

ON DIT

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The President is a Lady

Nan Robertson Takes Over

Last Thursday the Union Committee elected Miss Nancy Robertson as its President for 1944. This is unique in Union history; at last a woman student has come to occupy this all-important and much-coveted position. This is an example of the steadily increasing realisation in the University that the women's opinion can no longer be ignored, and that, in fact, they must play a major part in University affairs.

Miss Robertson entered the University in 1941, in the Faculty of Science. Elected to the Women's Union Committee in 1942, she became treasurer in 1943. The Women's Union has been greatly influenced by her public spirit, her never-tiring energies, and her dynamic personality.

She is studying final year Bacteriology, and hopes to join the Army as a bacteriologist at the end of the year. An active member of the Science Faculty Society, Miss Robertson has ably assisted in promoting the social life of the embryo scientists during the last two years. Mainly by her efforts, the Faculty of Science leads the way in providing social entertainment at many of its meetings.

Miss Robertson is also active in the sporting world, being captain of the Women's Hockey Club, and is well known as a wizard with the curved stick.

Not yet 21, she is a tall natural blond, with scintillating blue eyes, and has a beauty well above the average, which is not the product of a chemical factory. She always has a happy disposition, and poise and calm, combined with a cool and level head, should make her an ideal President. We offer our heartiest congratulations, and wish her the very best of success in her exacting position.

Interviewed.

Miss Robertson is in full accord with Adelaide's attachment to the N.U.A.U.S., as "isolationism in these troubled days is to be deplored. The N.U.A.U.S. brings many points to our notice which might otherwise not be discussed, such as the problem of student housing—the establishment of hostels for accommodating students living away from home. Adelaide is better off than other capital cities as regards the accommodation problem, but we definitely need a couple of University hostels." Her opinion of the N.U.A.U.S. is as yet somewhat undecided, as she has not had the opportunity to look into the matter very deeply. "The N.U.A.U.S. report could have impressed me more," she commented.

Her view of "On Dit" is: "On Dit" is still a very small baby, and it is hard to say what the adult will be like."

Miss Robertson definitely thinks the Union needs stirring up, as evidenced by the A.G.M. fiasco. She believes the widespread apathy existing in the Union is due to the fact that most people come to the 'Varsity very much younger these days, and are concentrating on their courses because of the war. This, she says, excuses some of the apathy, but not all of it. Her suggestions for reviving the Union are to re-establish the Political and International Relations Club, and such allied societies, and to stir up interest in the Debating Society. She is all in favor of more social life at the 'Varsity, and suggests something like informal dances on Friday nights.

"The students' march in Sydney was rather a lark; they probably did it for fun, and were stirred up by a few fanatics. This despite the special

edition of 'Honi Soit.' It is not to be taken seriously, as similar behaviour by 'Varsity students is known the world over, and only shows an exuberance of youthful spirits."

She thinks that 'Varsity men are not much different from other men, there being good and bad in every community. They are not a bad lot this year. She is too old to pay much attention to freshers, but says they are definitely not backward.

President Nancy Robertson, may you be highly successful in your position, and show the male diards that the principle of sex equality works, and works well. K.B.

"She Don' Wanna"

Apparently 'Varsity men have "had it" as far as their female associates are concerned—and vice versa. In a popular opinion survey taken in the 'Varsity in a pseudo-Gallup fashion, interviewers asked men, "Do you think the majority of 'Varsity women are frigid?" And women, "Do you think 'Varsity men are backward?" The results were:

MEN:	
Yes	54 p.c.
No	21 p.c.
No Opinion	25 p.c.
WOMEN:	
Yes	58 p.c.
No	31 p.c.
No Opinion	11 p.c.

Some 41 p.c. of the men and 60 p.c. of the women based their opinions on actual experience, while 46 p.c. men and 27 p.c. women gave evasive replies, indicating—well, your guess is as good as ours.

A large number of those who voted "No" thought that Frustrated Foo should try Lifebuoy and Colgate's.

Typical comments from men were: Engineers: "O.K. if you break the ice, but man, what a break!"

Medicine: "All women are the same. It's a matter of using the right technique."

Science: "All science is based on experiment."

Feminine comments:

Arts: "Boys, NOT men, please!"

Science: "I don't mind what they do, so long as they do it gracefully."

Medicine: "All men are beasts. 'Varsity men are no exception."

These results seem to us to indicate a complete lack of understanding and co-operation between the sexes at the 'Varsity. Perhaps matters would improve if students realised that it is not necessary to try to look "intellectual" all the time.

So, at the next dance, "Don't be shy, boys!" "Give us a break, girls!"

For the benefit of those who would like some theoretical assistance, we recommend the following literature, "Love Without Fear," "The Marriage Manual," "An Encyclopedia of Sex," and the massive literature churned out by Dr. Marie Stopes, etc. If this theory is only partly put into practice, University apathy of a social order will disappear completely.

"ON DIT'S" LABOR POLICY

According to a member of the Union Committee, who confessedly votes Liberal, the front page of last week's issue showed a distinct inclination to Labor. We agreed, and explained that the two articles were accounts which were being published in "Farrago" and "Honi Soit," and we apologised that we had mistakenly omitted to make any acknowledgement for the use of the material.

Please accept the acknowledgement here and now. The Editor received an air mail letter from the Editor of "Farrago," containing two articles, which were printed on page 1 of "On Dit" last week, under the headings "MELBOURNE" and "SYDNEY."

UNIVERSITY WIVES' CLUB

A most enjoyable evening's music, arranged by Mr Harold Parsons, was given in the South Hall of the Elder Conservatorium on Thursday, April 20, in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, the artists generously giving their services.

The programme opened with a smooth performance of the "Andante" from Trio in D minor by Mendelssohn, the players being Joan Kneebone (violin), Vivien Tuck (piano), and Harold Parsons (cello). The balance of tone and attack were good, the pianist's work being especially commendable. These players concluded the programme with a performance of the "Andante" and "Presto" from Trio in G major by Haydn, the "Presto" being full of the joy of life.

Saint Saens' lovely melody, "Le Cygne," was played by Joan Kneebone with good tone, but the "Ave Maria" by Schubert, arranged by Wilhelm, was unfortunately marred by faulty intonation in the double stopping passages. A Chopin group, "Mazurka in B flat," "Waltz in A minor," and "Scherzo in B flat minor," played by Miriam Hyde, proved most enjoyable. The "Scherzo" received a crisp and rhythmic reading which was invigorating. "Adagio" and "Minuet," by Haydn, arranged by Piatti for cello, was beautifully played by Harold Parsons, this artist drawing forth a luscious tone from his instrument.

Fred Williamson did not seem "vocally" happy in a rather involved setting by James P. Dunn of "Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal," but "Charming Chloe," by Ed. German, was "charming," and "Silent Worship," by Handel, was sung with a pure legato line.

Vivien Tuck was a splendid accompaniste. —C.L.

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("Farrago" Reprint)
The Universities Scheme had opened University doors to many youths of ability who otherwise could not have afforded to enter them, and whose scholastic ability would therefore have been lost to the nation, declared Mr. Dedman in the House of Representatives recently.

Scope of Financial Assistance.

All financially assisted students signed bonds to undertake national service on graduation, if required, he said. During 1943 about 1,600 students received financial assistance. Of that number, 90 per cent. belonged to families whose incomes were less than £500 a year, and nearly 50 per cent. to families earning £300 or less. One hundred and ninety of the assisted students were children of widows, 67 were children of pensioners and retired elderly persons, 65 were dependent on their own resources, and 11 were children of unemployed persons. Included in the parents were laborers, carpenters, railway and tramway employees, public servants, school teachers, clerks, farmers, orchardists, ministers of religion, and members of the armed forces.

Quotas.

In deciding the number of university places to be reserved for the year 1944, the Director-General of Man Power acted on the advice of the Universities Commission. The Commission asked each of the Universities to express its views on the number of students considered necessary in the national interest, to be enrolled and reserved in the various faculties, and also to indicate the number that it could accommodate, having regard to

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the facilities at its disposal. At the same time the Director-General of Man Power obtained from his various professional advisory committees recommendations as to the numbers in various professions concerned who are personally in touch with present national needs, and who are advising the Director-General on the most satisfactory use to be made of the members of their respective professions.

Facilities Restricted.

Any limitations placed upon the numbers of students admitted, Mr. Dedman added, was not the result of any arbitrary restrictions imposed by the Universities Commission, but because the Universities could not accommodate more within the scope of the existing teaching staffs, scientific apparatus, equipment, and accommodation. This applied particularly to the Science faculty, upon which all the technical faculties also depend. In most Universities the numbers admitted this year have been slightly more than those sought by the University itself.

Mr. Dedman added that the Universities scheme had been established to ensure: (1) That sufficient numbers of doctors, dentists, engineers, scientists, and other professional men were trained during the war to meet the nation's needs for qualified personnel now and in the immediate post-war years. (2) That ability and diligence rather than economic circumstances should be the determining factors as to whether young men and women should be reserved from other forms of national service in order to continue their University studies.

"On the whole," he concluded, "the scheme is working very well."

OPINION

Censorship

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—The Labor Club supports the right of free speech, but asserts that free speech is not the only, or, indeed, the main issue in the censorship dispute.

The "Daily Telegraph" says the censorship is political, unlawful, a denial of free speech, and uses the incident to attack the Government and the Referendum.

Why did not the "Daily Telegraph," after the initial censorship which it alleges to be unlawful, bring an action in the High Court to challenge the censor's ruling? This would have settled the matter, and established a rule for the future; but it would not have raised a public issue. So the "Daily Telegraph," which can get really eloquent about the lawlessness of miners, decides, in complete disregard of the law, to publish a blank space, then to publish without submitting copy as required, and then to distribute against orders. This is news, it's big! Smear headlines, Hollywood-like photographs in all the Sydney press of "Daily Telegraph" lorries lurching past officers, whose bodies and pistols are sharply defined in the glare of the headlights; "2,000" Sydney students in a "spontaneous" march of which three hours' notice has been given to a news reel firm. All the public confusion, arising not from the censorship at all (which could have been settled by a simple action at law), but from the provocative unlawful actions of the "Daily Telegraph."

If the original censorship was political and unlawful, then the Labor Club is opposed to it. But we do not back the tactics or the objectives of the "Daily Telegraph." The "Daily Telegraph" was not concerned one jot with the principle of free speech, which could have been vindicated in the courts. It was contrived to create a public uproar to use against the Government. It is significant that the "Daily Telegraph" picks a time when Messrs. Curtin, Beasley, and Evatt are out of the country.

Further, the "Daily Telegraph" has shown over a long period of time that it has no regard for the principles of free speech. It is notorious for suppression and distortion. Recently the Ethics Committee of the Journalists' Association adjudged the "Daily Telegraph" Editor guilty of unethical conduct in himself personally altering a report written by a staff journalist in such a way as to deliberately misrepresent the action of a certain union in New South Wales, to place it in a bad light.

The Labor Club is for free speech, but not for activities which split and divide the people, and weaken unity behind the war effort.

DAVID CAUST,
Secretary of the Adelaide
University Labor Club.

Baiting

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—We went to the debate interested to hear the discussion on the decadence of the University, which is of common interest to all University students. We were quite unprepared for a mass of irrelevancies and personal bickerings, amongst which the subject of the debate was seldom mentioned.

We hereby move that the activities of the Debating Society be in future restricted to debates, and not family brawls.

"PAVLOVA PUDDLEDRAKE."

Penny a Pop

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—"Andy Androsterone" seems to have overlooked several factors in his scathing (?) attack on 'Varsity women. It is quite evident that he has never had occasion to sit near a group of these "abnormal, decadent, unphysiological" girls at lunch time (or any other time, for that matter), otherwise he would be aware that fully 98% of their time is given to idle dreaming of my darling love of thee, the other 2%, if not spent planning to-morrow's stunning outfit, in fogging their minds with Maths., Physics, etc. One has only to watch a table of girls around 1 p.m. to realise the truth of this statement. Outwardly they seem calm, but underneath that veneer of boredom they are all covertly scanning the Refectory doors. Will he pass their table to-day? The eligible hunk of masculinity appears, and immediately there is a nudging and giggling, while the object of his temporary affections blushes, pretending to watch anything but his approach, or boldly gets up to meet him, with the pretext of borrowing a book.

Perhaps "Andy" has forgotten that if his technique has so far failed to impress 'Varsityettes, the fault may be his. When all's said and done, we have high traditions to uphold, and poor technique never won fair lady. A gal has to be particular, even though times are hard. "Andy" asks us, "Don't we ever want to hook a man?" Believe me, boys, if we wanted to, you'd be hooked, played, gaffed, and landed right now—if we wanted to!

"ANDROMEDA."

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—"Andy Androsterone's" statements regarding the frigidity of women at the 'Varsity seem to be agreed with by most male students, and I, for one, agree up to a point. But other opinions are circulating, the question being asked, "Is it entirely the fault of the women?"

Now, far be it from me to consider myself a Robert Taylor or Noel Coward, or like any of the other feminine ideas of masculine beauty, but I do think that some of the fault lies with the men themselves—after all, it is up to them.

"Andy" complains that when 'Varsity women are kissed they are found to be frigid. Well, is that only the women's fault? Perhaps "Andy" lacks masculine charm, razor blades, or Lifebuoy. And how, unless he is a mind reader, does he know that the apparent frigidity is due to physiological reasoning going on in the little girl's head, and not due to "Andy" himself?

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The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—I may be a moron, or else I am just decadent, but I fail to see any point, humorous or otherwise, in publishing such utter piffle as these so-called "Private Letters."

We, as 'Varsity students, can be expected to stumble through the literary ramblings of "Alphonse" and "Groucho," but the phonetic attempt of "Dirty Daniel," even though it may serve to illustrate the mentality of an imaginary character, is unbearable to anyone with the faintest dawns of some intellect in their grey matter.

This meaningless jumble of words may, perhaps, be basic English, but, as far as I can see, no English (except prepositions) occurs in this rhapsodic "letter."

This I hope, is by no means an example of 'Varsity intelligence. Surely you have better matter than this to publish.—I am, Sir, etc.,

HARPO.

Bubble or Egg

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—Is "On Dit" a bubble or an egg? Is this paper to burst on us each week in a rush of hot air, or can it become a creative agent in the growth of worthwhile aspects of student life? Judging by last week's issue, I'd say the former.

In an attempt to introduce something of cultural value into its pages, an Adelaide singer and critic was asked for an article on the Harold Parsons concert presented recently by the University Wives' Club. "On Dit" received it on the following Monday. It was not published.

It appears that, although good scientific and cultural material is available from societies, professors, and talented outsiders, "On Dit" isn't interested. We students must show, by our worthwhile contributions of prose and poetry, science and sagacity, that the inanities of last week's correspondence insult our intelligence, and degrade our status as allegedly enlightened students.—Yours, etc.,

R.D.W. (Eng.).

Reply to Foo

(Three Fishers)

We would like to express our deep sympathy for your correspondent, Andy Androsterone, who, while admiring the intellectual attainments of University women, deploras our indifference to the noble art of "hooking a man." Might we suggest that the deficiency lies with Andy and his kind: are they worth the hooking? Let him cast his jaundiced eye upon his fellow University men. This band of anemic and learned youths, these embryo professors, what are they to us, nourished, as we are, on a diet of Errol Flynn and Tyrone Power? If we, like Andy, should feel the urge to succumb to our animal natures, what opportunities would we find among this gathering of bespectacled scientists, machine-minded engineers, and calculating medcs.? We would have to resort to the wharves, where men are men, or to our brave Allies, who have all the techniques at their fingertips.

What does Andy want in a woman, anyway? Does he honestly expect intelligent females to spend their spare time flattering the enormous ego of the male? When he talks (and how he loves talking!), he doesn't want to feel that his companion knows as much, and probably more, about his pet subject as he does. He prefers a clinging, wide-eyed fluffiness, who will emit the appropriate, ecstatic, and admiring noises whenever he pauses for breath. This he calls "a relief from his scientific, etc., train of thought." What woman in her senses wishes to play the part of Admiring Annie to the vain, callow schoolboys who fill this place of learning?

A University girl of high intellectual level would, by the time Andy came round to kissing, either be asleep or so numbed by his self-advertisement as to be incapable of any response whatever. My dear Andy, the cuddling tactics of you and your kind are not calculated to rouse, in a normal female, any other feeling save that of boredom or pity. If you want to arouse emotion, why don't you learn the game properly, instead of expecting a woman to fall into your arms in reply to your animal antics?

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Poor Opinion

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir,—I view with alarm the number of correspondents to this column who are out to make a hit of some sort. If correspondents would keep sane (or attempt to), and keep their issues relevant, they would have more hope of influencing (and even of improving) our "On Dit" readers.

For example, J.J.C. marred what I considered an otherwise fine article on the censorship issue (in which we do well to consider differing opinions) by his concluding remarks. No doubt he felt he was bound to bring out an effective conclusion, and this rhetorical accumulation of glanguage results:

"Of course, the vested interests behind the newspapers are protectors of freedom, but not freedom of speech. The freedom they are scared to death they will lose is their freedom to indulge in vile 'cut-throat' competition, to squash out the small, honest business man by the foulest methods, their freedom to work as few as possible for as long as possible for as little as possible, their freedom to rule men's lives by the fear of dismissal, and to use cheap sweated female labor."

I wonder did readers take the trouble to read the Communist election advertisements? Not that I suggest J.J.C. to be a Communist, but his methods here show themselves to be in the same class as our contemporary Communist propaganda.

In fine, I appeal to correspondents to say what they mean, and mean

Andy objects to his dancing partner. May not the fault be his? The intense concentration to which he objects is probably an agonised attempt to avoid Andy's size tens, which are following their natural instincts all over her feet.

Poor Andy! He speaks "from practical experience." We understand how long and patiently he has snapped at every bait, only to be thrown impatiently back as too little. The bitter truth is that he presents no attractions for the hooker. We admit that his letter wrung tears from our hardened hearts; and we have given much consideration to his case. We feel it might perhaps be advantageous for Andy to put certain much-publicised products to the test; if these are not successful, he might try answering those advertisements which guarantee to make one amazingly popular within a week, or money back. Then, of course, he might go in for athletics, to broaden the shoulders and develop the muscles; and he could always take a concentrated form of Vitamin E, or a short course of Dr. Marie Stopes.

W.W.—Your letter was not signed, and even then not wholly suitable for publication. Please contact the Editor at your leisure, providing you are not a superwoman!—R.K.L.

what they say.—Yours, etc.,
NECATOR.

[This letter was not signed, but after much hacking, we leave it in its present form. It really should not have been published.—R.K.L.]

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EDITORIAL

BY R. K. LEANEY

I have received several copies of a special edition of "Honi Soit" (the journal of the Sydney University Students' Council), which deals with the events of MONDAY—that is, the day on which about 800 students of Sydney University joined in a procession as a protest against the "suppression" of "certain newspapers." That news is not new—but this students' paper is new, and worthy of our examination, providing, as it does, tangible evidence of a culpable act of foolishness, and the reasons for that act. The Editor of "Honi Soit," elevated to a ridiculous mightiness, seems to have been one of the leaders of thought, and may still be, if the lovers of real "freedom of speech" have not asserted themselves.

Page one gives a report of the preliminary meeting and the march. Significant here is (1) the self-satisfaction of the students; that onlookers "fully appreciated that students were giving something of a lead to the feelings of the rest of the community by such spontaneous an action," and (2) the absence of any mention of how and where posters were obtained. We doubt the spontaneity of the action, for there may be some truth in the statement (published last week from "Farrago") that a news reel company was advised at 10 a.m. on the morning of the march. Furthermore, you and I know that a mob, however small, of Varsity students is easily swayed by a speaker in circumstances such as this—letting off steam is a necessity for students—we know that this is true from observation, especially of students of faculties where work is concentrated and exclusive, in this University.

Page two is filled chiefly by two statements—one by the Editor of "Honi Soit," Mr. Sayle, and the second by Another Demonstrator. Mr. Sayle's is less pompous. He gives the reasons for breaking the law against private processions: firstly, he and his friends protested because they had learnt that "certain newspapers had been suppressed." They saw smuggled copies, and "knew why they had been suppressed." They "felt that if a state of affairs should arise in which no honest thinking or discussion was possible, then we could no longer describe ourselves as students." The fallacy lies in the condition of a state of affairs arising—it will never arise

unless we return to a Government that suppressed Communist newspapers, that suppresses justified accusations against the integrity of members of that Government (the publication of which would have meant destruction of all faith in such men), that is loaded to and/or governed itself by an out-and-out monopolistic Press—the Press that attacks the present Commonwealth Government over a trivial matter. Compared with the outrageous suppressions of the past Government, this matter IS trivial, but through the action of the "Telegraph," etc., and the splendid propaganda weapon that the students of Sydney University (or were the ring-leaders paid?) placed in the hands of the Press, it has become a nationwide disturbance—Australia becomes the temporary resort of "Fascism." The nature of the original so-called "Fascist" act of Mr. Calwell is at present being discussed in the High Court.

"No paper, not even our own, could have printed our views." May I remind Mr. Sayle that University news-weeklies are officially regarded as "internal publications," and are far from being "newspapers"—officially. "We were 'public nuisances,'" as he remarks ironically. (So were the "Daily Telegraph," etc.—I agree.) "The Nazis suppressed just such a 'public nuisance' in Norway." The Menzies Government suppressed just such a "public nuisance" (and others) in Australia. What about Mr. Brian Penton's record as a true servant of Democracy?

Mr. Sayle realises that it would be presumptuous for him "to discuss the legal aspects of this affair, which is at present before the High Court." To my mind, the only relevant aspects originally are the legal aspects. I do not defend Mr. Calwell, mark you—but I refute the assertion of the defence of the "basic tenets of Democracy."

An inset headed "ITS SOUL GOES MARCHING-ON" contains this statement:

"A full discussion was made impossible by the fact that the whole matter is now sub judice: we have had to hold over comments supporting the students' action by sixteen professors and other prominent people."

All I can say is that you're in with a shady gang, Sayle!

CRIMPS, CURVES and CRITICS

Robert Donat has never appeared in a really bad film, and "The Young Mr. Pitt" is a very good one. It combines unusual historical accuracy—even, most surprisingly, in the slight love interest—with very restrained and impressive acting. The scene opens with Pitt the Elder giving his famous "Never, never" speech to the House; and by this and some remarks at a subsequent interview between Young Pitt and the King, there is an early attempt to put American audiences in a good humor. Thereafter, if the momentary intrusion of the mysterious Mr. Melville is excepted, there is no suggestion of the New World by the word or accent of any character.

Donat makes a satisfactory central figure, and he has very worthy support; in particular, Fox, the King, Wilberforce, and Talleyrand are admirably portrayed, and there is much evidence of skilled and careful direction.

From the view of precise history, the film may somewhat exaggerate Pitt's preoccupation with the French wars; but this was no doubt done deliberately, to emphasise the parallel

between the England of 1797-1805 and the England of 1939-1944. Talleyrand shows the insincerity of a Ribbentrop, and Napoleon the insane ruthlessness of a Schickelgruber; while Pitt's words at the Guildhall, "England has saved herself by her own exertions, and will save Europe by her example," might well have come from Winston Churchill! The analogy is, however, not unreasonably stressed, and the film must be approved by all except those Bright Young Things whose ideas of entertainment do not rise much above swing bands and zoot suits.

Although it never drags, "The Young Mr. Pitt" is a long film, and the short pre-interval part of the programme is devoted to oddments. Such as are bored by Ballet Russe, and dislike contraltos who don't quite hit it off with the accompaniment, will not be much pleased in these early stages, except by an amusing animated cartoon.—M.L.M.

Send this copy to your friends, if you have any, in the Services—it is printed by E. J. McAlister & Co., 24 Blyth Street, Adelaide.

MINUTES

At the Union Committee meeting last Thursday the question of the publication of minutes of this meeting, and others of its kind, was discussed. An opening was made when it was suggested that the Editor be allowed to publish extracts from the minutes, with the permission of the President. Mr. Stain (whose motion it was) added that the Editor should be able to comment on minutes—"personalities not excepted."

In the discussion that followed many points were raised, and the Editor, who was present, found difficulty in noting everything. Here are some points:

- 1.—Censorship of paper by President. (Agreed to.)
- 2.—General interest of Union affairs to Union members.
- 3.—The imbecility of the Editor. (Strongly denied.)
- 4.—The discretion of the Editor. (Too much responsibility for Editor.)
- 5.—Comments on meetings and matters discussed to be made separately—i.e., in editorials. (Allowed.)
- 5.—Danger of blatant statement of minutes.
- 7.—Censorship of paper by member of University staff. (Not warmly supported.)

Mr. Stain's motion became, finally: "That the Editor or his representative be given power to print, at his discretion and in consultation with the President, extracts from Union Committee minutes. Also that he be given power to print relevant discussion, personalities not excepted."

This was carried. Several people said that the thought of the Editor printing discussions would have a deadening effect on meetings—people would be afraid to say anything.

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What's What?

What was On Dit?
A sort of see
If thou canst say such things of me
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A place where thou
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Where will it get?
We're waiting yet . . . —B.S.

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Dental Frolics

By "Cuspid."

The second meeting of the Dental Students' Society was held in the Lecture Theatre, Dental Hospital, on Wednesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Owing to the absence of the President (Dr. Taylor), the Vice-President (Mr. J. Day) was in the chair.

After the dispensation of the business of the Society, the chairman introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. S. W. Pennycuik, who, he said, needed no introduction, all the Dental students having passed through his hands at least once! Dr. Pennycuik, a regular broadcaster from the National stations, related some of the difficulties he has experienced while broadcasting at the "up-to-date" studios of a station "somewhere in Adelaide."

Although his talks are not designed for vaudeville audiences or morons, he concludes from his mail, etc., that the latter constitute the main mass, if not the whole, of his listeners.

Dr. Pennycuik then read three of the talks that he has broadcast. The first one, entitled "Three Score Years and Ten," contained much valuable information for those who wish to live long. There are ten simple rules to follow, all of which will doubtless interest my readers, and are as follows:

- 1.—Choose the right parents; long life is hereditary.
- 2.—Avoid digging your grave with your teeth—i.e., do not over-eat. (Average total food consumption, person/lifetime, equals 50-120 tons.)
- 3.—Take care to eat the right kind of food.
- 4.—Be careful what you drink, and how much. (N.B.—Alcohol is a narcotic drug.)
- 5.—Cigarette smoke contains four

poisons, so if you must, smoke moderately (6-8 per day).

6.—Be very careful not to get run over too early in life.

7.—Do not worry too much—bad for your hormones.

8.—Have plenty of sleep. Stupid animals do not require much sleep. Only intelligent animals need sleep. Be intelligent.

9.—Have regular and sensible exercise.

10.—Do not allow the little microbes to get a hold on your body—be immunised against everything—if possible. (Do not worry if your neighbor lives ten years longer than you. Remember Rule 7!)

In this and his subsequent talks, namely, "Cinderella Soot" and "Hidden Destinies," Dr. Pennycuik explained that scientific facts, although present, were not forced upon the hearer, but were cunningly "sugared over" with easily understood language and unique stories, thus making these facts interesting. (Perhaps students would appreciate Chemistry lectures given in this way!)

A vote of thanks to Dr. Pennycuik for his very interesting entertainment was proposed, after which all retired to supper, thus possibly breaking Rule 2, probably 3, and in some cases Rules 5 and 8!

Incidentally, it was the general opinion that Dr. Pennycuik will have quite a number of extra morons in the form of Dental students "listening in" next Wednesday week, when he will speak on a secret weapon. (German papers must not copy.)

THE LIGHT OF THE AGE . . .

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Records Broken at Athletics

Harbison Jumping Well

The Annual Sports, on Wednesday, April 26, were held under ideal conditions. The track was in good form, and reasonably fast for this time of the season. This will be borne out by the fact that several records were broken. A very keen and interested crowd was present, and this went a long way towards the success of the afternoon.

Murray Elliott was the most outstanding performer of the afternoon, winning the four events he started in. Graham Cheesman also did well to tie with M. Elliott for the Cup. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these two on their successes, and also the runners-up, K. Stevens and J. Stevens.

Two records were broken and one equalled during the afternoon. We congratulate J. Harbison, D. Abbott, and M. Elliott. J. Harbison raised J.

(83 ft. 6 in.), and second in the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards hurdles.

J. Harbison won the high jump (5 ft. 8½ in.) and pole vault (9 ft.).

K. Stevens won the 880 yards easily from R. Lewis (2 min. 5½ secs.), and was also second in the mile.

K. McKechnie repeated last year's performance in winning the mile, making his own pace.

J. Stevens won the broad jump (20 ft. 6½ in.), and was second in the high jump.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who acted in the capacity of stewards. Without their able assistance it would not have been such a success.

Unfortunately, the S.A.A.A. has decided to abandon the inter-club competition, which was to have been held to-morrow. As the 'Varsity Oval was not available, they thought that holding it elsewhere might impair the success of the meeting.

The A.U.A.C. will be running in a medley relay to be held at Lockleys, sponsored by the F.F.C.F., on May 20.

Finally, don't forget Saturday, May 20. The A.U.A.C. will hold a dance in the Refectory in aid of the F.F.C.F. Unfortunately, owing to the short supply of rationed goods, there will be no supper. We wish to apologise for its absence, but there will be different kinds of drinks available.



Serenity! The flying angel. No; it is J. Stevens. Be careful, sonny. You're not that good, to go there yet!

Stevens' record of 5 ft. 8½ in. a quarter of an inch, to 5 ft. 8½ in., in the high jump. Harbison jumped well during this event. D. Abbott broke the discus record, throwing 100 ft. 6½ in., and thus beating B. Osman's record by 5 ft. M. Elliott equalled A. G. Campbell's and J. Davis' record of 10¼ sec. for the 100 yards.

Successful in championship events were:

M. Elliott, who won the 100 yards (10¼ secs.), 220 yards (23½ secs.), 440 yards (53 secs.), and 440 yards low hurdles (60¼ secs.).

G. Cheesman was successful in 120 yards hurdles (16¼ secs.), shot putt



The man with a mystery face! Don't recall seeing this about the Refectory. Sorry! It's J. Prescott trying hard.



What a stride! M. Elliott equals record, defeating G. Cheesman, in the 100 yards championship.

Football Win

The "A's" first match of the season (against the Navy) was played on the 'Varsity Oval last Saturday in ideal cricketing weather. (A modest quorum of spectators ranged round the boundary, while a large number of spiders feverishly span webs on the actual field.)

Play at the start was particularly ragged—even dainty in parts. At quarter time 'Varsity were in the lead by some 3 goals. The deficit was promptly retrieved in the next quarter by the Navy, who scored goals off determined drives into the forward lines. Our team, on the other hand, did not make the most of its leads from the centre and half-forward wings, the cause of which seemed to be crowding in the forwards. At half-time the scores differed by two points.

During the interval John Day introduced the coach, Sgt. Martin, to the team. In a few well-chosen words he (Sgt. M.) told us what he thought of the play, and pointed out where it could improve. During the third quarter it DID improve considerably. The marking was good, and the whole tenor of the game more spirited. This resulted in a lead of five goals at three-quarter time, a margin which was further increased in the long last quarter. (Timekeeper's motto is, "Aw, give 'em a little longer.")

Final Scores: University, 18.21; Navy, 10.12.

University Goal-kickers: Cullity (9), Hosking (3), Basedow (2), Dick Bennett, Dohnt, Woodard, and Day (1 each).

Best players: Cullity, Dohnt, Basedow, Robinson, Hosking.

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Baseball

BOTH TEAMS MAKE GOOD START

Playing Glenelg on the University Oval last Saturday afternoon, the "A" team only managed to draw. Glenelg was held down to one run to three for the first six innings, when two 'Varsity outfield errors allowed three runners to cross the home plate. This put Glenelg one run ahead, but the scores were equalled in the next innings.

Jack Fahey pitched well to Maurice Page, Don Beard taking over the pitching mound in the eighth innings.

In his first appearance with the senior nine, Norman Wicks played sound baseball on third base.

Safe-hitters—Page, Slade (2), Sharpe, Wicks.

The "B" team overwhelmed West Torrens to the tune of 30 runs to 4. Batters were at sea against the pitching of Geoff Manning, who was assisted by a good field.

Safe-hitters—Brokensha (3), Hyde, Kohler, Vidale, Miller (2), Maddison.

Before the start of the matches, Fahey and Ball were elected captain and vice-captain of the "A" team, while Manning and Vidale fill those positions in the "B" team.

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Men's Hockey

Well, we had a practice match last Saturday—and how! The first few minutes were a wild scramble, with all and sundry trying to get their first good hit for the season. But the play soon settled down to 'Varsity standard, as everyone lost their breath.

The two teams, the Blackshirts and Skins, picked from amongst ourselves, were fairly even, with the Skins getting the better of the argument up to half time, when most of the boys felt like a rest. At this stage the Skins led 2 goals to 1. After a long interval, play was resumed, and the Blackshirts bucked up, and, after a hard half, ran out winners, 3 goals to 2.

Godfrey played a good game for the Blackshirts, and shows he has lost none of his dash, nor has his wardrobe of shirts run out. Brock also played a good game (haven't I seen that name somewhere before?), while Botten showed great promise for a beginner. Walsh and Cornish also played with brilliance occasionally.

For the Skins, Anderson kept getting mixed up with his stick, and Drew made a big hit with a pretty jumper, and that was about all, while Nobbs played quite a good game. Our old friend Smith was back again, and showed promising form, playing for both sides in turn, and scoring a nice goal from a short corner for the Blackshirts.

And so we all went home, tired, sore, but happy.

But not the "Cs." They played an official match against Teachers' College (the "third" match of the season), and the result was most encouraging—a 3-goal draw. The highlight was the telling off by the umpire (an ex-A.H.S. bloke with a very un-hockey-like reputation) of a Teacher, with similar ideals for "playing the man, not the ball."

Anyway, the match was most enjoyable, and for 'Varsity, Jackson and Osborne played a good game, while Wilson was the best of the beginners, all of whom look like becoming good players. For the College, Waddy and the umpire were the best! Results:

Blackshirts, 3, d. Skins, 2. Goal-hitters—Blackshirts: Walsh (2), Smith (1). Skins: Anderson. Best Players—Blackshirts: Godfrey, Brock, Walsh. Skins: Nobbs, Anderson.

University "C," 3, drew with Teachers' College, 3. Goal-hitters—Varsity "C": Hobbs, Waddy, Jackson. College: Unknown. Best Players—Varsity "C": Jackson, Osborne, Wilson. College: Unknown.

Don't forget that matches start TOMORROW, so see the Notice Board, note the team you are in, and the time and place of the match. And be there ready to start at the prescribed time.

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Rifle Club A.G.M.

The Miniature Rifle Club's A.G.M. was held last Friday in the George Murray Hall. Of the sixteen members present, eight were newcomers, the remainder of last year's members being unable to attend.

A large amount of business was got through in the short time at the meeting's disposal. This was probably due jointly to a highly organised campaign launched by last year's members, and the fact that the new members, knowing nothing of the club, preferred to let events take their course unchecked.

Several new measures were decided, chief being the alteration of the practice time to Sunday mornings, and the inauguration of competitions, the latter with a view to forming a team to compete in metropolitan events.

The season's first practice was held last Saturday afternoon, and was very successful, chiefly due to the efforts of Mr. Dunstone, the captain, who coached all the new members so untiringly.

The practice closed with a competition between two scratch teams, led by the captain and the secretary, the captain's team winning narrowly by four points.

The next practice will be on Sunday, May 7, at 9.45 a.m.