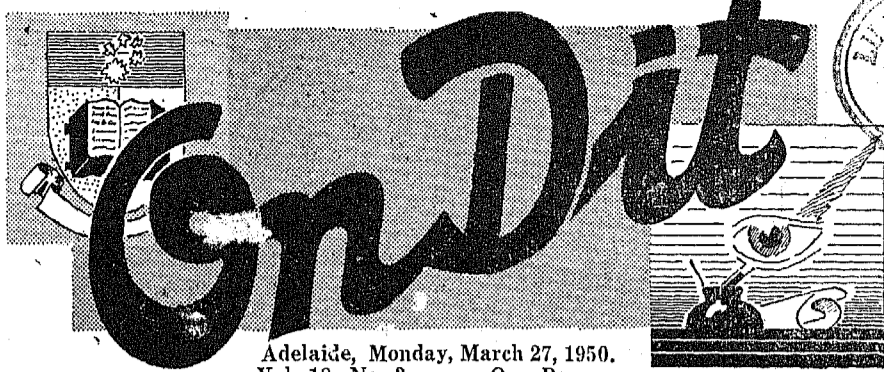


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S.R.C. FACES FINANCE CRISIS

REFORMS TO BE INTRODUCED

On their return from the N.U.A.U.S. Council meeting in Sydney in February, members of the 1950 S.R.C. Executive were confronted with a serious financial crisis. Expenditure in 1949 had far exceeded income, although the latter was the highest on record. An exact statement of accounts was unavailable.

In order to avoid further losses an immediate inquiry was instituted by S.R.C. President, Jeff Scott, and Treasurer, David Penny, and a number of recommendations were made to the S.R.C.

After nearly a week's investigation of the books it became apparent that, although the S.R.C. bank account still showed a credit balance of over £200, unpaid debts exceeded this amount by a considerable sum. It was revealed that reserve funds amount to £195/11/9, which the 1948 S.R.C. had passed on to its successors had all been spent, and the 1950 S.R.C. upon assuming office was faced with unpaid debts amounting to £37/9/6, contingent liabilities to a further £65 and claims for at least £25, the legality of which has not as yet been determined.

The difficulties of this investigation were further increased by the fact that the 1949 Treasurer (Eric Jackson) had departed for England at the end of January. Moreover, in 1949 S.R.C. finances were divided into two separate departments, General and Publications. Dur-

ing December the new executive were informed that the Publications Board accounts would reveal a deficit, estimates of which varied from day to day between the figures of £450 and £100.

However, in February it was discovered that £11 remained in the Publications account and known liabilities amounted to £99. A further claim, as yet unverified, has now been received for £22. Figures finally extracted from the S.R.C. accounts revealed an income for 1949 of approximately £1,620 (exclusive of salaries but including the 1948 surplus of £195 and unclaimed Book Exchange moneys amounting to £50). Expenditure (exclusive of salaries) was put at £1,660. The 1950 S.R.C. will also have to meet the cost (£65) of printing a Statute Book which was ordered by the 1949 Publications Board and is now set up in the printery.

RE-ORGANISATION

This position was made even more serious by the fact that this year there will be an estimated 10 per cent. reduction in student numbers at the University. This will probably mean a reduced financial grant from the Union Council to the S.R.C.

Analysis of 1949 expenditure revealed that the Publications Board had exceeded its budgeted allowance of £525 by over £300, while the cost of stationery, stamps, telegrams had been in excess of £200. Realising the necessity for a drastic re-organisation of S.R.C. accounts and activities the S.R.C. Executive made the following recommendations to the Council:—

- The functions and activities of the S.R.C. Publications Board to be taken over by a Publications Sub-Committee of the S.R.C., consisting of the President, Treasurer, two elected S.R.C. members and the editors of S.R.C. publications in current issue only.
- The publication of the Undergraduates' Handbook biennially instead of annually.
- The shelving of plans to publish Phoenix, the Songbook and Mr. Piper's lectures on "Poetry and Science" until finances permit such action.
- No financial or administrative responsibility to be taken for the publication of faculty magazines.
- All accounts both for general expenses and publications to be handled by the S.R.C. Treasurer.
- All cheques to be signed by the Treasurer.
- Drastic economics to be imposed upon use of stationery

and the roneeing of bull. S.R.C. minutes and reports to be typed and not roneed.

- The S.R.C. staff to be reduced to one typiste.
- "On Dit" to be published fortnightly instead of weekly and statements of accounts to be obtained for each issue. Expenditure on blocks to be limited to a maximum of £3/10/- per issue.
- Newly elected S.R.C.s to take office on October 1 in order that a smooth change-over may be effected.
- Greater efforts be made to increase income from the three S.R.C. Balls and costs to be reduced by the elimination of expensive catering and the entertainment of official parties.

Most of these reforms are now in operation. A motion will be proposed at the next A.G.M. of the S.R.C. to amend the constitution to enable the S.R.C. to assume office in October.

A further financial setback was received when the S.R.C. was informed two weeks before publication that its commercial advertising agent would be unable to obtain any advertising for "On Dit." The present acting Editor became, among other things, acting advertising agent, and, after contacting all our old advertisers and persuading most of them to take advantage of this outstanding advertising medium also interviewed twenty-six city firms whose products were of interest to students. Only one of these firms agreed to advertise in this paper. Any further advertising sales will be conducted by Miss Rosemary Burden.

C.O. RECEIVES CITATION



Major Lipman receives the Citation for the R.S.L. Trophy from Brig. Blackburn, V.C.

—By courtesy of "The Mail"

Regiment Wins R.S.L. Trophy

At a short but picturesque ceremony last Tuesday, a large crowd of students watched R.S.L. President (Mr. A. S. Blackburn, V.C.) hand over the R.S.L. Trophy, presented to the most efficient infantry unit in the Commonwealth Military Forces in 1949, to our own University Regiment.

Those members of the unit who were able to make the time to attend the parade, marched on to the temporary parade ground on the tennis courts near the Barr Smith Library, to the sound of music from the 10th Battalion band. The parade, two companies strong, after being dressed and handed over to the Commanding Officer (Major R. J. Lipman) were stood at ease to await the arrival of Brig. Eastick, representing the Commander, Central Command. On his arrival, the parade presented arms and the band played the "General Salute." Brig. Eastick then took his place on the dais where a distinguished company were already gathered. They included the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, Colonel Sir Stanton Hicks, and the State R.S.L. President and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Brig. A. S. Blackburn, V.C., C.B.E.

Prior to presenting the trophy, Brig. Blackburn said that it was a proud distinction for him to present it on behalf of the Federal President of the R.S.L. to his own unit. It was for that

reason that he stood before them for the first and last time in plain clothes. The trophy, he said, was originally presented to honor the men who had served, a function which it still performed. It was a matter for intense pride to South Australia and to the University in particular that it had been won by a South Australian regiment. He hoped the University Regiment would keep it for years to come. He pointed out that the certificate which accompanied the trophy was almost the last thing signed by the late Sir Eric Millhouse in his capacity as Federal President of the R.S.L. He also appealed to students to join up and do their bit for the defence of their country. Brigadier Blackburn then presented the trophy to the Commanding Officer.

The regiment marched past the dais where Brigadier Eastick took the salute. This movement was performed with a clocklike precision that gave some of the spectators an insight into the standard which had gained the trophy.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of "On Dit" will not appear until Monday, April 24, owing to the Easter vacation. It will include the following sensational features:—

- The true story behind the S.R.C.'s move to deport Robin Ashwin and so relieve its Burden.
- Complete patterns for a delightful Blue Blazer, with or without ribbons.
- Music reviews by John West, late Director of the S.C.M. Choir and former boy soprano.
- An exclusive analysis of the six o'clock traffic problem in the Richmond Lane, by a well-known city journalist, who will describe how ducks, drakes, pink elephants and even human lives are endangered by this notorious city bottleneck.
- Two articles by Jeff Scott on "How to Edit 'On Dit'," and "Why I Was Sacked."
- A poem which rhymes.
- The first gripping instalment of that much discussed masterpiece, "Trolley Bus Called Passion," by Missouri Jones. Has this play real literary value? Read it and find out for yourself!
- Eric Schumann's sensational exposure of "Liberal Opinion's Finances and the Red Union Bosses. Who Pays the Piper?" Order your copy now from your local garbageman.

COMM. ON WEDNESDAY

Commemoration will be held next Wednesday in the Bonython Hall at 3 p.m. A limited number of students will be permitted to enter the gallery before 2.45 p.m. The ceremony will be preceded by an academic procession from the robing rooms.

The University Visitor (His Excellency the Governor) will be present, and those receiving their degrees will be presented by the Deans of their Faculties to the Chancellor (Sir Mellis Napier). The degree of Doctor of Medicine will be conferred upon Lady Florey (in absentia) for her research work on the use of penicillin of which her husband was the co-discoverer.

Professor Huxley will receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (ad eundem gradum) and Economics lecturer, Mr. R. R. Hirst, will receive the first Master of Economics degree awarded in this University for his thesis on South Australian industrial development.

Well-known students to receive their degrees include famous rugby player, Ken Tregonning, former Editor of "On Dit"; assistant sports secretary, Mick Hone; past S.R.C. president, John Roder; 1949 S.R.C. secretary, Elizabeth Adam; 1949 Teachers' College S.R.C. president, Ray Molloy; brilliant inter-varsity debater, Heather Gubbins; Women's Union committee members, Anne Whittington and Pat Gross; outstanding footballer, Brian Coulls; women's hockey captain, Janet Haselgrove, and 1949 Theatre Group president, Frank Zeppel.

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Vale, Geoff. Bridgland

IN January at Karachi in his middle thirties an Honorary Life Member and former President of the Adelaide University Union died in the diplomatic service of Australia.

Geoffrey Bridgland, a Master of Arts of the University, was twice elected President of the Union, in 1937 and 1938. He had a hand in the planning and early use of the Sir George Murray Building. He had a part in founding the National Union of Australian University Students in Adelaide in 1937 and he travelled with us to Sydney to its first annual conference in January, 1938. There he contributed a paper on one of the vexed issues of student controversy of those days—the question of re-organising the University day to afford students a richer and more variegated experience of what University life has to offer.

After that 1938 conference we three from Adelaide went on to the annual Political Science Summer School in Canberra, little realising that our friendship was to flourish in that particular city through a decade of official life there or that it was in Canberra that we should last meet before Geoff. set off at the turn of last year to join the Australian Mission to Pakistan.

Such journeys were nothing new to Geoff. Joining the Department of External Affairs at the end of 1938, he was soon held in high regard by Colonel W. R. Hodgson, its Secretary. He was very early sent by him to join the Australian High Commissioner at Ottawa, Sir William Glasgow. Thence he attended various international conferences in Canada and the United States.

He fought with the R.A.A.F. over Europe during the later stages of the war, and in 1945 was recalled to strengthen the Australian External Affairs Office in London as one of the assistants of Mr. S. M. (now Lord) Bruce. While in London he worked with Lord Wright on war crimes problems. He visited Europe to attend various conferences. Until his departure for Karachi he had often been directly associated with Dr. Evatt in the latter's international work.

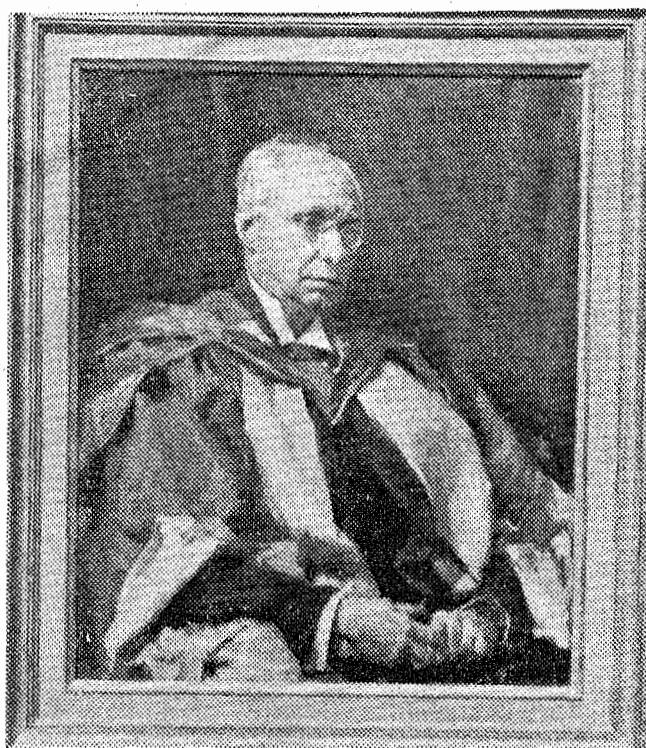
Geoff. crowded extraordinarily interesting and valuable service into the all-too-few years which were given him. Everywhere he readily made firm friends. His loss will be as keenly felt by those many friends in many lands as by the Department he served.

Geoff. was a conciliator and diplomatist by nature: he displayed these qualities from his University days. We have reason to know, for as joint editors of "On Dit" and "Phoenix" under his Presidency, we had the benefit of his mediation with the Vice-Chancellor on more than one occasion, and could always rely on his cheerful and moderating counsels. He was equally conciliatory in interceding with Stan and "Ma" Goodall, the formidable presiding geniuses of the Refectory Cafeteria in those days.

Geoff. got as much fun from those years as we did, though, as became his Roman Senatorial appearance (he was tall, with a craggy face under a forehead rising through thinning bleached hair), he was even then something of the serene "elder statesman" watching our brash efforts with an amused and sceptical tolerance. Presiding over the Union Committee he could display firmness and tenacity where they were required, but for the most part exercised a benign and gentle guidance. For Geoff. was essentially a quiet man. A quiet, reflective, deliberate man with a sense of humor.

We who knew him down the years from School and the University, remember him with affection. The Adelaide University Union, we are sure, remembers his services to it with gratitude and honors him for his services to his country.

Helen and Finlay Crisp.

DR. A. GRENFELL PRICEPortrait by Ivor Hele.
—By courtesy of "The News"

ST. MARK'S CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Dr. Grenfell Price's "baby" which was brought into the world in 1925 by Archdeacon Bickersteth, Bishop Thomas and other rages of the time, celebrated its 25th Anniversary on Sunday, March 12. It started as a sick baby with only 9 resident students, but it grew and flourished until today that number has been increased more than ten-fold.

It has overcome many difficulties in its history, a complete cessation of its activities during World War II, lack of accommodation for students, and more recently the high cost of living; but, in spite of these thorns in its side, the College remains as the oldest and largest residential University College in Adelaide. This is due largely to the work and forethought of the Master—Dr. Grenfell Price—who is as active to-day as he was 25 years ago when he took on the task.

The anniversary celebrations began on the previous Saturday evening, when the Master and Mrs. Price invited 250 Old Collegians and their wives, senior resident students and friends of the College to a buffet supper held in the Common Room at 6.30 p.m. The purpose of this party was to promote more activity and co-operation between Old Collegians and present students and amongst the Old Collegians themselves. That the party was a success was a certainty, for during it Dr. and Mrs. Grenfell Price were presented with a handsome silver jug, on behalf of the Old Collegians, by Mr. Irwin—an Old Collegian and a member of the College council.

The more serious note of the celebrations began the next morning when all members of the College and their friends, attended the anniversary service in St. Peter's Cathedral. Sharp at 9 a.m., the Master met His Excellency the Governor, Lord Althorp and Rosemary Norrie at the entrance to the Cathedral and, together with Sir Henry Newland (chairman of the College council) accompanied them to their seats at the front of the congregation. Sir Henry Newland read the first lesson and the Master the record, the Bishop's address then followed.

Jim Harley (an ex-serviceman and president of the College club in 1948) then asked Sir Henry Newland to unveil the portrait of the Master. He denied that he was the "initiator of the move to have the portrait painted" and added that the real perpetrator of the plot wished to remain anonymous. Harley then gave way to Sir Henry, who gave a most witty and apt speech.

Looking at the veiled portrait prompted Sir Henry to compare the Master to the veiled puppet of Thorasan who was known as Mohanna the Veiled. Mohanna's followers believed he wore the veil to hide the dazzling brightness of his face, but its real purpose was to hide the loss of an eye and numerous facial

scars. Amongst other things, Mohanna believed himself to be a God, and also believed that he had lived before as Adam and Noah. Sir Henry pointed (and any member of the College, past or present, will testify to this!) that the Master is certainly not blind in one eye and does not bear facial scars, but Sir Henry believed he was comparable to Noah, for in the course of 25 years he had saved the College and its members from frequent threatened submersions and had finally landed the ark of St. Mark's unscathed on a pinnacle of success.

The portrait was then unveiled.

The Master spoke after the unveiling. He thanked Sir Henry and then proceeded to look forward into the next 25 years of the College future. He spoke of the plans for the College with more accommodation and a chapel to itself and a complete College built up around the projected main quadrangle. Dr. Grenfell Price expressed the belief that one day these plans would become a reality, although not necessarily in his time. Following this, all those present at the ceremony were given morning tea in the Common Room. The University was represented at the ceremony by the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Rowe, and the Director of Education was also present. In the afternoon the more athletically minded Old Collegians did battle with the present students on the tennis courts. After much hard hitting and hard drinking, youth triumphed and the present students carried off the honors.

St. Aquinas College has now entered the field, which was pioneered by St. Mark's, and it is natural that keen rivalry will arise between the two colleges (already the "Montefiore Hill-ites" have challenged St. Mark's to a cricket match which, unfortunately, fizzled out in a draw). It is to be hoped, however, that both colleges expand so that some day in the not too far distant future, Adelaide may boast of an efficient college system comparable to, or even better than, that of Melbourne and Sydney. Meanwhile, St. Mark's goes on producing a never-ending flow of eligible young bachelor-undergraduates, whilst the wicked wenches from St. Ann's ensnare these unsuspecting cherubs and lead them up the long and doubtful paths of matrimony!



MORAL Disarmament is holding its own.

MELBOURNE University has set aside £50,000 to buy homes for its staff. So far £20,000 has been spent on six homes.

THEY say that the day after the last issue of "On Dit" there wasn't a blue blazer to be seen in the University. Reason—a big blue!

BE serious and therefore avoid not only idleness but flippancy and any type of conduct unbecoming a University student. Be honest and straightforward with University officials, the staff, the professors and your fellow students.—Archbishop Duhig, addressing Queensland University students.

PERTH Uni's. Orientation Week is arranged by a committee of ten staff members and four students.

YOU only have to ask a football (rugby) team member about the fun they had in Adelaide last year to realise what you are missing by not becoming acquainted with students in other States.—"Sceper Floreat" (Queensland Uni.)

PERTH Uni's. Orientation Course includes two "How to Study" periods which consist of aptitude and speed of reading tests, questionnaires, and discussions, aimed to help new students to develop good study habits. A Matriculation Ceremony—the formal signing of the University register by each student—is also held.

THE Melbourne degree of Master of Laws, which has been merely a bachelor's degree with honors, will soon take an extra year, involving the preparation of thesis and exams in two subjects.

PLANS are in hand for a University of Technology in Melbourne along the lines of the new Sydney venture. The Minister of Education has formed a committee of delegates from the Uni., Melbourne Technical College and the Education Department.

MELBOURNE Uni. Union's catering service showed a surplus of £876 last year as against a deficit of £3,077 for the previous year. "Cuppas" have been increased to 3d. and malted milks to 7d.

THE standard of student life in this University is as low, if not lower, than any other Australian University.—President, Adelaide Uni. S.R.C.

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WE WERE HYPNOTISED!

MR. ROOKLYN OBLIGES

Even a genius needs assistance at times—and The Amazing Rooklyn proved no exception when two "On Dit" correspondents acted as subjects for his spell-binding. Here they tell of their experiences in an exclusive report of Rooklyn's first performance in Adelaide.

"It was a race, for it seemed half the audience (as slight exaggeration) wanted to "go under." But we reached the stage in time to be included in the elimination tests by which subjects were chosen. Rooklyn mesmerised each candidate in turn, forcing those who came under his spell to bend forward, backward or clasp hands as he ordered. All were not suitable subjects, some were totally unaffected.

At the beginning we felt we could break the spell if and when we so desired, but we still are not sure whether we could have. And probably we will never know. Later, however, when Rooklyn was hypnotising us in a group, neither of us were affected. We could still hear the laughter and shrieks of the delighted audience, despite his constant assurance that we could hear "nothing but the sound of my voice." When told to play the piano one of us launched into a rumba, the other wriggled into boogie-woogie, thumping out a vigorous accompaniment with heel and toe. We had every intention to awake laughing, as directed, but the laughter turned rather flat when we received no support from the others. No doubt they had not heard his command!

Both of us genuinely wished to be hypnotised, so lack of concentration cannot be claimed as an excuse for Rooklyn's inability to mesmerise us. We both did as directed, as we wished to stay on stage to observe the other's reactions at first-hand. In both cases we commenced obeying him of our own free will, but were sufficiently affected by him, a few seconds later, to feel a strange unaccountable shock, when he broke the spell with a flick of his heavily insured fingers and a flash of his unusual, compelling, steely-blue eyes.

The other group, who discarded grand pianos for fiddles, appeared more under Rooklyn's control than we had been. The leading violinist from this group (Mrs. Rita Haynes) later volunteered to undergo the much-publicised 22½ hour hypnotic sleep. She told us she had suffered from migraine headaches and extremely nervous condition for many years, and "would welcome a good sleep."

CHEAP HANGOVER

We saw what must have been the cheapest hang-over in history when the violin players became, at the Amazing Man's direction, thoroughly intoxicated, acted accordingly, then experienced the usual after-effects. We both swore off lolly-water for life. The behaviour of one person, in particular, alarmed us. He did everything but vomit.

The outstanding performers were a drink waiter and an office girl, both from Melbourne on holidays. Both were particularly susceptible. For this reason Rooklyn chose Margaret, the office girl, to demonstrate the subconscious memory and also catalepsy (which, for the unlightened, is "a form of hysteria which causes the limbs and muscles to become rigid. N.B.: Women are more prone to attack than men!") In this state of catalepsy Margaret stretched between trestles at feet and shoulders, supported the drink waiter (9 stone) and Mrs. Haynes (about 9 stone). When she awoke she said she had felt nothing, but "felt fine."

Under hypnosis she remembered that on her 12th birthday she received a bicycle from her mother and on her 6th birthday had received a blue-dressed doll. In her normal state she could remember the bicycle when prompted but had no recognition of the doll. "It was too long ago."

While the drink waiter was under hypnosis a doctor and a 5th

year Med. student thrust a needle through his ear, which as any of our Med. students will tell you should have bled. But it did not.

REFRESHING

We asked several of the people who were successfully hypnotised how they felt under hypnosis. The answers were all the same. They felt refreshed but could remember nothing.

Some weird things happened when Rooklyn was thanking them for their co-operation, as they returned to their seats. One lost her voice, another called from the darkened theatre, as Rooklyn had said she would: "I love you, I love you, I love you." The waiter became rooted to the third step of the stairway leading from the stage to the theatre. One of us tried to lift his foot. Remember, the waiter was only 9 stone, the lifter was a gymnast, yet he could not raise the foot which clung to the step like a leech! Later, for experiment, the same person easily lifted the foot of a 14-stone man who was resisting with all his might, which might prove something . . .

The worker of marvels, Maurice Rooklyn, was born in London of Russian parents. He worked in many capacities in several stage shows before exploiting his hypnotic gift. He says he is purely a show man. He is not interested in the medical value of his power. Doctors have never shown any constructive interest in his work. He is "sick of crusading." Married for 25 years he has never attempted to hypnotise his wife.

PERKINS FOR YANKEELAND

Len Perkins, well-known engineering student, Procession, Director, Revue Musical Director, band leader, State rugby player and man-about-town, will fly to America in July to study at General Motors Institute, Flint, Michigan. He will spend two years studying for the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, along with about thirty other overseas students and 500 Americans. Mr. Perkins will specialise in the field of resistance welding, and will work in alternate months at the various General Motors plants throughout Michigan.

While in the U.S.A. Len will also make a study of jazz in its native haunts as well as playing gridiron and basketball. On his return to Australia he hopes to take up a position as plant and equipment engineer at the Woodville plant of General Motors Holdens.

Hash Fitchen's

LIFE AT THE 'VARSITY

But I've got a confession to make. I never wanted to come here—tho' Mum thought I could do it ever since I won a prize in "Professor Hizz." They asked me who wrote Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. I answered Chopin, and the announcer said I was so close I deserved a prize.

Two big disappointments in my life have brought me to this great institute for the unemployed. The first was when I proposed to Miss C. Arradge, my Leaving Physiology teacher. I had been in Leaving so long I felt I knew her well enough. But she turned me down to marry a second-year Arts student. She confided in me he was simply wonderful, " . . . hadn't his name been in 'On Dit's' social notes for the last four weeks and didn't he wear the most divine pink corduroy trousers?"

My second set-back came when I left school and applied for a

FRESHERETTES AFREUD

The Women's Union Committee, in a burst of foolish enthusiasm, catered for 100 women freshers, on Friday night at their Freshers' Welcome. Mrs. Huxley, wife of the Professor of Physics and an Oxford graduate was guest speaker.

The party was destined to start at 7.30. By 8.30, picture the Committee and Mrs. Huxley sitting round in various stages of mystification entertaining three eager freshers. Supper was served at nine o'clock, when our ranks were swelled to 22 by members of the Student Theatre Group who were upstairs rehearsing for the Commencement Play. After supper the Committee and one representative from "On Dit" entertained, as arranged with renditions of "Come Into The Garden, Maud," and, most appropriately, "Macushla," greatly appreciated by the members of the cast, three freshers and Mrs. Huxley.

The Committee is at a loss to understand why, out of 178 freshers who were invited, only three had the manners to attend. After deep consideration we decided that these may have been the reasons contributing to these super-annuated schoolgirls' apparent indifference. It may have been that there were too many other social functions arranged exclusively for the benefit of freshers during the week, or perhaps it was the irresistible attraction of text-books, new and pristine in their whiteness. Then again, it may have been due to parents who thought that the Women's Union was unlikely to further their daughter's social ambitions so they sent them to the Arts Association Freshers' Welcome, there they would have the opportunity of meeting these fascinating men they see lounging in the Refectory.

This seems to point to the fact the women freshers of 1950 (we hate to say it—but) are regarding their University career as a field for husband-hunting and this hardly seems to provide the Professors and Lecturers with serious female students. Another question which needs answering is what will happen to the Women's Union in two years, if these are the people who will form the Committee? Little, it seems, did these adolescent females care for the inconvenience they gave to their hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin or the Refectory staff. We sincerely hope this instance is not an indication of the future behaviour of these students who, so far, have been conspicuous only by their absence.

B.M.K.

A GRADUATE REPLIES

Aus. History Plan

In a recent article in the "Advertiser" Dr. Paul Maguire, the well-known historian and former Tinline Scholar, strongly urged the establishment of a Readership in Australian History. Such a step at this juncture could only have harmful results for this University.

With Dr. Maguire's general principle that it is desirable to encourage the study of and research in Australian History I have no quarrel. What I wish to oppose very strongly is the suggestion that the time is ripe for the establishment of a Readership in this subject in this University. The History School has no doubt changed considerably since Dr. Maguire passed through it with such distinction. It is now one of the most over-worked and understaffed departments in this University. For some years one professor, one lecturer and one temporary lecturer have been burdened with the almost impossible task of guiding approximately four hundred students in the subjects of Ancient History, Modern History, Economic History and Political Science. This staff is to be augmented (at some future date as yet undisclosed) by the appointment of one reader and one lecturer, making in all a staff of one professor, one reader, two lecturers and one temporary lecturer.

At the University of Melbourne, not quite twice the size of Adelaide, the same subjects command the following staff, three professors, one associate professor, four senior lecturers, six lecturers, four temporary lecturers, four assistant lecturers, two senior tutors, eight temporary senior tutors, one part-time lecturer, one part-time assistant lecturer and three part-time tutors.

The University of Tasmania, on the other hand, one-fifth the size of Adelaide, employs the same staff on these subjects, one professor and two lecturers.

In a University fundamentals must come first. As Dr. Maguire himself points out, "Australian History should not be taught at the expense of general history. We must see our own story within the whole pattern of British and world history." The appointment of a Reader in Australian History at the present time would mean just this—that

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP TO COL HOCKING

Science graduate, Mr. Colin Hocking, has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for the Rotary district representing W.A., S.A., and part of Victoria. The value of the Fellowship, which is tenable for one year, is over £A1,000. With it Mr. Hocking intends to go to Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., to carry out research in physical chemistry for the Master of Science Degree. In particular he intends to study the interaction between proteins and sympathomimetic amines in the field of surface chemistry.

As the condition of the Fellowship, which is awarded to those interested in international affairs, Mr. Hocking is expected to travel within a 300-mile radius of New York and speak about Australia.

To take up the Fellowship, Mr. Hocking had to reject an offer as a Research Scholar in Physical Chemistry at the N.S.W. University of Technology. Mr. Hocking, who received his Honours B.Sc. last year with a First Class in Physical Chemistry, was President of the Science Association, Sub-Editor of the Science Journal, and was on the Committee of the Theoretical Chemistry Group.

BOOK EXCHANGE

The S.R.C. Book Exchange Director (Mr. C. Flower) has announced that the Exchange will be open between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. all this week in order that students may collect their cheques and/or books.

Australian History would be taught at the expense of general history. Until readerships have been established in Ancient History, Modern History, Economic History, and Political Science, Dr. Maguire's proposal cannot be justified. Australian History has no valid claim to classification as a fundamental subject at an institution of tertiary education.

I have no doubt that, had Dr. Maguire had the misfortune to have been a student in the History School in recent years, his views on this subject would be somewhat modified. I feel that he has set an unfortunate precedent in appealing, through the columns of the popular press, for the support of an ill-informed and uneducated public upon a matter of University policy, which would be better left to the mature consideration of trained academic minds within the University.

"A GRADUATE."

NEW COLLEGE OPENS

Last Tuesday night, the eve of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, an event occurred that will change the history of the Aquinas Society, and the Catholic undergraduates in the University of Adelaide, their Catholic College—Aquinas College was officially opened. Here is a short summary of the events since then.

On Monday, March 6, twenty students, the foundation members of the College, which hopes to double its accommodation by second term, took up residence. Then on Tuesday, the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, our Patron, the year for the Aquinas Society, of which we at the College are a branch, was opened by Mass held at Calvary Hospital, followed by breakfast provided generously by the Sisters there. This was the first function, we, at the College, attended as a body.

On Tuesday night came the official dinner, with Vice-Chancellor Rowe, Mr. Hannan, K.C., Professor FitzHerbert, Very Rev. Fr. Kelly, S.J., the Provincial of the Jesuits in Australia, Mr. Coleshaw and Mr. Rofe, the Graduate President of the Aquinas Society, as guests of honor. From a series of very fine speeches I will only mention three isolated points to show the range of the oratory. Vice-Chancellor Rowe expressed his desire to see Adelaide University completely residential; Professor FitzHerbert lamented that we couldn't argue and hold discussions over foaming pots, in wayside cafes in the early hours of the morning, as in Europe; while Mr. Coleshaw in praising the dinner, which was served by the girls of the Aquinas Society, recalled the abundance of the girth of our patrons.

The rest of the week went quietly until Sunday night, when our officials were elected. Two names here are well known to last year's undergraduates, our President, Mr. Laurie Smart, a double blue, and committeeman Remington Pyne of "Gentleman" fame. Wednesday afternoon saw the first male intercollege sporting activity, when Aquinas fielded a cricket team against St. Mark's. It was noticeable that half the team on each side had played cricket before and the other half hadn't. Aquinas covered itself with mud and glory by gaining a draw in their favor, scoring 7/154 against St. Mark's 9/105, Aquinas batting about ten minutes longer. Our heroes were John Duigan, batting and fielding, and Tom O'Connor and Perce Pyne for sound batting.

DOUBTING THOMAS

That's what I'm doing. Not doubting his original genius, or the great beauty of much of his work, but doubting just how much young poets should allow him to breathe his own spirit down their throats. Thomas is a dangerous wizard, and Hopkins is his familiar spirit, and when reading either of them, but particularly Thomas, it is wise first to draw some protective pentagram.

Thomas gains much of his peculiarly exciting effect by what might be termed high-level punning. For beginners, dear old Uncle Henry Treece has compiled a neat little list, almost an unrhyming dictionary. But when all is said and done, this punning is a trick of technique, a device of draft, and nothing more. It is no more the basis of poetry than an inverted stress in the second foot. The basis of poetry must always lie outside the poem, and beyond all its technical devices. It is wrong, I feel, to seize on one technical convenience and attempt to write poetry with it: it is like trying to ride a bicycle bell.

Many of Thomas' puns are basically biblical, and he uses the wide evocative sense of these phrases inverted and dispersed in his own peculiar idiom. But it is playing with fire: he dazzles us, and we close our eyes in holy dread. But when someone tries to imitate him, all the bells start ringing, and we discover that the typewriter has come to the end of the line. Thomas has made the milk of Paradise into a milk-shake, and those who drink run a grave risk of infection with a dangerous poetic bug. Take heed, therefore, and beware.

I hope what now follows will not sound too pedagogic, and there is no malice in me as I write it; but as a practising poet myself, I feel I have the right to discuss the shortcomings of another. It is all very depressing to see that Mr. Brian Bergin has caught the milkshake infection and has fallen.

by this declension

Into the madness wherein now he raves

And all we wait for.

"VISEU," published in this paper on March the thirteenth starts off in its out-Thomasing of Thomas, with an obscure title. I say "obscure," because although I haven't the remotest idea of what it means, and nor has anyone whom I have consulted, it may mean something, and "obscure" is a kinder word than "meaningless." But after all, a title is not a thing to make much of a fuss about, so we shall proceed to the poem proper, or improper, whichever way you care to look at it. Mr. Bergin has obviously got the infection with Bacterium mys-

terium Thomasi, in its most acute form. He has come out in a shocking rash of three-barbed puns and (or is it just my nasty mind?) half-veiled phallic symbols. His is not so much a case of Einfuehlung as Durchfallung.

I cannot make out what this poem is about. It may, perhaps, perchance, who knows? be a description of the last days of the Universe. But, frankly, apart from what is almost a guess, I don't understand it. And to the objection, "If you don't understand it, then you've no right to pull it to bits," I say, "This poem makes no effort to allow itself to be understood." It is all very wrong, I know, and very reactionary, to require that a poem should mean anything at first sight. But there is a great and important difference between "difficult" and "obscure" poetry. Difficulty poetry has something meaning at first sight, and on further reading this meaning grows and becomes deeper. Obscure poetry means nothing at first sight, but after repeated readings the reader works out some sort of personal (and probably erroneous) excuse for his emotional response, if any. But if a reader is to be induced to make up this personal excuse for an obscure poem, then there must be something about it, apart from an apprehensible meaning, that will bring him to read it again: beauty of sheer sound and rhythm, or beauty of some images, per se. And here I feel Mr. Bergin has not provided us with any of these things to whet our curiosity. The rhythms of "Viseu" are, to my ear at any rate, flat and completely uninteresting; and the imagery is hopelessly derivative. Of the intellectual and spiritual content I cannot speak, because I cannot find them. They may be there, they may not. Thomas, at his most obstinately arcane, at least makes a nice noise, but Mr. Bergin's ear seems to have got clogged.

This whole matter of being influenced by other poets is a very hard one. But I feel that if a poet adopts the manner of some other, his poetry will fail and degenerate unless he can absorb and modify such of the manner he adopts into his own personality. If he cannot do

this, his poetry will not be poetry at all, but pastiche; his own writing will be distorted by trying to use another's nib; and he will look ridiculous in another's ill-fitting clothes. By all means a poet must read and learn from other poets; and, without allowing his style to become a sort of patch-work quilt, adapt such devices as he feels his own genius needs for its expression. But a complete subservience to some other poet's method and idiom only denies and blots out any personal value and interest. As I said before, Thomas is dangerous. His idiom is exciting, daring, and often ravishingly beautiful. But it must be remembered that it is his idiom, and that trespassers will be prosecuted.

Poets who drink Thomas become drunk and disorderly, have attacks of vomiting, and generally become incapable of exercising proper control. In such cases it is better if the poet puts himself away in the cooler for a while, until the immediate intoxication has worn off. If afterwards he retains his original genius it will have been strengthened and enriched by the magical orgy. If he doesn't then he had better stay put in the cooler.

Of course, "Viseu" may be a deliberate piece of tomfoolery, in which case Mr. Bergin must be now laughing fit to bust. But even if it is, and I don't think it is, it serves as a warning.

MICHAEL TAYLOR.

Gilbert and Sullivan

Lovers of Gilbert and Sullivan will be happy to know that an extensive season of the D'oyly Carte Operas has been arranged by J. C. Williamson Theatres Ltd., to open at the Theatre Royal on April 8, with the following repertoire:—"The Mikado," April 8 to 19; "The Pirates of Penzance" and "Trial by Jury," April 20 to 25; "Iolanthe," April 26 to May 1; "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Cox and Box," May 2 to 6; "The Yeoman of the Guard," May 8 to 12, and "The Gondoliers," from May 13 and finish the Adelaide season on May 20, when they will depart for a Perth season.

Gilbert and Sullivan artists well known to opera patrons have been specially brought from England for the season.

LASKI ON THE CAMPUS

Laski's latest "The American Democracy" has been widely hailed—both critically and appreciatively. He claims to have written it out of his deep love for America and a desire to show the world how this love arose, but the love he has for it does nothing to blind him to the faults inherent in the American System.

It is what Laski has to say regarding American Universities that is of especial interest and relevance to us. There is a challenge for us in both his commendatory—and condemnatory—passages on American University Education, its standards and its direction. Here as elsewhere in his frank discussion of American institutions he emphasises the decisive part that business folklore—and pressure—plays in University life. While admitting that the technical standard and endowments of such Universities as Harvard, Yale, California and Columbia surpass those of any other Universities in Britain or elsewhere, he is not slow to point out their defects.

There is, he says, still too much specialisation which tends to produce scholars who are well able to discourse on the migration of fleas from Indiana to Illinois, but who are incapable of understanding the wider ramifications of their research. Such abominations as this lopsided, intellectual development on the part of research workers evolves he claims from the necessity of having a Doctorate of Philosophy degree before one can have any chance of becoming a lecturer. Yet this very necessity defeats itself, he says, in that the lecturer-to-be does not thereby acquire the integrated knowledge which is such a necessary pre-requisite for good lecturing.

Owing to the size of the main Universities, too, there is very little contact between either staff and students or between University trustees and principals and their staffs. This latter separation has produced several ill effects. It compels a lecturer, if he wishes to advance himself to pursue lines of research which will attract the principal, but which he deems useless or futile; it drives many to write textbooks because if the textbook is a monetary success then the authorities may view him favorably; but worst of all it compels many of them—especially in the moral sciences—to conceal their true ideas and sentiments on politics, economics and religion. Great thinkers as Charles Beard and Thorstein Veblen were neglected in their own Universities because they held social ideas contrary to those of the trustees, who are often chosen for their position, not because of their knowledge of University problems, but because of success in other walks of life—usually business.

Even more disturbing than

this is his comment regarding free discussion which should be the lifeblood of University life. On this matter he says "The result of the absence of vital discussion on the mental climate of the American University is obvious." Throughout this and other challenging passages one is driven to ask oneself whether our University life, too, is tainted by the same outlook. Although it is necessarily hard to view things objectively from within, Professor Laski has made a valiant attempt to relate American University problems to the world as a whole. With education almost solely judged by a pragmatic test it is not surprising, he says, to find the great emphasis that Americans place upon having a good (technical) education. His cynical comment is "Education for what?"

A Different Angle

The majority who go along to see the M.G.M. film "Madame Bovary" would probably, knowing Hollywood, expect a distorted version of Gustave Flaubert's famous novel.

"Madame Bovary" is not a version, faithful or otherwise, of Flaubert's book, but something altogether different. Director Minelli gives us an entirely new angle on the whole story.

The main plot of the film does not concern Emma Bovary and her lovers at all, but has as its central character Gustave Flaubert himself. The film opens and closes in a French court of law, where the author has been charged with defaming womanhood in general, and the women of France in particular. The Prosecutor has read, in evidence, certain parts of the book, but Flaubert rises and proceeds to narrate "other passages." This preamble is not for nothing; on the contrary, it serves a double purpose: First, it provides an excuse for all the omissions of the film and the new angle from which it views the whole story; and, secondly, it provides a means of getting round the dreaded Johnston office, which is, of course, the cause of the whole trouble.

So there is the situation: Flaubert's story, or parts of it, fitted into the framework of the court case. From here on, it is merely a matter of what one of my more illustrious fellow-critics calls, "the high technical skill that only Hollywood commands." The acting is especially good: Jennifer Jones in the title role gives the best performance I have seen from her; and Van Heflin is a suitably unexciting husband, whose dullness drives her to a life of adultery. An outstanding scene is the ballroom sequence in which she is intoxicated by the unaccustomed splendor, which is transmitted to the eyes of the audience by a brilliant combination of music and trick photography, in which the whole room is whirling before our eyes, as before hers.

One of the picture's strongest points is the portrayal of the French provincial folk. Flaubert, himself, classified his novel under *Moeurs de province*, provincial manners, and in this respect at least, the film does him justice. The country wedding scene near the beginning, and such characters as the country pharmacist (played by Gene Lockhart) and the simple-minded cripple on whom Dr. Bovary tries to operate, are very good.

Judging it for what it is, then, one must admit, purist or not, the worth of the film. On the other hand, however, one must also admit what the Flaubert enthusiasts (if there are any) will doubtless protest: "It isn't Flaubert."

DUPLICITY

MAN, how frail art thy Gods, and thou!
You, who pay lip-service to the Christ of now,
Bow to Reason's throne, Knowledge rever,
Who preach such high principles, morality dear—
Why stray so readily from the paths you preach?
Why seem so empty the things you teach?
Man, with soul God-ward ascending,
Why still totter sensuously, ape-ward bending?
You, with aeons long of thought to guide,
Wherefore follow still lust, violence and pride?
Doth Venus' touch require some deeper sloth?
Doth it blind when it cometh, the object of wrath?
Oh, fools, I scorn your crowds, your ways and blame—
I'll live as my conscience, and my tongue, proclaim.

ALGY.

SOLILQUY

I WATCHED a man walk down an avenue of trees.
Within their darkling atmosphere
he seemed incongruous.
He, with his unlovely body, dares
to hold himself a peer of these, the Peers of Nature's realm,
whose silver hair, entangled above his head,
casts fanciful shadows at his feet.
Within this bower is cool deliciousness.
Without, the merciless sun burns fiercely,
and we, deemed Lords of all Creation,
seek refuge from its fires.

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Much has been said recently regarding the "embarrassing" food hoards that exist in the United States of America. Yet we read in the Advertiser of March 3, 1950, that the U.S. Congress recognises the absolute necessity to import food. One might well exclaim when confronted with this situation: "To what pass has man's folly again brought him!"

The inverse picture of food surpluses in the U.S., together with this supposed necessity to import, is the poverty, starvation and degradation of human beings in the Far East. Surely, say our naive humanitarians, these peoples would greatly benefit by having this food for their own use. Far from it to be necessary for the U.S. to import! Surely it is *our* NEED to import.

What then are the causes and the remedies of this human anomaly? Why is it that the superabundance of agricultural products produced in the U.S. should be buried in caves, ploughed under or dumped in the sea. The simple, though oft neglected, reply is that people have not the purchasing power, or more correctly, not sufficient purchasing power, to buy these goods from their producers. In international trade there are only two ways that goods may be exchanged. The one is that goods may be given away. The other is that all goods must be exchanged through the market mechanism where both buyers and sellers offer and receive prices depending on their bargaining power. India and such countries of the Far East are in desperate need of more food with which to keep alive the bodies, and souls, of their near-to-starving millions. Their plight would be alleviated—and it must be emphasised that no human being can begin to appreciate life until he has a full stomach—if they were enabled to use the billions of eggs, mountains of potatoes, oceans of grain and the like that languish in U.S. storages. But it is palpably clear that no one country or federation of countries in the Far East, or Africa, or even parts of South America is able to buy anything from these bulging coffers. In fact, it takes all that Britain and Western Europe have, plus Marshall Aid, to procure quantities of food which give their inhabitants a not-much-above-subsistence diet. The crowning paradox can, however, be seen within the U.S. itself, where, according to John Gunther, 40 per cent. of American families are, owing to in-

come maldistribution, deprived of what is now considered to be a suitable minimum diet for human beings.

The problem re-stated is that of "poverty in the midst of plenty." Carlyle expressed it very aptly when describing a trade depression of his own time where, he said, "What is the use of your spun shirts; they hang there by the million, unsaleable?" The solution? If one refers to basic creeds one can find no moral justification for this prostitution of the bounty of Nature. To Christians "all people are born equal in the sight of God." Henry George has said, "Association in equality is the law of progress"; essential Marxian doctrine affirms the creed, "To each according to his need, from each according to his ability," while the free enterpriser claims that Capitalism—at least a *la* Adam Smith—is, through individual self-interest, working for the ultimate good of mankind. These four expressions of thought imply the folly of a situation where the fruits of Nature are denied to a large proportion of the human race in dire need of them.

If one believes in the intrinsic worth of each and every human being—and it is a reasonable assumption for each of us believes that his own life is worth saving—we should acquaint ourselves with such a fact as surplus production in juxtaposition to extreme poverty.

Man's folly.
6,000,000 unemployed in the U.S.
Australian wheat and wool prices reach record levels.
Millions dying of starvation and pestilence in India.
U.S. increases imports of food.
Mountains of unwanted food accumulate in Kentucky.
If Man has a creed he should try to equate it with the world as he finds it. More than that he should try to equate the world with his creed. The problem is a moral problem, not only a department, or any body of producers who may have an axe to grind.—HUMANITAS.

A PRAYER

I HATE and love with paradox while the surpliced church benignly mocks.

Black gutting of my soul contracts from light. I fear your loving glory that shows the might

and searching eyes of regal Christ. How oft I smugly sat and smugly dined

For the only coat that ever could keep me warm. I fear your red reproach of an innocent form

impaled for me. You search through the city of soul with a candle and blind in white pity.

I hate and love with paradox while the surpliced church benignly mocks.

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Confusion Over Crises

Sir Walter Moberley's "The Crisis In The University" has been hailed as a major opus upon the topical subject of University education. The reason for this may well be that it contains something for everyone, but the resulting incoherence, contradiction and obscurity provide adequate proof of a crisis, not in the University, but in the minds of men who think as Sir Walter does. The real crisis in the University is far more mundane than Sir Walter would have us believe; it is a matter of money and staff.

In reading a book such as this by an eminent authority on his subject one naturally tends to accept those parts which reflect one's own opinions while glossing over that which is anathema. The contradictions within this book are, however, so glaring that one is forced to consider them and to admit, I think, that they are largely ignored or unresolved. They would appear to arise out of two conflicting schools of thought which have observed an uneasy truce with-in British universities for the last seventy years, namely the Christian and the Liberal Humanist.

Liberal humanism is one of the finest traditions of British universities whose adopted child it became, without, however, completely persuading its foster parent of the absolute virtue of its abhorrence of absolutism. Moberley is heir to both the Christian and liberal humanism traditions and he never succeeds in resolving the inherent contradictions between the two. In fact, he hardly seems to recognise their existence, as may be seen by his appellation of those who accept the principles of Marxian determinism as "humanists" and "scientific humanists" at that.

But Sir Walter is also heir to two of the great intellectual sins of the twentieth century. The first is his desire to tie up everything into parcels with great big Philosophical-Technical-Scientific labels. Thus we have the various conceptions of a university, the Christian Hellenic, the Classical-Humanist and the Scientific-Democratic, none of which have ever existed in actual fact. They have all been the "mixture as before." The second is his desire for immediate certainty in realms where certainty is as yet a mirage shimmering in a desert of ignorance. This is nothing less than an academic manifestation of the currently popular demand for security before all else. As a prerequisite he demands of a university "a clear image of the ends of human existence," no doubt to be published in the University Calendar, and issued free to Freshers.

Sir Walter opens his book with the statement that "the crisis in the university reflects the crisis in the world and its pervading sense of insecurity." This is hysterical nonsense. There is a crisis in the world, largely because the world does not accept those principles which are an integral part of the traditions of British universities. Even Sir Walter is forced to admit, six pages later, that "it seems that the universities are to have their opportunity." But "no half-belief in a casual creed can stand for a moment before the daemonic forces now abroad in the world" and the universities "which share the spiritual confusion of the age" need "a drastic mental remaking" in order to give "an effective lead." Their great lack is "a clear, agreed sense of direction and purpose." In a word the universities must cease to perform their essential function as a neutral institution in which men may cultivate their minds and their spirits in the free interplay of ideas and opinions, and must become instead a partisan organisation with an "agreed sense of direction and purpose" ready at the toss of a hat to turn out patent cure-alls to save the world from its current ailments. Such a task would be impossible of performance, even if it were desirable.

"The young are hungering for leadership . . . they long for certainty." Therefore the universities must give them leadership and certainty, otherwise they may listen to "a voice from Moscow." Thus to prevent this

contingency we should stoop to the intellectual levels of Moscow and "give 'em certainty." On the contrary there is much to be said for Russell's injunction that "uncertainty, in the presence of vivid hopes and fears, is painful, but must be endured if we wish to live without the support of comforting fairy tales."

Sir Walter dislikes the dogma, the absolutism, the fanaticism and the guilt complex of the "voice from Moscow," not because it is dogmatic, absolute, fanatical and neurotic, but because it is opposed to his own dogma, absolutism, fanaticism and guilt complex. Indeed, as one absolutist to another, he has a sneaking admiration for his fervent "scientific humanist" friends, who are asking "the right questions," a quality which to Sir Walter and indeed to the whole of the S.C.M., has a kind of saving grace which will no doubt fill heaven with study cir-

ALMA MATER

Oh for a spire that would attire this naked sky.

Oh for a lyre a muse of fire to sing or die.

but here instead a decor dead a futile sigh.

"EUTERPE."

cles full of polite student Christians and frustrated Marxists, bored to death with their final salvation.

Sir Walter, being a Christian and therefore believing that the only way the world can be "saved" is by accepting the teachings of Christ, is consequently very annoyed by the neutrality (such as it is) of the universities. In fact, to Sir Walter it is not a neutrality at all, because "not to admit God" is to deny His existence. Therefore the universities are atheistic. Q.E.D.

His ideal university would no doubt resemble a tertiary Sunday school in which non-believers were tolerated, allegedly out of respect for the principle of individual liberty, but in reality as a reassurance to believers, to whom the continued survival of belief in the company of unbelief would be still further proof of their own infallibility. As Sir Walter puts it, "until the strongest adverse case has been faced, faith cannot be secure

and this can only happen through personal contact with the unbeliever." Humility, like modesty, is, after all, but a subtle form of hypocrisy.

It is true that Sir Walter does not advocate a return to the old conception of a Christian university, but his refusal to do so arises out of motives of expediency and doubtful principle, rather than from a respect of the true function of a university. First it is "impracticable." Secondly, such a Christianity would only be a "sham." Thirdly, it would be "inequitable" because the majority of Englishmen are not Christians. Hereupon the extraordinary doctrine is put forward that the universities "ought to reflect the national mind," whatever that may be. Shades of St. Thomas and his successor Karl Marx! Yet two pages later we find that "the idolisation of the ephemeral has been a major cause of the breakdown of civilisations."

We take off our hat to Sir Walter Moberley, the liberal humanist, when he declares that "no group is so good and so wise that it can be given a monopoly," and further, "certainly it is no part of the duty of a university to inculcate any particular philosophy of life. We put it back on again when Sir Walter Moberley the Christian says "if by a unified philosophy of life is meant a coherent system, it may be a legitimate long term objective, but however desirable in principle it is an impossible goal of practical policy in the near future," and further, "it is not impossible or illegitimate that the pattern of their (i.e. the universities') organisation, studies and corporate life should be given deliberately a certain degree of Christian orientation."

We may perhaps be forgiven if, recalling the author's earlier remarks on the subject of intellectual honesty, we quote further his own words, "it is not so much the villainy of villains as the canker of the righteous, not the satanism of the Hitlers and the Mussolinis, but the flaws in the Wilsons and the Roosevelts, that cause shipwreck."

Although much of Sir Walter's more particularised criticism of the universities is relevant and accurate, there is in this book little that is new or enlightening. We cannot but agree with Michael Oakeshott that "it has the hysterical atmosphere of a revivalist meeting . . . at the bottom it is a peculiarly faithless book." Sincerity is not enough!

—A LIBERAL HUMANIST.

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Really the Blues

Sir,—I was awfully cut up about the cruel attacks made on the Teachers' Training College students in last week's "On Dit." I had no idea that people as unkind as "Stinker" and "Womp" existed in our University. I feel I must protest against their condemnation of our lovely blue blazers, which in my opinion add some refreshing color to an otherwise drab scene.

Furthermore, I understand that every student who has paid the £3/3/- statutory fee is entitled to wear a Sports Association blazer, and I cannot understand why more students do not take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I think it would be just lovely to see every University student clad in a blazer of some sort, be it black or blue.

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Education

Sir,—The letters of "Stinker" and "Womp" in your last issue have merely touched lightly on the surface of the problem of the Teachers' College. They attack, somewhat childishly, effects rather than causes.

It is an axiom of educational theory that those who are treated like children almost invariably behave like children. The Teachers' College is a terrifying example of the results of Government interference in tertiary education. It is an unfortunate fact that the Education Department of this State has always been the breeding ground of mediocrity and static subservience. Progressive education has always been looked upon as a mixture of Free Love, Red Plot and Unnecessary Extravagance. Not content with imposing the soul-destroying "departmental mind" upon its employees, the Department insists upon controlling the training and very nearly the whole lives of those who are so unwise as to wish to enter the teaching profession in this State.

By means of the Bond, a survival of mediaeval serfdom, and by the process (very near to blackmail) of appointing all students, who do not conform to the desired pattern, to schools at the back of the Never-Never, the Department has succeeded in creating an institution which appears admirably suited to the task of caring for particularly recalcitrant delinquents. How can "Education for Freedom" be left in the hands of those who have never known freedom and the bracing effects of that self-discipline which freedom stimulates?

The only solution to this problem lies in the creation within the University of a Faculty of Education completely divorced from Government control. Here those who desire to enter the teaching profession might receive their training in the same manner as those who are preparing for the other less important professions. Such a step is imperative for the future well-being of education in South Australia. Moreover, the University itself can no longer afford to tolerate within its very heart, to wit, the Faculty of Arts, an alien group whose only loyalty is to an external organisation, a group which refuses, and, in fact, is not permitted to enter the full life of the University.

The Teachers' College must be eradicated, for the good of those within its prison walls as well as of those without.

—CAESAR'S GHOST.

Putrid Pixies

Sir,—The magazine page is quite bad enough, without the addition of all those filthy little fairies.

D.T.

Finance

Sir,—The healthy, intelligent, freedom-loving principles of the Adelaide University must be cherished, if the peace-loving principles of democratic government are to be upheld and nourished in Australia in the future. For, from the gates of the Universities of the world come the leaders of thought, learning and science.

In a University one's unstable adolescent character is moulded into his stable adult character. It is at the University age that one decides that Communism is a good way of life or than Mormonism is the ultimate in true religion. A University is a place where one can be helped with the stabilisation of his character. The strength and stability of the University graduate ultimately means the strength and stability of the character of the nation.

Thus, when the Vice-Chancellor of our University (Mr. A. P. Rowe) said that the financial needs of this University are urgent, we must sit up and take notice. For this unsound finan-

"Pennies From Heaven" and other Past Glories, turned up to see the fun. Police and patrol vans crowded the Drive. The crowd of students bristled with stout men in felt hats and size ten boots.

But where, oh! where were the Comrades? Could it be that the noble Defenders of Peace have at last decided not to disturb the Peace?

REGGY.

Liberty

Sir,—I believe it is time that something was done about a particularly dishonest practice which appears to have grown up in Australian politics over the past few years. I refer to the unsavory practice of making untrue allegations against Ministers of the Crown.

The practice reached a new low in the Golden Casket episode in Brisbane, when a Liberal M.L.A. admitted to the Royal Commissioner that his accusations of dishonesty against the Acting Premier of Queensland were figments of his imagination. These charges of dishonesty are levelled from "information" obtained from anonymous

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Sups For Saps

Sir,—The unimaginative and shortsighted policy that the University has adopted for granting supplementary exams. is truly amazing. I agree that people who are sick during the exams., ex-servicemen, and students who fail the last subject for a degree should be granted sups., but why limit supplementaries exclusively to these privileged few, when there are other students who are equally deserving?

The obvious reason for allowing a supplementary for a final subject is that it saves the student wasting a year in which he could be using his skill to better advantage. But, in the Science faculty, at least, there is no provision made for those unfortunates who fail an earlier subject, and are thus forced to lose a year.

The faculties believe that the time between the finals and supplementaries enables an ex-serviceman, who is a 'border-line case,' to be able to pass comfortably.

This very fact is sufficient reason for granting sups. to ordinary students, who are also near the pass mark, even though it is expected that ex-servicemen be considered more leniently than ordinary students.

In Sydney, supplementaries have nearly as many candidates as the finals. I do not advocate this extreme, but simply a happy medium between it and our too conservative policy.

G. L. GOODWIN.

cial position does not only knock at the foundations of our own undergraduate course, but at the foundations of the strength of science, culture, and democracy in Australia through lack of adequate research facilities and lack of solid University-trained citizens.

It is with interest not only for the undergraduate but for all those concerned with our young and democratic country that we learned that the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) has asked the Commonwealth Committee of Enquiry into University finances to make an early interim report on urgent financial needs and recommendations for a further enquiry on long-term needs.

Action must be taken quickly for the Universities will sink lower if immediate assistance is not granted. At the present time we cannot afford tardiness in such matters for, with so many threats to our liberties and democratic way of life lurking in this world, darkened by suspicion, our community needs to be stabilised by a backbone of men and women which can only be produced by adequately endowed Universities.—"PROF."

Reggyeant

Sir,—Last Tuesday week, the word went round that an Anti-Conscription demonstration would be staged in conjunction with another function. We, the Boys of the Old Brigade, full of memories of Arthur Calwell in

telephone calls and other dubious sources.

The charges against the Hon. E. J. Ward and the Hon. H. Cosgrove fell into the latter category and were proved baseless.

It is hard to believe that the actions of individual Liberal M.s.P. have not had the full support of their party, and in any case, the Liberal Party has not taken action against these so-called politicians.

ERIC SCHUMANN.

Zooper Dooper

Sir,—I think it rather mean of "Womp" and "Stinker" to have attacked the Teachers' College so bitterly. They were obviously merely trying to be funny, and they obviously have a warped sense of humor. Thurber at his worst!

For myself, I am not a College student, but I do not feel that I am any higher in the scale of social or moral worth for that reason. I have always been given to understand that the A.T.C. is a zooper place, and if I were a College student I would far sooner classify myself as such than pretend to be a member of the Adelaide University Arts Faculty—in its present well-staffed position, at any rate.

I must say, however, that their ribbons do rub me up the wrong way.

TIFE.

Hares in the Driving Drivel Soup

Sir,—What is life? A good quiz question, but unanswerable! Whatever this phenomenon may be, one thing is certain—almost all of us try to prolong their existence on this planet. This urge to live, however, does not produce an ideal situation where each human being can live in peace and happiness with every other human being.

A manifestation of the waywardness of this "will to live" is the proposal to reintroduce compulsory military training. It is well-known that wars are an excellent means of reducing the surplus population of the planet Earth. This does not imply, however, that war is a moral means of giving each individual a greater chance to live his life in tranquillity.

For instance, learning how to shoot at and kill one's fellow humans might be better sport than darts, but, given this "will to live" on the part of every human being it means that some are going to miss out when the bombs start dropping again (much as they might want to be on the handing-out end; for, as is well known, 'tis much more blessed to give than to receive). A far more practicable suggestion for saving and prolonging one's life is not to return to the outmoded method of learning to fight, but to utilise man's pugnacious talents against the common enemy. I have in mind here a suggestion which could not but be well-received by both our parliamentarians and primary producers. For instead of learning to shoot men (anyway H bombs are in and saltpetre guns are out in this age of science), who are easy targets because of their size, think of what a victory it would be over Nature if all Australia's rabbits were exterminated. Not only would it provide Army instructors with a job, and give callow city youths a country holiday, it would also do something to make this earth more inhabitable for the human race.

RABBIT STEW.

Sir,—In last week's issue you printed a letter of moaning drivel by one "Pop Pop." He is obviously one of the many pedestrians, who, seemingly deliberately block every road and means of exit within the University grounds available to vehicular traffic. He is, I imagine, one of those who stand in groups covering the whole of the road, leaving ragged and disreputable kit bags to offend the eye, and discuss the latest dirty jokes, their ineptitude at lectures, or those girls unfortunate enough to have to push past them to get to their lectures.

It is this type of person, all too common to-day, who, to cover his over laziness and intolerance, is always insisting that the Government should do something about it. Yet should any of this restrictive legislature fall on his own head, he is, naturally the first to scream, which he does loudly.

Let those people give room for machines to move and the problem is solved. Think on this, Pop Pop.

VINCENT HRD.

Prima Facie Everdense

Sir,—It was with mingled horror and disgust that I heard accounts of the activities of the Congress at Gan-Gan. Words to describe the morals of some of those who attended could not possibly be printed. I can only be thankful that I was unable to go to the Congress. What a dreadful effect it must have had on some of the impressionable younger students.

Cannot something be done to clean up the next Congress? If not, do not let the fair atmosphere of our State be polluted by the activities of interstate Bohemians. It is only to be hoped that the Adelaide students did not take part in the depravities of Congress. Fancy indulging in mixed bathing and going about the camp dressed in shorts, ugh!

MISS PRIM.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Bull

Secretaries of all clubs, societies, faculty associations, colleges, and fraternities are invited and, indeed, respectfully requested to submit or to delegate the power to submit reports of the activities, plans and opinions of their organisations for publication on this page. Such reports should be deposited in the "On Dit" box at the eastern door of the Refectory on the Monday prior to publication. For further information contact the Editor, who will gladly assist you to assist him in assisting your club, society, faculty, association, college or confraternity by publicising such aforesaid organisation through the medium of this excellent and indeed admirable journal, which is dedicated to the fostering of student life within the University. Help make Australia great! Do your bit!

S.T.G.

Remember! Keep the evening of March 31 or April 1 free. Why? Because the Student Theatre Group will be presenting the Commencement Play of 1950, in the Jarrah Hut at 8 p.m. To enable this play to go on the east have been rehearsing since February. The aim of a Commencement Play is to give Freshers an idea of the opportunity available for them, if they have an urge to be on the stage. This play, "Family Affairs," is a play of 11 characters, which are all totally different from one another, and to the observer are like any large family. There are some really super rows, which make you sit up and take sides. The plot has many turns, unexpected happenings, and an end that you could never guess.

Last Wednesday, March 15, a Freshers' welcome and meeting was held in the Lady Symon Hall. The President, Bruce Marsden, gave the Freshers an outline of the Group's history, and a tentative programme for this year of 1950. This included classes for those wishing to attend and learn something about stagecraft. Further details of this will be supplied later. Casting for one-actors will be held after Easter, and we hope to present an evening of one-act plays early in the second term.

Owing to circumstances, Frank Caspers resigned from the position of Treasurer and Brian Bergin was elected in his place. The rest of the committee consists of Secretary, Betty Porter; Production Organiser, Doreen Maund; Social Organiser, Helen Jones. If you want to join, or ask any questions about the Group, just walk up and ask any of these people. You will usually find one or more in the Refectory at lunch time, and if you don't know them, someone will point them out to you.

S.C.M.

Corio is past and gone, gone the way of all conferences, leaving in its wake memories of sunrise, swims, moonlight walking parties, tea-table jokes; also ideas that were nothing if not thought provoking; and importance of the Old Testament, the meaning of friendship, the relation of subjectivity to truth (a hard nut) why are we at the University? Where does Christianity come in? What about Philosophy? Economics? Art?

It was delightful to have 500 students filled with enthusiasm and ideas and humor; a sample of the last: "The little boy was saying his prayers. The date—April 1. "God bless Mummy . . . God bless Daddy . . . Auntie Mabel . . . etc." lastly, "God bless Uncle Charlie . . ." Silence for several seconds. Then, triumphantly: "April Fool, God! I haven't got an Uncle Charlie!"

Debating

Inter-Faculty debates will again be held in the lunch-hour this year in preparation for the selection of the Inter-Varsity team. Those interested should form a faculty team of three and contact the local Debates Secretary, Garry Woodard, c/o S.R.C. office.

The 1950 N.U.A.U.S. All-Australian University Debating Congress will be held in Brisbane. In the last four years Adelaide has succeeded in reaching the finals each time. We last won the Philippines Cup in 1947, when the team consisted of Roger Opie, Heather Gubbins, Jean Forrest and Jeff Scott.

The S.R.C. Political Debates, a very popular innovation last year, will be continued this year, and will be organised by Robin Ashwin assisted by the presidents of the various political clubs.

Science

A surprisingly number of bods, obviously all eminent scientists, gathered at the A.U.S.A.'s turn in the Lady Symon Hall on Friday, March 10. Time being only relative after all, the meeting began well after the advertised hour.

Freshers were startled when flames leapt to the ceiling and President West appeared, extending an official welcome which was effectively drowned by Taylor's call for silence. Worse followed when Klu Klux Klansman Trudinger, hovering in the haze, inaudibly recited the sacred oath of allegiance to the unresponsive freshers. Daly beat a drum.

West, again a sensation, reappeared with Brasch, who seemed delightfully charming until he revealed a Machiavellian soul in thrusting terrible labors on the long-suffering Freshers. Successful execution was a prerequisite for supper. This, as usual, was the crowning point of their invitation. During the proceedings, various old-stagers attracted notice. Deveney was carried out, Price was humiliated and Daly beat a drum.

Members old and new were moved by Brasch's concluding speech, to the George Murray in fact, where the rest of the evening was spent in recovering Klansman Trudinger's ghastly get up, etc., and in giving way to primitive emotions aroused by the soulful music of a three-piece band. Daly was by now separated from his drum.

"The evening was undoubtedly successful, which augurs well for the future of the Association," a spokesman said.

Footlights

Hello Freshers, members and members-to-be. You have probably seen on your list of Freshers' Welcomes that the Footlights Club welcome was held on Thursday, March 23. We all had bags of fun, dancing, supper and listening to recordings from last year's Revue, "Keep It Clean."

This Revue was a great success, much greater than we had even dared to hope. The opening night—which is always an unknown quantity—went with a terrific swing, and from then on it was a grand show, with full houses.

Now this year we will be putting on another Revue, and we want all those who wish to be in it to come along and tell us. Now don't think you won't have time because rehearsals and things for the sketches don't start until after the exams. For the ones who want to be in the ballet, rehearsals start in second term, being one lunch hour a week; this stops any panic at the end, and also allows the ballet people to have time off from the start of "swot vac," until the end of exams.

St. Ann's

Once again the women students of St. Ann's College are in residence for this coming year. The numbers have increased and the College has expanded over into the next door house, which was known as "Lordello," but is now most emphatically called "The Hall." This year there is a large number of freshers coming from various States of Australia, and one charming lass from China. Of course, among the students are some old lifers, who more or less arrived with the foundation-stone, but it is hoped the stone will have a longer stay than the students.

On Sunday, March 12, the numbers of an adult committee gave a welcome afternoon tea for the students. This was a great success and gave St. Ann members a chance to meet the women who have done a great deal for the College.

N.U.A.U.S.

Of all the activities of N.U.A.U.S. the one capable of most extension is the Faculty Bureau Scheme. Their activities to date have been rather disappointing in general. Last year N.U.A.U.S. had the services of Miss Ruth Harvey, as Faculty Bureau Officer. She was very enthusiastic and devoted considerable time to the scheme, so that it is in the constituents that we must look for the break down and lack of activity.

The very organisation of the scheme places the responsibility of its success or failure on the students generally. N.U.A.U.S. has repeatedly affirmed that Faculty Bureaux have the maximum amount of autonomy in their affairs, and that the National Union provides co-ordination, stimulation and financial assistance if necessary. As an experiment, N.U. has provided £10 to the Engineering Faculty Bureau to publish a "National Newsletter." It is hoped that this will assist in creating and maintaining contact between Engineering students throughout Australia. The Bureau hopes that such things as interstate vacation employment and items of interest to Engineering students will be included. However, it will only be successful if there is a Faculty Bureau in each State to provide material for the newsletter.

There are in Adelaide at present only three Faculty Bureaux—Science, Social Science and Arts in existence. This is not a state of affairs peculiar to Adelaide. The Engineering Faculty Bureau last year had only two active constituents—Hobart and Perth. Consequently the valuable work attempted in those two States on a Faculty survey was severely handicapped, and in fact may have been rendered more or less useless because Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane were either too disinterested or too damned lazy to co-operate.

E.U.

Religion is the opiate of the people. And how! And what is more, it will not save you. Christ did not say that observing this and that assures us of Eternal Life. The Evangelical Union believes that the Son of God meant it when He said, "Ye must be born again." We have found that Christ's way is Life Plus. So we hold Bible Studies (for everyone) in Room 215, Physics Department, on Tuesdays, at 1.20 p.m. and public addresses on Fridays as advertised. We do not offer opinions, but a life which we are proving to be the fullest existence on God's earth.

Socialists

The activities of the Socialist Club this year have so far been confined to the Freshers' Welcome, which was held in the George Murray Hall on the first

Thursday night of term. Mr. Michael Marmack, who has just returned from Europe, where he worked for fifteen months as metallurgist in the Baildon Steelworks, Katowice, spoke on his experiences in the new Polish People's Democracy. This was followed by discussion and films. We intend in the future to have a speaker at lunch-time on every alternate Thursday.

On Thursday, March 30, we hope to have Father Marcus Steven to speak for us at an open meeting. We also intend to hold discussion groups throughout the year—probably around the subjects of "The A.B.C. of Socialism," and "Fascism," to which everyone is welcome. Social outings and get-togethers will also form part of our programme for the year. Watch the club notice board for further news of the activities of the club.

I.C.C.

Newcomers to the University will find the International Co-operation Club (I.C.C.) most worthy of their interest and active support. It represents the unity of those persons honestly believing international understanding and co-operation to be a very real step in the direction of world peace and world progress. Consistent with this broad object the club strongly supports the principle of U.N.O. and its auxiliaries. As often as it can it makes available accounts of the happenings in the different countries of the world. This it does through speakers and publications and any other means at its disposal.

The club is also vitally concerned with international student problems. Last year Australian students voted against re-admission of our national body (N.U.A.U.S.) into the International Union of Students (I.U.S.) which is the student equivalent of U.N.O. This was a grave error and occurred for the following reasons:—

Firstly, the student body was poorly informed of the activity and problem of I.U.S. Secondly, I.U.S. is made up of delegates democratically elected from countries all over the world. It functions on the principle of a majority decision becoming I.U.S. activity. However, despite the democratic method of decisions, some felt that because they disagreed with certain of the decisions, that constituted sufficient grounds for Australia to walk out of I.U.S. The club regards re-admission of N.U.A.U.S. into I.U.S. as being vital for student understanding and co-operation.

During the year we will have at least one picnic and social for students coming from outside Australia to study in Adelaide. We should like to see as many other students as possible coming along to the functions, helping us welcome our friends from overseas. All those who would like to join I.C.C. can do so by handing over 1/- yearly membership fee to the Treasurer (Robin Ashwin).

A.L.P. Club

A meeting of members was held on Monday, March 13, to decide the club's policy for the year.

The club intends holding public meetings on each alternative Tuesday, commencing on April 11. Speakers will include: Mr. C. R. Cameron, M.H.R., Sen. S. W. O'Flaherty, Mr. M. R. O'Halloran, State Leader of the Opposition and others. On the intervening Tuesdays will be discussion groups led by Mr. P. Toohey, State Secretary, and Mr. Crimes, Editor of the Herald. These will be open to club members and to others who, although not necessarily A.L.P. supporters, have a genuine desire to find out more of Labor's aims and ideals. The first of these will be on Tuesday, April 18.

Aquinas

"The Aquinas Society has commenced an important and historic year," said Society President Phillip Kennedy, at the Welcome to Freshers in the George Murray Hall last Wednesday week.

A large number of freshers and undergraduates were told of the progress of Aquinas College which had already admitted about 20 students and would receive considerably more after completion of the new building and alterations to the main house. The opening of the College represents a fine achievement on the part of those who have expended so much time and effort. Mr. Kennedy said that the society's gratitude was particularly due to Mr. A. J. Hannan, K.C., and his helpers, without whom there could be no such achievement.

In outlining the year's activities, Mr. Kennedy said the proposed meeting once a month should not be a burden on any students, and should prove to be instructive and interesting. There will probably be two conferences this year, the dates and places of which are as yet undecided. As in previous years, "Rosary," at 5.10 p.m., will be conducted in the George Murray Library.

After being introduced, Father Finn, S.J., Rector of the College, wished the society success during the year and announced that he intended resuming the classes in Apologetics and Scholastic Philosophy, which have not been held for several years. Father Finn also announced that the College was giving a system of tutorials to non-residential members. For the latter part of the evening a dance was held and the meeting concluded with supper.

W.S.R.

The opening sentence of the 1948-1949 W.S.R. report, "The Work Goes On," reads, "Though it is now four years since the end of the war the need for aid to the world-wide student community is far from over."

This will be the keynote of W.S.R. activities in the more fortunate Universities throughout the world during this year. World Student Relief is an organisation unique in the history of Universities in that it provides a channel whereby students of more fortunate lands can materially assist students whose Universities have been devastated and destroyed by war. This work, demonstrating the inherent faith of students in one another, began in 1942, in response to the tremendous need of students whose countries and Universities had suffered the full effects of war, for food, clothing, books, apparatus, medical treatment. In this University a committee, part of an international organisation with headquarters in Geneva, was formed of representatives from S.C.M., E.U., Aquinas Society, S.R.C. to conduct the appeal.

Money raised is distributed to students on the basis of need, according to principles of strict impartiality and non-discrimination—racial, political or religious. This is a cause which should appeal to all students whatever their opinions. And during the year opportunities will be given for students to aid in this way. Last year we raised over £850—let's see if we can reach £1,000 this year.

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FOOTBALL CLUB BREAKS RECORD

Three Teams Fielded

The Annual General Meeting of the Football Club was held last Monday night in the George Murray Hall, and by the looks of things the Blacks are going to have a very good year again this year. Dr. C. B. Sangster has once again accepted the presidency, and the Secretary for this year is John Cooper who, everyone agrees, is just the man for the job.

It was announced at the meeting that the 'Varsity is going to establish a record by being the first team to enter three teams in Amateur League. This year we will have a team in each grade of the Amateur League. The A team will, as usual, be in Grade A1, while the B's and C's will be in A2 and A3 respectively. While it seems a bit early to make any predictions, it seems certain that there will be a large number of new faces in the A team this year. About ten of last year's team are no longer with us, so that just at this moment, opportunity is knocking with a pretty heavy fist for the juniors.

We noticed amongst those present at the A.G.M., Ken Seedsman, Max Bashier, Doc Downing, Don Brebner, Alan Dowling, Doug. Giles, John Twopeny, Ross Duffy, Gus Elix and Dick Bennett from last year's stalwarts. Also, it was good to hear that Col. Robertson is going to play for the whole season again this year. There were quite a few freshers present who, from the look of them, are going to make the competition for places in the sides pretty tough.

The first match of the season will be played on April 22, so that there is not much time to get fit. Practice will be held from now on on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at the University oval, where Harold Page is once again in charge. So make sure that you are there regularly from now on so that you can impress the selectors with your form and gain a place in one of the sides.

Basketball

A number of apparently eager fresherettes swamped the older members at the opening meeting of the University Basketball Club on Thursday. This year practices will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 p.m. and Thursday at 5 p.m. The coach will be attending only the Wednesday practice.

There was much haggling over nominations for the positions of the two secretaries and treasurer. Everyone was so keen! Unfortunately, the eager freshers did not know enough to take the positions, and the older experienced ones knew too much to accept. At last a few venturesome ones with a little persuasion and much bullying were found. Helen Lyons will be club secretary, Joan Creswell match secretary and Margaret Noblet as treasurer, will take care of the club's finances, if any. Since the club apparently realises the importance of these offices it will no doubt greatly appreciate these three co-operative members.

Lastly, a social committee was elected for the purpose of keeping Margaret Noblet well-employed.

STUDENT'S WINNING JUMP



Varsity student, J. K. Probert, won the State broad jump title with this jump of 22 ft. 6½ in. at Wayville. He also won the discus throw.

—By courtesy of "The News"

Women's Hockey

The Women's Hockey Club was quickly off the mark in the race for increased funds. Plans to hold a dance in the Refectory on July 22 are already under way. The money thus raised will be used to send an inter-Varsity team to Tasmania in the first vacation. To quote the secretary (M. C. Swann), "This will need the whole-hearted support of each member of the club if it is to be a success."

The A.S.M. of the A.U.W.H.C. was held on Thursday, March 16. Miss B. Wall presided, whilst the secretary's report was read and confirmed and the financial statement adopted. The following officers were elected for 1950: President, B. Wall; captain, R. Dow; secretary, M. Watson; match secretary, J. Wollaston, and treasurer, H. Northey.

It was decided that subscriptions for 1950 were to be 10/- and these are payable to the treasurer. Practices are to commence on Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 6 p.m. All freshers and other intending players will be gladly welcomed. An excellent coach, Miss Teasdale-Smith, who is an international player, will give her assistance again this year.

Association matches will commence on April 22 and practice matches for the A team have been arranged against Aroha on April 8 and 15. Practice matches for the other teams are still to be arranged. However, the team will have to be withdrawn from D grade owing to shortage of players, unless the numbers are very soon increased.

Women's Tennis

With the arrival of fresher, Helen Astley, the Women's Interschool tennis team should have every chance of taking the cup from Victoria when teams meet in Melbourne in May. Adelaide should have a total of three Wilson Cup players, since Helen Angwin and Dorothy Linn seem certain to compete. Helen was unlucky to lose the Australian Girls' Singles in the final, and will probably again be ranked as 1st player in the combined inter-varsity team. Helen Astley, too, reached the semifinals in Victoria.

Last year's complete team was runner-up to Victoria, who, incidentally, have held the cup for about 20 years. All members appear prepared to play this year. Consequently, with interested freshers, there should be some competition and the team should be further strengthened. The first meeting of the Women's Tennis Club will be held on Thursday, March 23, at 1.20 p.m. in the Lady Symon.

N.B.: Secretaries

Please leave reports of your club's activities with the Sports Editor not later than Tuesday noon. No report, no publicity; no publicity, no players; no players, no sport. If you want sport, write about it.

EDITORIAL

Now I know why we can't get an Editor.

JEFF SCOTT.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Arts Assn.

The Arts Association for this year is under the presidency of Mr. Rod Matheson, who is assisted by a committee composed of Misses Kidman, Piper and Proudman and Messrs. Ashwin and Lyon. At our first meeting for the year on Thursday last, Miss Diana Fitch was elected as Fresher member of the committee. For the benefit of those Freshers who were not present at that meeting, and there were many, the objects of the Association are:

- To foster interest in and study of the Arts.
- To provide lectures, discussions, debates and entertainments in accordance with object (a).
- To provide opportunities for social intercourse among Arts students.
- To act as the official body of the Arts Faculty students when required.

These objects are carried out by monthly meetings, where lectures are followed by social intercourse and Arts Faculty business is interrupted by the "University Wits." However, to make these meetings a success, a large membership is necessary, and it is hoped that all Fresher and old members will be present at our next meeting. This is to be our traditional symposium, the date has been tentatively fixed for April 13, and the suggested subject is: "That a Lecturer Should Idolise His Professor."

If we may judge by our debaters' keenness last year, and the fact that we already have several names of members wishing to debate, the Faculty should be well represented in the inter-Faculty debating. It may even be necessary to hold our own elimination debates, and these could form part of a meeting.

Although the Fine Arts sub-committee was disbanded at our first meeting, the committee intends to include Fine Arts topics at our future meetings, and it is hoped that special lunch-time meetings on the Fine-Arts will be arranged.

Fans of last year's "morality" play, "Don't Keep It Clean," will be happy to know that another Art's Revue is planned for second term.

Freshers—don't forget April 13, and remember that after all, our subscription is only 2/-.

Dentistry

The foundations of the Dental Hospital were given a severe battering on the night of Thursday, March 16, when a mass invasion of a hundred or more potential "blood" and vulcanite" exponents was heard and witnessed; the reason being the annual general meeting of the Dental Students' Society of the University of Adelaide for 1950. The presence of one charming young lady had little or no restraining influence on the rowdiness or "exuberance" of the multitude which, for the first time in Dental history, completely filled the lecture theatre even to the aisles and window sills. The society's rough diamond, J. Richard Trott, opened the proceedings with a detailed annual report, and this was followed by the report of the treasurer, Mr. Keith Bailey, who throughout his dissertation, laid extreme emphasis on the descending profit graph in connection with the society's "coke machine." With reference to this there were immediate scowls of protest and innocence from the senior years, who are obviously guilty to a man.

Diary

To-day, 1.30 p.m.: A.G.M. Carnegie Gramophone Society, South Hall Conservatorium.
Thursday, March 30, 1.15 p.m.: S.C.M. Public Address by Bishop Crauswick, Lady Symon Hall.
Sunday, April 2, 10 a.m.: Aquinas Society. Tennis Party in aid of Aquinas College, 17 Prospect Road, Prospect.
Monday, April 3, 1.20 p.m.: S.R.C. A.G.M., George Murray Hall.
Tuesday, April 4, 7.30 p.m.: University Regiment, Evening Parade—Obligatory. 1.15 p.m.: Liberal Union. Club Meeting, George Murray Library.
Wednesday, April 5, 1.15 p.m.: S.C.M. Special General Meeting, Lady Symon Hall.
Thursday, April 6: Aquinas Society Public Address, Lady Symon Hall.
Tuesday, April 11, 1.15 p.m.: A.L.P. Club, Public Meeting, Lady Symon Hall.
Tuesday, April 18, 1.15 p.m.: Liberal Union, Club Meeting, George Murray Library.
Wednesday, April 19: University Regiment Evening Parade. 1.15 p.m.: S.C.M. Public Address, Lady Symon Hall.
Monday, April 24, 12.30 p.m.: next issue of "On Dit."
Wednesday, April 26, 1.15 p.m.: Aquinas Society, Public Address, Lady Symon Hall.
Wednesday, May 3, 1.15 p.m.: S.C.M., Public Address, Lady Symon Hall.

Liberals

At a meeting of about 50 freshers last Thursday week, the president of the Liberal Union (Robin Millhouse) briefly outlined the aims and methods of the Union. All, he said, that the Union required of its members was that they should be opposed to Socialism and Communism. The Union, although it supported the Liberal Party in a general way, was not connected with it in any way. Thus, freshers would be taking the Vice-Chancellor's advice and not tagging themselves with a party label and still take an active interest in political matters by joining the Union.

The aims of the Union were deliberately broad to prevent members from being tied down to a particular platform. The president pointed out that probably no two members had exactly the same ideas on what the term "Liberal" stood for. He said that, in his opinion, Liberalism, although it probably could not solve all the problems facing Australia, could go closer to doing so than any other code of belief. The activities of the Union include the publishing of "Liberal Opinion" three times in both first and second terms and once in the last term. All members are invited to contribute and express their personal views on pertinent subjects. Current Affairs Bulletins are also issued to financial members free of charge.

As regards meetings, the president said there were two types. Firstly, public meetings open to all at the University and, secondly, those for members only. Two meetings of the latter type had been arranged. First, Mr. Baden Pattinson, M.P. for Geelong, on April 4. His subject would be "The Political Situation in Great Britain." Also, on April 18, Mr. Shirley Jefferies, M.P. for East Torrens, would speak on "The Basis and Foundations of Liberalism in Australia."

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