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AUTHORITIES DECIDE ON "FOOTPRINTS RAG" POLICY

In December last year "On Dit" received the following report, made by the Union Council in collaboration with the Warden and the S.R.C. It concerns the notorious Abominable—man’s last escapade—on November 25—in which he...

• walked over the Elder Hall;
• tied a note dummy to the Elder Hall spire;
• flew the Jolly Roger from the Bonython Hall;
...cost the University about £150.

In a letter to the Union Council, Chairman, Registrar of the University (Mr. A. W. Hampton) wrote: "The University Council resolved that the policy adopt be promulgated through the medium of "On Dit" and the University Gazette early in the New Year.

The policy mentioned is one which will determine the steps to be taken in the event of another similar incident. So watch out, you abominable men!

The Union Council, at two meetings this week, has considered recent events within the University which its representatives from the University Council were authorised to discuss with the Warden and the S.R.C. It now desires to submit the following report and proposals covering (a) the incident out of which the discussions have arisen, and (b) suggested principles to be applied if necessary in future.

1. Notwithstanding the active co-operation of senior and responsible undergraduates, the identity of the persons responsible for damaging Warden’s and S.R.C. property is no closer to its solution. In the opinion of the University Council, being entirely in the present instance to determine responsibility, has resolved that subject to the approval of the University Council, the Union Council will indemnify the University against any costs reasonably incurred in connection with the damage.

The University Council regards the resolution, if accepted, as being in accordance with the principle that no student shall be held responsible for acts committed by his peers, provided he carries out an "honest" solution, and it is intended that the Union Council shall provide a shield behind which those responsible for such conduct can shelter. We think that the University Council means it also to be understood that the S.R.C. has been left to decide the future actions to be taken.

The Union Council has been in evidence in the past in furnishing the petition of the Union to be so considered. If the petition is accepted, it will be possible for the Union to deal with the matter of the damage within the terms of the policy, which are clearly defined.

In the absence of any previous action in this manner, the Union Council, being entirely in the present instance to determine responsibility, has resolved to subject to the approval of the University Council, the Union Council will indemnify the University against any costs reasonably incurred in connection with the damage.

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On Other Pages

You will find this "On Dit"—if it has come out on time—new, exciting, and wonderfully. Don’t let it worry you, won’t last. But this is what we’ve provided for you this...

A code of student journalism to guide "On Dit" correspondents;
More about the Union Art Association;
Paintings of Ough;
News from Universities all over Europe;
Beautiful pictures of the highlights of Orientation Week;
"Does a University Cultivate Special Virtues?"—an article by George Waterhouse;
A letter to the Editor;
Review of another Philip’s Electrical Textbook Poet;
Another article from Lindsay Colind DISP about N.U.A.U.S. and its organisation;
News from sporting clubs and other societies;
A page of photos of University personalities—our own "Gallery of Stars."
Many other interesting items.

FANNY

FANNY, the Financial Model, in a previous edition—"the 15th Provision" when she was "without prospects," has it that after being "sent flying" from the Elder Hall spire, A.F. is now career is probably come to an end.

W.S.R. Peking Funds Go to Africa

Now you are wondering what happened to that five bob donation you made last year to World Student Relief? It was intended for Peking, but the following press release from Melbourne tells you how official lack of help and Chinese unpreparedness diverted your cash to South Africa.

As a result of the 1933 appeal, £190 was contributed for the Peking group and a further amount in 1935. South Africa and the All-China Student Federation were informed of our intention to despatch supplies of medical equipment including a trolley, an x-ray machine and an ambulance.

However, all efforts on official and unofficial levels to arrange for the transfer of the goods and the delivery of the supplies to the Student Relief of the Chinese university failed. Further, the information has been forthcoming that the progress of the Sanatorium, through the medium of the Chinese University, has not yet been begun and that a new site in the western part of Peking is now being acquired.

Stop Press

ON DIT GETS RECORD STAFF ATTENDANCES

Record numbers attended the first "On Dit" staff meeting last night. The meeting was equipped with sub-editors, reporters, photographers, and cartoonists. If you’re keen there’s still room for you!

LOVE AFFAIRS

Following Professor Paterson’s (Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University) statement that love affairs are responsible for failures in first year, and an interview with several students by The News, an extensive research on this subject is being carried out by "On Dit" staff. Watch for results of this research.

GUARANTEED THE BEST YET...

Have Your Ticket for the COMMENCEMENT BALL Saturday, April 18

In the Refectory

Ticket at S.R.C. Office 10/- (without your coupons)
On Dit

New Life For "On Dit"

The old position of "On Dit" as an unbiased commentator on student affairs has, at last, given a new life of lease.

At last year's Inter-Varsity Editors' Conference, held in the East Room of the University, the representatives of all Australian University newspapers got together and worked out a plan for the future of the document, which, as adopted by the various S.R.C.s., was to guide the Editor in his treatment of material, and to inform and protect his correspondents. The document was duly brought back to Adelaide and recognised by the local S.R.C. It is printed below.

So that there will be (as sincerely hope) no hard feelings between "On Dit" and its contributors, we ask that the latter pay particular attention to the paragraphs in bold type. What the code means, in effect, is that the Editor must treat every correspondent and contributor fairly and consistently. Of this, however, he is to be the judge—"on Dit." There are no articles and letters—provided of course, that his judgment is consistent.

In other words, a fair go all round.

Code of Student Journalism

Whereas a University Journal belongs equally to all students as the Student Body as to the Editor and Staff, we set out below certain standards by which the editorial policy must be guided. Furthermore, since student journalism shall be a reflection of freedom of the press which freedom carries with it certain responsibilities, the points below are set out to guide the Editor in exercising his responsibility.

1. The Editor shall not permit the paper to be used as an instrument of propaganda for any one set of ideals of one group or one person, but shall endeavor to make the paper a true and accurate reflection of student thought and activity.

2. No unsigned material shall be purely factual.

3(a) Any letter to the Editor shall be signed by the author but not necessarily for publication.

(b) The Editor shall reserve the right to limit the number of letters which shall be published.

(c) The Editor shall reserve the right to limit the length of any letter without prior notice.

(d) Letters shall be cut from the bottom.

(e) The Editor shall reserve the right to subscribe the letters which are to be published.

4. No personal criticism on any individual shall be printed without that individual's or his spokesman being given full opportunity to reply, if possible in the same issue as his critic.

5. No student shall be considered a member of the newspaper staff unless he is a regular contributor or performs regular duties in connection with the paper.

6. The Editor shall be solely responsible for the selection and appointment of all the above assistant editors.

7. The student journalist shall reveal his identity as a representative of the press before obtaining a news interview or before any interview or any interview for the purpose of obtaining material.

8. All candidates for the position of Editor of the Student Journal shall, before election, sign the adherence to the Code.

9. If, in his first issue, the Editor shall publish the Code and declare his adherence to it.

More about the . . .

NEW ARTS ASSOCIATION

There is a feeling this year that, instead of gaping at the fascinating faculty in the air, the Arts Association ought to be occupied with itself. The result is an Art Society meeting is planned for late April, and a discussion meeting is arranged for early May. This is in addition to the usual exhibition of art works in May. The Society is open to all students who are interested in art, and meetings are held every week during term time. All art works are welcome, and the Society is looking forward to a successful year.

Gerard D. W. Watson

LIBERAL NEWS

"STUDENT LIBERAL"

Members of the Liberal Union who are writing articles for the Australian University Liberal Federation's annual magazine "Student Liberal," are required by the Secretary (Mr. Charles Stone) that contributions must be handed in within the next week.

Mr. Stone said that the publication which is being edited by Mr. John W. Brooks, of Melbourne, should be ready for the annual conference to be held in April or early May.

CONFERENCE

The Secretary of the Liberal Union (Mr. Hugh Williamson) has announced that there will be a conference held in April to elect representatives to the National Liberal Convention to be held at the National Liberal Club in London in June. The conference, which is open to all Liberal Union members, will be held in the Junior Students Union House.

MEN OF ACTION

Seven Queen's College (Canada) students smashed 65 windows of a Canadian National Railways express last night.

MOGIL University students gave 150,000 pints of blood in a recent drive.

A CAMBRIDGE student broke 30 glasses, worth 400, at the December Arts Ball.

AFTER seven medical students of the Rostock (East Germany) University had drugged 16 bottles of beer, 50 schnapps, and some vodka, they were arrested while stealing "old student goods.""

FIFTEEN thousand Cairo students demanded a "rational" constitution at a student meeting.

POLICE dispersed Khartoum students with tear gas, an arrested NII. The Khartoum University has been closed.

ONE hundred and fifty Circassian Agricultural College students used batons and clubs in an attempt to break up a Communist meeting.

GRAHAM GILL has been seen swimming in the Ganges.

Socialists and the Senate Elections

The State elections have been making the writing on the wall even plainer for the Legislative Assembly. It is now up to the States to decide the fate of the Government in the coming Senate elections to elect the Governor of war preparations, on December 18.

CAMERA CLUB

MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 31, 12.00 p.m.
George Murray Hall, Promenade District
Welcome, Mr. A. Keenan will show a selection of color transparencies.
April 4, 9, 8.00 p.m.
George Murray Hall, "Color Photography," Mr. D. Winkler.
EXHIBITION

Included in the Exhibition to be held at the Exhibition Room, 605, will be a special competition for prints in the exhibition of "Australia, Art Nouveau," which will be held for the W.R.E. at the end of the year. The best work will be selected for the exhibition, which is to be held in the Exhibition Room on Saturday, 6.00 p.m.

Judging of the prints may be done by the members of the Camera Club. The winners will be announced on the following day.

Members are invited to bring prints to evening meetings, to have them criticized by the members of the Club.

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with the kind assistance of VARIOUS OTHERS

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NEWS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES
BY COURTESY OF THE "EUROPEAN STUDENTS' MIRROR"

England
Summer courses for students from overseas will this year be held at Edinburgh University, London, and Oxford, according to the British Council's Summer Courses Committee. The courses are to be held in a number of subjects: Berkeley, Oxford, and Edinburgh Universities, "Vocational and Technical Subjects"; London University, "History and Literature"; Oxford University, "Philosophy and Religious Studies"; London University, "Psychology and the Social Sciences"; London University, "Politics and Economics"; London University, "The Development of Modern Western Civilisation". Fees of £2.50 for full-time students and £1.00 for part-time students, with a minimum of four weeks courses will be between £50 and £75 for full-time students, and £25 for part-time students. (The Times, London, August 2.)

Considering the easy access to the library, the excellent facilities for physical education, and the broad and varied range of courses, it is evident that the courses offered by the British Council's Summer Courses Committee will prove both academically stimulating and socially enjoyable for students from overseas. The courses cover a wide range of subjects, from the humanities to the sciences, and provide an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in British culture and language.

Belgium
Students at the Brussels University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Brussels, Belgium, will begin their academic year in October. The university offers a variety of courses in fields such as law, economics, and international relations. The university has a strong focus on research and collaboration with other institutions, providing students with opportunities to engage in cutting-edge scholarship. (The Belgian News, Brussels, September 25.)

Italy
Several hundred of French and Italian students studying in Italy have been offered the opportunity to participate in the "Cultural Meeting" organized by the University of Padua. The meeting aims to promote cultural exchange and collaboration between students from different countries. (The University News, Padua, October 1.)

Spain
A cultural program has been organized by the University of Seville for Spanish students studying in the United States. The program includes cultural and social events, providing students with an opportunity to explore American culture and connect with their peers from other countries. (The University News, Seville, November 1.)

France
The French National Exhibition of Fine Arts, held in Paris, has featured a diverse range of art and culture from different regions of France. The exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, photography, music, and dance, providing visitors with a comprehensive overview of the French cultural landscape. (The French News, Paris, December 5.)

An Invitation...
- Every student will find it necessary to operate a banking account in order to cover the expenses of their travel and living costs. The bank account can help students manage their finances more effectively.
- Why not start now with The National Bank for Australasia, which offers a wide range of banking services, including savings accounts, deposit accounts, and credit cards. The bank also provides access to foreign currency exchange and travel insurance.
- The National Bank of Australasia, Limited (incorporated in Victoria), is a reliable and established banking institution that can provide students with the necessary support to manage their expenses while studying abroad.
EVER BEEN ORIENTATED?

Who is the left, dark, and handsome Mr. student who is standing for President of the Women's Union next year? We would say that Jenny had just two chances—Bobby's and None.

The freshmen are spreading such keen interest in all student activities. That Student Apothecary seems to be a third of the past, "They'll learn!" was one old-hand's comment.

DEBATING HIGHLIGHTS

The Debating Club's inaugural meeting is less than a week old. It is scheduled for Easter Tuesday (April 7), at 7.45 p.m. There will be a monster debate and supper.

The debate promises to be quite as worth waiting for as which featured Metaxas, Mitchell, Milbourne, and Stokes. None of them will be missing again, but in their place will be two experienced staff members (find out who on the right) and two new graduates (1952 vintage) helped out by Metaxas, John Jones, and George Waterhouse (both ex-secretaries of the Club).

They will debate the assertion "That this House disclaims the Bonnyton Hall." There is every chance of the appearance of some of the blood and thunder which Mr. Bovey promised at the S.R.C. functions in that same hall recently, for this is a topic which requires passion.

It ought to be as good as one of an Inter-University series of debates—and there will be no more of them in Adelaide for quite a while, as they were here two years ago. So all wise people should come; not only those in their first year, but all members and supervisors of the club, all interested in good talking. Make this your last fling, if you must do some work!

TABLE TENNIS

Although the club entered only two teams in the (S.A.T.T.A.) F.A. Division last year, we had some measure of success. The second won the 8th division premiership while the first team were unfortunate in losing the final of division 3. Unfortunately most of the enthusiastic members of last year's team have left. However we are sure that the interest of freshmen will enable the club to expand and repeat its past successes.

MATCHES

Matches are played weekly on every Thursday during the season (Oct to September). Table tennis occupies one of a student's leisure time and is hence particularly recommended to freshmen, and older university students alike. As we hope to enter more teams this year, there will be scope for any player of average ability and not more than average capabilities. An A.G.M. and prize-giving evening will be held on Wednesday, March 25.

For further information see the Refectory notice-board or the Secretary of the Club. Those desiring to play this year please add their names to the notice on the Refectory notice-board.

More about other Universities

Yugoslavia

A conference of the Yugoslav National Union of Students (S.N.Z.) was held in Belgrade on December 10, 1953. It was attended by the heads of the foreign departments of all Yugoslav universities. Discussions dealt with the following topics: general foreign relations activities, the work done by the international clubs at the various universities, the programmes of exchange with foreign universities, the travel programmes for 1953, the exchange of publications, and the relations with different international organizations. (Novosti Studenta, Belgrade).

The Yugoslav National Union of Students last year received 4,200,000 (equivalent 10,000 dollars) from State sources for the encouragement of vacation holidays. This enables 970 students to spend their vacations at seaside resorts or in the mountains. (Bilten, Zagreb).

The Student Association of the Belgrade University Arts Faculty has been very active in popularising the United Nations Organization and acquainting the students with its work. Including the Day of Human Rights in its plan on the population of the U.N., the Association recently arranged the showing of some documentary films about the United Nations. (Informacion, Belgrade).

Netherlands

The second session of the Dutch Student Parliament is to take place in the Hague on February 14, 1954. It will be attended by representatives from the Universities of Amsterdam, Leiden, Nijmegen, and Utrecht. Like last year, they will have an opportunity to get acquainted with practical activities of the parliament. (Polaar, Utrecht).

The Amsterdam Student Council (S.N.V.A.) has come to the final decision that a central council must be set up, which is to incorporate all institutions of this kind that exist at present. The motive of the council is to demand a percentage of the students' earnings for its upkeep, but is to be financed from contributions from the total students' body through the Student Council.

The Dutch Student Orchestra, first concert tour, took place from January 3 to 28, 1954. Kaarlo, the Hague, Amsterdam, Utrecht, Haarlem, Leiden, Rotterdam, and Groningen, and Hengelo, three different piano solos by (a Dutchman, an American and a French lady) performed by E.O. Brinkman, O.C. Weerts, and J. E. G. van der Linden.

Finland

A committee of the World University Service (U.W.S.) has now been established in Finland. This means that Finland, having so long been a member of the U.N., country, will now also contribute to the U.W.S. relief programme.

A dormitory for twelve Jewish students has been opened at Helsinki. The dormitory building also includes a restaurant and rooms for lectures and social events. (Het Orientat van Helsinki).

Luxembourg

The Council of the Luxembourg National Union of Students met on December 27, in Luxembourg for the 4th Ordinary Session. Besides the official representatives of some twenty universities, a great many observers and visitors were present at the meeting. The official efforts were directed towards the improvement of the social conditions of the students and the democratic achievement of the educational system. The discussion of the Executive Office was devoted unostentatiously and the Council noted the satisfaction on account of the positive results obtained as a result in 1952. The new office was established as follows: President: Prof. Thome, University; Mrs. J. Schleicher, President; Mr. S. Huyser, Vice-President; E. Pontrage, General Secretary; Mr. J. Schleicher, Treasurer; Mr. J. Schleicher, President; C. van der Linden, Executive Secretary; and M. van der Linden, General Secretary.

Firmat's 250,000 shillings (about 1,000 dollars) have been allocated by the University of Helsinki to the furthering of the Student Health Service. (Yleipallikassit, Helsinki).

The number of students of psychology has sharply risen during a short time and a consequence their educational outlook can be regarded as favorable. When taking the psycho-pharmaceutical courses in the medical school, there is an attendance of about 400 students already.

Poland

14 students of the Zoppot Academy of Sciences were arrested on charges that they were members of an underground movement organized from abroad. At a student meeting, which was convened by the Young Communist Union of Polish Youth (Z.M.P.) it was decided that the 14 students should be expelled from the Academy. (New York, New York).