**Vital Lampada**

"Let's unite and up and fight and
Make our Varsity sublime!"

Australians are bent to prove to themselves the fact that, whilst the Commonwealth has advanced to a higher peak in the march of democracy than the "Old Country," the best traditions of Great Britain have been preserved in this sunny land.

That particularly true of the public school spirit. Eton, Harrow and all those English schools renowned for their intense school patriotism have no more claim to that distinction than the Great Public Schools and High Schools of Australia. Each school is as proud of its "spirit" as it is of its traditions and its Honour Roll.

Can the University of Sydney claim as much?

In the past, graduates of the University of Sydney have had that feeling for the Alma Mater which proves the existence of such a "Varsity spirit." It has been suggested that such is not the case at present. "Honi Soit" would like indignantly to repudiate that suggestion, just as it takes the opportunity publicly to deny the assertion, made in a letter to the Editor, that the present generation of undergraduates has "acquired bad habits."

It must be admitted, however, that there is a reason for the growth of such an idea. There are much too many of the utilitarian, and too little of the cultural, about University education. The Varsity is accustomed, for example, to claim that "Sydney turns out some of the best surgeons in the world." That is wholly admirable. But "Honi Soit" for one would like it also to be able to say: "Sydney has the most loyal student body in the world;" or it turns out a greater number of cultured gentlemen than any other institution.

So, "children of Alma Mater," whatever our estate, let us adopt the words of the song, and "make our Varsity sublime."

Believing then, that in order that its graduates may enter into enjoyment of the joys of intellect and spirit, Sydney must make an effort to foster a "Varsity spirit" as soon as they matriculate, the idea that the Under-graduates' Association (or guild, or union, or whatever else it is finally named) be established. Each student who calls for rehabilitation? Believing, then, that they, by what they do, have not forfeited the confidence of any authorities.

But I think you will find that the institution of such a "Varsity spirit" will not only be worth while following up it is effectively embodied in a strong Executive Committee, which is to superintend the Under-graduate activities. A University which is a powerful influence for rehabilitation is increasingly active in the work of leadership. Yours faithfully,

E. F. CAMPBELL.

**Deency and Order Posse**

STUDENT'S SUGGESTION.

In answer to the request of the President of the Undergraduates' Association, for the publication of suggestions concerning the reorganisation of the student body, this student body, who maintains that the undergraduate body is not really under a close watch, will undertake to be responsible for the complete rehabilitation and restoration of prestige, under the name of a "Decency and Order Posse." In a letter to Mr. Gosper, he wrote:

"The Decency and Order Posse wears a distinguishing badge. Each year of each Faculty elects one member for every twenty men in that year. The Decency-and-Order Posse is not a Police League or a Society for the Abolition of Examiners. Spirits. The scope of its duties is discreetly governed. If police cannot be persuaded to enter a theatre, the posse matches the audience out of the house, and promptly descends upon rowdies and boorish (drunken and/or ill-bred and/or degenerate) types, of the" lessor" type, innocent-minded boors who are led astray by the "party spirit" and the alcohol. The posse is then a leaderless legion and docile and howlers (drunken and/or ill-bred and promptly descends upon brawlers and their schoolmates) that the police chief is able to take out of the picture at will.

"If the posse is not satisfied with the results of their efforts, their opinion and morale.

"The Board in Control of Student Publications, consisting of four faculty and three student members, has general supervision over the policy and management of the individual publications. To this Board the heads of the various publications are required to report.

All publications have their offices in the buildings of the student body on Maynard Street, which has been declared the finest housing of student publications in the world. Students from all classes, both men and women, are eligible to work on publications of the University, and receive experience in journalism and management which proves invaluable. Calls for try-outs are made for time from the beginning of the year, the most important being in February, at which time freshers become eligible to compete.

**THE MICHIGAN DAILY.**

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National Federation of Canadian University Students.

In our last issue we published details of the Second Imperial Conference of students. It was mentioned that the conference was to be held under the auspices of the National Federation of Canadian University Students. We have now been supplied with a number of very interesting details concerning this organization.

The organization grew out of a conference of representatives of the various student governing bodies in Canada, which met at McGill University, Montreal, in December. Delegates from twelve universities and colleges were present, and after thoroughly investigating the benefits that might be derived from a national organization, drafted a constitution which met with the unanimous approval of the individual student bodies.

Since that time, seven other universities have applied for membership and have been admitted. The organization now counts among its members approximately twenty thousand university students. It was in this spirit and in this manner that Canada's national student organization was incorporated.

Debating is one of the activities of the body, and although classes have been organized with a view to promoting a greater measure of contact and understanding between the various sections in Canada.

The Federation has a scheme of Exchange of Undergraduate students through which it hopes most effectively to serve the fundamental purpose for which it was formed. At the same time, this scheme offers an opportunity to Canadian students, without extra expense to themselves, to receive a year's study at a university in another part of Canada.

Briefly the Exchange Scheme provides that each University, through its Selection Committee (composed of a member of the local Students' Council and a member of the Faculty), may nominate any number of students not exceeding one per cent. of the total student enrolment. The students thus selected may take a year's work at any university in another "division." The only prerequisite is that the student desiring to take advantage of the scheme must have completed at least two years of study.

For the purposes of the scheme, the Canadian Universities are placed in four different "divisions," namely, the Western Group (the University of British Columbia, the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Manitoba, and the University of British Columbia); the Central Group (the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, the University of Lethbridge, the University of Manitoba, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of British Columbia); the Maritime Group (the University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie, Acadia, Mount Allison, and St. Francis Xavier); and the Southern Group (the University of Western Ontario, the University of Lethbridge, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Manitoba, and the University of British Columbia).

All student functions are arranged by the committee of the Association. In that right, when that committee is elected from and by only forty per cent. of the students? Is it, on the other hand, fair that the burden of the arrangements should fall on the shoulders of that committee, as well as the responsibility?

The facts of the case show that, with few exceptions, officers of the Association sacrifice a year's work in order to conduct their affairs. We do not mean that they give up studies during the year in which they occupy office. But the demands made on their services mean the theft of time which should be given up to those studies, with the result that the unfortunate recipients of Association honours are "plucked" by unsympathetic and unfriendly examiners.

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Australian Universities Students' Union.

Founded in 1926 with headquarters in Melbourne, the Union has as its objects:

(a) To afford a recognised means of communication and control student bodies in the Universities of Australia;

(b) To enable the said bodies to take concerted action in matters affecting University students generally;

(c) To conduct communications and negotiations between the University Unions and Universities outside Australia;

(d) To organise and control debating and all other contests between the said Universities or any of them, and matters between the said Universities and Universities outside Australia;

(e) To arrange for the representation of Australian Universities at or by any of them, by affiliation or otherwise, on bodies controlling student activities in other parts of the world.

Provided that no matter affecting University sporting activities shall be arranged for by the Committee to come within the scope of the Union or its objects.

As section (d) concerned the Sydney University Students' Association referred the matter to the Union, and the following is an extract of a letter received from the Delegates Committee—:

"As to the proposal that the Australian Universities Students' Union should arrange and control Inter-University debates, we would point out that there is already an adequate machinery for the purpose. These arrangements are conducted each year by the Universities themselves. In the case of the Inter-University Debates, the Chairmen are appointed from among the students concerned, and the students are advised that they are able to make their own arrangements mutually agreed upon by all parties concerned.

This is the position at present, and although all the Universities of the Commonwealth have joined the Union, Sydney is not a member, and has, therefore, no representation in a very worthy movement.

Jack: My brother is a prize-fighter. He puts lots of chaps to sleep.

Jim: That's nothing. I've a brother who puts 'em all to sleep.

Jack: Is he a fighter?

Jim: No, a lecturer.

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FOOTBALL.

On Saturday the New South Wales team met the "All Blacks." A former University player, "Huck" Finlay, led the New South Wales, while "Alun" Rose, "Billy" Mann, "Batts" Lampard, and an ex-University player, "Robby" Wed- dington, were also included in the team. "Honi" Soit congratulates "Alun" Rose on his wonderful exhibition of full back play under such adverse weather conditions. He quite outplayed Nepin, the "All Black" full back, who is considered the world's best. "Alec"s" handling and fielding of a greasy ball were excellent. "Batts" Lampard more than fulfilled the selectors' expectations, and gave a brilliant display of half-back play. "Butts" was tireless, being here, there, and everywhere, and on many occa-
sions gained much ground by coming around the screen and finding the line with a few kicks. His defence was as a rock. He tackled solidly, and al-
ways went down on the ball in the face of "All Black" forward rushes. "Billy" Mann played well, and it is rather a pity that he just lacked that little extra pace to score in the moves which were occasionally started in the backs. "Billy" defended well and kept his wing opponent very quiet. "Babby" (Perwaring), an old "Var-
sity" player, did yeoman service in the forwards.

"Honi" Soit views with pride the selection of Ross and Lampard in the seventeen to train for the Australian team.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

On Saturday morning on the Long Bay Rifle Range, an extra-collegiate team will meet teams representing the colleges in a most popular sport.

Ever a good friend to the Rifle Club, Mr. Frank Albert has again generously donated a very valuable cup to the Club, this time for perpetual annual matches for members of the University, provided always that in matters affecting the Sports Association that body may communicate directly with the governing authorities.

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Membership shall be optional for students taking special courses, the qualification for such a course to be decided by the Vice-Chancellor. Subject to all provisions herein contained, membership shall be optional for students-

To Full membership of the University Sports Association.

The Golf Club is at present fully active. Competitions have been played on Saturdays, although the weather has been somewhat inclement.

On a Wednesday match Students v. Staff, to be played, Prof. Wallace, who will appear in the Staff team, which is headed by Professor Stump, the club president.

The Arts Champion Four should win the challenge. Players v. Challenge. Players will be rowed over the club's half mile course at Blackwattle Bay. It is unfor-
tunate that this event will clash with the All Blacks match, as it will un-
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The Arts Champion Four should prove a powerful factor. Having been together for months, they are, how-
ever, beginning to feel the strain. Should they be ahead of the other 
craves at the finish, they will probably concede.

**S Y D N E Y U N I V E R S I T Y G O L F C L U B.**

Engineering are a likely crew, but are handicapped by the fact that the crows at the finish, they will probably concede.

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(a) Executive.—President, two vice-presidents, three secretaries, one of whom shall be a woman, hon. secretary and hon. treasurer.

(b) Ex-Officio—The Editor of "The Black Swan," and the president or other representative of the Sports Council.

(c) Two representatives of each of the teaching faculties, namely, Arts, Law, Science and Engineering, together with the two co-opted members and two "Freshman" repre-

In addition to any power expressly given to the Council by this constitution, the powers and duties of the Guild Council shall be—

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