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MORE ALTERATIONS

POST-WAR PLANNING

A great influx of returned Service men and women will catch us unawares, resulting in refectory chaos, anarchy, and destruction, in the near future. The Union Committee must be conscious of returned Service people's needs to implement an expansionist policy in the right direction. This article outlines one of the projects for the post-war.

In the last issue of "On Dit" you read something about the alterations that have been made in the Refectory during the last few years, to cope with the large increase in the number of students at the University. When the war is over, it is thought that about a thousand returned men will be entering the University (the number of students at present is about 2,000), so you can see that it will be rather a squeeze, even with a general extension of University buildings and equipment.

The squeeze will be particularly noticeable in the Refectory. The present seating accommodation here, including the tables in the chess room, is 360. (There were 250, as on the plan, before the additional tables were put in this year.) About 100 chairs have been borrowed from the George Murray and Lady Symon Buildings for use in the Refectory, and these will, in time, have to be replaced.

The University architect has drawn up a long-range plan for additional buildings, which will be undertaken as soon as the necessary permit can be obtained—probably after the war.

An extension, to seat 240 people, will be built on the south side of the Refectory, with a new servery at the western end. There will be three doorways leading from the Refectory proper through the present south wall.

Another important addition (not marked on the plan) will be a dining-room built between the Lady Symon Building and the entrance to the Clydes' residence, where there are a few flower beds and a lawn at present.

The cost of these additions will be about £10,000, besides the cost of the new house for the Refectory manager, mentioned in the last "On Dit."

On the food side of Refectory affairs, a number of cuts have naturally made things more difficult. There have been two 25 per cent. reductions in butter, which means that many rolls and buns now go without. Only a limited number of pies and pasties can be made, as potatoes are scarce, and only 16 lbs. of pie meat a day are allowed. The ration of other meat is just enough to manage with. There is just enough sugar to scratch through, and supplies of tea are about right for our needs.

Mr. Clyde is trying to make up for the short supplies manufactured by the firms in town, and he is now making twice the amount Mr. Goodall used to make in 1941, but to do this, he and Mrs. Clyde have to work both early and late.

It is to be hoped that next year a definite date can and will be fixed for building operations to begin, in the light of the present international situation.

ATTENTION!

The N.U.A.U.S. Conference will probably be held in Adelaide during January or February of next year. All students who believe they could provide accommodation for a week to distinguished interstate delegates are asked to give their names and addresses to Mr. Hamilton, at the Union Office.

I. S. S.

The 1944 I.S.S. appeal is now all but concluded. It has exceeded all expectations, and even passed the £200 goal which was aimed at, thereby beating not only the Adelaide record, but also the record put up by Sydney University in 1943 (on a per capita basis). The idea of I.S.S. seemed to catch on easily, and it turned out to be practically unnecessary to ask people to fork out. Two aspects of the appeal are noteworthy, namely, the amounts raised by the Med. students and the Science Association, and the low running expenses (1.3%). In particular, the Med.'s effort should be noted; this was raised entirely by personal donations, whereas the Science total also included the proceeds of their dance. £220 has been forwarded to S.C.M. headquarters to be distributed.

I.S.S. APPEAL, 1944.

Statement of Receipts and Payments to 19/9/44.

RECEIPTS	
Badge Day (total receipts)	£24 11 0
Staff Contributions	26 6 0
Sir W. Mitchell	5 0 0
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Medicine	42 2 0
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Dentistry	3 0 0
Massage	2 12 0
Engineering	1 7 2
Law	0 10 0
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Women Graduates	5 0 0
Methodist Ladies' College	13 0 0
Prince Alfred College	10 8 0
	£235 19 3½
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ELECTIONS

This issue of "On Dit" features the student elections, voting for which will take place this week. On page 2 you should consult the answers to a questionnaire before deciding who to vote for. Other side-lines are given.

- Fifteen candidates were nominated:
- 3 by the Medical Society
 - 2 by the Law Society
 - 3 by the Science Association
 - 2 by the Dental Society
 - 1 by the Arts Association
 - 3 by the Engineers' Society
 - 1 independent.

Note that these students are candidates for the Men's Union Committee.

The procedure is:—

- (1) Voting will take place in the Refectory at lunch times all this week.
- (2) Voting will be by ballot. You must vote for not less than five candidates and not more than 12—otherwise invalid.
- (3) Of the twelve successful candidates, eight will be selected for the Union Committee, and the Chairman will be a member of the Union Committee ex officio.

HOUSING SURVEY

A PROBLEM

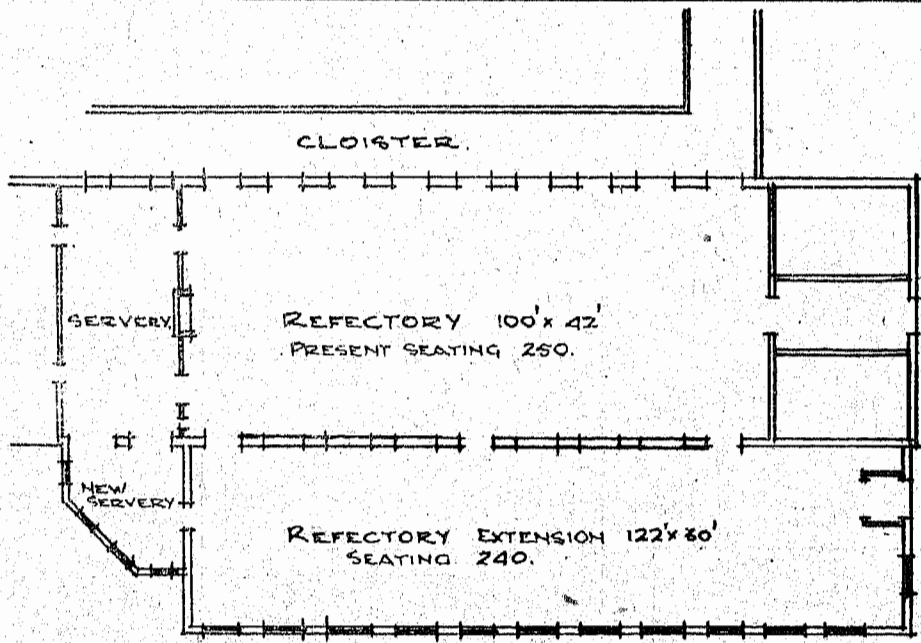
The occupation of student housing facilities by Service personnel, together with the general housing difficulties, has prompted the N.U.A.U.S. to survey student housing needs.

The principal methods of housing students are private homes, boarding house, denominational college, student hostel. Method of administration is the principal difference between hostel and denominational college. Student hostels are largely managed by students themselves, together with university or other personnel. The hostel is a co-operative concern and is non-religious.

Denominational colleges are under the supervision of a religious organisation. It is left to the organisation to what extent (1) there is student management, (2) boarders are limited to believers in the religion of the college, (3) obligation to participate in the religious observances of the college is enforced.

The advantages of both college and hostel are community life and tutors who hold tutorials and coach various subjects.

Students are asked to place numbers in the squares to indicate their preference. Forms should be left with the person in charge of the ballot box for the Men's Union election.



PLAN OF PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO REFECTORY.

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N.U.A.U.S. HOUSING SURVEY.

Age..... Sex.....

- HOME
- BOARDING HOUSE
- DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGE
- STUDENT HOSTEL

CANDIDATES

- P. BROKENSHA**, Engineering (Ordinary).
G. I. BROWN, Dentistry (Junior).
G. F. CHEESMAN, Medicine (Retiring).
P. G. B. CLARIDGE, Engineering (Ordinary).
C. S. CRISP, Science (Ordinary).
I. K. FURLER, Medicine (Ordinary).
A. KERR GRANT, Medicine (Ordinary).
P. K. HOSKING, Engineering (Junior).
S. J. JACOBS, Law (Junior).
J. F. LAVIS, Dentistry (Ordinary).
R. K. LEANEY, Arts (Ordinary).
R. W. PARSONS, Engineering (Ordinary).
J. R. PRESCOTT, Science (Retiring).
D. F. SANGSTER, Science (Junior).
W. A. N. WELLS, Law (Ordinary).

- P. BROKENSHA**, 2nd Year Engineering Student:
 I.—1. A red herring.
 2. I only use two.
 3. I don't see the point.
 II.—No. Men need more, due to natural habits.
 III.—The coffee urn.
 IV.—Some of it.
 V.—1. Did he have a mother?
 2. Thought Picasso was a painter.
 VI.—1. It shouldn't.
 2. So weak I won't answer it.
 3. Nothing.
 VII.—1. Definitely.
 2. I propose to leave it some time.

Mr. Brokensha favors N.U., if it's active. Definitely politics in University should be fostered. Enough social life. Constitution all right, but work in last few years has been rather poor. Plays baseball.

- G. I. BROWN**, 3rd Year Dental Student:
 I.—1. A red herring.
 2. (1) 23. (2) Wouldn't know.
 3. It's obviously stupid. They are French.
 II.—Obviously depends on how many women in 'Varsity. Would be fair.
 III.—Max Harris.
 IV.—No.
 V.—1. Rembrandt, I should think, but I wouldn't know.
 2. Don't know a thing about him!
 VI.—1. No, of course not.
 2. Definitely.
 3. A nice long sleep.
 VII.—1. Yes! Why not?
 2. Leave it as it is.

Mr. Brown favors the National Union, also discussion of politics in the University. "Social life is pretty dead." Thinks student government satisfactory. Plays hockey, and is treasurer of Dental Students' Society.

- P. G. B. CLARIDGE**, 2nd Year Engineering Student.
 Mr. Claridge declined to answer the serious questions, but gave replies to the more frivolous ones.
 He is not in favor of the National Union, but favors politics discussed at University. More social life needed. Present student government sufficient.

- C. S. CRISP**, 2nd Year Science Student:
 I.—1. A red herring.
 2. Nine. (1) Six. (2) Three.
 3. Farewell! — Rotten goose's liver.
 II.—Fair.
 III.—Freedom.
 IV.—No.
 V.—1. Rembrandt.
 2. Never heard of him.
 VI.—1. Yes.

2. Yes.
 3. A long port.
 VII.—1. Yes.
 2. Eat and sleep.
 Mr. Crisp favors the Nat. Un. "Politics ought to be discussed in the University." "More social life." "Union Committee is not wholly responsible to the students—the average never hears what goes on. I want publication of minutes." Plays hockey. Known as "Chas."

- I. K. FURLER**, 3rd Year Medical Student:
 I.—1. Red herring.
 2. (1) Half dozen. (2) Interested, but haven't counted them.
 3. A Jew, om what, patty de fois grass, —!
 II.—Yes. Women are quicker than men.
 III.—The co-operative spirit of the Faculties. Oh, yeah!
 IV.—No.
 V.—1. Jack Quayle.
 2. Likes Benny Goodman better. Prefers Walt Disney's symphonies only.

Mr. Furler favors the National Union for student co-operation. Thinks that politics should be discussed in the University, but "bad feeling" should be avoided. "Present social life O.K." There should be equal representation for all Faculties, but in general, favors Union set-up. Mr. Furler plays football, and rows.

- I. KERR GRANT**, 3rd Year Medical Student:
 I.—1. A red herring.
 2. (1) Must be millions—say a dozen. (2) A dozen, I should say. Wouldn't know.
 3. Adieu, omelette, pate de foie gras, beau-monde.
 II.—Depends on proportion of men to women. Various other factors.
 III.—The air vent that wobbles up and down outside the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science.
 IV.—No.
 V.—1. Rembrandt's mother's son.
 2. I decline to comment.
 VI.—1. Would be much more interesting.
 2. A matter for crayfish to decide.
 3. A nice cold beer.
 VII.—1. Yes!
 2. Nothing.

Mr. Kerr Grant would not comment on the National Union: doesn't mind politics discussed in the University for those who like it. "Social life at present is O.K." Thinks representation on Union Committee fair—should be on number basis for best results: He is an "A" and "B" Grade footballer; also plays "A" Grade tennis.

- P. K. HOSKING**, 1st Year Engineering Student:
 Mr. Hosking declined to answer the serious questions, but gave replies to the more frivolous ones.
 He doesn't care for the National Union, but favors political discussion down here. Thinks we have sufficient social life. Present system of student government all we need.

- S. J. JACOBS**, 3rd Year Law Student:
 I.—1. Neither! A hoax.
 2. Not enough.
 3. Ask Prof. Cornell.
 II.—Figures needed.
 III.—Nothing is wonderful in the University.
 IV.—Ogden Nash is amusing.
 V.—1. I should suggest Rembrandt.
 2. I don't think of him as a musician—not at all.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

The following questionnaire is provided for the information of Men's Union voters. Know what these men are like—read their opinions and judge for yourself! The questionnaire covers a wide range of topics and many of the candidates were delighted to co-operate, others did not.

I.—GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

- 1.—Was Ernest Lalor Malley:
 (1) An Irish President?
 (2) A red herring?
 (3) Prof. Innes Stewart?
 (4) A famous bushranger?
 2.—How many lavatories for the use of students are there in the University grounds?:
 (1) Men.
 (2) Women.
 3.—What is the French for:
 Adieu, omelette, pate de foie gras, beau-monde?

II.—FAIR-MINDEDNESS AND RIGHT THINKING.

If I tell you there are ten lavatories for males and five for females, would you consider this a fair distribution?

III.—QUICK DECISION AND FRANKNESS.

What, to you, is the most wonderful thing in the University?

IV.—COMPREHENSION.

Do you understand modern poetry?

- VI.—1. No.
 2. Not under the Fisheries Act.
 3. I'll bite!

VII.—1. They have their points.

2. Be reasonable!
 Mr. Jacobs favors Nat. Union, providing it confines itself to matters of student interest. "Politics should be discussed in the University on a non-partisan basis." "I express no opinion on social life, but deplore the clamor for 'bread and circuses' in the University." Not wholly satisfied with present method of student government—favors greater student autonomy in dealing with student matters. He is a former editor of "On Dit" (in a year when it was not banned), but has served in the Army for the last 3½ years. Used to debate furiously in the good old days.

J. F. LAVIS, 4th Year Dental Student.
 "The immaterial and irrelevant matter contained in the questionnaire far outweighs any sense contained therein, and therefore I deemed it unworthy of my notice."

R. K. LEANEY, 2nd Year Arts Student:

- I.—1. All four.
 2. Six. (1) 5. (2) I wouldn't know.
 3. French is banned in "On Dit."
 II.—Good lord!
 III.—"On Dit."
 IV.—I ought to, but I don't.
 V.—1. That's my question.
 2. Ditto.
 VI.—1. Not a fair question for the Editor.
 2. But they have!
 3. Mine's a "Lucky Strike."
 VII.—1. Yes (if they have silencers).
 2. Patronise the Refectory.

Mr. Leaney favors the National Union (within reason); all in favor of political discussion and more social life. We should have a Students' Representative Council, as in Melbourne and Sydney, consisting of students only. On the darker side of the picture, he has been editor of "On Dit" for 1944. On committees of Theatre Guild and Arts Association. His answers to his own questions are singularly poor.

R. W. PARSONS, 2nd Year Engineering Student:

Mr. Parsons declined to answer the serious questions, but gave replies to the more frivolous ones.

He favors the National Union and political discussion here. More social life—yes. The two committees are enough.

J. R. PRESCOTT, 3rd Year Science Student:

V.—GENERAL CULTURE.

- 1.—Who painted Rembrandt's mother?
 2.—What do you think of Picasso as a musician? Do you prefer his symphonies or sonatas?

VI.—SOCIAL OUTLOOK, TACT, AND DIPLOMACY.

- 1.—Do you think "On Dit" should be libellous?
 2.—Do you think unmarried crayfish should have nippers?
 3.—What's yours?

VII.—POLICY.

- 1.—Do you favor the admission of Engineering students into the Union?
 2.—What do you propose to do about the University?

We also asked the candidates' opinions on the National Union of Australian University Students (N.U.A.U.S.), politics in the university, the amount of social life, and on the present system of student government—i.e., the Men's Union Committee and the Union Committee.

- I.—1. A red herring.
 2. 11. (1) 8. (2) 3.
 3. Most of them are French.
 II.—Not quite. It depends on how they are distributed.

III.—Prof. Kerr Grant.
 IV.—Not in a position to say; have not gone into it thoroughly.

V.—1. Not quite sure; might have been anybody.
 2. Never heard them. Rather like his pictures.

VI.—1. No!
 2. I won't bite.
 3. Dry sherry.

VII.—1. I suppose we can put up with them. Some of them are intelligent.
 2. Strike a light!

Mr. Prescott favors the Nat. Union as long as it does not become political as a body. "No harm in discussing politics in 'Varsity.'" "Little more variety in social life; informal dances a good thing." "Present method of student government most practicable." A well known scientific personality. Was on Union Committee this year.

D. F. SANGSTER, 3rd Year Science Student:

- I.—1. Red herring.
 2. Enough. (1) Sufficient. (2) No knowledge.
 3. All Dutch.
 II.—Quite fair.
 III.—The University "spirit."
 IV.—No.
 V.—1. Her attendant at the beauty salon.
 2. Who in the hell's he?
 VI.—1. No more than can be helped.
 2. Definitely, as protection against unscrupulous females.
 3. Scotch and soda.
 VII.—1. Yes.
 2. Work and play.

Mr. Sangster favors the National Union because, "by vector addition, two forces applied in the one direction have more power than applied separately, but must be applied in the right direction." "Politics is part and parcel of social life, and should be encouraged, but should be kept within the bounds of free discussion." "Definitely more social life, e.g., Friday dances." "Students should have more say, but wisdom should temper youthful impetuosity." Mr. Sangster (Shag) is treasurer of the Science Association.

W. A. N. WELLS, 4th Year Law Student:

Mr. Wells was not available for interview, but we obtained some information. He is a returned soldier, after fighting for 3½ years. Was never on the Union Committee or Editor of "On Dit," but was the last Rhodes Scholar for South Australia, in 1939.

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EDITORIAL

... R. K. Leaney

"ON DIT" has had a particularly stormy year for all concerned. We can remember the events of 1944: firstly, there was a little matter of the freedom of the Press, when the paper, with the support of many students, wanted the activities of the Union Committee freely publicised. This was settled amicably, with permission being given to the editor to print reports of these meetings. Next we had Ern. Malley. "Canta," of Christchurch University, New Zealand, in an issue just received, has given "On Dit" the credit for the exposure of the myth—but we have not heard the last of Malley yet.

Last of all, the editor was sued for libel, along with that notorious person Max Harris, for an article written while the editor was home in bed. Enormous damages were

threatened, but Miss Hackett was graciously satisfied with apologies from the defendants. Meanwhile, the paper went out of circulation while the Union and Publications Committees were deliberating on a plan to avert the future possibility of libel cases. This plan, just recently fixed satisfactorily for both editor and Union, is a good safeguard and at the same time puts the publication of "On Dit" on a sounder basis. The editor remains free to make "On Dit" what he likes and maintain satisfactory relations with the Union Committee.

The outcome of it all is that "On Dit" will be published fortnightly, with interspersed weekly issues if necessary.

All that's required now is an editor for 1945!

GUILD COMES GOOD

PLAY AT THE HUT

By "First Blighter."

There was no doubt about the quality of the Theatre Guild show last week, when Barbara Howard produced "A Hundred Years Old," by the Quintero brothers. I should say the best production of 1943-44 (although there is another big show coming at the end of the year). Firstly, it is a good play, good theatre, dialogue, and characters; and the performance brought out most of its good points. Particularly impressive were the characters. Papa Juan was really a centenarian—Frank Part put over successfully the feeling of the old man's past life, his breadth, his influence and humor, so that Papa Juan was really the whole play, and the incidents were just part of his life. At times one felt that the lines were being elocuted, but otherwise a polished piece of acting.

Of the next generation down, Dona Filomena, acted by Tess Lyne, was delightful—the jealous, cantankerous, and mischief-making sister-in-law, who finally and most amusingly softens under the influence of sherry. Miss Lyne has shown before that she can act with intelligence and restraint. Here, with a character part, she made the most of her opportunity without overdoing it, bringing out the full flavor. Dona Marcialia and Don Evaristo (Elizabeth Campbell and James Glennon) were soundly acted, both having a good stage presence. James Glennon's facial expression, however, was immobile and unattractive—could have been more "lovable." As the poor relation, Antonon could have had more resilience; while Comrade Alonov was an amusing drunk.

The hero and heroine were charming. Enid Brown was sensitive, and really young and affectionate, as Currita; a better performance than Gabby in "The Petrified Forest."

Owen Evans was satisfactory as the dashing young man, sustaining the part well.

But a few criticisms: (1) Too many wild gestures. (2) A tendency to over-act and insincerity. Otherwise he has a sensitive apprehension of the stage and its requirements. The other smaller parts were acted (most of them, anyway), but their full color was not conveyed.

Special mention must be made of the stage-set and lighting—as usual, a lovely set, by Michael James (?), which harmonised well with the cos-

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tuming, especially in the third act, when the lights were expertly dimmed, concurrent with the closing of one of the green shutters. From then on the scene was rich reds, browns, deep and pale greens. Currita floated in in a pale green, billowy dress which was the same tone as the almond blossoms up centre—as lovely a scene as Hollywood technicolor could present.

The next evening sponsored by the Guild, which has at last shown what it can do, will be of three short plays, in about three weeks time.

WANTED!

NOMINATIONS for Editor of "ON DIT" for 1945 are requested by the Union Committee. Application should be made to Mr. Hamilton, in the Union Office.

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ON CHANGE

MEN

Proposed changes in the Men's Union constitution will overcome difficulties and anomalies which at present exist.

In the past confusion has been caused at A.G.Ms. by the non-appearance of reports. Since the A.G.M. is held early in the year following that of the outgoing committee's term of office, often those responsible for the reports have left the Varsity, leaving the incoming committee to carry the baby—or at least conduct the A.G.M. of its predecessors. The primary difficulty for the incoming committee is the matter of reports, and to overcome this trouble the following addition to the constitution has been recommended for approval by the Union Committee.

"Under the Duties of Chairman the following be added: The chairman of the outgoing committee shall collect all reports mentioned under 17a and lodge them in the Union Office before the expiration of his term of office."

According to the constitution the committee takes office immediately after the A.G.M. of its predecessor. However, in practice, the committee assumes office at the beginning of each year, and to bring this practice into line with the constitution it is recommended that the clause covering term of office be amended to read as 12c of the Union Constitution, substituting the words "Men's Union Committee" for "Union Committee"; this means that the Men's Union Committee will be in office for one year beginning on January 1.

WOMEN

From the times when the majority of women did Arts and Music, and the remainder were spread over the faculties of Science, Medicine, Law and Commerce, there has been a large increase in the number of women taking degree or diploma courses in faculties other than those included above.

To meet this increase of students, some alterations to the constitution of the Women's Union were necessary. Unlike the Men's Union, where faculties nominate their own representatives, the Women's Union is

primarily a club to organise the affairs of women.

To this club, therefore, under the proposed alterations, there shall be nine elective members, of whom at least

2a. (i) Two shall represent Arts and Music; (ii) Two shall represent Science and Engineering; (iii) Two shall represent Medicine, Dentistry, Massage, Pharmacy, Law and Commerce; (iv). One shall represent Social Science and Physical Education.

2b. Junior Members.

For the sake of continuity, it is desirable that there should be some junior members on the committee, i.e., those who at their time of election shall normally require at least two years to complete the course on which they have entered, and for carrying out this purpose, the ballot having been counted, those two juniors who have the highest number of votes shall first be elected, provided that both are not included in the same section of 2a hereof.

Election of Women's Union Committee

1. For the purpose of carrying out 2b, members are asked to nominate, if possible, at least one junior as defined in 2b, in each section of 2a.

2. Only such students as intend to complete a full course, whether degree or diploma, shall be eligible for nomination as a member of the Women's Union Committee.

5a. In the event of any vacancy occurring during the year among the elective members, the remaining members of the committee shall have power to appoint a successor who shall hold office until the next general meeting of women members, which shall then appoint a member to hold office until the end of the current year.

We are indebted to Miss E. Cavalier and Miss B. Woodward, who spent much time in revising the Constitution so that it would meet the present needs.

These alterations to the constitution were proposed by Miss Woodward, seconded by Miss R. Blackburn, and passed by a Special General Meeting of the Women's Union held on September 15. They await confirmation by the Union Committee, after which they will be used for the coming elections.

"After the Peace"

Departing from its usual policy of holding a week-end conference during the vacation, the S.C.M. held its August conference from Monday, 14th, to Thursday, 17th. The study was written by Rev. W. F. Hambly on the Book of Amos, with the title, "After the Peace." There were four addresses and three study periods.

The first address was given by Rev. J. R. Blanchard on "World in Torment." He discussed the application of Amos' condemnation of Israel's sins to the conditions prevalent in Australia and the world generally. It was easily seen that the social evils of Israel had their parallel in society to-day. The second address was given by Rev. Hambly, his subject being "Christian Internationalism." He showed how the isolationist policy of the Israelites had arisen, and how, in their isolation, the Israelites had absorbed the religions of the people they conquered in their transition from a nomadic to a farming nation. He stressed the importance of a sense of destiny, of having some idea where we are going. He pointed out the necessity for appreciating the contribution which other nations had to offer towards forming a Christian Internationalism. In conclusion, he suggested upon what lines we could study the problem more closely for ourselves.

The third subject was "Changing the System," and was discussed by Rev. Mayes. He discussed the subject under four main topics—the influence of the present economic system, pre-requisites for a change, some psychological difficulties, and some tactics for bringing about the change.

The application of our study and discussion was the subject of the final address, by Rev. F. G. Engel. He pointed out the situation which we must face in our own lives. He stressed the disease of disunity, and the long period of convalescence which we must face after the war. He pointed out the tendency of people to look for a blueprint for a New World Order.

The chairman of the conference was Maurice Brown, who came over from Melbourne, where he is Assistant to the Registrar of the University. He added much zest and many other things to the conference. It is feared that one night he slept rolled up in a carpet!

On the Tuesday afternoon a paper chase was held. On Wednesday afternoon a sports day was arranged in the National Park. One circle excelled itself by winning almost every event, although perhaps it was saved by the weakness of the rope in the tug-o-war. During the course of the conference there were no solos, and I don't believe any two people were called upon to sing "The more we are together."

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Review Of Winter Sports

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We started the season with 24 members, and decided that we could put out one "A" team and half a "B" team, the remainder of the latter to be made up by members from the Sturt Club. This arrangement was, however, very unsatisfactory, as Sturt failed to supply any men after the first three weeks, which meant that we had to make up two complete teams from a possible maximum of 24 players. Of these, at least six seemed to forget that there was such a thing as lacrosse, and so the second team was consistently short of players, and on an average only managed to get seven men per match. This was rather discouraging to the rest of the team, and it is not surprising, under the circumstances, that the results were as they were.

In contrast to this, the first team, led by N. Wallman, had a most successful season, and finished up at the head of the premiership table (second time in three years). We put down our success, as previously, not to the excellent play of any one man, but to the high standard of combination that was characteristic of the majority of the matches.

In the beginning of the season, after winning the first ten matches, we were getting a little too cocksure, and it was perhaps a good thing that we were defeated by West Torrens, as it brought us back to earth, and made us realise that without practice no team can compete successfully. We finished up minor premiers at the end of the second round, winning 12 out of 14 matches. Then, in the semi-final, we had to play Sturt, who had defeated us two weeks previously.

This, naturally, did not make us feel very confident, but in spite of this, we managed to defeat them, 21 to 7. In this match we got ten goals before they had scored, and kept up this lead until the final bell.

For the third time in three years,

goalkeeper, who had previously been ill, and we were glad to see that, despite his illness, he had lost none of his ferocity in defence of his beloved goal.

The results throughout the season showed that our practice had not been valueless, and it is with great hopes that we look forward to a successful season next year.

BASEBALL

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What happened to the Baseball Club this year hardly bears placing on paper, but a blank could not be left in the records of the club, so here, for what it is worth, is an account of the season's activities.

The "A" team began the season well by drawing with Glenelg (4-4) in the first match, and then having several narrow defeats, against West Torrens (4-5), Police (1-2), and Goodwood (5-6). In the next match, "Varsity" "whitewashed" Port Adelaide to the tune of seven runs to nothing. A feature of this match was the fine play by Karl Ball, on second base, and Noel Johnston (on leave from the A.I.F.) on third base. However, the team did not continue the good form shown in this match, and it was the end of the season before another match was won, this time against Adelaide (16-9).

The batting aggregate was won by Page (23 safe hits), and average by Vidale (480). The best fielders were Slade and Fahey.

The team consisted of Fahey (captain), Ball (vice-captain), Slade, Beard, Kenny, Page, Wyllie, Wicks, Vidale.

The "B" team fared better, considering that it lost its pitcher-captain, Geoff. Manning, early in the season. It commenced the year in "C" Grade, but after defeating West Torrens 30-3, was promoted to "B" Grade, where it made its presence felt on several occasions.

Steve Vidale starred behind the big mitt and with the bat, and was pro-

History of the Bike

At the A.G.M. of the A.U.E.S., held on September 8, Mr. E. V. Clark gave a most interesting and comprehensive survey of the history of the bicycle.

The bicycle has developed from a contraption known as the velocipede, popular around 1880. This was a sort of scooter arrangement, the rider sitting astride his machine, and propelling himself with both legs by a walking motion. Although not so good on the uphill grades, the machine was admirably suited for donkeying lasses downhill, who, Mr. Clark assured his audience, clung fearfully to the waist of their dare-devil beau as they hustled down a favorable incline. An efficient braking system seemed to be lacking.

The next innovation was the introduction of cranks and pedals, which were arranged so as to give direct front-wheel drive. As this caused only one revolution of the wheel (i.e., 2 π radians) per one revolution of the rider's legs, the owner of such a machine would have been doomed to miss the 6 o'clock closing had it not been for the fact that the front wheel was anything from 48 in. to 54 in. high, which enabled the rider to cover a distance of approximately 48 π to 54 π inches per revolution of his legs. This arrangement also had the favorable effect of making the rider push vertically downwards on the pedals, thus getting maximum benefit from his pedalling.

However, as the rider was perched somewhat perilously several feet in the air, the slightest deviation from the equilibrium position generally resulted in the rider acquiring considerable velocity in a vertical rather than horizontal direction. Steps were therefore taken to obviate the necessity of a high front wheel, and at the same time retain the rider's position vertically above the pedals, as well as making the machine cover a reasonable distance for every once around of the pedals.

This was finally achieved by introduction of chain gearing, the drive,

Engineers

At the meeting of the A.U.E.S. on September 8, Mr. E. V. Clark spoke on the history of the bicycle, and an account of this probably appears elsewhere. The speaker at the next meeting, on October 6, will be an architect, Mr. Boucher, whose subject will be "The Malay States, and the Evacuation from Singapore." The policy of not having highly technical talks should be given consideration. The Engineering Society should cater for all branches of engineering, and to do this the topics must be fairly general. In this respect we could take a lesson from the Science Association.

Throughout the year the attendance of First Years has been very disappointing. Under the present quota, the University is undoubtedly getting some of the best brains of the State, but it must be remembered that brains are not the only qualification for citizenship. It is time some of the inky little schoolboys realised that the sole purpose of the University is not to provide a knowledge of Maths, Physics, and Mech. I, but that an interest in the social life of the "Varsity" is almost equally important. First Years are encouraged to turn up at the meetings, and mix with their fellows, to discuss matters other than good old Mech. I.

The last and greatest function of the A.U.E.S. this year is the

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which we hope to hold on Friday, November 24, as a Saturday night dance cannot go on until 1 a.m. It is after the exams. are over, and hence we are counting on a big show, with some special attractions. The dance committee is working hard now, and anyone interested in lending a hand is asked to speak to any of the committee members. There is always plenty of work to do, and in particular a squad of chaps will be needed on the day of the dance to clear the Refectory, etc., and do all the hard work. So don't forget, come along and help make this the biggest show of the year.

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we had to play East Torrens in the final, and although the "Advertiser" picked us to win, we felt none too sure of ourselves, because we were without Jack Freeman, who had deserted the team to get married. In his place we had Harbison, a first year, but who had shown great promise throughout the season.

This match was as much of a surprise to us as it was to them, as we ran out easy winners, 28 goals to 13. The forwards just didn't seem to be able to go wrong. The passes were good, the position play was good, and everything went according to plan. Murray Elliott, who was standing Symonds, by his speed and quick interceptions kept this forward down to 8 goals, and the other backs also showed their superiority by restricting the score of the rest of the forwards to 5 goals.

In the first half of the season we had P. Hetzel in goals, and he showed great ability and fearlessness in this position. In the latter half he was replaced by Bromfield, last season's

noted to the "A" team. Bruce Sharpe did well in his first season on the pitching mound, and Bob Miller held the team together from first base. Brokensha finished with the best batting average (390).

The team was Miller, Vidale, Sharpe, Brokensha, Kohler, Maddison, Hyde, Rowe, Paull, McLeay.

The season finished well, with a dinner held at the Hotel Adelaide on September 12. It was attended by all members of the club, and two vice-presidents, Messrs. J. F. Gillman and P. D. O'Brien. Mr. Gillman, incidentally was a member of the first University baseball team (1922). Mr. O'Brien played from 1936 to 1939. The two vice-presidents were continually dipping their hands into their pockets to pay for "accessories," by no means a small bill. Still, it's only once a year!

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however, still being on the front wheel, which necessitated complicated arrangements of gearing.

The present form of bicycle frame then developed rapidly in three stages, and further development of this nature virtually ceased in ????. This arrangement enabled members of the fairer sex to participate in the invigorating pastime of cycling.

At the same time, the tyres of the bicycles were being improved. From the iron-tired "bone rattlers" there evolved solid rubber tyres, and then cushion tyres, which were thick, hollow tyres, giving a better ride than hitherto known.

The pneumatic tyre appeared here in 1894, great strides being made in its development.

Free-wheeling was introduced about 1900, together with the now popular hub brake. (Up to date, brakes had either been totally lacking, or were brakes acting directly on to the tyre in the case of solid rubber and cushion types, and later on to the rim when pneumatic tyres became popular.)

In relation to free-wheeling, Mr. Clark said that he once remembers a young lady who, before the days of free wheels, was riding her bicycle when some braid sewn around the bottom of her skirt became unstitched, and wound itself around the main

driving sprocket until the unfortunate damsel was permanently hobbled. When the menfolk came to the rescue they could not simply back-pedal, and so extricate the unfortunate lady, but had to wheel her backwards along the road for some miles until she was free again!

Secondary developments, such as three-speed gears and electric lighting, now made cycling a pleasure.

For those who know Mr. Clark's bicycle, and who have wondered how such a statically indeterminate structure could ever be designed, or even last as long as it has (40 or more years), this is how Mr. Clark accounts for it: "The designer designed the most comfortable seat he could think of, and then designed a bike to fit." See? It's quite simple!

WED.

An event of great interest to us occurred a few weeks ago, when Miss Joan Matthew was married to Captain Ian Disher, of the Second A.I.F., some time dental student. We believe that Joan is to continue her course down here, and ought to appear any minute now. Once again, congratulations, Captain and Mrs. Disher!

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