**GENERAL DISSATISFACTION CONDEMNED**

**A Definition.**

The lecture system in the pro-

cess of the student without
passing through the minds of oth-

ers.

What the Staff Thinks.

This definition reflects com-
ments of several members of the stu-

dent body. Prof. T. H. Eagleman

explains the system of di-

rected essays as being a waste of

time and effort which should not

be done. Prof. C. M. Stewart

brings up the same point in a

more general way. Prof. J. A.

La Hase has already intro-

duced a type of discussion

system amongst the lectures of

Advanced Economic students.

These are only a few random
examples—we know that there

are discussions in every faculty
who find similar views.

What the Students Think.

To prove that we are not carying

in the wilderness, but have a strong

backing of student opinion, we inter-

viewed several prominent undergrad-

uates on the subject of the present

lecture system existing within our

University. Of all those we talked

to, not one even attempted to defend

the system.

G. S. Bridgland, the Student

President, admitted to our repre-

sentative that he thinks the time

is now ripe to do away with com-

pulsory lectures. He assured us

that he had already made up his

mind to approach the Vice-Chan-

cellor and see whether anything

was either being done or could be

done about the matter.

W. S. Allen, 35th Rhodes scholar,

unanimous with the lecturer whom

students were not compelled to at-

tend. (A.B.—Mr. Allen is a liter-

ary man.) He believes that con-

siderable lectures are a necessity and

should be given more frequently.

The idea of passing through the

minds of others is not in line with

his ideal of student opinion. He

believes that the present system is

an unnecessary burden.

**COMING EVENTS**

To-Day:

Science Association Meeting, 8 p.m.

Refectories Association Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

To-morrow:

St. Mark’s Sports, University Oval.

Labour movement, University Hall.

Women’s Union, St. Andrew’s Hall, 8 p.m.

Lady Syrinx Hall.

Thursday:

Unions Parliamentary Debate, 7.45 p.m.

Men’s Union: Mr. K. C. Williams; Lady Syrinx Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Men’s Union Dinner, Speakers: Prof. J. H. Clawson, Mr. R. G. La Hase, and Mr. R. F. Milkhouse.

Pharmacy Hall.

Wednesday, June 23.

Women’s Union, St. Andrew’s Hall, 8 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. P. T. T. E. Dr. Biddlesden.
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DICUSSION TESTS.
Australia and the world at large laugh heartily at our immigration laws. For these expect Mrs. Fatter to be a multi-ethnic genius who can cope with any dialect test which departmental inspectors and census officers devise. But the world at large laugh—laugh a mirthful, derisive laugh—when it knows about the Adelaide University’s discussion tests. The Senate Common Rooms and Dons’ quarters of Oxford would be ashamed to show these at the entrances to their University, which is so much on the way, to entertain world educational leaders in a conference on modern education!

"We felt it would be difficult to find anything modern educational practice anything more antiquated and outmoded than the strained type of lecture from which so many students suffer in this University at present. Some of the latter’s tone seems to be, but that is done in courses where notes are so vivid that we shall remain superfluous school children. For the other side the question gives us no more certain enrichment of attendance at least seventy-five per cent. of the lecturers. In a word, the system is bad, but we were forced to put up with its perpetuation.

As Editors of “On Dit” we have been approached by various students on this subject, and asked by a wider circle of students than that a fair proportion of the Adelaide staff, amongst others, were in agreement with our conclusion. And what we ask is not impossible as we very firmly of students.

FIRST, WE WANT ALL THE LECTURE ATTENDANCE TO BE VOLUNTARY. This means that courses would be fairly well defended—then, if students found lectures and lecturers poor they could come for themselves and eliminate them. There would be a considerable loss of time. This would only be advancing to the state of affairs obtaining at Oxford and Cambridge. Then we should not have to be "fired into a degree," as a past writer put it, but could "reset" courses and be "in and out" of the relevant University.

SECONDLY, WE WANT PRINTED NOTES. We recognize that some subjects require careful notes, but instruction is a waste of time which could without effect be expended in discussion, out of which arises self-culture.

THIRDLY, IT FOLLOWS THAT WE WANT DISCUSSION CLASSES AND TUTORIALS WHERE TO-DAY WE HAVE LECTURES. There are good arguments for lectures—good lectures, though—as the first year of courses. The sizes of the classes and the lead and type of the 1st year of University gives them a general ability. But in succeeding years the size of classes is rarely adequate; the capabilities of students is (we imagine) growing. A few progressive lecturers have missed discussion classes with lecture in the second and third years. Perch is far ahead of us in this respect—they even have a group of "honorary seniors" (Junior honors and post-graduate students) who help out with the larger classes and have to be broken down for tutorial work. You may perhaps have heard that our Honors people are not fit too many to do work—then, as compared with Perch, there must be something wrong with our system of training; and we submit that it is a surfeit of lectures and too little discussion.

What do our readers think? We want views and support from you.

This mast not drag on past 1937-56.

UNION BALL
SATURDAY, JUNE 19

The Men’s Union
DINNER
Besides being an opportunity to meet all your varsity friends at the time of the summer holidays, the 
ball and dance on Saturday night will be the only social function that will follow up the
season. Many of the usual social functions have been arranged to allow you to meet and talk
with your friends in between the games. You can always find a way to meet your friends even
without being forced to do so. The ball and dance on Saturday night are bound to be
accepted by a change of seat, and the day is the 5th day of the tournament, and the Victoria
Restaurant, Blundell Street.

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We’re never really lonely
Around the walls a thousand shelves
With their varied wealth.
We’re told the fare would soon appear
Our intellectual thirst.

In Adelaide, we know a pub
Which does not close till nine.
At the fan you soon became
If we follow it wrestling wise.
Our many bars are highly held.
And then the host himself
In solemn voice demands our choice
And we must guess what he means:
I’ve not yet tasted any self,
But any label read.
But the waiter must
Might exercise his head.
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE MAT
NEXT THURSDAY

The 1st issue of the Opposition will no doubt be "The British Government's Inadequate Policy in the Colonial Situation." The Prime Minister will probably use a smear campaign against British policy, and the debate will turn in terms of what is the best way to prevent his government from doing anything useful before the next general election. Some of the Labour members will probably indicate their desire to prevent the government from doing anything useful before the next general election.

FOOTBALL

Varsity defeated its last form for the third time in the season, and thus the strong Cambridge side, by six goals to two, were the victors, and were superior in all parts of the game.

Purdie, our goalkeeper, with eight, gave excellent value to the Cambridge side. He tackled a really good goalmouth for several years, but in Purdie we seem to have found the right man.

The final score was: Varsity 6, Oxford 2.

LACROSSE

A 1 ON THE UP

A 1.0 on the Up, the top men, were out with considerable success in the last month. Three of the four matches have been won, and we are by no means dis-

A Resignation and Some Recruits

The Editor announces with regret the resignation of our 1st Assistant Mr. W. H. H. from our editorial staff. We have appointed an Assistant Editor of his calibre to replace him.

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BAVARIAN SMITH ADDITIONS

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1. Tissue Cottons
2. Tissue Linens
3. Tissue Muslins
4. Tissue Batiste
5. Tissue Voiles

These goods are suitable for all purposes, from home use to the finest clothing.

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Correspondence

Dear Sirs,—Yeomyned patiently about the recent sales attendances at the Vanderbilt Hall—from a June 12th to June 23rd. Such a trend is, however, not unusual, and is part of the general economic interpretation. Collating the figures for the past three years, we find a rise of 20% of the usual sales at the time of our annual conference. The figures of 1950, 1951, and 1952 show a steady increase, with the peak of 1953 being the highest in the series. This trend is likely to continue, and we are confident that our future sales will be even higher.

ECONOMY KUSS.

The Lecture Inquisition

(To the Editor)

Sirs,—The adorning letter on "The Lecture Inquisition" in conjunction with Mr. E. P. C. R. S. W. S. is a welcome contribution to the debate. In my opinion, the lecture is one of the most important tools of education. It is a means of disseminating knowledge and stimulating interest.

W. J. ALLEN.

The Peace Group Notes

WHAT CAN'T WE DO TO AMERICA?

The following statements made by members of the Peace Group were selected by the Secretary of State of the United States, and are not to be repudiated or contradicted.

1. The cause of peace is the cause of civilization. Peace is a means of progress and development, and the absence of war is the basis of human progress.
2. The war is a struggle between nations, and is not a struggle between people.
3. It is better to live in peace than to die in war.
4. All nations are equal, and all are entitled to equal rights.
5. The Peace Group is committed to the principle of the League of Nations.

W. J. ALLEN.

The S.C.M. Conference

That incident and fundamental questions about tongues in churches and between men in business was debated at length in the Peace Group's recent conference on "Oregon and Emotions." It is possible that God may be using such means as the S.C.M. to stir the hearts of men and women to seek a deeper understanding of each other.

W. J. ALLEN.

Medical Students!

Inspect your Retinacular Bones!

Many medical students are turning to microscopy as a new hobby. Microscopy is a field that is rapidly expanding, and there are many opportunities for students to develop their skills.

H. J. ALLEN.

THE CATHEDRAL AND THE MASTER CHURCH

The leader of the English Unitarian Church, the Rev. Lawrence Bell, delivered a sermon on the subject of the "LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL CHURCH." He discussed the history of the building and its significance in the city.

W. J. ALLEN.