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S.R.C. FACES FINANCE DEBACLE
Stat Fee Rise?

In a prolonged, and at times somewhat heated, debate last Monday night the S.R.C. passed the revised budget brought down by the treasurer, Mr. Charles Stokes. The previous budget brought down by Mr. Stokes had been severely cut off by the Union, necessitating a reduction of almost £1,000 in S.R.C. expenditure this financial year.

STOKES SPEAKS

Interviewed by "On Dit" this week, Mr. Stokes made the following statement:

"This is the greatest financial crisis in South Australia since the last meeting of the Federal Grants Committee. It is not only the wish, but also the duty of the S.R.C. to foster University Clubs and Societies. The direct result of the Union's cut in our budget will be to make it more difficult for the S.R.C. to fulfill this wish and duty, and also to curtail the student activities, which are not nearly extensive enough as it is, must necessarily suffer.

With the drastic reduction of money available for budgeted items, it will now be impossible to increase grants to existing clubs and societies, a measure which I had hoped to be able to implement, let alone to give supplementary support to new student organisations as the Union党委. We had also hoped to meet such bodies as the Dramatic Society, the Canora Club, and the French Society, all of which, in my opinion, deserve the financial support of the S.R.C.

"Realising the importance and desirability of having a solvent, active, and worthwhile student dramatic society, I had budgeted a new adequate sum for A.U.S.D. that has been suggested before. This, however, will have to be radically restricted when it comes to allotting any grant on the modified budget. I do personally, that the only solution to the present financial crisis is the further increase in the statutory fee paid by the undergraduates, I am fully aware that these fees were increased but two years ago from three guineas to five guineas.

Sines, however, they are the only source of income for the Union, it would appear that they are still not high enough. As the Federal Government is paying such a considerable amount towards the education of the majority of University students, I feel that it would not hurt undergraduates to shoulder this slight, but absolutely essential, increase.

It is in the interests of every undergraduate that the S.R.C. and the Student Association should have adequate funds, which they definitely have not at present."

REID SPEAKS

The President of the S.R.C. Mr. Neville Reid, explained to "On Dit" the background to the present financial crisis. Mr. Reid said: "The income of the Union Council consists almost entirely of the statutory fee paid by all students. As the enrolment for this year is, I believe, lower than last year, there is no prospect of the income of the Union being increased.

"As a result, half of the Union Council's budget consists of fixed items, such as wages, salaries, insurance premiums, and the like. One of these items cannot be decreased or omitted from the budget, increased by the Government, with quarterly adjustments. It was found that this year, the amount of money left over for what we may call non-fixed expenditure was considerably less than last year.

"Farther the cost of the items for which this residual amount was budgeted by the constituents of the Union has likewise increased. All that, the surplus of the constituent items has decreased very considerably this year."

"As the student's representatives on the Union Council, I feel that I must advise you that I am quite satisfied with the allocation of Union monies this year. The result is the only possible fair distribution of the restricted money at the Union's disposal."

Later the Council passed the following motion proposed by Mr. Bergin and seconded by Miss Pope: "That this Council conducts an inquiry into a possible rise in the statutory fee, and put the results of that inquiry to a special general meeting of students to obtain a directive from that meeting."

The whole financial situation in which the S.R.C. finds itself at present must, of course, give added weight to the proposals. Airied to a later page of this paper with special reference to the proposals for greater student representation on the Union Council.
**EDITORIAL**

The proposals put forward on this page by Mr. Duncan Campbell demand the considered attention of all of us who call themselves University students. They are of such importance that we cannot afford to neglect them. Mr. Campbell has suggested what is essentially a move to make the University more relevant to modern life, and the proposals he has put forward are designed to achieve this aim.

The Union of Adelaide University students has always been at the forefront of efforts to make the University more accessible and responsive to the needs of students. This initiative is no exception, and we urge all students to take part in the discussions that will follow to ensure that the proposals are effectively implemented.

**FROM TECH. SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY**

During the last month a few people around the University have given a lot of thought to what has become the major problem in the Adelaide University. Yes, it's the old complaint of lack of interest, more relevant courses and extracurricular activity in students and staff alike.

The Union is an organization with the means to accomplish what an S.R.C. never can. If we were all students, we could do anything we want and still maintain our academic standards. The Union has the resources and influence to make changes that benefit all members.

When, in the University of Melbourne and Perths, we have opposed the idea of students being given more freedom to control their own affairs, we have only been reacting against the status quo. The Union can change this and make the University a more vibrant and dynamic place to be.

**GLEANINGS OF GLUC**

BLACK Mass will be held each day this week by the Immaculate Society at 1 p.m. in the S.R.C. Office.

An appeal for $20,000 for a new Engineering School at the University has been launched at Melbourne University.

ADelaide sports are being advertised for every weekend at Oxford this year. Diving has been awarded a silver cup to Lord's and Cambridge, and the Oxford crew represented Oxford in the Inter-Varsity quadrille.

Representatives of American Universities have applied for permission to build permanent office buildings in the University to promote education by television.

SYDNEY's Presbyterian Church was used for the first time in the Church's history to accommodate students. The students proceeded to carry out a little black bag. They were chased by hundreds of students in the streets, and all over the Central Business District.

Police failed to prevent the annual "social" dress on the University of Sydney's "best" schools being marched down into and through the little room under the clock in Martin Place. Their schoolmarm's assistant accompanied them.

A duel and a paper chase were also conducted in the famous film "The School of Scandal." And, of course, there was the Procession.

All on one day!

BIGGEST "do" at Perth last term was the anonymous painting of the University's large and prominent (at the entrance) flag-pole in the form of a barber's pole.

Just amateur stuff!

**NUMERI** of First Year Med. students permitted to go on to Second Year in Melbourne has been reduced to 160, regardless of standard reached in first year.

AN International Film Festival was held in Sydney Uni. during the May vac. Seven different programmes were screened.

MELBOURNE S.R.C. organised a big mid-year ball at the new Royal Ballroom in the middle of the month. The music was as good as ever.

What's more, it was a terrific success!

**EAT, drink and be merry, for tomorrow the alien enemy gets us a prevalent philosophy to-day, but I cannot understand why people do not make a better job of the eating and drinking.**

Prof. Joad told Cambridge Federalists last term.

A $45,000 fellowship grant has been made to Columbia University by Mrs. Leon Leib, blind of a sewing machine manufacturer, who arrived in the U.S. five years ago as a displaced person.

THE president and two leading professors of Yenching University, Peking, have lost their jobs after an exposure of their "follies" by the student body of the University. They were considered for their "lack of interest" in the United States and maintenance of contacts with American and other foreign students now outside the country.

**SKIING HERE?**

Although a number of students are going annually to Murray Library, if you are interested, please make an effort to come along.

Trips will be arranged for next vacation to Mount Buller for novices, and to Inter-Varsity Mount Hotham for those experienced. Some equipment is available.

For any further information contact John Irving at St. Mark's College, No.887.

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WHY A MISSION?

A Christian Mission within a University is an improper invasion of that institution. A University, as the name implies, exists to prepare its members for a wholeness of life, to equip them to be the men and women they should be. There must be specialisation of study to prepare each member for his particular service to the community. Still, each of us as a member of human society shares with every other person the responsibility of living. Although it is not knowledge alone that promotes fullness of living, some knowledge is an indispensable condition of the complete life.

Song of the Fisherman

Proud as a poet I forsake the lee
And sail with my craft unchristened;
Out of hold
On a tumbling glass I hazard my way,
And under the cloud of God accident.

Casting the anchor busy and the mowing rope
I fixed my speaking ship, to the stripping true
Hasted my canvas for a rising wind,
And in a boat at sea, a true member
Of the university.

Off a sundown beach I reached the slacking tide
And called the catch to the cutter's creating side.
I rode through the night
When over the toasting sea there swept a herd
Of white-capped squalls, to crop the choppy sea
And drag my flotsam of safety out of hope.

Proud as a poet I forsake the lee
And sail with my craft unchristened;
Out of hold
On a tumbling glass I hazard my way,
And come to grace by a Godly accident.

The storm stomped and wild, and wailing waves
Furrowed with their tatter-torn my helpless sail
And broke it with their hooves my hollow, foundering hull.
I bore the day, but in the night, Forsay.
The murderous lightning, towers with wreck,
And drank deep death with the wreck and the rolling deck.

Now I wait for the twoved day with the rainbow bent,
When down shall sound the drum within my skull,
And, when His lips upon the gale shall call my bones from many weedy graves.
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MICHAEL TAYLOR.

The Impassable Barrier

There are few human experiences as irreclaimable and final as the death of a friend. I say "of a friend" because it is not a process we can claim to have experienced. Unless we turn to collateral evidence, we must admit the finality of death. Lin Yutang says delightfully, that the craving for immortality is a product of the human personality and is satisfied with the fact that he is not least privileged to contribute to the immortality of the human race. But let us not despise our immortality, if there is evidence to support it.

Next, what of continuity? Can man's needs of significance, purpose, and security be secured in his logical conclusion (which implies that there is no real continuity of himself)?

Death is natural, of course, but the sympathetic soul recoils with such an experience as uncondoned accidental death. A sense of relativity and the weightlessness of matter become dominant in the third day. He rose again... if this is not drama, then I know not what the world's meaning is.

In any consideration of death we are plagued and thwarted by time. We are, for a moment, carried over our loosening edifices beyond the horizon of existants.

The contract of joy and suffering might seem less of a riddle, if, besides being an order of sequence, and an order of sequence, and an order of sequence, we ourselves of any response?

- GEOFF PRIDHAM.

Cliches No Monopoly

There is no place in a modern community where the Christian religion comes under a more insistent barrage of fire than in a University. All the weapons of intellect and wit are trained upon its most deeply entrenched positions. Yet somehow or other, Christians, after centuries of battering, come up for more. They ask for no armistice, but instead launch offensives of their own. The Mission to the University of Adelaide is in the latent of these offensive, and it will proceed in proportion as it stimulates the great body of staff and students to vital thinking on the most penetrating of extra-curricular problems.

Well-worn cliches void of real thought; not the monopoly of religious minds. The orthodoxy of unbelief is just as deadening a force in University life as the dogma of purest traditional belief.

This University is itself a monument to the truth of the fact that Christians believe in the freedom of discussion of their religion.

In the Preface to the University Calendar, the fact is recorded that in 1879 the Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist Churches founded a bequest of £20,000 to set up a Theological College, and prevailed upon the donor to devote it to the more general object of founding a University.

If Christianity is as intellectually indestructible as its critics claim, then such an action would surely be the greatest folly. On the contrary, it was a profoundly wise and magnanimous act, prompted by a faith that can afford to take risks.

We, today, welcome David Read and other visitors who come to present that faith in modern terms. They will certainly stimulate our minds to grapple afresh with the age-long issues of Christian life and thought.

F. T. BORLAND.
The Philosopher’s Page

IS THERE A NATURAL LAW?

Yea or Nay?

This column is projected for skeptics, metaphysicists, logicians, theologians, and the lay public. For centuries now men have been arguing whether or not there is such a thing as freewill. I won't go into the history of the business. No doubt you know the arguments. If determinism is true; i.e., if, given enough information it is possible to predict what choices an individual will make, then we can't have freewill.

It is said that under such circumstances we would have to treat our actions as if they were "genuinely open choices," a thing which I'm not sure we should do. This has led to a great deal of discussion in philosophy. More recently, however, we have come to understand that the concept of freewill involves a certain amount of freedom. With this in mind, we can see that the argument is no longer a question of whether or not freewill exists, but rather a question of how it is defined.

We should not be thinking of freewill as a thing that we can have or lack. Rather, we should think of it as a quality that we can possess or lack. If we possess it, then we have the ability to make our own choices. If we lack it, then we do not have the ability to make our own choices.

The question then becomes, "Can we have freewill?" If we can, then we have the ability to make our own choices. If we cannot, then we do not have the ability to make our own choices.

In conclusion, we can see that the question of freewill is not a question of whether or not we have the ability to make our own choices, but rather a question of how we define it. If we define it as the ability to choose, then we can have freewill. If we define it otherwise, then we cannot have freewill.
Orthodox Economics—A Threat to Democracy

We read with interest the article, "Democracy, Beware!" by John David in May 7 edition of "On Dit." How truly he states "But how few are aware of the very real dangers to democracy inherent in some of the methods today advocated to combat that which is evil!"

But how few are aware of the subtle, but very real dangers to the very essence of democracy. For democracy is not just a system of government: it is a way of life, a way of thinking, a way of being. And if we are not careful, if we allow the wrong people to take control, democracy will be destroyed.

Continually do we find the Government, whether Labor or Liberal, taking away the rights of the people. We are being governed by "experts" from the city who have no idea of the reality of life. They talk of "more central power" coming from the city, but that is just a way of making the people more passive and thereby destroying democracy, since anyone who is deprived of the right to vote is deprived of the right to be governed.

Most democratic thinkers realize that democracy is not an absolute good. They believe that there should be a balance between democracy and other forms of government. But the problem is that we are not balancing democracy with anything else. We are simply allowing the government to become more powerful and more controlling, which is destroying democracy.

This state of affairs exists in England to a far greater degree than in this country. Since our people have not yet realized the true dangers of democracy, we are being governed by the people who are the most powerful, and that is the cause of our problems.

In the words of Lord Acton, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." And this is true: the more power a government has, the more likely it is to use that power for its own benefit, rather than for the benefit of the people.

But how can the individual fight against this? How can democracy be protected? One way is to be informed. To know what is happening, to understand the issues, and to make informed decisions. Only then can we protect our democracy.

So, let us all be informed and vigilant. Let us work together to protect our democracy and to ensure that it continues to thrive for many years to come.
Letters To The Editor

You haven't Murdoch
6 Ashleigh Grove, University, 3/6/52.

Dear Sir,
I have been told that R. E. Burns (On Dit, "19/4/52) and another National Serviceman were "put out" by having to serve in a country other than their own. I cannot help thinking that this is an injustice, as it is not of the people's doing. The Government should be ruled by the people, not against them. It is time that the Government listened to the people and gave them what they want.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. ALLEN.

Sitting on Defence

Dear Sir,
I have been sitting on defence for some years now and I think that it is time that the Government took some action. The war is still going on and it is not the Government's fault. The people want peace and they are willing to pay for it. I think that the Government should be more willing to listen to the people and give them what they want.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. SMITH.

Thank You!
The Editor, "On Dit," 3/6/52.

I would like to thank you for your help in getting my book published. It has been a long and hard process, but I am glad that it is finally finished. I hope that it will be a success.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,
J. H. SMITH.

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**Inter-Varsity Football to Adelaide**

Success is a potent brew, and who can blame the Football Club if it has temporarily gone to their heads like the sherry on Monday night? A few fruitless attempts to storm the citadel of the National Code and beat Melbourne. Adelaide has at last succeeded in a glorious exhibition of combined, hard-hitting, systematic football.

The Inter-Varsity Carnival was held here during the May vacation. Visiting teams were a powerful Melbourne side, and the hard pressed, overplayed Sydney men who performed most magnificently, despite the loss of their star players and an exhausting program. To make the week memorable for Adelaide, with Pidgeon standing in the goal, and the Melbourne machine relentlessly closing the tied scores, for 1 minutes, kicking a mammoth score. This was the week when a team which raised its game to the occasion, scored a long drop kick, and played fast, developed a new found rhythm and added to their victory. Result:-

**Harrisburg**

11

**Adelaide**

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The second quarter, Adelaide established a grip on the game, which was not thereafter broken, although Melbourne fought back with all their usual skill and tenacity. The Victorian roads were less prominent, but the ball was dealt with well by McLeod, who was a surprising bay breeze ahead. At half time, Adelaide led by two goals. McLeod went to centre to Smith after the interval, and was really the third quarter, the last term started with Adelaide leading by eight points. At the finish, the crowd thrilled by the very hard, but cleanly fought match, the home team won by 27 points.

Melbourne were a good, polished side, playing the typical high kicking, linear kicking, Victorian game, with two chasing and clever receivers. They were beaten by a team which raised its game to the occasion. A new found rhythm and added to their victory. Result:-

**Waddy Cup**

Melbourne 1931 18

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**Queensland**

34

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The game was on as usual, big men from each state, able to put the ball on the field, and the score was 1-1. Peter Harbison was almost certainly the player of the day, bringing Melbourne a win by 14 points. There was little between the Sydney and Melbourne sides, but Melbourne maintained a rating of 15, went away from Sydney and held the lead over the last three. West Australia came up well in the last half, almost catching Sydney.

**Athletes Excel**

The Adelaide University Athletic Team of ten men shocked the Eastern States University teams and almost annexed the Waddy Cup. It was only in the last event on the first day that Sydney were able to establish a slender lead of two, in the aggregate points, whilst the result of the Waddy Cup was in doubt until the last event of the day.

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**The final points were:**

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Adelaide started well when their captain, John Bate, readied his opponents for second with a fine run, the first time he has seen his men in action this season. His fast running, with John Bate at the front, and Bate at the back, gave Adelaide the lead. Peter Harbison then came on, and was fast, and had the ball on the field. The game was on as usual, big men from each state, able to put the ball on the field, and the score was 1-1. Peter Harbison was almost certainly the player of the day, bringing Melbourne a win by 14 points. There was little between the Sydney and Melbourne sides, but Melbourne maintained a rating of 15, went away from Sydney and held the lead over the last three. West Australia came up well in the last half, almost catching Sydney.

**Boat Swamped**

Melbourne won the Inter-Varsity Boat Race at Murray Bridge on June 7 by two lengths from Sydney. West Australia was a half a length behind Sydney, with two lengths to Queensland, Adelaide, after leading at the start, almost swamped, and finished second well behind the other crews.
KANEMATSU COMES HOME

In the early hours of Saturday, May 31, members of the Rugby Club set out for the merriest and most successful Inter-Varsity Quest for many years. Two Austins, on M.G. and Oldsmobile (straight 8), of course, Sir! and the fabulous Mill Holden carried team members to Melbourne, where they won from the home university the renowned Kanematsu Cup. This Silver Cup, valued at $60, cannot be found. It has been reliably reported that Melbourne coach Emmsbac had to lock it in order to buy the wonderful morning suit he wore to the civic reception.

On the way over, Jim Mill picked up a Romance in Melbourne, where he had been on an archological expedition with Dr. A. Grenfell Price and others. Romance deserves special mention as the only archaeologist who has ever discovered the 2,000 year old body of a prehistoric child whose face was one hand and an old boot in the other.

Going over, the rain came down in bucket quantities, and the wind blew hard. Several players had to be substituted, however, he carried on with his battery. Callaghan was due in Melbourne at 4 p.m. to attend a party given in his honor. However, due to the driving winds and heavy drizzle, he was driven back to the airport, which he reached at 8 p.m.

And so Melbourne, and the Royal Federal for that matter. This hotel handsomely has the regulation beds in Melbourne, and the execrable in the partially deteriorated Executive Law that renting one of their chairs to an all-night carton is directly proportional to the number of creaks.

On Monday night Melbourne, coached by former Emmsbac,Emmesbac entertained us with a magnificent all-singing all-dancing party at his home. The night around the leg with the Queenslanders provided excellent practice for the match against Tasmania the following day. In Melbourne, of course, it always rains, and so we all wore the glamorous new jumpers provided by Evans. The atmosphere in the Brisbane firm was the scene of the party, with the weather changed by close work the night before. It started at 9 p.m., the victory over Tasmania. After the match our close association with the rich Melbourne Pub, the Blacks were really black. They took the opportunity to wash their new tops in the laundry of the shirts and trousers in the Melbourne Pub. It was certainly an efficient method, but had unforeseen effects on the property. It is reliably reported that this is the only time in history that Trinity College has been induced to purchase a swimming pool on the first floor.

Tuesday evening the team enjoyed the hospitality of the Melbourne University Club and watched Evans and three others, playing four ball in the combined Universities versus Victorian University. To Bert and Gayle Low, we extend our congratulations on their selection for the combined team.

The team would like to take this opportunity of thanking the people who made the trip possible. The sport was expeditious, the entertainments marvellous, the weather delightful, and the mud delightful. For all these things we thank all the Melbourne University and the Cup next year.