

ON DIT

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REPEAT PERFORMANCE PLEASE!



ELIZABETH CARTER says I.S.S. appeal this year more urgent than ever. Your help, yours, yes, and yours in the corner, there—will help students in Europe, China, and Australia. So let your hair down, and give MORE!

Last year Adelaide raised more for the I.S.S. appeal proportionate to its numbers than any other university in Australia. This year we must show ourselves tops in student consciousness again.

Come to the mass meeting next Monday to hear Profs. Kerr Grant and Portus on the work of the International Student Service.

Interviewed by "On Dit," S.C.M. President, Elizabeth Carter, said that £634 was raised last year in all Australia. This must be surpassed this year.

The money raised this year will be distributed—

- 50% to European students,
- 40% to the students of Free China,
- 10% to students interned in Australia.

The Chinese students are carrying out their studies in the front lines of the China-Japanese war. They are helping themselves and educating the Chinese workers and peasants to national and social consciousness by being themselves a university, and going out to the struggling peoples of China with their thought and ideals.

THEY, TOO, NEED OUR HELP.

Refugee students interned in Australia are carrying on with their studies under difficult circumstances. They lack books. They lack material. The S.C.M., said Miss Carter, although not able to be active politically in student affairs, is in spirit behind moves made by Australian students to free their interned fellow-students. Until this is achieved

THEY, TOO, NEED OUR HELP.

Students in France, Switzerland, Germany are in a desperate plight. Now, too, the Soviet Union with its vast ideals of education and studentship is in the war arena.

It will not require our financial assistance for its students but our moral support for its cause. But the other countries of Europe victimized by Hitler have students for whom this financial assistance is urgently needed.

WELL, WHAT ABOUT IT?

On Dit Goes Flippant

STUDENTS HAVE BEGUN ASKING FOR "ON DIT" TO LIGHTEN UP, TO AMUSE THE CAMPUS MIND, TO ACT AS A CATHARTIC TO THE HEAVIER ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE.

WE ARE GLAD TO RESPOND. IF THE HUMOUR IS BAD, YOU MAKE IT BETTER.

OTHER SECTIONS MAY SAY, "INFANTILE, DRIVEL, AN ASPERSION ON THE STUDENT MIND." THEN WE MUST RESUME THE OLD COURSE, UNLESS YOU SPEAK OUT AND SAY WHAT YOU WANT.

IF YOU LIKE "ON DIT" LIGHT, WRITE AND SAY SO.

BUT REALIZE THIS—"ON DIT" IS PRODUCED AS THE STUDENTS WANT IT TO BE PRODUCED; AND WHICHEVER SECTION IS ARTICULATE ABOUT THE PAPER IS THE SECTION WHOSE WISHES WE KNOW AND CAN RESPOND TO.

'Natomy News!

Flash! Here we have a news flash straight from the horse's mouth. Yes! the great N.S. Womankiller was at the funeral of Orgy Snooze and here is his version of that brilliant spectacle. May it bring tears to the eyes of them that read.

"The kick-off was sharp at 4 p.m., as soon as Hitler's lefthand foot had departed on his rounds. The corpse was neatly attired in a negligée shakedown with chic trimmings of Anatomy dusters, and a gentle odour of formaldehyde 40% filled the air. The mourners were suitably clad in white robes, and mourning gendly to the strains of 'John Brown's Body,' the procession wended its way to the Refectory. Here the corpse cut his cadaverous career short by sitting up and desiring to take nourishment, wondering in dulcet tones, "Where the hell am I?" (Orgy always was a great public speaker.) Temporarily minus a corpse, the procession was once more re-formed, when Joe Roberts expressed his desire to assume the winding sheet. So passed we on to the Barr Smith Library, with the rain making scintillating jewel points of light on the feet of our dear departed brother, and amazed the rustic yokels in that great hall of learning. Coming round the Benham Laboratories, the corpse's better half espied the funeral suite and immediately recognized him by the shape of the distal extremities of his lower limbs. So we returned to the home base, further play being abandoned, because of the rain, which, the Weather Bureau assures us, was widespread and soaking, and for the latter we can vouch.

Among the mourners were:

B. S. Wetzel, Esq., of Lady Symon fame. Imagine this stalwart of clerical doctrine conducting a wager with a fellow dissipator in Anatomy! Still, we always knew that he only joined the S.C.M. to gain access to the L.S.

R. Wunter, Esq., who is shortly to take up a position in the cosmetics branch of "Evening in Paris." He has acquired a thorough knowledge of his work during his nocturnal expeditions into the (ahem!) unknown, and is often to be seen discussing the subject with fellow connoisseurs in Anatomy.

Advice to Badge Dodgers

By Clerihooey

Friday morning in the city of churches calls for particular exercise of one's natural cunning. One must be a good strategist. Of course, the best way to avoid the badge sellers is not to go to town on Fridays; but for those who cannot avoid it here are some helpful hints.

There are three popular and successful forms of dodging.

(a) After making sure that none of the sellers in immediate sight is a friend (especially the casual type) or a relation, walk along the street taking notice of nothing and nobody. The defeated badge seller may think you are a poet thinking high thoughts; on the other hand she may not.

(b) Make a wide detour around the seller as if she were plague stricken—she is probably used to this, so have no qualms. If she looks very embarrassed, she is new to it; but don't have any pity on her—it isn't done. In any case, she will have to learn to take such rebuffs nicely.

(c) If you have plenty of time you will find it easier to adopt the tactics of a Sandy MacNab—go the longest way to your destination, carefully avoiding all open space with sellers within fifty yards.

Don't worry if your movements look stealthy; plenty of others will be looking the same, and the police are too busy watching the traffic lights to bother about you.

If, by a stroke of fate, you are bailed up, don't waste time and effort making cry of the usual excuses, such as, "I bought one just now and lost it," or "I'm afraid I have no change just now," etc. The seller has heard that one before, and would not believe you if you were speaking the truth. Either—

(a) Tell some absolutely outrageous and preposterous lie, and leave her gasping, or

(b) Floor her with some such startling remark as, "I suppose you know begging's illegal?" or "Do you collect for the Ancient Order of Holy Rollers?"; then, while she is still trying to get a grip on her tottering reason, beat it.

If, in the last extremity you have to buy a badge, console yourself that it is, in these days of war, for a cause about which you know something, and not, as in pre-war times, merely a collection for some obscure society whose needs are dragged up to give some indefatigable badge-day organizer something to live for.

Support I.S.S. Appeal!

The appeal of I.S.S. for aid for the refugee students of Europe, the heroic students of China—heroic not only in their resistance to Japanese Imperialism but also in their struggle to carry on their academic tradition and work, and the internee students in Australia, is one that deserves the widest student support. Because of its distance from Europe and America, Australia has played little part in the great international student conferences which were held prior to the war; we have had little contact with such organizations as the International Students' Federation. This appeal, however, draws us into the sphere of international student unity; by our support of the appeal we can, amidst the tragedy of world war, preserve something of internationalism. And if it be true, as we are told, that the future belongs to youth, then an international student unity may be of great significance.

ELLIOTT JOHNSTON.

Union Mass Meeting

Professor Portus, Professor Kerr Grant

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE APPEAL

George Murray Hall, Monday, July 21, 1.20 p.m.

Science Association

TUESDAY, JULY 22 at 8 p.m.

Prof. Kerr Grant

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Thrifty Days

Volunteers are required to drive a truck for two or three hours weekly in order to collect material for the Girl Guide Thrift Depot. No particular time is specified and the volunteers will be able to do the work on days suited to themselves. Trucks are, of course, provided. Volunteers please leave names in "On Dit" box or with Mr. Hamilton.

FLASH!!!

THE 1941

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will be held on AUGUST 2, not July 26, as previously announced

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Inter-'Varsity Debates

Inter-'Varsity debates, as has been disclosed before, are to be held in Canberra this year. The only expense that will fall upon the chosen representatives of this university will be the fare (return) to Canberra, which should not be excessive.

The proposed schedule of the debates is:

Tuesday, August 19: Debate in afternoon and evening.

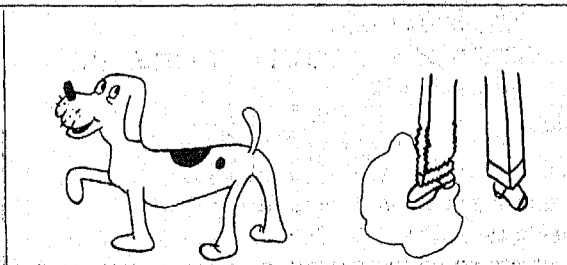
Wednesday, August 20: Debate in afternoon.

Thursday, August 21: Debate in afternoon and final debate in evening.

The team will arrive in Canberra on Monday, the 18th, and the subjects that it has been decided to submit as ones which this university's team will either affirm or oppose are:

- (1) That strikes in war-time should be illegal;
- (2) That social reform should be postponed for the duration of the war;
- (3) That India should be granted dominion status immediately;
- (4) That socialism is urgently needed in Australia;
- (5) That Government policy in regard to Communism should be revised in the light of the British Government pledge to U.S.S.R.

Will any debaters who would be prepared to take part please give their names in to the secretary of the Debating Society so that arrangements can be made to hold elimination contests.



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WANTED --- A People's Government!

"That a people's government, pledge to socialism, is an urgent need in Australia."

When a division was called for in the parliamentary debate on Friday night, this motion was carried fairly easily, and the Speaker, Mr. Charles Price, expressed his hope that the motion would be carried into effect as soon as possible.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Max Harris, opened the debate and with lofty vigour denounced the capitalistic conduct of the war as uneconomical, unequal, and undemocratic. So long as the war was won on a profit basis with undistributed profits and low taxation on higher incomes, even a forty per cent. war effort would be difficult to attain.

Industrial strife resulted from unequal war burdens on the poor, iron ore was going to Japan in increasing quantities, the opposition to the Government was being muzzled, Fascism — the thing to be fought against — was near.

A people's government pledged to socialism would give the people something to fight for; would enable the whole war economy to be placed on an efficient war footing; and would transform the war to a people's war against the ideals of Fascism, which was the last decadent stage of capitalism; and enable a new Versailles people's peace to be achieved without annexations and reprisals, paving the way for international co-operation and for Christian principles to govern the active life of society.

Then the Leader of the Opposition (Miss Judith Murray) took the floor. Red was her dress, but not her ideas, as she asked us to consider why should workers (like Mr. Harris) arrogate to themselves alone the right to represent the people. Was not the present government, democratically elected by the people, a people's government. We had had enough of the exploitation of one

class by another, she said, glaring at Mr. Harris.

Miss Murray next invited us, at some risk to our nervous systems, to laugh at 136 different definitions of socialism. Then, her audience helpless and reduced (qualitatively, that is, by the quantity, not quantitatively by the quality) she asked them how could socialism work? And, without staying for an answer, she made it obvious that it couldn't. Where there was no reward in proportion to the amount of work done there would be no incentive to work.

Miss Johnson then rose hurriedly to defend the people, arguing very loud and fierce, as if quarrelling with herself. If to be fast (whatever can you mean?—Ed.) is to be progressive, Miss Johnston is streaks ahead of our reporter.

Mr. Anderson, standing like one of the tyrannicides of ancient fame, next called upon us to do our bit for the war. This was a time of crisis. We had to defeat Fascism abroad. Socialism could not do this. It had been shown a failure in Russia, where the peasants were worse off than under Czarist Russia.

A stir was then felt in the House. Some, like Mr. Pavy, rose to speak at length, while others, like Mr. R. N. Hamilton, just rose to speak. Among them Mr. C. Price was heard guilefully to insinuate that there would be greater problems under socialism than capitalism, and Mr. Johnston firmly but kindly explained why this could not be so.

FASCISM---Economic or Political?

"What is Fascism?" was the subject debated at the P. and I.R.C. Open Forum last Wednesday by Miss E. McDougall and Mr. Johnston before a large and interested audience.

Mr. Johnston maintained that Fascism was a stage of capitalism where, because of acute economic or political crisis, the capitalists found it necessary to resort to extraordinary forms of suppression to maintain their power. On the first point he gave us proof of the capitalist nature of the system — the facts that industry is privately owned, that profit is made from the operation of industry, and that the profit is distributed to owners and shareholders. Figures showed that the profits of the fifteen biggest industrial concerns in Germany exceeded those in U.S.A.

The Fascist method of suppression is the building of the corporate state, i.e., the destruction of all free organizations and associations of the people (church and trade unions, etc.), and their incorporation into the state as part of the state machinery; while behind the state and identified with it exists the dominant section of finance and industrial capital (when Germany was divided into twelve sections for administrative and economic purposes, each of the twelve section chiefs was a leading banker and industrialist). Capital becomes the state, the state is set up as sacrosanct, and organization in opposition to the ruling clique is forbidden. Meanwhile, the masses are deceived with anti-Jew propaganda, military festivals, talk of unity of labour and capital, and leader-worship. This is the substitute for higher wages and better conditions.

Miss McDougall urged in rebuttal that Fascism was not entirely economic

but that political and psychological elements entered into its composition. That it was political in control was evidenced by the doctrine "everything for the State." The State, and not industry, decided what goods had to be produced. And the State took away in taxes all but a fixed share of the profits.

Moreover, it was through its mastery of the art of mob psychology, by creating myths such as that of national action, that the State was able to exercise control. It preached that there was no class domination, and often rewarded the worker by raising him to a higher status in society than that occupied by the middle class. Such adroit psychological handling of situations permitted it to function.

In reply Mr. Johnston admitted it is true that industry is subject to direction by the state; but this manifests the degree to which the dominant section of capital has gained control, not only of the working class but of the less powerful section of capital — the dominant section exercises the state control in its own interests. A parallel is to be seen in Australia where, under the National Security Regulations, the Government may control production. That control is exercised primarily by Essington Lewis, of B.H.P., in the interests of the big monopolies and against the interests of the less influential sections of capital (hence the constant notices in the press of deputations from various States protesting against the discrimination in defence contracts).

The Student and Society British Student Congress

In a recent issue of the "Times Educational Supplement," there is a report of one of the largest and most significant congresses of students that has ever been held in England.

Twelve hundred students, representative of nearly every university and university college in England, Scotland, and Wales attended the annual congress of the National Union of Students in Cambridge.

They chose this delightful old university town, which, for centuries has symbolized all that is best in English culture, as the setting for a discussion on "The Student, his Subject, and Society."

The engineers, scientists, lawyers, architects, doctors, and administrators of the future were there eager to consider together the work of their own particular faculties and the relation of their knowledge and training to the needs of society. They were motivated by a desire to get to the root of matters, to examine the causes that led to the present situation.

Representatives of all the faculties were unanimous in believing that the universities, both organization and teaching



THE HONOURABLE member for the Tuxedo who has achieved the distinction of having discovered 136 definitions of socialism: all of which the opposition alleged to be wrong.

BY VICTOR H. PARKINSON.
General Secretary, N.U.A.U.S.

methods, were removed from reality and did not fit their students for life nor contribute adequately to the welfare of the community. They held that this was because the universities were an integral part of the present social system — a system very imperfect and in crying need of radical reform. As citizens of the community, and in their capacity as students, they were prepared to take their part in bringing about the necessary changes.

This feeling is summarized in the following resolution (carried without opposition, 906 voting in favour, with thirty-five abstentions), which epitomizes the opinion of the congress.

This congress is of the opinion that the present structure of society prevents the best use being made of our knowledge, and the proper functioning of the universities, and, therefore, considers that students must play an active part in society, and help to change it so that the fullest use is made of the contributions of the universities and colleges and their students.

The congress divided into commissions to discuss the special problems of the different faculties.

MEDICAL COMMISSION.

The medical commission urged that stress should be laid on the maintenance of health rather than curing disease. Courses should include a study of sociology and academic subjects should be integrated with clinical course; there should be a period of apprenticeship after qualification.

(To be continued.)

LABOUR CLUB

THURSDAY, JULY 24

at 1.20 p.m.

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GESTAPO CORNER

"ON DIT" QUIZ!

1. The all-time afternoon tea record is held by Robert Hamilton, R. Hamilton, and Bob Hamilton?

2. The title of one of the Women's Union plays is "They Wanted Portholes in Their Coffins," "Crucify the Butterflies," or "Whisky with Body in It"?

SCENE?

3. Lecturer: A man with what you call a . . . yes, a corpulence, walks with his toes turned markedly out. A normal man walks with his toes less turned out, and a thin man walks with his toes less turned out again.

Voice from Class: How about the invisible man — is he pigeon-toed?

Lecturer: I don't know. I haven't seen him lately.

This occurred in a lecture by Prof. Kerr Grant, Dr. Posener, Prof. Fitzherbert, or an S.C.M. moralist?

GREETINGS TO GOLDBY.

Mary A.R.P. (re) turn(up)s for the new lecture series.

(That's so weak, it's funny. Yes?)

EPITAPH FOR GOOD OLD BA — AN.

"He lived in a whirl of his own."

Dear Gestapo,

My boy friend of the med. school is getting so wrapped up in his work that he wanted to examine my infra-patella. What do you think he should do?

DIZZY.

Answer: Go north, young man, go north!

ANSWERS TO QUIZ.

1. R. Napier Hamilton.

2. God knows! Neither do the women, or do they? It's all very fishy (sorry, Vichy).

3. Dr. Posener. (Rather a pos(en)er, wasn't it? Ha! ha!)

**"To right it,
write it"**

**"The pen is
mightier"**

OPINION

Our Allotted Task

Dear Sir,

Miss Jacobs talks about our doing our bit. The Government is not going to let soldiers go sockless because we do not knit in lectures (machine-made socks are more economical). It is not going to stop making bombs because it has not enough of our sixpences. It will go on as long as there is the labour and the material. As for apathy, if one says: Be not apathetic, one is assuming that people are non-apathectic towards apathy. Whatever are the causes of apathy, they must be fairly obscure.

The kind of bit the university can do is the kind of thing Moving Finger is doing. Such a job is useful at any time, but it is especially so at present when the Opposition is not doing its work and the newspapers are giving entertainment rather than fact and criticism. The Government, for instance, said that there would be economic security for all after the war; and it is pretty obvious that there should be, even with a five-hour day and autarchy. Yet when the Government later said that there would be economic security for soldiers, neither the Opposition nor the papers pointed out that the Government was thereby implying that it could not promise economic security for the rest of us. Our democracy is pretty useless without efficient checks on the power of those in control.

NANCY MARTIN.

Civil Liberties

The case of Thomas and Ratcliffe has raised the question of civil rights and the war in its most acute form. The "Advertiser" has used every effort to obscure the true facts, which are these. Thomas and Ratcliffe were charged with and convicted of offences under the National Security Regulations, and were sentenced to terms of imprisonment. Each served the prescribed term in full but a few days after being liberated they were seized without warrant, charge, court proceedings, or any pretence at legal procedure, and dumped into a concentration camp. These facts can be verified from the press of the eastern States. The cases indicate that there is no single aspect of German Fascism which the Government is not prepared to adopt.

I quote the "Advertiser" report of a recent National Security case in Adelaide, in which Mr. Villeneuve Smith, K.C., contending against the Crown's construction of the Regulations (which was accepted by the court), said: "Mr. Brobner's arguments amounted to saying that the liberty of every person in Australia was in the hands of the Minister for the Army. As the 'New Times' recently remarked about regulations more generous than these, 'Could the OGPU or the Gestapo desire anything more than this?'"

ELLIOTT JOHNSTON.

Hoorah!

Dear Sir,

Criticism is prevalent when an edition of "On Dit" appears, and this criticism may be divided into two categories:

1. That it isn't worth reading, anyway (note how it is not read in the Wednesday lunch-time).

2. That the paper is written for the few people who have the time and energy to be interested in the internal workings of the university.

Of this criticism, very little is constructive and very little reaches the Editor.

The second point has some backing, and the introduction of some sections of more general interest would be appreciated, owing to the number of people who have no time (or energy) to be interested in subjects at present discussed in "On Dit."

R. G. McEWIN.

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McPhie on Harris

Dear Sir,

Once again you have seen fit to give a good deal of publicity to one of your correspondents who bursts forth in hysterical disapproval and capital letters with little to say and the minimum of truth in that little. In short, Mr. Harris (i.e., Mr. Harris) either intentionally or because he has been misinformed and lacks the mental clarity to realize it, has made more ridiculously gross misstatements in a childish attack on the Men's Union Committee. This committee neither seeks Mr. Harris' favour nor grieves over its absence, but I think it only fair that a more accurate statement regarding our opposition to a grant for "Angry Penguins" should be made.

I might first point out that Mr. Harris is on neither the Union nor the Men's Union Committee, and to the best of my knowledge is not in the confidence of either.

The Union Committee decided to make the grant at a meeting at which very few of the Men's Union representatives were present. The M.U. Committee decided to discuss the matter and by a very considerable majority carried a motion disapproving the principle of grants to faculties for publications. The grounds for this were:

(a) If faculty societies genuinely desired to produce magazines, etc., they should be able to pay for them. Inability

to do so would suggest marked lack of enthusiasm on the part of students in such faculties.

(b) If one faculty were given benefits the Union must be prepared to treat others in a similar way.

(c) This would involve the Union in financial obligations it would be unable to meet. Thus if all faculties could not materially benefit, the students' money should not be distributed to a small minority.

(d) This is hardly the time to encourage further Union expenditure, even if money could be found.

Our resolution was forwarded to the Union Committee and merely reached the finance committee in transit although I fail to see of what importance this might be to anyone of reasonable intelligence.

Finally, I find it difficult to correlate the avowed democratic ideals of Mr. Harris with his obvious disapproval of the principle of freedom of speech in our communities, and to understand his advertised avid pursuit of a truth which he so frequently chooses to ignore. Perhaps he does not know it when he sees it.—I am, yours,

J. M. McPHIE,
Chairman, Men's Union.

P.S.: Congratulations to your Sports Editor on an earnest endeavour to keep one page free from hot air.

And Plummer

Dear Sir,

Once again your main correspondent has seen fit to launch vituperation against the despoilers of his brain child. Once again he leaps into print (plus italics, commas, and heavy type) with his to-be-expected eagerness, hot-headedness, and rashness. Once again we have our ears and eyes assailed by that word "democracy." This word is usually taken to mean a government by the people or something like that, but as far as I can see anything which aids and abets the Arts Association is, ipso facto, "democratic"—vide the Finance Committee democratically (?) voting for the grant to "Angry Penguins." Any action taken against this body's mighty machinations, therefore, smacks of Fascists, OGPU, Gestapo, and any other pretty little simile they can use. It's really too obvious, if one reads their diatribe, how they use this word to suit their own ends.

And again. In the last spasm the Men's Union Committee was raked fore and aft for having the crust, the unutterable gall, the absolute quintessence of stupidity to present that motion to the Finance Committee, yet in the previous part of the same epic we read that the plea for the grant was handed (democratically, no doubt) to the Finance Committee! Maybe, someone should break the news that both motions went astray, or, perhaps, that was known anyway, but such a beautiful chance for using heavy printing couldn't be wasted.

And lastly. It would appear to me, a purely parochial person, that it is far more democratic to publish even a third-rate magazine with at least some interest in it for every faculty than an over-rated magazine of no interest to anyone.—Yours sincerely,

A. P. PLUMMER.

And the Finance Committee

Dear Sir,

The Finance Committee, in referring back to the General Committee the question of subsidizing "Angry Penguins," acted not under the influence of the Men's Union Committee's protest, but because, not being a body of mere yes-men to the General Committee, its members had their own opinion of the proposed expenditure.

The Finance Committee had earlier in the year recommended the setting aside of £25 for the publication of a university, not a faculty, magazine. In its administration of Union finance, my committee has to weigh the interests and respect the rights of all the students, irrespective of faculty. In all the discussion that has arisen, never has it been suggested that "Angry Penguins" would be anything but an Arts Association production. It is, then, fair to expect the promoters of that magazine to look for support to the Arts Association, to which belong the majority of its contributors and readers, and I am glad to learn from the association president's letter in your last issue that "Angry Penguins" is going to appear, thanks to the support that is already forthcoming from that quarter.

Would you please forward to the proper person my contribution, enclosed herewith.—I am, yours faithfully,

J. G. CORNELL,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

War Prophetering

Sir,

What has happened to our war prophets (all right—no need to pun—we know all war profits go to the B.H.P.) lately?

I don't recall any of them forecasting the Russo-German pact (the dirty Communists), the Anglo-Russian pact (hurrah for our gallant allies). Nor did I hear that we should ever be pitching shells at our cross-channel brothers.

Rumania—an enemy of the cause—is protected by a British guarantee (British-owned oil wells may have something to do with this) from the Russians (apparently). Finland, to whom we were recently sending, men, supplies, and munitions, is whole-heartedly throwing them back at us. (Do you still subscribe to the Finnish appeal?) Our correspondent forecasts an early invasion of Germany by Alaska.

P.S.: Watch the stop press for the Pomeranians' declaration of war on the Alsations.—Our foreign correspondent, J. G. FETHERINGTON.

We Like Lilies!

Sir,

What kind of flowers do you like? As Mr. Hackett points out, the only way I can express my opinion of "On Dit" is with flowers—placed with reverence on a little white headstone.

What is wrong with the paper? Ask the students.

Why was X. E. Marr's Scratches scratched? I have yet to meet anyone who disapproved of that, but I heard that some of the scratches went too deep for the Men's Union Committee.

The question before us, then, is: "Is the paper to be run as the students want it, or as loud-voiced members of the Men's Union Committee (governed in turn by the powers that be) want it?"

Here are four suggestions for a better and brighter "On Dit":

1. Include a "Catty Comment Column."
2. Reduce S.C.M. and debate articles to the size of other club notices.
3. Encourage controversial letters in the "Views and Comments" by placing topical and interesting subjects before the readers.
4. Resist pressure from the Men's Union Committee.

If "On Dit" staff can't carry out the above suggestions, the only alternative is to print the paper as a four-inch strip, perforated at six-inch intervals.

G. L. MURRAY.

Hops Too Formal

Dear Sir,

Everyone is now agog to do everything possible to assist the war effort. Dances held in the Refectory have this goal in view, but, unfortunately, many potential donors are turned away by the truly exorbitant prices charged. Almost every other dance in aid of patriotic funds costs 2/6; our dances are 3/6. Two tickets make the expenditure 7/., to which is often added 5/- for a taxi fare, making the outing rather expensive. The floor is good, supper good, orchestra good—granted; but so, too, are the floors, suppers, and orchestras at other dances.

There is also a second barrier in front of the light-minded—and light-pocketed. This is a social barrier barring entrance to those whose dress is informal. The stress on formality, particularly in war-time, is to me ridiculous.

Hence, if we could couple informal dress with lower prices, the number would be considerably swelled. Receipts would be correspondingly greater than when we had the privilege of paying 3/6 to walk around all night like a poker.—Yours sincerely,

LADYBIRD.

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The Battle of Waterloo

WHERE WAS IT WON?

To the Sports Editors.

Sirs,

I had it upon the authority of the Duke of Wellington, who was said to have been present on the occasion.

But now that I have your definite assurance that he is not one of the "best people" I must admit that there is some truth in your implied criticism as to the value of sports in war-time. That the initiative, discipline, and physical fitness said to have been gained on the playing grounds of Eton in any way contributed to the victory of Waterloo is, I am forced to admit, so much "hot air." Such qualities as those mentioned might certainly, no doubt you would argue, be acquired through other forms of physical exercise of more social value. And if we must have notices of activities which are purely wasteful and selfish forms of enjoyment, then by all means let us tuck them into some obscure corner of the paper.

Your arguments have made me feel, sirs, that I have wasted in war-time over that stupid heading a quantity of paper as great as that employed so admirably by yourselves in pointing out that there is, after all, some structural similarity between a molehill and a mountain.

But however guilty I must feel, I still plead some extenuating circumstances. Although owing to your unfortunate absence at the time your page had to be

set up I was unable to consult you as to how you would like me to carry out your work, I nevertheless instructed the printer to tell Mr. Draper, on calling for the proofs, that the heading was merely a suggestion and could be removed if disliked. Moreover, on seeing Mr. Draper myself I asked him if he liked the idea or would prefer to alter it. He informed me that he was quite satisfied.

In view of this fact, I was a little at a loss to understand the use of the plural in the Sports Editors' Notes, but conclude it is just an 'abit.

Accept then, sirs, my humblest apologies.

THE EDITOR.

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Lacrosse

The only bright features of Saturday's matches were the B's victory and Kevin Ward's twelve goals — the best university goal-throwing effort for some years. This player has been one of the most regular attendants at practice during the season, and should get a game in the A's later on. Hallett, another consistent scorer, also played well to net five goals, and deserves a trial in the A's.

The A's played their worst game for the season and lost by twenty goals. The following was written by an independent observer (once a prominent forward):

"The only faults that can be found with the 'Varsity attacking division are the stickwork, the position play of the individuals, the combination of the whole, and, in the case of the forwards, the stamina.

"Cottle is the best of the forwards, but is essentially a third home, and lacks a first home who can make position and take a hard pass. The result is that he has to run twenty yards out of goal to get the ball, and another twenty back to score.

"Gooden has the right idea of position play, but his poor stickwork nullifies the effects of many useful attacks. One pleasing feature of his game, however, is his ability to attract his man out from the goal.

"Nancarrow will never do any good in any team as long as he uses a backhand pass. It lacks direction and is so slow that any back can intercept it. The only use for this shot is shooting for goal from a close range. He must also keep his man away from the front of the goal. If he and Gooden did no more than draw their men five to ten yards out (one on each side), they would have earned their places in the side. Cottle can generally pass one man, but no one can pass three. Cottle is in the team to get the goals (in the absence of better first home), Gooden and Nancarrow to get the ball and pass it to him when he makes position within shooting distance. Having passed the ball to him, both must be ready to be "first on" if he misses, or to receive it back again if he is forced out of position, and held until he makes another break. If the other forwards can get past their opponent without danger of being checked by some other back they may do so, but it is bad policy to try to beat two men.

"Wallman must realize that he is an attack and not a forward. He has a lot of energy and is fairly fast, but spoils much of his good work by trying to pass two or three opponents to score a goal. He has not a sufficiently good dodge to play forward, and only causes congestion in the forward line by these tactics. His function as an attack is to get the ball at centre and to pass it to the forwards quickly. Unless he can get a clear break from his opponent and create a loose man by doing so, an attack need never go within twenty yards of the goal.

"O'Sullivan has plenty of stamina, but needs a little of Wallman's speed. He works hard at centre, but on Saturday was too inclined to fumble the ball when picking it up off the ground after the draw. He has also too much of a tendency to drop back and play a defensive game.

"Another general fault of the forwards and attacks is not watching their immediate opponents when the other side gains possession. When a goalkeeper gets the ball he must pass it to someone, and in most cases it has to be a long pass. There is no reason at all why one of the opposing side should be allowed to get out on his own and take the ball. Every man should automatically become a back and make it his business to see that the man standing him is prevented from taking a pass.

"If they are going to worry about the premiership (and there is no reason why they should not win it), the A team must practise regularly and together each night. 'Varsity practices have always suffered from lack of method. Fooling around with the B's and C's is absolutely

useless. The three teams should practise separately as teams — even if there are four or five out from each team. The A's should put up a net in the corner of the oval and keep to themselves. Their stickwork is bad enough, but on Saturday some of the passing and catching in the other match on the oval was shocking and would only be a handicap to a senior practice. The forwards and attacks could spend beneficially about fifteen minutes of their time each night running up and down in pairs passing to each other. Poor stickwork is the main trouble in the side at the moment and must be remedied before the semi-finals.

"Wishing you better luck next week."

Women's Basketball

The A's again went home victorious last Saturday after defeating College by 39 goals to 25. For the first half of the match the game was very even, and although by half-time 'Varsity was in the lead, it was only by a very narrow margin. In the second half, however, play became very ragged and we seemed to benefit. None of the 'Varsity players was particularly outstanding, but Mary Matters (that "snake in the grass") and Betty Marshall both put in some good work against strong opposition.

The B's also had a win, defeating College by 34 goals to 24. Play here was also rather ragged, and there was too much crowding in the centre of the court. The goals made up for this, and both led out well, proving without doubt that they can be a very good combination.

In C grade College evened matters by beating our C's 24 goals to 9. Perhaps this was because our girls were the polite hostesses, and in the absence of an umpire gave the ball too often to their opponents. L. Wighton and L. Lewis, after a little disagreement as to who should play where, settled the matter to their mutual satisfaction, and both played very well.

Hockey

DOUBLE VICTORY TO 'VARSITY.

University A's defeated Argosy and numerous critics on Saturday. University secured victory after a fast game. Our team set the pace from the first bully and the forward line combined well to secure the initial goal. Later Salter took control and forced another clever goal.

McPhie played a clever game, and was unlucky not to score a further goal for 'Varsity.

The half-line did particularly well and effectively prevented the opposing forwards from making position. Yates played a strong game at centre and kept the game open.

Bowen (goalie) stopped some fast shots going into goal.

Kirby was outstanding and his excellent stickwork was a big factor in our win.

The final scores were 2 — 1.

The less said about the B match the better. Birch, McIntosh, and Hart played well but the team missed the presence of a few prominent players. This team really should do better, and as they practise together their combination play will give better results.

The C's showed a little better against C.Y.M.S. Although the opposition only scored three goals, our forwards failed to score. The halves and backs were

stronger this week, and the advent of Wardman was a decided asset to the backs. This team also will show the effects of practice in their combination play. Best players were Wardman, Tucker, and Frayne.

The major criticism that can be levelled at the B's and C's is that they do not force the issue. They will do better when each player gets just in front of the opposition and not just behind. So make it your business to get fit and just be too fast for the opposition next week.

A's v. Forestville, 3.30, Birkalla.

B's v. Holdfast Bay, 3.30, University Oval.

C's v. Forestville, 2, University Oval.

PREMIERSHIP LIST.

A Grade.				
	W	D	L	Pt.
Grange	10	—	—	20
Shell	7	2	1	16
Wanderers	4	4	2	12
University	5	2	3	12
Forestville	5	1	4	11
Argosy	4	2	4	10

Baseball

SCORES.

A Grade.

University: 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1 — 2.

Port Adelaide: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 — 0.

Safeshitters: Lewis, Backhouse, J. Anderson.

A fortnight ago we played like champions, last week we looked like a crowd of dumb hayseeds, and this week we played excellent ball. Such consistent reversals of form are inexplicable. It is certainly beyond me and if anyone could solve the problem, I, for one, would be glad to receive their solution, because if we are to be in the running at the end of the season we must maintain our good form.

Saturday's match produced baseball of a high standard, both sides fielding excellently. Both were shut out in the first innings, but in the second attempt we managed to get our nose in front, a runner going home on a dropped third strike that went through the catcher. From then on neither side scored and it was not until our last time to bat that we added our second run. Port Adelaide provided us with another whitewash.

Without detracting in any way from the merit of the opposing pitcher, the fact that we only notched three safeties shows just how lamentably weak our batting is. Backhouse was, perhaps, the only one who looked as though he knew which end of the bat to hold. He was unfortunate in not hitting safely on more than one occasion because he hit two very lofty flies into the outfield which were well caught. Keith Lewis beat out a bunt to first and this was, I think, the first safe hit off a bunt for the season. All the other batters made it look as though the pitcher had the ball on a piece of string, for, try as hard as we could, we were unable to hit him. Throughout the season we have shown consistently bad form with the bat and unless we show considerable improvement I hate to think of what is going to happen when we come up against a really good pitcher.

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As far as the fielding is concerned, each player did a great job. Jack Fahy on third played excellently, covering more ground than ever before, and digging the ball out of the ground wherever it went. His throw across the diamond was unerring and it was easily his best performance for the season. Backhouse on the initial sack held everything that came his way and Jim Anderson on the keystone played well, although he gave us a scare on two occasions. Ron Kilgariff pitched well, although I suspect that Port Adelaide's weak showing with the bat somewhat flattered him. However, it was quite a good effort to hold the opposition down to three hits. The outfield made the most of their opportunities, which were, however, very limited because of the few safe hits.

On the whole the team combined excellently in the field and if we can maintain this form and bat as well as we field, we might get somewhere yet. While there's life there's hope and it's up to every member of the side to make a genuine effort to improve his batting.

In the B grade game we were defeated by West Torrens to the tune of 35 runs to 4, a total which at first sight looks like a cricket score. It was a terrible game and it is time some improvement was shown. It is bad enough to play badly when your luck is out, but it is inconsistent with any conception of sportsmanship to lay down against the opposition and make a farce of the game. It is sufficient to say that the team has been reported because of its conduct and unless something is done very soon it will be disqualified from the competition.

Women's Hockey

On Saturday last University A's met Wirrawarra on our own field. We knew this would be a spectacular match one way or another because this team beat our A team in the first round by 13 — 1. However, the match on Saturday was a good, fast game right through. University defence, particularly A. Haslam and R. Watson, played well. The forwards, in the next three matches must learn to be more active once in the goal circle. Several perfectly good passes were missed by every forward player. The final score was 6 — 3 in Wirrawarra's favour.

The B team played Y.W.C.A. and won 5 — 1. Our goalshooters were B. Care and H. Eyles, who always play a good steady game.

The C team played Woodville on our own field. C. Cowell played well as right inner, and D. Culver at centre also passed well. The final score was 4 — 2 to Woodville.

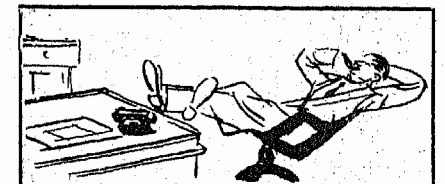
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