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HOCKING SPEAKS-



The State Of The Union

Tickets For Graduation Ceremony

WAY back-1950-all students, except final years and graduands, were banished from the Graduation Ceremony after indulging in an excessive profusion of spirit that almost wrecked the whole show.

Since then the Union has continually urged that our exile be lifted. When the Ceremony was moved from the Friday afternoon after the Procession to the Thursday night of Commemoration Week we expressed our confidence in our students to behave in a fairly reasonable manner should the privilege of attending the Ceremony be again extended to us.

Last Thursday night the Senate decided to take the plunge and invite all third and later year students to the Ceremony. This step is practically unpreceno other University in Australia is such a privilege granted nor such a spirit of cooperation between the Senate and the students exhibited.

KISS ME HARDY

Last week this paper launched a move for disaffiliation from N.U.A.U.S. We have now decided that it was ill-timed; no one appears to know either what N.U.A.U.S. is supposed to be. or is supposed to do. And, apparently, they couldn't care less.

Apart from the apologia of Mr. Hocking, and two rather inconclusive statements from Mr. Auty and Mr. Bray, the only reaction has been a few hesitating enquiries, mainly from freshers, as to what the hell is N.U.A.U.S., and why all the bloody fuss?

In reply to both these questions we refer you to the last issue of Semper, and ask you please to read

Disamiliation is an extremely serious matter; Semper has no wish to thrust its opinions onto a reading public so repulsively uncritical to accept them as gospel, or so vulgarly cynical as to dismiss them as another puny effort at sensationalism.

Whatever your verdict, Semper stands by its guns. We believe that it is too late to talk of a reformation of N.U.A.U.S. For years it has existed merely on sufferance-a suf-

ferance increasingly begrudged. Since its inception it has done lit-tle to justify the hopes once cen-tred on it. The present disaffiliation move is nothing startling or new; in 1948 Union Council passed almost overwhelmingly, a motion for disaffiliation from N.U.A.U.S. but the decision was later reversed by a General Meeting.

At this moment there is a foreshadowed motion of disaffiliation which will be debated and voted upon by Council at its next meet-

PROCESSION CENSORSHIP A special Procession. Censo(ship)

ing. And on this occasion there need be no general meeting or referendum to endorse its decision.

Think, Damn You

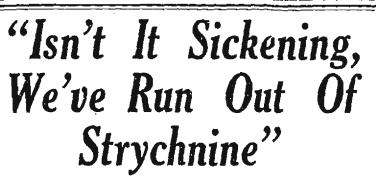
In your own interests then, it is vital that you know enough of N.U.A.U.S. to instruct your faculty rep. on your attitude to disaffiliation from it.

This motion for disaffiliation was the £500 that were spent in its making, Motion after motion passed by National Council was dismissed by Union Council. Those that remained were allowed to do so mainly for their harmlessness, rather than for their usefulness.

The main argument in favour of N.U.A.U.S. seems to be that, though it may have failed temporarily to justify its existence, a Good Thing. This may be so; even Communism has attractive first principles.

It is, however, the view of Semper that N.U.A.U.S. has degenerated past the stage of effective, or even, possible reformation. Our first task the one noteworthy occurrence at should be to put our own house in the Union Council meeting of the order-and God knows, it needs it, who can only hope for his reward 14th of April. It resulted from the If to be isolationist and insular in heaven. complete and utter failure of the means to be free of the ruinous ex-National Council report to justify pense and trouble of keeping the unweildy N.U.A.U.S. octopus alive, then by all means, let us be isolationist and insular.

> Finally, we repeat, that by disaf-filiating from N.U.A.U.S., we have nothing to lose but our chains.



But there'll be oceans of ground glass, cold beer and poisoned prawns on board the "Koopa" tomorrow night. The boct leaves the Koopa wharf at Petrie Bight at 8 p.m. sharp. Be there for Good, Clean Fun at a Jolly Good Show.

CABBAGES and **KINGS**

Pay For The Pundits

I THERE BERNAMERS IN CALL

Are Professors worth £3000? Somo think so! (This columnists evaluations of the various dons are available to private inquirers). The grapevine reports this as the Staff Associations' objective to restore margins lost in the "Great Inflaticn". But they've got the bull by the tail. The scale of adjustment exaggerates the worth of the professor at the expense of the hardworking, lowly assistant lecturer.

Jefferson Again

In a desperate attempt to censure this year's "Wackho",* the Univers-ity Proctors are hot on the trail of licentious editors "Scarface" Hamp-son and "Jelke" Conaty. Distinguished constitutional authorities assure me that any censorship is ultra vires.

Hampson and Conaty are preparing to resist any autocratic interference with the freedom of the press, which they assert "cannot be limited without being lost."

*For the benefit of newcomers "Wackho" is the popular annual journal of the World Council of Churches.

N.U.A.U.S. Disaffiliation

Messrs, Byth and Gray have a motion before Union Council that we disaffiliate from N.U.A.U.S. These gentlemen are miles from the solution, display singular lack of insight and fail to perceive the full implications that such a move would bring.

It is an attitude we can actively encourage in our own interests and for the benefit of our University as a whole.

No one suggests we should sit there like exhibits of stuffed Egyptological mummery, but on the other hand we are not street arabs nor a lot of "mug lairs"."

A lively and entertaining student accompaniment to the proceedings is a colourful, traditional and by no means undesirable aspect of University life. By our conduct this year we can ensure that we will be there again next year and we may possibly even be able to have the privilege extended to include first and second year students.

It is now up to us.

Tickets may be obtained by applying to the Enquiry Office, University, George St.

and Advisory meeting is to se held in the Senate Room, George Street, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. All students intending to take

part in the Procession, or at least one student representative from each float or act, are requested to attend with plans and details of their floats, etc., for discussion and approval by the meeting.

Only floats, etc., so approved will be permitted to take part in the Procession on Commem. Day. At this meeting we will meet representatives of the University and the constabulary, and thrash out with them the ban on political satire. We expect to have this ban completely removed, and students are advised not to let it in any way restrict their plans at this stage.

S. C. HOCKING, President U.Q.U.

Small Uni. Badges

Small University pin-badges, one quarter the original size, are now on sale at the Union Office, George St., and will be available at the Area Enquiry Offices next weer. S. C. HOCKING,

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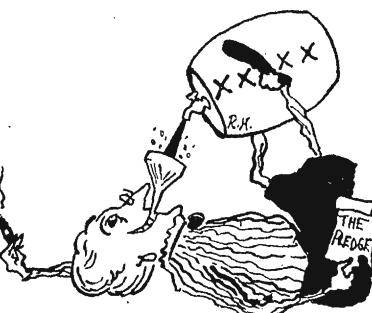
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Toujours Gai, Kids.



There's A Dance In The Old Dame Yet

Even the Freshers will have heard of Aunty Gert, the gay old lady whose weekly letters in Semper last year doubled our circulation. We feel that Aunty, had she lived, would have revelled in the abandoned hilarity of another Commem. Week. And this year's Commem, promises to eclipse all others it begins, unofficially with the "Koopa Do" tomorrow night and officially, with the Church services on Sunday. New and noteworthy changes this year are the Dramatic Society's oper-air performance of "A Phoenix Too Frequent"; the probable lifting of the ban on political satire in the procession, and perhaps, the admittance of third year students and above to Commem. Ceremony, and last, (and least?) the Men's Club Drinking Horn Competition.

The countless advantages of a central body for Australian students are self-suggesting and need not be laboured here. If the grievances outlined in the last Semper are genuine, and they seem so, then the solution must surely lie in reform, not in withdrawal.

An N.U.A.U.S. executive meets at Melbourne during the May vacation-here the Queensland delegate (George Cridland), must press for sweeping re-organisation and remodelling of the administration and finance of N.U.A.U.S. Should his efforts fail, then, and only then, can disaffiliation be seriously considered.

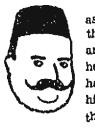
Free Ad.

It's time Jan Smith had a mention in this column. Last week, in a desperate attempt to replenish the Smith purse, this dazzling lass went flat-cleaning. When a rag-collector called. Jan blithely handed over a bulging bag of the best household linen. Only after days of frantic rummaging through acres of old clothes collected by practically every Brisbane charity, was the strayed property found.

Anyone requiring a reliable housecleaner, ring Smith, L 2863.

Unusual Occupations

This Farouk is a bit of a wag. Princess Narriman writing in the Bristane Telegraph (4/4/53) "My Real Life" strongly refutes the suggestions that her husband is a weakling.



I am somewhat astonished to learn that the ex-monarch can lift two heavy bags in one hand, and crack his nuts with thumb and finger. SAINT LUCIA

Shoot, If You Must, This Old Grey Head

Hocking on N.U.A.U.S.

The article that appeared on the front-page of Semper last week was undoubtedly a clearhanded analysis of NUAUS and its activities from the financial point of view. The retails of expenditure were adequately correct and the observations on various 1953 NUAUS activities were justifiable.

facts. You say that because things a vulgar and pedestrian way of dowere generally so bad last year we should whe our hands completely of N.U.A.U.S. and discontinue our long affiliation with it. I suggest it would be a more reasonable step to try to pick up the pieces and clean ful activity. But the extraordinary up the mess so as to give us a Na- amount of work thrown on one Contional Union that will be a valuable asset to us.

National Council

The size of the National Council can quite easily be cut in half. This would make it much more effective and intelligent than it is now. It would also greatly reduce costs by as much as two to three hundred pounds.

The great bulk of the National Statement should, before being sent to the Constituents, be critically examined and edited, and presented in a palatable and digestible form,

Executive

We should also consider the responsibility and desirability of having the bulk of the National Executive in the one State. This would restrict, even eliminate executive travel costs, and make the Executive in general more proficient.

It would also avoid the wasteful bickering that took up so much time and therefore money at the last Council.

Congress

and thereby make it more like a information whatever. This is an concrete results without unnecess-representative student body. The example of one of the greatest ary expenditure. N.U. Debates could be held at Con-weaknesses of the N.U.A.U.S. organ-Give me a chance to bring the gress, and our international students could greatly assist us in making it a thoroughly worthwhile activity. The idea of Congress as just another Hayman holiday should not be encouraged.

Congress should also be widely publicised in our Universities, and organised with regard to the num-

But I do suggest you erred in the | bars intending to participate, even | it cannot alford the luxury of a conclusions you drew from your though some people may think this separate International Executive ing things.

Officer while that office continues to achieve so little.

Activities

The N.U.A.U.S. Drama Festival has usually been a rather successstituent is completely out of proportion to the work and assistance given by other States participating in the Festival.

I suggest that two Festivals be held each year in different States This would permit the smaller States to conduct a Festival of three or four plays instead of seven with the facilities and under the conditions existing in their respective capital cities. Such Festivals would be more ensily manageable by the host State, and a great saving in fures would be effected.

International

Drama Festival

The N.U.A.U.S. international policy for 1953 depended centrally on the Hawaii Conference held earlier this month. On the Hawaii Conference it was hoped to construct a forthright policy of co-operation and activities with the Universities of South-East Asia.

A rumour has reached us that despite all our work and prepara-We should try to include more N.U.A.U.S. Executive apparently N.U.A.U.S. activities in Congress, considering ts undeserving of any isation.

> This abandonment of the Hawaii Conference means that N.U.A.U.S. is left with a wish-washy policy of confusing side-stepping and of all of which cost a great deal of money.

N.U.A.U.S. must soon realise that

The aims and objects of N.U.A. U.S. have not all been abandoned or avoided, The work done by N.U.A U.S. with the Commonwealth Office of Education especially with regard to the Commonwealth Scholarships Scheme, CRTS and Aboriginal education has been of very val-

uable assistance to us all. The tour of the two Australian debaters through the United States of America, and the tour through Australia last year could only be arranged on the national plane through a body such as N.U.A.U.S. So also the proposed tours of cultural and sporting student groups from India, Europe and England

There are many other individual instances where a united appeal to the Commonwealth Government and other national and State institutions has been, and can only be effective on the national student plane.

Conclusions

But I agree with you that we cannot allow our hopes and ideals to literate the stark reality of the present cumbrous and inefficient N.U. tions for sending an Australian A.U.S. set-up. We can do a very representative to the Conference no great deal for the students of Ausrepresentative went. We know noth- tralia and, for us, specially those of ing definite about this yet, the Queensland, but we must be as-N.U.A.U.S. Executive apparently sured that N.U.A.U.S. is so organised and so constituted as to achieve

Give me a chance to bring the matter before the present N.U.A. U.S. Executive in May, We shall see then whether there is any genuine desire among the other Universities for co-operation on a national swallowing long wind-baggy reports, level. If there is not, I shall not hesitate to recommend what is in the best interests of the U.Q.U. S. C HOCKING.

What N.U.A.U.S. thinks about itself. By David Bray, who was at the National Congress last Jan.



Miss University, 1953

The charming young lady shown above is Mile. Fleurette Power, Miss Dramatic Society in the Miss University 1953 campaign,

We regret that the only other candidate whose portrait is available is Stephen Chastity Hecking (Miss Union-Council). You can see this charming entrant's likeness on Page 1.

> Think of the Poor ---lt Costs Nothing

Let's Put the **Clock Back** Sir.~

There is a movement on foot to bring about the disaffiliation of this Union from N.U.A.U.S. I consider that such an action should be very soncly considered before implementation.

Whilst condemning the failure of N.U.A.U.S. to really do anything over the last few years, I would like to analyse the position so that we can see where such a step can lead. We can consider N.U. under sections.

PUBLICITY.

STAFF PANEL

EDITOR: Bill Dent: STAFF: Marion Barry, Zell Rabin, Dave Malouf, Ron Thomson: SPORTS EDITOR and CARTOON-

IST: Rupe Herd; BUSINESS MANAGER: Dick Barnett

N.U.A.U.S. has not put itself and its activities before the public eye. We in Queensland, however, must share the blame. This is a problem easily solved by promotion of discussion, posters, etc. DEBATES.

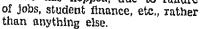
N.U.A.U.S. debates were a flop, but this aspect depends on the energy of the people organising them. Intervarsity debating is very successful overseas. Debating Clubs should get in touch with their counterparts and maintain the liaison throughout the year. Queensland debaters, before screaming about the audiences in Sydney should first put their own house in order. The move for a Parliamentary Debate is a step in the right direction. DRAMA.

Owing to the energy of the Societies, this is booming. We should attempt to bring the Festival to Brisbane. A really big move here for a theatre can achieve results. CONGRESS.

This has not really attracted students owing to poor publicity, high inter-State fares and also because of the division of forces. Why not attempt to have all N.U.A.U.S. activities centred on the University in long Vac. each year! Other National bodies-A.S.C.M., Newman Society, E.U., A.S.L.F.-might hold their Conferences in the same State and then all these activities could culminate in Congress.

FACULTY BUREAUX.

These would grow as Congress was developed. TRAVEL.



() () () () () () () () () () () () () (Will This Happen	Who Is To	Blame for	Its Failure?	developed. TRAVEL. This has flopped, due to failur of jobs, student finance, etc., rather than anything else.
	Again ?	The National Union of Au fies its existence as we in Quee	stralian University Students is ju	ist as uncertain whether it justi-	EDUCATION. This is an important factor. Uni- versity Education is becoming mor- and more a Commonwealth Gov.
	Sempers courageous photo- grapher last year took this picture of the censor-hungry constabulary wantonly ravish- ing the honest, home-spun hu- mour of the Qld, undergradu-	Wye River earlier this year, one of the main sessions was used for a symposium on the subject "That N.U.A.U.S. justifies its Existence." The four main speakers were Roger Coates (Sydney) of the Aus- trallan Student Labor Federation, Chins Heathcote (W.A. delegate to	matters. Students have a great responsi- bility. They should take more care of who they elect to their S.R.C's (Union Council in Queensland). There should be meetings of stu- dents of all opinions to check on NULAUS, policy and see that it is	hinds we did try to give them con- sideration. N.U.A.U.S. may not be as good as it should be, but that is our fault. Most students do not know what N.U.A.U.S. is. It has not failed in its objects. It is the body which sees the needs	ernment matter. (C.S.S., University Commission, C.R.T.S.). We need a Commonwealth Wide Organisation to speak on this level No student will deny that thing are getting tougher for the student Do we disaffiliate from our spokes- man when we need him most? INTERNATIONAL.
	ates. If we are allowed politi- cal satire it need not be repeat- ed this year.	N.U.A.U.S. Council), Keith Buck- ley (S.A.) this year's N.U.A.U.S. president, and George Howatt M.A., a Fulbright scholar from the Uni- versity of Pennsylvania. Their main points may help to	being pursued. N.U.A.U.S. must have a more positive approach to the needs of students. If this is done students will support it actively, and there	of students, It can do something about those needs until it reaches a certain level, where it has to leave it to Governments and other bodies.	If we disaffiliate from N.U.A.U.S. do we also disaffiliate from Interna tional Bodies and retire into a nic little burrow of our own making Or do we affiliate with International
ļ	COPPIRTCAPERS	Clarify the position. They were: COATES: There are really two questions, whether N.U.A.U.S. as it is at present justifies its exist- ence, and can it become something that does justify its existence. A body is needed to represent Australian students internationally. There is also a real need for a national body for the co-ordination	tinuation, Politics HEATHCOTE: At present N.U.A. U.S. only justifies its existence because of the international rep- resentation it gives us. Inter-varsity drama and debat- ing could easily be run by a body similar to that which organises in-	The reason N.U.A.U.S is not strong is because we have not pulled our weight and we have been too ready to criticise without doing our share of the work. Encouragement HOWATT: The problems of N.U. A.U.S. and the problems of the United States National Students Association are much the same. To suggest that N.U.A.U.S. should	Bodies independently. (With th loss of delegate status.) We Queens landers are often accused of bein insular and we ourselves are shoved ling coal into the fire. W.S.R. Will most likely operate well of the new plan. Miss Skolen show just what a live-wire can do whe concerned with Student Problems. BOOK SCHEME.
		of student affairs. Many of the im- portant problems in student life can only be dealt with on a national basis—National Service Training, University finance, employment of students, e.g. Inertice There is a serious danger of the National Union collapsing because	At present I feel that these Con- gresses, which could be one of the best activities, are on the wane. Australian students do not carry much weight in politics. As students do become more important politi- cally the N.U A.U S, will also become more important.	be dropped is very defeatist. I should not feel discouraged, You must have an organisation if you want to reach your objectives. * * * I believe we are condemning N.U. A.U.S. because of the failure of the people in it.	Collapsed due to Governmen Import Policy, not to any inheren weakness in the scheme. The whol problem of Book Costs and avail ability needs investigation, and a approach to Canberra to restify th position FINANCE. This question needs investigation For example, in the proposed Bud
		of its own inertia. This view was expressed by Steve Hocking of Queensland at the last Council meeting. Hock- ing is one of the most respected student leaders in the country. At Council there was little refer- ence to most of the real problems of the 31,000 students in Australia.	should eventually take the lead in South-East Asian politics. Defence Case RUCKLEY: Those who were sent to Council this year may have been young and inexperienced	There can be no doubt that some national representative body is needed. We should not give it away just because the organisation is at present bogged down. We have to make sure that we get the right people to represent us, and that they get efficient peo- ple into executive positions. Queensland has good delegates	get for 1953, an expenditure of £3150 Audit and Accounting amount to £80. With a little study, econo- mics can no doubt be made a along the line. Reviewing the above, I can see large number of small defects eac capable of correction if N.U.A.U.t which it were formed. It is pater
	Page 2-SEMPER FLOREAT-T	There should be some revue of pol-		to N.U.A.U.SHocking is "respect- ed"-but we have not one of them on the executive.	on reading the Report of N.U. Cour cil, that there is far too much per sonality, and also lack of criticism J. AUTY,

Bow, Bow, Ye Lower Middle Classes



For with all our faults, we loves our Bob.

Students should be interested to know that the University Liberal Club is about to be resurrected.

A meeting for that purpose is to ? held at St. Lucia in the G.P. Hall t 1.10 pm. on Monday, April 27.

Students of all political opinions are invited to the meeting. We want interest in politics rather than any devotion to a particular party.

The old Liberal Club died peacefully last year when Union Council resolved that "it was no longer aware of the existence of the Liberal Club."

Most of the other political bodies in the University went the same wey. •

By joining the Liberal Club, non-Socialists and non-Communists can in the University while at the same time providing an effective opposition to idealogies which they conof Australia.

We ask students these questions: Do you believe that every man should have the right to run his own business, to make his own decitions, and to have complete free. dom of thought?

un much more efficiently when they are left to the people, and that initiative.

the only excuse for government interference is in matters of defence, ing, as with a health scheme, old employer and anticipation between age pensions, etc?

something like them, then the service to enable them to take an Liberal Club is the place for you.

Come to the meeting and say your peice. If you can't come and still want to lend some moral support, ring or write to either David Bray or Jim Byth, at the Courier-Mail, FAO111.

The constitution of the Liberal Club sets out the following objects:-

(a) To promote loyalty to God. the King and the Country as part help to strengthen their own cause of the British Commonwealth of Nations and to develop and inculcate in the minds of the Australian people a real understanding of the sider to be against the best interesis vital importance of the Queen and the British Crown in our way of life.

(b) To stress the value of our system of law which protects the rights of the individual.

...(c). To expose and oppose all antidemocratic actions and doctrines.

Do you believe that things can be (d) To advocate and encourage free enterprise and individual

(e) To eliminate class antagonism and so to strive for closer co-opera-

(f) To create among under-If you believe in these things, or graduates a spirit of citizenship and intelligent and active interest up the political and economic affairs of the nation.

> g) To foster a belief in the Parliamentary system.

(h) To provide a rostrum at the University to counter Communism and Socialism both within and outside the University.

(i) To invite speakers to further the above aims.

(j) To support in general principles of the platform of the Liberal Party of Australia, but at the same time to reserve the absolute and undisputed right to criticise and abandon any plank of that platform which the Liberal Club feels is nut in the best interests of promotinthe above objects.

(k) To promote international cooperation as an end to world tenslon.....

Tibera' Clubs is all Australian Street. nive i.ies are members of the Universities' Liberal THURSDAY, April 30: Anstralian Federation.

We believe that only under a system where free enterprise and the FRIDAY, May 1: individual are valued is it possible FRIDAY, May 1: to have continued material and moral progress and avoid the bogged-down hureaucracy which is the system of socialism.

REMEMBER, NEXT MONDAY. at 110 p.m. in the G.P. Hall, St. Lucia. Meetings will be held later in other areas.

IIM BYTH, DAVID BRAY.

COMMEM WEEK 1953

April 24 to May 1

FRIDAY, April 24:

"KOOPA DO", Final Commem. Prac. and Mens/Womens Olub Dance.

S.S. Koopa, Sailing Time: 8 p.m. sharp.

SUNDAY, April 26;

Special University Church Services St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m. St. Stephen's Cathedral, 7.30 p.m. Creek St. Presbyterian Church. 7.30 p.m. Albert St. Methodist Church,

1.30 p.m. City Congregational Church, 1.30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 27:

Parliamentary Debate

Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House, George St.: "A Bill to Regulate Newspaper Reports of Court Cases concerning Vice and other Moral Issues."

U.Q. Debating Society, 8 p.m. TUESDAY, April 28:

Choir Recital

Main Hall, University, George St. U.Q. Musical Society, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 29:

A Full Costume Performance Of Christopher Fry's play "A Phoenix Too Frequent" At the King George V Memorial in front of the City Hall, King George Square, Albert-

U.Q. Dramatic Society. 8 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony City Hall, Brisbane.

U.Q. Senate. 8 p.m.

Commem. Procession

From University Domain, then brough Alice, Eagle, Elizabeth and George Streets, 10:30 a.m. Commem. Dinner.

Victoria Park Refectory, (By previous Booking and Ticket only). 0.30 p.m,

Commem. Ball Cloudland Ballroom, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. S. C. HOCKING, Pres. U.Q.U.

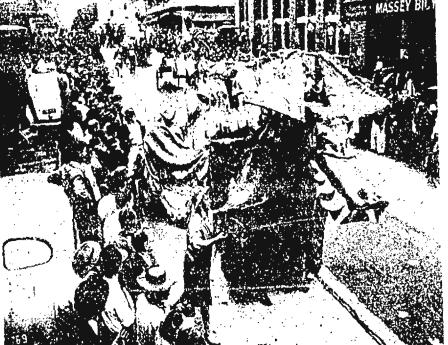
Sadism Rampant

A few days after the end of the last school year at Duke University, in North Carolina, every Professor received a fat envelope in his morning mail. Inside he found a 15page report, analysing the value of his course and assessing his ability as a teacher.

The report had been prepared by his own students. The students were ranging from .0 to 10. for each of several specified points. They could also, if they so wished, add brief personal comments to justify the marks which they had given.

The comments were very free indeed. The scheme was initiated by the Student Government, in agreement with University authorities.

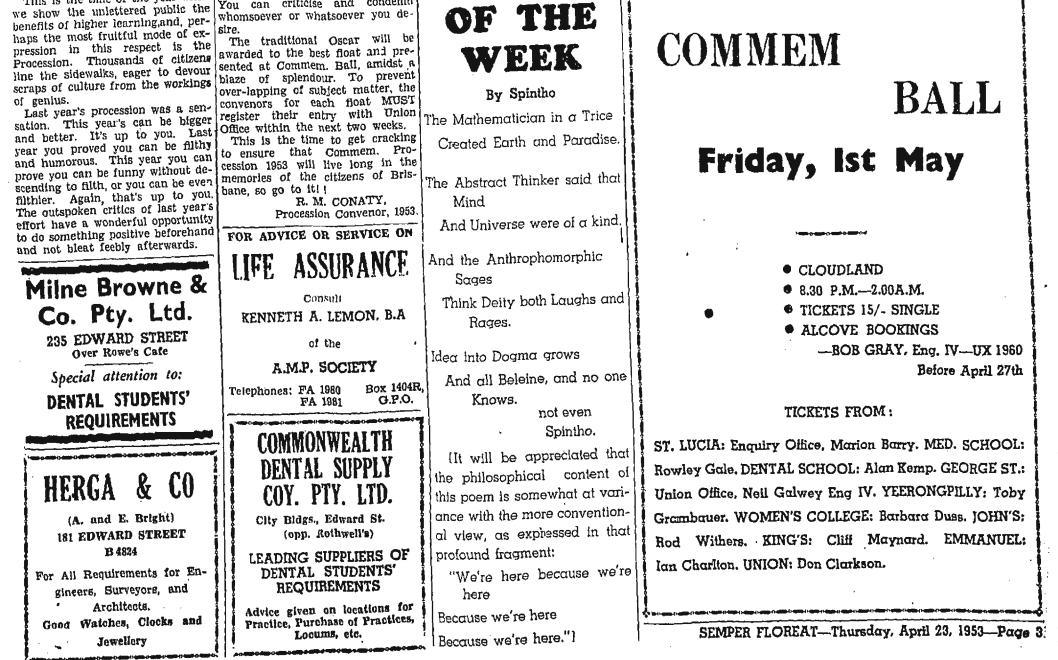
PROCESSION Friday, May 1.



AS you are no doubt well aware Ar allout errort is being made to by now, Commem. Week is lift the vell of immunity off polir. almost with us again. This is the time of the year when

icians and public figures, so there can be no grouch on this score You can criticise and condemn





Drinking Horn Competition UNION COUNCIL For Tomorrow -

Doubtless the majority of students realise that in the past elaborate preparations have been made for the running of a 'Varsity Drinking Hom Competition. However, the final result has usually been that because of outside pressure the project has been dropped.

is an account of its decision.

It has been decided that a Drinking Horn competition can and must be held. The sole purpose of this even is not, as may be alleged, the destruction of undergraduate moral fibre, but the desire to promote good fellowship and inter-faculty interest in the student body. Accord-ingly, the Competition will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 1st May. i.e. Procession Day, at a time and site not yet finalised.

. The contest shall consist of two parts:-

A: Inter-Faculty Contest: Each faculty will be allowed one (1) and only one team of four (4) members.

Nominations for this section of the competition, accompanied by an entrance fee of two shillings and tenpence (2/10) must be in the hands of the secretary of the Men's Club by the 27th April, The con-ARE YOU FAT P test is essentially a time event, i.e., depend on speed and efficiency. Each team member will be required to dispose of a volume of 8 fl. ozs. without wastage. In the event of two teams entering from one faculty elimination tests must be held before the actual date of the contest. The prize for this section is to be a full baby-size bib suitably embroidered and to be inscribed with the name of the winning fac-ulty, its captain, and the date. This may be worn by the captain for the remainder of the day after the contest.

B: Open University Championship:

This is open to all male undergrads and is to be another time contest. The contestants will be required to consume in a pre-de-termined order, approx. one and one-sixth litres (26 fl. ozs.) from a specially constructed vessel (donated by the law students) the design of which is still on the "most secret" list. There is to be no pause

THUS the Men's Club executive or hesitation in consumption, or In passing it should be mentioned has this year given considera- the entrant will be disqualified that Arts and Commerce have altion to all these factors, and to the The entry fee has not yet been dedesirability (and possibility) of hold- termined but will be in the vicinity ing such a function. The following of 2/6. Nominations for this will be contests among approx. sixteen accepted only from tried and proven applicants who come within a time other faculties. Also we feel that we limit of one minute. These nominations are to be in the hands of the

secretary by Monday. 27th April. The prize is to be a suitably inscribed bib and the undying admiration of the student body as a whole. The bib may be worn by the winner for the remainder of the day after the contest.

The executive is determined that this contest shall be conducted in a convivial but restrained manner.

We appeal for male undergrads to support this function and enter into it with the correct spirit. viz. that of good fellowship and not of debauchery.

Then be obese,

Be a big, fat,

good - natured

SLOB!

DUMB

In passing it should be mentioned ready nominated teams while Law is believed to be holding elimination teams. No news has yet come in of should mention that one expected contestant is rumoured to have consumed 26 fl. ozs, in 34 secs. This gives intending entrants an idea of the standard to be attained.

Further information may be obtained from the following:-

J. C. HALL, Arts III, St. Lucia. G. CRIDLAND, Sec., Arts-Law,

St. Lucia and Union College.

Executive: R. ARCHIBALD, Eng. IV; S. DODDS, Eng.; G. LINDEN-MAYER, Sc.; (all George Street). J. GORDON, Arts-Law, St. Lucia and St. Leos; K. Mulherin, Commerce, St. Lucia and Emmanuel; G. ROGERS, Herston and Emmanuel.



Semper's contribution to Commem. is this delightfully informal snapshot of our Union Council. Readers will note the expression of benign and infinite wisdom on the face of Stephen Chastity (the one in the middle.)



Herces are complex and sometimes inconsistent people, and to make their personalities comprehensible the writer has often to distort the truth almost beyond recognition.

space upon its material, so that his-tory itself may be distorted, or broken up into segments too dis-playing, it should not be missed. connected to form any satisfying whole. These are the faults of the latest essay in this form, Elia Kazan's study of a Mexican patriot in Viva Zapata,

Zapata himself has been simpli-fied and his life distorted to fit the heroic ideal. What we are shown 's not so much the history of a movement as a series to episodes, each perfectly conceived and exccuted, but so disconnected as to make appreciation, and sometimes even understanding, impossible. It is a people of the whole gether in pence and friendship."

Take the episodes individually and it would be difficult to conceive of anything finer. Kazan's direction is sensitive and sure, and his symbols, despite the episodic treatment of the theme, are always ruliy realised. The scene of wide movement in the crowd scenes, the poerry of space that is evoked by the bare mountain setting, the sensitive but unsentimental recreation of the

an enic quality that is very rare, indeed. Zapata's march through the in our beds!" The aims, however, man who takes no interest in public countryside on his way to prison, the are peace and friendship. These, I affairs not as a harmless but as a massacre in the canefield, Zapata's think, are quite laudable aims. In death (a peculiar mixture of poetry a world where the President of the and obscene brutality) and the final U.S.A. has stated that science has scene with its images of resurrec- "progressed" so far that humanity tion, the wild horse and running vater, these are not only pure film art but film art at its very best. And it says much for Kazan that matter of self-preservation. the smaller scenes are handled with an equal mastery; the delicate humour of the wooing scenes and the restrained pathos of the scene in which Zapata confesses to his wile that he cannot read. There is, in fact, no part of the alm, from the ironic lyricism of the scene in which the president is murdered to the bare reality, social as "ell an artistic, of the end of Zatapa's brother, that is not masterfully directed and exquisitely played And yet in spite of the crowded movement of the individual scenes the film as a whole is static, and in voite of their vividness, the film itself is a muddle.

Then again, the dramatic form | Viva Zapata has some of the most imposes certain limits of time and memorable and exciting scenes ever



IF you aren't, listen to this- " . . will give thousands of young men and women, representing milgether in peace and friendship."

Some heinous conspiracy designed to undermine and destroy democracy? Hardly, It is the statement issued by the W.F.D.Y. in calling for the Fourth World Youth Festival which will be held in Bucharest at the invitation of the Union of Working Youth of Roumania.

Damned The Socialist Club

THE University Socialist Club was formed in the third term of last year by a group of students who believe that students should be encouraged to think about and discuss politics.

One of the objects of the club is 'to provide a meeting place, a platform, and recreation for students sympathetic to the cause of so-cialism." The other is "to study and discuss, and expound the main theories of socialism and to encourage a scientific attitude with respect to all matters and especially with respect to social phenomena."

The emphasis is on discussion and attendance at our meetings is not restricted to "those sympathetic to the cause of socialism." All students and graduates are invited to attend and join in discussions.

In the modern democratic state the ever-increasing amount of government participation in what was once considered the exclusive field of private enterprise requires from every one of us a greater interest in public affairs. What Pericles said "Hah! Held behind the iron cur- of the Athenian citizens might well whole national culture gives the film tain!" scream the Wentworth fans, be said of the citizen of the modern "A Bolshevist plot to murder us all democratic state, "We regard a

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said so little in so long to so many people, as did the members of our Federal Parliament on March 11th.	bo

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NEVER have so many politicians | We Want ...

The reason? Who knows? They might-but we don't! ถร-

Was it because they could not answer the questions 1400 people representing hundreds of thousands of Australians in over 96 organisations wanted to ask them?

Why was there a reception committee of up to 50 Commonwealth Police detailed to prevent the delegation entering Parliament House?

The people of Australia are asking this, and many other questions, and wanting the answers.

Iron Curtain

The delegates were labellel "All Reds", but facts totally refute this. The only things all red were the politicians faces when they saw a number of delegates, and even Eddie Ward (M.H.R. for East Sydney) admitted he had seen many people who, he knew personally, were not Communists.

However, Menzies did not accept a shouted invitation to "come out from behind the Iron Curtain." Perhaps there was an element of truth in the comment-"He can't. He's got Labour Pains."

Students, factory workers, farmers, housewives, miners, building workers, wharfies, trammies, seamen, postal workers, pensioners, New Australians, men and women, young and old, from all States, from town and country, they came with demands to put before the Federal Government.

Students present came from Uniersities (Sydney, Brisbane, Melourne), Technical Colleges (Sydy and Melbourne) and two Melourne High Schools. They wanted to put before the Federal Government for consideration, such things

ion of Text Books,

POLITICIANS

Increased grants for Universities, Non-interference of National Service Training with studies,

More and better Scholarships. Lifting of controls on importa-

Improved facilities for study.

Hundreds of Youth took demands drawn up last year at Youth Rights Assemblies in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Trade Unionists demanded improved working conditions; women wanted equal pay for equal work; unemployed workers wanted some of the money being spent on war preparations, to be used to supply jobs

Cemocratic Rights

Despite many requests, only 10 politicians saw any of the many delegates. They are to be congratulated for their action in the face of pressure from all Party leaders. The delegates still want an answer to the cry-"Doyle can get in. Why can't we?'

Everyone wants to know why were the democratic rights of the Australlan people-the right to interview their elected representatives. the right to use the peoples property, denied to them, and by whose authority these restrictions were enforced!

B. LANE, Forrestry II.

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It may be that it is too crowded to be comprehended as a whole. It is more likely that the writer, John Steinbeck, has simply failed to integrate his material. The dialogue is certainly banal enough, and often ro pretentious that not even Kazan and Marlon Brando as the hero can cover the weakness. The film is most happy in its long stretches of silence, merciful silence, which Kazan uses with such consummate skill.

Perhaps it is fitting that my most vivid memories should be of isolated shots from the film: a hand stirdeath; the long shots of peasants Festival. roming from lanes and fields to join Zapata's procession to the prison.

can be erased from the face of the Earth, peace and friendship between nations would seem to be a

Seeing that most of us aspire. sometime in the future, to become grandfathers or grandmothers, and the only way to achieve this blessful state of existence is for a more or less peaceful world, we should strive to force Peace to break out as much as possible. Since the common people fight wars; since they have to be convinced that people in other parts of the world wish to kill them. before a war can be brough off successfully; it seems that if the common people get together and sing, play sport and discuss matters in a friendly way, we will have gone a long way along the rather tedious, but necessary road to Peace.

There is also the matter of putting a few holes in the iron curtain. Our lugs are constantly bashed from both sides and it generally goes in one ear and out the other. Now if we sent some person to the Festival who had open eves as well as an open mind, he could find out more or less how the people live there and whether or not-they wish to continue that way. There would probably be startling revelations for the people of both sides of the curtain.

So if we University students are not thinking of terminating our rering the filagree of frost on a pane spective family trees rather suddenjust before the president is shot; ly, we could do much worse than Zapata crouched like an animal in send a delegate to the Bucharest

G. N. PROUD, Agr. I

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useless character."

The passive acceptance of beliefs, docility before the bombastic harangue of the politician are the marks of the useless character. 'Politics' is synonymous with 'cunning' only when we allow ourselves to be hoodwinked. The modern democratic state recognises the importance of the individual and it places on him the responsibility of exercising the freedom he possesses, Only by active exercise of freedom can we hope to retain it, for one of the greatest threats to freedom is apathy.

In the hope of building up an interest in public affairs among University students, the Socialist Club offers a meeting-place to those who are prepared to come out from under the mantle of apathy that is slowly enshrouding the whole -University.

We hope to bring many speakers to the University during the lunch hours and guest speakers have accepted our invitation to address general meetings of the club to which all students are invited.

Notices of meetings of the club will appear on the notice boards and in "Semper."

L. F. WYVILL, Pres.,

U.Q.D.S. "A PHOENIX TOO FREQUENT" a Comedy by Christopher Fry

will be presented in King George V Square, on the night of Wednesday, 29th April, at 8 p.m. ADMISSION FREE

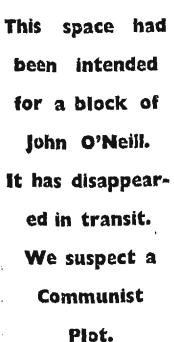
Hickey's Hoodlums in Rugby Rout New Farm Annihilated at Normanby

Last week's high-scoring riot was repeated this week when the 'A'-graders ran up 49 points to New Farm's 5.



(By Weary.)

The boys in black started with a ruddy blush, caught Varsity defenders (?) on the wrong foot and opened the scoring with a converted



backs then brightened up and scored freely against an opposition who scemed determined not to strain old friendships by tackling too often. The forwards' scrumming and rucking was more cohesive than last week, but in the line-outs "Big Lou" seemed the only one jumping. The backs' plan consisted of individual efforts and backing up rather than correct positional nlay. RESERVE v. **NEW FARM** Pitched against a team over tribesmen. whom they had marked superior-ity in all departments, the Reserves failed to take advantage of the position and learn to play team football. that day). Loose play and individualism predominated-perhaps that is what we expect from University. Only in the closing stages did the forwards ruck as a pack and the backs know passes. where they were running. Excuses are plentiful at the moment. Individually they attacked well and tackled badly. Final score: 50-0. Tries: Thomson 3, Conomos 2, three tries. Kreagh 2, Waller 1, Bilhoff 1, Ohlrich 1. O'Brien 1, Cridland 1. . Conversions: Moroney 5, Thomson 1, Mullins 1.

B Grade v. New Farm, Win 9-5. This lack of positioning was no messa and I. Hatherall 1 each

try. As the Reds re-organised for | doubt due to the necessity of movthe kick-off, Lou. Hatherall seemed ing in two outside men in Kassulke to put matters, right with a few and Hickey to take the place of the well-chosen epithets. Forwards and

VARSITY STATE REPS. Four University players have been selected to play for Queensland against N.S.W. on 29th of April, under floodlight.

Those chosen are:---Ross Shiel-five-eighth. Ashley Girle-inside centre.

John O'Neil-reserve. Chilla Wilson-reserve. Lou. Hatherall, Con. Prim-

mer and Glen Shiel were unavailable for selection.

The inclusion of Ashley Girle, as the first step in his selection for the South African tour, is reported to have caused unrest amongst the Kikuyu

brothers Shiel (playing for Brisbane

On occasions the backs were so far apart that they could not reach each other with normal

However, all the backs ran with great determination, particularly Johnny O'Neil. It was pleasing to see "Seagull" adapt himself to his new role as left winger by scoring

Scorers were; Tries; H. O'Driscoll 3, J. O'Neil and H. Hickey 2 each, T. Byrne, L. Parker, R. Canta-Brian Kassulke kicked eight conversions out of 11 attempts.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB NOTES LISMORE TRIP

Easter saw a general exodus of hockey club members to the annual carrival at Lismore, and although our hockey was not very successful, socially we took the fair city of the north by storm.

fielded, and these were comprised of something like the following:

Five forwards, six halves, and the rest full-backs, which left things just a little unbalanced. Anyhow, by the end of the week-end, everybody was full, and so the equilibrium was further disturbed. Both teams were knocked out of the competition very early, but the first team reached the final of the losers' round, which they unluckily lost to Ashgrove by one penalty corner, the goal score being even at one-all. Games were played on the Saturday and Monday, and on Sunday the teams spent the day at Ballina, to be forever remembered for its barbecued pheasant, and Ab-dul's grilled fish, among other things.

Outstanding personalities among our members at the carnival were: John McCallum, who again took first honours for side-line decorating. Yusif Khan at one stage looked like challanging our champion, but decided to bow down to Mac's overall superiority. There is no doubt that Mac has left his mark both our teams lost. in Lismore.

Sam Privitera, who was unani-mously voted the biggest wolf m among us, Even Nancy agreed with us on that point.

Bob Stringer, who was so generous as to leave behind in Lismore one football boot, sundry hockey sticks, and several tracked shins.

Tim Barrett, skipper and again ings-on.

TWO teams, or rather, enough best player in our teams. Seemed L blokes to form two teams, were to be the only one able to cope with the rough fields, but it took a pretty rough bloke to do that. As full-back, he played a very good game round about the oppositions 25-yard line.

> On Saturday, 11th April, the first of two grading matches was held of two grading nationes was near at St. Lucia, No. 2 oval. The main game was University v. Wilston, which ended up a draw, 3-all, after Varsity had been leading 3-1 at half time. No one knows for sure just what happened, but it is thought that Wilston "got at" one of the refs., namely, Johnny Bell, Suspicion of this is founded on the fact that "Dinger" gave a penalty bully against our full-back, Clive Williams, when the score was 3-all, However, justice pursued its course. and Clive won the bully and prevented any score. In the reserve grade match, John Potter, the pride of Essex, popped in a couple of "bottlers" to enable University to win 2-1, against Wilston. The B grade games were both against Valley teams, and so we won't bother to quote the final scores, but

After the games, a barbecue was held at Noel Haysom's country esour party, and who undoubtedly tate, and a very pleasant evening possesses the longest stretched leg was had by all Unfortunately, the among us Even Nancy agreed with womens club did not co-operate as co-operatively as they might have, and only one solitary member, in the quite pleasant form of Betty. Emslie, showed up. Once again our thanks are due to Noel for the use of his barn, etc., for our riotous go-



Tail Suits—Dinner Suits—and Tuxedos



DOUBLE-BREASTED DINNER SUITS: Ready-tailored in a multitude of sizes that impart that "made for you" look. Cut by Rothwells from English Pinhead to the favoured semi-drape style featuring long single lapel rolled to a single button fastening. Silk lined coat; braided trousers.

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"Old Poohbah" Calls All Freshers Athletics, Athletics, Athletics

For the first time in the history of the Athletics Club, Freshers' Championships have been arranged and are to be conducted on the No. 3 Oval at St. Lucia on Saturday alternoon, 2nd. May,

All interested freshers are invited past representatives and the older . After five years of backing to the freshers, and ex-G.P.S. and school athletes, and make this the basis for your competition in the annual land tourists, Tony Booth and John club championships on 16th and 23rd May.

There are vacancies to be filled in helpful advice and general coaching, which is off to Sydney for the Aus- members. tralian Universities Championships on the 3rd and 5th of June. Ask

Open Scholarship Allowance for First Term, 1953

Open Scholarship holders are reminded that they must complete a voucher form and hand it in at the Enquiry Office not later than Monday, the 11th May. 1953. The Department of Public Instruction has advised that it wil lnot accept scholarship vouchers from students unless all subjects are listed.

C. PAGE HANIFY, Registrar.



and requested to take part, so come hands still in the club of their exclub and keen competition their along in your hordes you college nericaces on a tour such as this, reward was forthcoming. It may be revealed now that an-

Our two lately returned New Zealand tourists, Tony Booth and John other team will be touring New Loveday, who have been roaming Zealand in 1957, and it is oovlous from city to city since 1948 on Interthat to-day's Freshers will be the Varsity tours will be there to give selections in four years' time. Set yourselves the task now! Follow in

the Inter-Varsity touring team, along with other prominent club

the year.

This opportunity is too good to miss! Take the case of Booth and Loveday. They reached the ultimate goal of Inter-Varsity Athletics when selections for the New Zealand tour were announced early in

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1953

Faculties, Clubs, Societ-

ies, and all other bodies

interested in nominaling a

candidate in the Miss Uni-

versity, 1953, campaign

are requested to get crack-

ing. Lapel badges are

available at Union Office,

George Street. So far Mr.

Stephen (Chostity) Hock-

But of course you will have to make a start at the Freshers' Championships, so we will see you on the 2nd of May.

Remember that date-as if you could forget it: it is the day after Commem. Ball!

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6 m. 8 secs.

12.6 secs.)

Championship; (Record: J. Young,

1, J. Carey (Med.); 2. V. Ridings

the footsteps of Zatopek, the human

machine-four years is not very long.



Semper, ever aware of pressing Social needs, has formulated the following eight easy rules on how to get your girl.

- 1. Have a car.
- 2. Be a good conversational-



BOOTH, FORSOOTH ING SVVI RESULTS

University Championships and Inter-Faculty Competition Monday, 13th April

400 Metres Men's Freestyle Cham- | ionship: (Record: W. Gillies, 4 m. pionship: (Record W. Gillies, 5 m. 49.5 secs.) 50 secs.) 1, J. Cooley (Eng.); 2, Wiles (App.

Sc.); 3, J. Waller (A.). Time, 4 m. 1, W. Blake (Med.); 2. Wiles (App. Se.); 3. G. Broadbent (Med.), Time, 506 secs. Metres 50

Men's Freestyle 50 Meires Women's Freestyle Championship:

This Is Not Opposition To The Swimming Club