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Student Body.

Question of Control.

Is Reorganisation Necessary?

Fresh from a fortnight's vacation, most students, no doubt, have relegated to the attics of their minds the shame which was put on the Alma Mater immediately prior to the vacation. But "Honi Soit" feels sure that no right thinking student can ever really forget the stain placed on the reputation of the University.

Passions have been allowed to subside. Many people, it is to be assumed, are now directing the searchlight of reason to the occurrence. And the question is being asked—what is wrong?

As reported in another column, the Undergraduates' Association has not been slow to act. It has already embarked on a searching inquiry with a view to ascertaining whether any constitution suitable to the needs of the student body can be framed. It is realised that, while the blame for the disgraceful acts of "Black Tuesday" (if "Honi Soit" may be permitted to coin such a phrase) lies with the individual perpetrators, the reason why the occurrence of such acts has not been rendered impossible must be sought in the organisation of the student body (or lack of such organisation). In any community there are individuals who, given an inch, will take the proverbial ell. Believing that prevention is better than cure, most enlightened States establish adequate police forces to prevent the taking of that ell. In other words, safeguards are provided by means of organised control. The question now to be answered is, can adequate control be guaranteed under the present system?

A review of the present position is instructive. But let us first make two comments. In the first place, "Honi Soit" refuses to believe that the majority of students possesses so little self-respect and is so lacking in University spirit as to have been indifferent to the conduct of the larrikins who dragged the name of the corporation in the mud on "Black Tuesday." Nor, in the second place, will it allow anyone to say that the organising committee for Festival Week did not do all in its power to prevent just what happened. Those two facts, however, only serve more clearly to demonstrate that there is a weak link in the chain.

What, then, is the position to-day? When the present committee of the Undergraduates' Association came into office, the executive recommended that the former method of organising Festival Week be abandoned, and that the year's festivities be controlled and organised by a central committee comprising representatives of every phase of University life, namely, the Staff, the Undergraduates' Association, the Women Undergraduates' Association, the Evening Students and the University Colleges. Accordingly the following Festival Committee was elected:—

The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman); the Registrar and Mr. E. F. Campbell, representing the Staff; Mr. J. M. Gosper (President); Dr. R. A. M. Allen, and Messrs. F. W. Bayldon, A. G. Smith, K. A. Flavelle, A. A. Shorter, R. G.

(Continued on Col. 4.)

Out of Touch.

At Oxford University there is a quaint tradition that a man cannot "go down" without having publicly assaulted a policeman or other public officials. The word "quaint" has been used because the custom is now, in our estimation, an anachronism.

Just as the rise of Feminism is tending to discredit the tradition that a "Gentleman" must "sow his wild oats" in his youth, so the more vigorous application of the equality of man is leading to the rejection of any theory of privilege. So, too, has the real purpose of a University become more and more apparent with the liberalisation of education.

Universities are no longer places to which wealthy and titled parents send their sons, because it is the "thing done." They are centres of learning open to all who wish to take part in that "larger life" referred to in a recent speech of the Chancellor (Sir William Cullen). No longer, even in conservative old England, where absurd "tradition" has kept many an abuse alive long after its time, are the irresponsible vandalism of young "gentlemen" winked at, because the "young masters do not mean any harm."

Fortunately for Australia, whilst its citizens are still proud to belong to the British Empire, they long ago decided that certain things were better left to the "Old Country." Such traditions as those to which reference has been made are some of them. Australians do not wish to perpetuate such abuses, the popularity of which is already on the decline in the land of their origin.

So "Honi Soit" would like to say to a certain section of the student body of the University of Sydney, "You are out of touch."

A month has passed since a certain "Black Tuesday." The first flush of anger has gone, and one is now able to look on the events of that night more in sorrow. In any case, the public press of Sydney has said so much about it, that "Honi Soit" hesitates to add its quota to a houseating chronicle. Suffice it to say that, had this journal had the task of indicting the students on that occasion, it would have confined itself to facts. But then, "Honi Soit" has no revenue to think of.

We know that the vast majority of undergraduates have bowed their heads in shame at the disgraceful episode of the Cenotaph, exaggerated as the reports of that episode were, even in Sydney's most conservative journal. We know too that the Undergraduates' Association officially did all in its power to atone, and that its actions were enthusiastically endorsed by a mass meeting of students. Two of that Association's most precious possessions are the acceptance of its public apology by the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League, and by the father of two of the glorious dead.

But what of the future? Certainly the incident must be lived down. "Honi Soit" is confident that it can be, and that the student body can rehabilitate itself in the eyes of the public and of the University authorities. Those responsible for the dragging of the fair name of the University of Sydney through the mud will, no doubt, receive adequate punishment (some people would like to wield a horsewhip, and we are not altogether opposed to that course). That, however, is only the beginning. The question which has to be answered now is: are the festivities usually associated with Commemoration to be abandoned for ever? The authorities know that the student body as a whole can behave itself. It has, on the other hand, been made painfully aware that a certain section cannot. We think they would be justified in taking the stand that, if Commemoration festivities provide an excuse for misbehaviour of a few irresponsibles, Commemoration festivities must cease. If the Association cannot, as it promised, adequately guard against such a display as that which occurred at the Tivoli Theatre (and that in itself was sufficiently disgraceful), then it is not entitled to hold the functions at which such demonstrations of base and drunken vulgarity (let us not mince words) are possible.

The solution must lie in some re-organisation of the student body. On every occasion where conduct has been unseemly, the Undergraduates Association has taken the responsibility. And yet that Association only represents, at the most, forty per cent. of the students. Powerful societies exist within the university for all sorts of purposes, and all manner of interests are served disjointly. "Honi Soit" thinks that the way to brighter times was pointed by the action of the Undergraduates' Association in appointing a committee representative of every phase of University life to arrange the last Festival Week. If that committee had been formed from a body so constituted as to embrace within its four walls every interest within the University, its gargantuan labours would not have gone for naught, and the celebrations would not have come to such a sudden and tragic end.

Student Body

(Continued from Col. 1.)

Conley, F. S. Flynn, P. E. McCormack, and T. M. Clouston, representing the Undergraduates' Association; Mr. A. D. Edwards (President), and A. J. Walker, representing the Evening Students' Association; Miss Evanne Wood (President) and Miss Snyder, representing the Women Undergraduates; Miss Fidler (President, Women's Union); and the Senior Students of St. Andrew's College (Mr. A. W. Ross); St. Paul's College (Mr. M. M. Ramsden); Wesley College (Mr. R. H. Foote); St. John's College (Mr. H. F. Benning); Women's College (Miss Lawrence); Sancta Sophia Hall (Miss McMahon).

An extensive and comprehensive programme was drawn up, and endless time and worry, and not a little expense, was spent in the preparations for what was confidently expected to be a wonderful Festival Week, one which would reflect credit on the University. The Song Book was a great success. The co-operation of the staff and the enthusiastic and energetic leadership of the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Wallace) proved the wisdom of the innovation.

How the action of a few led to a tragic ending to the festivities is known to all. Naturally, the only thing to do, after "Black Tuesday," was VOLUNTARILY to abandon further festivities. That would have been done irrespective of the action of the authorities. One can well imagine the keen disappointment of those whose efforts to make the procession a record were tireless.

Now it is felt that a scheme which includes greater co-operation between the different members of the University—Senate, Staff, graduates and undergraduates—is most desirable. For the Undergraduates' Association, representing no more than forty per cent. of the student body, to accept full responsibility for such activities as Festival Week is manifestly wrong.

At a special general meeting of the Undergraduates' Association on the last day of Lent Term, the President (Mr. Murray Gosper) asked for constructive criticism. "Honi Soit" again invites that criticism. It is obvious that some change must take place. Every person who has ever been associated with the University can help the committee and "Honi Soit" to find the solution of the difficulty. Of course, modification of the present system, moderate or drastic, cannot be effected in a few minutes. Long and deliberate consideration must be given to the subject. And, let us stress, any decision to bring about a change must come from the whole University.

"Honi Soit" will run a special column each week on the subject. In addition to reporting progress, it will publish any suggestions which appeal to the editorial committee as having in them something to recommend them.

Publisher's Notice

For the guidance of contributors and correspondents, it is pointed out that The Editor's Box closes at 5 o'clock on the Friday afternoon of each week. The earlier contributions are received the more consideration naturally, will they be given.



Second Imperial Conference of Students.

The second Imperial Conference of University Students will be held at the University of Montreal, Canada. To be officially opened on Friday, September 6, by His Excellency, Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, the Conference will be held under the auspices of The National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The First Imperial Conference of Students was convened at Oxford and Cambridge in 1924, under the direction of The National Union of Students of England and Wales, when representatives from various universities in the British Empire gathered to discuss matters of common interest. At the conclusion of this conference, it was the unanimous feeling of the delegates present that meetings of a similar nature should be held at least every four years.

The National Federation of Canadian University Students in session at its Annual Conference in 1927 extended an invitation to hold this Second Conference in Canada in 1929.

This invitation was enthusiastically accepted by the National Union of Students of England and Wales, and the Student Representative Councils of Scotland, and since that time has met with the approval of students throughout the British Commonwealth.

Mr. L. I. Greene, President of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, writes:—

"Any movement which brings into closer relations the students of the British Commonwealth of Nations is one of great importance in that it makes all realise a common responsibility. This is a responsibility which should perhaps be kept constantly before our eyes, if we are to accept our privilege and leave to posterity a heritage worthy of our generation.

"We are anxious that this heritage be not one of expansion through conquest; rather, by fostering a spirit of sympathy and understanding, the students of the Empire may, in some small way through their conferences, contribute to the maintenance of peace and prosperity to mankind.

"This sentiment, coupled with the need of discussing the practical problems common to all student life, makes it possible and happy for me to extend a sincere and pressing invitation to students of the Empire to meet at Montreal, Canada, in September of this year."

The Conference will discuss such matters as student exchanges and tours, debating, athletics, travel, scholarships, student loan schemes, lectureships and openings for post-graduate work, student publications, the International Confederation of Students, national student organisations, general imperial questions, and other matters of interest to students throughout the British Commonwealth.

Addresses by distinguished public men will be given on the following subjects:—

Problems of the British Commonwealth of Nations;
Overseas Settlement;
The British Commonwealth and the League of Nations;
The Students' Part in the Commonwealth.

In addition, a special address will be given on "Canada."

Mr. I. M. Edwards, N.S.W., Rhodes Scholar for 1929, has been invited by the Undergraduates' Association to be the Sydney delegate at this Conference.

Memo to Correspondents

If you want us to print your letters, at least couch them in good English. Write legibly, and do not insult us by scribbling on a tram ticket in any old five minutes of leisure. The temper of our sub-editor is short, and composers' time shorter.
Contributors are advised that we are unable to handle copy satisfactorily unless it is written on one side of the paper only.
From next week the Editor's box will be found in the Union Exchange.

AN OPEN LETTER To the Sydney Press.

On May 21 a disgraceful incident occurred at the Tivoli Theatre. This journal is not attempting to make light of that incident. Nor is it inclined to make any excuses for those students who were recently convicted at the Central Police Court.

BUT we do think you might have told the truth about both incidents.

The public, we are told, gets the Government it deserves. We would hesitate, in view of the standard you maintain, to say that it also gets the Press it deserves. If that were so, the public of Sydney has very low tastes.

We expected gross exaggeration, and even invention, from certain Sydney journals. What we did not expect was that those journals which can generally be relied upon for sane, safe news, would also exaggerate and distort in such a manner as utterly to mislead the general public.

Our quarrel with you, however, is not so much because of what you said about the incident when it occurred. That may have been good journalism. And we do not ask for any privileges. What we do object to most strongly is the manner in which, with no more important scandals to retail to (in your estimation) an avidly eager public, you attempted to bolster the incident into the sensation of the year. Even our apology—for something, bear in mind, for which the apologists were not responsible—was sneered at. "There were many exclamations, as the crowd gathered to inspect the wreath," said one daily, "some of disgust." We regard that as an unparadonable assumption on the part of the

Cub reporter who obviously wrote it. We cannot believe that the man in the street is so lacking in a sense of proportion.

That apology, we might point out, was accepted by the Returned Soldiers' League.

We had also to put up with a shower of letters from "Pro Bono Publico," "Indignant," etc., most of them the product of snobbish minds. We could weather that storm. But the consistent attitude of certain newspapers was grossly insulting. In a leader in the issue of the day following the incident, one said: "Many people, as they read the morning's news, thanked God that they had not sent their children to the University, to learn how to desecrate Cenotaphs." We make no comment on that statement, beyond this—that many students and former students of the University of Sydney learnt how to die for their country in the Great War which that monument commemorates.

Students of the University of Sydney have accepted the responsibility for actions which have brought shame on the Alma Mater. They feel that shame intensely, and have taken every step to atone. "Honi Soit" has no hesitation in taking up the cudgels on their behalf, and states without fear of con-

UNDERGRADS' BALL

Enjoyment Assured

There was wailing and gnashing of teeth when it was learnt that the Festival Ball had been abandoned along with all the other features of Festival Week. Those lucky men who had hoped to arouse the envy of all their fellows by exhibitions of the 'Varsity Drag, which had been designed, especially for their own fair partners, felt that Fate was indeed hard.

"Honi Soit" can now tell those unhappy fellows to take heart, for they will have the opportunity of attending the Undergrads' Ball. July 2, at the Palais Royal, is the appointment to jot down in your diaries. Dancing is from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and we can recommend the music.

Members of the Undergrads' Association can obtain their tickets from the Hon. Treasurers at the committee room between 1 and 1.45 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Non-members may obtain theirs from the Union and Manning House (vide Advertising Columns).

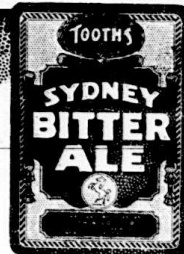
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tradition that the actions referred to were those of a few irresponsibles who are beyond the pale. But you chose to place the blame on the whole student body. Not only that, you took the opportunity publicly to insult an institution of which Sydney might well be proud. With one exception, you refused to accept our assurance that the actions were abhorrent to students as a body, and that the offenders would be dealt with. We leave the public to judge. And we have a far better opinion of that public, apparently, than you have. Yours sincerely,

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FRAMING A CONSTITUTION

Inquiries by Committee.

CUSTOMS ELSEWHERE

At its last meeting, the committee of the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association, passed the following resolution:—

"That inquiries be made regarding the possibilities of reorganising the student body of the University of Sydney."

The columns of "Honi Soit" have been placed at the disposal of the committee, which invites suggestions from any member of the University, graduate or undergraduate.

No decision has yet been reached regarding the desirability of a constitution covering the whole student body. Indeed, no decision is possible until the numerous societies existing within the University have been consulted.

Immediate action, however, has been taken, and Universities throughout English speaking countries have been circularised, with a view to ascertaining the constitutions of their student bodies. Already a number of very helpful replies have been received.

Early developments are expected. Watch this journal every Wednesday. And send in your suggestions.

S.U.U.A. Subs.

A Reminder

At a General Meeting of the Undergraduates' Association in the Union Hall on Friday, 23rd May, an urgent appeal was made to the rank and file of the undergraduate body that they should become financial members of the Association. Although the densely packed gathering expressed enthusiasm for the proposal, so far the actual response has been disappointing. The Association has recently become involved in considerable debt, owing chiefly to the cost of producing "Hermes," and although it was hoped that this deficiency would be wiped out by a successful Festival Week, this expectation was, as you know, not realised. The Committee do not wish, nor should they be forced, to angle for financial support. They have faith in your own sense of duty to your Association and loyalty to your University to seek out your Year Representative at once and pay your subscription.

THE SONG BOOK

To the Editor.—It has frequently occurred to me that our 'Varsity lacks a very desirable feature—we have no Song Book. The "Commem." Song Book, as it comes out year by year, is usually confined to humorous topical songs, with but a momentary appeal. Occasionally a good 'Varsity song appears therein, only to be forgotten after "Commem." Moreover, the "Commem." Song Book has no music, and we know how many a song appearing in the Song Book is never even sung simply because the "crowd" does not know the tune. In any case, a 'Varsity Song Book would be something quite independent of the annual production.

Such a Song Book, in a handy, portable size, would fill a long-felt want for our smoke concerts, reunions, dinners, post-prandial College sing-songs, even our military camps and our teams on tour. Frequently at our Student functions, there is nobody even to play the 'Varsity anthem or a faculty song because there is no music.

I enclose a copy of "The Company Song Book," compiled during the war for members of the Sydney University Company. This consists of four parts, viz.: 1. National Songs. 2. Songs of the War and the 'Varsity Company. 3. Songs of Sydney University. 4. Miscellaneous songs, comprising many of the good old favorite songs and old English choruses. This little book (3 inches square) contains nearly 70 songs known to all of us, and many of these could be selected together with any really worthy songs from the Commem. Song Books, and one or two of the choruses from the pageant to form the basis of the first edition. Any songs collected subsequent to the first edition could be issued as a leaflet

supplement until the time was ripe for a second edition.

A rule that no song be included in the Song Book until, say, six months after its submission, might help to raise the standard.

I also enclose the Song Book of Wesley College (Melbourne) as an example of what I mean.

Yours, etc., PIP.

[You have a good idea, Pip. Why not write a detailed article on the subject for us? You could use the examples you showed us and any others you might have.—Ed.]



Undergrads' Ball

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Sporting Activities.

During the vacation various University Sporting Bodies were very active. Several Inter-Varsity events were held, and resulted in wins for Melbourne in the Boat Race, in Melbourne, and the Athletics in Brisbane, and a win for Sydney in the Rifle Shooting on Anzac Range, Liverpool.

An Australian Universities' Rugby Union Football Team toured the Dominion of New Zealand, and although New Zealand were victorious in the Test Matches the visiting team put up some good performances.

ROWING.

The annual race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was held on June 1, in Melbourne, over the Lower Yarra 2½ miles course. Sydney rowed in attractive style for a mile, but could not pace it with the leaders. The race resulted in a win by 3½ lengths for Melbourne from Adelaide, who were 2 lengths ahead of Queensland. Sydney were fourth, ¾ length from Queensland, while Western Australia and Tasmania were fifth and sixth respectively.

K. A. Flavelle (Sydney) for the third time in succession won the 2 miles Inter-Varsity Sculling Contest.

Any men wishing to take on rowing, and who are not in Faculty crews, should get into touch with the secretary of the Sports Union, when arrangements will be made to boat them immediately.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Annual Inter-Varsity Rifle Match was fired this year, on Anzac Range, Liverpool, on May 29 and 30, and resulted in a win for Sydney, with a record score of 2122. Western Australia led until the last man was down on the mounds at the last range (900 yards). J. M. Gosper (Sydney) and W. J. Anderson (Western Australia) with 142 out of 150, beat record for the first day's shooting over 300, 500 and 600 yards of 141 held by Sublet (Melbourne), and W. L. Corlis (Sydney).

E. A. Molesworth and J. M. Gosper, both of Sydney, with possibles, equalled the record for 500 yards range, and S. C. Williams, Sydney's captain, with

47 out of 50 at 700 yards, equalled the record for the range.

Results:—

Sydney 2122 (J. M. Gosper, 275; J. S. Needham, 273; E. A. Molesworth, 272; G. B. S. Falkner, 269; S. C. Williams, 267; M. E. Lawrence, 265; W. Bell, 264; C. H. Wood, 237). Western Australia, 2115; Melbourne, 2084; Adelaide, 2053.

New South Wales v. Combined Australian Universities.

In rain and baffling wind the New South Wales team defeated Combined Universities by 6 points over 300, 600, 700 and 900 yards on June 1.

Top scorer for the match was G. S. Manners (W.A.), with 178.

Sydney was represented by J. M. Gosper (171), J. S. Needham (167), E. A. Molesworth (155), and S. C. Williams (151), captain.

ATHLETICS.

The Annual Inter-Varsity Athletics were held on May 29 on the Brisbane Exhibition Ground.

The destination of title was not decided until the last event, up to which Melbourne and Sydney were on level terms with 14 points each.

J. B. Rowe (Sydney), won the 100 yards in 10 3/10secs., and was second in 220 yards; O. E. Worth (Sydney) made a new record of 15 3/5secs. for the 120 yards hurdles, and was second in putting the 16-lb. shot, with 31ft. 6ins., and the broad jump, with 21ft. 2ins., and was third in the high jump with 5ft. 7ins.

D. A. Warden (Sydney) ran second to A. H. Young (Adelaide) in the 440 yards race, being only beaten by two

feet in the record time of 50 secs. Warden unfortunately drew No. 1 track, which was in bad condition, whilst Young drew No. 2, which was in much better form.

W. J. B. Murphy (Sydney) won Pole Vault with 10ft. 1in., while H. H. M. Finnemore (Sydney) won the broad jump with 21ft. 7½ins. C. R. Wallace (Sydney) was second in the 120 yards hurdles, E. B. Buckley third in the 100 yards, R. H. Foote second in the 440 yards hurdles, and T. M. Clouston third in the mile.

Final points score was: Melbourne, 18; Sydney 16; Queensland, 3; Adelaide, 2.

Australian Universities v. University of New Zealand.

On June 5, on University Oval, the first match between the Combined Universities of Australia and the University of New Zealand, ended in a decisive win for Australia by 10 wins to 1.

The events were full of stirring incidents, and after making allowance for the rain-soaked tracks, the performances were of decided merit.

Sydney was represented by:—

J. B. Rowe, winner of 100 yards in 10 3/5secs., and member of winning medley relay team;

O. E. Worth, winner of 120 yards hurdles in 16secs., and broad jump, with 21ft. 7½ins.;

H. H. M. Finnemore, second in broad jump, with 21ft. 2½ins.;

M. Rosenblum, winner of 16-lb. Hammer Throw, with 113ft. 8ins.;

C. H. Wallace, second in 440 yards hurdles, and third in 120 yards hurdles.

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse Club is now well established, and has a team playing in the "B" Grade Competition.

Performances when viewed appear poor, but considering the fact that the majority of players are novices, they have done exceedingly well, and hope to record a win in their first match in the second round.

Practices are held every Wednesday afternoon, and new members are invited to come down.

Mr. Len. Harrison, captain of Mosman "A" Grade team, and Hon. Secretary of the N.S.W. Lacrosse Association, has offered his services as Coach for the Club.

Arrangements are being made for a First Grade match to take place on the Oval for the benefit of students, and in an endeavour to stimulate further interest in the game.

FOOTBALL.

An Australian Universities' Football team toured N.Z. during the vacation. The selected representatives were as follows:—N. K. Lamport (capt.), R. M. Morey (Manager), C. A. Dezar-nauld, M. M. Ramsden, M. Cay, J. B. Barker, C. C. McMullen, A. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, J. S. Nicholas, M. F. Morton, W. D. Cunningham, C. Ahrens, F. S. Flynn, D. Joyce, R. McLean, I. Beveridge, G. G. Dangar, C. Nield, A. W. Robertson, C. S. Rowntree, H. Wiseman, and D. J. Nairn.

Throughout the tour N. K. Lamport played brilliant football behind the scrum, and "Honi Soit" congratulates him on his inclusion in the New South Wales team to meet the All Blacks next Saturday.

BOXING.

It is the intention of the Committee of the S.U. Boxing and Gymnastic Club to inaugurate a series of Inter-Faculty boxing tournaments, to take place in the near future. A meeting of the faculty representatives is being called for next Tuesday, when it is hoped that the first step will be taken in that direction. At present it is understood that Arts and Med. will be entering, and the Committee sincerely hopes that the other faculties will nominate men for any or all of the weights. For further information watch these columns, the Recorder, or ask the Secretary of the Sports Union.

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