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Abolition of Inter-Varsity Sports?

To-night at the annual general meeting of the Sports Association, you will hear that one of the biggest and most important questions of the year——the question of inter-varsity sports. A decision must be made by every student, not just those who would be going on tours this year. Inter-varsity sports are a unique opportunity to compete against students from other universities, to represent your own, and to meet students from other universities.

Mr. R. G. Williams

Mr. Williams acknowledges that the university should stand for the line laid down by the Government, and we should carry on as usual. At present, there is no need to think about any particular changes. Until the policy of the government changes and we are required to make sacrifices, there seems little reason to make any plans. In other words, there appears to be no need to abolish inter-varsity sports.

Dr. A. Grenfell Price

MAYOR OF ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

The most important argument in favour of the policy of maintaining inter-varsity sports is that the members of our university are the highest and most intellectual. The university should provide opportunities for students to engage in meaningful activities that they enjoy.

Mr. M. Eades

MAYOR OF THE CITY

We have had many one-man victories that demonstrate our interest in the sport. We gave £50 7/3 to the 1959 cabaret, to the Compton Fund. A little sum of money, raised by the hard work of the committee, and presented to the Women's Club. And even that one. But that is not enough. If we were to go on like this, we might raise a little more; but for us to be able to keep it up this year would not be enough. It is not sufficient to give us, we must give up.

Miss E. Teasdale

Smith

Many who wish to cancel inter-varsity sport claim that students need personal opinion in support of the sport. What is the best way to support their case? The Government has been silent, and we are at the mercy of the students themselves. When it is needed more than ever, it is needed most.

Mr. R. B. Craven

Mr. Craven is strong on the opposition. These are the reasons:

1. It seems ridiculous to abolish inter-varsity sports entirely for one extra sport during the year. And why should just the inter-varsity teams have their inter-varsity sport cut out entirely?

2. The question of expense is quite besides body, but expenses arise during university vacations. They are a burden on the students, and do not go away on an inter-varsity team. Nor do they arise for those who stay at home, and the amount of money involved would be more or less the same.

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Miss Edith Irwin

Owing to the war many of the best athletes will be unable to compete in inter-varsity sports. Some universities are moving more than a month ahead of the first term, and it is therefore possible that those who will not be able to give up so much time and energy to sporting activities during the rest of the year. Also, as the Australian universities vary, their domestic and normal inter-varsity ranges will be difficult to arrange. I am in favour of the suggestion that inter-varsity sports should be abandoned, or, if any contests are played, that they should not be put into the one- or the other, records of the A.U.S.I. and that no points should be given during the duration.

More particularly as regards those students——for the best teams to be sent away inside generally have to be raised by bridge parties, and these funds will be extremely difficult to raise this year, as Adelaide is already very full of good works. But I feel if it were possible to hold these inter-varsity sports, they should be abandoned, not only as a gesture to the rest of the community that although we wish to go out as far as possible "Rumours as usual," the students at the university do realize the seriousness of this international situation and their responsibilities to the nation.

Mr. K. T. Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton is in favour of the total temporary abolition of inter-varsity sports. He believes in the spirit of Oxford and Cambridge. He reasons:

1. University students are in a bad state in Adelaide, not only for not being able to compete, but also for having to give up any effort to give up any effort.

2. Several almost certainly have their teams back up and have lost their titles and the pleasures of inter-varsity sport. Those people who are not enough or who have not joined up are not entitled to participate in something like the same sacrifice. This applies also to militarists, whose priorities can no longer be any more than compulsion; and those who are engaged in imagination circumstances is insubstantial.

3. It is justified, even forображers of messes and players but those considerations are highly unlikely to be quite material in a time when everyone is working for the same.
Sports' Association

Annual General Meeting

TO-NIGHT