

ON DIT

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Social Happenings and Others

By the Social Editress

Well, here we are, reunited once more, although some familiar faces are missing and there are many new ones as well. And as we are on the subject of freshers—(a subject of which I think the freshers themselves will be very tired before long—but bear up—you can't be a fresher for nothing). As I was saying, while on the subject of new faces, there seem, having had a week to look around (to say nothing of the Women's Union dinner) to be swarms of them. And all creating considerable speculation and interest. As I look about me, I almost feel tempted to think that the age of butterflies may be returning. . . . But perhaps that is unkind. Time alone will tell. But there are some young ladies whose names, we feel, will find their way into this column before long. To their annoyance, or not, we wonder?

The great event of the week, of course, was the commencement social, held this year in the form of the Union A.G.M., followed by a free (mark that!) dance and supper—a cheery affair, at which we noticed with pleasure a generous supply of freshers, whom, we hope, enjoyed themselves as they should. Our roving eyes noticed one or two changes in the pairing, though many old faithfuls were there, having survived the separation (or perhaps it was not) of the vacation.

It was interesting to note the President dancing with one fresher whose arrival has been awaited with great interest by those of both sexes—though probably for different reasons.

With tears in our eyes we watched the tragic state of one coming young law student, late of Woodside Camp, who, in the absence of his usual in Melbourne, refused all consolation, and could not be tempted to dance more than once with any mere casual.

We noticed no more obvious addicts to the dope hashish. Perhaps it is a habit which is going out of vogue?

It was regrettable to see the total disregard of freshers and others for the valiant efforts of the President and committee of the Women's Union to introduce, for the benefit of the said freshers and others, some of those old-fashioned get-togethers. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the unfortunate gentleman (?) who, in his usual hearty manner, did his best to assist the cause. Later information, however, tells us that it was under compulsion.

A puzzle arose—perhaps not a very difficult one to solve. If we see the same shade of natural (?) colour on two pairs of lips, what conclusions do we draw? The owners of the respective pairs, by the way, being one young Med. student and his imported companion.

We give full marks to the Women's Union committee for the complete absence of wallflowers, to say nothing of the occasional stag-line. Altogether, a great success.

To go from purely social happenings, an interesting spectacle could have been witnessed the other evening in the vicinity of the Elder Conservatorium. One of the actors in the drama of the President's Hat (of course you remember?) could have been seen wildly riding a young lady's bicycle round and round in circles, to the accompaniment of agonized shrieks from the young lady in question, particularly when she saw her best white hat reposing on his head. This state of elation, strange to say, was not, to our knowledge, produced by artificial means. The said elation might have been noticed to vanish slightly when he was kissed by the producer—for reasons of demonstration, of course. Which reminds me, don't forget to come to "Martine" on April 1, 3, and 4.

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SURPRISE ATTACK ON N.U.A.U.S.

The more usual order was somewhat inverted in beginning with a whimper, and ending with a bang, at the A.G.M. of the Union last Friday night, when the proposed amendment of the Constitution to create an S.R.C. was rejected by an equal vote, and a surprise attack was launched against the N.U.A.U.S.

No one would have expected fireworks from the opening of the meeting. It began with the usual reports, and the usual scramble for seats. Somewhat of a diversion was provided by Mr. Hutton, who insisted upon constitutional grounds that the balance sheet should be read. He found some support from Mr. Willoughby, who cited an alarming precedent from 1938, when, upon the objection of a member present, the balance sheet had to be read. At this juncture, however, it was discovered that Mr. Hutton had somehow managed to elude the Treasurer (I should like the recipe.—Ed.), and doubt was expressed as to whether objection had been raised at all, as for all Union purposes Mr. Hutton was a "persona ficta" (a polite variant for "non-entity."—Ed.). The President, however, ruled that Mr. Hutton existed until March 31, and, having brought him to life, levelled him to earth by overruling his objection. Temporarily, that is, for Mr. Hutton was to pop up again during the evening with disconcerting readiness.

Complete unanimity was at least reached when Mr. Willoughby was created a life member of the Union in gratitude for the services he had rendered as President. No less unanimity was reached in the motion of thanks to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Bampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodall. In fact, Neile Osman grew so rapturous about "Mother" Goodall

that we suspected a transferred Edipus Complex. (No doubt Mr. Osman was entitled to be rapturous—he has paid his 1/- fee to the Tennis Club.—Ed.)

It was over the account of the Annual Conference of the N.U.A.U.S., given by Mr. Cotton, but not dealt with here since there is to be an extra edition of "Honi Soit" dealing with it, and issued free to Adelaide students, that the storm broke.

Possibly it all began because Mr. McPhie could not find a chair, and being, as it were, "on his feet," determined to make use of them. So he put the boots into the N.U.A.U.S., moving that the Adelaide University withdraw. Briefly, his reasons were that the N.U.A.U.S. cost too much, that we got nothing for it, and that Adelaide could be outvoted by Melbourne and Sydney. The President, however, although allowing discussion and offering to call a special general meeting on notice being given, ruled the motion out of order as the required notice had not been given. His ruling was contested, but upheld by the meeting.

The proposed amendment of the Constitution, initiated by Mr. Willoughby and Miss D. Jacobs, to create an S.R.C. equally aroused the opposition of Mr. McPhie. Discussion turned round the point as to whether, as student members on the Union Committee constituted a majority, an S.R.C. might not merely become a means for students to outvote the staff, or whether, as this was possible anyway, the proposed S.R.C. was not rather an affirmation of the ability of the students to govern their own affairs. The voting was fifty-fifty, and so the motion lapsed. But at least the meeting was animated. And if we fail to report the protagonists of the evening more fully, it is because we anticipate they will soon make use of these pages to speak for themselves.

Coming Events

TO-NIGHT

Science Association A.G.M., 7.45 p.m., Rennie Theatre, followed by dancing, Refectory.

University Theatre Guild A.G.M. at 8 p.m. in the Hut.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Sports Association at 7.45, George Murray Hall.

S.C.M. Freshers' Social at 7.45, Refectory.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Medical Students' A.G.M., at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Commerce Association A.G.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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Arts Association

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LETTER to VICE-CHANCELLORS UNIVERSITY AT WAR

Vice-Chancellor,
University of Adelaide.

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my notice that some of the Australian Universities are encountering many difficulties from various quarters in relation to reservations from enlistment of their students and members of their staffs.

The views of the Department of the Army in the matter were explained in full by the Minister during the course of an address in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney on January 20, 1941, to the National Union of University Students, but I feel that I may be helping the Universities if I set them out briefly herewith.

Modern warfare requires not only considerable armies in the field but an immense force of trained personnel at home. The actual relationship between the two is difficult to determine exactly, but it may be in the vicinity of ten men and women engaged directly in war work such as the manufacture of munitions, administration, and the like, to every soldier actively engaged in the field. At the same time, the successful conduct of the war requires that many types and branches of private industry should be maintained at a high level and that here also trained personnel should be available for executive and technical positions.

It is undoubtedly true in a society organized as ours happens to be that the Universities occupy a predominant position in the training not only of engineers, doctors, chemists, physicists, mathematicians, veterinary scientists, and the like, but also of men fitted by their education for work in an administrative or advisory capacities in the services, Government departments, and private industry. Furthermore, it must be remembered not only during the war, but after the war, trained personnel will be vital to Australia's reconstruction.

The Man Power Regulations have been designed with all these ends in mind, and University students and members of University staffs who cannot at present see why they are reserved from active service because the work they are doing seems to have no direct bearing on the war effort can be assured that the sacrifices being asked from them by the Government are made necessary by one or other of the many factors which have to be borne in mind if we are to win both the war and the peace which will follow.

It is for these reasons that I ask those of them whom we have reserved to continue working in their various faculties, either as staff or students. For the time being, this is the greatest contribution they can make to the war effort.

I understand fully what we are asking University men to do. I realize that many of them would feel very much happier if they were actively engaged in one of the fighting services. I know that many of them feel that they are not doing their part, particularly when they see their friends and perhaps their brothers and cousins in the uniform of one of the services. I would, however, ask them to remember that wars are not won only on the battlefield, but also in the workshop, particularly in these days of mechanized, scientific warfare.

If there is any way in which the Department of the Army can assist you by providing further information on these matters, I will always hold myself at your disposal.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) V. P. C. STANTKE,
Major-General, Adjutant-General.

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The Editor would like to thank the co-respondent who "said it with grapes." Unfortunately, the large box of grapes so kindly left in the "On Dit" box were removed by some ill-disposed person before the Editor was able to ascertain if the grapes were sour.

We suggest, however, that in future you enclose a photo, and state your age, whether married or single, and, if single, your income.

We would also like to take this opportunity of informing you that we are in complete accordance with Omar Khayyam as to the value of what the vinters buy.

Correspondence

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

Last year the P. and I.R.C. fell into abeyance. Why? Chiefly because of lack of interest in politics generally. This lack of interest shown by students in South Australia is somewhat distressing.

In America last year the American Student Union organized a demonstration of which some of the demands were to curb war profits, suppress propaganda in schools, and demands for further measures in health reforms. In England the National Union of Students has for the last twelve years been growing in strength. Nineteen hundred and thirty-nine was the high water mark of the movement and it set itself a programme of preserving real democracy and freedom. At the beginning of the war the N.U.S. demanded that all educational loans be maintained, that students of one year's standing should not be conscripted, and that freedom of speech should be preserved within the University. At the beginning of the war the N.U.S. limited itself to student questions, but after nine months called a conference to discuss political matters. In Australia the students of the Sydney and Melbourne University are politically active, yet we at the Adelaide University cannot get our union to send a delegate to the Youth Parliament at Easter chiefly because anyone politically minded would not represent the University.

I will endeavour to point out that interest in the P. and I.R.C. is, firstly, the duty of all students, and, secondly, that there is a dire necessity for interest in the present world situation. A large majority of us at the University of Adelaide owe our "spiritual elevation" to a small bank balance, and not because we have a higher stage of mental development than those outside the University. In England, as in Australia, the opportunity for a university education is unequal. While less than one in every hundred pupils in grant-aided secondary schools reach the University every year, over eight in every hundred pupils from the public schools do so. This is in spite of the fact that there are five times as many pupils in the former as in the latter. I think that it should be the duty of such an organization as the P. and I.R.C. to agitate for a wider provision of scholarships by the State, and in the mean time it is the duty of every student—many of whom are, one may say, at the University under false pretensions—to understand and study the world situation.

Not only is it their duty, but it is a vital necessity. After the war, there is going to be a great deal of reconstruction. Mr. Spender, Minister for the Army, says: "Not the least important function of the university at the present time is that of playing its part in post-war reconstruction." Mr. Spender continues: "The successful conduct of the war requires the maximum utilization of all resources. To secure this end it is necessary for the Government to control directly a great many of the activities of the people in a manner foreign to peace conditions. This gives rise to a host of problems which the future will have to solve." Do we wish to remove these controls when the war is over?

Most of us, as democrats, say most emphatically, "We do." Most of us at the conclusion of the war will demand the repeal of Regulations 42, 26, and 42a. In war time we don't expect full liberty—but even the best of men may abuse power, and so that we may still have the right to agitate at the end of the war for the withdrawal of the National Security Regulations, and all other suppressive war-time legislation, it is necessary for us to see to-day the depth and breadth of these regulations. We must take an interest in politics—for I have heard say that we won't even be able to

procure dental treatment because the dentists have gone on strike because their customers are not allowed to open their mouths.

We must at the conclusion of this war regain the fundamental civil liberties of the British democracies—namely, freedom of speech, press, and assembly, freedom to associate in trade unions and other organizations, freedom under the law to offer for, refuse, or leave employment, freedom from arrest and detention unless a specific charge is preferred, freedom from arrest except for an alleged breach of a known law, and trial in an open court of jury. We must have freedom for, as Godwin says, "a man is most just when he is reasonable, most reasonable when he is educated, and most educated when he enjoys intellectual freedom."

The majority of us to-day in Australia are not ready for socialism, but do favour the maintenance of our fundamental civil rights and our present democratic institutions, and it is because we favour the maintenance of these rights we must be active in our sphere, namely, the University, in seeing that they are maintained.—Yours, etc.,

C. TEESDALE-SMITH,
Sec. P. and I.R.C.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

"We have here a duty to ourselves and our country" (extract from a speech by H.M. King George VI.).

Too many 'Varsity students in the past have concentrated merely on academic honours. They have taken little trouble about their physical well-being. For the few years of their life at the 'Varsity the results of this neglect would not be obvious. It is in later years that they regret the one-sidedness of their education. Thus they failed in their duty to themselves but now by not being fit they fail in their duty to the nation, something which should matter at this time in its history.

We at the 'Varsity lead a somewhat sheltered life during these times, and the very least we can do is to keep fit. This means that throughout the year some form of sport should be undertaken and for that sport regular training at least twice a week should be instigated. The argument "lack of time" is no good. The real reason there is sheer laziness. You must make time, otherwise you are leaving out an essential part of your education. That this part of 'Varsity education has been neglected is only too obvious by the staggering number of defeats the 'Varsity suffers in each sport. The standard is as low as it can be in most branches. The only reason to be found for this is the apathy of the 'Varsity, because the material is to hand, we have better training facilities, lead a less strenuous life than most of the other clubs, yet because they have enthusiasm and train they beat us every time. That is a bad reputation, the improvement of which lies with you individually. So do your duty, both to yourself and to your country.

M. H. DRAPER.

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March 19, 1941.

The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you would make it known through "On Dit" that the Girl Guides' Thrift Depot now has in its book department a number of secondhand medical and legal textbooks for sale at low prices.

As well they have large numbers of books of a more general character for sale.

The depot is at Blyth Street, City, and is open daily.—Yours truly,

J. V. CLARK.

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To the Editor and Staff.

Dear Sirs,

I quote the small advertisement which appears below that of John Martin's on page 4 of last week's "On Dit": "Editor, John Allison; Sports Editor, M. H. Draper; Manager, A. Ray; Co-respondents invited."

Of course, gentlemen, I realize your modesty, but I thought a few words from me, singing your praises or putting you before your specialized public as another sees you may be appreciated.

Allison: Here that old saying holds, "Still waters run deep."

Ray: A sporty looking youth with a never-ending flow of the year before last's funny stories; all clean.

Draper: A serious student whose inmost self is seen only in flashes, as in the case of the aforementioned advertisement.

I want to ask if the advertisement is an honest attempt on your part to discover in the immediate vicinity any women of "unproven character" about whom the Union Handbook warns us and advise those who are about to loose their souls in the vicissitudes of 'Varsity life, accordingly; or, is it a bona fide invitation from you and your staff to these same women of unproven character. As to how far this offer goes I would advise any women readers who are interested to inquire immediately, lest their highest expectations should remain unrealized.

Perhaps, Sirs, you were thinking of male co-respondents and here I attribute to you the highest motives. That is, you want the philandering elements among the men to come forth and be tabulated so that all honest blokes with good, steady flames may be warned. This sort of warning matters to many as, for example, Mr. Tivirhy or Mr. Bertie or Mr. Smells, of anatomical fame.

Again, Sirs, in the infinite goodness of your kind heart you may be desirous of getting together all the male and female co-respondents who surround us. If such is the case, I hope your expectations will be realized and a good time will be had by all.

Further, the first portion of the advertisement is not as innocent as it seems, I think. Complimentary tickets and picture theatres are mentioned. It looks as though the free tickets will be used by the members of the staff for the entertainment of themselves and the female co-respondents.

I would like to compliment the staff (you, sir, and your staff) on the nice, quiet, unobtrusive way your advertisement was made, and if the free tickets are used in the way just indicated, to congratulate you on a very smart piece of work.—Yours,

N. G. ABBOTT.

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The Editor,
"On Dit."

Dear Sir,

I should like to take the opportunity of telling students of the conditions under which the Carnegie gramophone will be used this year. The new committee has been more perturbed than is usual for a committee of society, for now, in addition to the usual drain on books and scores, a number of records is missing. This innovation in 'Varsity larceny has made it imperative that a more rigid control be exercised on the membership and condition of use of the gramophone.

This year the scores and books will be locked and may only be used or borrowed when a member of the committee is present. The key to the records will be kept in the office of the Conservatorium and may only be taken out by members of the society. The actual membership of the society is to be restricted to those approved by the committee, and any new member must be proposed by an existing member who is willing to take responsibility for that member's future conduct. The fee for membership will be the usual two shillings. Those who may desire to join the society are asked to leave their names with the secretary of the Conserv. as soon as possible. A list of those then approved for membership will be posted on the Conserv. notice board.

The committee decided upon these measures with regret, but it is obvious that the extreme freedom of use of the gramophone that has existed in the past must be to some extent curtailed, so that those few people possessing no innate sense of honesty may be forcibly constrained to decent standards in the interests of the majority of students. We will do all that we can to make the gramophone available as much as possible, especially between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. when the Conserv. office is closed, for many students find this the most convenient time for listening.

Finally I would draw attention to the midday concerts which will be held every Tuesday this year, beginning this week, at 1.15 p.m. Be early if you can, and if you are late don't come in while the gramophone is playing.—I remain, etc.,

K. V. SANDERSON,
President C.G.S.

The Savage Breast

Should be soothed at least once a week at the Carnegie Gramophone Society's meetings.

The first will be held to-day (at 1.15 p.m.) in the South Hall of the Conservatorium. Beethoven's Seventh Symphony is to be played, and Mr. K. Sanderson will give a presidential address.

Music, as an art form, differs from other arts in that it is probably more purely objective. Its effect can never be translated into terms of subjectivity. It always maintains uncorrupted its single identity, which we may resist or accompany, but never bend to our own subjective will.

In other words, music can scarcely ever be subjective if it performs its true function for the hearer. It is not, as poetry often is, escapist.

It is an incentive to life, not thought; to the action of a Rimbaud, not the disintegration of a Hamlet.

The Carnegie Gramophone Society should be supported, as its efforts lead directly away from dilettantism and living apathy.

This year's committee consists of Mr. K. Sanderson (President), Mr. Max Harris (Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. B. Hetzel, Miss R. Gehling, Miss A. Hogben, Miss M. Brooks, Miss P. Robinson.

V.S.D.

The Women's Union has a V.S.D. which at present is preparing for an A.R.P. exam. on March 26. As the need for trained workers for the emergency services is becoming so much greater, it is hoped that there will be sufficient enthusiastic members to form two detachments this year. These will probably meet on Monday evenings and before sport on Wednesday afternoons. Within the next few weeks a course in home nursing will be started, after this one on first aid, and then A.R.P. All new members will be welcomed—the annual subscription is 2/6. Watch the notice boards and keep your ears open at the A.G.M. for further details.

There is another way in which University women can help the Red Cross—by helping to make comforts for civilian relief at the Wives' Club Sewing Circle. You don't have to be able to sew or do anything difficult. If you can use an iron or a pair of scissors there will be plenty for you to do. Go along and help for an hour, or even half an hour, on Friday mornings. You will be made very welcome and get lots of fun. See list in Lady Symon and add your name.

CONTRIBUTIONS

To the Editor's recent pathetic appeal for contributions posted on the Refectory "On Dit" box, the only results were two apple cores. We presume the University has more to say for itself than this, and address the following remarks to intending contributors.

Contributions are always welcome. But the Editor cannot be expected to chase them. Secretaries, in particular, if they wish for reports, should keep in touch with the Editor.

Contributions must be either in ink or typed. If a non-de-plume is used, the real name must also be given, but it will be kept strictly "entre nous." Except in special circumstances, all articles should reach the Editor by Thursday of each week.



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Professor Portus Analyzes Fascism

Urgent Plea for War Aims

Professor Portus was addressing a public lecture arranged by the Workers' Educational Association. After analyzing the factors making possible the rise of the Fascist State and stressing the importance in that rise of the internal and external conflicts produced by capitalism, he proceeded to a very brilliant plea for a statement of such war aims as will abolish the conflict of Labour and Capital within each state and the conflict of states leading to total war. "Such a statement of what we are fighting for and what we want after this war will not weaken the war effort but rather will add energy to it," the professor said, instancing the example of the ragged armies of the French Revolution in their struggles for the Rights of Man.

Space prevents a full report of the speech, but we set out the main points.

1. The Fascist State is not the embodiment of any preconceived political doctrine. The Fascist doctrines were worked out after Mussolini attained power. (See Mussolini's article in the Italian Encyclopaedia on "Fascism" . . . this has been translated.—Ed.) It has an historical background in that it represents a revolt against reason, which can be found in Mazzini, Carlyle, and others of the nineteenth century.

2. The manifestations of such a revolt are a preference for intuition and force over observation and persuasion, allied with a fanatical belief in racial superiority and a complete indifference to truth.

3. These characteristics mark Fascism as being sentimental, not rational. Men are not rational when their self-esteem is in issue and victors would do well to remember this fact when dictating peace terms.

4. The two events which played the greatest part in the life of the nineteenth century were the French Revolution and the Industrial Revolution. The first placed political power in the hands of the people, the second gave the economic power to those who owned the means of production. The combination gives capitalist democracy.

Within the State there immediately arose an internal conflict between the capitalists and the workers; the owners of capital attempted to drive down wages and conditions, while the workers organized to resist their attack. The nineteenth century suggested two main theories for resolving this conflict—firstly, the socialism of Marx, and, secondly, the social service state.

Capitalist democracy was also pregnant with external conflict. In an expanding capitalist economy, capital was obliged to seek new markets, new overseas investments. These involved an element of speculation unless political control or actual ownership of the foreign markets could be obtained. So there arose a conflict amongst the great states for colonies, leading to Imperialist wars. The war of 1914-1918 was such a war, fought chiefly for colonies and markets.

After the last war German capitalist democracy was facing defeat and humilia-

tion and an internal conflict which was sharpened by both. The democratic organization was hated by all parties; by the workers because it was powerless against the industrialists to better conditions; by the industrialists and by the army because it represented defeat. It would not solve the internal conflict of capitalism. Then arose Hitler, who promised the end of humiliation, announced the superiority of Germany, and found a scapegoat in the Jews. From the first Hitler was aided by the German industrialists who feared the growing wrath of the workers and the possibility of the advance of socialism westward from Russia. Even so democracy might have survived had it not been for another breakdown in Capitalism, the financial crisis of 1929, which threw the disgruntled population into Hitler's arms.

The result, said Professor Portus, is a state neither capitalist nor socialist. It is the expression of a non-economic lust for power. Strathay & Co. have erred in believing that Fascism was the last stage of decaying Capitalism, because they failed to recognize the possibility of such a non-economic driving force. Out of the conflicts and the failings of Capitalism there has merged a state which represents an organized revolt against culture and reason.

If we bear in mind this historical development we see the importance of thinking not only of winning the war but the methods of winning it and the sort of social and world order which will follow such a victory.

Scratches

By X. E. Marr.

FAMOUS SAYING.

"You can't pin a pelvic rose on me." (Brian Swan, when he saw the company his article was in.)

HOW TO BECOME A LILLIPUTIAN.

D. H. Lawrence's witticism, "Nihil animalum mihi alienum est," in his "Fantasia of the Unconscious," might well be the battle-cry of female demonstrators in the Benham Laboratories. They illustrate admirably "man's inhumanity to man." But female efficiency, like castor oil, must be good for mere mortal males.

"THE REST IS SILENCE."

Togatus, Tasmanian University rag, writes: "The necessity for the N.U.A.U.S. News Sheet was proved in the case of South Australia, where considerable opposition to the National Union has arisen because of the failure of the editors to include National Union news in 'On Dit,' the student newspaper, and the opposition of the Vice-Chancellor. Something, it was felt, is needed to counteract such influences."

This seems pretty damning of South Australia as part of the student movement of Australia. This body of students is the most parochial in Australia and, perhaps, deserving of the sneers and contempt poured down from interstate.

"TIME IS, TIME WAS, TIME HAS BEEN."

Mr. Maurice Finnis finds "Angry Penguins" depressing. And well he might. His arty-crafty cover of the awfully arty undergraduatish "Phoenix" has given place to the definitiveness of a petulant polar Phoenix. To quote Mr. Finnis to his own damnation, "He is putting on one side something quite definite" ("Australian Intercollegian," 1941).

What does Bruce Williams mean in economics by "interpersonal comparisons of utility"?

SIT DOWN STRIKE.

"How can I work without an arm-chair?" (M. B. Williams).

WALTER WINCHELL v. JACK BENNY.

Pleasures in store. Neile Osman is allergic to X. E. Marr's clothing. X. E. Marr is allergic to Neile Osman's editorials. Reliable authorities believe the disease will take the form of "printer's rash." Eh, Neile?

"CATHARTIC FUNCTION" (Mr. Finnis Ibid).

These jobs and vilifications do not represent "On Dit," or anything else. People hurt, slandered, or titillated have the right of reply and reciprocal attack on X. E. Marr through these columns. It's all good, clean fun in the service of vitality, or any emotion other than apathy, which in this university is the truest form of subversiveness of the war function of a university. (See P. C. Spender's article, last issue.) If you want to retain your dignity the natural advice is, "Ignore the blanky cow." Or study the Sports Association technique.

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Women's Union Gives Binge

The freshers' year has started, if not with a bang with a binge. The Women's Union extended its welcome to all freshers in no mean way by supplying free food in the Refectory on Wednesday, the 18th. As our Treasurer, Elizabeth Carter, pointed out, more money is being spent each year on this dinner, which led her to believe that more freshers were coming on each year. However, I, with my large experience of life, am rather inclined to think that it is not numbers, but the glutton-like characteristics of the oncoming generation.

Doreen Jacobs officially welcomed all freshers, urging them to be active in war work, student activities, and also their academic studies. Elizabeth Teesdale-Smith gave a comprehensive, if somewhat cynical, description of the activities of the various societies within the University. Freshers, unfortunately, now know that Apathy rules. However, we expect great things of this year's freshers. Margaret Cowell described the sporting activities within the University and, with not an altogether unbiased mind, announced with some glee that registration fee for basketball is 1/6, while that of hockey is 2/-.

We then proceeded to the Lady Symon Hall and held the A.G.M. of the Women's Union. The minutes, report of last year's activities, and the treasurer's report were carried unanimously, although we were somewhat surprised to learn that 1/6 had been spent on a lunch for Dr. V. Plummer and 16/- for a lunch for Mrs. Finn Crisp.

Yvonne Seppelt was elected as the Med. representative to the Women's Union.

Our President, Doreen Jacobs, then outlined this year's plan for war work. There is to be a V.S.D. Corps, vigorous support of the Comforts Fund, more

and better War Savings Certificates Group, and the rigorous collection of toothpaste tubes.

The subject of a play evening similar to the one we held last year was introduced, and it was determined to do likewise this year. Our President showed some lack of tact by saying to Miss Cowell, our retiring secretary, "You don't have to be a good actress, do you, Margaret?"

There has, apparently, been a change in the constitution, but that's of little interest to the laywoman.

The horrible fact that some seventy books belonging to the Lady Symon library have been lost was bewailed. However, now glass doors and strict librarians are going to help all the absent-minded among us.

We decided to carry on with women's debates. E. Teesdale-Smith, being the representative of the Women's Union in the Union Debating Committee, automatically went on to this committee, while Judith Murray, Eleanor Jacobs, and Elisabeth Carter were elected to form the committee. Ninette Troit was elected as the freshers' representative. The same seems to me to be an excellent person on a debating committee, as she passed the remark that she liked talking—that's true democracy.

We were advised to circulate ourselves among the men and persuade them to come to the A.G.M. on Friday night. The advice is sound but I, for one, wouldn't know how.

Our President exhorting us not to be backward in coming forward with ideas, the business of the meeting was concluded.

The evening was concluded with four S—sweet, sharp, shrill singing.

UNIT OF THE COMFORTS FUND

This unit was formed last year with a view to getting students to help in the war effort. All members of the Union can help by bringing in empty toothpaste tubes, etc., or silver paper to the Union Office, or by knitting garments, wool for which will be supplied free of charge at the Union Office.

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ATHLETIC CLUB'S BRILLIANT SUCCESSES

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At the track and field games, conducted at the Teachers' College Oval under the auspices of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association, excellent performances were put up by Varsity men, despite difficult track conditions and interstate competition.

In the hundred yards open handicap Aitken, untroubled by false start penalties of one yard each break, won easily in both his heat and final. In the scratch hundred which, owing to the war, could not be called the championship, Aitken won his first heat in 10 7-10 sec., defeating M. Burchell who afterwards won the final in 10 7-10 sec., Aitken having to retire owing to a muscle injury.

Draper cut 6 4-5 sec. off his last year's Varsity mile record, to win from Goodall, Weller, and Kenyon, recognized the best milers in South Australia. After an hour's rest he competed in the mile medley relay, running the half-mile in 2 min. 4 sec., thus equalling the State standard.

Elliott, in the 440 flat, was, due to lack of lanes, in difficulties at the start, but by sound strategy and brilliant running, passed the leader at the 200-yard mark and finished well in the lead with the good time of 52.5 sec. In the concluding day of the meeting he won the 440 yards low hurdles in a time which was over 2 sec. better than the Varsity record of 60 sec. This was his first attempt at a 440 low hurdles race and in any future inter-Varsity he should give a good account of himself.

The team capped the individual performances by winning the mile medley relay in the excellent time of 3 min. 46½ sec. The name of the University Athletic Club has thus been put on the map, but three men cannot be expected to maintain it there. We want especially freshers to turn out and help us, since next year and the year after these are the people who will be carrying the club in the inter-Varsity and State championships.

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Lacrosse A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held last Tuesday, and the following officers were elected:

Patron: Dr. L. O. Betts.
President: Mr. C. L. Abbott.
Vice-Presidents: Dr. W. J. Close, Messrs. A. J. Hannan, K.C., E. Millhouse, K. J. Healy, A. C. Davis, W. C. Beerworth, H. E. Irving, W. H. Harbison, V. M. Cottle, J. S. Muecke.
Hon. Secretary: J. D. O'Sullivan.
Hon. Asst. Secretary: B. S. Hetzel.
Committee (in addition to the ex officio members): N. S. Wallman, G. J. Munday.
Delegates to the S.A.L.A.: J. D. O'Sullivan, C. A. L. Abbott.
Faculty delegates: Law, J. Ward; Science, J. Gooden; Medicine, M. H. Draper; Engineering, G. J. Munday; Pharmacy, J. C. Freeman; Dentistry, W. R. Clark.

Practice: Mr. V. M. Cottle, an old Blue, who was forced to give up the game temporarily, but who has now returned to our ranks, was elected practice captain and coach. As it is only a little over a fortnight before our first practice match it was decided that practice should commence this afternoon. As there will be at least six and possibly more places to be filled in the A's, last year's B's and C's should have every chance of promotion. Our captain wants every player to turn out for a light run to-night and to bring their sticks, as he will attempt to select a possible A grade combination to practise together as a team until the season begins. All freshers are invited to practise to-night as well as last year's players. Practice nights will be the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week from now on. If possible every player should attend on all nights; if not they should make a point of getting out as often as they can.

Boxing and Wrestling Club

In conjunction with this, it has been proposed that the Fencing Club be revived. In this we have the interest and support of Dr. Mitchell, of the Teachers' Training College. Fencing is a part of the Diploma of Physical Education course, and so we can get help from him. In addition, there are in the University several quite able fencers who, if they would come forward, could help.

For the benefit of the ignorant and cynical, we would like to quote Sergeant W. Stott (middleweight champion of the British Army, late P.T. instructor at Aldershot, now on the staff of St. Peter's College):

"Fencing as an exercise: Many people are under the impression that fencing is rather an effeminate sport, but actually it develops trigger-speed movement, skilful deception and accuracy, requiring disciplining of the muscles and instantaneous response of the commands of the brain. In one respect all sword-play movements are alike, in that they emphasize strategy, nervous strength, mental control, and accuracy of execution.

"Through continued practice the arms and legs acquire agility and strength. For example, the lunge is a series of rapid extensions and contractions. The necessity of watching for the slightest movement of an opponent's blade speeds up the power of observation and the speed required in parrying and returning an attack quickens the decision of the will, and at the same time the eyes become used to constant alertness.

"A bout in foil lasts until five hits have been scored against one competitor, or the best of nine hits. There is a time limit of five minutes for each hit, so that a bout may last for forty-five minutes, calling for an enormous expenditure of nervous and physical energy."

It depends on the interest shown what can be done. There would be club championships held in conjunction with the annual boxing and wrestling championship. Also it might be possible to have matches against the Adelaide Fencing Club. The competitive element would add greatly to the enjoyment of the sport.

The invitation to join is extended to all interested, both men and women. Any further information may be had from M. H. Draper.

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Report of Season's Cricket

Another cricket season is nearly over and, as usual, the University teams are towards the bottom of the premiership lists. The B's are well and truly established at the bottom of the B Grade list—perhaps they feel it is against the rules to shift from the position they have held for so many years. We should like to reassure them that it would be quite in order for them to rise one or two positions at any rate. The A's are doing a little better, and are at present seventh on the list, with a very good chance of rising a further two positions after the next match.

The A.U.C.C., as do most of the other University sports clubs, seems to lack a little something, which might make all the difference as regards the results of quite a few matches. Perhaps it is lack of practice, or lack of concentration, or perhaps a feeling that they have been beaten for so long that they could not win even if they tried, and consequently they don't try. Perhaps the war has something to do with it, for it is very hard to put your heart and mind into a game under the present conditions. We sincerely hope that by next year all that trouble will be over and we will be able to give our full attention to the game.

This season all the clubs have had a lot of trouble in getting full teams as so many members have joined up with the various forces. The A.U.C.C. has been no exception, and amongst those who have left us are A. F. Catt (R.A.A.F.), E. D. J. Stewart (A.I.F.), V. Mansell (R.A.A.F.), J. Tregoning (R.A.N.). We should like to take this opportunity of wishing them all the very best of luck. Jack Tregoning has been the very solid backbone of our team this season. At the moment he is top of the aggregates, but even that, together with a couple of centuries and numerous fifties, was not enough to gain him a place in the interstate side, to say nothing of a dozen or so odd wickets, and also being probably the best slips fieldman in S.A.—what more do they want?

This year there has been no inter-Varsity match with the Melbourne team. We have all missed it very much and hope that by next year those very enjoyable matches will be played again.

We started the season under the captaincy of John Stokes. Unfortunately, he had to retire from the game owing to his work, and we were very sorry to lose him. His place has been ably filled for the last half of the season by Colin Gurner.

Of the nine matches played so far, the A's have won three and one was drawn. Results:

V. East Torrens. We won the toss and batted first, making 213, of which Mansell made 43 and McGlashan 39. Our opponents made 168—Mansell and Tregoning each taking three wickets.

V. Sturt. Again we batted, or rather tried to bat, first and could make only 90, of which Tregoning made 41. Sturt declared at four for 96 and put us in again. This time we put up a better fight and Bennett, playing his first match for us, made a very steady century.

V. Port Adelaide. The Port team made 311—the wickets were divided among the bowlers, of whom Page was the most successful, taking three for 48. Tregoning carried his bat for a splendid 100 n.o. Mansell, 30, offered the only other resistance. The remaining scores can be seen from the fact that we made only 179. In our second innings Page topscored with 48.

V. Glenelg. Bennett, in taking three for 19, and Page, three for 15, were mainly responsible for dismissing the Bay team for 118. Dawson 43, Gurner 25, and Tregoning 24, helped us to just scramble home.

V. West Torrens. We did well in getting them out for 174—Gurner, Page, and Tregoning each took three wickets. But our batsmen failed to rise to the occasion, and we could make only 130.

V. Prospect. Tregoning and Shierlaw each 55 and Page 49 were responsible for our making 182—no other batsman

reached double figures. Prospect soon overhauled this mediocre total.

V. Kensington. This match showed our two best batsmen at the top of their form. Tregoning made 131 and Page 105. Together they put on 194 for the first wicket partnership. This is probably a record for the A.U.C.C. The match ended disappointingly, as it had to be abandoned because of rain.

V. Adelaide. Bennett was the most successful batsman for us and was unfortunate to miss the hundred as he was run out at 87. Page 57 and Tregoning 47 gave him good support and helped to carry our score to 280. The Adelaide team passed this with only five minutes to spare.

This match was the last of the minor round and found the A team and the B's both lying bottom of their respective grades.

V. Port Adelaide. This time we avenged our defeat of the earlier part of the season. They made 224—Symons three for 36 and Handers, playing his first match with the A team, three for 50, were the most successful of the bowlers. Bennett was again unfortunate to miss the century and made a very slow, but very sure, 93. Gurner 31 and Page 35 also helped towards our win. This victory moved the A's up into seventh position.

The only individual batting averages worthy of consideration are those of Tregoning, Page, and Bennett. Tregoning finished with an aggregate of 563 and average of 56.3. This aggregate, at the time of his joining the R.A.N., was also top of the district aggregates. Bennett, 329, at an average of 41.1, and Page (the ever reliable), an aggregate of 451 at an average of 34.8. The other aggregates and averages are best forgotten.

Of the bowlers, Page has taken most wickets. He has taken eighteen at an average of 18.7. Gurner has taken fourteen at 27.0, Tregoning twelve at 25.5, Bennett eleven at 22.5, and Mansell, who played only the first few matches with us, eight at 9.8.

The B's have not had a very successful season. They have won only one match and are well and truly established in the bottom position. In the first few matches Wellington and Berndt scored very well for us, Wellington making one century. In the latter part of the season Kenihan has been the most consistent batsman. There remains only one match to be played before the end of the season, and we hope that the A's at any rate will make good use of it and rise a further one or two positions on the list.—R.D.D.

Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing

Anybody interested in the above activities is invited to attend the A.G.M. of the Boxing and Wrestling Club in the George Murray Hall at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday, 26th).

Business will include:
A review of last year's activities.
Statement of the club's financial position.
Election of officers for 1941.
Discussion of a proposal for interstate competition.
Formation of fencing club.

So come along, if only to hear our Champion Wiseacre (and WHAT an acre) Captain, Frank Collins, at his hilarious best.

Remember, 1.30 to-morrow.

Non-Pennant Tennis Club

The response to most of the tournament events has been noble, but unless more ladies enter for the women's singles and the invitation mixed doubles, these events will of necessity be scratched. Hurry with your entries.

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