy and Christianity. These will be given by Dr. D. K. Schechner, who has not only had considerable personal experience of Nazism and its methods, but who has also made an intensive historical survey of the origin of Nazism, extending as far back as the time of Luther. Dr. Schechner is a Ph.D. of Vienna University, who came to Australia two years ago as a political victim of Nazi oppression and who is doing post-graduate and tutorial work in the Sydney University in history. For many years he was a prominent figure in Austrian political and economic life, being a member of the Committee for Economic Reconstruction. He has been a strong opponent of Hitler ever since he knew him personally in Hitler's early days in Vienna. His series of addresses on Nazi Philosophy and Christianity at the Como Conference were a vigorous and thoroughly scholarly exposure of the whole Nazi philosophy and its basically anti-Christian nature. These lectures made such a strong impression on his hearers that the Australian Student Christian Movement has asked him to repeat them in several of the Universities of Australia. Dr. Schechner will be visiting Adelaide on April 7 and will give his addresses in the Physics Lecture Theatre on Wednesday, April 9, on "The Precursors of Nazi Doctrines from Luther to Bismarck," on Wednesday, April 16, on "The Materialistic Trend—Darwinism, Marxism, Nietzsche's philosophy and Aryanism— as preparers of the way to Nazism," and the last on Friday, April 18, on "The Framework of Nazism and Its Opposition." These lectures will begin at 8 p.m., and the small charge of 6d. will be made for each. Tickets will be available from the members of the committee of the S.C.M.

C. G. S.

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PROFESSOR GOLDBY TILTS AT CLASSICS

"If I am forced against my will at school to learn the rudiments of Latin and to read selected fragments of a few classical authors whose views seem to me totally uninteresting, and quite irrelevant to my own life and its problems, that is an important part of general education, and without it, I shall only with the greatest difficulty join the favoured ranks of the 'cultured'."

Prof. Goldby was speaking at a public meeting (in the Institute Building), sponsored by the W.E.A., and was drawing a distinction between the type of technical education in which he was engaged himself—fitting students for specialized employment, and so-called general or cultural education.

However much the disinterested desire for knowledge, or the spirit of curiosity, had played its part, science derived its greatest inspiration from meeting the technical needs of society. It was useful as compared with useless knowledge.

But the teaching of science itself could become sterile, if a smattering of physics and chemistry was imparted as an intellectual exercise divorced from its social context. "Like Latin it would become a subject transmitted by bored teachers to resistant pupils for the sole purpose of surmounting an examination hurdle, which once passed need never be considered again."

Any antithesis between useful and useless knowledge, the professor maintained,

was false. There was need to evolve a type of general education that would bridge this gap, and science might well supply it. Especially as far as adult education was concerned, where in any case an absence of equipment made it impossible to give any technical training, it was necessary to devise ways in which science could be woven into the educational system.

The importance of a general education in science was twofold. First, the intelligent application of the findings of the experts depended on the co-operation of the public. The need for this was seen especially in the biological sciences in connection with the business of choosing one's mate, of eating, and of preserving public health.

But there was another aspect of scientific education even more valuable. This Prof. Goldby defined as an understanding of the scientific method and the development of a scientific temper. "One might understand the scientific method and apply it with success in some particular field, without developing the scientific temper. One cannot be said to have developed the scientific temper until it has spread to all the departments of human life, whether they fall under one of the acknowledged categories of science or not." "While recognizing the importance of emotional factors in all that we do, it also recognizes that any action we propose to make needs rational

consideration if it is to have effects that we should consider satisfactory or desirable."

Prof. Goldby then went on to show that science had developed under a democratic form of government, and possessed much in common with democracy. "Freedom of speech and publication, toleration of opposing opinions, the possibility of radical change without violent upheavals; these are all found, or should be found, in democratic methods of government, and they are essential to the healthy development of science. Democracy and science have developed together; neither can do without the other, and both must be united in refusing to tolerate one thing at least, and that is intolerance."

Prof. Goldby went on to make some tilts at the so-called "realists" who believed that human problems could be solved by violence. The most they showed was that dead men told no tales, and had no preferences.

There could be no compromise between science and democracy on the one hand, and totalitarianism on the other. Science needed democracy—the atmosphere of freedom it provided; and democracy needed science—the application of the scientific temper to social affairs. "And if you want them, and enough people are prepared to take the trouble, and do the work which will be required to get them, then we SHALL get them," he concluded.

Scratches

BY X. E. MARR.

No. 2.

WALTER WINCHELL SCOOP.

Flash! Your ace reporter has a big scoop. Who was the social editress of last week's "On Dit"? Nobody seems to know! But it seems that Neile Osman was partially the social editress, which all goes to show.

This is the evidence.

Jim Mellor on reading about a certain law student: "Hell, wait till I get Osman!" The official editress: "He may have had something to do with it."

Mr. Osman: "I'll sue you for libel!"

Perhaps hashish has a glandular effect. Cheriò, Neile!

ATTACK ON THE N.U.A.U.S.

Mr. McPhie seemed quite perturbed that Adelaide doesn't have a fair show in the N.U.A.U.S. and is outvoted by Melbourne and Sydney.

Amazing! But there's a way out. Let Adelaide have all the votes, or let the others have one between them. Voilà!

Or perhaps does Mr. McPhie feel that the N.U.A.U.S. unites the students of Australia too much in their common cause; and the much beloved parochialism of this clique-infested village might suffer.

CUPID'S CORNER.

It is believed that Miss Judith Murray's latest thrill-of-a-lifetime, big heart-throb, etc., is Mr. Hashish.

Inspections of the Barr Smith Library

It is intended this year to take groups of students over the Barr Smith Library. The inspections will be between 5 and 6 p.m. on days to suit students. The first experiment will be made next week on third and four year engineering students. They will have the working of the library explained to them—the use of the catalogues, the hieroglyphics, etc. Then they will be shown dictionaries, encyclopaedias, digests, etc., of use to all students, then the indexes, journals and bibliographies or particular use in their own field of study.

Groups of students in other subjects will be organized later, but in the meantime if any group of ten to twenty students wishes to inspect the library arrangements will be made for it to do so.

Women --- Join the University V.S.D.

Detachment 85—Wednesday afternoons—2 to 4, Home Nursing lectures start to-morrow, April 2.

But what of Detachment 85A?—Monday evening—7 to 9? Surely the enthusiasm of seventeen pairs of hands couldn't have vanished overnight! So far less than half a dozen names have appeared on lists in Lady Symon and Science Buildings. We have already notified the Secretary of the Emergency Services that we would require a lecturer for Monday night. So what?

Show your sincerity for national security by joining the V.S.D.

N.B.: It is not necessary to have a uniform, nor to attend parades. Annual subscription, 2/-.

Can You Read?

Then we recommend to your notice articles on:

"Freud's Position in the History of Modern Culture," by Thomas Mann in "Psycho-analytic Review," January, 1941. "Poetry of Dylan Thomas," by Francis Scarfe in "Horizon."

An article on the modern American novel in "Scrutiny," June, 1940, and an article on Yeats and the French symbolists in "Revue de Littérature comparée."

All these periodicals can be found in the periodical room at the Barr Smith Library. Don't be frightened to ask for it, and don't neglect to visit it.

For the internationally minded there are:

Foreign Affairs (American);
Foreign Policy Reports;
Current Notes (Department of External Affairs, Canberra);
and for the politically minded:
The Modern Quarterly;
Fabian Society Pamphlets.

Economists, engineers, scientists will all find periodicals embodying the latest researches in their subjects.

Congratulations!

"On Dit" wishes to extend to Sir Wm. Mitchell its sincerest congratulations on his eightieth birthday.

Sir William, who was Hughes Professor of Philosophy from 1894-1922, and who has been Emeritus Professor since 1922,



is one of Adelaide University's most distinguished scholars. He has, among other things, gained the rare distinction of being a Gifford lecturer.

For the past twenty-five years he has served the University as Vice-Chancellor, and we look forward to receiving from him a further long period of service.

DON'T FORGET!

Monday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

SAM KERR'S

"Human Form
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Not exclusively for Arts students.

Theatre Guild to do "Alchemist"? Vigorous Programme Planned

The A.G.M. of the University Theatre Guild was held in the Hut last Tuesday. There was not such a large attendance as might have been hoped for, but we expect to see larger audiences attending the programmes during the year, which promise to be interesting ones. For, after the preliminary business of the meeting, such as the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the reading of the secretary's report, and the reading of the balance sheet, an animated discussion ensued between Mr. Allison on the one hand and Dr. MacLachlan, Dr. Campbell, and Mr. Frank Johnston on the other.

It all began when Mr. Clive Carey said that he hoped to produce the "Alchemist," by Ben Jonson, in the course of the year. Mr. Allison rose in enthusiastic support of this, and said he hoped to see more ambitious and more unusual work done by the U.T.G. this year than was done last year. Replies to

this remark consisted in pointing out the many difficulties there were to combat, such as the filling of male roles since the outbreak of war, the difficulty of experimental work when carried out by amateurs, and the lack of those willing to produce and experiment. Upon this Mr. Allison replied that he would be willing to undertake the production of Stephen Spender's "Trial of a Judge." He was greeted by applause.

Dr. MacLachlan mentioned the subject of puppets, and Mr. Brian Elliott discussed the acting and stage technique group which is to be begun on Thursday, April 10, under the direction of Miss Barbara Howard and Mr. Elliott. Other subjects discussed were the make-up and play-reading groups, and the holding of lectures during the year.

So watch for future U.T.G. productions. They should be interesting and profitable, if the would-be producers continue with their good work.

The Otherwise Narrow on the Light Fantastic Toe

The first meeting of the Science Association was held last Tuesday evening, and took the form of a welcome to freshers.

President Sprigg gave a short but inspiring address in which he outlined the aims and future of the association.

The meetings during the year are to be relatively informal gatherings for the broadening of otherwise narrow and specialized outlooks, and such addresses as are to be given by senior members of the staff and visitors will be of a philosophical and more general nature.

Trips of scientific, astronomical, and gastronomic interest will also be made throughout the year.

The scientific aspect of the meeting was terminated by a series of strikingly beautiful technicolour travel films, shown by Mr. Elliott, and including scenes of 1937 London, New York, and the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

All conservative scientists then retired homewards, and the undiminished

remainder adjourned to the Refectory for supper and a few hours of the light fantastic.

The music was fairly consistently hot, but occasionally a lower standard prevailed, in conjunction with harmonic variations by Buttercup.

Incidentally, the latter arrived only a half an hour late for prac. chem. next morning, although badly hampered by pink rhinoceroses.

Old hands cast analytical glances at the freshers for potentials, but, on the evening, the strategically advantageous partners won the laurels.

At eleven o'clock a universal plan to continue dancing for at least another hour was, unhappily, nipped in the bud by the chords of the National Anthem. However, members are reminded that this was only the beginning, and the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 30.

Sports Association A.G.M.

With a membership of over three hundred, only about thirty men saw fit to come along and discuss the activities of an association which should concern them intimately, especially in these times.

If the women intend to let the association be run entirely by men, that is their funeral.

The A.G.M. of the Sports Association was held in the George Murray on Wednesday, March 26, at 7.45 p.m. The women showed their usual enthusiasm by their attendance, the total present being over thirty.

The secretary read the minutes of the forty-second A.G.M., followed by the president, Mr. Todd, who read the forty-third annual report.

The decision of the combined Men's and Women's Blues Committees on the question of the award of blues during the war was announced to the meeting. Women's blues are to be awarded, but only of a higher standard, if anything, than formerly. Men's blues are to be awarded to players of a definitely high standard, who must have played at least two years in A grade teams. In future no more blues will be awarded except in exceptional circumstances.

The Sports Association's war effort has resulted in the presentation of £80 10/11 to the F.F.C.F., of which £32 18/2 was the proceeds of the cabaret.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. M. McFarlane; deputy president, Mr. W. D. Verco; hon. treasurer, Mr. L. C. Miller; hon. auditors, Mr. J. D. Searcy, Mr. T. L. Ewens (by his attorney, Mr. G. T. Clark); hon. assistant secretary, Mr. N. G. Abbott.

The last item on the agenda, "Any Other Business," produced some very interesting results.

Mr. N. G. Abbott, apparently appalled by the thought that he might appear to be parading in public in his pyjamas, moved that the present excrescence, i.e., the Sports Association blazer, should be changed from its present gaudy design to

the sober black prevalent before 1931, and that a sub-committee should be formed to look into the matter.

As there were no women present, the men appointed Miss E. Teesdale Smith, with the secretary and Messrs. E. G. Robinson, N. G. Abbott and Neile Osman, to comprise the committee. If you have any constructive ideas to offer, will you please tell it to one of these.

There was also some discussion about the letters appearing on the pocket of the blazer. At present only those who have taken part in an inter-varsity are entitled to have the letters of their club embroidered on the pocket of the blazer. Mr. N. Shierlaw asked that since there were to be no inter-varsities could not consistent members of A teams be entitled to the letters? The question, after much discussion, was finally left in the hands of the blazer committee.

Mr. Hutton has apparently joined the ranks of the "great unwashed." In a moving plea to the president, he revealed that he has been forced to adjourn his weekly shower "sine die" for want of warm water. The ancient Latin tag says, "Mens sana in corpore sano."

Perhaps this explains what has been worrying us lately about Mr. Hutton. We hope that the lack of £1 9/- worth of light, heat and power has not affected his body, and, "ipso facto," his mind. According to Mr. O'Sullivan, he is to be excused on grounds of insanitary. Aren't we legal?

Mr. McFarlane pointed out that the lack of heat, light and power has resulted in a saving of over £2 in water as well, so there must be something in what Mr. Hutton says.

OUR PYJAMA COAT

Present 'Varsity Blazer Under Fire

(We wish it were.)

This paper is thoroughly in agreement with Mr. N. G. Abbott's wish for a change in the present blazer. It has been variously described but in polite company an accurate description is impossible. This blazer was thrust upon the University ten years ago by some of those orators, "Full of sound and fury signifying nothing," so prevalent at present in the running of our affairs. The only defence of the change was that the old blazer was too funereal and when the duds of those days desired to look their pretiest they felt that their spirits were depressed. When this wonder of in-artistry first struck an amazed Melbourne in an inter-'Varsity in 1932, the embarrassed wearer (only one was game to wear the thing) was forced by leading articles in Melbourne papers, and unbearable comment from students of other Universities, to cease wearing it.

Some idea of its popularity may be gauged from these figures showing the number of blazers purchased in the last five years: 1937, 28; 1938, 20; 1939, 10; 1940, 4; 1941, 1. When one considers that the number of people eligible to buy the blazer averages about 350 per annum and that the total number who have bought blazers in the last five years is

sixty-three out of a possible total of 1,700, the position is obviously ridiculous.

The old black blazer with white trimmings was considered by people in other States the most distinctive of the Australian University blazers, and it has only got to be seen worn with white clothes to realize that it is one of the smartest and most distinctive blazers to be had. The blazer is not only distinctive but can be taken for nothing less than the University blazer.

The usefulness of the blazer is beyond question. Old graduates have had their blazers in many cases as long as ten years in constant use. The present blazer needs dry cleaning after being worn only a few times and this weakens the garment, shortening its life, and so may be a drain on one's pocket in two ways. Furthermore, John Martin's have told Mr. Hamilton, the Sports Association Secretary, that the cost of the old blazer would be less than that of our present abortion.

We will be very interested to see what design the committee finally decides to submit before an extraordinary meeting of the Sports Association. We can rest assured of one thing, however, and that is, that any change cannot help but be for the better.

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Men's Hockey

The annual general meeting of the A.U.H.C. will be held in the George Murray Hall on Thursday, April 3, at 1.15 p.m.

Business:

- (1) Election of Officers.
- (2) Finance.
- (3) General business.

All those interested are asked to attend.

Women's Hockey

The annual general meeting of the Women's Hockey Club will be held on Friday, April 4, in the Lady Symon Hall at 1.15 p.m. All interested, particularly freshers who played at school, are urged to attend.

Nobby Club A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the A.U.N.C. will not be held in the George Murray Hall or the Chess Clubrooms at 1.10 p.m. to-day, April 1. Freshers are not urged to go along. All interested need not attend. Owing to the war shortage of material makes the cost of the club's activities prohibitive.

Football Practice

Starts TO-DAY at 4.45 on the Oval. All Welcome

GOLF CLUB A.G.M.

This will be held in the lounge of the George Murray at 1.15 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

Pennant Tennis Notes 1940-1941

The season had a very inauspicious opening for this club, when, at the A.G.M., held in September, five people turned up, and it was found that only two members of last season's teams would be available for the coming season. However, one team was finally nominated in "A" grade, comprising, in singles order,

J. A. B. Rolland, Capt.

G. R. Battye.

S. J. Edmonds.

R. L. Cotton.

Mr. Zelling kindly offered to continue to act as secretary, his services being much appreciated.

The team had a very successful season, winning only two matches, defeating East Torrens and a weakened A.I.F. team. Five or six other matches were lost only by the odd set, thus continuing the custom of previous season. Needless to say, University once more filled bottom place on the premiership table.

Congratulations must be given to Gavan Battye, who was defeated only three times in eighteen matches. Great things are expected of him in the near future. Credit must also be given to the other members of the team, who, although they did not always win, never failed to give a good account of themselves. It is hoped that much greater support will be given to this club next summer, as, without more support, there is the possibility that it may be forced to discontinue its activities for a time.

If some people took as much trouble over sport as they do over their love affairs, we would have many world champions among us.

Athletics Club A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the A.U.A.A.C. will be held to-morrow at 1.20 p.m. in the Chess Clubrooms (opposite John Martin's shop).

Freshers, this concerns you, as there is a fresher representative on the committee who must be elected by you.

Athletics Club

On May 10 at the 'Varsity Oval there will be held one of the biggest amateur contests ever held in the State. It will certainly be the first real inter-club meeting ever to be held. The clubs competing will be the Adelaide Harriers, the Western Districts, the Old Collegians, a combined Public Schools' Team, the Postal Institute, and, we hope, the pick of the athletes from the Saints' and Prince's intercollegiate sports (i.e., a combined team), and last, but we hope not least this time, the 'Varsity. The sports will be run on competitive lines to decide which club puts in the best team. That is, if picked to run you will be representing the 'Varsity in much the same way as you would if running in an inter-'Varsity team. Next year we hope to have athletics run on the same lines as in Melbourne. That is, each Saturday we will send out teams to compete against other clubs in much the same way as a cricket team is sent out to represent the 'Varsity. Thus at the 'Varsity athletics will no longer be a matter of just train-

ing for the one meeting but will take on the much better status of a true competitive sport. In the launching of such a scheme we need the support and enthusiasm of everyone interested in running, whatever his ability. In Melbourne they have all the runners graded in various classes, and so a person does not have to be a top-notch runner — he may run against people of his own ability and thus the heartbreak of racing against hopeless odds is eliminated.

We want people to train now with the goal of a whole season's running in front of them, not just one or two meetings. This scheme will put athletics in South Australia right in the front line of summer sports, as it is in the Eastern States. In Melbourne on a Saturday afternoon there may be as many as a thousand runners competing in the parks.

It will take a lot of work to get such a total reorganization under way, but, given the runners, the main obstacle is already overcome. Give the matter your serious thought and turn out and train to become a member of the finest individual sport of all.

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