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VARSITY RAGGE

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ANNUAL SPORTS.

The conclusion of the Athletic Club's Annual Sports saw A. H. Young the winner of the Cup. This success is by no means all on which he is to be congratulated; the organizing of this function is a great task upon the energies of such an enthusiastic secretary.

Winners of Cup Events.

- 100 Yards Championship.—J. Davis, 1; A. Young, 2.
- High Jump.—F. Mitchell, 1; Lawrence, 2.
- 120 Yards Hurdles.—F. Mitchell, 1; Lawrence, 2.
- 220 Yards Championship.—A. Young, 1; J. Davis, 2.
- 880 Yards Championship.—Simpson, 1; Newman, 2.
- Broad Jump.—C. Sangster, 1; Mitchell, 2.
- 440 Yards Championship.—A. Young, 1; McPherson, 2.
- Mile Championship.—Simpson, 1; Turnbull, 2.

Winners of Other Events.

- 100 Yards Handicap.—Jens.
- 220 Yards Handicap.—Jens.
- 440 Yards Handicap.—Schultz.
- 880 Yards Handicap.—Cook.
- Mile Handicap.—Haslam.
- 120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.—Lawrence.
- 440 Yards Handicap.—Baker.
- Obstacle Race.—R. O'Connor.
- Lacrosse Race.—Lawrence and Cook.
- Putting the Shot.—C. Sangster.
- Inter-Faculty Flag Race.—Engineering, 1; Medicine, 2; Dentistry, 3.

Mrs. R. H. Wallman presented the Cups to the successful contestants as A. H. Young announced them, and received the thanks of Mr. C. T. Madigan.

INTER-VARSITY TEAM.

Our despairing efforts are at last rewarded. J. Jens (Med.), M. Young (Law), F. W. Simpson (Med.), and A. H. Young (Engineering) leave for Sydney on Friday.

The sum of money necessary to secure the Sports Association's grant has not yet been raised. This is, of course, natural—on a par with the unrivalled support always shown by students to the Athletic Club.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Saturday, May 5th.

A's 9.11 v. Kingswood, 12.10—Lost.

The team played disappointingly. Kingswood were always faster to the ball, were more determined, and thoroughly deserved their win.

The best players for us were: Sangster, Booker, Baker, A. Mitchell, James, Clarkson.

Goalkickers: James (7), Hone, Forgan (each 1).

B's v. Y.M.C.A.—Lost.

The B's should have won, but lacked just the extra bit of dash which would have carried them to victory. They did fairly well, however, considering it was their first match in Amateur League.

Best players: Magarey, White, Chapman, Cowden.

Saturday, May 12th.

A's 13.14 v. Semaphore Central 9.10—Won.

The A's shaped much better and are beginning to find their true form. Much practice is needed yet, however, before the team can be said to be playing well.

Best players: Sangster, Baker, James, Power, A. D. Smith, W. Evans.

Goalkickers: James (7), A. D. Smith (2), J. N. Smith, Finlayson, D. Mitchell, Power (each 1).

B's 5.5 v. Underdale 25.25—Lost.

Though Underdale were much the stronger, the B's played disappointingly and should have done better. The team could not cope with the vigorous bumping game, which was well exploited by their opponents. This is the game which they should aim at for themselves.

Best players: O'Connor, Lewis, Pengilly, Reed.

The C's played a practice match on Saturday and had a good game. Their matches start in earnest next term.

LACROSSE NOTES.

Our opening match of the season saw us vanquished by probably the strongest team in the League. However, the team was unsettled by last-minute changes, and we are determined to show up better next match. Cornish, Rollison, and Watson were probably the best.

Prior to the match A. Dawkins was elected captain, Rollison vice-captain, and Cornish the other member of the Selection Committee, and Don Scott-Young was elected captain of the B's.

—“Weeny.”

RIFLE CLUB.

There is much wailing and gnashing of teeth among the members of this Club. Without any warning we suddenly became apprised of the fact that we had to contest the Inter-Varsity in the first week of this vac.

Protest was of no avail. Melbourne and Sydney had decided to shoot then, and that was the end of the matter. What is our Australian Council for, anyway?

And now the last drop has been added to the cup of woe, for some of us at least. G. Heaslip can't get away! However, the men who can go have been practising diligently, and we hope to have some fun at least, and in any case we won't be left out of it.

We leave on Saturday—a bare eight—and will do our best to uphold the honour of the good old Varsity.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Saturday, May 5th, we faced last year's premiers, and beat them, 6—4.

Roy Krantz received the full impact of the runner on his knee and was unable to continue. But this team surely thrives on opposition. Varsity only made one error the whole match, a feat comparable with the more flourishing doings of 1924-5.

Safe hitters were Alexander and Greene (2), Holland and Pellew (1).

Last Saturday's big win proves that reliable fielding can make up for weakness in the pitching department.

Jolly scored three safe hits, leading the battery list for the day.

The B team opened well with a 10-7 victory v. Adelaide B, largely due to George Bayly's pitching.

We might ask Reg. Wheeler what it is like to have a 16-stoner acting as steam roller over one's person.

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MEN'S HOCKEY.

First match: Beaten by Ramblers, 5-0.

Second match: Win for 'Varsity against Forestville, 3-0.

We have an excellent centre forward in Mr. Barbour, master of Saint Andrew's.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

The first A match was lost, 6-4, and the second was a draw. We've made quite a good beginning.

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AUSTRALIAN BLUES.

It is high time that something further was done by the A.U.S.A. in connection with the award of Australian Blues.

The position is getting intolerable, and is probably felt more by people not on the General Committee than by those who are.

As I see it, the position is this: According to present regulations no awards are made by the Australian Council unless a combined match has been played. Still further, awards are then only made to participants.

Now, with sports such as football and shooting, it is comparatively easy to arrange a combined match against a State team. In the case of cricket and rowing and other such clubs, such an arrangement is more or less impossible.

This means that brilliant cricketer or oarsman may not get a Blue when a less brilliant man in his own department gets one because he plays football or is a rifleman.

Still further, supposing combined matches could be arranged for all teams, what is to be done in the case of baseball and rowing where the men have definite positions outside of which their performance descends from first class to mediocre?

Last year such a position arose. Two men of equal merit were available for the position of first basemen in the Combined Baseball Match. Both couldn't have the position. Which one was it to be given to? And was the man not chosen to be dropped from the team and lose his chance of a Blue?

Wake up, Sports Association, and do something about it!

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'VARSITY SPIRIT!

And we've hardly got enough to recognize the name.

Yet if every student here remembered all that he knew of esprit de corps at school, and offered that co-operation—no, that Patriotism—to his 'Varsity, we'd not only have a Union, but a body of students worth a Union.

They've likened 'Varsity Spirit to good health. And we're pretty sick.

Apathy has spread like a poison through the whole student body till even the freshers become infected with the virus in their first term.

And we hear you say:—"It's no good trying to make this 'Varsity a live place; these things can't be done without College life—or at least a Union." Can't they? We'll never get any of these things then! Your 'Varsity Spirit first—and it will get you a Union sure enough.

Never before, and maybe never again, will there be such a chance for each individual to make or mar his University by the gift or refusal of his support.

Just the co-operation of EACH member of this 'Varsity who feels that his support wouldn't count for much—and what a number are ready to help but for that—would give us the keenness which is all we need.

Look! We know we haven't got any tradition yet, but we HAVE got an unique—a "never again" chance to MAKE some tradition!

Listen! And you'll hear them talking in the Residential Colleges of the future.

"Well, of course, this is a very go-ahead 'Varsity. But then it's the great tradition of the place to work together. You see, it all began in the old days, when the whole crowd joined together and got their own Union. We still keep up the idea, you know."

It's in your hands, 'Varsity! Come back next term suffering from an attack of vision instead of apathy and GET DOING SOMETHING!

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STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCILS

are holding a second Imperial Conference of students in Canada (Toronto or Montreal) in September of this year. The object is to continue the work of the first Imperial Conference, held in London and Cambridge in 1924.

The agenda includes many matters of general interest to students, such as:—

Student magazines and publications.

Debating teams.

Student exchanges and tours within the Empire.

Travel facilities for students.

Scholarships and lectureships.

Openings for post-graduate work, etc.

Adelaide University has been asked to send representatives. Please advertise movement well, so that any student or graduate likely to be in Canada at that date may communicate with the Students' Council.

Up to date Mr. Roy Ellis, B.D.S., is our sole representative. He is going to Toronto to study for his D.D.S.

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A BASE LIBEL.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to protest. An article in your last issue charged students with a lack of enthusiasm for the Union—even suggested basely that there was a lack of 'Varsity Spirit among the majority.

I feel sure, Sir, that yours were hurried statements, overlooking some undeniable facts, to which I would draw your attention.

Look for a moment at any student activity of this term—the sports, for instance.

Have not the Athletic Club just conducted an Annual Sports Carnival, in which there were at least two competitors for each event? What more can you ask?

This same Club will send a team to Inter-Varsity—now that a team has been persuaded to go. It will even help financially—if any money is raised!

Take the Magazine. While you make these hasty statements your University produces a Magazine, to which at least three people, besides the Staff, contributed. Take any meeting held round the Varsity. There are always several people at each one. And probably someone will go up to Mannum for the boat race. One or two people may even have bothered to reply to the Refectory Committee (though this is doubtful, there seems no appreciable difference in the ghastly state of our letter boxes).

Lastly, just think how the Varsity is reacting to the idea of holding a Conversazione next term. I am convinced that quite half a dozen people in each faculty have decided that they will lend a hand—that is, of course, if they can't possibly get out of it.

Altogether, Sir, your remarks were ill-advised. Kindly dwell upon the displays of enthusiasm—and many others like them, to which I have drawn your attention—before you attempt further estimates of our Varsity Spirit.

Yours,
SCEPTIC.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Medical School.

We are really sorry that we didn't say anything in the last issue. Unfortunately, we didn't see the paper, but that the Varsity wants such a paper is quite obvious.

Of course, Medical etiquette prevents us from saying much about ourselves—natural modesty may enter into it, but really, you know, we aren't modest.

Still, the corporate life of the Varsity is just about in a coma. And who is as able to inject some elixir into the old veins as the Meds.?

The Review will be out in the first week of next term. The Editor is writing something about the Pharmacological action of various drugs; amongst others he is dealing with Spiritus Corporalis. He says there is no minimum lethal dose. So we hope to inject a wad of units into the Varsity.

Science Association.

Twelve very select members paid a visit to "The Advertiser's" printing press, and saw the wheels fly, the paper fly, "The Saturday Express" fly, and everything fly (knocks St. Mark's Aero Club into a cocked hat).

Unfortunately—or, perhaps, fortunately?—R.H.M.B. was not one of the party, so we left the establishment quite intact upon our departure.

Even the lift licensed to carry eight passengers did not bolt when we—and a few others—went for a ride in it.

Prof. Robertson and his staff will shortly take up their abode in the new laboratory erected by the C.S.I.R. on Victoria Drive.

Doubtless, the sheep of his feeding will rival the black one of nursery rhyme fame, with its "three bags full"—only we can't guarantee that his sheep will be black. We look, rather, for white ones with pink eyes and blue ears, etc.

The Engineers—feel they need say nothing. They won the Inter-Faculty Flag Race.

DANCE CLUB.

Don't fail to be there this Saturday—something even more attractive to entertain you.

This Club affords the best facilities for students of every faculty to meet together in the most congenial surroundings.

Don't wait for a formal invitation; just come along on Saturday.

ST. MARK'S COLLEGE.

We welcome Eric Gray as a new comer, and expect him to add lustre to the College's exam. results.

We congratulate: Paddy Glynn on becoming a man and on providing a superlatively bright birthday party. Jack Jens on winning first places in the 100 and 200 Handicaps at the Annual Athletic Sports, and on being included in the team to go to Melbourne. Johnny Barker and Tank Harbison on gaining second place in the Lacrosse Race. John Corbin and Bo Henderson on going to Melbourne in the rifle team. Sholto Douglas and Neil McEwin in their sub-editorial capacities.

We are sure that Clarry Smith and Sholto Douglas will do their best in the crew at Mannum, and we wish them every kind of good luck.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

The Day has been.

Many were seen

On the Jubilee.

Ladies fair, and athletes keen,

All were there, on the green

Of the Jubilee.

It was May 9. Each Collegian was in honour bound to appear in at least one event on the recent Sports Day. The rival Houses did their best to make the others lie in the dust: School were successful, with Varsity close behind.

Luck was against the Alpha relay runner (L.P.), who came in from his school to run, but was unable to do so.

This report would be incomplete if mention were not made of "Miss Teachers' College, 1928" (A.H.), whose beauty and form charmed all present. Who can say with any degree of certainty how keen was the disappointment felt when it became known that the champion high jumper was unable to take part? We must congratulate F. Mitchell on getting the Cup again, and Miss Simmons and L. Dodd on showing rare form.

A LITTLE SCIENCE WITH MY MEALS.

Recently the Refectory Committee foisted upon the Varsity students a most lamentably unscientific and apathetic pamphlet with a view to finding out their gastronomic desires (or abilities, was it?). Don't the Committee realize that the modern student is highly trained in scientific knowledge—that he is not interested and does not understand the vulgar tongue? We suggest something like this:—

1. Will you partake of carbohydrates?
2. Will you require hot or cold proteins?
3. Do you like fats?
4. Will you want much vitamins?
5. Will you have your beverages at N.T.P. or 100° C.?

6. Remarks (N.B.: Don't make sarcastic remarks or the cooks will go on strike, and this would mean the tying up of the Refectory).

With difficulty we refrain from swearing just a little, a very little swear, about the state of our letter boxes owing to this pamphlet.

WHAT'S YOURS IS MINE—IF I CAN GET IT.

So did Norman Dunning, M.A., LL.B., put his finger on the 19th Century attitude.

"What's mine is my own—if I can keep it." So are we acting towards the two major problems of to-day—Internationalism, Industrialism. "What's mine is yours—if you need it." The only attitude fit to face the task.

Reminiscences of Cambridge Student Movement days brought the meeting face to face with the problem of presenting religion in all its vitality—and reality—to those who will have none of the unreality which has gathered round it—more than half obscuring the manhood of "The Man Nobody Knows."

—:o:— MORE WORDS.

Thank goodness, we have a "'Varsity Ragge.'" Here's the Mag. out with nearly two pages of words from the pen of "X.Y.Z."; and if there wasn't a "Ragge" I'd have to wait until next August to say something in it.

"X.Y.Z." is obviously of the large-bodied, big-footed, aneucephalic type, and after reading the article three times I'm not sure that I'm not, as I can't see what he or she is driving at. Only two things seem plain.

One, that the Union Room belongs to the Union; the other that "X.Y.Z." has now the privilege of having had the last word. Congratulations!

In regard to the Union Room ownership, I would personally be very grateful if "X.Y.Z." would point out to me the Union that owns it.

Is it the Union Room Committee? Or is it the Union Room Secretary? If I recollect rightly, the latter had quite a lot to say in support of Mr. Wallman's contention at the A.U.S.A. general meeting. And is it into poor old Bill that the S.C. should have "infused new life"?

Permit me to try and lighten this darkness which "X.Y.Z." has made more dark. Let us get the facts right.

1. There is a Union Room, controlled and managed by the A.U.S.A., but which doesn't belong to the A.U.S.A.

2. There is a Students' Council, which has valiantly tried to stir up interest in the Union to be.

3. There is a Sports Association, which recognizes that it is not a representative body.

4. This is important: There is a Union Building Fund Committee appointed by a general meeting of students last year, and consisting of two members of the S.C. and two members of the Sports Association. This Committee is endeavouring to keep alive and promote interest in the Union and raise funds for the building. It has decided to hold a conversazione early next term; and wants all your support, and wants it badly.

5. At present there is no Union, otherwise we wouldn't be trying to get one. There is, however, a spirit of union in the 'Varsity that needs a body in which to express itself, and a controlling body and a building as manifestations of it.

6. This is most important of all: The students and staff compose the University; not the stones, bricks, and mortar. These same people compose and own the Sports Association and its assets. These same people are going to compose and own the Union and its assets. We are few, and will all have to be in this if it is to be a success, and it will be! The Union and the A.U.S.A. are not representing different interests; they are aspects of the same interest of the one body—University life being the former and the University the latter.

The S.C. is in the same category, and accurately reflects the student section of the University. It has done good work and is chiefly a temporary manifestation of "University life," which will probably be incorporated in the larger, more permanent manifestation that we need so badly—the Union.

A.B.C.

—:o:— FURTHER DEGENERATION OF A KNIGHT.

Sir Magnus Neushete's lady wife
Was much alarmed at his gay new life.
"Your father, my dears," to the children she said,
"Has deserted you sadly, astray he's been led,
Poor papa always was rather weak in the head!"
But Magnus Neushete's new-found friends
For his tearful spouse made great amends.
The "bloods" feted him at their several bright
clubs,
The "lower class" took him the round of the pubs.
(The housekeeping money was used up for subs.)
They sought "dear Sir Magnus" for supper and
dinner,
His humour waxed fat, though his wisdom grew
thinner,
And his cronies all sang, as down at the door
They deposited him (he already saw four),
"Long live the effects of the 'night before.'!"

—:o:— 'VARSITY COLOURS.

Dear Sir,

These are the recommendations likely to be made to the University Sports Association with regard to the new A.U.S.A. colours:—

1. That the University colours, azure blue, gold and silver, be adopted. And that University coat of arms be substituted for present badge, if this is granted by the University Council.
2. Full Blue—azure blue coat, silver facings, gold buttons, gold badge.
3. Half Blue—inch stripes, silver and blue, with badge similar to Full Blue.
4. Blazer for all members of A.U.S.A.: Broad blue stripes, alternate narrow silver and gold stripes.

—:o:— YOU WANT TO KNOW.

WHEN—Every alternate Thursday during term this paper will be published.

WHERE—On sale in the front office or procurable from some member or members of each faculty.

WHY—To rouse the interest of every student in the many activities which go to make up 'Varsity life, and to increase that interest till every student is doing his bit for the Union—the centre of that life. Putting it straight, we're out to get some 'Varsity Spirit!'

WHO—This paper is produced by the Student Christian Movement, because they've got enough members dead keen on the 'Varsity, and that esprit de corps which it hasn't got, to do all the work entailed.

N.B.—A system of yearly subscribers has been arranged for members of the staff, whereby their copies will be delivered to their pigeon holes for the sum of 2s. 6d. per annum—and "plus" for anyone who is interested enough to help us on. Applications to B. Shorney or M. Barelay.