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# Governor-General criticises specialisation

In an address at the second Commemoration ceremony, on Wednesday, April 4, at which he conferred degrees, the Governor-General, Sir William Slim, criticised the increasing tendency towards specialisation in Australian Universities.

Sir William said he thought that Science students and Arts students were both lacking in knowledge of each other's points of view.

"No man can be wise, however clever he may be, without a cultural background to his specific knowledge," he added.

It was claimed that a danger existed that both Science and Arts students would not become full men as graduates should if they were to lead the advance to a "higher, fuller life."

## Extra year

Sir William suggested that a year should be added to the courses of first year students in which Arts students should study Science, and Science students Arts.

He praised the standard of this University, and said that for its size it had made

remarkable contributions to knowledge.

The degree of Doctor of Laws, ad eundem gradum, was conferred on the Governor-General.

## Inspection

During the morning he inspected the University.

Of particular interest to His Excellency was the Engineering Department, where he saw students at work, and inspected the engineering shops.

Lady Slim said that she had been particularly interested in a tour of the geology department.

Members of the S.R.C. were introduced to the visitors at an informal reception in the George Murray Lounge.

The University Regiment provided a guard of honor for Sir William and Lady Slim when they arrived.

## SCHNEIDER HURT

When riding home from an S.R.C. meeting late on Monday, April 9, S.R.C. president Michael Schneider was knocked from his bicycle by a motorist who failed to see him because of poor visibility in heavy rain.

Mr. Schneider suffered abrasions to the head, bruises to the body, and dislocated a shoulder.

He was admitted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, where it was found that he was also suffering from concussion.

## Our Vice-regal guest



The Governor General leaves the Bonython Hall with Sir Mellis Napier, after the Commemoration Ceremony on April 4.

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# British and Australian Universities in quiz

Following a suggestion by the B.B.C. last year to the Australian Broadcasting Commission, a series of half-hour quizzes will take place between major English Universities and the Universities in all Australian capital cities.

The first broadcast will be on Monday, April 30, when Oxford will meet Sydney.

The series will be broadcast over the National Network of the A.B.C., and the Light Programme and the General Overseas Service of the B.B.C.

The nominal subject will be general knowledge, although there will be an accent on Commonwealth and world affairs.

Although they will be thousands of miles apart, the teams will be in communication with each other through a radio hook-up.

Mr. Bob McKenzie, Lecturer in Politics at the London School of Economics, will be the Quiz-master for the B.B.C., and Mr. Creighton Burns, Senior Lecturer in Politics at the University of Melbourne, will be Quiz-master for the A.B.C.

There will be six first-round contests, and the final will be between the Australian and British teams which score the most points in the first round.

Quizzes will be recorded, and the respective Quiz-masters will move about their home countries.

Adelaide will record on Wednesday, April 25.

## Our team

Our team has already been selected, and will consist of Lee Kersten, who is in Second Year Arts, and is doing Honors German; Marianne Urban, who is a fifth year Medical student; Terence Mitchell, who is in Final Honors History; and Denis Eddy, who is a Third Year Agricultural Science student.

All teams will consist of two men and two women, as far as possible from different faculties.

Broadcasting dates are:  
5AN, 9 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.  
Monday, April 30—Oxford v. Sydney.

Monday, May 7—Cambridge v. Tasmania.

Monday, May 14—Edinburgh v. Melbourne.

MONDAY, MAY 21—DURHAM v. ADELAIDE.

Monday, May 28—Wales v. Western Australia.



LEE KERSTEN

Monday, June 4—Belfast v. Queensland.

Monday, June 11—Final.

The Adelaide team will meet the producer, Mr. Bill Newnham, to-morrow, to discuss the programme.

## LIBERALS TO DISCUSS VOTING

Are you interested in politics? If you are, then the Liberal Union is arranging a series of discussion groups on current political topics.

At these discussions prominent persons interested in politics will lead the groups, with members of the Liberal Union and any other people interested taking part.

If you wish to learn something about things which may affect you and play a part in discussions, you are welcome to attend these lunch-time meetings in the George Murray Library (upstairs).

Dr. Forbes (a life member of the Liberal Union) led the first group last Tuesday on the subject of "The Liquor Laws in South Australia," and Mr. Robin Millhouse M.P. (a life member of the Liberal

Union and a recent graduate) will lead the second one next Tuesday on the subject of "Is Our Voting System Satisfactory?"

All members of the Liberal Union and past members are welcome to attend a week-end conference in the vacation from May 26 to 28, at Holiday House, Mt. Lofty, where interstate members of the Australian Universities Liberal Federation will be staying prior to the Council Meeting in Adelaide.

If you wish to attend let a member of the Committee know.

# Historian urges free government for Asia

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## EDITORIAL

Students seem rarely to appreciate the opportunities that so often knock in this University for their cultural good.

While people outside the University envy them, and take advantage of these opportunities as often as possible, students show little or no concern.

The Dramatic Society's production of "Thieves' Carnival" was an excellent example of this.

Although well received in the press, this play drew shocking audiences on all but the last night, when the number of students in the audience was still very small.

Further evidence of this general apathy towards the cultural side of the University is the unwillingness of several people approached to direct the N.U.A.U.S. Art Exhibition for this year.

Adelaide will only take part in this Exhibition because three already over-worked members of the S.R.C. have volunteered to do the necessary work.

It is to be hoped that the budding artists in the University will not further let Adelaide's waning cultural reputation down!

Noted historian, Professor C. P. Fitzgerald, made a plea that the West should aid Asian democracy by allowing the Asians to elect their own government, at the first Union Night for 1956 in the Lady Symon Hall.

He said the best defence against Communism in Asia was to get a democratic system to work properly, so that people would feel they were expressing what they wished in Burma, India, and Indonesia.

The West had made the mistake of expecting too much, and not recognising existing good.

## NATIONALISM AND NEUTRALISM

Professor Fitzgerald said that nationalism and neutralism were closely affiliated. Whenever an Asian country was granted independence, it closely followed a non-alliance policy.

This was due to what he called a strong psychological urge to emphasise its independence from its old colonial power.

But this, said the Professor, is unrealistic, for the smaller nations could not have sufficient military force to be an equipoise between the two world blocs; and in the event of a conflict they would be swamped by events on either side, and drawn into a clash.

Most striking about Asian neutralism was that it existed where democracy flourished.

Where Asian countries followed Western ideas on foreign policy it was found that they did not have democratically elected government.

Professor Fitzgerald quoted Thailand as an example. He said that here no free elections had been

held for some years, and no organised body existed to criticise government policy.

It was therefore natural that democratic nations should view Vietnam interference as suspicious.

Furthermore, he added, should any class or race be oppressed, it gave the Communists ample chance to intervene, posing as champions of democracy, as had happened in Vietnam.

He claimed that we should recognise Red China, and carry on trade with her.

The West must not try to impress its policy on Asians, but accept Asian policy.

If we aid Asia, she will be ready in a few years to accept Western support.

## JAZZ CONCERT

On April 2, at lunch-time, the A.U.J.C. staged a high-class jazz concert, with Mike Bryan, electrical guitar player and ex-member of the Benny Goodman band, as star attraction.

Supporting him, as drummer, was Garry Haines, who has been classed as the best bop drummer in S.A. Richie Gunn (piano), Rod Porter (sax), and Ron Williams on the bass, made up the rest of the band.

The exhibition given by Bryan was one of class, shown especially by the way he mixed in slower, more sentimental music with "hot" jazz.

Haines showed himself as an expert in his field, especially in his solo pieces, and also provided an element of comedy with his inane expressions, resulting from the complete relaxation of all his muscles.

The other three, well known in 'Varsity circles, combined well, providing a good background, especially when it is realised that they had never appeared combined with Bryan and Haines before, and had not rehearsed for this concert.

## Camera Club

A color competition is now being conducted, and it is open to every student at the Uni. The subject matter has been left to your own choice, and the results will be announced several days after the closing date—May.

This is an excellent opportunity to find out how good your color photography really is.

Members have already had an interesting talk on the use of the camera in the University, and many more interesting speakers are lined up for this term. If you wish to join, see Rex Le Page in the Genetics Department, situated in the Physics Building.

## Rail concessions

Since it seems that some students are not aware of the rail concessions available to them, we publicise the following information.

Students on vacation may obtain rail concessions during any vacation period except Easter and the period falling between December 9 and January 15. Students who are returning home may obtain concessions at any time during term.

No interstate concessions are available, however, to students who are in receipt of any remuneration from part-time employment, and even for local concessions, £60 is the limit.

Any further information may be read from the back of the application forms, obtainable from the front office. It is hoped that all students who can benefit from these concessions will do so, so that N.U.A.U.S. may press further in their negotiations for concessions.

At Left.

Ex "On Dit" Sporting Editor, Tony Malone speaks with the Governor General when he inspected the guard of Honor provided by the University Regiment.

In the  
Faculties

## ENGINEERS!

We should like to draw your attention to the following facts:

The Engineering Society is doing its best to promote Engineering knowledge and social intercourse among Engineering students.

The committee is trying to encourage such things as informal functions with the assistance of other faculties; inter-faculty sport; trips to places of interest to engineers in South Australia; lunch-hour talks and films by distinguished visitors.

In addition, we are planning staff-student tutorial schemes to enable students to meet the staff and the publication of a faculty magazine this year.

We ask for your support, and ask you to bring your friends to the Engineering Ball on April 28, in the Refectory.

The dress is ANYTHING. The Engineers' Ball is always the highlight of the University year, followed in second term by the Engineering dinner, which costs only 5/- for financial members of the Engineering Society.

A.U.E.S. is sponsoring a survey of the attitude of students to the physics courses in regard to Engineers and their B.E.

We want all engineers to co-operate in this survey, and it may affect our course.

Contributions are now called for both Torque and the local Society magazine.

With your support, A.U.E.S. will continue to be the most progressive faculty society in the University.

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## ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Arts Association has pleasure in presenting two outstanding speakers at coming lunch hour meetings.

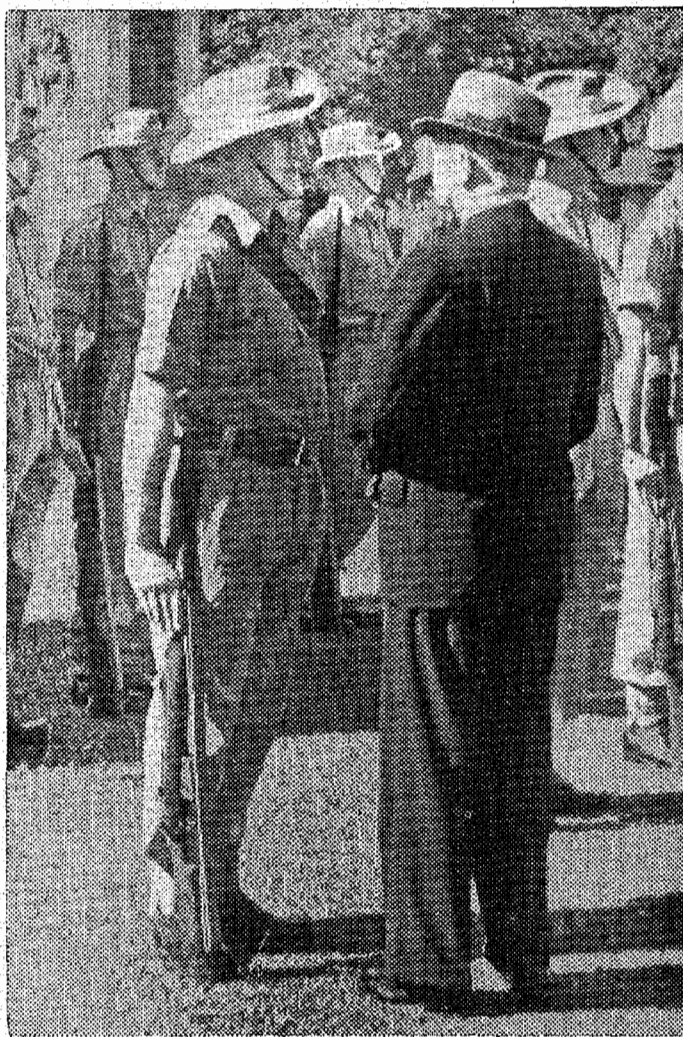
At 1.20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, Miss Crampton, of the Department of French, will speak on "Students and Things in Europe." Miss Crampton has just returned from a year's study leave on the Continent, and her first-hand experiences of student life and other impressions should prove of considerable interest.

On Thursday, May 3, V. Rev. Father Michael Scott, S.J., will address a lunch-hour meeting in the Lady Symon Hall. Father Scott, Rector of Aquinas College, and widely recognised as an authority on contemporary Australian painting, will speak on "Contemporary Art in Australia."

## ENGINEERS' COCKTAIL PARTY

APRIL 28

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Invitations at  
S.R.C. OFFICE



# Indian engineers here on exchange scheme

This year the Engineering Faculty Bureau initiates its international Vacation Work Exchange Scheme.

Twenty Indian students will be engaged in vacation work in Australia from mid-April until August.

While here they will be able to see our students and student organisations in action.

The idea of an International Exchange Scheme was conceived and unanimously adopted by all Engineers present at the Engineering Faculty Bureau Conference, at Ulverstone, Tasmania, in January, 1955.

An excellent response was received from India

nares and Madras Universities wanted to take part in the Scheme under which they would have to pay their own fares to and from Australia and we would find them work here.

Because some organisation had already been done in Tasmania and New South Wales and Victoria and because time was short the scheme will operate in only these states this year.

It is hoped that all students will welcome these students and help them as much

as possible during their stay in Australia.

They will be introduced to students here and see them at work and play, as well as observing our student organisations.

Above all we will begin to understand each other.

During the next long vacation Australian students will visit India and engage in an engineering vacation there. As the term will be in progress there at this time they will be able to observe Indian student affairs and conditions.

## PAY OWN FARES

Over 100 students from Be-

# S.C.M. holds lunch hour meetings

In first term the S.C.M. is holding a series of study groups on a wide variety of subjects. They are being conducted each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

They run as follows:

**Wednesday:**  
"In the year that King Uzziah . . ."  
A study tracing God's purpose for man in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, by the Principal of the Baptist

Theological College — the Rev. E. C. Burleigh. This is being held in the Liberal Club Room, upstairs in the Lady Symon Building.  
"Church Unity."  
This study is being held

in the Lady Symon Library by the Rev. H. A. J. Witt. The group will study the reasons for present division in our Churches, particularly the differences in worship and doctrine. They will discuss present schemes for unity, and the way we can help.

**Thursday:**

"The Sermon on the Mount."

John Sabel and John Grosse, from the Lutheran Theological College, are leading this study circle, which will explain the ground opened up by the National Conference held in N.S.W. last January. It is being held in the S.C.M. room upstairs in the Lady Symon Building.

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

This study of Social Justice is being held in the S.C.M. Room by Mr. D. Dunstan (Labor M.P. for Norwood). It is hoped that visits to places such as Parkside Mental Hospital and Homes for old people will be possible.

"At Home or Abroad."

The Principal of the Wesley Methodist Church, the Rev. A. Blacket, is conducting a study on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. It is being held in the Liberal Club Room.

**Friday:**

"The Christian in Politics." Miss Margaret Rendall, of the History Staff, will lead this study, under the headings, Citizenship, the State and Groups of Individuals, and the Church in Politics. It is being held in the Liberal Club Room.

"What We Believe."

Well, what do we believe? The Rev. Frank Hambly, Master of Lincoln College, will answer this question in the light of the Apostles' Creed. The study is being conducted in the S.C.M. Room.

## AQUINAS SOCIETY

A pamphlet rack has been installed with the aim of providing an easily accessible source of teaching on controversial points.

Since some of the booklets are in short supply, please return them promptly after reading.

Should a booklet on any particular subject be required drop a note into the box supplied and an effort will be made to obtain suitable matter.

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Loreto Convent on Sunday 29th April is the site for the Day of Recollection. The Day starts at 10.30 a.m. and concludes at 5.30 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

To assist catering please fill in your name on the card in the Committee Room now. A small charge will be made to cover expenses and Mass will not be celebrated during the Day of Recollection, so attend Mass before coming along.

**SUMMER CAMP**

Christies Beach from 12th (Continued on page 7)

## Afternoon Mass

The Archbishop of Adelaide, Dr. Matthew Beovich, celebrated his first afternoon Mass in the Lady Symon Hall on the Tuesday of Orientation Week.

One hundred and twenty-five Aquinas Society members were present.

In the address which followed, Dr. Beovich agreed with Mr. Rowe's statement that we are here to "lead the full life."

Dr. Beovich repeatedly thanked Mr. Rowe for allowing the Mass to be brought into the University.

Mr. Rowe appreciates the fact that religious exercises are an essential part of University life.

Dr. Beovich said that no nation has a monopoly of "brains"—they come through sheer hard work.

He thought of Aquinas College as "the centre, the shelter, and the power-house of Catholic life in the University."

In secondary school "one signs for freedom." There are very few "calls to order" at the University.

God gives certain people talents; He expects more from those people to whom He has given more talents.

An interest in some clubs and societies is an essential part of living the full life; one's mere presence at meetings might make all the difference.

The Aquinas Society Freshers' Welcome followed tea in the Refectory.

At about 10.45 p.m. the Aquinas Society, with Ritchie Gun's jazz band, moved in on the S.C.M.'s Freshers' Welcome in the Refectory.



Liberal member for Perth Mr. F. G. Chayney (second from left) photographed with (from left) Jenny Downing, Jan Gregarson and Liberal Union President Margaret McLachlan at the Union's Freshers' welcome.

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## OLYMPIC JOBS

Jobs will be available for students who wish to be employed during the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

A Melbourne message says that students with a knowledge of accountancy and storekeeping are particularly required.

Anyone with a technical knowledge of Olympic sports could be employed on the actual arena, the message adds.

Fluency in foreign languages could lead to employment as an interpreter, or as an assistant to those nations whose languages they speak.

Students who seek employment should get in touch with the Melbourne S.R.C. concerning accommodation, and should write to Frank Downes, Secretary of the Olympic Appointments Board, for information about employment.

## S.R.C. CALLS FOR New Blood

The vacancies left by Jan Goldsworthy's resignation and Ann Woolcock's faculty switch must be filled.

The S.R.C. therefore calls for nominations for the following positions:

**Women's General Representative  
Science Faculty Representative**

Nominations close on THURSDAY, APRIL 26.

Nomination forms and further information is available from the S.R.C. office.

## General Meeting Tomorrow

### BUDGET AND MALAYA

At 1.20, in the LADY SYMON HALL, David Evans will give further impressions of his trip to Malaya and Indonesia. His talk will be preceded by presentation and consideration of the S.R.C. budget for this year.

All who want to know just what the S.R.C. does with its money are urged to attend and criticise if they so desire. And all who would like to hear more of Malaya are welcome.

## A.U.F.C.

will hold an

## INFORMAL DANCE

In the Refectory on Saturday, April 21

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR INTER-VARSITY

GOOD BAND :: DANCING, 8-12 (Midnight)

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On Dit, April 18, 1956—3

**Copped in "Thieves' Carnival"**



A.U.D.S. stalwart Pat LeMessurier is escorted onto the stage in "Thieves' Carnival." Kaufoto

**FRAGONARDS! ENAMELS! SNUFF-BOXES! CANDLESTICKS!**

Fragonards! Enamels! Snuff-boxes! Candlesticks! Drawers! — the frenzied repetition of these words, at singularly inappropriate moments, by the Dufont-Dufortes was one of the hilarious situations in the Dramatic Society's production of Jean Anouilh's delightfully witty and very French comedy, "Thieves Carnival."

The comic situations were improved by the excellent miming of the actors, which was at its best when the Thieves were forced to explain the improvised deaths of the "Count, Duchess and Admiral."

Congratulations must go to Dr. G. Thompson for his performance as Peter Bono, taken on at very short notice, due to the illness of Laurie Ryan.

Phil Fargher gave a careful and pleasing performance as Lord Edgard, whose sole constructive suggestion was ruined by lack of co-operation from his "long-lost son."

The Dupont-Dufortes succeeded in irritating the cast while amusing the audience.

Lady Hurf's performance was creditable though occasionally unconvincing. Eva and Juliette were ade-

quate although Anne Levy overacted in her efforts to achieve ingenuousness.

Anthony Ketley played an amusingly practical Thief in contrast to the flamboyancy of Peter Bono and Hector. His love-making, however, was hardly calculated to sweep Juliette off her feet.

David Miller, as a musician, gave an interesting and competent performance.

His music was used to create a certain fantasy, in which vein the play was written.

The cast could have been worked more as a team, although they were in union after the realisation of Lady Hurf's mistake, when tempers and emotions were running high.

The extended stage and wings gave more room for action and gesticulation and



Members of "Thieves' Carnival" in "the Hut." Kaufoto

made the asides much more effective, notably during the entry of the Spanish Grandees and the highly indignant and embarrassed Ecclesiastical Secretary.

More room was also available for the sets, which with the costumes and lighting, were good.

As a whole the play was very entertaining. A.U.D.S. and Miss Baulderstone deserved much credit . . . those who missed this exhilarating interlude were the losers. —J.E.

**CARNIVAL TIME**

Have you ever been in a small, hick village in the back-blocks at carnival time? People come from far and wide to join in the fun, games and food. Mothers with kids, young men with motor bikes, fathers with mothers, young men with girls . . . you know, all jostled together like a herd of cows.

There are usually plenty of ways to reach these carnivals.

If you go by train, it is advisable to set off two or three weeks before the festivities are due to start. This allows for possible derailments and/or breakdowns.

If you've got your own car, so much the better. Better include a road map, though, or else you'll be like the chap who set off from Parkside to go to Alice Springs, and finished up at Mt. Kosciusko. He took a wrong turning.

Perhaps you prefer to go

by tourist coach. If you do, certain things will immediately come to your notice. For instance, there are always two or three loud-voiced when-I-was-here-before types to every coach. These people become self-styled "leaders." If you're looking out the left side of the bus, they press your arm and suggest you try the other side. "You'll see more, m'dear."

You may be "fortunate" enough to strike one who has travelled by boat, even if it was only a rowing boat, and he'll suggest the starboard side or port side.

In a case like this, the best thing to do is try the overboard side.

It is sometimes possible to spot obnoxious tourists, but even honest, seasoned travel men often find it difficult. However, there are a few points that deserve a mention.

If you can't open the window, don't ask that quiet man behind for assistance.

It is probably the very thing he has been waiting for. He'll open it alright, even if he breaks his wrist or the window. If his wrist breaks, he at once becomes a hero. If the other happens, so much the worse, because you will become entangled in a swirling, eddy of con-

BY  
**Colin Ames**

versation, usually beginning with such reminiscent words as: "Reminds me of the time . . ."

Keep away from the man who repeats himself every few minutes. You know—same story, different words. By the time the town looms up, you'll have heard his life story over and over again, with specific details, such as near tragedies, operations and illnesses, greatly magnified.

Chances are he has never been inside a hospital, let alone having regained consciousness during an operation. So be alert, or else you'll be a hospital case yourself before the trip's over.

Carnivals are good fun, though. Before long you'll be caught up in mad dances with beautiful girls, bright costumes, beautiful girls. . . all the fun of the fair.

If the town is a big enough place, you may meet some of the local gossips. They come in all shapes and sizes, but their tongues are much the same. Their eyes are usually small and narrow, like pebbles, so stony stares are the order of the day.

The members of this exclusive fraternity pay special attention to youth, and look disdainfully down their noses at the "goings on" of the lads and lasses. But boy! What noses they've got to look down. It must be like standing on the edge of a cliff and staring down at the valley below.

There's another group, too,



Keith Barley and Jenny Warhurst show how it's done in "Thieves' Carnival." Kaufoto

that is worth mentioning. This consists entirely of men, and it can be seen wherever intoxicating drinks are served. The men stand around, glasses in hands, and concentrate on the conversation.

Then a sudden burst of laughter, a general spilling of beers down shirt fronts, and the atmosphere becomes charged with anticipation as a quiet voice murmurs: "Have you heard this one . . .?"

Women never seem to go near these groups. I suppose it's intuition that keeps them away. Of course, the joke of the whole affair comes later when wives are alone with husbands. Wife to husband: "What was all the

laughing about?" Husband: "Nothing, nothing at all. We were just planning our crops for next season."

All good things must come to an end, however, and it will be necessary for you to reluctantly say farewell. Everyone is the friend of everyone at this moment.

All enmity disappears. Carnivals in the backblocks usually wind up with a beery ball or a butchery barbecue. In Spain, of course, they have a bullfight, while in Russia they merely ring the Curtain down.

Some carnivals go on and on, until the people get so exhausted that festivities gradually slow down and the whole affair, like this article, comes to a full stop.

**SOCIALISM EXPLAINED**

by "Junius"

By Socialism one means a form of Society in which men are not divided into opposing economic classes, but live together under conditions of approximate social and economic equality, using in common the means which are at their disposal for creating economic welfare.

Socialism as I understand it means four closely connected things—a human fellowship which denies and expels distinction of class; a social system in which no one is so much richer or poorer than his neighbors as to be unable to mix with them on equal terms; the common ownership and use of all the vital factors of production and an obligation on all citizens to serve one another according to their capacities in promoting the common well-being.

Belief in the tenets of Socialism gets us nowhere, for intellect alone can never tell us what we "ought" to do.

"Ought" is a matter of emotion and sentiment; not of sheer intellect alone. But no man's emotions are stirred

by little things but only by great hopes and high beliefs. Unless men passionately want and value freedom, fellowship and equality and co-operation in using and enjoying the great resources that lie ready at their hands, they will not succeed in achieving Socialism in any real sense.

Our Socialism is then, ardent, passionate and an affair of the heart as well as mind.

Perhaps you believe that Socialism challenges neither the heart nor the mind; consider what Bernard Shaw said: "All decent men are nine-tenths Socialist to begin with, whether they know it or not."

The opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily the opinions of the Editor and Staff of "On Dit."

CAMERA CLUB

**COLOR COMPETITION**

Open To All Students

SUBJECT MATTER: OWN CHOICE

Transparencies to be handed to Secretary by Monday, May 7

Sir,

I wish to place on record for better or for worse (although I suppose it will have no effect whatsoever) my modest opinion on student apathy.

*Yet once more, O ye students, and once more  
Ye embryo physicians never sere,  
Musicians with your music harsh and crude  
I, with forc'd fingers rude  
Would shatter now your lethargy this year,  
As many others, on sad occasion dear,  
Who tried to rouse your lifeless languor, due  
To lack of interest.*

*Alas! What boots it with incessant care  
To tend the homely slighted actor's trade,  
And ever struggle with the thankless task  
Of making others do the thing you ask  
— 'Tis only to support the play, I ween,  
The sweetest comedy you've ever seen —  
Were it not better done as others do  
To sport with maiden, or with maiden's shoe  
Or sit in cloisters filled with converse gay,  
Than drag oneself off to a hated play?  
But fame is the spur that the clear spirit doth raise  
(That last infirmity of Noble Mind)  
To scorn delights and live laborious days,  
But the fair guerdon which I hoped to find  
Is snatched away by your slow febrile daze.*

*Yet weep no more, ye actors, weep no more,  
Though heaven knows your sorrows are not dead;  
To convert students shall be now your chore,  
A fight unto the finish, I warn you —  
Tomorrow to fresh fields and students new.*

D'AMICITIA

# Letters to the Editor

## BOUQUET

Dear Sir,—I should like to commend you on devoting your last issue in the main to matters of international interest, such as the infamous Autherine Lucy case, and the tense situation in Malaya witnessed by our Australian delegates.

That such articles should be accompanied by an article from "Honi Soit," and an exposition of the much-debated place of N.U.A.U.S., is also a good thing.

I think that our State should indeed concentrate on other interests for a time, and get away from provincialism.

The lead that "On Dit" could give to other student newspapers in this new field of international diplomacy might well be pointed by the re-naming, or at least the sub-titling of "On Dit" as "Australaise." A much-needed sign of our times.—Yours sincerely,

L.P.

## BRICKBAT

Dear Sir,—I am, to all intents and purposes (good and bad), a Fresher. I have suffered greatly in body, but not in mind, from at least twenty-five different Freshers' Welcomes. They are all free of charge, and I think all Freshers have appreciated the work and expense behind the welcomes. However, one thing has bothered me. All Freshers were given a 2/6 reduction for tickets to the "Commencement Ball." This would have bought me another packet of cigarettes if Mr. Menzies had not started to change the sales tax.

I digress. I have wondered what the buyers of tickets got for their 12/6 or 15/-. If there were 700 people at the Ball, then 350 tickets were sold at the average price of, say, 13/9. This means the ticket sellers would have approximately £228/1/10½ in their coffers. I do not think expenses for the band, electricity, hiring of lights, and ice, etc., would have been much greater than £75, if that. After the third dance there were no drinks left, and most of the ice creams had melted.

For a while no one worried, as they thought there would be drinks supplied with the supper, but when everyone did ask when supper would be held, they were told that there would be no supper. There was then nothing we could do but go down the road and buy some drinks.

Now, most University students have not got abundant monetary resources, especially Freshers, and all we got for our 12/6 or 15/- was dancing. At a dance everyone expects supper and drinks to be supplied, and

even if they must be paid for, they should not run out. With the £153/1/10½ profit, all this could easily be supplied.

I appreciate greatly all the work put into the dance, and there were plenty of jobs to be done, and the organisers must have worked hard to get everything completed in time, but surely for 12/6 you would expect enough drinks, and at least some supper.

I am, yours sincerely,  
R. P. SEARCY.

## AND ANOTHER

Dear Sir,—It has come to my knowledge that a political group has sprung up in this University which will irreparably contaminate our Australian way of life unless we are vigilant.

I am referring to that haven of social outcasts, the Labor Group, which is rumored to have a membership of over seventy. This is indeed a poor reflection on our times, for it indicates the number of so-called "intelligent" students in our midst who possess sick minds. If we must have more than one political club, let it represent a slightly more liberal view of the "Australian way of life" which our fathers labored and died for.

This would be preferable to seeing some of the cream of to-day's youth being misled by both unrealistic intellectuals of the Laski, Tawney, and Cole type, and by our local bearded bands of lunatic Leftists. May we all strive to keep Adelaide free from their influence.—Yours sincerely,

"TRUE DEMOCRAT."

## AND AGAIN

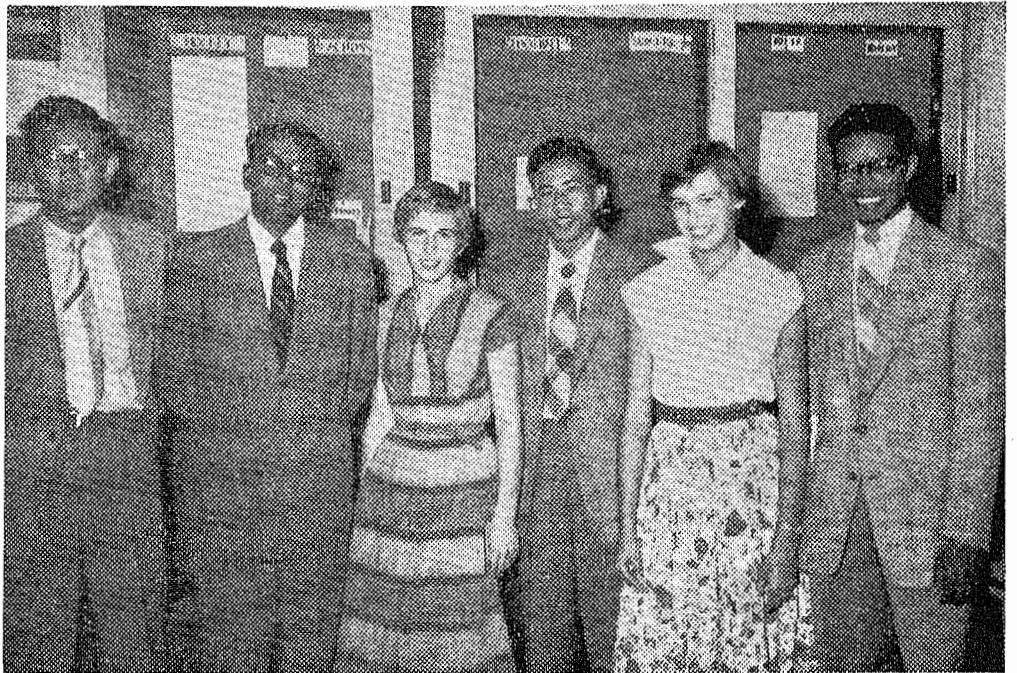
Dear Sir,—Let us all think—and pray.

What I say here may not sound nearly so romantic nor soul-stirring as Mr. Scott's choice tit-bit in "On Dit" two issues ago, but I do hope it is logical.

Of course, it is easy and so very, very sophisticated to be rabidly Communist, Socialist, capitalist, or atheist. It's easy to seize hold of an idea, ideal, or principle, to get enthusiastic about it, and decide to change the world with it. But it's a lot more difficult to sit down and analyse the other fellow's point of view—to sit down and THINK about it.

The University becomes a lost generation when it develops a "conscious unconsciousness" of the other fellow's point of view—i.e., when it decides to change the world from up on top of its shiny pedestal without consideration of what the rest of the world may be thinking.

When the fanatics die off,



Prospective members of the International Club photographed at the Club's Freshers' welcome in the Refectory. They are (from left) H. C. Lee, President Sam Abraham, Helen Gordon, A. Abbas, Felicity Avery and K. Dharmalingam.

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## Congress warning

Congress, 1957, will be in 1956. Sounds silly, I know, but here's why.

After the Olympic Games at the end of the year, N.U.A.U.S. intends to hold what they call an "International Forum" in conjunction with Congress. This means that the dates for Congress will be shifted forward. So if you are planning to go, better be careful and enquire about dates—don't assume that January will be the time, because it won't!

when the arguments degenerate into mere discussions, when social problems start to be faced (marriage guidance and the home beautiful) instead of decried, it is a sign not of a Lost Generation or a new moronism—rather of a generation really gasping for light—not as romantic, perhaps, as the spectacle of a rabid Socialist on his soap box being booed by a mob of equally rabid capitalists, but slightly more constructive.

And what of prayer?

Praying is NOT an alternative to thinking as Mr. Scott so naively supposes. It is not an escape from reality, rather a dive into it.

Few Christians would pray that "that which is around the corner is not there." They may say: "Lord, give me strength and presence of mind to face what's around the corner." And the strength and presence of mind with which Christians have FACED what was around the corner in the past is a tribute to their preparations.

This, I know, doesn't prove the existence of the God in whom they've put their trust. It does prove, however, that prayers aren't necessarily shirkers—in fact, they can't afford to be if they take their praying at all seriously, "and still" religious societies multiply and flourish!

This is not a fact to be bemoaned. It is evidence that more and more people are thinking about religion—and want to think some more.

The very fact that the religious societies do at times face the facts of Socialism AND sin is evidence that Christians are prepared to think and pray in terms of

existing problems and current ideas. It is evidence not of an escapist moronism, but of a new realism—the relating of religion with life.

I would extend to Mr. Scott as one of the University's foremost thinkers (not as a biased immaterialist) a cordial invitation to the S.C.M. end-of-term conference.

I invite him to pool his ideas with others on the question, "What THINK ye of Christ?"

But perhaps I'd better warn him—there'll be some there who'll want to mix praying with their thinking; so there may be times when he'll have to shut up for a while, and if he doesn't want to pray—think.

BOB DOUGLAS.

## Anglican Society

All members of the Church of England are urged to belong to this society to join in Corporate Worship of our Lord, study the Faith and meet in fellowship other members of the Church. Our Chaplain, the Rev. N. C. Paynter, St. Mark's College, is always ready to give his help to anybody who needs it.

The following is a list of activities for the remainder of the term, members and anyone at all interested should make a note of them.

A welcome is extended to all who are interested.

Friday April 20, 1.15 p.m., George Murray Library: Seminar, "Why Ritual?" led by the Rev. L. R. Jupp.

Friday April 27, 1.20 p.m., George Murray Library: "Fundamentalism?" Fr. Anthony Snell, S.S.M.

Friday May 4, 1.20 p.m., George Murray Library: "Faith Healing" The Lord Bishop.

Friday May 19, 8.45 a.m., Lady Symon Hall: Corporate Communion and Breakfast.

Mondays, 5.00 p.m., Evensong, Lady Symon Library.

Tuesdays, 8.45 a.m., Matins, Lady Symon Library.

Other evenings, 5.00 p.m., Evensong, Society Room.

## CARNEGIE SOCIETY

Lunch hour meetings are now held on Mondays and Fridays at 1.10 p.m. in the Graduates' Room; programmes to be advertised on the notice boards outside the S.R.C. office. No meeting will be held on Monday April 30.

Evening meetings for this term are to be held on Friday, May 4 and Thursday, May 17 at 7.30 p.m.; the latter meeting featuring Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor (choral symphony).

Members may now make use of the gramophone and records in the Graduates' Room, the key being kept in the Union office opposite.

## LABOR GROUP

In the near future we shall be playing a recording entitled "The Investigator," which has won world-wide acclaim.

It is a skit on the fatuousness of McCarthyism in the United States. David Penny brought it back with him when he returned from the U.S. last year.

We hope also to arrange a "brains trust," to be composed of celebrated University figures.

## INFORMAL DANCE—FREE!

How would you like to come along to an informal dance—free? Well, come along to the Lady Symon Hall on Friday, April 20.

The S.R.C. hopes to sponsor a series of these dances as an adjunct to the Union nights. Their continuance depends upon your response. As a further attraction, we offer a couple of mighty floor shows to entertain you. So Friday night, at eight o'clock—with or without a partner—see you there.

## ENGINEERS' BALL

28th April – All invited

BRUCE GRAY'S SIX-PIECE

Tickets, 15/-, S.R.C. Office

# S.C.M. ADDRESS **Baseball**

"Why be humble?" was the title of the S.C.M. lunch-hour address given by the Rev. D. W. Bailey in the Lady Symon Hall last Tuesday.

"The twentieth century,"

## COPY

Copy for the next edition will close on Monday, April 23, as there will be a public Holiday on Wednesday, 25 (Anzac Day.)

## Aquinas—Cont.

(Continued from page 3) to 18th March was the site of the Summer Camp. Twenty-five attended for the full period and a capacity house (63) were down for the weekend—several carloads of visitors swelled the numbers to 78 on Saturday and 75 on Sunday. The weather was mild and tennis, volley ball, swimming, dancing, hikes and barbecues provided entertainment whilst discussions and talks catered for the more serious aspect of life.

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

There is a discussion group catering for each faculty and dealing with fundamentals of Catholic teaching and belief. All are welcome to attend these meetings which are held in or around the Committee Room.

- Monday:—Clinical year Medical 1.15 p.m.
- Tuesday:—Arts, Science 1.15 p.m.
- Wednesday:—Pre-clinical medical 1.15 p.m.
- Thursday:—Sodality 1.15 p.m.
- Friday:—Law 1.15 p.m.
- Tuesday:—Engineering 5.15 p.m.

London School of Economics and Political Science Fellowships and Studentships in International Studies.

### Fellowships:

Fellowships in International Studies are offered to men and women without limit of age.

Value: £1,000 a year.

Tenure: 1-2 years.

Availability: Graduates holding higher degrees, or who have "achieved some standing" in their careers. The Fellowship is designed for a person whose present interest is in the field of International Studies, whether or not his previous studies have been in this field.

Applications should reach the Secretary of the L.S.E., Houghton Street, Aldwych, London, W.C.2, by April 30.

### Studentships:

Value: £400 a year.

Tenure: 1-2 years.

Availability: It is expected that candidates will have taken their first degrees in some branch of International Studies, but those whose undergraduate training has been in some other field will not be excluded.

Applications to the Secretary of the L.S.E. by April 30.

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he said, "is an age of astonishing progress, and one in which a question like this is not popular."

Mr. Bailey said that "we tend to associate ourselves with this progress," and that "eventually we come to think as much of ourselves as of the progress itself."

"Man is the master; this is what we have done," we say.

But what we forget is that without the original endowment from God of the universe, all man's progress would have been impossible.

"We are merely using the materials that God has put into our hands, and with this thought should come humility."

"Nor can we," Mr. Bailey continued, "without an attitude of humility, properly observe the signs of the times, and thus come to a full understanding of the problems of our fellow men."

The Varsity Baseball Club this season will be fielding five teams, Major A, Major B, Minor B, Minor D, and Minor E. As our Major teams have been weakened by transfers, the opportunities for junior players to play in the Major Grades will be greater than for many seasons. All intending players are reminded that practices are held Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock on the graduates' Oval.

At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to fill the different posts:— President, Vin Rose; Secretary, Stan Searman; Ass. Sec., Norm Greet; Treasurer, Dave Lewis; Coach, Col. Hayes; Ass. Coaches, Doug Othams, George Fenwick, Norm Greet.

Finally, Mr. Bailey added that "we should take example from Christ, who, by His acceptance of an earthly form, showed the path to true humility."

# HOCKEY UNDER WAY

This year the Hockey Club should prove itself the top club of the Association. If every member pulls his weight, there should be nothing to stop us gaining several premierships.

This is the first year of District Hockey, and so last year's gradings have been altered.

The old A Grade has been reallocated as District, and B1 will become A1, and B2 will now be A2, and then will follow B, C, and D Grades.

The A.G.M. was held on Wednesday, April 4, and those members who attended had an enjoyable social afterwards.

A new committee was elected, and the office bearers are:

Patron, Mr. K. T. Hamilton. Vice-Patron, Mr. J. F. Nation. President, Mr. N. Blair. Vice-President, Professor Smart. Secretary, S. O'Halloran. Treasurer, N. Cumpston. Assistant Secre-

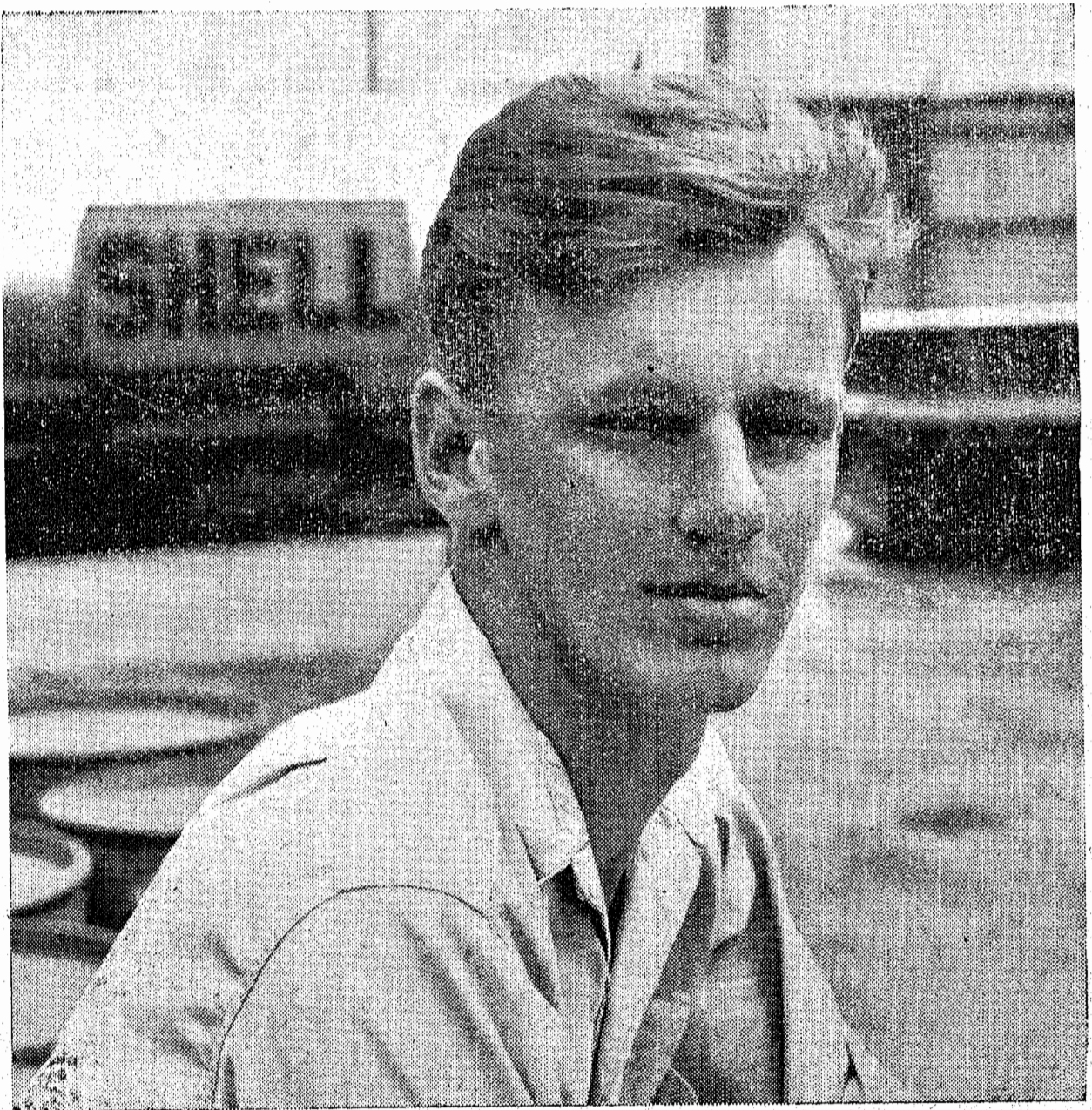
tary, C. Wilson. Assistant Treasurer, P. Nash. Committee, J. Beare, I. Gulland, J. Singh. Delegates, I Gulland and J. Singh. Honorary Auditor, Mr. R. L. Matthews.

Finally, the club welcomes new members who come from other clubs, and also welcomes new players who have yet to enjoy the fun of playing their first District game.

## Election

Miss Lee Kersten and Mr. Hans Sasse were elected joint Editors of the Adelaide University Magazine for 1956 at an S.R.C. meeting on Monday, April 9.

At the same meeting Mr. Malcolm Bennett was elected to the position of Asian Week Festival Director.



## Time Off . . . for Work

For 20-year-old, English-born Philip Parks, of Hobart, 1956 is a busy year.

In August he will leave for England to study at Oxford under an £800 Shell Arts Scholarship.

In the meantime, he has undertaken a trainee course with the Shell Company.

After nine weeks' hard work at the company's Newport (Vic.) bulk installations, Philip will spend a week in a country distribution depot, then a further period in the head office, to study the administrative side of Shell at work.

A Bachelor of Arts (University of Tasmania), Parks has had a brilliant academic career. He is a fluent linguist, and held the 1953-54 Alliance Francaise prize for Oral French. In 1954, he won the Grant Scholarship, awarded to the best Second Year Arts student.

The future of Australia lies with young men like Philip Parks and SHELL is assisting them at a vital stage of their lives by giving them the opportunity to do valuable post-graduate work at English Universities.



# FOOTBALL PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR TEAMS

On Easter Saturday, while bottlenecks were mounting on the road to Oakbank and bottlenecks were being laid bare in the hotels of Adelaide, the second trial match for the coming season took place.

Under a benign sky, and obedient to the commanding whistle of Jim Taylor, some sixty players, clad in a variety of multi-colored uniforms, displayed rather better form than that of the previous week.

Kicking and marking commenced to take on polish, and all players, with the initial enthusiasm of plunging boot into ball somewhat conditioned by regular attendance at training for three weeks, started to characterise their play with disciplined method.

The sky climbing efforts of the "Jamie McKenzies" were replaced by well-timed leaping and marking, and players, with reawakening motions of team work, began to put thoughtful direction into their play.

Despite the absence of several of the club's star players, the two teams provided attractive entertainment for their small audience.

Without attempting to name the better performing players in order of merit, the scribe thought that Hyde, at centre half-back, played good consistent football throughout; Giffen, on a half-back flank, did much to confirm the opinion that he is one of the most improved performers in the club; Alpers cleared repeatedly in the back line, and capped his dashes with excellent kicking. Owen, Hanson, and Porter were other backmen to come under notice. Western Australian Heenan made an interesting debut against Kitchener on the wing, and compelled his opponent to work hard for his kicks; Wilson gave evidence of the trying season ahead for opposing "goal-sneaks"; P. Rice marked well at centre half-forward, and Rogers and Webber were two of the smaller men who acquitted themselves satisfactorily.

## NOVICE SPORTS TODAY

The most important part of the year, as far as University athletes are concerned, is approaching.

This afternoon the Novice Sports are being held for all, including Freshers who have not been placed in each particular event.

Early indications are that entries will be good. If you want to run, but have not yet entered, your entries will be accepted on the ground.

The University Championships are to be held in a fortnight, and will provide a guide to the selection of the Inter-Varsity team.

Many athletes are in training with an eye on the Inter-Varsity side, which goes to Melbourne during first term vacation.

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## Final trials

The weather for the following Saturday was quite warm, and had a telling effect on the players' stamina.

In the early trial match Wigan, at centre wing, had many kicks, but played on unwisely at times. Hocking, in ruck, Curieacres and Giffen, in the back-line, Isbell, across the centre, and the Rice brothers, in the forwards, were others to draw attention.

In the second half, after teams had been altered, individual players did not excel quite so much, but Fitch with pleasing team work, and McTee at the goal front, were two exceptions.

Umpire Harris had control of the main trial, and whereas many of the players delighted with first rate performances, it was noticeable that a number were not as fit as might be desired. Treloar set the tenor of the game with tigerish roving from the first bell, and improved considerably on his earlier displays.

Rucking duels were not as imposing nor as decisive as anticipated, although the field work of McLeod, especially in the first half, and of Downer, was quite sound.

The two teams were reshuffled at different times, but it cannot be concealed that the club is particularly well served in rovers, half-

backs, and half-forwards. Bungey, Warne, Wicks, Treloar; Tuckwell, Hide, Krieger, Hanson, Alpers, and Owen; Altman, Kidd, Pearlman, did their best to provide a nightmarish task for A Grade selectors in picking the team for the first match.

Greet, last year's scribe, played a mercurial game on the wing, and must feel confident of filling that position in the A's.

Akkermans, with strong marking and straight kicking, made full use of every opportunity offered to him.

During the match the pivot was honored by a passing parade of stars, with perhaps Altman doing most justice to the position.

## Fund

All members of the club are exhorted to do their utmost to assist in the raising of money for the Intervarsity Carnival.

The three major money-raising ventures of the near future are:

- 1.—The raffle of the beauty set.
- 2.—The informal dance on April 21 in the Refectory.
- 3.—The Barbecue at the MacKirdys' home on April 28.

In conclusion, on behalf of the senior members of the club, I wish all first-year players every success and enjoyment during the season.

N.R.C.

## SAFETY FIRST



Rick Forgan shows determination as he marks at football practice.

Photo—John Warren.

# Blood and guts . . . The gentleman's game

Tough, yet requiring great skill—brutal, yet needing finesse—individual, yet, above all, a team game, Rugby Union is a sport for all who want to get physically in good company.

Since the Adelaide University Rugby Union Football Club was founded twenty-four years ago, its life has been one of growth in the quality of the game played and the number of its adherents.

Because it offers scope for anyone who can learn the team spirit, Rugby occupies a unique position amongst winter sports. The players are playing all the time and there is no disconsolate freezing till the ball comes.

Rugby Union offers all Australian Inter-Varsity play. Western Australia, Melbourne, Tasmania, Sydney (2) and Queensland were all visitors to the Inter-Varsity Rugby Carnival in Adelaide last year and as the years pass Adelaide University players visit all states to play for the several trophies.

## Fitness

Rugby Union adheres to true amateurism. It demands a high standard of physical fitness—not only wind but strength, ruggedness and speed. Yet it is an easy game to play and to one who has not played a winter sport

it is only a matter of getting out on the field where expert coaches will teach the rules and rudiments.

On the social side the Rugby Club ranks high. Beside the after-the-match get together an annual dinner and a traditional "high tea" held on the night of the final of the State Premiership are outstanding functions.

Last year five teams were fielded which included the First XV, St. Marks, Aquinas, University B's and University C's.

This year the first XV will be followed by a second XV and these two will contain the best 30 available. Then will follow the St. Marks and Aquinas teams and the University C's. There is room for all—Rugby is an international game.

## Officers elected

At the A.G.M. of the Rugby Club we were indeed fortunate to be able to elect Col. R. B. Hone as our president. Tony Radford was elected secretary and Frank Jorgenson Treasurer. Sandy Hone and Johnny Williams were

elected captain and vice-captain respectively.

The scratch match last Sat-

urday (apart from proving some of us weren't too fit) showed that the club has a lot of potential new faces from other clubs and states such as Malc. Van Gelder, the Staska brothers and Alan Sargeson are particularly welcomed.

# Varsity eight in great win

The provisional eight for this year's Inter-Varsity in Melbourne scored brilliantly in the Metropolitan Regatta on the Torrens on Saturday, April 7.

Despite the confident predictions of such other rowing clubs "as there may happen to be," the eight easily won the Junior Eights, and then went on to defeat S.P.S.C. in the final of the Senior Eights. It was the fifth consecutive occasion on which Varsity has won the Grayson Cup for the latter event.

Members of the eight are, from bow, G. Burfield, R. Burnell, G. Adams, G. Northcote, J. Hancock, T. Murrell, C. Cooper, and stroke R. Gill. Cox was R. Hodge. From the brief view on Saturday, the crew was possibly rowing

somewhat short—a point which will probably be rectified before Intervarsity, especially as it is over a 2½-mile course.

Their blade work was quite good, more especially when they were paddling than when the pressure was on.

The third Varsity success went to the Senior Four, which was stroked by J. Hanrahan, who must be considered as an Intervarsity possibility.

Saturday's results have put Varsity rowing back high on the list, where it should be.