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MISS UNIVERSITY SUCCESS THE GAME IS OVER

At the closing time of five o'clock on Tuesday, August 3, £714/13/5 had poured in from all sources. This amount was well over double the target set for the competition (£300) and at the same time has raised the State total for the year to nearly £1,000, that is, nearly twice South Australia's target. There is still more money yet to come in. Melbourne had raised only £430 by Tuesday afternoon and did not expect very much more. The Adelaide University has really done itself proud. The finalists and the money they raised are as follows:—

Finalist.	Sponsored by.	Money Raised.
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Pam Hicks (Medicine)		102 6 6
Peggy Fearn (Science)		81 1 6
Nancy Totton (St. Mark's)		76 16 0
Perry Slattery (Aquinas)		70 0 0
Judy Aitken (So. Science)		60 15 0
Helen Davidson (Arts)		47 2 3
Ruth Counsell (Teachers')		42 3 5

At the time of coming to press the total had risen to £717 and it seemed likely it would pass the £720 mark. The eight finalists have of course already been adjudged and you know the winner. "On Dit" wishes to congratulate her. She will leave for Melbourne on August 20 or 21 to be judged before the Australian panel of judges on August 23—24 and will be crowned on August 25. We wish her the best of luck.

The World Student Relief Appeal Committee and the Director of the Miss University Competition wish to thank all the girls, the Faculty associations and society sub-committees and their helpers, who participated in the contest, for their help and co-operation. They also extend their thanks to Lady Bonython and Messrs. A. P. Rowe and Louis McCubbin for their interest and co-operation in the judging, and to Mrs. O'Brien and to John Martin & Co., Ltd., Harris Scarfe & Co., Ltd., and Thos. Shepherd & Sons for their generous contributions to the success of the Competition.

TO-DAY

Mr. C. T. Moodie, the officer of the Department of External Affairs responsible for the recruitment and training of diplomatic staff, is visiting the University and is anxious to meet students likely to be interested in Diplomatic Cadetships. Mr. Moodie can supply information on the conditions of appointment to, and the nature of work in, the Department of External Affairs. The Department proposes to appoint graduates or persons graduating this year to undertake a two-year specialised course of Diplomatic Studies or, in certain circumstances, to allow them direct entry to the staff of the Department. Any students who are interested may avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting Mr. Moodie. Mr. Moodie will meet interested students at 1.30 p.m. in the George Murray Building Lounge to-day.

ARCHIE MacArthur, blander than ever, was one of the last speakers at the general meeting on Wednesday, and he made a stirring call to Med. students: "Come on, fellows: the game is over: let's return." The meeting was nearly all taken up by the President's introductory remarks, which were described by an interjector as "a fireside chat."

Ex-representative Plueckhahn revealed that the Med. Society would probably allow Med. students to be nominated for the S.R.C. when they received a copy of the new Regulation, if it was satisfactory.

The gist of the President's speech was that Med. students would not have taken the action they did in refusing to be represented on the S.R.C. if people had the right idea about the S.R.C. and the Students' Union. A special "On Dit" reporter interviewed Mr. Magarey after the meeting to find this out, as he had only just reached this part of his speech when he had to stop for want of time. The last half of his speech, including the unspoken residue, is published as a separate article on page six of this issue.

The meeting had been called "to consider the function of the S.R.C." and the failure of the student members of the Medical Faculty to nomi-

at the N.U.A.U.S. Council in Perth, in a Regulation of Clubs and Societies which he submitted as a private member to the S.R.C. early in 1948. This was passed by the S.R.C. with some debate, and awaited ratification by the Union Council to become law. Mr. Plueckhahn obtained a copy and also obtained the impression that it had been passed by the Union Council and therefore was law, and he took it to the Med. Society as such. On the Society's instruction the Med. representatives moved complete rescission and lost the motion. The regulation was committed to a sub-committee of six which, but for their resignation, would have contained Messrs. Plueckhahn and Kirby.



What they did in 1897—See column 4.

nate representatives for the S.R.C. by-election in Medicine." In his opening remarks Mr. Magarey said that no motion had been notified within the time specified in the Constitution, and strictly speaking no business could be done. But in view of the interest apparent over the last six weeks in the action of the Med. Society, he was going to report to the meeting why he had called it, and informal discussion might follow. He would begin with the background and history, which started in April and May, 1947, when the Science Association and Theatre Group applied for grants. The result was the appointment of an "Affiliation" Sub-Committee consisting of Miss Fitch and Messrs. Roder and Scott, to consider the relation of clubs and societies to the S.R.C. Nothing much came of this in 1947, but Mr. Roder, who had been the convener of the committee, and who had a tidy mind, embodied the findings of the committee, along with the idea of a Societies Council gathered

"We admit, the regulation was bureaucratic and tended to regimentation," said Magarey amid applause. "It was partly due, as some have said, to a slavish copying of interstate practice. But I would say from my own introspection that it was

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PROCESSION

HEY-DEY FRIDAY

WITH a hotch-potch of sound, color and bally-hoo, the second post-war 'Varsity Procession will herald the end of the second term on Friday, August 13. The 'Varsity Procession is part of a world-wide tradition—a tradition which cannot be allowed to wane after its enthusiastic revival last year.

SUCCESS!

Last year's show was the talk of Adelaide—particularly General Montgomery—and, as such, set a high standard which we must try to attain again this year. Remember these?—Calwell's Chicks, Wogs Galore, "a heterogeneous collection of villainous-looking cut-throats" as "On Dit" reported; Injection of Blue Blood into Mr. McKell; Boycott-Forbes for Treasurer, Ned Kelly for Prime Minister, etc., etc.—all being topical subjects, which were in the public eye at that time.

Leaving the past behind us, we now pass on to the future.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The procession will form up in front of the Physics Building and will move off not later than 1.15 p.m. To allow for sorting out a certain amount of confusion, we ask you to have all floats prepared and all procession togs on by 12.45 p.m. Parking of other than procession vehicles on the Physics roadway is to be avoided if possible; any such cars found there may have to be man-handled elsewhere.

Leaving by way of the Bonython Hall gates, the following routes will be taken: up Pulteney Street, down Rundle Street, up King William Street to the G.P.O., back down K.W. Street, up North Terrace and return through the Main Uni. gates.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

All societies have been approached and their representatives are collecting ideas, organising floats, getting transport, etc., but apart from these society floats it is hoped that individual students or groups of students will arrange their own entries for the procession.

The Co-directors, c/o S.R.C. Office, will be very pleased to hear from you if you are willing to take part. They would also be more than pleased to hear from anyone with offers of transport—as would your society procession representative.

However, if you can't obtain transport, don't worry about it—the procession will be at a walking pace and you won't get left behind.

In conclusion, the Co-directors appeal to all students who are still fit and active after a gruelling term's work, to do something, however small, towards making this the best procession ever. Help your society's procession representative—he needs plenty of it.

Well, that's about all, customers, so here's wishing you a happy procession!

Procession representatives are reminded of the meeting to-morrow (Tuesday, 10th) in the George Murray Lounge at 1.20 p.m.

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Contributions should be left in the "On Dit" box in the Union Building.

Work for Peace

"On Dit" publishes a lot of international news as delivered by the International Union of Students on its agents here. The Editors wish to make it clear that they publish this material because students pay for it, and we consider that students should see what they are getting for their money.

More important, students should see what is being done in their name. If peace-making missions sent out in the name of world students, including Australia, should fall into prejudiced hands our name and that of other democracies would be a great asset.

I.U.S. is slowly working its way around the world, weeding out the undemocratic nations where "reaction" flourishes. The term has a familiar ring. Our cause would be better served if the I.U.S. observers saw Europe first, particularly Eastern Europe, and set democracy on its feet there. The lack of it there is a menace to world peace. Spain and Mexico can wait.

Corn Exchange

There has been considerable protest from University circles in Australia on the subject of American comic strips. The injustice of importing this tripe for good hard-earned dollars falls most heavily on the public, who have to read them. Well, not "have to," but they do occupy an undue proportion of space in our papers. Australian artists who are capable of humorous strips on an adult level give second place to the cheap syndicated trash from abroad. Students must go short of textbooks from the States, although we are informed that one million dollars is going out each year to pay for this bilge.

A grave injustice is done to the United States itself. It is bad enough that the people of the world should form their opinion of America from what they see on the screen. This new angle could be a death-blow to the prestige of a great nation. Some students in Melbourne have protested that American imperialism is preached by these heroic accounts of fabulous tosh. It has even been suggested that a Fascist philosophy underlies the activities of Cluck Dodgers, Stupor-man and their ilk. Might is right but never in a democratic context, they say. This frivolity is ill-timed. This matter is serious. No country can long produce such drivel without being laughed from its high position, not even America; for our part, we cannot afford such expensive entertainment. Let us take our dollars out in oil and machinery, but not in corn.

YOUR ORGANISERS

It is hard to make a gripping story out of the fact that the S.R.C. met on July 20 and grappled with student affairs for three and a half hours. Nevertheless they did, and if we see little concrete result of this and every meeting, posterity will perceive a little, and we would perceive a lot of chaos if some administration were not carried out. The W.S.R. Appeal success is one result of activity started by the S.R.C., others will be the Procession and the Revue. Then there are the Book Exchange, and Housing and Vocational Officers.

To get down to business, correspondence and its disposal took an hour. Letters were ordered to be dispatched to the Med. Society, the Socialist Club and various bodies; the Socialist Club had written complaining of the non-publication of letters in "On Dit." A reply was to be sent stating that the S.R.C. relied upon the integrity of the Co-Editors. There was some discussion here, and a move to admonish the Editors was lost after an explanation by Mr. Power.

A motion that S.R.C. delegates to the New Deal for Education Conference be instructed to press for a New Deal for religious schools was lost after about half an hour's debate, probably the quickest debate on record on a contentious issue.

Points at issue were the justice of double taxation on parents obliged by conscience to send their children to non-State schools, and the question whether responsibility for education rested with the State or with parents.

Delegates, Messrs. Gawn and Power were instructed to make known the N.U.A.U.S. resolution on education.

SYDNEY CONFERENCE

John Roder was elected to represent this S.R.C. at a conference in August on amendments to the N.U.A.U.S. constitution.

Various reports were received, Mr. Kennedy was appointed George Murray Librarian, and Mr. S. Smith thanked for his services there. Mr. Birrell was to be thanked for his work as Local Art Director.

There was a long discussion on notice-boards. Eventually we may hope to see a decent-sized notice-board at the door of the Refectory.

The meeting eventually adjourned till the following Monday at 5, but no quorum could be scraped together then, so the remainder of this meeting's business and a fresh lot will be dealt with to-morrow night.

Any Takers?

Dear Gentlemen,

You will wonder at this letter coming from the opposite part of the world. It is to demonstrate you that we feel connected with the nations of all the world, even if they live as far from us as you. Like me many of us are very interested in life of people in foreign countries. And, therefore, I am going to write this letter, believing that there is a student among yourselves who will answer.

You will certainly be surprised at my addressing just to this college. But, I must confess, I did not know another way. I thought it to be the best one to attain my aim if I addressed the letter to a college of any large Australian town. I am acting on the principle of "Nothing venture, nothing win," and trust I shall be right this time, too.

There is a sea of interesting subjects for our correspondence, e.g., I should like to learn something of your political constitution, education, landscape, conditions of life, scientific and cultural condition, your political standpoint to the other nations, etc. Besides, I should be glad if I could perfect my English knowledge by this correspondence. At all events, I may affirm that I am interested in all spheres, whatever you may propose!

That will be enough for the time being, for I do not wish you to feel bored. If one of you wishes to know it, I still want to inform you that I am 17½ years of age, and am attending the seventh, i.e., the last but one form of a high school in Leipzig.

For to-day, good-bye,

Yours sincerely,

HANS PREIPER.

My address is:

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Emmausstr. 2,
Deutschland-Germany,
Russ. Zone,
Bundesland Sachsen.

[The N.U.A.U.S. International Officer has received a number of requests for pen friends from students in Germany. These addresses and the address of the I.U.S. pen friends' service can be obtained at the S.R.C. Office between 1 and 2 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.]

Let's Go to the Pictures

When you go to the pictures, do you read the acknowledgments before the film starts? If you do, then I lift my hat to you. I know many of my friends either talk during these few minutes, undo the salted peanut packets, or get the arm safely and irremovably around the girl friend.

Next time the picture house is indicated by the budget, watch the unending lists of "gowns by Jacques," "Photography by Lee Wong," etc., and in time the quality of the film can be judged, then you can walk out and demand your money back.

Familiarity with the names of directors and producers can tell you straight away what kind of a film it is, as I am sure the modern titles tell you nothing. "Let the Sun Rise" can be a horse opera, blood and murder, tear jerker, or a Gable leg show, but if the name Lubitsch appears, then it is a modern comedy, Hitchcock gives suspense and drama, Welles the unusual camera angle, de Mille epics, with at least one bathroom scene. Other names, such as Capra, Lang, Cavaleanti, Ford, Box, etc., etc., all have an individualistic approach to the films, and their direction can quickly be spotted.

Social Notes

It seems that the social writer, who usually takes the place of the Social Editress when she doesn't turn up, failed to make an appearance at the Pharmacy Ball and since these events have to be described, I landed the job. I remarked to the Editor—no, not the one who can't spell his reporter's name correctly—that people might notice the slight difference in style, but he said any style was purely accidental, so who cares?

It all started at Lou's place where free medicine of a 50 p.c. (per cent.) proof nature was distributed to anyone who could reasonably demonstrate symptoms of liquid starvation. No members of the Rugby Club were present.

Having finally decided that the only right thing was to go to the Ball, we sadly put our medicine bottles away—in the car—and drifted along to the prescribed Ball.

To the trained social reporter's eye the delightful scene inside presented great scope for eloquent description. Notwithstanding this, I noticed a few things myself. Flowers and balloons were simply littered all over the place—unfortunately all the free balloons were out of reach on chandeliers and things, and if you wanted to obtain some, you had to either buy them or pinch them off somebody else.

Then some fool would come with a lighted cigarette and burst them—my tally was four, I think.

Also present were people—yes, 400 of them, roughly divided into equal proportions of males and females. The females wore frocks of various colors, types and shapes, while the males just wore suits. At various intervals, I tried to gather a few details of individual dresses—purely for the sake of literary completeness in these notes, of course—but the only thing I learnt anything about was the rebuff.

It was rumored that one girl came along with nothing on underneath her frock, but there is no foundation in this report.

At some stage in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe selected the Belle of the Ball, who became the centre of attraction—although it must be admitted that interest somewhat waned when it was announced that she was married.

Noticed the S.R.C. Co-Directors keenly working up spirit amongst students for the Procession. By the look of them, I should think it didn't need much spirit to work them up.

More free medicine was provided in the shape of supper—consisting mainly of a free-for-all—which was generously included in your 7/6. One chap was so generous that he tried to give his suit a drink of coffee. Apparently he'd been to some old boy's booze-up, or was it an old boys' booze-up? Anyway, after partaking of the above, we found we had a nasty taste in our mouths so we trotted off to swill the germs down with a little antiseptic.

This accounts for the break in the description which now leads us up to the last dance, after which the band ceased playing music. Some critics said they hadn't played music all evening and since they were there longer than I was, they were in a better position to judge.

This ball was noticeable, if not memorable, for the fact that no Rugby Club members were observed either in their natural state or wearing suits, dinner suits, tails, sack cloth, loin cloths, horse rugs or even horse feathers. Notwithstanding, the Ball was a great success!

LOST

LOST in or around Union Buildings, Rare and Unprocurable "Side ways Through Borneo," by Beachcomber (J. B. Morton). Reward—J. Bourke.

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Free Czechs Speak Students in Asia—I.U.S.

THIS is not I.U.S. news. The following is taken from a letter to our student body from the Free Czech Students, in London. It challenges the I.U.S. account of the Czech crisis.

"Not a single decade has past since November 17, 1939, when the first Czech student fell victim to the Nazi oppressor. The shot fired at him hit the conscience of the whole world which re-validated this crime against the free will of a nation.

"The Czech student protested again in February, 1948, against a new attack upon his national and civil rights. The police of the new oppressor prevented him in the free expression of his will, the reprisals started again and a final attack upon the liberties, which were preserved in the universities, came. This time, half of the world seemed to be asleep. It even seems to be the case that the organisation, formed in free countries to defend freedom and interests of the students, is providing the sleeping pills. Indeed, it is the International Union of Students which supports and apologises the Communist usurpers.

"For this reason, we, the Czech students living now in exile, are addressing this memorandum to our colleagues of other nationalities to provide informations about what has actually happened in our country.

THE FACTS

"We would like to bring forward some facts. To introduce the present day regime in Czechoslovakia as 'a social movement of the people' (as the I.U.S. call it) is misrepresentation of facts and reality, because—

"(a) This regime was brought to power by the Soviet Army in May, 1945, without any election or questioning of the will of the people whatsoever.

"(b) The government was formed in which the Communists (who in pre-war Czechoslovakia had got only 10 per cent. of the electorate) received all the key positions—including control of the police.

"(c) This government suppressed Czech democratic parties, among them the farmers' (Agrarian) party which was before the war the largest in Czechoslovakia and a cornerstone of democracy.

"(d) This government, by nobody elected and by foreign power installed, expelled 3,000,000 Sudeto-Germans out of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia without discrimination whether they were pro-Nazi or

against Nazism, and robbed them of all their property.

"(e) The same government deprived a large part of the Hungarians of all possessions and deported them in the same way.

"(f) Without questioning the will of the Carpatho-Ruthenians this government ceded their country to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

"(g) In the 51 concentration camps—which were noted by Major Stokes, M.P., on his visit to Czechoslovakia—were tortured and interned by the State police all political opponents of 'the new people's democracy' without any decision of the regular courts and against all the principles of humanity.

"To call this regime a 'social movement of the people' is a mockery and spreading of Communist propaganda. And is there anybody who wants to uphold that the changes brought about in February, 1948, are likely to modify the state of affairs for better?"

The Yanks have pulled out of I.U.S. Too much Communism for them. We stay in. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "Something in the house stinks!"

The substance of Mr. Smith's article in the last issue of "On Dit" was very pro-I.U.S. As you see, he cut out very damaging statements by the Americans, and he made no mention of other nations withdrawing. I have no doubt that this article will provoke an answer, but it is addressed essentially to the great bulk of students, and not to start a controversy with Mr. Smith or Mr. Roder or anyone else.

The other side of the I.U.S. picture is very rarely painted in the Socialist-controlled student newspapers of Australian Universities. But there is another side. There is definitely a Communist element in it.

But I am not agitating for a withdrawal. Rather we should make even more energetic efforts to improve both I.U.S. and N.U.A.U.S. One of the ways of doing that is by watching who you elect on to your S.R.C. Ask yourself: "Are they really interested in student affairs, or are they merely party men?" and vote accordingly.

I.U.S. News

LATIN AMERICA

From Conference Report of Student Leaders on May 5, 1948, in Mexico:

"There were 86 students, among them the leader, Humberto Garcefo, assassinated in Paraguay; world-famous progressive personalities have been persecuted; Pablo Neruda, Luis Carlos Prestes and others provide telling evidence of the terrorism inherent in the attacks."

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

Arranged by the I.U.S. and the Medical Students of Great Britain.

More than 130 delegates representing about 35 nations attended this conference which took place at the beginning of July in England. There were representatives from every continent. The delegates were acquainted with the latest developments in medicine in Great Britain and had an opportunity of discussing their problems and their work as medical students.

BRITISH STUDENTS' ANNUAL CONGRESS

The National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland held its Annual Congress from March 31 to April 8, 1948, at Leicester. Over 800 students from Universities, Training Colleges, and Technical Institutes attended, and the programme was based on the theme "The Status of the Student." Two members of the I.U.S., Tom Madden

(General Sec.) and Derek Slater, visited the Congress as guests of their own National Union and took part in the discussion on international affairs.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD

The identity card has already been officially recognised by the National Railways of Bulgaria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The agreement comes into operation almost at once. Each National Union is asked to support the work of the I.U.S. by obtaining the same facilities in its own country.

BALKAN TOURS

The first Balkan tour, in Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria has been arranged by the Central Travel and Exchange Dept. of I.U.S. The tour of Czechoslovakia and Poland, together with the second Balkan tour will be ready soon.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS

The Architectural Students' Congress is being organised by the Architectural Faculty Bureau of I.U.S. and the British students. The Congress will take place at the end of August in London, and will last twelve days. It is expected that leading architects and specialists in planning will be present at Congress to discuss problems of town planning, prefabrication, and technical advances in architecture.

LIVING as we do, in a country which has strong ties with Europe, we are apt to forget that to our immediate north and north-west, live almost one half of the world's peoples, and what is more important, most of these people live in conditions which we would class as very sub-standard.

The lot of the student in Asia is a very hard one, in many other respects than the general low living standard.

For example, we generally accept the principle that student life should be carried on in an atmosphere of freedom of thought, of criticism and of action. These freedoms are denied the Asian student as they do not suit the rulers of most Asian countries who wish to keep their citizens in a state of feudal servitude.

Notwithstanding continual oppression, however, student life still goes on, and there are active student movements in all Asian countries.

It is intended here to present a picture of some activities in two of our northern neighbors.

CHINA

(Based on a bulletin received from the Federation of Chinese Students) Students' Strike

On May 20, 1948, the Federation of Chinese Students, in the name of 110,000 students, declared the so-called elections of the President of China were a shameful comedy enacted by the reactionary members of the country.

On the same day as the elections, an order from the Government commanded the suppression of the Federation of Chinese Students and the students of Peking were attacked by the police. These elections, accompanied as they were by such repression, led the Federation to declare a general strike of one day amongst all the students of China.

Military Recovery in Japan

During the first days of May the students of the whole of China began to protest against the policy of re-armament of Japan which is approved by the Americans. Because of these protests, the American Ambassador to China declared that the actions of the students were endangering the relations between China and America. After these declarations, the Chinese Government surrounded all the Universities in Shanghai and proceeded to arrest all the student leaders. The student section of the American Committee for a Democratic Policy in the Far East announced its support for the Chinese students, and protested against the intervention of the ambassador.

(Corroboration of this can be found in a recent book by McMahon Ball.)

SIAM

(From Carmel Brickman of I.U.S. Secretariat who has visited Siam.)

Siam is a feudal country, exploited by many imperialists in recent years, yet, surrounded as it is by Viet Nam, Burma and Malaya, it seems to have slipped out of the net of direct colonisation. The land is rich, but the people extremely

poor and industrialisation is almost entirely limited to communications, small processing factories, and craft industries. There is a large Chinese population, comprising 20 per cent. of the total.

Education is by law compulsory, but in fact many thousands of peasant children never reap the benefit at all. Some of the schools are run by private individuals who train the youngsters mainly for a University career and a Government job. I saw some of these children at work and at play, and found it to be completely devoid of any creative aspects. The games were enjoyed far more by the teachers. On one occasion I saw children playing a game in which they acted as counters for the teachers who threw huge dice in a sort of "ludo."

The Government in Siam hopes to maintain its power on the basis of national hatred between the Siamese and Chinese, which it does its utmost to incite. It attacked the United Trade Union movement, hoping to split it by repressing the Siamese only. Four Siamese workers were recently arrested but thousands of Chinese rallied to their support and secured their release within two weeks. The student and youth movements have not yet attained such a position of unity, and the Government has now turned its attention to them, aiming at smashing the democratic sections amongst both nationalities. In the schools, the Government disregards even the facade of democracy, and since its recent re-establishment in April, 1945, five professors in one law school alone have for no given reason been deprived of their jobs.

To-day, the democratic rights to organise, the democratic right to education in their own language are denied the students in Siam, the one to the Siamese students; the other to the Chinese students.

For the students, their movement is as yet weak, inexperienced and divided, but their struggles for democratic rights and a democratic education will strengthen their forces. That I.U.S. can and is helping this development, that we are for the first time taking a real interest in their problems, is a great step forward for the world democratic movement of students.

W.S.R. Appeal Competition

The winner of the competition run by the Science and Pharmacy Associations in aid of their "Miss University" candidate was Mr. A. W. Baird, the correct number being 286.

If the winner will contact Mr. P. A. Trudinger in the Biochemistry Dept., he will receive the prize of 500 cigarettes.

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DEMOCRATS SAVED FIXED BAYONETS

In June, 1947, the International Union of Students sent a strong protest to the Franco Government which had just sentenced to death nine young Spanish democrats. Other youth and student organisations sent similar protests. This demonstration and its relation to world public opinion, forced Franco to spare the lives of the young people under sentence.

The following report was written by Miss Margaret Richards, a delegate of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, and the IUS, the Secretary of the National Union of Students of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Miss Richards was sent to Spain with instructions to learn as much as possible about the case, interview the prisoners, and give them assistance. She did not fully succeed in these objectives, owing to the obstacles put in her way by the Franco authorities.

In the belief that the case and the conditions it reveals in Spain, vitally concern the international student community, WSN is printing the main part of Miss Richards' report

BOMBS DID NO HARM

From independent enquiries made, I am satisfied that they were all conscious opponents of the regime, organised as a group to carry on anti-Fascist activities. They admitted in Court that they supported the Democratic Alliance (which unites a number of the underground groups).

The students worked as an organised group, and took part in a campaign planned as a series of incidents directed against the regime.

First, during the night of March 31, 1946, they pasted up 200 copies of a poster displaying the Republican flag. Next they copied out articles from the clandestine papers; they also copied a letter written by the Communist Christino Garcia on the eve of his execution for organising opposition groups.

On the night of April 30, ISABELITA handed three bombs over to the group, who divided into three parties, each party taking one bomb. The first went to place its bomb outside a clinic belonging to the Falanga (Fascist party). A night watchman was on duty, so they went away, hoping that he would go away. Since he did not, they walked along the street and placed the bomb outside an Auxilio Social in the Calle San Bernardo. This was a restaurant run for poor children by the Falange Party. This bomb never exploded at all. The second party placed their bomb outside the window of a good-class grocer's. The third party put their bomb outside a branch of a chain confectioner's.

The only bomb which did any damage was the second, outside the grocer's. The glass windows were blown in and goods destroyed to an amount of £1/3/-. No one was killed but two passers-by were injured, a girl aged 14 who was temporarily knocked out and a night watchman whose eyes were injured.

At the trial, the defence laid considerable stress on the fact that no one was seriously injured, since under the law against terrorists, bandits and Communists, under which they were charged, no death sentences and no long-term imprisonment can be demanded unless there are victims.

At the trial stress was further laid on the fact that the buildings attacked were food-shops and restaurants. I saw that there was a political reason why each one had been chosen. The restaurant belonged to the Falange Party; it was run as part of the so-called voluntary social service training course. The two food-shops were both full of comparatively expensive goods, all things which on their present wages the vast majority of people in Madrid are unable to buy at the uncontrolled prices.

Justo Garcia and German Sanz, who placed the bomb outside the grocer's shop, had pulled the fuse and were making off when they were stopped by a policeman. He questioned them, they made some excuses; but during the conversation the bomb went off with a very loud noise and the policeman arrested them. In the Security Headquarters they were beaten up by the Secret Police (political police) with whips and belts.

Under existing Spanish regulations, no prisoner can be detained in the Security Headquarters for

more than three days. These prisoners, however, were held for 20 days before being charged. During this time, they were badly beaten by the Secret Police, who tried to extract information from them about the organisations behind them.

Twenty days after arrest, the nine were charged with having committed terrorist acts and were transferred from the Security Headquarters. The students were sent to Alcala de Henares, the fortress jail where the chief political prisoners are detained. The two girls were sent to Ventas women's prison in Madrid.

In January, 1947, the students in Alcala took part in a strike, refusing to shovel up snow. For this, they were all transferred to Carabanchel Prison, outside Madrid.

Everyone I spoke to denied that there had been any persistent ill treatment in the prisons, as distinct from the Security Headquarters.

Normal conditions in a Spanish prison, however, are bad enough. The diet consists of soup and bread, alternating with potatoes or beans or lentils cooked in oil. There is no meat, fish or eggs, no fresh fruit or vegetables, and very little milk. T.B. is reported to be rife as a result. Prisoners rely on relatives to bring in supplementary food. Laundry cannot be washed free of charge. If a prisoner is not in a jail near his home, or if he comes from a poor family, he runs the risk of almost certain malnutrition and possible slow starvation. This risk is obviously increased for growing youths.

On the day of the trial, the Court was crowded, over 100 people being present. The Court is a whitewashed lecture-room under a huge painted Falangist emblem, with a crucifix on the side wall, six army officers sit in judgment. Prosecution and defence are both conducted by army officers.

As is normal at these trials, no witnesses were called and no detailed evidence was produced. A general accusation was read out, hurriedly and inaudibly. The prosecution and the defence then cross-examined the prisoners and followed this with speeches bargaining for the terms of the sentence. The army lawyer, who defended them, is reported to have put up an unusually vigorous defence on their behalf, finally asking for acquittal for Luis Gonzalez and Arranz Lafont and six months for the others, as against the prosecutor's request for death for five and 30 years imprisonment for the rest.

A few months ago IUS printed a report by Margaret Richards, Secretary of the British NUS, on the conditions of democratic students in Franco Spain. You may remember that Miss Richards went to Spain as a representative of the IUS and the WFDY to investigate the charges against Republican students. To-day we (the IUS) are putting out another document, also from Margaret Richards, dealing with the conditions of the Franco students.

Interview with Yoni Di Gregorio at the Headquarters of the SEU in Madrid

A taxi takes us to the central office of the SEU, in a large building which is also the Falange headquarters. The ground floor has a place reserved for the personal guard of General Franco; sentries in Falange uniform, with fixed bayonets gave us the Fascist salute. So did the lift-boy. We were shown into an elegant apartment.

Yoni is twenty-five years old, expensively dressed, born to command. She works voluntarily in the women's section, receiving no salary for her work. She hates to be asked questions, which no doubt explain why she does not find me very amenable. She is stubborn, hard as stone, completely without imagination. For a long time she lived outside Spain, and during the war she studied for eight months at the University of Grenoble, without contriving to learn any French. Her father is of Italian descent. She is a fanatical admirer of Franco, and speaks of him as if he were a hero.

When I asked her what she thinks of the present Government in Great Britain she said that she preferred Churchill, who was more sympathetic; she has no confidence in Atlee's Government because it permits the activity of Socialists and Communists. She is careful to point out that though the Franco Government pursues a foreign policy which is hated in other countries, it does so from necessity.

At one point in the conversation, Yoni laughed quite heartily—when I told her that in England one-third of the students, excluding the ex-servicemen, study free of charge, at the expense of the Treasury. She found it hard to believe when I told her that the NUS was demanding from the State the right of free secondary school education for all. She said that it was a Utopian ideal,

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and that no man would pay his taxes if he thought that the money was going to be used for such a purpose. She could not understand that professors and Members of Parliament are supporting our demands, and she ended with these words, "It would be shameful for students to accept money from such a source."

Yoni went on to explain the character of the SEU. The feminine section is directed by the representatives of Franco, Pilar Primo de Rivera. The

leaders of the movement are selected rather than elected, on the basis of their political standing and their religious fervor.

All students are obliged to enter the SEU because without it they would not be able to obtain a degree or attend courses. On the activities of left-wing students, Yoni told me, "Oh, we dispose of the reds and in fact of all those who are not faithful."

The SEU receives every year from the State the sum of 250,000 pesetas. When asked what she thinks of the reduced financial help which the Government gives to students, Yoni replied that "most of the students come from the leisure classes." Professors are very badly paid. They give only three or four hours of lecturing a week, being obliged to find other employment in order to live. One professor earns 1,500 pesetas, just enough to rent a non-furnished apartment.

When we asked what sort of political tests were applied to the students, we could obtain no real indication. However, all the "reds," the Communists, in short all those who were supporters of the Republican Government during the war, have been eliminated or deprived of education.

Girl students cannot obtain degrees in the Faculty of Law; a diplomatic career, and even public positions in important administrative jobs are denied to them. The teaching of sport has been reduced to the minimum; it appears that this tends to over-

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develop the girl-students, and makes them lose their feminine qualities.

They have come to take for granted the strict segregation of male and female students in the SEU.

At every step in the University you run into a portrait of Franco or a crucifix. In the Rector's room we saw a portrait of Franco and one of the Bishop.

As a last example, there are special military tribunals before which anti-Franco students appear quite often. In many cases the penalties inflicted exceed the maximum which the law provides. For instance, during a trial of 14 students accused of trying to revive FEU, two of the accused, Mercedes Vega, aged 19, and Albina Fernandez, aged 17, were

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condemned to two years' imprisonment, although the prosecution merely asked for six months. The other students, most of them under 21, such as Luis Rubio, Chamorro and Oscar Grilles were committed to eight years' imprisonment, as against the three or four asked for by the prosecution.

The IUS statement concludes by saying, "What does Pax Romana think of all this? What do our Catholic student friends have to say about the situation in Spain? Why must we have contact with those students who are the accomplices of the Franco regime? Our duty is to oppose them!"

New Station could be University Radio

By E. G. WAHLQUIST

The Adelaide University may have the opportunity to run its own radio station if it acts on information published in the daily press this week.

A statement from Canberra said that the Australian Broadcasting Commission would establish another broadcasting station in each capital city to operate on ordinary wavelength plus an additional FM (Frequency Modulation) transmitter. Why not a University Radio Station?

Plays, music, talks, debates, and programmes of an intensely educational nature, and of high cultural value could be presented over "The Voice of the University of Adelaide."

Once more the University could lead constructive thought in the community, and become a living organisation instead of being just a place in which people get degrees and get out of as soon as they can.

STUDIOS

Studios could be built into two or three rooms of one of the fine concrete buildings at present being constructed. There are many lecture theatres which would make ideal auditoriums, and the cost of conversion would be almost negligible.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission could support the station as one of its subsidiaries, keeping it manned with P.M.G. technicians, and advisory staff on loan until University people learnt the job.

JOBS FOR GRADUATES

University Radio would provide excellent employment for many University graduates, who would be engaged in programme compiling, and devising, and administration. Clerks could be employed, and positions made available to "cadets" taking Arts or Science who would be apprenticed to production departments.

Undergraduates could play a big part in devising special programmes, free rein being given to the imagination.

PROGRAMMES

Here are a few programme suggestions for "The Voice of the Adelaide University":—

Drama Theatre.—Presenting plays of acknowledged high standard, performed by outstanding artists, the plays to be accompanied by critical talks by Uni. Professors and Lecturers.

Sports Page.—Reviews of sporting and athletic events from all over the world, besides full coverage of all Uni. events.

School Broadcasts.—All school plays and broadcasts could originate from the University studios, and schoolrooms could keep tuned on to the wavelength.

News Review.—News commentaries on local and world affairs by University authorities.

Societies and Clubs.—Any of these within the Uni. who were able to furnish interesting material could have a regular programme in the night channel.

EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE

Experimental Theatre.—An opportunity to present new types of radio programmes devised in the State.

Music.—Regular broadcast of Conservatorium artists, Elder Hall concerts, Carnegie Gramophone Society meetings, etc.

These are just a few suggestions for programmes on University Radio, and there are many, many more which would occur to the members of different faculties.

Surveys show that almost every member of the population listens to a radio at some time of the day, or night. The importance of this medium as a method of expression and contact cannot be ignored by the University any longer.

S.R.C. Elections for the 1949 Council

Nominations of **FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES** close at the Union Office at 5 p.m. on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.**

Nominations of **MEN'S GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES** close at the Union Office at 5 p.m. on **TUESDAY, SEPT. 28.**

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K. T. HAMILTON, Chief Returning Officer.

It is to be hoped that Universities in other States realise the need for similar broadcasting studios.

UNI. Vs. SOAP OPERAS

A radio network of University radio stations would place Australia far ahead of the rest of the world in thought and expression, and would once more make the Universities, and not the picture theatres or the soap operas, the focal point of the public imagination.

Instead of another radio station dishing out the same fare as the five already in operation in Adelaide (5AN, 5CL, 5AD, 5KA, 5DN), let's have a University Radio, to take the work of the University out to the people, and to bring the interests of the people into the University.

partly due to the fact that a new executive was getting a bit above themselves. Also, we admit the regulation was introduced to the S.R.C. in a hurry and informally; this was a fault in the running of the S.R.C. The Executive repents of its errors and is rectifying them. The obnoxious material has been deleted from the regulation, and an attempt is being made to improve S.R.C. procedure by sending out a great deal of the work in written form as reports before the meetings."

During the crisis a number of misconceptions of the Union set-up had appeared, Magarey continued. There were three major ones. The first was that societies could register with the Union Council direct. This was impossible: a corporate body of societies would have to be formed to be a constituent of the Union. Another was that registration was unnecessary and that things were alright as they were. But there must be some definition of the responsibility of groups using Union premises to the individual students to whom the buildings belonged. The third was that the S.R.C. was really already a Societies' Council elected by Faculty Societies. This was not so as it is

some debate on whose conception this was, and the conclusion was that it was general.

After Magarey had continued for a few minutes an interjector pointed out that it was two o'clock and asked how long it would be before discussion might be expected on "what was the business" on the agenda. Magarey said that he would have to stop speaking, and that discussion must be informal because there was no motion before the chair.

Mr. A. MacKellar Stewart: "Just a fireside chat by the President?"

Mr. Scott moved that standing orders be set aside. This motion was not accepted.

Kirby: "The Chairman is illogical; he is censoring the Med. Society for throwing out the regulations when he has endorsed their action by saying that the regulations were obnoxious."

Magarey: "I have not endorsed their action."

Mr. G. Smith suggested that others should be allowed to speak.

Mr. Barnes moved the closure of the meeting. This was lost on the vote. From the last ten minutes of the meeting it emerged that the Medical Society had written to the S.R.C. explaining their actions but had received no reply. Magarey said that the amended regulations would be sent to the Medical Society as soon as they had been passed by the S.R.C. They had not been passed at the last S.R.C. meeting because there had been no quorum and consequently no meeting. In reply to a question Mr. Plueckhahn said that he expected that when they had been informed of the change the Medical Society would come back to the S.R.C.

Mr. McArthur then made a few remarks, concluding with an impassioned appeal, "Come on fellows, the game is over, let's return." The Medical Students replied that if he wanted the lambs to return to the fold he should see that they were given a copy of the new regulations.

Mr. Magarey closed the meeting at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Scott said that he was going to move a motion that was out of order censuring the authorities for not admitting students to the talk by Prof. Copland on the National University of Canberra. This motion got no further.

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The Idea of a Union

[THIS article arose out of an attempt to answer the question:

Why did Med. students think it would benefit anyone for them not to be represented on the S.R.C.? I believe that one of the reasons is a misunderstanding, common in some degree to all students in the University, of the function of the S.R.C. But whether or not this is so, the fact that such a misunderstanding exists, and is doing great harm to the Union, and is resulting in a loss to the individual members of the Union—this fact was more than amply demonstrated by every word that was said during the crisis

The place of the Staff and Council in the Union has always been a bone of contention. Because of this the Union has never been clearly defined, and the Students' Union is now without a name.

In 1945 a Law student who happened, largely through active interest and participation in National Union affairs, to have a good idea of the solutions other Australian Universities had made of the problem, offered the present compromise, and they accepted it with a sigh of relief. They divided the Union up into five constituents—University Council, Staff, Graduates, Sports, and the S.R.C. Now leaving aside the University Council, each of these constituents consists of an association, a body, a group of people, with an elected committee at its head: each of them, except the student constituent, has a name for both entities (e.g., Sports Association, and Sports Association General Committee). The S.R.C. remained a committee without an association: a government without an electorate.

There were two reasons for this. One was that it was felt that the scope of the S.R.C.'s function was wider than that of a mere association committee. Fair enough: but the bit extra was a bit extra and nothing more: if there were no Students' Association in reality as well as in name, the remainder of the S.R.C.'s function wouldn't justify the S.R.C.'s existence. The other reason was simply the confusion caused by this long-standing contention about whether the Union was to be a "Students' Union" or a "University" Union. The solution they had arrived at was in effect to have both. But they were afraid to admit this simply because they thought people wouldn't understand it, and would confuse the two Unions: so they tried to do away with the idea of a Students' Union; and in the new constitution they simply called the body "the student members of the Adelaide University Union." Yet surely that phrase means as clearly defined a group as any of the other constituents of the Union.

S.R.C. OVER-ESTIMATED

That is how we came to get the present set-up and the present outlook: and that is what I mean when I say that the importance of the S.R.C. is over-estimated. Students have forgotten that its main function is to be only the committee of their association. That is why you get this constant re-iteration of the question, What does the S.R.C. do? or, what has it done? or, what good is it? We'll come back to what good it is in a minute—but don't you see that expecting the S.R.C. to do things is like saying that because the S.A. Government has taken over the electrical powerhouses down at Osborne for the people of the State therefore members of Parliament should go down and stoke the boilers themselves. It might do 'em good, personally: but it's not what they're there for. The other day a student told me he'd never stand for the S.R.C. and particularly for President because of the odium I'd brought on the position. But the value of a position depends on what the position is, not who holds it; this student simply didn't understand what the S.R.C.'s position was. He thought it was something one man could make or mar—an Enthusiasm Club; instead of something that's as inevitable as a Prime Ministership.

Now this is the very crux and

climax of my speech: this simple misunderstanding is a real loss to students in this University, and yet a loss it needs no effort to recoup.

DO YOU BELONG?

Do you think that freshers coming to this University have the feeling that they're coming into something? Do you think that students of the University have an adequate feeling that they belong to something? I wish I could give you the picture of what this place might be. I've got the picture in my mind's eye because I've seen it (at your expense) in the one other University. I've been able to study at all at close quarters—Western Australia. The Guild of Undergraduates in Perth (and consequently its Council) mean something to Western Australian students in a way that students of this University can hardly begin to conceive. Let me quote from Mr. Forbes' toast to Prof. Portus at the Arts dinner: Professor Portus, he said, realised that at a non-residential University sport, and to a lesser extent Students' Union activities, had to take the place of the group life of a college that properly belongs to a University training. I embrace his dictum wholeheartedly, including the part about sport being more important. In a University with a decent Students' Union, sport would be the most important thing: but the idea of a Students' Union must be there first. In a University with a decent Students' Union, sport would be the most important function of that Students' Union. Imagine with what angry and indignant repudiation the suggestion would be received that the Sports Association here should be a function of, and report to, the S.R.C. But nobody at St. Mark's minds that college sport is ultimately subject to the college club—and so to its committee.

WHOSE REFECTORY?

Again, could the majority of University students say that Union life in this University even began to substitute for the group life of a residential college? Is there any of that sort of feeling in the Refectory? Do students in the Refectory ever talk of "we" and "ours" the way students living at St. Mark's talk of the College? Have any of you ever brought a guest to the Refectory—and if so have you had the feeling of introducing him to a place that belonged to you along with all the other members of a group? or of bringing him into a group life—not a clique of friends, but a comprehensive group of which you had the rights of membership? Do you begin to see what I'm struggling to express? It is a completely different approach and attitude from that held explicitly by most University students. Everything at the moment in this University is what some people are doing to other people, never what we are doing to ourselves. Think of your attitude to "On Dit." Is there any suggestion in it of a feeling of ownership, such as you would have had, say, to a newspaper produced by your school, or a news-sheet brought out by a mess-deck in the Navy, or a unit in the Army? The Editors are some people and you are someone else, and do you ever identify the two for a moment and say, "Our paper?" Think of your attitude to W.S.R. Every year someone else comes along and takes money from you. Have you ever had a vision of the real state

of affairs where we, the Students Union, through our elected representatives decide to sponsor this charity, and the representative council organises the means by which we can do so?

I said earlier that this was a completely different attitude to our present one. Explicitly this is so: implicitly, of course, everything people now say is wrong with the Union is an intuitive expression of this. Some say there should be more interest in the S.R.C. What they mean is that people should realise that the S.R.C. is theirs, and then there would be more interest in it. Some say that there should be more votes cast at the elections. What they mean is that if students at the University regarded themselves as members of a group (which is not, by the way, at all necessarily the same thing as cultivating a sense of Marxist "comradeship" or Christian "brotherhood," though both these are of course desirable) there would be more votes cast at the elections. Some say the S.R.C. should be more active. This is the same idea, but at one remove and therefore getting a bit astray. The people who say this are really the same as the ones who say there should be more interest in the S.R.C., but they have devised a means for stimulating it that is not, in fact, logically inevitable. S.R.C. activity is primarily a good thing in so far as it gives people this sense of being members of an association: if this sense already existed, it wouldn't matter if all the S.R.C. did were to replace broken light globes in the George Murray lounge.

"NO TIME" NONSENSE

And that I find one of the most striking facets of this misconception of the S.R.C., this lack of the idea of a Students' Union. It is that it doesn't involve any effort on people's parts to alter it. You don't have to be active in student affairs to know that they are your affairs, just as you don't have to be a Member of Parliament to know that the Parliament is your Parliament. Nobody minds if a student decides he hasn't got time to hold office in the Students' Union, provided he always knows that the potentiality for him to do so would always be there if he did. What present office-bearers do believe is that the inevitable tale of "no time" is in 90 per cent. of cases a myth, and they believe this because they have seen some students plead it and then take on quite a heavy job without the slightest apparent detriment to their academic career. But that is beside the point. What is to the point is that if the idea of a Students' Union were here, the myth would be 90 per cent. exploded because people would want to spend their spare time in the association in which their social life had its foundations; but widespread increase in activity isn't essential to the change in attitude.

In fact, many students who at present take a prominent part in student activity do not understand this, and conversely many who take no great interest, say, in the S.R.C. have a very clear idea of it. And there are many who actively dislike the idea of the S.R.C.: but I have only ever heard three systematic or rationalised objections to the idea of a Students' Union. One, and the most formidable, was that it leads to snobbishness and an "ivory tower" outlook. I will return to this in a minute, but at the moment I will only say that this group sense undoubtedly can be too strong—as for example when before the war it was so strong that University students used to call the Teachers' College "the Zoo." Another was that such a group sense was adolescent and not necessary for "adult" individual minds to make contact." The third was that this group sense would improve the University and that therefore we should not strive for it because "you can't educate people

to be better." We're not trying to: if you must have it, we're trying to educate them to be happier. But that conveys a wrong impression and doesn't matter much. If people ask for more than an intuitive answer to these questions they must go to the experts—sociologists and social psychologists. These will tell you that there are two types of group in which a man may have his social basis, technically known as "communities"—institutional groups like tribes, clans or villages, into which a man is born; and "associations"—voluntarily formed groups of people brought together by some "rational" (i.e., conscious and deliberate) purpose. In a modern industrial city the community is much weakened and often almost extinct, and a man depends on associations for his group life. Finally, they will tell you that some sort of group social foundations are essential to a full personality and a peaceful State, and that Hitler achieved his dominance in Germany by undermining established groups and leaving the people without any foundations. This is scientific fact: for myself, I prefer to feel that there is something wrong if I have to spend my working week for four years of my life at an institution to which I do not belong.

OUR STUDENTS' UNION

I would like to conclude with the peroration I had written for my speech—"Hold this picture in your minds, of a Students' Union which every individual member spoke of as 'we' and whose council they called 'our' council—and then ask yourselves if under such conditions the Meds. would have passed that motion not to appoint representatives, however strongly they disagreed with something the council had done." But after the meeting I am not so sure I am right on that particular point, and I think I may have called the meeting under false pretences without realising it, and anyhow it doesn't matter much. What does matter is that the crisis aroused interest which shouldn't be wasted; but it was interest in the wrong direction. And that hits the nail on the head, because fundamentally what we want to do is not so much to arouse interest as to change its direction. If we could do this, if we could get students, not to make an effort, but simply to admit "I belong"—then automatically, without effort, there'd be more than 160 people voting at the next S.R.C. elections and students wouldn't leave their trays on the grassy bank.

—K. B. MAGAREY.

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Hon. Sec.

Sitting Pretty

MID-SEASON form of the XVIII augurs well for its prospects in intervarsity matches to be played here in second term vac. Two more good wins have been recorded by the local team. At present it occupies a comfortable seat in the second position of the premiership table.

Both Kelvinator and Semaphore Central were much more difficult propositions in the first round of matches than in the second. Both succumbed in the last two matches played, to Varsity's superior ruck strength and general, all-round efficiency. Kelvinator's ruck was thought to be a particularly powerful combination, but it was soundly beaten by Varsity rucks on July 24. With their main bulwark gone, Kelvinator could do little to resist the onslaught of the Blacks, who registered a comfortable victory, 17-19 to 7-5.

Goal-kickers: Day, Michelmore (5), Basheer, Robertson (2), Harris, Davies, Elix (1).

Best: Dowding, Woodward, Holmes, Harris, Tregonning, Day.

Blackheads, pimples, yellow-heads, scratches and blemishes of all kinds have been eradicated from the collective countenance of the Varsity team by reason of the mud-pack received in the game against Semaphore Central on July 31. Steady rain during the morning left the Varsity Oval like a Celtic fen. Soon after the teams swam out, friend and foe alike were made to study the glutinous turf at close quarters. It began to appear that the Eton wall game is, after all, stuff and nonsense—a game for schoolboys.

Tregonning revelled in the muck, romping waist-deep like a sea lion; the only difference being that Tregonning's whiskers are not quite so long. Had he stood on his tail and balanced the ball on his nose none would have been surprised. In Semaphore Central eyes Rod White must have seemed like the nigger without his woodpile. Only the whites of his eyes were untarnished.

First-quarter play was fairly even, with the Blacks showing slightly better form, particularly at the breast-stroke. Much dithering in the forward line in this term allowed Semaphore to remain in close touch at the quarter's end: 3-2 to 2-2. In the second term, however, the forwards handled the medicine ball much better and the team went away to a six-goal lead. John Day was irrepresible at forward-pocket. Every time he touched the ball with his left foot he scored a goal.

True to Harold Page's prediction, Semaphore began the third term with the idea of flooring all and sundry, come hell or high water; and the struggle waxed hot as they wiped two goals off their deficit. Meantime Page became involved in some social pleasantries with opposing supporters. Periodically the rain stopped, making players uncomfortably warm.

The final quarter consisted largely of a process of attrition, neither side being able to steer the ball through waters thick with opponents, to its own goal. A great deal of soccering and cumbersome movement made the game a depressing sight. Final score: Varsity 9-10, Semaphore 5-7.

Don Robinson, in defence and in ruck, repeatedly threw his chest at the sodden ball and wrapped both long arms around it before it slipped

away like a greasy pig. His good judgment and safe handling of the ball were marked features of the extremely useful game he played for Varsity. Col. Robertson was one of the few men on either side who marked overhead. Murray Holmes defended doggedly all day, and Alan Dowding also played with considerable skill in the mud.

Goal-kickers: Day (5), Michelmore (2), Davies and Robertson (1).

Best: Robinson, Dowding, Day, Tregonning, Davies, Holmes.

Adelaide Asked to Open Drama Festival

A request to open the N.U.A.U.S. Drama Festival has been made to the Adelaide Student Theatre Group by secretary of the Festival, David Syme.

Universities contributing are those of Perth—"The Little Foxes" by Lilian Helman, New England—"Mr.

Letters to the Editor - - -

MISS UNIVERSITY

August 5, 1948.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,—Now that the business of raising the money for the Miss University competition is over and before the judging takes place I would like to enter the lists with an emphatic protest.

I cannot reconcile a competition of this nature with my conception of a University and that for which a University stands. As I see it, the University is an institution of learning, which exercises a great formative influence not only on the intellects but on the character of its members. In this it has a responsibility to the community which it serves, and to the traditions for which it stands. Dignity is its keynote, and the whole is tempered by common sense. All this is violated and in danger of being undermined by a competition such as this which smacks of Bondi Beach, adolescent American Colleges, and commercialism in its worst form.

My opinions on this were strengthened when I found in the same edition of the "News," reports of something in connection with this competition on the one hand, and the Lovely Motherhood competition (just about rock bottom in this type of contest), on the other. Both these reports were written in much the

of controversy into the proposed formation of a University Regiment which is too automatically considered by many as the "done thing."

F. BROKENSHA.

Dear Sir,

Why should the mentally defective amongst us be allowed to congregate and call themselves a "Varsity Regiment"? Why indeed should they be allowed to congregate at all? There should be laws to keep them apart.

Is it to keep fit? which any man can do if he lives a reasonably sober life, and plays a good game twice a week. Is it to learn habits of discipline? which one should already have acquired, naturally, at home or in any decent school, without being shouted at by a foul-mouthed sergeant, and walked about in heavy boots.

Or is to learn to fight? which everyone should be trying to unlearn. Surely in these days of striving for disarmament, a University is not the place to teach people how to fight better than anyone else. If the hours spent in shadow sparring at the parade ground were devoted to a course in economic history, the world would benefit more—yet, probably, one realises on reflecting how much these beauties would learn from it, not much more.

Apart from these considerations there is this one: that a regiment drawn from a University where the majority of students are opposed to military training, is not representative of the whole body, and should not assume the name of that whole body in its title.

I am, Sir, etc.,
"HANNO."
In the University Magazine,
June 10, 1930.

ON CABBAGES AND KINGS!!

Don't you agree that the Refectory, built as it is, offers unique opportunities for the study of one's fellow creatures? For one hour a day I stare owlishly at those about me . . . and receive the same treatment in turn.

I modestly pride myself on being able to place any student within his Faculty . . . even to his or her year. There are types within types, so to speak. Anyway I now pass on the information absorbed after countless hours of chewing.

You know you are on home-ground when you see the straight-hair flat-heels combination, accompanied by a zip satchel and assiduously cultivated intellectual look. Their male counterpart of long hair, side-boards and corduroy velvet trousers is rarer, I suppose, because men are more conservative about following fashions.

Then there is the slick chick type with all the profundity of a bright mirror.

The type that fascinate me most are those divine ex-servicemen with their natty little moustaches. I would love to be able to smoke with just the casual air they achieve. Not Nonchalant — that's the word I'm looking for. Anyway, there is something so subtly man of the world-ish about them, if you know what I mean.

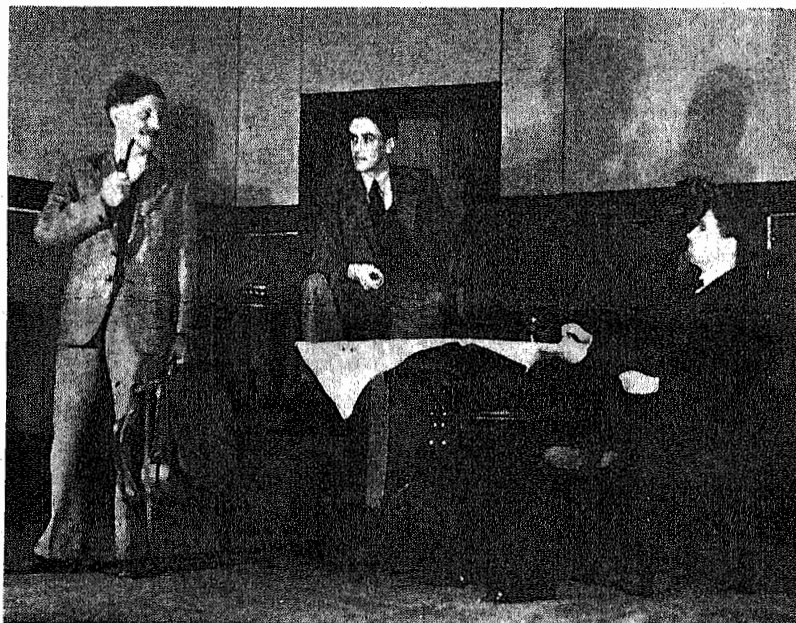
Then there are those who stride and those who glide.

Broadly speaking, most people seem to dress in more or less conformity with their politics.

The socialists, who want to see rich poor, and the poor still poorer. The Liberals, who want to be first in the race for whatever there is a race for, and God help the hindmost.

And the mob who . . .
But I could go on like this forever, without getting any forwarder. I am looking "but at the surface of things." At least I have the consolation of knowing that when people look at my surface, they don't do it for long.

—OMAR.



Mr. Taylor has been here before—Messrs. Kerr and Laycock doubt it.

Blafry" by James Bridie, Sydney—"Orphee" by Jean Cocteau, Queensland—"Mrs. Moonlight," and Melbourne, Mildura, and Tasmania. Adelaide University is presenting "I Have Been Here Before" by J. B. Priestley.

Before going to Melbourne, the play will be performed here for the University Theatre Guild, the "Winter School of Arts and Music," and the public.

Students are invited to the public performances, which will be on Monday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 11. Tickets are 2/6 from Group members. There is a box plan in the Union Office, at which students and friends may book seats. All members of the public are invited.

—E.G.W.

same way, and placed so that the average reader would see very little difference between the two.

W.S.R. as a cause has my full support. But I cannot believe that in this case the end justifies the means. If only because I feel sure that some other means can be found of raising the same amount of money.

I wonder if the W.S.R. committee has given thought to the fact that by far the greatest amount of money comes from those in the University community (and by University community I mean graduates in the numerous auxiliary organisations, as well), who can least afford it—namely, the students. Whilst not suggesting for a moment that students should be relieved of the responsibility, I do think that with a little more thoughtful exploration of these other channels, the burden could be alleviated somewhat, and above all the sincerity for such things as the Miss University competition as a fund raising expedient, could be abandoned.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. FORBES.

UNI. REGIMENT

The Editor "On Dit,"
Dear Sir,—I came across the following letter in the June, 1930, issue of the Adelaide University Magazine. Although written 18 years ago I think it applies just as well to-day, and may serve to introduce a note

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INTER-VARSITY THE CROSS BAR UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the teams except the C1's won their matches in very unfavorable weather last Saturday, but the luckiest were the C2's who won on a forfeit, and so remained clean and dry!

The A2's by virtue of their excellent win over Motors with only ten men are now at the top of the premiership list with three clear points from their nearest rivals.

The B1's also had a splendid win over the experienced Forestville team. We are now equal fourth on the list and should have no trouble of getting into the final four.

The A1 team didn't like the mud patch which the A2's had left for them, and were struggling all the way to keep ahead of Forestville. A feature of the game was the inability of the defence to clear the ball safely, resulting in a high scoring game which left all the thrills to the forwards and spectators.

INTERVARSITY CARNIVAL

The draw for the Intervarsity Carnival has now been finalised and is as follows:

Wednesday, August 18:

10.30 a.m.—Sydney v. Queensland.
2.00 p.m.—Tasmania v. West Australia

3.15 p.m.—Melbourne v. Adelaide.

Thursday, August 19:

10.30 a.m.—Tasmania v. Adelaide.
2.00 p.m.—Melbourne v. Queensland.
3.15 p.m.—West Australia v. Sydney.

Friday, August 20:

10.30 a.m.—West Australia v. Melbourne.

2.00 p.m.—Adelaide v. Queensland.

3.15 p.m.—Sydney v. Tasmania.

Saturday, August 21:

1.45 p.m.—Combined Reserves v. Adelaide A2 team.

3.00 p.m.—COMBINED UNIVERTSITIES v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Monday, August 23:

10.30 a.m.—Queensland v. West Australia.

2.00 p.m.—Adelaide v. Sydney.

3.15 p.m.—Melbourne v. Tasmania.

Tuesday, August 24:

10.30 a.m.—Sydney v. Melbourne.

2.00 p.m.—Tasmania v. Queensland.

3.15 p.m.—West Australia v. Adelaide.

Our intervarsity team has not been picked at the time of going to print. There are twenty-two players good enough to be chosen, and it seems as if the lucky ones will be drawn from a hat! Whatever the team will be, it will be certain that they will be all out to hold the Syme Cup which they won for the first time last year.

The committee are working hard to make this the best Carnival ever, a slap up dinner at John Martin's and a super dance in the Refectory are two of the highlights on the social side. The majority of the matches will be played in front of the grandstand on the University Oval so that the spectators can be thrilled in comfort!!

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As Tallyrand so truly said, the University soccer team, "a la facheuse habitude d'etre toujours battue." On July 24 we met Prospect United at Barton Terrace. Conditions were ideal and to our own surprise (and perhaps to the amazement of the usually powerful opposition) we began strongly, attacking immediately and confining play almost continuously to our forward areas. Opportunities for scoring were recklessly scorned; the ball booted carelessly over the cross-bar, and a general atmosphere of goodwill to all men prevailed, far more appropriate to Christmas than to the occasion on hand. After twenty minutes of this fooling about on the part of our forwards, Prospect decided that we had all the encouragement necessary, and before half-time had attacked to such swift effect that we were down 3-0.

In the second half we indulged in further dashing Prince Rupert attacks—as spectacular as they were futile. Trimmer's red socks were to be seen on innumerable occasions flashing in, to save seemingly irretrievable situations, and Martin offered gallant and stubborn defence; but it was all for nought. The game came to its unenviable conclusion, 3-0, and our spectators retired home to lick their wounds.

Best players: Geisler, Trimmer, Napier.

FITFUL SHOWERS?

The B team have presented such a formidable countenance of late, that Perry Engineers were glad for us to accept a forfeit, 1-0. The Torrensville pug-holes were strangely silent on a day that would have witnessed manslaughter (pronunciation optional).

July 31 dawned behind a heavy veiling of cloud, mist and driving rain. We assembled, limp and trembling, amid the fitful showers at Fitzroy Terrace, to survey with lack lustre eye a field deficient in many

LAWTON OUTSTANDING

After defeating Railways, 37-0, University went down to Woodville in a rugged battle, 6-3. Intermittent rain had turned the oval into a sloppy, soggy mud-heap, and good passing movements by the backs were as rare as Arabs in a synagogue.

Opposed to a pack consisting almost entirely of State representatives, the University forwards played the best game of the year. Peter Lawton was outstanding, out-hooking the State hooker on the ratio of three to one. The front row, Burton, Lawton and Hill, covered themselves in mud and glory, and indeed the whole forward pack showed the State selectors it was about time they learnt how to pick a pack. Theoretically they were weaker than normal, with Hill and Allen in, but the weakness was only on paper, and certainly not on the field. Allen showed lots of speed and aggressiveness, and was not over-awed by this, his first A grade match.

We lost the match mainly through our backs' inability to pass and to penetrate. Poor backing up was also a feature. Many times Lawton would hook the ball, and it would be passed out to the backs. Nearly always either the centres were tackled when in possession or failed to hold the ball. Nieuaber and Forbes handled very well, but their

respects. This ground is so small that no matter in which direction one kicks, the ball is out of play. To add to the possibilities for jollification, an open leering storm drain pours its muddy length a couple of feet from the eastern boundary. De-luged by a chilly downpour, we gathered ten strong (although perhaps 'strong' is an exaggeration) to view the sullen opposition standing ankle deep in water and mud. B. T. Mills attacked almost immediately, and after some strong and well-controlled play, forced a goal.

By some extraordinary coincidence (or maybe it was the barley sugar working) we rallied, and McGowan levelled the scores. Conditions had degenerated so far by this, that after one of the opposition had fallen flat into the storm drain, we had to be forcibly restrained by the referee from converting the game into water polo. At half-time the scores were 2-2, but from then on, massacre was witnessed. By superior position play and ball control, the British Tube Mills played all over us to win 5-2.

Goal-scorers: Geisler, McGowan.

Best players: Stoutjesdijk, McGowan, Trimmer.

The B team met Railways at Barton Terrace. Apparently all restrictions had been lifted from the Railways as they soundly trounced us to the tune of 9-0.

Best players: 'Tiger Moth' Furness, Ridgway, Hoare.

We are pleased to welcome Bob Forrester back with us after his jaunt to the U.K., and trust his liner incurred injuries will respond sufficiently to treatment to enable him to take his place in the team soon.

The team is joyfully anticipating certain aspects of the University Soccer Carnival in Melbourne late in August. After our recent inauspicious showing in the rain we fear Melbourne and the havoc that will be wrought there. We hope to perform more creditably at the social functions and elsewhere.

attacking movements always stopped short. Tregonning came from a sick bed to play. Most of the team wished he had stayed on it. Sandover at full-back made many good saves, and kicked well with the heavy, mud-encased ball, but persisted in endeavoring to run past three or four Woodville-ites before getting rid of it.

At half-time the score was 3-3, Tregonning having missed an easy conversion. Our forwards defended and attacked splendidly all the second half, with Botham, Hone and Johnson tackling brilliantly, but our dribbles and rushes were always stopped. With minutes to go a hasty "soccer" by Smith bounced into the opposing outside centre's hands, and he instituted a passing rush that sent the winger over for a try. A few minutes of sliding in, under and on the soaked pitch then followed, with no further score. Most regrettable. Nienaber, Smith and Tregonning leave on Monday for the State matches in W.A. The State's loss will be our gain.

B Team in Final

Playing two men short, the B team defeated West Torrens, 9-3, to win the semi-final of the Davey Cup. Wells was tried out at outside-centre, and played very well, showing unexpected speed and sound tackling. Murray, Brownell and Merity also played well.

—J.C.

Student Associations

within this University and persons desirous of advertising in "On Dit" must place their copy with the Advertising Manager or the Editors by the Tuesday before publication.

The annual Golf Club Championship for the Seddon trophy will be held at Glenelg on Wednesday and Friday, August 25 and 27. Open to any member of the University a qualifying round will be held on the Wednesday morning, all intending players must be ready to play between 8.30 and 9.45. The leading eight will play off in the afternoon, semi-finals on the Friday morning and final on Friday afternoon. In conjunction with the qualifying round and for any playing later in the day an individual handicap stroke competition will be held, while on Friday a bogey handicap will be played.

The championship would appear to be a Wilkin benefit as John Wilkin has won the event on the last two occasions and also conjointly with Sydney's John Palmer has held the Australian University Championship for two years. Anything may happen in 18 holes match play, and John may find unexpected opposition especially from Griggs and Laidlaw while playing on his home course Maddern may take some part.

Five of the intervarsity team, all being well, will finish this year, and the championship and competitions will be used as a guide towards selection of next year's intervarsity team, so come along to the championships and give the selectors a preview of your form.

As our grant has been exhausted players will have to pay green fees —5/- a day.

VARSIITY SECOND ON LIST

Following their close defeat at the hands of Goodwood, University have won three games in succession by defeating East Torrens, Prospect and Sturt.

They easily defeated Prospect 3 to 0. Excellent pitching by L. Smart and tight fielding held Prospect scoreless. On the other hand, the Varsity batters combined well, took full advantage of Prospect's mistakes and had no trouble in compiling 6 runs.

The Sturt game was played under extremely difficult conditions — it didn't stop raining throughout the whole game. But despite the wet and heavy ball, the standard of the game was high, there being altogether only five errors; Sturt made three and University two. University took an early lead of 2 to 0, but then a change of pitching held them scoreless for the rest of the match. Sturt, helped by a wild throw, then replied with 1 run but were subsequently shut out and lost 1 to 2.

This win, combined with West Torrens' defeat at the hands of Port Adelaide, has placed University second in the premiership table, but their position here is by no means secure as they are only 1 point ahead of Torrens in 3rd place.

STUDENTS LOOK AT LIFE

"Life," "Illustrated London News," "Punch," "Bulletin," "Strand," "Observer," "Flight," "Aeroplane," "Vox Monthly" are amongst the many interesting magazines now available for reading in the George Murray Library for Men.

Reading matter is in the care of the new librarian, Alan Kennedy, who also files latest copies of the student newspapers of every Australian University, and several overseas colleges.

Prime purposes of the Library and Lounge in the George Murray are reading and recreation, said S.R.C. President, Kevin Magarey, last week. Students may study there if they wish, but this is not desirable, as the Barr-Smith Library has been provided for that purpose.

Per into the Library or the Lounge on the first floor of the George Murray Building some time. The seats are comfy, and the view is excellent.