

Opposition To New "Failures" Clauses

S.R.C. Attacks University Council

Last Wednesday at a Special Meeting of the Senate of the University a proposed new clause, 4D of Chap. XXV of the University's Statutes, was submitted for the Senate's approval.

The clause provided for the University Council being able to preclude a student from further studies within the curriculum of a Faculty or Board of Studies, if after three terms the Faculty or Board of Studies is not satisfied with the student's academic progress.

The S.R.C. was first notified of this proposal after it had been both studied by the University Education Committee and the University Council and after it had actually been drafted.

Once a proposal for a change in the Statutes of the University has been passed by the Senate it goes straight to the Governor-in-Council.

Last September, following several attempts by the S.R.C. to get student representation on the University Council, the Council informed the S.R.C. that it would inform it of any matters in its business likely to affect students.

This agreement was reached in order to provide the S.R.C. with ample opportunity to consider an issue before it was beyond its power to influence the outcome of such an issue.

The S.R.C. at its last meeting on June 18, was indignant about the way the University Council had avoided this promise.

This is not the first time that the Council has side-tracked the promise said Mr. Jenkin after the meeting. He referred to the current Parking Regulations which were rushed passed the S.R.C.

Proposals

The proposed clause reads as follows:

4D (a) A Faculty or Board of Studies may review the academic progress of any student enrolled for studies within the curriculum of that Faculty or Board at any time after the student has been enrolled for three terms and has presented himself or has had an opportunity of presenting himself for the annual examinations in the subject or subjects for which he was enrolled.

(b) As a result of such review the Faculty or Board may decide—

(i) to take no action, or (ii) to permit the student to take during the current or next ensuing academic year only such programme of study within its curriculum as it may approve, or (iii) to recommend to the Council that the student be precluded from taking further studies within its curriculum.

(c) Whenever a student who has been enrolled for studies within the curriculum of a Faculty or Board of Studies seeks enrolment for studies within the curriculum of another Faculty or Board of Studies the Faculty or Board of Studies in which enrolment is sought may consider the candidate's previous academic record in the University and may decide either (i) to permit the enrolment or (ii) to recommend to the Council that the enrolment be rejected.

"Explanation"

(d) Every student or candidate whose position is to be considered under the foregoing sections of this clause

shall be notified accordingly and requested to submit in writing for consideration by the Faculty or Board of Studies such explanation as he can offer for his lack of satisfactory progress and reasons why he should be permitted to enrol for further studies in the University. If the Faculty or Board of Studies decides to recommend preclusion under section (b) or rejection under section (c) of this clause the recommendation shall be submitted to the Council which, after making such enquiry as it thinks fit, may confirm, vary or set aside the recommendation.

From Our S.R.C. Correspondent

(e) On the recommendation of a Faculty or Board of Studies the Council may, in respect of candidates for enrolment who are not domiciled or have not been resident in South Australia for a continuous period of at least 12 months before applying for admission to the University, (i) set annually a quota for such student to be admitted to the course of study under that Faculty or Board and determine the method by which the quota shall be filled; or (ii) in accordance with a general policy which it may adopt or for any reason that it may deem adequate in a particular case, refuse enrolment to such students. Admission of such a student to one course of study in the University shall not confer or imply permission subsequently to transfer to another course of study.

Objections

The S.R.C. felt that although the motives behind the clause might be acceptable, there were nevertheless numerous objections which could culminate in individual injustices.

Mr. M. E. B. Smyth said that it was the opinion of Prof. W. P. Rogers that these individual injustices would be more than outweighed by the undoubted advantages of having a reduced failure rate.

The elimination of weaker students would provide the university's academic staff with more time to devote to better students, Prof. Rogers was reported to have said.

Mr. A. Hyslop, the N.U.A.U.S. Vice-President and Education Officer, pointed out that the period of three terms, after which the Faculty or Board of Studies could review a student's course was not sufficiently long to judge justly a student's capabilities.

Mr. Hyslop said that by leaving a student's case to a Faculty, this could ultimately mean leaving it to the judgment of an individual lecturer. He did not think that a Faculty or an individual lecturer were in a position to decide a student's scholastic future.

Ridiculous

Mr. Hyslop further criticised the proposed clause when he said it was ridiculous for the University to expect a student to produce the psychological reasons and others for his failing a subject or course. Only a professional guidance officer could do this he said.

By giving a Faculty power to refuse an enrolment from a student who has previously studied in another Faculty, Mr. Hyslop said that this could lead to further anomalies if inter-faculty rivalry got out of hand.

Several students he knew of had failed one course badly and had succeeded in another said Mr. M. Bayly in criticising 4 Dc.

Mr. J. A. Crawford pointed out that the University authorities had had every opportunity to bring the matter of

clause 4D forward when 4C giving power to the Faculties to refuse enrolment of students who had failed in another Faculty was discussed in "On Dit" (May 1, 1959).

At the time Mr. H. E. Wesley-Smith, the Assistant Registrar was aware that these proposals were being discussed in the faculties, but refrained from commenting on the matter when approached by "On Dit".

S.R.C. Action

Having little time to consider the clause in detail the S.R.C. appointed Messrs. J. G. Jenkin, A. Hyslop, M. E. B. Smyth, D. S.L. Kelly and Miss Marie McNally to form a sub-committee on this issue. They were instructed to formulate the S.R.C.'s case and approach the Vice-Chancellor in order to have the case put at the Senate meeting by several members of the Senate.

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The proposals were passed by the Senate last Wednesday.

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Refectory Prices Rise

Last Monday there was an average overall price rise of 10½ per cent. on goods bought in the Refectory. The prices were increased to eliminate the loss incurred by the running of the Refectory each year.

At the Refectory Sub-Committee meeting last week the Union Treasurer, Mr. W. Meikeljohn, outlined the reasons for price increases. Because the majority of students are only at the University for approximately seven months each year the profits made during this period are not sufficient to cover the loss during the other five months.

Also the "luxuries" provided, such as keeping the George Murray open till 10.30 p.m. and the milk bar open from 2 till 3 p.m. added to the loss.

Until this year the Union House Committee has subsidised the loss on the Refectory but this year, because of other commitments it cannot afford to do so. Thus the money must be obtained elsewhere.

Other Factors

There are also other factors which caused the price to rise. The increase in the basic wage plus the subsequent rise in food prices which will undoubtedly follow adds a further burden to the Refectory.

Taking all these factors into account and also the fact that the Refectory has lost money during the first five months of the year Mr. Meikeljohn suggested a mark-up increase of 20%. This was opposed by some members of the committee particularly Professor Jordon. Finally the figure was reduced to 12½% by the Committee.

The following day at the Union Finance Committee meeting Mr. Meikeljohn again sug-



Photo by M. Woolland
The Treasurer of the Union, Mr. W. Meikeljohn.

gested the rise be 20%. The Committee reduced this figure to an increase of 15% in mark up. This means that the effective increase in selling price is approximately 10½%.

This increase will not apply to every item. Some will be increased more and some will be less. This means that the Union will still have to subsidise the Refectory but to a far less extent.

Bombshell

When the matter was brought before the S.R.C. the Council members seemed to think the increase was justified and that there was no other way out. Mr. Kelly then dropped a bombshell by moving that instead of trying to have the increase reduced, the S.R.C. should support an even higher increase so that no subsidy from the Union would be necessary. Mr. Kelly thought that only

representatives and the S.R.C. decided to wait until the University Council's views were officially expressed before it took any further action.

HILLARY AND S.C.I.I.A.E.S.

Sir Edmund Hillary visited Adelaide on the 16th and 17th of this month. During his short stay he gave a number of lectures at the Town Hall and the Institute Buildings, North Terrace.

On one of these occasions he was awarded the Degree (honoris causa) of Fellow of S.C.I.I.A.E.S. for "service rendered to the Society in having attained the greatest heights, both physical and moral, on this globe."

Simultaneously, at a short ceremony, he was presented with the Society's badge and was awarded the honorary life membership of S.C.I.I.A.E.S. He accepted by signing the Society's Scroll of Honour.

Later he was also awarded the Royal Geographical Society's medal by the State Governor, Sir Robert George.

those students who use the Refectory should have to pay the price increases.

This was attacked strongly and Mr. Kelly withdrew his motion. Finally the S.R.C. with no extra ideas on the matter decided to accept the Finance Committee's decision.

COMMENT:

At the moment the increase appears justified and as no one has put forward any suggestions to the contrary it appears that the students will have to accept the decision. However, it is hoped that, together with the increase in price, there will be an increase in quantity and a higher standard of quality in some of the items sold. With improvements in this direction some students may not even mind the extra price.

Melbourne Students Lose Car Park

(A.U.P. News Release)

Because of building alterations and construction of the 12-storey "North Building" at Melbourne University, a student car-park near the Students' Union, has been made a Staff Car Park, as from the start of 2nd Term.

Students have been annoyed at this action, as large numbers were fined on the first day of the term, without warning. There are now only two student car parks near the Union.

The Registrar of the University has said that if students want to use their cars daily, they will have to park outside the University grounds.

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EDITORIAL

REPRESENTATION OR DISTRUST

If the University Council, at its meeting today, rejects out of hand the proposals put forward by the S.R.C. for student representation on the University Council, this will almost assuredly be taken as an expression of no-confidence in the integrity and good sense of the student leaders of this University.

The S.R.C. in all its deliberations on the matter has maintained a high regard for the good of this University and has wished at all times to support and maintain the autonomy of this University.

The S.R.C. has been well aware that the University Council does not want the question of representation as expressed in the University Statutes opened up in Parliament, and it has been further well aware of the reasons why the Council does not wish this. The S.R.C. has always expressed sympathy with these wishes and has avoided any action to date which would involve parliamentary legislation on the question.

After several years of talk and consideration of the question of student representation, when it has always been S.R.C. policy, this S.R.C. took the whole question in hand. It drew up several compromise proposals, through a sub-committee it specially appointed to handle the issue, and these proposals were put to the Council.

Sad Commentary

These proposals ensured that matters affecting students would be brought to the notice of the S.R.C., or vice versa to the notice of the University Council, via the President of the S.R.C., who would be permitted to take part in the discussion of all matters save those from which the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor excluded him.

The Representatives from the University Council suggested that a member of the Council should look to the interests of the S.R.C. for them. By this suggestion it would seem that Representatives betrayed a distrust of students and a fear of student infiltration into the sacred precincts of their chambers.

It is a sad commentary on University government when the University Council is not prepared to put some trust in student leaders who give their own time free, to look after the interests of 5,600 students.

It also seems strange that the University Council does not regard its function as an educating, besides an administrative, force as covering the encouragement of student interest in University affairs and University government.

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UNIVERSITY COUNCIL "NOT AUTONOMOUS"

BY ALEX HYSLOP

The University Council is a body of august men. A great deal of their attention and almost all of their emotional energy is given to defending, against the attacks of the mentally despoiled, the autonomy of the University, or more precisely, perhaps, the autonomy of the University Council.

This body could well, I suppose, by some, be regarded as the University, and has, indeed, by itself, been commonly so regarded. After all, some people have to accept responsibility and who else will do so within these precincts, except the leaders of the community, whose only disqualification is that they are outside these precincts, or at best, connected by a stiff chain to the mentality of the Front Office.

This august body's defence of its autonomy is fought on the ramparts of faith. Certainly intellect has little to do with it. They fear student representation; they fear student attendance; they fear, it seems, diverse misfortune. But their fear is nothing to the anxiety of students at some actions of the University Council, some autonomous actions; actions, that is, for which they are accountable to nobody but their "liberal" selves.

Vice-Chancellor

One such action was their recent unloading of statutes to review the progress of students after three terms. The Vice-Chancellor stated last September that we would be informed by the Registrar when the Council was to consider matters pertaining to students.

Our notification of these statutes was in a letter from the Registrar dated June 11 when the statutes were to be put to a Senate meeting on June 24 and after the statutes had been considered deeply in Education Committee and then passed by the University Council.

At a meeting previous to this letter the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. Basten) had agreed that these statutes were of direct interest to students.

A most bucolic dilatoriness was even then subsequently observed before we were informed, with the parenthesis that the statutes were "self-explanatory". Such ineptitude disarms criticism by breaking its back. To call this arrogant would be to use an adjective excessively polite.

HAS NO IDEA

The University Council has shown that it has no idea what is of relevance to students and that it has less idea of polite alacrity in letting us know what it is doing even when it is prodded by students into an understanding that it should do this. Such an insight a University Council ought to possess inherently.

But then students are not on the Council as observers therefore the existence of students in the Council members' University is apparently overlooked on occasion by Council members.

A discussion of the statutes in question is warranted.

These statutes are, we think, intended to combat

the waste of valuable space and valuable attention by "hopeless" students. We recognise the necessity for action of some sort on this problem but are concerned at the possibility of abuse of these regulations and the possibility of injustice to certain students.

Mr. A. Hyslop has written this article for "On Dit" outlining the point of view of the S.R.C. on the matter of the proposed new clause 4D of Chap. XXV of the University Statutes.

Such injustice will be no less injustice because it is unwitting. In essence, we consider that a Faculty is only doubtfully competent to pronounce on the success-potential of a student.

The material to be examined will be the academic record of the student together with such explanation as the student can offer for his failure to produce satisfaction in his examination.

It is a fact that students who fail first year have a very low graduation-potential. However, a small percentage of such students will, if permitted to continue, eventually graduate. The problem is how to recognise this category of students. No satisfactory criteria have as yet been discovered (especially after only three terms!)

HIGHLY SUSPECT

The kindness evidenced in asking for a written explanation from the student is no doubt well-intentioned but practically highly suspect. A student may be willing to offer personal reasons for his lack of success to a group of gentlemen some of whom teach him.

At the same time it is to be doubted that a student will have an excessive understanding of just why he failed. Such an understanding is frequently to be gained only by a competent and experienced student adviser—a fact recognised by every Australia University except Adelaide.

We are particularly concerned that the change-over from one Faculty to another will be fraught with danger. Inter-faculty rivalry is a distinct possibility. How are we going to decide which courses are of a similar nature? Who is to forecast success in a different faculty going on mere academic record?

UNIVERSITY DEBATES

Once again Adelaide is to be the venue of one of Australia's most popular and important student festivals. For in August the Debating Club will be running the Intersarsity Debates Festival.

For many years at least six Australian universities have sent teams to this annual contest, and this year we'll be seeing six teams competing for the prized Philippines Cup. Last year, at the Festival held by the University of New England, Sydney University just staved off a strong challenge from Adelaide to go into the finals and win the Cup. But competition is always keen and anyone could win this year.

In a letter to us the Registrar was so good as to inform us that each faculty would adopt its own working rules for procedure within these regulations. It is despite myself that I shiver. But then, of course, the Registrar considers these statutes to be self-explanatory!

Men of gifted perception should realise the limitations of others. By so doing they may possibly come to a better understanding of their own unique gifts!

COMPLACENT

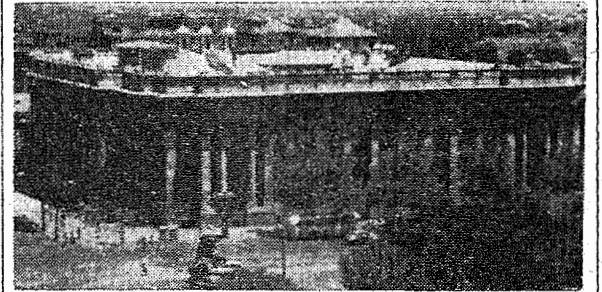
We would like to know whether, in fact, the Education Committee of the University Council considered supplementary

safeguards to those mentioned, for the student. If it did not as we suspect it did not, it is accountable, and guilty of complacency.

Can the University Council assure students that individual faculties will be informed of the pitfalls of selection procedures? Detailed suggestions should be drawn up and issued to every member of every faculty in this University.

Can the University Council honestly suggest that seven days notice is sufficient for a Senate meeting on such a matter, a meeting convened for 4.30 in the afternoon, when academics will be those who are most in evidence?

Question Without Notice



"How has the 'Kimber Incident' cost the S.R.C. over £300—to whom was this money paid?"

Yours faithfully,
PETER GARTRELL,
"Proprosh."

At the time of the last procession, Mr. Tony Kimber was empowered by the Prosh Committee to borrow a utility from Houghton and Burns Ltd. which was to be used for the collection and return of several items necessary for the procession and main stunt. During the course of these duties, Kimber was involved in an accident, for which he

was held responsible. The S.R.C. felt itself 'morally' bound to assume the onus for this accident, as Kimber was reputed to be its agent. The S.R.C. therefore paid the cost of the damages, amounting to £304/9/4, to the various insurance companies involved.

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Tasmanian Law Students Withdraw Motion

HOBART ("Togatus").—The Law Students' Society of the University of Tasmania has withdrawn one of the three motions it passed at its A.G.M. last March.

This meeting had strongly criticised the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. S. Isles, for the manner in which he had forced the resignations of several lecturers in the Tasmanian University Law School.

Speaking for the motions Mr. P. C. Heerey stated:

"In June last year, some members of the Law Faculty adopted a certain attitude towards the Orr case.

"This attitude was embodied in a motion submitted by Mr. H. G. Calvert to a Staff Association meeting.

"At that meeting, Mr. Calvert was subjected to insult by the Vice-Chancellor, and in consequence of this on June 10, the entire Law Staff made protests to Prof. Isles concerning his attitude towards them over the Orr case, and to request in future that they be treated in a manner more becoming to academic lecturers, i.e., members of a community of scholars.

"Prof. Isles did not comply with their request and accordingly they could see no alternative but to resign."

Allegations

The students alleged that the Vice-Chancellor had:

(a) said to Mr. Calvert at the conclusion of the Staff Assoc. meeting, "We could do with a vacancy in the Law Faculty, Mr. Calvert."

(b) by his action in intimating and insulting lecturers of the Law Faculty had shown himself totally unworthy of a man of the academic status of a Vice-Chancellor and that his action was gravely prejudicial to the reputation and standing of the University of Tasmania.

The students third allegation was refuted by a letter to Togatus from 18 members of the university staff.

The Law students

A.G.M. had passed the below motions:

"That this meeting of the Tasmania University Law Society strongly protests at the present situation regarding the resignation of three lecturers of the Law Faculty."

"Without detracting in the slightest from the ability and generosity of the part-time lecturers who have undertaken to act in their place, this meeting holds that such a system of part-time lecturers is fundamentally unsatisfactory, both from the point of view of part-time and full-time students. This meeting holds that it is the duty of the University to maintain a full-time academic staff and that it has failed to fulfil their duty."

All these motions had been passed unanimously

FINANCE FARCE

From Ashley Middleton-Smith

The S.R.C. showed itself to be most inconsistent over the budget by voting in favour of paying the Medical Society the grant of £95. This was done in spite of opposition from the Treasurer, Mr. I. G. Colyer.

At the S.R.C. weekend in April Mr. Colyer stated the Council's policy towards grants when he said that financial clubs and societies would not be granted any money if that money was not needed. Thus the Pharmacy students, who had £400 carried over from last year did not receive a grant. At this weekend the Medical students were granted £95.

£600 RESERVE

However some time later Mr. Colyer discovered that the Medical Society had over £600 in reserve which had not been declared in the budget statement.

Of this £360 came from life memberships which the society could not touch. But the remaining £300 had come from

profits over the years. Thus Mr. Colyer recommended the whole question of the Medical Budget again with the intention of stopping the grant until such time as it was needed.

Mr. G. Anderson, the medical representative put forward the case that Medical students have to provide their own facilities because they are unable to make much use of the Refectory. He also stated that if they did not get a grant this year they would need a much bigger one next time.

TRITENESS

This statement was not really accurate as the reserve would last for two or three years. Also the money is going towards furnishing a common-room in the Medical School. Thus all students are contributing to the Medical Commonroom. However, Mr. Colyer's objections were overruled by the council and the Meds. received the full grant.

SHOCKING BLUNDERS

This is just another example of the shocking blunders the S.R.C. has made over finance this year. It appears that some members of the Council have very little idea of the issues on which they are voting and if a good story is pitched to them they will swallow it.

The fact that the Meds got their £95 is not the important issue. The important point is that the S.R.C., with muddled thinking, has been shockingly inconsistent about the whole matter of finance.

Obviously the Treasurer is the man with the financial situation at his finger-tips but this is not the first time that the Treasurer's recommendations have been cast aside.

Thus it seems that many S.R.C. members are voting on issues on which they are absolutely clueless. This is borne out by the number of times that recommitted motions have been reversed.

It is time that members took their responsibilities a little more seriously and applied a little more thought before they wave their hands in the air.

S.R.C. ELECTIONS

Nominations will be received in the S.R.C. for Faculty Representatives for 1959/60 from Monday, July 13, to Friday, July 17, 1959.

Nominations for Men's and Women's General will be received from Monday, July 20, to Friday, July 24, 1959.

Voting

Voting for Faculty Representatives will take place in the S.R.C. office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday, July 20, to Friday, July 24, 1959.

Voting for Men's and Women's General will take place in the S.R.C. office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday, July 27, to Friday, July 31, 1959.

D. R. Stevenson

Secretary, S.R.C.

... And Who's Paying ?

At the last S.R.C. Meeting, the Council decided to have a formal dinner using S.R.C. money to subsidise the cost. This decision was reached after heated arguments were exchanged.

Motions were passed to the effect that the S.R.C. would have a formal dinner and that members would pay for their drinks. The trouble began when Mr. Wicks moved that the dinner be subsidised to the extent of 50 per cent. from the Functions Account.

Mr. Kelly strongly objected and foreshadowed this motion by moving

that the Executive, the Editor of "On Dit" and the vice-president of N.U.A.U.S. do not pay anything towards the cost of the dinner and the rest of the members pay the full price. This motion was lost, but after further arguments the motion put by Mr. Wicks was finally carried in a very close vote.

NEWS ITEM: EFFECTIVE OVER-ALL PRICE INCREASE OF 10.5% IN REFEC.



Increased Refectory prices will no doubt bring increased services.

News from Other Universities

Doshisba University in Japan has established a matrimonial agency to help "nervous brides-to-be in finding their life's companion after graduation."

It seems that many women were leaving the University before completion of their courses because when they have finished a four year course they will be 23 or 24 years old, after which it is very difficult for them to take time to find their spouses to be.

Up to the present the centre has not succeeded in matchmaking, though two couples are "keeping friendly terms."

The Sydney University Regiment's building was gutted by a spectacular blaze, late one Friday night recently.

The Sydney Daily Mirror which featured the incident over a full front page, claimed that mortar bombs and bullets were exploding as the firemen fought the blaze.

The explosions heard were actually produced by the kegs and gas cylinders for beer machines in the officers' mess.

Courses in traditional Chinese medicine and pharmacy have been included in the curricula of many colleges in China beginning with the new term this year. The courses are designed to provide medical students with a systematic knowledge of China's traditional medical science, which has existed for thousands of years, in addition to the study of modern medical science.

Among the medical colleges to teach the subject are those in Shansi, Shanghai, Changchun, Inner Mongolia, Tsinglia, Fukien and Tientsin.

Semper Floreat (Queensland University Newspaper) on Billy Graham.

"He can't be a fake he made too many mistakes."

God made the world—and rested.

God made man—and rested.

Then God made woman, Since then neither God nor man has rested.

In France there is an International Student Rest Centre open to all students who require rest to regain their health and continue their studies.

Started by World University Service, it can take up to a hundred students of both sexes. Community life is fostered and cultural activities include discussion groups, film shows and lectures. Perhaps the N.U.A.U.S. should try something of the same sort. It sounds just the thing for overworked S.R.C. members, or Rugby-types with the DTs.

The medieval castle of Beerseel which contains a museum and restaurant, was recently occupied for 12 hours by students. Armed with trumpets, horns and tomatoes, they were demonstrating because while much money is spent on maintaining historical sites, too little is spent on student grants.

Unfortunately provisions soon gave out (the tomatoes, I presume): and when a supply column was cut off by police, the students, having discussed the matter with the Minister for the Interior, left the castle. (It was a Round Table conference, of course).

Anti-Latinists at Oxford won a narrow victory at the beginning of May in their fight to abolish compulsory Latin. After discussions lasting two hours, the University Congregation to which representatives of all the colleges belong, voted in favour of amending the University Statutes, which call for Latin as a compulsory subject. Supporters of the change stressed that they did not wish to abolish Latin; it will become an optional subject rather than a requirement for the entrance examination, with German and Russian as further electives.

On Wednesday, June 24, the Melbourne University is to be opened to the public for a day for the S.R.C. University exhibition. Most of the Faculties in the University are taking part in the exhibition, which is to publicise the building appeal for the £830,000 building to be erected soon.

100,000 copies of the M.U. Newspaper Farrago will be sold and students have been organised for a door-to-door canvass of Melbourne to raise funds.

On May 8 the Arts Building of Executor University was opened by Princess Margaret. On this occasion the Guild Council protested most strongly at the complete lack of discussion between the students and the authorities about the arrangements for Princess Margaret's visit. As stated by the President, Princess Margaret had expressed a wish to spend the whole day at the University and to meet the students informally. According to the arrangements made by the authorities her only contact with the students, apart from her meeting with Guild Council for tea, was seeing them. As a student called it, "treated like cattle and put up in enclosures" or lined up outside the buildings.

The Chairman of the Second National Congress of the Union of Rumanian Students listed in his report a series of shortcomings, especially in the ideological attitudes of the student body.

He censured the "servile admiration of Western technology, art, literature, and fashion," and complained that there are still students "who go to church to pray to God." He announced a rigorous campaign against this.

Jerry
Shanahan

Note This Date — July 29th

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Refreshments

Parliamentarians' Interests In Companies

In recent months several members of State Parliament have found themselves in the spotlight of Press attention because of their shareholdings in Public Companies.

Most notable is the case of Sir Arthur Warner, Minister for Transport in the Victorian Government, who occupies the position of Chairman and Managing Director of Electronic Industries Ltd. The story of a subsidiary company, International Vending Machines Pty. Ltd., and their "guaranteed 20 per cent. return" machines being installed on railway stations in Victoria is well known.

The Leader of the opposition in the New South Wales Parliament, Mr. Pat Morton, has also been the subject of considerable publicity because of his business connections. He is Chairman of Directors of the Australian subsidiary of a £2 million British Company, and because of this it has been suggested that he should give up his business association or resign from Parliament.

Accusations

This concern over Members of Parliament having outside interests would stem from a fear that these members may utilise their political positions to further their Company's interests.

Over the years there have been a number of accusations against people using their public office for their own interests—

- (1) The leakage of alteration in the Bank Rate in the United Kingdom last year.
- (2) Dr. Turnbull in the Tasmanian Lotteries.
- (3) Mr. E. Theodore, a member of the Queensland Government was involved in dealings with a mining company.
- (4) Mr. Landa, a Minister for Housing in New South Wales was alleged to be involved

in dealings with a certain Company.

Good M.P.'s.

With regard to the position of directorships and shareholdings in companies it is unwise to condemn without qualification. We cannot expect to get skilled and responsible Members of Parliament who have grown up apart from the world around them. These shareholders — Directors — M.P.'s are usually skilled men and make good representatives in Parliament. The same case applies to Trade Union Leaders. They make good members for the people they represent. Should they also give up their trade union ties on entering Parliament?

To forbid shareholdings and Directorships would be difficult to achieve in practice. Astute people go to no end of trouble to give their affairs a respectable appearance, when in fact the emoluments are still beneficially vested in the person whom it is sought to divest of such interests.

Spender

When C. E. Wilson, former chief of General Motors Corporation became U.S. Secretary of Defence, he was compelled to resign from the Board of Directors and also sell his shares. Sir Philip McBride when appointed to Cabinet resigned from a half a dozen or so Adelaide Companies. It is interesting to note that since retirement he has been invited to fill a vacancy on the Board of the Bank of Adelaide. He now joins the long list of former M.P.'s, retired generals, famous cricketers and tennis players to join the select band.

When it was made known to the Prime Minister, upon question by Mr. E. J. Ward, that Sir Percy Spender, while a Judge of the International Court, was Director of Goodyear Tyre & Rubber Coy. of Australia, there was an immediate resignation from Goodyear by Sir Percy. The Prime Minister on this occasion made clear his Government's policy on this question.

Constitution

Under the Commonwealth Constitution a person is incapable of being a Senator or Member of the House of Representatives if they hold any office of profit under the Crown. That is to say a person who is a Director of a Company with a Government contract is ineligible for Federal Parliament. This does prevent a member from accepting payment from a firm to undertake an overseas trip which is of importance to Australian industry.

By Ken Stirling

By virtue of Sec. 51 (c) of the South Australian Constitution it would appear to be quite legitimate for a State Member to be a Director of a Company that has Government contracts provided the Company consists of more than 20 members.

In this State the following members are Directors of Companies:

Legislative Council: Sir Arthur Rymill, Chairman of Bank of Adelaide, Advertiser Newspapers, S.A. Brewing Co., Bennett and Fisher Ltd.

A. J. Melrose: Chairman of Elder, Smith & Co.

Sir Frank Perry: Chairman and Managing Director of Perry Engineering. Retired Member, Sir Collier Cudmore: Elder, Smith & Co.

House of Assembly: J. A. Heaslip, Chairman of Grosvenor Ltd.

This list makes no pretence of being exhaustive of State Members Company directorships.

Family Concerns

In two cases of State Members the Companies are family concerns. One cannot jump to conclusions about wealth of the Members from their directorships because in most cases shareholdings required to be eligible for directorship are quite small.

The Members in this State are on Boards of Directors because:

- (1) The Company is a family concern, a Company founded by the family head presently or some generations ago.

QUOTE FROM THE OBSERVER

From Ashley Middleton-Smith

The below quotation is taken from the latest "Observer." It was quoted from a letter to the "Observer" by a fellow who said in Adelaide that South Africa does not have race riots. This same fellow didn't think that there was even any possibility of racial hostility in South Africa.

"It could be reasonably asked if everything went so well at the schools what aroused the fierce opposition. I now confess it was my fault; I made a mistake by accepting an invitation to address a meeting called by the Students Representative Council at the University of Adelaide. It was not on any school itinerary, but I accepted it with the best motive — enlightenment. I was asked to speak on the "Separation

- (2) Through ability as advisers in a financial or technical manner they are invited to join the Boards of Directors.
- (3) Through luck and influence.

None of the South Australian Directors — M.P.'s are members of the Cabinet. On the available evidence it certainly could not be alleged that they are indulging in improper practices in regard to their duties as members.

Shearers . . . Act

One issue before the last session of the Legislative Council was the Shearers' Accommodation Act Amendment Bill. This Bill was brought in to bring about improvements in shearers' quarters. Hon. A. J. Melrose and Sir Collier Cudmore voted against the Bill. Both of these members are on the Board of Directors of Elder, Smith's. Were there valid objections to the Bill or might the heads have rolled at the next Annual General Meeting of Elder's shareholders? This is not meant to imply that all Elder's clients are shareholders, but some certainly are.

It is the duty of candidates opposing these members at elections to point out what positions these members hold in various Companies. Then it is up to the elector whether the member falls on this issue. It must be admitted that with the present system of voting for the Legislative Council, it is impossible for some people to make this choice.

Real Test

A fact which would be important in regard to salary increases for our State Members is the question of Directors' Fees. In some cases these would be substantial and should not be overlooked, considering the rather limited length of Parliamentary sessions in this State.

The real test of the Members of the Parliament Company activities will come when the Government tries to stimulate activity to increase employment. This, of course, assumes such measures are within the province of the State Government and that the present Government will attempt to maintain employment on the highest possible level. These members may find themselves forced to vote on legislation which from the Companies' viewpoint is distasteful, but from the States viewpoint is essential. Then and only then shall their motives for entering politics be made plain.

ABREAST OF THE TIMES

For the aboriginal, there is only one way — assimilation, cultural and biological.

You can't preserve the racial identity of the Australian native.

He might be rather handy. Royal visitors just love corroborees at the Exhibition Grounds; Aboriginal art motifs are wonderful for decorating coffee lounges; and anthropological jaunts to the Territory are such fun.

But the culture that produced the corroborees and the cave drawings was a living thing. It had its own institutions and conventions, needs, faults and advantages. The art forms are an outer shell accidentally left behind. The culture itself disappeared with witch magic and the tribal wars.

There were once eight Slav nations in the Balkans. Each wanted to preserve its independent culture. To this end each used bomb outrages and organised terrorism.

Due to the indisposition of our columnist, we have published this article taken from "Semper Floreat" through the Australian Universities Press.

After the Army of Liberation had passed through, there were only five left. The drastic logic of modern civilisation had annihilated three whole peoples.

It could happen to us. The circumstances which could send Milton and Shakespeare to join the tragedies of Aeschylus are not inconceivable. They are in the daily papers.

You see, a culture is not important in itself. It is basically a set of conventions, like language, laws of possession, and marriage customs. Conventions are merely convenient ways of coming to grips with reality.



But some argue that the Australian native is a poor type of native.

Given the same background the Anglo-Saxon is pretty poor, too. The more moronic of station-hands and low grade factory workers are about on the same level as the tobacco-scrounging half-caste, and a couple of degrees lower than the desert nomad.

You must assimilate the aborigine to an educated, urban way of life. That is why the work of Mr. Toogood and his friends is so encouraging. The city must give the lead.

Biological assimilation must come after cultural assimilation. It will cause more difficulties, minor tragedies of a personal nature. Times of transition always have a tragic side.

But the personal problems are not of any ultimate importance. Broken homes are always with us. Broken hearts mend easily in the cold light of dawn.

Above all, let us be patient and clear-sighted. Men usually call impossible the tasks that take the longest time.

Ian Walton

Anglican Society

Bible studies are now well underway in the Society Room at 1.20 every Tuesday.

The first two in a series of addresses to be held every Wednesday, were given by John Mainstone and John Lane, and an enthusiastic group looks forward to succeeding talks.

Programme Reminders

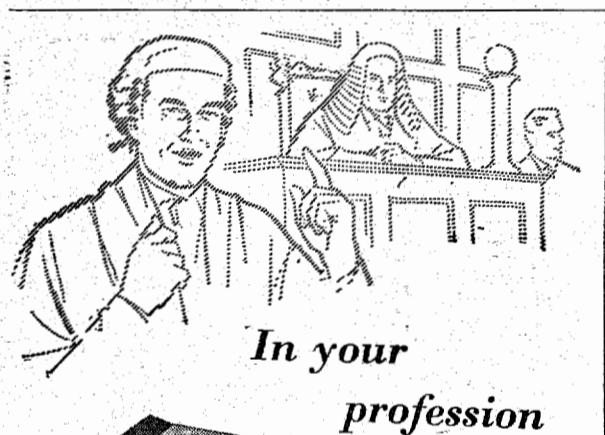
Wed., July 1: Mr. F. E. Treloar. "Primitive Church Liturgy". 1.20 Lady Symon Lounge.

Wed., July 8: Right Rev. David Hand (Assistant Bishop of New Guinea). 1.20 L.S.H.

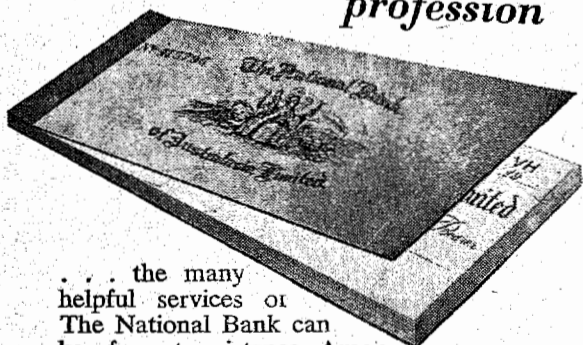
Fri., July 17: Corporate Communion 7.45 a.m. Chapel.

Wed., July 20: Right Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley (Bishop of Coventry and World Chairman C.E.M.S.) 1.20 LSH

Remember also the daily offices — morning Prayer at 8.40 and Evening Prayer at 4.40 in the Society Room.



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By Dr. R. W. Crompton

Of all the techniques which find application in diverse branches of science and technology, few can claim to have developed more rapidly than the technique of high vacuum. Once almost exclusively the tool of the research scientist, high vacuum technique is now a matter of routine, not only for the manufacturers of electric lamps and electron tubes of all descriptions, but also in such widely differing operations as the production of blood serum and the manufacture of inexpensive jewellery.

In many cases the object of obtaining very low pressures (high vacua) is to reduce the chemical action resulting from the presence of the gas, as for example, the rapid oxidation at high temperatures of the tungsten filament of an electric light.

In electron tubes it is essential to have low pressures not only to ensure a long life for the oxide-coated cathode, but also to reduce the frequency of collisions between the electrons and residual gas molecules. For example, in a television tube, it is essential that most electrons leaving the cathode of the tube should make no collisions with gas molecules before striking the fluorescent screen since collisions of this kind will deflect the electrons randomly so decreasing the definition of the picture.

Television tubes

Electrons moving through air at a pressure of one millionth of an atmosphere will on the average travel a distance of about one foot before colliding with a gas molecule. Since this distance is approximately the length of the television tube, it is evidently necessary to reduce the pressure still further to reduce the probability of a collision.

In practice pressures of the order of one million millionth of an atmosphere are regularly obtained on the production line.

IN THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

The modern factory producing television tubes is an excellent example of industrial vacuum practice. In the largest factories there are about 100 separate and complete pumping units moving on a continuous conveyor belt.

A tube is connected to each unit at the beginning of the line and, having been untouched by human hand, emerges from it evacuated to a limit which would be the envy of many a researcher working in the laboratory. During the evacuation process a mechanical pump first exhausts the tube to a pressure of atmosphere after which an oil diffusion pump (somewhat similar in principle to a filter pump) is brought into operation to still further reduce the pressure.

The tube then passes through a series of ovens which raises its temperature sufficiently to drive off large volumes of gas trapped in the metal and glass, is automatically sealed off and allowed gradually to cool to room temperature. With the firing of the "getter" which deposits a thin layer of an active metal over a portion of the inside of the tube to absorb residual gas the evacuation is complete.

Low though the pressures common to normal high vacuum practice may seem, there is still a surprising amount of gas remaining—gas is still present in the television tube to a concentration of ten million molecules per cubic centimetre. Although such high vacua are adequate for many purposes, there are many instances in which even lower pressures are required.

Ultra-high vacua

For example, certain properties of a pure metal surface are grossly affected by minute quantities of gas adsorbed on the surface and, even if the surface is prepared under high vacuum, a layer of gas one molecule thick will re-form on the surface in one second.

Only by a further large reduction in pressure can this time be lengthened sufficiently to enable measurements to be made.

In 1953 an announcement was made of the attainment and measurement of pressures (so called "ultra-high" vacua) some thousand times lower than recorded previously. With the new techniques came unforeseen difficulties.

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Science Association

Are you a social outcast, a misfit, introverted, extroverted, or just maladjusted? If you are not, then you must be coming to the SCIENCE FACULTY BALL on JULY 4.

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The Science Dinner is on its way! The First Years really have an experience coming—the rest should know all about it by now. This Dinner is famous—last year we had a huge gathering of staff and students. YOU must come this time.

For the infinitesimally low price of 2/6 you will be able to have a copy of "Focus", the Adelaide University Science Association magazine for 1959.

gases, was found to rise steadily when pumping ceased. Eventually this "leak" proved to be due to the diffusion of atmospheric helium through the glass walls of the vessel!

Although rapid advances have been made in vacuum technology, and manufacturers have been quick to take advantage of them, outer space still maintains a commanding lead on the vacuum physicist. In the best man-made vacuum, particles become as rare as one thousand per cubic centimetre, but outer space with its one or two particles per cubic centimetre remains still as a challenge to man.

TRAVEL SCHEME TO NEW ZEALAND AGAIN THIS YEAR

(A.U.P. News Release)

Thought of travelling to New Zealand in the long vacation this year for work or play?

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More and more students are realising the wonderful chance this scheme offers. Each year the number travelling is increasing. So contact your local S.R.C. office and get your application forms. Remember you'll only be a Uni. student this once.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB FORMED

A new club, the P.S.A., has been formed to cater for those with broader interests in psychology. This includes visits to places of interest, meetings with visiting speakers, discussions and informal social activities. Students taking courses in psychology are invited to become members.

The annual subscription is 5/-. We invite anyone else who is interested

to become an associate member, for which the subscription is 3/-. The first meeting is on Friday, June 26, for a talk and discussion followed by dancing and supper. Watch the notice boards for further details.

Postal Voting At Sydney 'Varsity

(A.U.P. News Release)

The S.R.C. of Sydney is at present finalising arrangements for a system of postal voting for the Annual Elections this year, in an effort to eliminate many of the difficulties and illegalities experienced in past elections.

Previously, it had been found that the use of a large number of polling booths had often resulted in large-scale multiple voting, and this situation had only been rendered more complicated and farcical by the nominations of Messrs. Chilonia and Conrad, who were found to be animals (a tortoise and a horse, respectively).

SOUTH AFRICA

The Adelaide committee for World University Service has just obtained copies of the report on Pam Williams' visit to South Africa entitled, "South Africa — Black and White." Pam Williams visited South Africa as N.U.A.U.S. representative and has produced a report which is probably the best summary of the present position in South Africa available. It is available from the W.E.A. bookroom or the Warden's secretary, price 5/-.

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"Backstage"



"Five foot two, eyes of blue"—well, make it five foot seven and you have Me. I'm going to dream up this column every fortnight just to keep you in touch with a fascinating world, that of the theatre. A world chockful of peculiar people; petite and fluffy, magnificently majestic, or stern and coltish—heroines come in any model, and their masculine equivalents match them in settings ranging from Grecian temples to the slums of Melbourne. To stand apart and look in on this world is to encounter at once fantasy and reality. And it is to this dusty, greasy, individual world behind the cardboard trees that I am to introduce you. To be blunt and practical, I will give you a periodic glimpse of the plays being produced at the Union Hall, and of the activities of the University's dramatic societies.

You may remember "Electra", a superb distillation of the essence of Greek culture, and magnificent value in entertainment.

The critics (without the help of publicity agents!) acclaimed young Briony Hodge as a second Judith Anderson. It is rather astounding that a girl fresh from school (when she met the inevitable fate of tall girls—that of playing the hero in the end of term play) and from behind a cosmetic counter in a city store could step into the role of Electra, a woman torn by bitterness and despair living only to hate. Those of you who saw her performance will need no urging to watch for her name on the posters; her voice will still be echoing in your ears.

The next major event in our dramatic world will be the Drama Festival Play. This Festival is sponsored annually by N.U.A.U.S. which provides transport and accommodation at reduced rate for groups of players from each Australian University who meet to discuss drama. This may sound highly pernicious, but be reassured, Melbourne gave us a whale of a time last year. Pre-theatre, post-theatre and more or less continuous parties enlivened our stay; Marvellous cider! Visiting Adelaidites were welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the company, the plays, and the liquor. Each State presented the play of its choice, and they ranged from Jean Cocteau's "Infernal Machine," an eerie recreation of the Oedipus theme, to "Theresa," written especially for the Festival by Gordon Kirby and set in Melbourne's Carlton area. Adelaide took the conservative but eminently actable "Ladies in Retirement," which is a study in psychological

TOO MUCH A FAREWELL

"Many Happy Returns," intended as a farewell for certain old stars of vaudeville, resembled more a farewell to vaudeville itself; energy was little recompense for the lack of technique in the chorus work and of intelligence in the comedy.

The "old stars," most of them, retained only age and for one who had not seen them in their heyday the only attitude possible was a respectful assumption of past greatness and a consequent homage—the audience were certainly reverent and additionally dead to anything the show had to offer in the way of satire, which was, I will admit, very little.

However, there was laughter available for those not bound in chains of primness and there was the warm human sympathy engendered by the

unappetising sight of three largely unclothed ladies undoubtedly chilled and consequently antiseptic as well as wan. — and there was a red-head in the chorus . . .

OLD STARS
Of the "old stars," Miss Meekin and Miss Howard communicated personality and received expensive guffaws in return. The comic trio of Mr. Gerald, Mr. Peterson and Mr. G. Wallace (Jnr.) were satisfyingly obscene in their skit entitled "The Evangelist." Mr. Michael Smyth was to be observed in the audience at this

stage sharpening an already keen sense of ribaldry.

— the readhead in the chorus appeared several times. She was . . .

The celebrity acts were very disappointing, with some exceptions. The best was a local team, the "Duo Ferrards," dead-pan acrobats of an excellent standard.

The juggler, "Eimmar," was good, too. The "World's Foremost Apache Team" was, at least, novel and the woman was interestingly strong. "The Clark Brothers" were dull, apart from their satirising Mr. Nat "King" Cole, which satire was vastly unappreciated by the rest of the audience.

It was a pleasant enough evening and there was, after all, that red-head in the chorus.

A. HYSLOP.

"LET'S FACE IT"

The intimate revue, "Let's Face It," was well staged and very entertaining. John Edmund, the producer, kept things moving and well under control. The costume quick changes were at times remarkable.

Its success was not due to the wittiness of the script. In fact, the material verged on the mediocre. However, the company of fourteen put it over with an abundance of aplomb and insolence. The show was made memorable by the excellent revue-style acting of Joanne Allwood, Lois Ramsey, Ray Wheeler and Ron Lea.

These four were far above the others, but they owe a great deal to the skilful stooging of Anne Edmunds, Alexandra Forbes, Robert Leach and Douglas Dolphin. Edmund

Pegge proved that he could make his presence felt in spheres other than Shakespeare and Shaw, and the producer very kindly did not type-cast him as an English gentleman.

THE GIRLS

The outstanding number of the evening was "The Best Schools"—the men of the company suitably dressed as typical products of our private girls' schools. Edmund Pegge as a Wilderness type, Ray Wheeler as P.G.C., and Ron Lea, as M.L.C., brought the house down.

"Violetta"—an opera without words—came a close second. Dead-pan, unemotional treatment of stock operatic situations made very good comedy. Jacqueline Talbot and Joanne Allwood carried this item.

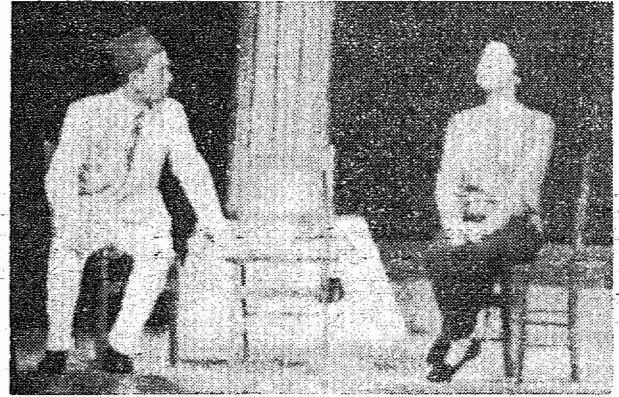
FUNNY

The number, "Ole Luis" began with dim red lights and Spanish footstamping all very amateur and not very good. The audience stirred uneasily. Gordon Foulds gave it a bit of class, and the item looked to be an excuse to show us his skill as a dancer. Then hang, Lois Ramsey came on as a Flamingo, and we found it was all very funny indeed. Her doleful "Ole" still rings in the ears.

Some other skits deserve mention—"Work-mates," "Poet's Corner," "Can I do you now?"—and Jacqueline Talbot's delightful rendering of "Triangular." The series of sketches "Let's Take A Holiday" suffered from very bad material, except for the Australian couple on tour. "The Ghoul Family" came too early in the programme to be appreciated, particularly when it had to follow Joanne Allwood's "Auditions."

Revue is very difficult to review. All I can say is that it was very entertaining and enjoyable, and I am sure that all who went to see it came out happier than they were when they went in.

B. McCURDY.



A scene from the Aquinas play "Love and Lunacy"

"LOVE AND LUNACY" AVERAGE

It is difficult to judge the performances of a group of students one is acquainted with.

The "Aquinas Students' Club", however, did not embarrass me by ineptitude though several students in the audience were provoked to occasional unseemly hysterics in watching their friends perform. The greatest discomfort, indeed, was caused by lack of heating in the Union Hall, a fault which tends to petrify enjoyment.

The play "Love and Lunacy", by Peter Philp, is odd. It looks at humanity in three stages, the remote past, the present, and remote future. Mr. Philp's ideas are transmitted to us, ideas whose truth is blunted by triteness of presentation. No dramatic mode is established and the ideas are not expressed with wit. Consequently the actors have to add zest to the performance. The only help they receive from the writer is his maintaining adequate distinction between his three male characters. Unfortunately

different characters are treated with varying realism; the young girl being the most naturalistic. The result is a sense of strain.

TRIUMPH

Mr. Newland, as the power-drunk madman was amusing, achieving his effects by agile facial contortion. It was his achievement, not the author's. Mr. Harding displayed a pleasing personality which should deepen with maturity. Miss McNally was relaxed in her movements and looked altogether pleasingly natural. The part was the stock one of the fresh young girl of winsome ways; Miss McNally's way was sufficiently winsome.

The two representatives of immortality, Miss Elliott and Mr. Siebert, were handicapped by the triteness of their dialogue. As Athena Miss Elliott looked capable of asperity. Mr. Siebert had the right idea but fidgeted and kept looking at his toes to no apparent purpose. So did Mr. Pick. Both he and Mr. Siebert tended to speak like lamp-posts.

The production was no doubt a triumph of the handling of intractable material. However, where, on a large stage, there are few characters and those grouped in three spots, one must not shift lamely from one to another. Over-acting is at times necessary as an introduction since the competition is severe for the visual attention of audience.

A. HYSLOP.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABRAHAM PRAISED AS HE LEAVES

Dear Editor,—Australia and more particularly Adelaide, has just said au revoir to one of its greatest friends, for Sam Abraham, who came among us nearly eight years ago, has returned home. Few, if any, have done more than Sam to help Australia bridge the gap of understanding between this country and the people of South-East Asia. No Asian student is better known throughout the South-East Asian block than Sam from his work with and among us.

He has spoken boldly and sincerely concerning the present and future of Australia as he sees it. He has endeared himself to us by his cheerfulness, and earned our respect by his forthright example and honesty. He has lived and worked among us with tireless energy. Among other responsibilities, he was elected to the leadership of his fellow students as President of the S.R.C. in 1956.

R. Burnard
A. Radford

MEMBER GETS STUCK INTO S.R.C.

Dear Sir,—Following upon the meeting of the S.R.C. on June 18, I consider certain matters need being drawn to the attention of the student body.

(1) The S.R.C., owing to the fact that many of its members are incapable of forming reasonable opinions on many important matters, is an extremely inefficient, waffly and self-contradictory body.

(2) Despite the fact that nearly all the work on the S.R.C. has been done by the Executive, the Vice-President of N.U.A.U.S. and the Editor of "On Dit," the rest of the Council has taken it upon itself to appropriate funds from S.R.C. Functions Account to treat the Council members to a Formal Dinner, to the extent of 50 per cent. of the cost thereof.

This motion was carried despite the fact that it had been pointed out to members that a position on the S.R.C. should not entitle members "ipso facto" to use student funds for their own selfish benefit. Many of the members of Council have done little or no work on the S.R.C.

Their ideas have been voiced rarely and although they have usually attended S.R.C. meetings, they have not even been able to make up their minds for more than 10 minutes at a time on several important occasions.

The result has been utter confusion at S.R.C. meetings owing to contradictory motions being passed within a matter of minutes.

In view of such crass inefficiency, by what right do S.R.C. members appropriate student funds to subsidise their annual formal dinner?

D. St. L. Kelly
Member, S.R.C.

MEDICAL MEN ATTACKED OVER TUG-O-WAR

Sir,—With deep indignation we take this opportunity to lodge a most severe public protest against the villainy and the underhand treacherous methods used by the Medicine Men and other Witch Doctors at the annual "Tug-o-War"!

A special Investigation Commission, comprised from true and tried S.C.I.I.A.E.S. men has been formed to investigate this incident, and we have already been furnished with the following points from their preliminary findings:

(a) There is some evidence to suggest that a double-headed two-shilling piece was used for the toss.

(b) The Med. team numbered (10 plus n log. x) where n is a ng complex number.

(c) Meds. attempted to disrupt the concentration of the Engineering team by instructing some women students to throw flour (supplied by the Meds.) at the Engineers during height of struggle.

(d) Third grade flour used shows:

- (1) Complete disregard for the natural, moral and ethical code for a man and beast. (See Oxford pickpocket edition).
- (2) Lack of finance for better flour.
- (3) Ignorance of S.C.I.I.A.E.S. Slogan: "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Above points were aimed to decrease the Meds. inferiority complex nagging at their souls since their defeat at the hands of the Engineers in the famous Flour Fight of Anno 1958.

These findings have been noted by the Engineers and will be referred to at some later date when occasion arises to do so.

On behalf of all true Engineers,
GEORGE M. MEIJA
President S.C.I.I.A.E.S.

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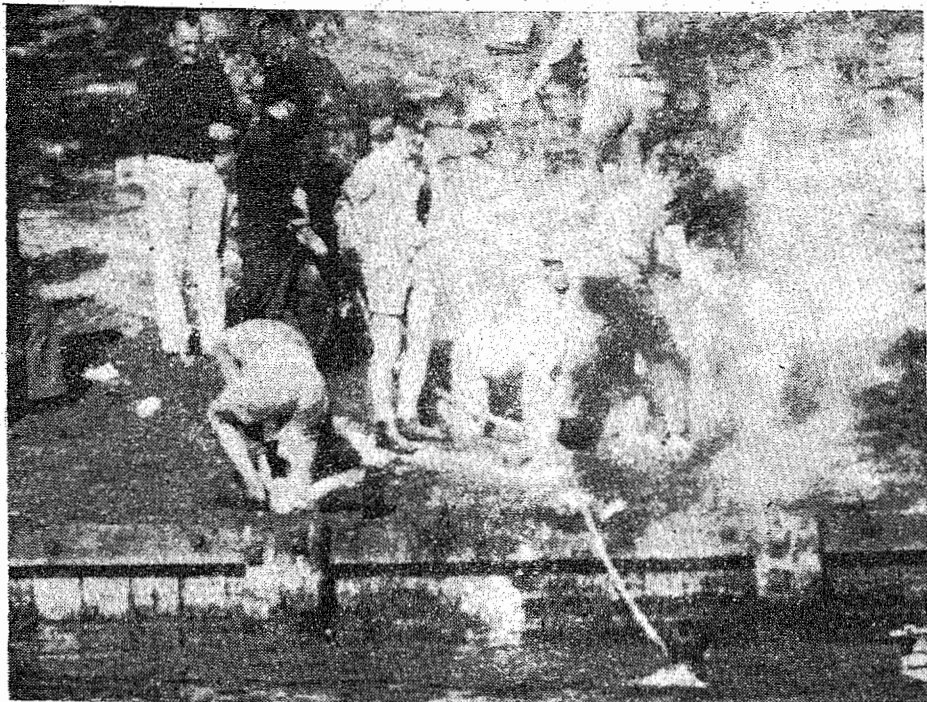
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ADELAIDE DOWN IN BADMINTON

The Interschool Badminton Championship, held during the last vac. in Perth, resulted in a victory for the "dark horse" W.A. team, who have not taken part in the Championships for the past 3 years.

Adelaide, previous holder of the Cup, fielded a completely new team this year consisting of G. Sulaiman, H. P. Tan, A. K. Ng, T. W. Iim, and K. S. Yeo, and although they played well they were no match for the other stronger and more experienced teams and were unable to score a win.

Results—
Sydney d. Adelaide 6-3.
Perth d. Adelaide 9-0.
Melbourne d. Adelaide 6-3.
Brisbane d. Adelaide 5-4.

The women were luckier than the men and played well to finish second to Brisbane, old rivals and holders of the cup in 1958. Adelaide was represented by Asha Patwardhan, Olena Pan-kiw, Jill Adams, Barbara Kennedy, and Geraldine Addison.

Results—
Adelaide d. Perth 7-2.
Adelaide d. Sydney 5-4.
Adelaide d. Melbourne 8-1.
Brisbane d. Adelaide 6-3.
A combined Varsity side (men and women) defeated the W.A. state team 7-5. Adelaide's representatives were Asha Patwardhan and Olena Pan-kiw.

Champ'ships

The new University badminton champion is G. Sulaiman who defeated

E. Kok, former champion, in straight sets in the final of the University Championships held at the end of last term. Asha Patwardhan is the new women's champion.

Results—
Men's Singles—G. Sulaiman d. E. Kok.
Men's Doubles—H. P. Tan and J. Ferguson d. E. Kok.
Women's Singles—A. Patwardhan d. O. Pan-kiw.
Women's Doubles—A. Patwardhan and M. Gibbs d. P. Kieselback and M. Sexton.
Mixed Doubles—E. Kok and J. Adams d. K. S. Yeo and J. Edwards.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TO MELBOURNE

The Men's Basketball Interschool was held in Adelaide during the vacation, with seven teams competing. The carnival was won by Melbourne with Adelaide runners up. All Universities except University of Technology were represented, making this the biggest interschool yet.

The contest developed into a triangular dual between Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide each of whom fielded very strong teams. Sydney, holders of the title, started warm favourites. The first main match was the Sydney-Adelaide dash, and was won by Adelaide by 3 points 48-45; the first time Adelaide has beaten Sydney in six years. Sydney obtained an early break and were 5 points ahead at the end of the first half. Adelaide, however, produced a burst and obtained a winning lead which Sydney was unable to reduce. Best players for Adelaide were Dancis and Zarins. Wang for Sydney.

The next morning Adelaide played W.A. and against a lethargic side W.A. set up a match winning lead of 12 points. However, the home side produced a withering burst in the first five minutes after half time, led by Forward K. Pocock, who scored 16 points in this half, to take his tally to 21 for the match. Adelaide won 46-39.

Ferocious Match

Melbourne accounted for Sydney in a ferocious match, drawing away at the final bell to win 55-48. Kennel and Baumanis were outstanding for Melbourne. The draw was such that Melbourne and Adelaide, the two undefeated teams played off in the last match of the series to decide the championship. The game was of an extremely high standard with the teams locked together for the whole match. In the final moments of the game Melbourne intercepted

Are Our Footballers Pikers?

The word has spread to Amateur League Clubs that the Blacks, usually the most dreaded team in the League, are pikers and walking cream-puffs. A month ago this statement would have been taken with a pinch of salt but recent results have shown that there may be more than a grain of truth in it.

A month ago the A's and the D's were undefeated, but in the last four weeks the club has chalked up five wins in sixteen games. The A's have been the worst offenders, failing in their last four games, two of which have been lost at home where they are usually unbeatable. This has been mainly due to falling off in interest, spirit and training. It is the worst performance the club has put up for years.

NO SPIRIT

It is now time for the club to take a hard look at itself. Club spirit has never been lower than it is at present. Before it was an honour to play for the University in football—now it is extremely difficult to raise enough players. Players who show no interest in the club but who complain about the teams and selectors should be dropped and told why. It is no use having prima donnas in a club where more spirit is needed.

Team spirit is also very bad. Early in the season there were the usual crop of players who complained that they should have been in a higher team, but strangely enough they have done little to prove this during the season. These types are always bad for a club because they let the teams down just by worrying about themselves. They are af-

FROM GEORGE FERRY

ways the ones, if they are playing badly, to complain that the team is not supporting them.

The team spirit should be developed by the captains by encouraging the members of their team and by developing teamwork amongst the players. Good team spirit is developed by good teamwork. In this respect, Andy Black has done a marvellous job with the D's and their team spirit is very high.

WOEFUL TRAINING

Matches will never be won without hard training and at the moment the training is woeful. Even stars from the A's are training irregularly and this spirit has permeated the whole club. At the present time there are only about 40 players training each night out of the 120 members of the club. Why don't the selectors make a stand on this matter? If you don't train, you don't play. The trouble is that reputation and not form is the thing that counts with the selectors.

The selectors and the coach must also share in the blame. Each week the selectors keep picking players who are not interested enough to train or even notify the selectors they are not available. Thus, every Saturday there is the usual practice of swapping footballers from team to team, sometimes even after the matches have started. The holidays started the rot, but there is no reason that this state of affairs should continue.

Up till May 30 the A's had not been defeated but since that time their colours have been lowered four times. It is about time that the team stopped relying completely on Clarkson and Codd to win their games and gave these two players some support.

Everybody knows that Akermans is no longer playing but instead of crying about it how about giving this year's full forward, whoever it might be, a bit of support instead of everybody trying to kick the goals. Unless the A's start pulling themselves together they will find that they will not make the four.

The B's have been rather erratic but this has not been Dean Terrell's fault. He has done a great job with them but he is not getting the support he deserves. However, if the B's kick on from this they could still be right in it.

The C's are struggling to avoid relegation and this has been primarily due to the lack of teamwork. Jack Stearne must concentrate on this feature from now on if the team is going to go places.

Finally the D's again are proving themselves a most consistent team. The team spirit is high and their ability to fight back in the last quarter has won them many matches. Two recent losses have caused the team to drop to third but they should not be defeated for the rest of the season.

So there it is Blacks! If the Club is going to regain its prestige now is the time to do it. It's up to you to fight back here.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY TO MELBOURNE

On Monday morning we played Tasmania at the University High School Oval. Right-half back L. Roger was unable to play and P. Glover took her place. The match was played on very muddy ground and it rained continuously. Adelaide found it hard to settle down and due to superiority of the Tasmanian forwards they lost the match 7 goals to 3. Goal-hitters for Adelaide were P. Dicker 2 and J. Wadlow 1. In the afternoon we played New England, a new team this year, and by moving N. Jude from back to centre half the play was all our way. We defeated them 7 goals to 1 with F. Chapman 3, P. Dicker 2, J. Wadlow and N. Jude scoring our goals.

PERTH ROUGH

On Tuesday morning Adelaide had their full team and we played Perth who won the contest last year. All matches at this stage were moved to the Metropolitan Playing fields because of continuous rain which had made the University High School Oval and the Beaurepaire field mud patches. It was an even game and the score resulted in a draw 2 all with P. Dicker and F. Chapman scoring our goals. Perth were a rough team to play and N. Jude received some bad knocks on top of a collision with another player the day before. Concussion and a night at the Prince Alfred Hospital was the result and she was unable to play in the remaining matches.

Thursday was a successful day for Adelaide. We beat Queensland 3 goals to 2 in the morning with P. Dicker and P. Duncaan and J. Wadlow shooting the goals. The game began slowly and was very even, being 2 all up to the last 5 minutes of play when Adelaide scored the winning goal. In the afternoon we beat Sydney 5 goals to 3. P. Dicker scored 3 beautiful goals and N. McLay and J. Wadlow scored the other 2. For both these matches A. Pellet played left-full



Marian McFarling—Adelaide University hockey player in action in Melbourne.

back and P. Glover played Centre-half.

On Friday we met Melbourne who continued their undefeated run by beating us 4 goals to 2 with F. Chapman and P. Dicker scoring our goals. Adelaide was rather weary after the two matches the day before and were outclassed by a team whose stick-work and team-work was far superior to ours.

Melbourne won the tournament with 12 points and even though they had the advantage of playing on their home ground they were certainly the superior team. Perth were runners-up with 8 points and Adelaide and Tasmania drew for third with 7 points.

TAMLIN MAKES BASEBALL HISTORY

In pitching a no-hitter against Glenelg two weeks ago, Jim Tamlin Major A pitcher made history. It was the first no hit game thrown in District Baseball for over 10 years!

Not one safe-hit was recorded by Glenelg batters and only 3 runners got on bases. Brilliant saves of almost certain hits were made by Dunn, Biddell and Othams and enabled Tamlin to shut the Boys out. Solid batting by the Students scored 4 runs and kept the A's winning streak going. Tamlin's brilliant, near impossible, feat shows how wrong the State selectors were in overlooking him, for although S.A. had had many brilliant pitchers in recent years Jimmy Cocks is the only one to have performed such a feat.

4 WINS STRAIGHT

This team, however, was hardly recognisable last week as they went down to West Torrens 8-0. But they are still in the running as this was the first game they have lost in 5 weeks. They thrashed Sturt, Adelaide, Glenelg and drew with Goodwood and should win tomorrow against Woodville. Mel Dunn and Ron Biddell have been picked in the State squad.

The Major B's have been going badly however, and have lost 4 in a row. They lack drive and a reliable pitcher. **Minor Grades:—**
B's—3 wins in a row—playing soundly.
C's—Top of the ladder.
D's—Still in the 4—going well.
E's—Rock Bottom!

GIRLS ON TOP

The University Women Basketballers entered a team in the country carnival consisting of Chris Miller, Jill Nitschke, Margaret Williams, Judy Jones, Pauline Allen, Barb. Lane and Angela Stump—they played one match in which they defeated Great Flinders 18-4.

The first round of matches has been completed with the top University team having only lost one match. A very close match was played on June 20 against Bluewys which Uni. won 38-33, after being down 7 goals at 3 quarter time—the team staged a marvellous recovery and scored 17 to 6 in the last quarter. Best players named were Jill Nitschke and Chris Miller.

The B team have not won a match but have managed to make their scores a lot closer losing to Teachers College at 7 goals in the last match. The C and D teams, have won and lost about an equal number of their matches, and it is hoped that they could both make the four at the end of the season. The E team won their first match for the season last Saturday.

RESULTS

University d. Cheerio, 39-30
University d. Bluewys, 38-33
O1 GRADE
Taxation d. University, 42-29
A.T.C. d. University, 47-40
E1 GRADE
Contax d. University, 32-31
Savings Bank d. Uni., 41-29
F1 GRADE
Uni. d. Crusader, 45-23
Denman d. Uni., 41-34
E2 GRADE
Northfield d. Uni., 34-22
Uni. d. Denman, 30-4

THEY COULDN'T CARE LESS

By the Sports Editor

If the administrators of the University Sports Clubs are anything like most of their representatives on the Sports' Association, it's time to take up puss in the corner. There may be some full-blooded sportsmen and women in this University, but brother, you wouldn't believe it if you went to a meeting of the Sports' Association. The self-centred, half-baked attitude which is endemic to Adelaide University must be contagious.

Before the brickbats, let me throw a few bouquets. The trojans who turn up to meetings and form a quorum if little else deserve a pat on the back for reliability and a few manners. This brave brigade forms just half of the General Committee. It is a pity they aren't more vocal. But, the backbone of the Committee are the Sports Association Secretary, Mr. H. Swales Smith, the President, Professor E. A. Rudd, the Treasurer, Mr. S. G. Haynes, and Staff Secretary Miss Janine Sudholz. Any action seems to stem from them. At present, they are the Sports Association. Without this quartet there would be real chaos.

Deadwood

Now for the deadwood. First to get the knife are the Registrar, Mr. V. A. Edgelo, and University Council Reps., Prof. Sir Mark Mitchell and Dr. F. E. Hone. None of these members has ever appeared at any General Committee meeting—a fine record. They send neither apologies nor proxies. Nil for manners and interest—perhaps they might quietly resign and let someone with an hour to spare every month take their places. But then they may typify Council interest in student affairs. The Graduates' Rep., Mr. Hawker, gives the same sterling service—one appearance in eight meetings.

The remainder of the committee has not been slow in following their lead. Mr. R. Simon (Basketball), Mr. B. Barter (Boxing), and Miss J. Shaw (Women's Tennis) for instance, have only bothered to attend once in seven meetings. Mr. J. R. Clayer (Winter Tennis) and Mr. E. Martin (Rifle) can't even boast an attendance, however, in 5 and 8 meetings, respectively. If the Swimming Club was administered by people like its Rep. Mr. R. Hare, it's no wonder it folded up—he never put in an appearance all last year.

THE BIG STICK

Mr. A. J. Radford and Mr. G. Thyer have missed half of the last eight meetings, but at least Mr. A. J. Radford sends apologies or a proxy. Miss McEntee, Messrs. Wheaton, Offler, Garwoli, and M. Martin haven't been sighted in the last two meetings.



End of the line, Ron! Uni. rugby captain, Ron Tan, is brought down by a University of N.S.W. player in the final of the Kanematsu Cup held in Melbourne. Adelaide won, 8-0.

Attendances at the last six meetings, out of a committee of 39 (excluding the Secretary and Miss Sudholz) have been 24, 18, 20, 21, 6 and 21—average 18, or just under half (5 members present in person form a quorum). There is no excuse for this performance—meeting dates are circulated to every member and they are always on the third Wednesday of the month.

Section 34 of the Association's Constitution states inter alia:

"... the seat of any member except the President, Deputy President, or appointed representative, shall be vacated by absence from three consecutive monthly meetings without leave from the General Committee, first had and obtained

The big stick? I hope the pennies have dropped here and there.

The final straw was the

RUGBY TEAM VICTORIOUS

It was a very triumphant rugby team that returned to Adelaide. A profitable week in Melbourne for the 1959 Intersvarsity Rugby Carnival yielded amongst other trophies the Kanematsu Cup. The Kanematsu Cup is awarded to the winner of the Southern States Division of the Carnival, which means, in effect, every other University except Sydney and Brisbane.

Conditions were wet and muddy for the first few days, but the weather cleared and the finals were played on a fast, firm ground. Sydney thrashed Adelaide in the first match, 40-8. Although we could hold this fast, strong side for most of the game they wrecked havoc for about twenty minutes of each half.

Mud runners

A victory in the mud over Armidale 19-3 and a forfeit from W.A., who supposedly went down with flu, enabled Adelaide to play New South Wales Technology in the final, which Adelaide won 8-0. Playing hard, solid rugby the Blacks gradually battered Tech. into submission to bring home the Kanematsu for the tenth time in the nineteen years it has been contested.

Not even one of Melbourne's worst inns was able to prevent our successes both at rugby and on other fields. Nev. Howard found the pictures in the hotel very

meeting held last week to elect the following Committees of the Association.

Grounds and Finance. Permit and Disciplinary.

Men's Blues. Women's Blues. and Reps. on the following

The Union Council. The Health Service. The S.R.C.

Not an unimportant meeting, you might think, yet there were only 21 present. Nominations were wrung out of those present like blood from a stone. Don't clubs want to be represented on these committees which hold most of the power, financial and otherwise, of the Association? Voting was necessary on 3 occasions only. Some of the bodies meet only 3 or 4 times a year, yet the Chairman almost had to plead for nominations for some of these positions. It was farcical to the point of embarrassment.

What's the matter with the Association? Is it sterile or merely anaemic?

fascinating—especially when placed at odd angles. Tony Barker found this somewhat disconcerting one morning after... Although the woods and pastures were neither fresh nor new to George Lines, he managed to make full use of his varied talents, as did all the inmates of Room 11.

Russ Rechner demonstrated the wonderful effect of red lights and sweet music at one of our parties. Bob Hare proved very able when it came to finding us female fascination, and the Ghost flitted in and out and round about.

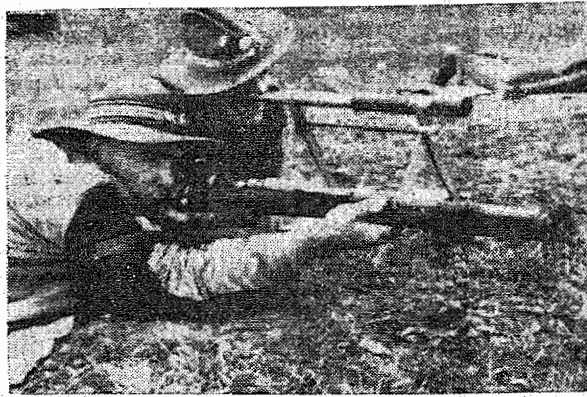
Since returning we have had mixed success mainly due to injuries and flu. The first match after the Intersvarsity against Old Collegians saw a very weakened A side, with five of the regular side out. At half-time Collegians were leading 17-0 and were all over the Blacks. But it was a new side that bounced back into the attack after the half and Collegians were hard pressed. They only won 17-16 and that after Tony Radford was robbed of yet another try. All other sides won that day.

Nielsen Cup

Last Saturday was the first round of Nielsen Cup Matches. Both the A's and C's won, the C's on a forfeit; the A's always looked a certainty and won 19-9. Unfortunately, the B's went down to Old Collegians.

On the Monday Holiday the A's played Woodville in the semi-final, and the C's and St. Mark's the Reserve Grade semi-finals. St. Mark's having had a bye in the first round.

The C's came out on top, winning 9-6, but the A's, fighting hard, went down 14-8.



Left-hander, Bill Robertson, squints down the sights in the Intersvarsity Shooting at Williamstown (Vic.). Brian Stone, his coach looks on. Both are Blues.

ADELAIDE THIRD IN MELBOURNE

In the first stage of the Intersvarsity Shooting held in Melbourne, University of N.S.W. opened a 10 point lead over Melbourne to take the Venor Nathan Shield.

During the first day, Melbourne excelled over the short ranges 300, 500, 600 yards and led with 1,101 points from N.S.W. and Sydney, each with 1,093, and Adelaide with 1,090. However, at 700, 800, and 900 yards on the second day the gap between the leading three teams increased and Adelaide finished third to N.S.W. and Melbourne.

Final scores were:—
University of N.S.W. 2190
Melbourne 2180
Adelaide 2160
Sydney 2155
Queensland 2153
Perth 2092

THIRTY WASHOUTS

Shooting at 900 yards was particularly difficult and scores at this range were low. Even the most expert shooters found it impossible to keep in the bullseye and the unusually high number of thirty washouts was recorded. At this range, especially, teams were hampered by bad light, and the absence of, mirage forced coaches to rely on a few badly placed flags to see wind changes.

Queensland boy John McRobert top scored with 282 out of a possible of 300 after overtaking Melbourne's Austen Johnson who dropped only 3

THIRD IN SOCCER

The first day of the Inter-varsity, we played a strong Sydney team which beat us 5-0 in a match which wasn't particularly inspiring, except for goalie Alksnis' effort. Moorcroft and Geary also played well. Our next match was against Armidale, and we won 5-1 to put the Blacks into the semi-finals. This game was primarily Adelaide forward play, but inaccurate passing and shooting for goal kept our score down. Nicco Kansil, who scored 3 goals, was our best player, while Roberts and Geary were quite prominent. Other goal-scorers were Ramly and Mitchell.

The semi-final was played against the dark horse of the carnival, N.S.W. Technology. We lost 3-1 in a very even match, but Technology were the more confident team right through. Ramly scored his goal with a good long shot which took the goalie by surprise. Best players, Geary, Roberts, Iwanicki.

The next day, Sydney beat Technology 5-3 in a clean, fast match to win the cup. Congratulations to Sydney, and also to N.S.W. Technology who did so well, playing four matches in a row, and coming through a tough draw.

Adelaide did manage to bring a cup home, however—the Chen Cup presented to most sporting and best-dressed team.

Sydney came top and Adelaide was third ahead of Melbourne on goal average.

SPORTS PORTRAITS

Jill Nitschke

Tuesday I am thinking how "Big Jules" Corbet will put me in a concrete mixer if I don't fill this column and I am wondering how the hell. It is at this moment precisely that I see across the bird-bath the nicest 30" of leg that has come to my notice for many a month and what is more the leg is connected to a luscious dolly who I am laying plenty of 6 to 4 about knows which end of a racket you swat flies with.

Before you can say "let" I am discovering that she is Jill Nitschke, 20, a third year phys. ed., who tips the scales at 122 pounds and looks me steady in the eye at 5' 7". What is more she turns out to be no parklands tennis player. After taking out the Woodlands Cup in her second year in the school team (1956) she practised with the Wilson Cup squad and went to Sydney with the team in 1957, where she played third single. She gained 6th ranking in women's tennis and was picked for the All Australian Coaching Squad after the 1957 Australian Championship. In 1958 she represented the State against Victoria at third single and was ranked third in the State behind Jill Strachan and Jan Shearer. In 1957, in the No. 2 slot, she won all her matches for the Uni. women's team and gained selection in the All-Australian University's side. She is currently playing No. 1 for North Adelaide, who were second last year in the premiership.

BASKETBALL

It surprises me not at all to discover that Jill shoots goal for the University Basketballers as well. She started at school where she played for two years in the school team. She played for the Uni. A's in 1958 and was selected in the All-Australian Universities team in that year. This year she is again throwing multies of goals for the A's and has starred consistently.

Besides these sports, Jill kept fit at school winning the Aths. Cup two years running and set a record with Julie Wadlow in the 75 yds. hurdles. She won the Swimming Cup in 1956 and was Sports Captain in the same year. In 1957, competing "for laughs" she took out the Hurdles and Hundred Yards in the University Championships.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE APPOINTMENTS BOARD

We are now making arrangements for vacation employment for University students during the next long vacation.

Any student who wishes to avail of the facilities of the Appointments Board should call at my office and complete the form of registration, not later than July 18, 1959.

T. J. SOMERVILLE,
Secretary.



Jill Nitschke concentrates on a backhand at the Memorial Drive.