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The objects of the proposed club are to consider the practicability of replacing the present inefficient and inequitable economic system; the establishment of a permanent peace based on a just distribution of economic resources and a recognition of the common humanity and the common interests of the working class (by which is meant all those who earn their livelihood by mental or manual work); the protection of the rights of the individual; free education from the kindergarten to the University; research into social conditions and the preparation and publication of statistics, etc.; and the study of all problems connected with the general aims of the club.

It will be seen that the club reflects its student origin. It aims not to be a mere centre of propaganda but to study the defects of the present economic and social system and to examine critically suggested remedies. In line with this is the insistence upon a free system of education so that no member of the community is cut off from learning by lack of finance. Higher education must cease to be the prerogative of a financially favoured class.

The founders have chosen the term "Labour" for the name of the club firstly to bring it into line with similar organizations in other Varsitys, and secondly because they see labour as the foundation of communal wealth and as the justification for a share in that wealth; and because the uniting of the working classes throughout the world appears to be the necessary prelude to any lasting peace.

It is not necessary that you should agree with all of the objects above stated; if you are interested in these problems and prepared to examine the future, come to the first meeting.

Time: Friday, 1.20 p.m.
Place: George Murray Hall.

But A.G.M. Lapses for Want of Quorum

It was very unfortunate that the Union Annual General Meeting could not be finished, owing to the lack of a quorum at 10.15 p.m. People were just recovering from the reports and warming up and the discussion promised to be interesting.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN.

The first part of the meeting was, as usual, pretty boring but necessary. The minutes of the last A.G.M. and of the two special general meetings were read: the annual report and the financial statement and balance sheet. All these were passed with little comment and the first part of the meeting might have been far shorter if Mr. Hawkins had not chosen to interpret clause 32 of the Constitution as meaning forty voting members are necessary to form a quorum. There were at that time forty-five people present, of whom eight were freshers without power to vote. Mr. Hawkins was overruled by the President, but would not be defeated until a motion, proposed by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Neuenkirchen, was passed, that Mr. Hawkins be deemed mentally out of order.

N.U.A.U.S. DELEGATES' REPORT.

The three delegates to the last National Union conference read their reports. Mr. Willoughby's contained mainly a report of the drawing up of the amended constitution of the N.U.A.U.S. some chat about universities and the war, and some propaganda aimed at forestalling possible objections that might arise when the meeting should be asked to ratify the amended constitution.

Miss Irwin's report was half debating half women. There was nothing startling here. The part concerning women had already been discussed by the Women's Union at its A.G.M.

It was left to Mr. Dibden to put over the unsavoury bit, viz., that, owing to the increased budget of the N.U.A.U.S. a new method of assessment had been introduced so that Adelaide now has to pay over £50 instead of £25.

Mr. Dibden reported the suggestion put forward at the conference that Adelaide should have a sliding scale of Union fees—since we are now required to pay not only for Union members to be National Union members, but for non-Union members to be half-fee National Union members.

ADOPTION OF AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

Miss Irwin proposed and Mr. Dibden seconded that the amended constitution of the National Union should be accepted and ratified. By the expectant air that hung over the meeting, it was obvious that those who knew something about it were not wholly in favour of it and that those who didn't know anything about it thought that something was going to happen.

Mr. Jacobs then asked whether the 1,800 non-Union members of this University wanted to join the National Union, and if they were made to join how would they be represented on the Union Committee.

The obvious answer to that was that they should have, first, to join the Adelaide Union at a reduced fee and with limited privileges.

This was the cue for Mr. Strange, President of the Teachers' College, to give his opinion and the question in regard to college students, only seventy-five of whom are Union members. Mr. Strange said that college students have not the time to use Union facilities, and making them 5/- Union members would be of no advantage to them whatever. Similarly, membership of the National Union would give them nothing that they had not got already, for the Government provides them with books, travel concessions, and every possible advantage.

Miss Jacobs, however, speaking for the music students, said that of the two hundred people at the Conservatorium only twelve are Union members, and that the others would like to belong to the Union at the 5/- touch, and then perhaps they would be interested to join the National Union.

Other points brought up were those of unequal representation on the National Union Council and so the fact that not only is this Union bound by the University Council, but by the National Union Council, on which the delegates of the smaller universities can be outvoted by those of the two larger universities.

THE PLOT THICKENS.

WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD FOR THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNED A.G.M.

Coming Events

- Tuesday, April 9.
A.G.M. of the Arts Association, to be held in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m. "The Babes in the Wood" will be presented, produced by John Gent. Members of all faculties are invited.
- Wednesday, April 10.
Meeting of the Women Graduates' Association in the Lady Symon Hall at 8 p.m.
Men's Union A.G.M. in George Murray Hall, 1.20 p.m.

- Thursday, April 11.
A.G.M. of Engineers' Society at the Queen's Head Hotel, Kermode Street, North Adelaide, at 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 15.
Recital on the Carnegie Gramophone in the South Hall of the Conservatorium at 1.10 p.m. The work to be performed will be Beethoven's Symphony, No. 7. This has been called the Apotheosis of the Dance, and a ballet has been set to it. Come along, and bring your lunch.
- Ballot of the Sports Association on inter-Varsitys closes.

Has Chamberlain Betrayed Us?

WOMEN'S UNION DEBATE.

The first of the women only debates to be run by the Women's Union, was held on Thursday. As a stepping stone to higher things, this new venture promises to be extremely useful if the standard of this first debate can be maintained.

Both on the speakers and on the motion it was voted that Chamberlain had not betrayed us. The speakers for the opposition, Misses Kelly, Jacobs, and Scott, showed no signs of nervousness, and that for their maiden Varsity debate was creditable. The stance and speech of each one were good, the only fault to find was in their slightly wandering arguments and their lack of rebuttal and humour.

The affirmative side was led well by Miss Teesdale Smith, who carried off the laurels of the debate. She was the only speaker who seemed genuinely enthusiastic about the subject. Her final speech was excellent, for, in destroying the case of her opponents, she built up a concrete one for herself. Misses Kildea and Seppelt were inexperienced and not compelling enough. For a first attempt at the Varsity, however, they must be commended.

It was unfortunate that two o'clock lectures interrupted the debate and that the large audience was severely depleted before the vote was taken.

Men's Union A.G.M.
Wednesday, 10th
GEORGE MURRAY HALL
1.20 P.M.

Join the Theatre Guild!

The Theatre Guild is an organization whose members are interested in the theatre in all its many aspects. This includes nearly everybody, whether you wish to play an active part in the guild's activities, or whether you wish to participate in the performances as a member of the audiences.

One of the most vigorous societies in the University, the Theatre Guild has a most active year ahead of it. There are to be two full three-act plays, as well as several evenings of "one-acters." A short opera is included in the programme, a novel and ambitious proposal, which is assured of success, as it will have the co-operation of the Elder Conservatorium. Another group will soon be at work producing a ballet evening. In addition, there will be lectures and talks throughout the year.

Admission to all these functions is by membership only, which can be obtained for only five shillings in the case of undergraduates and ten shillings for graduates and others not connected with the University. You may obtain fuller information from the Union Secretary, and, when you have found out all you want to know, join the Theatre Guild!

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On the Trail

By The Watchdog.

This last week has been notable for the number of speeches made and the amount of vituperation hurled about. Indeed, speech-making now appears as a major offensive weapon. Thus Mr. Chamberlain's last effort has been described as "a real bid to encircle Germany economically," and "a vital blow to Hitler." Yet his speech was, in effect, an admission that the jolly old blockade was not producing the right results, and that in order to keep Germany on the straitened path of strangulation a new method had now been evolved. The new idea is to threaten Germany's neutral neighbours with blockade unless they agree to sell the Allies supplies which would otherwise have gone to Germany. This is true-blue economic warfare. But how is it to be carried on when it is opposed, as it must be, by a threat of direct military action from Germany? And how is it to be of any use unless it can be applied to Russia; which it obviously cannot.

The production by the German Ministry of Public Enlightenment of a series of Polish-American documents purporting to give the honour of having started the war to the Americans, has had a mixed reception. In England little notice seems to have been taken of the affair. In America the general reaction has been that the documents are probably bogus and even if they are not they represent the opinion of the majority of Americans, so there. Whoever thought of the scheme will be disappointed with the outcome. For although Bullitt and his colleague may be dressed down for "shooting off their faces," it seems unlikely that their alleged indiscretion will have much effect on the President himself, at whom the main attack was clearly aimed.

Here at home the coal strike still drags on, with the result that an increasing number of workers are having to be dismissed from concerns dependent on coal. Neither side seems willing to compromise at present. Nor does the Government consider the time ripe for intervention. When tempers have become a little more frayed, and patience nearer exhaustion, it will be the cue for the Government to step in and show its sterling worth by settling this most unfortunate affair.

Admirers of Bulldog Drummond, among whom we respectfully enrol ourself, will have read with some mixture of fear and joy that his life-long foe is alive and at large again. This time, with devilish cunning, he has not adopted any disguise beyond a slight change of name. Dr. Carl Petersen, the master-criminal, is now in Ireland as Dr. Karl Petersen, representing the German Press Association. Those of us who know Carl's pernicious habits would be surprised if he were merely the head of a spy ring wirelessly the latest to Adolf and Hermann in Berlin. Imagination boggles and the brain reels as we think of the possibilities of Carl in such a position. He is probably in possession of a death ray and/or germ and/or gas with which at a given signal his minions will paralyze and/or destroy the whole population of the British Isles and France. He is probably going to blow up the Suez Canal and Ali Mentavi Canals, raise the mystic East to a Jihad (Holy War) against the infidel, and nobble the pitch at Lords. Carl is in fact Hitler's secret weapon. But never fear, lads, for the old Bulldog is on the trail.

Rover Meeting Thursday, 11th

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Master or Servant?

It was the policy of "On Dit" at the beginning of this year to refrain from drawing attention to the student apathy which we knew existed. Rather we sought to promote interest in affairs, both inside and outside the Union, by endeavouring to stimulate discussion on provocative topics through the correspondence columns. We feel that our policy has not yet had time to justify itself, but our confidence in it received a cruel shock at the Union annual general meeting last Thursday evening, when, for want of a quorum, there was no alternative but to adjourn. The main item on the agenda was the ratification of the National Union constitution as amended, but it seems singularly futile to discuss the National Union unless our own local Union can command more interest.

In point of fact, the issues raised at the meeting while it lasted were of vital importance. The National Union seeks, by its new membership clause, to embrace all University students, whether they be members of the local constituent body or not. This, we feel, is a step forward in that the National Union potentially can secure all its benefit and influence to a body of some fourteen thousand students throughout Australia; but as far as this University is concerned, the value of the National Union is almost entirely lost unless all its members here are not only full or part members of the local Union, but also display an interest in its affairs and a consciousness of the privileges it offers. Only then can our Union send a representative delegation to the National Union Council, and only then can the National Union serve us in the way it desires.

We feel, also, however, that due consideration must be given to the power of the National Union (inherent in the clause by which its resolutions can be made binding) to dominate the Union. It is unlikely that such a power would be abused, but, as we are also responsible to our University Council, we must endeavour to guard against such a contingency. Were it to arise, the National Union would indeed cease to be of value to us — but may it never happen that such a position should result from our own disinterestedness, as at present seems not unlikely.

Leaving Honours Course Wasted! and What to Do About It

A considerable amount of time and money is wasted in the Adelaide University by students being compelled to take courses in subjects in which they have already passed at the same (or even higher) standard before they can count such subjects as units for a degree, and in addition, before the second year continuation of that subject can be undertaken. I refer specifically to the Leaving Honours examination. In this examination, in several subjects, the examination is of a higher standard than in the corresponding first-year university subject. In physics, for example, the Leaving Honours examination is difficult, in Physics I, the examination is somewhat easier. And yet a student who has passed L.H. Physics twice cannot proceed direct to Physics II., but has to spend a year doing Physics I., attending lectures and demonstrations, etc., and pass the final examination. In one case I know a student who had passed L.H. Physics twice, and on the second occasion had gained top credit, who was not allowed to proceed to Physics II. until he had done the Physics I. course in full, and had passed the Physics I. examination. Fortunately, this does not always occur. In the following year a student who had gained top credit in L.H. Physics was allowed to proceed direct to Physics II., but had also to take the final examination in Physics I.

This state of affairs can hardly be called satisfactory. If the University is going to place any value on the L.H. examination it should be prepared to grant status in subjects passed at that examination, in so far as they are equal in standard to the first year University courses and examinations. I have no special grudge against the courses in Physics, I merely quote the example with which I am most familiar.

The conditions for the Mathematics courses are an improvement on the Physics in this respect, that a student may pass direct to Mathematics II. if he has passed (? gained credit) in the L.H. examination, and is excused attendance at the Maths I. course, which course is slightly easier than L.H.

Maths I. and II. (combined). None the less, if a student undertakes to do a Maths. II. course without doing Maths. I., and if he fails, then, if he has not been wise enough to take the examination in Maths. I., he is obliged to start Maths. I. at the University, and pass the examination before proceeding to Maths. II.

In Chemistry the inorganic part of the Chemistry I. course is done in the Leaving Honours, at an equal standard. Here (i.e., in Chemistry I.) a student who has gained a credit in L.H. Chemistry may, if he so desires, be excused from the inorganic section of the course, and, under certain circumstances, from this section of the examination. This, although better than the conditions prevailing for Physics, is not sufficient, because he has now two terms of leisure time, while he waits for the third term for the organic Chemistry.

I think the examples quoted above illustrate the point of this article sufficiently; if I do not mention other subjects it is simply the result of my being unacquainted with them. It is quite possible that similar conditions prevail for a number of other University subjects.

In the medical course, as another example, a student who has passed the L.H. examination in Maths., Physics, and Chemistry, is obliged to spend the first year of his course doing three terms of chemistry, two-thirds of which he has done before, and three terms of physics, all of which he has done before. The remainder of the year's work contains two terms of Zoology and one term of Botany, both subjects consisting of two lectures and two, three or two hours (respectively) practical periods per week, and a short course of physical chemistry, lectures only (twelve in all). Thus, during the year, he does ten term-units of work, five of which he has done before, i.e., he is wasting fifty per cent. of his time.

This would not matter so much if such a large proportion of students entering the University had not done one or two years' work in the Leaving Honours.

Front Office News

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING.

The University of Sydney has established a special course extending over four years, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Aeronautical Engineering. The actual curriculum for fourth year students has not yet been arranged.

The Registrar of the University of Sydney has advised that Adelaide students who have completed two years of an Engineering degree course and who wish to graduate in Aeronautical Engineering in Sydney, will be admitted to third year status in Sydney. Any students who desire to do so should apply in writing and attach documentary evidence of the status reached in this University.

CHANGES IN STAFF.

Mr. E. A. Olsen, who was supervisor of the Law library, has left Adelaide to take up an appointment with the W.E.A. as tutor-organizer in co-operation with the Auckland University College.

Mr. B. A. Elliott, the new assistant lecturer in English, will undertake the supervising of the Law library in Mr. Olsen's place, and his room is that next door to Prof. Campbell.

Mr. Bruce Williams is the new assistant lecturer in Economics, and Mrs. Ann Marshall in Geography. Mrs. Marshall's husband is working at the Waite Institute in connection with the C.S. and I.R.

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The consequence of the restrictions outlined in this article is that the more advanced students, who are capable of going direct to a course of advanced work, are kept back. In support of my attitude I would quote the Report of the Science Commission on Education in 1918, which contains (re medical education) (paragraph 160), "if the students have some considerable knowledge, the universities should give them credit for it; no students should be compelled to mark time because others know less."

The concrete proposals the writer wishes to make are:

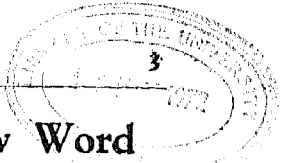
1. That when a student has passed (not necessarily gained a credit in) a Leaving Honours subject adjudged of equal standard to the corresponding first year subject, he should be granted that subject as a unit to his degree "ad eundum gradum," immediately upon matriculation.

2. When a first year university subject is considered to be markedly different from a L.H. subject, steps should be taken to render the courses identical, or sufficiently similar for rule 1 to operate.

3. In Chemistry I., which calls for special mention, it is suggested:

(a) That the inorganic and organic parts of the course be considered distinct, and that they be called Inorganic Chemistry I. and Organic Chemistry I.; and that when a student has passed (not necessarily gained a credit in) L.H. Chemistry, he should be granted Inorganic Chemistry I. "ad eundum gradum"; and that this scheme come into operation in 1941.

(b) That steps be undertaken to introduce Organic Chemistry into the Leaving Honours examination, to the same standard as in the present course of Chemistry I.; and as soon as this has been done then Organic Chemistry I. be granted to students who have passed L.H. Chemistry "ad eundum gradum," immediately on matriculation. This would remove a considerable waste of time that would be present until the two courses are equalized.



The Cloistered Life

Chiefly Aquatic. The person behind things is so often overlooked that we are glad to bring to your notice John Muirhead, the pusher behind the swimming carnival. Proceedings ran smoothly, down to the last flagon, and we should like to thank John most heartily for his trouble.

Incidentally, in a conversation overheard by fond parent, it was discovered that John wasn't swimming because he had suffered from (a) pneumonia, (b) double pneumonia, (c) no, you ass; it was infantile paralysis. We hasten to assure readers that such (a, b, or c) was not the case. Like Achilles, he was held up by his heel.

Elizabeth Teesdale Smith managed to look very efficient in her blue swim suit, and with thoroughness she proceeded to act the part too. One of the more decorative swimmers (female, naturally) was shoe-horned or even greased into floral satin; noticed that she had some difficulty in remembering respectively to doff and don (!) her jewellery before and after entering the water. Someone turned up in cherry-and-white rompers. They didn't cling or drag when wet, either (we watched).

Hardly nice, we felt with a gasp, was the garb of a certain gentleman who wore nothing more than a gaily-coloured blazer (one old school or another) between swims—later found that this alarming garment concealed the barest minimum at least.

Looking quite the sporting thing was Jean Edwards, in Santa Claus outfit, complete to white fur worn towel-wise at the neck.

Quite the funniest thing I've ever seen, said a youth as he approached a young lady (to her dismay). But he was referring to the pyjama incident in the obstacle race—there may have been times when you've had to rush into your sleeping suit, but we bet you've never had to do it under water.

Sartorial honours—as they say in the society columns—most definitely went to Mr. Pickle in his eggs-and-tomato gown and bandy gait, with locks Brylcreamed. Margaret Menz ran a good second in black and white stripes—we liked the Lady swathed in furs, too . . .

Breathlessly we waited for Miss Bacon to win something. We had a beautiful pun all ready, but remembering our jealous friends who would genly inform us that the pun is the lowest, etc., we nobly refrained . . .

Which reminds us of a certain noisy puller of teeth and smasher of hearts—have a care there!!

We were grateful for the tribute paid us by D.T.M., but couldn't help reflecting in our nasty way how clever the Good Fairy was to work out those initials for the Bad Fairy to play with. Pure cattiness, as we were disappointed that the above-mentioned D.T. would not join in the women's relay in orange telescopes, complete with false bust.

We wax apoplectic when we consider those damsels who come here shielded by one subject to grab the best of social life without helping any, but when we discover some who haven't the grace to enter at all, yet come to everything as a matter of course, we feel downright MAD.

Were tickled by the quote of one rather intolerant young man on spying a blonde in his faculty library—"Well, I thought this was a Law library, not a blinkin' cabaret!!"

Maybe you noticed the young man lurching here with the young lady, clothed alike in chalk stripe flannel. Was it accidental or a truly English idea pinched from the Kents?

Thinking about clothes, where are the japonica pants to match the japonica coat of our principal Glamour Boy?

Butterfly. Flutterby.
In other words, if she's a beaut,
A cute kid needn't be acute.
—Borrowed.

Correspondence

OBJECTION.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

May I through the columns of "On Dit" ask a few questions of those members of the Sports Association who are opposed to holding inter-Varsity sporting contests this year.

1. Why should clean, healthy, amateur sporting contests between Australian university students be looked upon with horror when professional football matches between the States, professional running meetings such as the Stawell meeting, race meetings on an average of three a week all over Australia, trotting meetings every Saturday night, the Adelaide Show, probably interstate hockey, lacrosse, and rugby matches, boxing, wrestling, interstate tennis and cricket matches, and innumerable other events are taking place and will continue to take place throughout the year?

2. If a university student be selected for his State in his particular sport, should he refuse to play?

3. If not, what would be the difference between his playing in an interstate match and in an inter-Varsity contest?

4. What is, after all, the great difference between playing sport on a Saturday afternoon with teams of probably a much higher standard, and taking part in a contest with the team of the university of another State?

5. If the Government, elected by the people, sees fit to launch a Physical Fitness Campaign, should the idea of sporting contests between Australian students in their vacation be so repugnant to the people, and should they not be even desired by the Government?

6. To what extent, if at all, will the abolition of these contests help Australia, help the soldiers who have gone overseas or, in fact, help anybody?—Yours sincerely,

J. DAVID O'SULLIVAN.

PRINCE OF WALES.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

I have no doubt that all the luckless students of this mighty institution who have had lectures in the Prince of Wales Theatre would consider it a supreme blessing were said theatre demolished. I am not at present advocating any such sweeping reform; I do not even want to howl about the fiendishly conceived lack of comfort, but I do ask that the present useless ledges be made effective. They ought to be six inches wider, and form an angle of not more than fifteen degrees with the horizontal, instead of thirty degrees as at present.

No dismantling and reconstructing of what at present exists—although highly desirable—is absolutely necessary, but there must be an addition to the present ledges. There is no need for the added planks to fit perfectly (although they must fit), and there is no need to round off the corners.

I could submit, free of charge, several designs which would be practicable, and which would not cost £30, should they be required, and with less than £30 the present ledges could be capable of holding a book, without human aid, from the beginning of a lecture until the ending of the same.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. HEWITSON.

THIS WAR QUESTION.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

If "J.S.E.H." is looking forward to another forty years of life, his outlook must become rather dull when we consider that wars run in cycles of twenty-five years nowadays, and may even last twenty-five years if pursued at the present rate of World War II. The disintegration of the British Empire "not in two or three years, but easily inside twenty," sounds terribly drastic, but it must be realized by many who took the trouble to learn a lesson from the last war, that a nation cannot and should not be obliterated. To say that the British Empire is "done for" means that England's net-

work of trade centres, monopolized by her own capital, will be destroyed. Since the principle used in this vast, one-sided "system" is to sell goods from England at a fixed price and buy under the hammer the rest of the world, must eventually snap out of its "trance" and call for a more even form of trade negotiation between countries. This awakening has occurred and now England proposes to fight for each small European country to save the money she has invested in that country.

If Australians are to step right into the war and take part in an attack on Germany there will, in the course of a few years (it took four and a half last time) be no England and no Germany as far as nations are concerned. The resultant "New World Order" will inevitably be starvation and unemployment, as was the case after World War I.

This is a fight between Britain's International Finance, under the heading of Democracy, and Germany's Internal Finance, and when England realizes (perhaps before World War III.) that her course should be to combine with Germany in reducing Europe to a few large nations which are independent of International Finance—then we are coming nearer to a world federation and lasting peace.—I am, Sir, etc.,

H. GRANT.

PAMPERED?

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Like Dr. Grenfell Price, I do not participate in University sports, and perhaps such people's opinion is of interest re University inter-Varsities, since it is not directly partial to either those participating in them or to those objecting to them. Nevertheless, I take exception to a number of Dr. Price's statements. He says, "Not unjustly, many outside the University regard us as a pampered body, enjoying through the University a high Government subsidy." I suggest that if such an opinion is held outside the University, it is most unjust. How are we pampered? We earn no money and except for a few more fortunate St. Mark's students—a very small section of the University—most of us are constantly in the humiliating position of having to ask our parents for a "loan" for any little thing we may require, and, more often than not, a number of us "go without" rather than ask for it. Our fees for our courses are a heavy outlay, and particularly to those students who have to work hard during vacations in order to earn sufficient money to help pay their fees, it comes very hard to be told that they are pampered. The lack of money, combined with the necessity of spending most of one's nights in study, is responsible for students foregoing many of the privileges of other young people.

I would point out that the University pacifists have as much right to their opinion as has Dr. Price, and the refusal to form a militia company for home defence simply indicated that the majority of the Union Committee and students held the view that they would rather join the military outside the University or else not join at all. Since we are not being conscripted as yet, every student has a perfect right to choose for himself, a democratic privilege.

I venture to suggest that "the general public"—that vague body which many responsible people speak for without consulting—does not ask, as Dr. Price affirms, "why they should fight or make sacrifices when the students of the University lack the guts to do anything for their country or for their own expensive privileges." I venture to suggest that neither Dr. Price nor anyone else knows what the general public is asking. That is so much emotion-firing propaganda which savours of indiscriminating journalism. And "expensive privileges—hell!"

I was also amused by the statement, "All those with surplus means are liable to be taxed out of existence next year." What does that mean? That they won't have so much surplus means?—Yours faithfully,

G. L. AMOS.

Learn a New Word Every Day

1. Can you hear the silent roarin' Of the distant oxymoron?

2. She flung her flowing mantle O'er the cantle.

3. For two great joys I hanker: (Said the sailor to his sweet) For you to be my anchor, And for me to be your cleat.

4. By a river a couple of Lollards Sat down by a couple of pollards; Said one, "If just here They were building a pier, These might do for a couple of bollards."

5. These long, lady-like drinking straws Encourage the dainty approach, But give me the man who can open his throttle And lay back his bottle abroad.

6. Old Rabelais' famous assertion Is worth meditating upon; To experience the finest absterction Adhibit the neck of a swan.

7. Said the scholar to the maid, "Did I hear you gasconade?" "I did nothing of the sort," Said the maiden with a snort.

Carnegie Gramophone

At the A.G.M. of the Carnegie Gramophone Society, which was held yesterday week, the following committee was elected for 1940: President, Miss Doreen Jacobs; Secretary, K. Sanderson; committee: Miss Hogben, D. B. Kerr, J. G. M. Gent, and M. Harris. There were about twenty people present, but only three women. We hope the proportion will return to normal at the Monday recitals.

The right to play the gramophone must be purchased at the rate of 2/- per annum, the money going to upkeep costs, and to buying new records. This can be paid to the Secretary, or at the office of the Conserv., the Front Office, or the Union Office. You can do it straight away.

To freshers we say: Get a member of the committee to show you how it works; the key is on the small box outside the office of the Conserv.; don't play it too loudly; always lock up and switch off when you finish; and use it as much as possible.

We beseech all and sundry (including Conserv. students) not to make off with needles or scores. This is, quite seriously, just plain common stealing. A number of valuable scores have gone, much to the annoyance of the committee and Dr. Davies, and we ask any who may have "borrowed" anything from the gramophone or the score library to return it.

Times for playing the gramophone: Monday, 12 to 2.30 p.m. and after 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday, after 12.15 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 to 2.30 p.m.; Thursday, 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. and after 4.30 p.m.; Friday, after 12.15 p.m.

S.C.M. Freshers

Welcome

Those who know not the S.C.M. and consider it their privilege and duty to belittle the movement on all possible occasions (long-faced prudes is the latest I have heard), would have received an eye-opening at the Freshers' Social last Wednesday night.

The three talks, which opened the evening, dealt with the nature of the S.C.M. and its value in the Varsity. The talkers, who arranged themselves in elegant positions on the chairman's table, were Roger Willoughby, Elizabeth Carter, and John Gent, and the content of the talks was that the S.C.M. provides the best means of getting to know people, especially people outside your own faculty.

After this the fun began. First were the get-together-and-know-each-other games (copyright, J. Gent.), which were highly successful in this aim and in providing universal merriment. Then a song from the S.C.M. songbird. After that, dancing; the Jolly Miller suffered several setbacks—nobody seemed to know quite what to do, but then they never do to my experience. However, the gliding and trotting were most successful; and some fifty gliding in the Lady Symon shows no small skill.

ROWING WIN FOR 'VARSITY CREW

Victory in Senior Eights

The Varsity eight rowed impressively in its first race this year to win the Grayson Shield for senior eights at the Adelaide Rowing Club's regatta on Saturday.

Considering that the crew is not participating in this year's inter-Varsity, and so has less incentive to train, this was a particularly fine effort.

Members of the crew were: A. King (bow), J. Gosse, J. Norshman, R. Burston, M. Neuenkirchen, F. Espie, R. Goodhart, L. Bonnin (stroke), and R. Oliver (cox).

In the last district cricket match this season Varsity was easily defeated by Colts, who leave bottom place in our favour.

The pennant B tennis team lost again in its second semi-final attempt and are now out of the running. The match was very close, Varsity losing 3 rubbers 7 sets to 3 rubbers 8 sets.

Most winter clubs held practices on Saturday. Freshers are again urged to turn out to practices in whatever sport interests them. They should go over to the dressing sheds at the Varsity Oval (Jubilee Oval for rugby) on practice day with some togs and they will find plenty of people to tell them what to do next.

The swimming carnival was conducted at Unley Crystal Pool last Tuesday. There was a record number of entries. There were no outstanding performances, successes being well distributed, although Nell Ligertwood and Elizabeth Teesdale Smith were probably the most impressive.

Medicine won both women's and men's inter-faculty relays, while science won the aggregate shield for women.

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Hockey

A practice was held on Saturday but the attendance was only fair. Those men who have put down their names for hockey this season are urged to come out as soon as possible. Practices are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays somewhere about 4.30 p.m. New players should come over to the Varsity Oval on one of those days this week. Sticks and advice will be given. Just bring some togs.

Five of last year's A team have left us and, although there are plenty of promising players coming on, a lot of practice will be required before the first match on April 27.

There will be a practice match next Saturday between two Varsity teams, and anyone not available is asked to notify the Secretary or Practice Captain as soon as possible.

'Varsity Sport

With rare exceptions all our Varsity teams are at the bottom or near the bottom of their grades and, in addition to that, we seldom win an inter-Varsity, perhaps with the exception of the shooting. To what can we attribute these dismal failures, the most outstanding of which is the bottom place in cricket? The football team was nearly put down into A2. The hockey was last, and so the tale goes on.

The answer is fairly obvious. There is very little enthusiasm amongst the Varsity athletes. Some don't even mind coming on the field in a semi-intoxicated condition. Not only is there lack of real fighting keenness amongst the players themselves but the general apathy of the Varsity swot is pathetic. We get no support from the members of the Varsity who come only to learn to be teachers and professors, and therefore they are to blame just as much as the players themselves.

We also have no coaches in most cases. How, then, are we to get new ideas and more keenness?

Why haven't we any coaches? The answer is that our grants from the Sports Association are just enough to cover the cost of balls, umpires, registration fees, etc. Now this difficulty should be overcome as it is overcome in the other States, where they have more Varsity spirit than we have here. It could be partially obliterated in the following ways:

1. As in other universities (particularly Hobart), have a compulsory sports sub. of £2.
2. Have an affiliation with the Union finance which made a profit of £200 this year.
3. Women to pay as much as men.
4. Have a separate sub. for each club, £1 per club.
5. Increase our sports sub to £2 10/.

It is obvious that the compulsory sub. is the best and most practical. People don't mind paying a compulsory Union sub. for which they get few advantages. Why, then, should they moan if they pay a compulsory sports sub. from which the advantages are legion? Other Varsities do it—why shouldn't we?

The results will warrant the experiment.

1. We will get more competition and enthusiasm.
2. More hidden talent will come to light.
3. We shall rise from bottom to the first four.
4. We will be able to send away teams worthy sending away. Teams that will win.
5. Instead of teams going away at their own expense, the Varsity will be able to send them away, as with our debating team by the Union.
6. We will be able to entertain the interstate teams.

In this way we will raise our sport from the depths of the mire in which we are resting now to a place at the top of the grades, and once again Varsity sport will mean something.

(These are purely individual ideas and are not a statement of official policy.—Sport. Ed.)

Football

Judging by the way the footballers have been training under Mr. Page, they are going to put up a good exhibition this year and be well up in the final four.

Our enthusiastic captain, Bill Betts, is doing about twice as much work as anyone else and doing it very well. Apparently the opposite sex don't worry him like they worry our little hon. sec. who, between work and social activities, is learning how to kick this year.

Bill Modigan is another of the old-timers who is training hard, and amongst the new-comers we have a promising rover in Bill Stevenson and another in Ian Smith who comes with a fine reputation from Geelong.

If things go well, we should register our first win in a practice match next Saturday.

Boxing and Wrestling Club

A meeting of all members interested in the above club will be held in Mr. Hamilton's office (opp. John Martin's shop) at 1.25 p.m. TO-DAY.

J. A. ROBERTS, Capt.

Lacrosse

Lacrosse competition matches will commence on May 4 for all grades, but before that date there will be at least two practice matches. The first will be played on the University Oval NEXT SATURDAY. Two teams will be selected during the week and will be pated up on the notice board in the Refectory. Any new players will be welcomed and everyone who turns out will be sure of a game. A further match will be played against another club by the A and B grade teams on April 27. The club's patron, Dr. L. O. Betts, has kindly consented to give a talk to the younger men before the commencement of the season. This will be arranged some time this month. All members of the club are urged to start practice in earnest as matches start in a little more than three weeks' time.

Rugby

At the A.G.M. on March 28, 1940, the following Vice-Presidents were elected: Professors A. L. Campbell and Kerr Grant, Drs. Gilbert Brown and Callaghan, Messrs. J. F. Ward, R. H. Lea, W. A. Piper, and Mr. L. Reilly. Messrs. T. G. Edwards and D. M. Anderson were elected delegates to the S.A.R.U.

About fifteen men, including three new players who are very keen, turned out for light practice on Tuesday and Thursday last week. We would like to see many more new players and urge all interested to come out this week. The oval needs inches of rain after the hushfire before it will be in good playing order.

Next Tuesday, April 9, at 1.30 p.m., there will be a short blackboard lecture in the basement of the George Murray on the rules and elementary tactics for the benefit and instruction of those who are new to the game. All are welcome.

Swimming Carnival

RESULTS.

Men's 100 yards freestyle championship, N. Ligertwood, R. Beresford; time, 1.12. Women's 200 yards freestyle championship, Miss E. Teesdale Smith, Miss P. Robinson; time, 3.20. Men's 33 1-3 yards freestyle handicap, Stevenson, Craven; time, 21 sec. Women's dive, Miss R. Forbes, Miss E. Richardson, Miss Bacon. Men's 100 yards breaststroke championship, M. Clarke, W. Richardson; time, 1.26 2-5. Women's 100 yards freestyle championship, Miss E. Teesdale Smith, Miss V. Butler; time, 1.28. Men's 33 1-3 yards freshers' championship, R. J. Wallman, McMichael; time, 19 sec. Women's 50 yards freestyle handicap, Miss M. Menz, Miss V. Butler. Men's obstacle race, W. L. B. Smith, R. J. Wallman. Men's 66 2-3 yards freestyle handicap, Bridgland. Women's 33 1-3 yards freshers' championship, Miss V. Bacon, Miss M. Matters; time, 22 1-5 sec. Men's 100 yards backstroke championship, Archibald, Ligertwood; time, 1.30. Women's 33 1-3 yards breaststroke handicap, Miss V. Bacon, Miss J. Edwards. Men's Dive, W. J. Menz, P. Gilbert. Men's 200 yards freestyle championship, Dutton; time, 3.3. Women's obstacle race, Miss Edwards, Miss Cleland, Miss Matters. Mixed relay, Ligertwood and Miss E. Teesdale Smith, Wallman and Miss M. Menz. Women's inter-faculty relay, Medical, Massage, Law. Men's inter-faculty relay, Medicine.

The women's shield for aggregate points was won by the Science team.

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Women's Pennant Tennis

Result of match played on March 27 against Holdfast:

1st double: University won 6-2, 6-4.

Second double: Holdfast won 6-2, 6-0.

1st single: Barbara Welbourn defeated Betty Cooper, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

2nd single: Hilda Whitehead defeated Elizabeth T. Smith, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.

3rd single: Joan Chamberlain defeated Joan Woodgate, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

4th single: Won by Helen Chamberlain from Mrs. Wignall, 6-0, 6-0.

University won by 4 rubbers 9 sets to Holdfast's 2 rubbers 6 sets.

University "A" has risen to fifth place on the "A" grade premiership table, which is very satisfactory for the end of its first season in this grade.

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