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STUDENT UNION.

Crowded Union Meeting

President Bonnin on Debating

This article, written by President Bonnin, is the second weekly topic arising out of the recent Students' Conference held in Adelaide. Mr. Bonnin sets out here suggestions of possible reforms in the methods of debating, both within and between the Universities.

I.—Debating Within the University.

The conclusions reached by the conference on this topic were expressed in the form of general propositions, of which I would quote especially the following:—

- (a) There is need for re-organisation to provide for more efficient control of debating within each University in order to stimulate interest in, and raise the standard of debating.
- (b) There is a danger that inter-College, or similar sectional series of debates will detract from interest in, and lower the standard of, debating in the University.
- (c) Women ought to be admitted into the proceedings of debating societies on an equal footing with men.

How directly these propositions apply to this University, will, I think, be at once apparent to anyone who is interested in the subject. At the present time the practice of debating is scattered over a number of bodies, none of which has made it its sole object. The Men's Union Committee, in whose hands the control of debating primarily rests, is in its very constitution unsuited to the task. The election proceeds with little reference to a man's debating interests. Moreover, this method of control means the exclusion of the women. The Men's Union Committee has other duties and responsibilities; it will soon have a whole host more when the Men's Building is complete. The efficient control of debating is in itself a task quite large enough to keep busy a committee appointed specially for the purpose. And so the suggestion has come this year for the formation and appointment each year in the future of a committee to take charge of debating in this University. Its object would be to gather together into one group under the control of the Union the debating interests of the Men's and Women's Union Committees and of the various clubs and societies that have actively participated in and encouraged debating. From each of these bodies representatives would be drawn to form the central committee. It would be open to these representatives to suggest as subjects for debate, topics of general interest, which would also be of particular interest to the members of their respective societies. The programme for the year could be early drawn up and copies distributed. If this were done it seems that an increased interest in debating would almost inevitably result. This proposal for the placing of debating for the first time upon an organised and recognised footing, goes

forward to the incoming committees with the express approval of the Union in general meeting.

The Method of Debate.

From the conference again comes a recommendation that "a survey of, and investigation into, the different styles of debating would be valuable as affording material for more varied programmes and increasing the cultural value of the debating society." It is a recommendation which is well worth considering. The feeling of the delegates from each State was definitely against the formal team debate, and strongly in favor of discussions, in which all could take part in a less formal atmosphere. The experiments made by the Men's Union Committee last year with the parliamentary type of debate are definitely encouraging.

It is suggested that the Union Debating Committee include in the programme for the year at least three parliamentary debates. One of the younger members of the legal profession, with a wide experience of debating generally, and a good knowledge of the rules of parliamentary discussion has expressed his willingness to act as speaker.

II.—Inter-University Debates.

Under this head was included criticism of the present system of control and of the style of debating in use in inter-University contests.

The view was strongly expressed that the selection of a team for the inter-Varsity tournament should not be allowed to dominate debating activities within the University. In practice there is a very real danger that this will occur, and with the present system of formal team debating, over-attention to the inter-Varsity competition means a decreased opportunity for less formal debate within each University and a consequent slackening of popular interest.

Dissatisfaction with the working of the Inter-University Debating Constitution has been evident for some time, and at the Debating Convention held in Sydney last year it received expression in proposals for reform. These proposals coincide most happily with the formation of the National Union of Australian University students. A recommendation from the conference has gone out to each University that control of inter-University debating be vested in the National Union, and that the inter-University Debating Convention should continue as a standing committee of the National Union. The idea of control by a central council should be particularly welcome. Continuity from one year to another has been a difficult problem, differences of opinion on matters of principle have arisen, complaints of short notice, choice of subjects and so on recur almost every year. These are things that could be dealt with by a permanent control council far more satisfactorily than under the present constitution.

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Tribute to President Bonnin

Freshers Welcomed.

With President Bonnin in the chair, the usually long drawn-out proceedings of the annual general meeting of the Union, held last Friday night in the Refectory, went off with clockwork precision. Only Mr. Victor Ryan, of the Law School, thought fit to raise a querulous voice at the end of the meeting to ask three questions, about the control of "On Dit's" policy by the Union Committee. These questions gave rise to a sharp duelling match between Mr. Crisp and Mr. Ryan.

The secretary's report showed that last year there were 1,143 members of the Union (including 304 life members). What the report did not show was that only about 36 per cent. of the total number of students attending lectures are members of the Union.

Gift to Union.

Last year, besides giving £10,000 towards the Men's Union Building, the Chancellor (Sir George Murray) handed over his life interest in Miss Murray's estate to the general fund of the University. £2,500 of this has since been given to the Union by the University Council, to splash about on very much needed kitchen extensions. President Bonnin expressed the thanks of the union to the Chancellor and to the council letting us have the money necessary to carry out our building plans. The kitchen extensions will probably be commenced next long vac., after the (hoped-for) completion of the Men's Union Building.

President Bonnin Speaks.

President Bonnin then rose to his feet and exhorted everyone to use the newly-appointed student adviser, Mr. R. R. P. Barbour. Mr. Bonnin said: "You should regard Mr. Barbour, in his capacity of student adviser, as a guide, philosopher, and friend, and also as a walking and talking edition of the University calendar."

He suggested that we should support the librarian, Mr. Cowan, in his proposal to make the Barr-Smith into a lending library.

[Mr. Cowan is at present negotiating with the council over this matter, and he needs our support. All other Universities in the Commonwealth have successful lending libraries, so there is no reason why the system should not work here in Adelaide. Are Adelaide students less honest, or have they less respect for books than Sydney or Melbourne students? Why then should the borrowing of library books be confined to a few exclusive honors students; and those who know the Professors well enough to be able to borrow books through those august personages?—Ed.]

"Take an interest in your union and you will find that you will receive from it far more than you give it," said President Bonnin.

He lauded Dr. Pennycook, who, unfortunately, was unable to be present.

Balance Sheet.

Mr. Bampton, the hon. treasurer, in a few lucid words, commented on the balance sheet. Amazingly enough it was proposed by one, Victor Ryan, and seconded by one, Nugent Woolman (both, we remind you, potential lawyers), that the balance sheet with all its intricacies and petty cash be taken as read. This was carried with relief.

Constitution Amended.

It was proposed by Mr. W. D. Allen, and seconded by Mr. L. F. Crisp, that the constitution be amended, to enable the new Union Committee to affiliate the union with the proposed National Union of Australian University Students, if it so desired. Despite the fact that there were many present, including Pest Puddy, no one spoke from the house, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Call to Art Lovers.

Mr. R. R. P. Barbour outlined a proposal to give students the full benefit of the Carnegie Art Collection, which was displayed once last year during the conversazione, but which is now suffering in solitary confinement in the Barr-Smith Library. The suggestion is that once a month during the year some person of eminence in the artistic world will come and speak on some section of the pictures. The prints to be discussed would be chosen and displayed about a week or two in advance. Mr. McCubbin, of the Art Gallery, was very sympathetic over the scheme, so that if there is some necessary assurance of enthusiasm there is no doubt that something will come of it. Mr. Barbour suggested a sub-committee of the union to handle the talks, and asked all those interested to get in touch with him.

Function of Men's Union.

The control of University debating having been voted to the union, Mr. Bonnin suggested that the best plan for the Men's Union in the future would be to concentrate on the lunch hour address. He proposed that all the other Varsity clubs should work with the Men's Union, and that if any speaker of general interest (for example, Dr. Koo) was coming to Adelaide, they should allow the Men's Union to arrange the address.

Lighter Topics.

A slight break was made before Mr. Vern Rule did a snappy tap dance to liven things up into a more social mood. Mr. C. S. Bridgland spoke to Freshers about the union, and referred to the enormous amount of work done by our retiring president. Great enthusiasm was here shown by the audience.

Mr. Max Worthley sang delightfully. He was even called back at a stage in the proceedings when the members are usually becoming somewhat restive—a sure proof that his singing was much appreciated.

Mr. Nugent Wallman made sundry remarks on sport.

Supper—floor cleared—dancing—God Save the King.

1936 VARSITY REVUE

The Centenary Musical Gala Revue, presented by the Footlights Club at the Tivoli from Saturday, 12 until Saturday, December 19, was an outstanding success. To run for four nights, as in 1935, was no mean achievement, but to draw excellent houses for seven nights was almost astounding, and much to the credit of the business manager, Mr. Dudley Searcy.

The show was good—very good, in fact, and about the same standard as in 1935. Throughout the seven years that the club has been in existence, a well-balanced programme has gradually been evolved, until now it is difficult to introduce any more variety and yet add to the enjoyment of the audience. Consequently, development is at a standstill, and items which appeared in the 1935 programme were presented relished in 1936.

Familiar items.

For instance, we saw and heard dear old Bill Hann again, grinning and wiggling amidst a bevy of beautiful ballet girls. Yvonne Richardson did her usual turn with the boys, and the slow ballet, in which the whole feminine cast took part, was mauve and purple instead of blue. Even Rudeni the Great (alias Jim Muecke) was there, and with consummate nerve presented for the umpteenth time his "Five Million Dollar Box Mystery." Max Taylor and Bob Stokes were Elfin and Elup, instead of Cupids, and performed as gracefully as usual. Sandwiched between these standard items, Max Worthley's delightful songs came as a very pleasant surprise. But, of course, these are only a few of the thirty items on the programme.

The whole audience shrieked with mirth at Wacka Dawe and John Duncan every time they appeared, whether in the guise of Hell drivers, Robinson Crusoe and the Fairy Queen, the two Mahony Sisters, or the flying Flavells. Wacka's prize turn was his mournful rendering of that tear-inspiring ditty, "The Sunnyside of the Street." The heart of each member of the audience almost cracked in two (whether with sobs or laughter) when John was rejected from the club by the President (Keith Macdonald), owing to the fact that he was an orphan. Keith Macdonald was superb throughout, but one feels that he has missed his vocation. He would have made an excellent Master of Ceremonies in a circus, complete with drooping moustaches and whip.

'Varsity Revue?

It was the ballet that finally proved that, although the Footlights Revue is run under the auspices of the University Sports Association, and all its profits are passed over to that body, it is definitely not a 'Varsity production. The whole show is too professional, the ballets too polished, and the dressing and stage management too good to even savour of a 'Varsity concert. Not that we blame the Club. On the other hand, we congratulate them most heartily on their success, and thank the members most sincerely for using their undoubted talent to raise funds for our Sports Association.

The fate of the Footlights Club is at present very much in the air. Not even the Committee, of which Mr. John Duncan is the energetic Secretary, know what will happen this year.

The Revue is now run on such a large scale, and the proceeds run into several hundred pounds, that some agreement will have to be reached with the Sports Association. So watch "On Dit" and the notice board for the date of the annual general meeting of the Footlights Club, and for news about its future.

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SELF-GOVERNMENT AND A STUDENT PRESIDENT

It will be the duty of the committee, which union members elect next week, to appoint our president for 1937. They may choose, if they wish to go back to the years before last, a member of the staff. Or they may follow the precedent established last year, and elect a student leader to lead the students.

When the question of a student president arose last year, both "On Dit" and the victims of the interviews were plainly vague about the benefits which would, or should, accrue from such an innovation. It had never been done before. It might work. In principle it was a good thing. Yes, student-self-government by all means! Just how the students would benefit was a gamble on the prospects, of which no one seemed ready to commit themselves. Then, towards the end of April, a still rather wondering committee declared that it "had no objection in principle to a student president." Not very positive? No, but neither were they particularly convinced.

What can we, wise men after the event, say of our innovation? First, a student president proved much more approachable—by which we mean, not that former staff presidents were unapproachable, but rather that students did not hesitate in putting ideas to one who was of their own number. Similarly, in union committee meetings under the student president, it was felt that student representatives did not hesitate to express their opinions more forcibly than had the more timid members of previous committees when faced by a staff president. We feel, too, that our first student president was so much more closely in touch with union opinion than would be possible for any visitor from Olympus. When it came to a matter of student action, as in the matter of our bridge, a student president was free, perfectly free, to move among the students and to lead their agitation. By a sacrifice of his own work our student president was able to show in action much more of his enthusiasm than any of his predecessors, valuable though these contributions were. The overhaul of constitutions, and regulations, and their new firm footing are a monument to his zeal.

It does not follow that all student presidents will be of Mr. Bonnin's calibre, but all would afford us some of these benefits. Those who like to see the guiding hand of experience somewhere near the helm are reminded that a member of the staff, can always be elected vice-president of the union. There his help can be invaluable. But we feel convinced that Mr. Bonnin's appointment as president opened a new era of union history, which we want to see extended into an infinite future.

DR. T. Z. KOO

ANOTHER WISE MAN FROM THE EAST.

The veterans of the present student generation can probably cast their minds back to the mists of antiquity when six years ago at school they were addressed by a little Chinaman dressed in flowing native costume, who played on an intriguing bamboo flute. This was Dr. Koo. His interests and tastes range from taking a Ph.D. at Harvard to representing China at the second Opium Conference of the League of Nations at Geneva, or publishing a selection of Chinese folk tunes under the title of "Songs of Cathay."

Dr. Koo's address on "International Relations in the Far East," which was attended by over 1,000 in the University Hall in Perth last week, will be given in the Bonython Hall to-night at 8 p.m. He will also be speaking in the Rennie Theatre at 1.20 to-day and on Thursday, and will address the S.C.M. Freshers' welcome social on Wednesday night. Over the Easter week-end he will conduct a conference for members of the S.C.M.

A New Venture SOCIALIST GROUP.

In 1863 Rothschild Bros. quoted with approval in a letter the following:—"The few who understand the system of banking will either be so interested in its profits or so dependent on its favors that there will be no opposition from their class, while, on the other hand, that great body of the people, mentally incapable of comprehending the tremendous advantages that capital derives from the system, will bear its burden without complaint and without perhaps even suspecting that the system is inimical to their interests." The result is that in America to-day 2 per cent. of the people own 80 per cent. of the wealth.

Here at the University we are respectable and decent (?). We are probably unaware that in Adelaide the adult ration includes no provision for milk, clothes or shoes, lighting or rent. Under these conditions it is felt that there is need for yet another group to study the problem and its solution. The Socialist Group will meet on Monday, April 5, at 5.10 p.m., in the Applied Maths. Room. Convener, W. D. Allen.

AS WE PLEASE

It was observed by the Walrus on a now famous occasion that the time had come to talk of many things. This, ladies and gentlemen, is our Great Thought for this week. It has been felt for some time that "On Dit" needs a regular space for irregular matter—a corner of the paper which will remain rigidly unlabelled and be kept free for work on subjects of more permanent and general import, if less pressing and vital, than most of the matter of which a University paper is necessarily composed.

We must have reviews, satire, comic verse, a medley ranging from essays on Everything and Nothing to the latest little Audrey stories (from our Special Representative on the University Council). Thus the poor dreamer dreams magnificently, imagining himself a second Addison playing the part of Spectator to the University. To-morrow morning when he wakes up he will probably think himself a fool for ever having committed his dream to posterity through these immortal pages.

But this brings us to the point. This column cannot and will not be a success unless the readers of "On Dit" help. If it is left to the editorial staff it will simply expire. We hope and believe that it will be an outlet for a considerable amount of talent that is at present dammed up. The "Ragge" has become "On Dit," which becomes more and more, as it should, a sort of weekly University newspaper-cum-review; while "Phoenix" is the place for serious literary work. What we want here has up to now found no abiding home. For instance, we should dearly like somebody to review the International Poster Exhibition for us, and we should dearly like to express our own opinion on the drinking fountain which has mysteriously found its way to the western wall of the Union cloisters. . . . But, pardon us, we will restrain ourselves.

To go back to something we mentioned before, we are anxious to revive interest in the noble art of comic verse. A few years ago lampooners flourished, as anyone can see who turns up the old copies of the "Ragge." We cannot remember more than one or two pieces of verse in last year's issues of "On Dit." As a famous lady of blessed and ever-glorious memory once remarked, we are not amused.

We also hope to reserve a small space each week for something after the style of "This England," in the "New Statesman and Nation," which you can see in the Barr Smith Library. This consists of a collection of quotations from newspapers, books, speeches, etc., which expose the vanity, snobbery sentimentality or folly generally of their authors or reporters, or both. These are sent in by readers from all over the country. Here is another way in which everybody can help. These choice little gems are not difficult to find; our own daily papers swarm with them. For instance, recently a gentleman of some standing in the financial world was reported as saying, quite seriously, that the amount of soap consumed per head in a country was a fair measure of the degree of civilization of that country. A further interesting point in this story is that the said gentleman was a director of a large soap manufacturing company. As we said, these treasures are not difficult to find; we will give you a few next week, just to show you.

Gird up your loins, gentle readers, and get going!

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St. Mark's has not been swallowed up by an earthquake or razed by a cyclone, but space is lacking, and its news will keep.

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 "Utter lack of refinement and sickening vulgarity—"

Disapprobation.

The cause of these and similar expressions of disgust was that magnificent culmination of after-examination exuberance, the Varsity Procession, which broke all records by doing the rounds of the main city streets, and returning to the starting post in an hour. For days afterwards the correspondence columns of the "Advertiser" were littered with protests from various citizens of the City of Culture. One declared that the police should have intervened and asked: "What is wrong with the mentality of those responsible for such a revolting display?" Another, an ex-M.P., was alarmed because "from these young people we are to draw our leaders, school teachers, and men of high positions." M.F. comforted himself with the thought that "the procession was only the work of a certain class, and must not be taken as representing the outlook of all the youth of to-day." Even Brig.-Gen. Price-Weir was moved to remonstrate. Perhaps it was just as well that one of the prize Med. exhibits broke down in North Terrace!

Consolation.

Few people raised their voices (via the press) in support of the students' noble Centenary gesture. Those who set themselves up as the defenders of student reputation, such as H. Erbie Peipar, of 9 Richmond Street, Goodwood (this baby, by the way, our Herb. refuses to own), and Hiram V. Cheep, resident of Minnesota, U.S.A., obviously came from our midst.

From the viewpoint of those who took part, the afternoon's business was very enjoyable; but those who stood in the sun to watch the "floats" go by, and who had to put up with the disgusting smell which the procession left in its wake, seem to have been of the general opinion that the whole affair was rather weak. Admittedly, the 1936 Varsity Procession had its faults—faults which were in no way due to Mr. Organiser Amos, but to the inexperience of everyone concerned. Even the best brains and organising ability are apt to grow rusty when left unused, or, rather, used only in the pursuit of serious knowledge, for five or six years. The next Varsity Procession must proceed in slow and stately dignity. There must be more variety.

To Mrs. Grundy.

For those who accused the students of corrupting public morals we have only scorn. Knowing that University processions have a reputation for their doubtful wit, why did those who felt at all squeamish choose to join the ranks of those who were out to enjoy themselves? Or if, perchance, they were innocently duped into watching, why did they neither go away nor shut their eyes?

We sympathise with those who wanted to see everything, and were disappointed because of the phenomenal speed with which the "floats" travelled. For the same reason, the ardent, be-hosed S.C.M.-ites did not collect as much as might have been expected by the Lord Mayor for his Relief Fund. For while people were still fumbling in their purses for spare coins, the procession had moved on into another street.

—And the Union.

It is to be hoped that the Union will lend more than its half-hearted official blessing to the students' effort this year. In all the other Australian Universities it is the Union, or its counterpart, that is responsible for the organising and censoring of the Varsity Procession.

SPORTING NEWS

RIFLE CLUB.

Attractive New Shed.

The club has been in action for some time this year already, the first practice having been held on February 6. On the Saturday after this the first M.D.R.U. match for the year was fired, at 500 yards.

As usual at this range, our scores were not brilliant, except that of Robinson (78 out of 80), who is now well up in the grade aggregate.

The new club shed is now almost completed, thanks to a number of enthusiasts who have spent their Sundays for the last few weeks working on it. The beautiful "mat" surface produced by a duststorm on the fresh paint has been the object of much comment.

On Saturday last (20th) we fired a match with Salisbury Rifle Club at Port Adelaide, and were narrowly beaten by four points.

Annual General Meeting will be held in the Men's Reading Room at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23.

BOXING, WRESTLING, AND FENCING CLUBS.

At the annual general meeting of the Boxing, Wrestling, and Fencing Clubs the following officers were elected for 1937:—

President: Mr. C. L. Abbott.
 Vice-Presidents: Dr. E. A. H. Russell, Mr. D. Buxton Hendrickson.
 Committee: J. J. Rice, D. G. Postle, D. B. Hendrickson, and D. Reed.
 Boxing Captain: D. G. Postle.
 Wrestling Captain: A. B. Eckersley.
 Secretary and Treasurer: A. B. Eckersley.
 Auditor: D. G. Postle.

Programme for This Year.

Training will commence earlier this year in order that more inter-club tournaments may be arranged, and it is hoped to send an inter-Varsity team to Sydney in the second vac.

Mr. A. Price, the boxing instructor at our leading colleges, will be in charge of the boxing class this year. The boxing class will meet on Wednesday, April 7, at 5.15 p.m., in the Jubilee Oval pavilion. Details of the wrestling opening classes will shortly appear on the notice board.

N.B.—Special interest is taken in freshers.

DON'T FORGET the Varsity SWIMMING CARNIVAL.
 When?—Wednesday, April 7th.
 Where?—Unley Crystal Pool.

COMING EVENTS

March 23rd:
 Women's Tennis Club, A.G.M., 1.15 p.m., Lady Symon Hall.
 Athletics Club, A.G.M., 1.20 p.m., Refectory.
 Address by Dr. T. Z. Koo on "Reconstruction in China," 1-2 p.m., Rennie Theatre.
 Rifle Club A.G.M., 8 p.m., Union Building.
 Law Student's Society, A.G.M., 8 p.m., Law Library.
 Public Meeting at University, 8 p.m.
 Address by Dr. Koo on "The International Situation in the Far East and its Effects on World Peace."
 March 24th:
 Golf Club, A.G.M., 1.20 p.m., Refectory.
 Sports Association, Annual Meeting, 7.45 p.m., Refectory.
 S.C.M. University Branch, 8 p.m. Welcome to new Freshers, Lady Symon Hall.
 March 25th:
 Address by Dr. Koo, "Christ Speaks to the Modern Man," 1.20 p.m., Rennie Lecture Theatre.
 April 7th: Swimming Carnival.

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CRICKET.

A's Lose Semi-Final.

Finishing in fourth position in the minor round, Varsity met Port Adelaide at Alberton in the semi-final game. Captain Davey was absent because of illness, and Stevenson led the team. He won the toss and, influenced by the heavy rain early in the day, sent Port Adelaide in to bat. This move proved to be of great value to the cricket writers for the press, as there was little devil in the wicket, an early lack of bowling direction, and some missed chances. Port were all out for 263. Slade bowled steadily to take 5/58, and he may prove useful to the club in future seasons. Stevenson 2/24 and Rice 1/72 also took wickets.

Although we lost 8 for 143, Sangster (41 not out) and White (32) carried the tally to 174—a partnership of 61—and we were all out for 178—85 behind. Other batsmen to reach double figures were Page (22), Stevenson and Loneragan (each 17), Stokes (16), and Ray (10).

Port had scored 5—152 in their second innings when the game ended. Page took 3/14, Stevenson 1/21, and Slade 1/27.

The team was received with great hospitality by the Port players and officials.

A rather unnecessary "marking-time" match is now in progress against West Torrens, who made 241, to which we have replied with 1/2. Stewart reappeared and bowled excellently to take 4/37, Morrison 2/37, and Slade, Page, White, and Rice each took one wicket.

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Results.—B. Mills d. A. Rix, 6—2, 6—1; J. Ward d. M. Crook, 6—2, 6—3; J. Watson d. E. Irwin, 6—2, 6—4; M. Hargrave d. B. Jefferis, 6—3, 6—4; K. Francis and N. Magarey d. J. Watson and C. Walker, 6—2, 2—6, 6—2.
 Searle, H. d. Schwarz, E., 6—1, 6—0; Kelly, J. d. Field, F., 6—3, 6—3; Elix, R. d. Mills, E. 6—1, 6—4; Miller, R. d. Field, F., 9—3; White J. d. Daniel R., 9—8; Semler, C. d. Geisler, W., 9—3; Hargrave, N. d. Coles, P., 9—3; Menzies, D. d. Cleland, D., 9—3; Menzies, D. d. Mills, E., 9—4.

Wesley Smith and Parkin d. Elix and Magarey, 6—5, 5—6, 6—3; Hutton and Johnston d. Hammill and Hill, 6—5, 6—2; Elix and Magarey d. Goode and Smeaton, 1—6, 6—5, 6—3; Menzies and Palmer d. Kelly and O'Callaghan, 5—6, 6—2, 6—0.

Dicker and Miss Rix d. Hargrave and Miss Jefferis, 6—5, 6—4; Moran and Miss Hearne d. Coles and Miss Ewens, forfeit; Schwarz and Miss Irwin d. Miller and Miss Walker, 6—3, 6—3.

Ties for this week are posted on the Refectory notice board. If more convenient, ties may be ascertained from the secretary, c/o Knox & Hargrave, 112 King William Street, where hand-caps and the draw are also available.

Ties for the Wednesday and Thursday after Easter, March 31st and April 1st, will be posted by Wednesday, March 24th.

WOMEN, WOMEN EVERYWHERE

U.W.U. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL.

On Wednesday evening one hundred and fourteen women congregated at a tea held by the Women's Union in the Refectory as the official welcome to Freshers. The retiring President (Miss Jean Gilmore) made a delightful speech, outlining the main Women's Union functions for the year and asking the Freshers to make as full use of the advantages of the Lady Symon and Refectory as possible. Miss Jean Hewett (Secretary for Tennis) spoke on the Sports Association. She impressed upon the Freshers the great thought that at the University one can play several sports for one subscription. She begged them to watch the notice boards always, and inspired them to take sport in a big way by her description of inter-arsity fun. Miss Helen Wighton (Secretary of the Women's Union) spoke of the advantages of joining Faculty Associations and other University societies. This should have been very beneficial to the Freshers, for not only did they receive a free meal, but also much sound advice from three of the Union's leading members.

The second half of the evening was passed in the Lady Symon, where the annual general meeting was held. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted, as well as a report of the constitutional changes—that no longer need the President be a graduate and that election of the Women's Union committee would be carried out by ballot at the beginning of each year. Votes of thanks to the President, Secretary and Treasurer were proposed and seconded.

Miss J. Hewett and Miss Helen Paine arranged an impromptu entertainment in the form of dramatic representations of several familiar advertisements. These were received with much acclamation, especially the sketch depicting Farmers' Union, a quaint wedding, during the process of which the bridegroom (Gladys Higgrove) was called away several times to more important farm business. After the company's vocal chords had been exercised by the ever-popular "Waltzing Matilda" and others of that ilk, "God Save the King" was sung.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

A meeting will be held in the South Hall of the Elder Conservatorium on Wednesday, March 24, at 4.30 p.m. All freshers and members are invited, and plans for the formation of the society on a firm basis during 1937 will be discussed.

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PRESIDENT BONNIN ON DEBATING

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III.—International Debates.

The attitude of the delegates towards debates with teams from other countries is best summed up in a resolution passed by the meeting.

"That the National Union Council should do all in its power to encourage and arrange for visits of overseas debating teams, particularly from the Dominions, to Australia, and the sending of Australian debating teams abroad."

Leaving Australia this year, a team of two from Melbourne University has already undertaken a tour of England and America. They do so with the good wishes and whole-hearted approval of the conference.

The arranging of visits by overseas teams has in the past been a difficult and unsatisfactory business. The advantage of a central body to sponsor, arrange, and control the whole tour is, I think, too obvious to need elaboration.

One such team will visit Australia in 1938—a team of American negroes from the Moyne University College. The arrangement of its itinerary will be in the hands of the National Union.

Conclusion.

Underlying the whole of the discussion at the conference and the resolution carried at the annual general meeting is the conviction that debating fulfils a real need in the University, that it is something worth participating in and worth encouraging, and that it has something to offer, not merely to one section of the student body, but to the student body as a whole. The appointment of a union sub-committee to control and organise debating is the official recognition of this principle—but it is in itself little more than that. The success or failure of the scheme depends upon the support it receives from the members of the union.

NOMINATIONS

UNION COMMITTEE.

- (8 men needed).
- ARTS: Bridgland, G. S. (Ret.), Crisp, L. F. (Jun.)
- ENGINEERING: Elix, D. L. (Jun.), Harbison, W. A. (Sen.)
- MEDICINE: Magarey, A. H. (Ret.), Elix, R. E. (Ret.)
- COMMERCE: South, K. H. (Jun.), Macklin, B. R. (Sen.), Isaachsen, O. C. (Sen.)
- SCIENCE: Amos, G. L. (Jun.), Pilgrim, A. F. (Sen.)
- LAW: Wallman, N. H. (Sen.), Skipper, J. W. (Ret.), Blackburn, R. A. (Jun.)
- (4 women needed).
- ARTS: Miss A. Cherry.
- LAW: Miss P. Frick.
- MEDICINE: Miss L. Bidstrup, Miss J. Kennedy.

MEN'S UNION COMMITTEE.

- (9 needed).
- LAW: Johnson, E. F. (Jun.), Menzies, D. C. (Jun.), Ryan, V. L. P. (Sen.), Wallman, N. H. (Sen.)
- ENGINEERING: Smith, S. W. (Sen.), Richardson, R. W. (Jun.)
- SCIENCE: Pavkin, L. W. (Jun.), Marlow, A. D. R. (Jun.)
- ARTS: Piper, H. W. (Jun.), Stokes, J. (Jun.)
- COMMERCE: South, A. H. (Jun.), Macklin, B. R. (Sen.), Isaachsen, O. C. (Ret.)
- MEDICINE: Holmes, H. B. (Jun.), Ackland-Horman (Jun.)

WOMEN'S UNION COMMITTEE.

- President: Miss H. Wighton.
- Vice-President: Miss A. Cherry.
- Secretary: Miss L. Bidstrup.
- Treasurer: Miss P. Frick.
- Faculty Representatives: Arts and Music (2 wanted): Miss D. Jacobs, Miss V. Watson, Miss A. Anderson, Miss J. Hewett, Miss H. Paine.
- Science or Dentistry: Miss E. Irwin.
- Law or Commerce (1 needed): Miss N. Newland, Miss G. Woodger.
- Medicine, Massage, or Pharmacy: Miss J. Kennedy.

VOTING.

Men: Voting will continue until Thursday. Times: 12.30 until 2, 5 until 7.

Women: Voting will continue until Wednesday. Times: 11 until 2, 3.30 until 5.30.

Place: Just inside the Lady Symon Building.

UNION ELECTIONS

Exclusive Interviews

Union elections are in full swing. Last year 167 out of 504 men voted. This year no vote will be counted informal merely because it contains LESS than the required number of names. So vote for someone. We publish below "On Dit's" exclusive interviews with Union candidates.

THE NEW BLOOD.

G. L. Amos, the secretary of the Science Association, is doing his M.Sc. degree, and has an essentially scientific outlook on everything, including politics, in which as founder of the University Politics Club, he is intensely interested. His ideas vary considerably from those of the other candidates, in that he would not sanction the power of the Union Committee to fine, and that, as organiser of our 1936 procession, he would support an improved University procession run under the auspices of the union. Mr. Amos says, "I wish to state that I would not support any move akin to the School Prefect System, and that the best system is that which preserves the maximum individual liberty."

A. F. Pilgrim is another scientist of indefinite stay at the Varsity. He, like Mr. Amos, has a horror of the School Prefect System. He is perfectly satisfied with the Union as it now is and would not like any drastic changes. He would support a Union-run procession. His greatest claims on the Union are that since he started at the Varsity he has had 297 evening meals at the Refectory.

L. F. Crisp has a close knowledge of topical Union affairs, as he acted as secretary at the recent inter-Varsity Conference. He supports the Union power to fine, and the procession. He suggests that entries for the Rhodes Scholarship should close each year on April 1st. Asked to comment on the new fountain, Mr. Crisp said, "Words fail me! One question though: Did MacRobertson, of frog fame, give it or is it a Centenary gesture by the W.C.T.U.? Unfortunately, a little too high for Mr. Goodall's dogs to use." His messages to Union members are: "Firstly, that he would like to see a record poll, and secondly, that he is looking forward to seeing a student successor to Mr. Bonnin, as we must hold the student self-government front at every possible point."

R. A. Blackburn is young but promising. He is studying both law and arts, and does not intend to finish until 1942. His innate legal tact is shown in his comment on the new fountain. "What the?" said Mr. Blackburn, "—perhaps, however, restraint is more seemly. Who perpetrated the thing, anyhow?" His message to you is this, understand it if you can: "The Government has the situation well in hand. No avenues are being left unexplored. Electors are particularly asked not to embarrass the Government at this most critical stage in the negotiations."

K. H. South, B. R. Macklin, O. C. Isaachsen are standing for commerce. We had great difficulty in getting in touch with these budding business magnates, owing to the shortness of the notice and the distance of the hub of their activities from this, our seat of learning. However, we cornered Mr. South (the A footballer) in the Refectory at the A.G.M. on Friday night, and tried hard to obtain a statement from him. All we received was a long and quite possibly justified tirade against the apathy of commerce students in general. They seldom have any representatives on even the Men's Union Committee, although Mr. Isaachsen was on it last year. Probably the new Men's Union Building may rectify this, but for the present we sympathise heartily with Mr. South

THE OLD TIMERS.

G. S. Bridgland has tried a little teaching and a lot of coaching, and at present is trying to finish his M.A. degree in political science. For a president of the Arts Association he has shown an excellent head for business as joint secretary for the Cabaret and the Union Ball. On all topical Union matters he has definite opinions, but in every case is careful not to over-commit himself. A good, careful, solid Liberal.

R. H. Elix is a many-sided medical student, an ex-president and hon. life member of the University Pharmaceutical Students' Society, captain of football, and an engaged man. Nevertheless, he still finds time to give to union matters, and favors the power of the Union Committee to fine, representation of student opinion on the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee, and thinks we would be wise to let the procession lie. He sends as his message to all members of the Union, "May you elect as good a committee as you did last year."

A. H. (Cab.) Magarey has tried the law, the land, and now is on to medicine, and German. He has played football, Rugby, golf and tennis. Indeed, he is a most remarkably versatile young man, who knows when to lay down the law and when to forget it. He definitely thinks the Union Committee should be empowered to fine, just as he is very definitely opposed to another Varsity procession. A man who knows what he wants, and does not mince words. Mr. Magarey's message to the electors is, "Let every man and woman entitled, vote."

J. W. Skipper is a law student who looks his best on the running field or dance floor. Indeed, he is a veritable Adonis. Nevertheless, he has the legal outlook, and made a very reliable treasurer of the Law Students' Society. We fear, however, that Mr. Skipper's escutcheon is not unblemished, as he was once hauled over the coals for jay-walking.

N. H. Wallman has to his credit the fact that he was last year voted the Varsity ugliest man, and that he is one of the best breast stroke swimmers in the State. He has tried about every sport at least once, including fencing and footlighting, and last year was the Sports Association's representative on the Union Committee. He was quite embarrassed when asked to put the number of Varsity clubs he belonged to on one small strip of paper. Being a lawyer his opinions are restrained and tactful, but sound.

and urge Union members not to forget that there are commerce students, and that they have put in candidates for the Union and Men's Union Committees.

W. A. Harbison and D. L. Elix were equally elusive. Through the agency of a certain Mr. Cowan, who nominated both these candidates, we sent them questionnaires to ascertain their opinions on sundry vital union questions. Unfortunately, these papers have not yet been returned as we go to print, so we can tell you nothing of their views. However, we know that Mr. Harbison plays a hearty A grade game of lacrosse, and that he has recently been showing Broken Hill what it is made of, while Mr. Elix is following in his brother's footsteps as a footballer.

LAST MINUTE RUSH

UNION COMMITTEE MEETS.

Last week there were two special Union committee meetings—on Monday, March 15, and Friday, March 18—to finish off business left over from last year, to discuss the proposed National Union of Australian University students, and to pass judgment on several important matters introduced by the retiring President (Mr. M. F. Bonnin).

Men's Union Constitution.

The drafting sub-committee has at last finished its work and has presented the Men's Union with a constitution which they believe to be flawless. The new constitution was formally approved by the Union committee.

Report of Regulations Sub-Committee.

Union regulations are now written in black and white, so that there can be no doubt as to what they are. The regulations sub-committee has drafted a comprehensive list of these regulations, concerning the house, the finance, the disciplinary, the regulations and the publications committees of the Union, and also those referring to "On Dit," the student adviser and the ballot. It has also provided that a copy of these regulations be read at the first meeting of every new committee. The publications committee is a new venture. It is to consist of five members, three of whom must belong to the Union committee, and its duty is to control all Union publications ("On Dit," Phoenix and the Handbook).

Power to Fine.

The power of the Union committee to fine was considered and unanimously approved. Sir Stanton Hicks, a representative of the staff, said that "the strength of the Union will only come by having its own President, as you have had for a year, and government of your own affairs." Other speakers in favor of giving the Union committee the power to fine were Messrs Bonning, Bridgland, Wallman. More of this matter will be heard during the year, but do not begin to get panicky, for, as Mr. Bonnin said, the power would be a preventive measure and probably very little used. "It would not be like a list of people told to report at the Prefects' room after school to pay petty fines of 3d. or 6d."

Cabaret Report.

The report on the annual cabaret sent in by the joint secretaries (Messrs. Wallman and Bridgland) was read and showed that last year's cabaret was a financial as well as a social success, for the Union profited by £15 11/5.

N.U.A.U.S.

The retiring Union committee passed a resolution approving of the principle of the Adelaide University Union joining the National Union of Australian University students, subject to power being granted by members of the Union at the A.G.M. of the Union, and also subject to alterations in the wording of the proposed constitution. Of course, it will be the new Union committee which will have the power to say definitely that the Union will or will not join the N.U.A.U.S.

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