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**"13 HOURS BY AIR"**

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**"DESERT GOLD"**

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## W.A. UNIVERSITY SHOWS WAY WITH CARNEGIE GIFTS

### Public Lectures on Music and Art

So the honor has fallen to the University of Western Australia!

Endowed by the Carnegie Corporation with the same kind of college music set and electric gramophone which at present rest—we use the word advisedly—in the southern hall of the Elder Conservatorium, the University of Western Australia, showing considerably more enterprise than is at present visible in the University of Adelaide, has arranged a series of ten talks on music, to be given at the University on Sunday afternoons.

The lectures will be given in the Winthrop Hall, the W.A. equivalent to the Bonython Hall.

### ART COLLECTION

We hear that our leader's letter and our representations have not been in vain. The collection is to be housed temporarily in the big reading room in the Barr-Smith. "On Dit" hopes that it will find a permanent place there or thereabouts. Then we students can show the Carnegie Corporation that we appreciate their gift.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EXCAVATIONS CLUB. WELL DUG!

A similar programme has been arranged on pictorial art, using the Carnegie Art Collection. The lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be given in the Arts lecture rooms, where a large part of the collection has been hung in plain deal frames.

#### How It Was Done.

The scheme was worked out by the University Board of Adult Education in conjunction with the Guild of Undergraduates (the official student body). Two speakers, well known to radio audiences in the West for their talks on music, were asked to arrange the first programme. The second programme was arranged by Mr. C. R. Badger, who will give two lectures on Italian primitive art, and Mr. Esmond George, who will give eight on modern French painting.

#### "It Can't Happen Here."

The present position seems to justify the caption, but why shouldn't it happen here? We have a Tutorial Class Department and a Students' Union. Is it too much to expect one or both of these bodies to stir themselves to make some use of the Carnegie gifts? We have men who could give lectures on music and art. We have, surely, some sufficient nook in the University where the lectures could be given. For all we know, we may even have a public willing to attend such lectures. Shall we ever find out?

## Union Scatters Largesse

### FINANCE REPORT ADOPTED

*Have you ever been to the Refectory when the Union Committee was in session? Strange sight of industry, but we did not notice Misses Frick, Cherry, and Kennedy, nor Mr. Stevenson amongst those present—some of these, however, sent apologies. We know at least one place where "On Dit" is read—at the Union Committee meetings!*

#### Finance Report.

The Finance Sub-Committee's report was adopted. This included grants of £36 to the Men's and £45 to the Women's Unions. The committee decided to have some cinema shows (arranged by A. H. Magarey and F. Fenner) again this year, and recommended that a grant be made for this purpose. It also recommended a grant for debates suppers. (By the way, the Law Students are to have a representative on the Debating Sub-Committee.)

#### Phoenix.

The report of last year's Editor was read and adopted. The Publications Sub-Committee recommended the following personnel for Phoenix this year:—Editors, R. A. Blackburn (Editor-in-Chief), V. Mattison and Miss McKellar Stewart; business manager, R. L. Cotton. The committee adopted these recommendations.

#### Correspondence.

The committee heard a letter from Mr. Fred Bonnin expressing appreciation of their action in making him an honorary life member of the Union.

The committee was also informed that the President (Mr. Barbour), Miss Wighton and Mr. Wallman had formed a united front with the Excavations Club in an effort to save the Art Collection by sending a letter from the students to those in high places setting out our feelings.

#### Union Ball.

It was unanimously decided to repeat the Union Ball this year. You will all remember what a great success this was last year—it is our dance of the year, as the Varsity Ball is run by the Sports Association. The provisional date is Friday, July 16. Mark it down now. This is the most important Varsity dance of the year.

#### Community Singing.

It was agreed to try community singing in the men's lounge (the partitioned end of the Refectory) next Tuesday, May 4, at lunch time. It was pointed out in our last number that this would add a desirable air of informality to the proceedings. Mr. Wallman seemed a little doubtful about this, but we are sure he will be convinced of its desirability.

#### Aquinas Society Dance.

The committee decided, with one dissentient, that it could not grant permission to the Aquinas Society to hold its annual dance in the Refectory. Due consideration was given to the history of the Aquinas Society's relations with the Union in this regard, and it was decided that the society had no claim on the Union and did not conform with the regulations as a body with a right to hold dances here.

### OUR ADVERTISERS

*You will remember that "On Dit" increased in size last year—as a result of the support given us through advertising subscriptions by city business people. It is up to you, when you can, to make it worth their while. You might even mention at opportune moments that you saw their advert. here.*

#### BACK TO FRENCH CLUB.

During Graduates' Week (May 14-21) a meeting of the French Club will be held on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Lady Symon Hall, to which all former members of the club are invited to come.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 4th,  
8 p.m.,  
REFECTORY**

#### NOTICE.

There was over a page too much material for the paper this week. The songs are partly to blame for this, but much has to be held over because it was too late. All copy must, in future, reach us by Friday night, and sports results by Monday morning at 10 a.m.

## MEN'S UNION

The Men's Union Committee has decided to add to the selection of periodicals for the Men's Reading Room. The new magazines are both popular and instructive, and will be available in a few weeks.

Arrangements have been made for the holding of the Men's Union dinner early in the second term, if possible on Saturday, June 19. This dinner was well attended last year, and it is hoped that it will be as successful this year. There are not many functions at which the men students of different faculties are able to get together, but this is one of them, and an appeal is made to all male members of the Union to support the Men's Union dinner.

### LAW LIBRARY

It is credibly reported that the Law Library will in future be accessible regularly to those who spent the silent watches of the night in a maze of pandects. We advise young law undergraduates to arrange for father to meet them at the tram or train when they go home these long winter evenings—it's much safer.

### CARRY ON, LAW STUDENTS!

#### MR. MAGAREY CAN'T TAKE IT.

When the matter of community singing in the men's lounge was brought up at the Union meeting last Wednesday two committee members raised their voices in condemnation of the scheme. Mr. N. H. Wallman apparently objects on legal principle, and thinks that the Men's Union should have been asked for their consent.

The other objector was Mr. A. H. Magarey, and the grounds for his violent opposition are hard to find. When tackled later on the subject Mr. Magarey looked positively apoplectic. This is all we could get out of him.

Question: Do you intend to go to the community singing on Tuesday?

A.H.M.: I certainly do not!

Question: Why?

A.H.M.: I don't like a din while I'm eating. They can sing in the Lady Symon if they want to.

Even when we explained that the singing would not start until he had finished his lunch Mr. Magarey held out. Why? What is at the back of all this? A weak digestion or sensitive cardrums? Or, perhaps (and we are inclined to this view), he just can't take it.

At any rate, we were glad to find that he apparently has no objection to the rest of the Union singing.

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# AS WE PLEASE

## A TEAR-DROP FROM ETERNITY

Last night, as I was pushing my solitary way homewards along the river bank in the gathering gloom, I was accosted by a gentleman who was apparently in the throes of a tense emotional crisis. He held out a letter, and as he put it into my hands I could see that his eyes were dim with tears. His face was contorted as if in pain, and he choked, as if struggling to express something for which the words would not come. . . . Then suddenly I realised that it was the reverse, and that his emotion came from a furious struggle to restrain a burst of passion that was shaking his whole frame. With one final sob, he glided off into the dusk, and I shall never see him again. . . .

Wondering, and not a little alarmed, I walked on, and when I got home I opened his letter. This is what I read:

"Mr. Observer,—  
"By the time you and your readers read this I shall no longer be troubling this sad planet. Having shuffled off this mortal coil, I shall be exploring an avenue into the Great Unknown.

"My heart is broken, Mr. Observer, and it is because the child of my genius, my magnum opus, has been reviled, slighted, scorned. I have poured out my whole soul into the creation of a magnificent work of art, and now that the world has rejected it, I have nothing to live for. Mr. Observer, I was the designer of the new Refectory drinking fountain.

"Many were the days and nights, sir; many were the weeks, yea, months that I pondered over it, toiled and even wept over it—till at last it was evolved: the one, the only, the Great Fountain, superb, supreme. I watched it put into its place in the wall, felt and marvelled at the glamour it cast over the cloisters and lawn, and retired, sublimely happy, as a man whose life's work is well done.

"Then came the crash, Mr. Observer. I will refrain from recounting how many times I watched in vain for some handsome Lothario or his blushing damsel to stoop and put his lips to its burnished chromium mouth-piece. None did so.

"It was with feelings of ineffable joy, therefore, that I read the noble effusion in your last issue, from the pen of a lady whose name will solace me evermore in my walks in the sinister and uncharted groves of the nether regions, whither my spirit will soon be flying—Miss Lettice Drinkwater. All hail to thee, sprightly Lettice! Thou and I shall surely meet hereafter. Alas! however, her impassioned appeal was in vain. She did not understand the real cause of the fountain's unpopularity.

"To reveal this, Mr. Observer, is the purpose of this missive, and my last task on earth. It is a conclusion I have reached after long days and nights of anxious thought and sorrow, and though your readers may scoff at it as the conclusion of a young lunatic, I put it forward in the certainty, alas! that it is the true one. The reason why its possessors do not use it is none of those Miss Drinkwater suggests, but simply that they do not appreciate its beauty.

"Scoff, ye scoffers! if this seems madness to you. I care not. I shall soon be beyond the reach of scorn. If my appeal perchance touches some sensitive hearts, I pray that they may strive for its removal and presentation to the Regent Theatre, or, better, the Dogs' Home, where its glorious shape and effulgent coloring will surely fit it for any use it may be put to. My name I withhold, for the bafflement and surprise of posterity. Farewell."

# "On Dit"

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## To Put Our Cases

Did you hear about the assurances of the authorities at the recent Universities' Conference that they would co-operate in every way with the students? We did. But we heard also, at the Students' Conference, the insistently warning voice of Mr. Kevin Ellis assuring us that "you will all come to our position, and you should take the necessary precautions now". He was referring to the relationship of the student body with the Senate in Sydney. Sydney students, after considerable trouble, have just won a seat on the Senate. Melbourne students have the right to elect two full members as their representatives, working in the closest touch with the Students' Representative Council. We in Adelaide have no representation.

The disadvantages of this system are apparent: they have been particularly evident recently. In the matter of the Law Library, for instance, the students would have had someone to put the students' case. If he could not have swayed the Council, at least he could have told us where we stood at any one time. Instead, the business dragged on and we never knew. Then there is the matter of the Carnegie Art Collection: apart from one airing it was allowed to lie buried for months. Interested students held very definite views about those pictures: after all, it was for us that they were sent. Yet this matter dragged on, too. A representative in the Council could quickly have brought the pictures to light.

We would be the better for a real opportunity of co-operation, such as Council representation would provide. If we are worthy of the co-operation that was recognised by the Universities' Conference as our right, and does, in fact, exist in Melbourne, then we are worthy of a voice on the Council. Or are Adelaide University affairs to be as conservative as ever?

This subject was given larger and more thorough consideration than any other at the Student Conference. But "On Dit" did not reproduce it as we thought it would be of little current interest here. Apparently we were wrong.

## LAW STUDENTS

Opening Address by K.C.

Mr. George Ligertwood, K.C., gave the opening address to the Law Students at their meeting on Tuesday night. He spoke on the future of the legal profession in South Australia. After pointing out how true it was that land agents, trustee companies, and other such nefarious people had robbed the profession of much of its business, he went on to add that there was still some work left that lawyers could do. This was very heartening, in view of the stress that has recently been laid on the overcrowding of the profession and the lack of work. To succeed, however, the young lawyer must be prepared to approach his work earnestly, to read all the law reports (this was not heartening), and to conduct all his business according to the best professional ethics. The standard required is high, but there is still hope for law students.

The A.U.L.S.S. is holding its first debates this evening, when there will be argument on questions set by Messrs. D. B. Rees and A. S. Blackburn. These debates will be held fortnightly until the beginning of the third term.

## A MESSAGE TO WOMEN STUDENTS.

To-morrow (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. the Women's Union are entertaining the members of the Wives' Club in the Lady Symon. Remember:

- (1) That you are expected to come even if you have sports practice and have to leave early.
- (2) All offers of cake and flowers will be thankfully received.

## TO G.V.P.

Our 'Varsity humbly beseeches  
The pundit who history teaches  
To kindly refrain  
From referring again  
To Australia's birth-stain in his  
speeches.

## AND ANOTHER.

Said a musical moron named Horner,  
Watch me teaching the Men's Union  
fauna  
To sing like a choir  
Of angels (entire),  
But the end was a perfect Cadorna.

## BASKETBALL CLUB.

Saturday, May 1.

- A Grade:  
University defeated Rovers, 34-18.  
B Grade:  
Y.W.C.A. defeated University, 36-27.  
D Grade:  
Seaton Park defeated University,  
43-5.

## SOCCER.

The A's somewhat regained confidence in themselves by defeating Prospect 2-1 on Saturday. The A's had a somewhat easier win than the scores indicate, for we were attacking most of the time, and Prospect managed to score a lucky goal in the closing stage of the game. As usual, Evans was best player, but Fenn and Waters were little behind him.  
Goal-scorers: Evans and Luscombe.  
The B's.—Wavville, 3, defeated University B, 2. Goal-scorers: Nankivell and Harris.

# Mother India

REV. ALLEN'S ADDRESS.

The P. and I.R.C. heard both sides of the Indian situation from the Rev. J. H. Allen last Wednesday night. Some of what he had to tell we get in the "Advertiser," but some we do not get there.

Nehru.

As Mr. Allen could not get to the meeting until 8.30 the Club heard read first, by way of introduction, the presidential address of Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the Indian National Congress. Mr. Allen described Nehru as possessed of definite ideas and a Leninist revolutionary ideal in contrast to the religious and contemplative Gandhi who rather follows Tolstol. That it requires courage to be a Communist in India is evident when the reactionary strength of the British Raj, the Mohammedan landlords, and the caste system is properly gauged. But the Congress is a mercurial party—a loose agglomeration which so readily melts away at a critical moment.

British Rule.

We are apt to talk of the great things Britain has done for India; but in reality we have done these things for ourselves, reaping much where we have sown little. We forget that our pouring of Lancashire cloth into India in the past century has silenced thousands of looms up and down India and left the hard workers pauperised and undernourished. We point to the wonderful railways with which we have covered India, but it is to be remembered that the B. and N.W. railway, for instance, has paid 15 per cent. dividends to Rothschilds for years (the late King George was a considerable stockholder). The great industrial concerns are still mostly in British hands for Britain's profit, while areas of 40 by 60 miles see one and a half million Indians struggling for subsistence, cultivating to the very doors and walls of their miserable houses.

The Constitutional Position.

The 1919 Act set a fixed ratio of Indians to Britains in the civil service and created Legislative Councils. Yet, in reality, it gave no power—any Act could be overruled by the Central Government, and native Ministers had no powers of direction over British district officers. A native's only redress was through the I.C.S., and this was a British clique.

The new Act, though it fixes still a great gulf between the new position and dominion status, yet represents a considerable advance upon thirty years ago. The Provincial Legislatures are separated from the centre—their legislation may stand. The Governors can select only the Premier, who may select his own Cabinet and be responsible to the Legislature. The district officers are under the Ministers. The new Act represents provincial gain and at the same time a loss for the princes who join. But there is strong pressure of national opinion which may cause them to join the Federation.

The Recent Elections.

Of the eleven provinces six returned National Congress majorities, five returned Unionist majorities. The Congress was divided in opinion about taking office, but decided not to take office unless the Governors promised not to use their reserve powers. For, under this new Act, the Governor, if he deems the situation to be critical, can rule by decree, veto legislation, or certify—that is, give the force of law to legislation of the Government which has been rejected by the Legislature. The new Viceroy has already done this in the case of the Salt Tax and other Acts—which is not very democratic! The Governors have thus been forced, in six provinces, to appoint minority Unionist Governments. Yet a Congress-Raj agreement is not impossible, even now. The new Act has divided Indians, whereas the 1919 Act united all Indians—in opposition! To-day even the Congress has its diehard Nationalists, its opportunists, and its constitutionalists.

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# "MARY STUART"

May 8th, 12th, 15th.

PLANS AT CAWTHORNE'S.

# 'Varsity Singing

[The Union has decided that new or borrowed songs shall be printed in "On Dit" to save the cost of running off sheets. So keep your "On Dits" and bring them to 'Varsity singing with you. Some of these efforts look crude, but they go if there is ENOUGH music].

## HOME, SWEET HOME.

(Tune: "The Minstrel Boy.")  
When I first came to the 'Varsity  
I made some ghastly blunders—  
I thought that all the Profs. were sane  
And lecturers were wonders.  
I said, "I'll work by night and day  
To win Professors' praises,  
Six nights a week at home I'll stay  
And I shall work like blazes.

But I have learnt some sense since then,  
Such thoughts were rather silly;  
I've found that Profs. are almost men,  
I call them Fitz or Willie.

And since I've found that it's a crime  
To swot or be too clever,  
I'm quite content to spend my time  
At 'Varsity for ever.

## WOAD.

(Tune: "Men of Harlech.")  
(An Old Friend)  
What's the good of wearing braces,  
Vests or pants or boots with laces,  
Spats and hats you buy in places  
Down in Brompton Road?

What's the use of shirts of cotton,  
Studs that always get forgotten?  
These affairs are simply rotten,  
Better far is woad.

Woad's the stuff to show, men;  
Woad to scare your foe, men;  
Boil it to a brilliant blue,  
And rub it on your back and your  
abdomen.

Ancient Briton ne'er did hit on  
Anything as good as woad to fit on  
Neck or knees or where you sit on;  
Tailors, you be blowed!

Romans came across the Channel  
All wrapped up in tin and flannel;  
Half a pint of woad per man'll  
Dress us more than these.

Saxons, you can waste your stitches  
Building beds for bugs in breeches,  
We have woad to clothe us, which is  
Not a nest for fleas.

Romans keep your armours,  
Saxons your pyjamas,  
Hairy coats were made for goats,  
Gorillas, yaks, retriever dogs, and  
llamas;  
Tramp up Snowdon with our woad on,  
Never mind if we get snowed on,  
Never want a button sewed on,  
Go it ancient B's!

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# SPORTING NEWS

## FOOTBALL.

Saturday's match against Saints' Old Scholars was, from our point of view, very disappointing. The team as a whole had been showing excellent form at practice, but we suffered a relapse in our first match. Very few of our men could handle the ball well, and fumbling and ragged kicking was the order of the day, as far as we were concerned.

Both sides were very keen to win, and the play, although congested, was fast and furious.

Saints led throughout the match, and are to be congratulated on playing better football than did our men. At one stage late in the third quarter 'Varsity were within two points of the Saints, but the latter lasted better and pulled away in the last quarter to win by over four goals.

The final scores were: Saints, 14-11; 'Varsity, 10-10.

Best Players.—'Varsity: Shaughnessy, Twartz, W. P. Goode.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Three matches were played on Saturday. The A's defeated Graduates (last year's premiers) by 5-4, thereby providing the hockey world with a sensation, it being two years since they were beaten by the 'Varsity. The whole team played extremely well, forcing the pace from the beginning. The B's defeated Shelton, 1-0. The B2's lost to San Souci, 7-0.

## LACROSSE.

The first matches of the season were played on Saturday, and although two of them were lost, there is every reason for being satisfied with the way the reorganised teams shaped.

The A's played Sturt in the South Park. The game was much more even than results would indicate, and the backs played very well to keep the strong Sturt forwards down to ten goals. Our forwards, however, were ineffective, but with experience they should be more successful.

The B team was never troubled by Port Adelaide. The match was entirely one-sided, and had our shooting been better the margin would have been much wider.

The C's were rather unlucky to lose their match, as they were the better team in the second half. Many of those who have just taken up the game, especially Frayne and Formby, showed considerable promise.

The following officers were elected before their respective matches:

A.—Captain, Harry; vice-captain, Isaachsen; selector, Harbison.

B.—Captain, Duffield; vice-captain, Ryan.

C.—Captain, Boucaut; vice-captain, Lake.

After the matches, an inaugural dinner was held at the Black Bull Hotel. This annual event was, as usual, a roaring success, and was not accompanied by the casualties that occurred last year. One member of the Lacrosse Club had been invited to a party, and the others chivalrously went along to support him. Altogether a pleasant evening.

## Results.

A.—University, 3 goals; Sturt, 10 goals.

Goal-throwers: Harry (2), Barnfield. Best Players: Isaachsen, Harbison, Taylor, Harry.

B.—University, 28 goals; Port Adelaide, 1 goal.

Goal-throwers: Ward (10), Rule (7), Kayser (5), Snow (3), Menzies, 2 knocked in.

Best Players: Menzies, Ward, Rule.

C.—University, 6 goals; S.A. Railways, 9 goals.

Goal-throwers: Boucaut (3), Thomas (2), Heddle.

Best Players: Boucaut, Lake, Formby, Frayne.

## MEN'S HOCKEY.

### Results.

A.—Grange defeated University, 2-1. Goal-hitter: F. Fenner. Best Players: Fenner, Motteram, Newland.

B.—Knightsbridge d. University, 3-1. Goal-hitter: L. Berndt. Best Players: Irwin, Healy, Semmler.

C.—Knightsbridge d. University, 2-0. Best Players: Whittington, Field, McPhee.

## RUGBY.

As was expected, both A and B teams were successful in the first matches.

In A Grade, 'Varsity, after a bad start, recovered, and, thanks chiefly to the wingers, scored 4 tries in quick succession, and thereafter held the lead. Scores:

University.—Half time, 24; final, 27. Adelaide.—Half time, 9; final, 17.

Scorers: Reilly, Edelman, Lyons (2 each), Freeman, Thomson converted three.

Best Players: Reilly, Magarey, Freeman, Edelman.

In B Grade, 'Varsity had no trouble in beating Adelaide. Scores: 'Varsity, 28; Adelaide, 3.

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## BASEBALL REPORT.

### Results.

A's lost to West Torrens, 1-4. B's lost to Kensington, 3-7. C's lost to Mount Barker, 14-17. D's lost to Railways, 2-18.

From the above brief remarks it is obvious that May Day was no good to the Baseball Club, as each team was well beaten.

The A Grade game was of fair standard, except for several lapses in the field, which in each case proved costly. Torrens' early lead was reduced in the next innings, when Sutherland got a pass to first, stole second, and came home on Thompson's strong hit to left field. In Torrens' next innings, Reilly struck three out in a run, so preventing any fielding errors, but Torrens scored again in their fifth and eighth times at bat. Neither side scored in the ninth, to leave 'Varsity three down. The battery performed well again to get seven strike-outs and allow only six hits, but was poorly supported by the infield. The batting was poor.

Safe-hitters: Thompson, Swan (2), Sutherland, Reilly, Gillespie, Kilgariff (1).

The B Grade game with Kensington was enjoyed by all, but the standard was not high. Noack showed great improvement by getting six strike-outs. O'Grady was the only batter to get two hits, singles being scored by Morrison, Kerr, Oldfield, Eckersley and Noack.

The C's played their annual picnic game in the hills with Mount Barker. Doubtless the journey home was up to its usual standard, even though they were beaten. Wilkinson made a comeback and scored three hits. Nichterlein also scored three hits.

The D's could do no better than to score two against the Railways, who put 18 in the book. Ryan, Todd, and Morgan were the only batters to connect safely.

# WORDS WITHOUT MUSIC

## You Must Supply That

### THE ART COLLECTION.

(Tune: "What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor?")

(It is nine months since the University hid the Carnegie Art Collection.)  
What shall we do with the Art Collection?  
What shall we do with the Art Collection?  
What shall we do—may we trouble you

So early in the morning?

### Chorus.

Heigh-ho! The City of Culture!  
Heigh-ho! The City of Culture!  
Heigh-ho! We're mighty slow;  
But p'raps the day is dawning.

"Give it to me," says E. H. Davies.  
"Give it to me," says E. H. Davies.  
"Give it to me," says E.H.D.  
"For the Elder Con's adorning."

### Chorus.

"Take it away," says the low-brow he-man.  
"Take it away," says the low-brow he-man.

"Take it away; it's p'raps O.K.;  
"But it always gets me yawning."

"Lock it all up," says the high-brow person.

"Lock it all up," says the high-brow person.

"Lock it all up," says the high-brow pup.

"This vulgar clamor scorning."

### Chorus.

"Leave it to me," says W. Cowan.  
"Leave it to me," says W. Cowan.  
"Leave it to me," says W.C.  
"I'll heed Carnegie's warning."

### Chorus.

Nine months we've all been watching;  
Nine months of bald-head scratching;  
Nine months the plot's been hatching;  
Now's the time for spawning.

### Chorus.

Heigh-ho! The City of Culture!  
Heigh-ho! The City of Culture!  
Heigh-ho! We're mighty slow;  
But p'raps the day is dawning.

## 'Varsity Oddments.

(Tune: "British Grenadiers.")

Some speak of Jerry Portus,  
And some of Stanton Hicks,  
Of Goldby and Doug. Mawson,  
Of Chapman and his tricks.  
But of all the Profs. I've known,  
There's none that can compare  
With the Professor of Physics  
For eyebrows and for hair.

Our lawyers have no lib'r'y,  
Nor yet their own sweet Prof.,  
Their state is truly parlous,  
They'll soon be drifting off.  
We mustn't step in to save them,  
And drag them back from town,  
Or else they'll rightly tell us  
The 'Varsity let them down.

Conserv. has Harold Davies,  
Con. Pether and George Pearce,  
Put all their noise together—  
The whole damned row's just  
fierce;

But of all the noisy windbags  
That ever we have heard,  
We'll put John Horner first—  
And second, and then third.

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# Correspondence

THIS MEN'S UNION BUILDING.

Letters to the Editor.

Refectory Lawn,  
April 1st.

Dear Sir.—After prolonged observation of the Men's Union Building progress I feel bound to protest at the slow pace of those responsible. Before each successive layer of bricks is added new grown grass has to be scraped off the preceding layer. Are we ever going to have a Men's Union at all? What are you doing about it, Mr. Editor,—what are Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Eardley, Mr. Stan. Goodall, and Councilor Rymill doing about it?

Yours, etc.,  
JOHN S. PRAWLER,  
(Arts Student).

On the Works,  
Lunch time.

Dear Sir.—This is no good. I can't concentrate on the job. It's no good. I'm just all of a dither: can't gather my nerves together at all. The wife complains at night that I shake as if I operated a pneumatic drill. Also, I've lost sacks on the gee gees in the last three weeks: I just can't concentrate on form.

It's no good, it's the spectators that do it. I just can't stand working in front of all those young gentlemen of leisure who lounge over the barriers. It must be like when Don Bradman bats in a test match: but I can't take it, Mr. Editor, I can't. It's no good.

Yours, etc.,  
JIM CROW,  
Bricklayer.

Lady Symon Library,  
April 22nd.

Dear Sir.—Don't you think the man that mixes the concrete is too, too divine, Mr. Editor? He has such a sweet, fine face, and his muscles ripple like the water from the drinking fountain when the sun's out. Oh! And that reminds me, Mr. Editor, I do like that fountain: so handy and such a nice tone of green—it's just like the summer hat I had at Victor the year before last. But to get back to that lovely workman, don't you think we could get him to give a talk on "creative art," like Mr. Finnis at the Arts Association?

Please, Mr. Editor,  
Yours, etc.,  
NAOMI JENKINSON,  
(Arts Fresher).

Department of Anthropology,  
The University.

Sir.—It is just conceivable that it may interest some of your readers to know that Paul Jones, a workman excavating for the foundations of the new Men's Union Building, has discovered the jawbone of an ass. This is in a highly fossilised state and well preserved. It dates from the age of the Pithecanthropus, and bears striking resemblances to similar remains discovered under the east wing of the Sing Sing Penitentiary foundations by Prof. Heidleberg, of Havard. I am including further details in my forthcoming book on early land connections between Australia and America. I am recommending Paul Jones for the John L. Young Scholarship for Research.

Yours, etc.,  
ISIAIAH WORMWOOD,  
Prof. of Anthropology.

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Lady Symon Balcony.

Dear Sir.—The state of the Men's Union Building has inspired me to read "The Last Days of Pompeii," and now I have written a play. I think I shall call it "Love in the Ruins," because it's so dramatic and yet so beautiful. Anyway, it's about a man called Claudius and a girl called Ophthalmia—but I had better not tell you all about it, that would spoil everything. What I want you to do is to get some one to produce it for me. Now, perhaps, if you used your influence, Mr. Editor, you could get the Arts Association to do it, or one of their play-reading groups. They must do it on the building site.

Yours, etc.,  
JOANNA GARRICK.

P.S.: I am a very fresh woman as yet, but I hope that at the end of the year the Professor will let me do Honors English.

At home,  
Sunday night.

Dear Sir.—My sense of duty as a Union official prompts me to warn students that the barrier around the Men's Union is definitely UNSAFE. Only on Friday night at the dance Robinson leaned against it to look at the moon and it gave, and he was impaled on an upright for two hours before a Janitor, who was searching the cars for liquor, found him, and had him taken to the hospital. Students cannot be too careful about this, Mr. Editor.

Yours, etc.,  
MEMBER OF UNION C'TEE.

Advanced Maths. Room,  
Tuesday.

Dear Sir.—While the men are working below ground level, could we not have a bridge over the excavation. By going round it I take 56 steps more each time, which makes 224 in a day; 1,120 steps a week (more when I come to a dance); 4,480 a month (or 5,152 if there are 31 days in the month and none of them are Sundays). That makes 46,368 in a Varsity year, and I am going to work out how many it would be for a four year course, but that will need logs. If all those steps were put end to end I would be able to go to the Coronation and back twice (allowing for a boat trip across the Timor Sea and the Euphrates River). We must have a bridge.

Yours, etc.,  
HORACE POSTLETHWAITE,  
(2nd Year Maths.)  
104 Hindley Street,  
Tuesday.

Dear Sir.—My Jim has been taken to hospital. He has been so shaky and nervy and sick that the doctor thought he had D.T's., but I told him it was the horrible nervous strain of working at the University, where the young people have such a thirst for knowledge that they simply stand and watch him all day at his bricklaying. Now, my Jim has never been on the stage before (except once, when he was at school), and so his nerves have been shot to ribbons. We have ten children, and now there is no money coming into the home. Could you run an appeal for us?

Yours, etc.,  
SUSAN CROW.

The Works,  
Friday.

Dear Sir.—I wish to protest about this bridge they have put up just over the way. We don't get half the appreciative audiences we used to at the Men's Union works now. They all spend lunchtime down in the reeds by the river, watching the nutting and bolting. The men here don't think it's a fair go, Mr. Editor. Could you get Wacka Dawe to give a little song and dance on our works each day to draw the crowd back.

Yours, etc.,  
JACK JOHNSON,  
Foreman.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I make a few comments upon the Peace Group which, if lacking in its members' sensationalism, at least possess, I think, a certain amount of reason. Be it understood that I do not wish to criticise the individual members of the Peace Group (hereinafter called the M.P.G.).

I cast no aspersions on their sincerity, courage, honesty, etc., but only on their sanity—or, rather, want of it. The criticisms which follow are directed mainly against the shibboleth adopted by some of the members: "We will not fight in any circumstances."

1. The M.P.G. profess to be the only true pacifists at the University. Pacifist is, by derivation and by correct usage, the word denoting a peace-maker and, in relation to international affairs, denotes one who strives to bring about or preserve peace between the nations. All who seek this end are entitled to be called pacifists—not only the M.P.G., whose methods must eventually defeat their end.

2. The M.P.G. emphasise the pre-eminence and the urgency of the war problem above all other problems. In fact, this is a secondary, not a primary, problem. Eliminate war and you will be doing very little to ameliorate the social and economic conditions of mankind in general. Improve these conditions and you will be doing a great deal towards eliminating war.

3. The M.P.G. insist that theirs is the only attitude to the war problem which is consistent with Christianity. The objection to this is twofold. First, Christ deliberately left this question, like most of the major social and political problems confronting the world, open; all He demanded was that men should face such problems, sincerely strive to solve them, and refuse to be turned aside by considerations of mere expediency. Secondly, this attitude reveals an entirely un-Christian complacency towards—or, at most, but a mild protest against—the forces of evil.

4. A refusal to fight in any circumstances is impracticable as a peace policy for, inter alia, the following reasons: First, it can never commend itself to those who think rationally upon the subject of peace and war. Secondly, the moral right to fight in certain circumstances is so widely recognised that a departure from this peace policy will not discredit the renegade. Thirdly, apart from such social disfavor, there is no way of punishing a renegade. Fourthly, a pledge not to defend one's country will be an attraction for a potential invader. Fifthly, submission to such an invader and to the terms he imposes must breed discontent and animosity in the minds of descendants of those who submit and must lead ultimately to civil war.

5. So far-reaching a policy is quite unnecessary. A refusal to fight for an aggressor is more likely to win universal support; departure from this policy will incur the moral sanction of social disfavor, and probably the physical sanction of united opposition to such aggression; potential invaders will not be attracted to any country; discontent and animosity will not be kindled; and since without aggression there can be no war, perpetual peace will be more easily, more practicably, and more honorably attained.

I am, Sir, etc.,  
G. WILLIAM BUNDEY.

A M.P.G.'s ANSWER.

1. Mr. Bunday's comments reflect, surely, substantial ignorance of current U.P.G. thought and discussions; but we welcome his interest.

2. At present all M's.P.G. are in a position to produce medical evidence of sanity.

3. The M's.P.G. have never professed to be the only true pacifists at the University.

4. With regard to Mr. Bunday's pt. (2), it can be argued from the other end that the cessation of fear of and preparation for war will release the raw materials and productive forces necessary "to ameliorate the social

and economic conditions of mankind in general." The M's.P.G., as Mr. Bunday would know if he attended our meetings, do in fact discuss the economic and social condition of mankind with a view of attacking the war menace from that end—for example, our Japanese tariff discussions and petitions last year.

5. Re Bunday point (3): The M's.P.G. do not "insist that theirs is the only attitude to the war problem which is consistent with Christianity. To begin with, all the M's.P.G. are not Christians (in any sense Mr. Bunday's dictionaries would give, any way). In the second place, the M's.P.G. have no one attitude. They include non-violence and League sympathisers as well as the merely curious.

6. Re (4), 1 pt.: Use of "never" hardly rational itself. 2nd and 3rd pts.: Beside the point. 4th pt.: To foreswear defence is only part of the pacifist's policy; his rational and friendly attitude to neighboring nations (why "potential invaders?") is calculated to undermine ill-will. 5th pt.: If participation in the last war has not bred "discontent and animosity in the minds of descendants, and led ultimately to civil war" in numerous countries, we are insane.

7. Re (5): This, insofar as it implies League action (and that is what it does) is the position of a majority of the U.P.G. We feel that Mr. Bunday is almost one of us.

L. F. CRISP.

## COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 4: Commerce Association; 8 o'clock. Refectory.
- Tuesday, May 4: Fencing in the Lady Symon. 4.15. Women's Session; 5 p.m., Men's Session.
- Tuesday, May 4: Arts Association, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 5: Women's Union entertains the Men's Club, at 3 p.m., in the Lady Symon Hall.
- Tuesday, May 6: Union debates, 7.45 p.m. Lady Symon Hall.
- Friday, 14: University Sports.
- Monday, 17-Friday, 21: Graduates' Week.
- Friday, 21: Varsity Ball.

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