

# **STUDENTS' PRANK AT S.A. HOTEL**

*Four University students, complete with collars and ties, but not wearing trousers, tried to enter the South Australian Hotel for a drink this afternoon.*

They were accompanied by three other students wearing outsize bow ties.

Two carried banners which said, "Off to the South," and "Phoouis to Louis." (Mr. Louis Cotton is the well-known head waiter at the hotel.)

Four uniformed hotel porters met the students at the double entrance doors of the hotel and told them they would not be admitted.

"But we are wearing ties," the students cried. "And if the ones we are wearing don't satisfy you, here are some more."

One of the students produced a bundle of about 20 ties.

The trouserless students wore bathers under their coats.

One student wore a double-breasted blue nin-

double-breasted blue pin-striped coat, with vest, white shirt, and St. Peter's College old collegians tie.

He wore a black homburg and carried an umbrella. His legs were covered with long woollen underpants.

Three police patrol cars, summoned by the hotel management, arrived outside the hotel about 1.35 p.m., 15 minutes after the incident started.

They dispersed the crowd of several hundreds drawn to the scene by the students, who had marched in procession from the University refectory.

When the students tried to enter the hotel by the saloon bar, after they were refused admission at the entrance, a police officer and an Adelaide City Council parking inspector appeared and took their names.

Mr. Brian O'Brien, a member of the hotel management, commented later: "I don't know what it was all about.

"I thought it was a procession to Parliament House, or something like that."

On Monday, Capt. George Mitchison. fashion

**George Mitchison, fashion scout for next year's Royal tour, was refused coffee in the SA Hotel lounge at 10 a.m. because he was not wearing a tie.**

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