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Union Committee Getting into Stride

Last Thursday the full Union Committee settled down to a long agenda for its first meeting since commencement, all activity so far having been in the hands of sub-committees appointed in February. Emerging from the mass of administrative business, three large-size topics were brought forward.

1. Student Housing.

The president introduced a preliminary discussion, pointing out that a position which had never been satisfactory was now intolerable, and although the Council had the matter under discussion, it was quite within the province of the Union to pursue and supplement or even initiate Council activity. (He said that last week, too.—Ed.). He suggested the formation of a sub-committee with the immediate task of collecting information and statistics as to residence, supplied by students on their entry forms, to be followed up by a questionnaire as to costs of living, conditions, etc., in existing billets. No practical scheme could be evolved without this information.

Prof. Sanders took over then, and pointed out that even such information, valuable as it was, would be of little use unless we kept constantly in mind some form of "roof" for students at present living in most unsatisfactory circumstances—be the "roof" a college, a hostel, or what have you. Some such "roofs" are in mind, he said, and the sooner we collected details of members requiring accommodation, the better.

The following sub-committee was appointed with power to co-opt:—The President, Prof. Sanders, Messrs.

Prescott and David Barnes, and Miss Blackburn.

Meantime let this committee have your ideas and suggestions, in writing. What we want more than anything else is a five-storey house, h. and c., capable of taking 200 undergraduates at 18/6 a week. Have you got one?

2. Consideration of Student Problems.

The President pointed out that there were many matters requiring discussion by a representative student body which were beyond the capacity of the present Union Committee owing to the immense amount of administrative work with which it was burdened. He, therefore, suggested the formation of an independent student committee comprising the present Men's Union and Women's Union committees to meet, say, one night a month, and thrash out student problems, especially those matters referred to constituents by N.U.A.U.S. Such meetings could be open to all students. Looking further ahead, said Mr. Jacobs, the University Council is contemplating administrative changes which will affect the Constitution of the Union, and separate its present wide administrative functions from the purely student matters which it also considers.

Professor Sanders and Mr. Jacobs by invitation represent the Union on the Council sub-committee.

3. Publicity.

Mr. Prescott urged the committee to bear in mind the need for adequate publicity if its deliberations are to serve the undergraduates.

It would appear that "J.R." is a pretty fair urger!

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE.

Due to the increase over the last few years of the quota for this faculty, it has been decided to form our own faculty society. Up till now the Ag.Sc. students have been affiliated with the Science Society, but now, although it will remain affiliated, the Ag.Sc. faculty is strong enough to form its own student society.

Meetings will be held from time to time through the year, and the association hopes to develop its social side as well as providing a background of topics of general interest.

M. B. SPURLING,
Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S UNION A.G.M.

On Wednesday, March 14, the Women's Union held their annual tea in the Refectory to welcome women freshers. About 180 members were present.

The president (Suzanne Blackburn) welcomed all the newcomers, urging them to take an active interest in all University affairs. She introduced the Union committee, referring freshers to them for any information they require.

Later, Jean Hamilton spoke of the Sports Association: the well estab-

lished Hockey and Basketball Clubs, and the recently started Softball Club. The latter, she explained, was begun only last year, so even if freshers knew nothing about the game, they would have no cause to feel embarrassed.

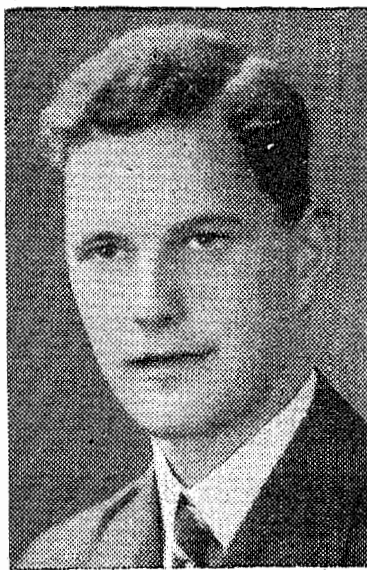
Then Cynthia Nelson discussed the advantages of as many clubs and societies as she could remember (aided by the Union handbook). She pointed out that this book is invaluable to freshers.

The tea was followed at 7.45 p.m. by the Annual General Meeting, held in the Lady Symon Hall, with Miss Blackburn in the chair. The meeting elected several freshers to the committees with the Women's Union.

House committee: Elizabeth Prest.
Debating committee: Pam Cleland,
Rosemary Fitch.

Library committee: Betty Ann Robertson was elected librarian, replacing Janet Paine. A vote of thanks to Janet was passed in her absence, and the secretary asked to convey the appreciation of the Women's Union to her for her splendid service. Committee members: Eleanor Wellbourn, June Heysen.

The meeting closed with community singing.



ROWEN OSBORN



ELLIOT FORSYTH
who, after editing the first issue of "On Dit" for 1945, retired to bed for a week.

N. U. A. U. S.

At the meeting of the Union Committee last Thursday, Mr. G. I. Brown (Dental Rep.) was appointed local secretary-treasurer of N.U.A.U.S. for 1945. For the benefit of the uninitiated this is what he will be concerned with.

The National Union of Australian University Students was formed in 1936, but it was not until 1944 that the student organisations in all Australian Universities became affiliated members. Each local body appoints representatives who hold office on the Council of the N.U.A.U.S. for one year, the number of representatives being based on the student population in each member-University. Sydney and Melbourne each have five representatives, Queensland, Adelaide, Western Australia and Hobart each have two, and Canberra and New England University each one. A meeting of this Council is held annually, but the business of the N.U.A.U.S. during the year is carried out chiefly by the local student organisations, each of which appoints an N.U.A.U.S. secretary-treasurer who is responsible for N.U.A.U.S. matters in his own University and for keeping in touch with current events

in other Universities. By means of this organisation Australian students can co-operate in a large number of activities.

Each University can tackle problems in its own individual sphere, and it is often the case that opinions vary tremendously in different States. A policy acceptable to the majority of the N.U.A.U.S. does not prevent individual Universities and students from holding and expressing quite different opinions.

The N.U.A.U.S. also aims to promote extra-curricular activities and sporting and social interests. These activities are potentially international in scope. For instance, debating teams have gone abroad in the past, and it is hoped that such activities can be expanded in the future. At present all that it is possible to contemplate is the provision of regular bulletins of student news from within Australia and from overseas.

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SCIENTIFIC GERMAN.

Once again arrangements have been made for Mrs. Kearney to conduct a course in scientific German covering systematic grammar and elementary scientific vocabulary. All Science students will realise the necessity of such a course, and other interested students may attend.

It is intended to follow and to complete Fiedler and Sandbach "First German Course for Science Students," which may be bought at the W.E.A. book-room. The course will assume no previous knowledge of German and will provide enough grammar for a student to be able to follow German scientific books and journals. This will take about sixteen to eighteen lessons of one hour each. Some home study will be necessary—two or three hours a week should be sufficient. It is hoped that next term more advanced reading classes in specialised subjects can be arranged.

Tutorials will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays in the first term from 11—12 in the upstairs Physics Theatre starting last Wednesday, March 21. The fee for the course will be nine shillings, payable now at the Union

office. Further information may be obtained from J. R. Prescott or D. F. Sangster.

NIGHT ADDRESSES.

The Labor Club is holding a series of evening functions this year. The Labor Club feels that University students should have the opportunity of exchanging views with non-university people of their own age.

The Labor Club has approached several organisations on this matter. The Unley Common Cause Youth Group, the Eureka Youth League have expressed their desire to co-operate, while the 'Y' Movement has decided to identify itself with the A.U.L.C.

To provide a common meeting ground, the Labor Club is holding evening addresses—together with week-end conferences, dances, hikes, etc. The first of these night meetings will be held on Monday, March 26, when Dr. Alan Finger (president of the S.A. Communist Party) will speak on "Medicine in the U.S.S.R.," while on Tuesday, April 17, Bruce Williams, acting Professor of Economics, will answer the question "What has Capitalism Achieved?"

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OPINION

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The Editor "On Dit":

Dear Sir,—I was rather amazed last week to read of this year's "policy" for the Labor Club, especially in the light of its published aims. The aims (I quote) are "to present the idea of Socialism to the body of University students and to obtain precise understanding ... of forces ... in our society leading to Socialism." The policy (I quote again) includes achievement of a self-governing student body, alteration of N.U.A.U.S. to N.U.A.S., investigation of student housing, extension of University facilities, continuation of subsidy scheme.

Now, Sir, the point I would make is that all this "policy" bears no relation whatever to the aims of the Labor Club. How can you connect student housing or the formation of a National Union of Students with Socialism? Of course, you can't. In fact all these matters which the Labor Club now declare to be their "policy" were raised at the National Union Conference. As such, they are of interest to the whole student body, and are therefore the responsibility of the Union. Is the Labor Club setting up in competition with the Union Committee? Is this an attempt to advance the cause of Socialism by appropriating as "policy" attractive "non-political" issues, which though worthy of Labor Club's interest, are beyond the scope of legitimate Labor Club policy?

The answer to these questions must be "No!" before we can advance to

a livelier student organisation based on co-operation for the mutual benefit of all students.—Yours faithfully,
R. W. PARSONS.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir,—I have heard that the A.G.M. of the Adelaide University Labor Club was attended by a few people, mildly interested, actively interested and even fanatical: the fresher attendance seemed to have increased while the well-known die-hards of the Club have remained constant in number. I don't know what a University Labor Club should be, but I believe that the similar organisation in Melbourne has a relatively (i.e., to the total number of students) big membership.

Also the Melb. Univ. L.C. is affiliated with the Labor Party. The A.U.L.C. is affiliated with no political party? I wonder. I do not doubt the honesty of the Labor Club organisers, who also publish a strange periodical called "Uni," apparently unedited, with articles written by "Anon" and W. Mansfield, but why all this secrecy? Is it because the authors are afraid of a counter-attack, they having no defence? Or do not their activities bear investigation?

Could it be that the "fair visage" of "Labor Club" conceals beneath its pale pink complexion, blood of the reddest hue, emanating from the darkest recesses of the Comintern?—Yours, etc.,

BOLS.

COMING EVENTS.

- Friday, March 23—**
7.45 p.m.—Law Society A.G.M. in Law Lecture Room.
- Monday, March 26—**
1.15 p.m.—E.U. Bible Studies in Advanced Maths. Lecture Room.
7.30 p.m.—Labor Club—Dr. Alan Finger on Medicine in the U.S.S.R.
1.20 p.m.—S.C.M. Study Circle—"Science, Christianity and Truth", in Lady Symon Hall.
- Tuesday, March 20—**
1.20 p.m.—S.C.M. Study Circle—"Christianity and the Social Order."
- Wednesday, March 28—**
7.45 p.m.—Medical Society—Freshers' Welcome.
- Friday, March 30—**
1.15 p.m.—E.U. Public Meeting—Advanced Maths. Lecture Room.
4.15 p.m.—E.U. Public Meeting—History Lecture Room.
- Wednesday, April 4—**
1.20 p.m.—S.C.M., "The University—Dead or Alive" by John Garrett in George Murray Hall.
- Thursday, April 5—**
Science Association Meeting.

I.V.F. CONFERENCE.

During breakfast on January 9 at Moore Theological College, Sydney University, two Adelaideans rolled in and finished their eight-day bike trek to the Conference of the inter-Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions. The railways were used (legally) by

student delegates from Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane, while others with fares but no priorities made attempts by sea and air.

And for ten days and ten nights a constant buzzing as of many voices was heard in that University.

Bishop Houghton, of the C.I.M., led the Conference, and Mrs. Houghton was House Mother. The subject of the Conference was "Effective Witness," which was well dealt with, from the dealing out of our Lord's wisdom in large amounts, to the scientific routine planning of the general committee.

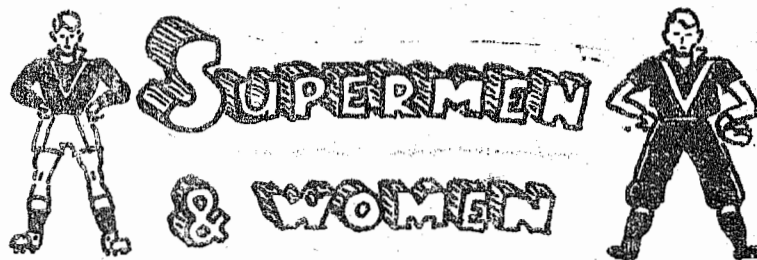
Each day was begun by a powerful session of voluntary prayer. Principal Morley, M.H., and John Thompson, B.A., B.D., M.S.C., succeeded in enlightening us each day from the contents of the Bible. Discussions on all of our activities were held each morning. On a number of afternoons the general committee had sessions. This gave most of us the chance to see Sydney and "our 'arbor," etc.

Dr. Paul White (Jungle Doctor) presided at our evening sessions, at which we had a variety of speakers, including Bishop Houghton, Rev. Basil Williams, B.A., Miss Anna Hogg, of the Sydney Teachers' College, Mr. Thompson, Dr. F. C. Schwartz, Canon Hammond and Dr. White himself.

An extra suitcase would have been handy to bring home our plans for future work.

Tonight.

Picture evening in the George Murray Hall at 7.45 p.m. There will be films of test cricket, tennis and golf, with a commentary by Clarrie Grimmett. All sporting enthusiasts are invited to attend.



MEN'S HOCKEY A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Men's Hockey Club will be held in the George Murray Hall at 1.20 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

With regard to practices, we say, for the benefit of freshers, that no previous experience is expected. Last season a team, composed largely of first season players, just lost the "B" grade grand finals. Next year we hope we can change this to "just won." Previously, three teams have been fielded. We are thinking this year of having four, so that everyone may get a game.

If you are interested in the prospects, do the practical thing and come along to the A.G.M.

BASEBALL.

The A.G.M. of the above club will be held in the George Murray Hall at 1.20 p.m. today. Everyone interested is invited to attend. This year it is hoped to put 'Varsity back on the same footing as several years ago, when it was a power to be reckoned with in League Baseball. We will be helped in this direction by the return of two old players, Vic Rose, pitcher from 1935-9, and Paul Backhouse, champion batter and first base in seasons 1939-41. Both have been in the services.

All freshers and new players are invited to join the Club.

The business at today's meeting will be:—

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Review of season 1944.
3. Election of officers for season 1945.
4. Election of practice captain.
5. Any other business.

WORLD YOUTH WEEK.

Throughout the world, from March 21—28, students are observing "World Youth Week." Living as we do in a country that has not suffered the physical impact of war, we would do well to remember the struggle of other Universities for survival, and the devotion and heroism of students in enemy-occupied countries. We should aim to match their endeavor.

The Adelaide University Union has cabled greetings to the youth of England and allied countries.

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(Very, very anonymous)

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Past my open epiglottal!*

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CRICKET.

Although the "A's" position, after the first day's play in their match against Kensington, justifies a rubbing rather than a wringing of the hands, it is not what it might have been if Kensington's tailenders had tailed off in a normal manner.

Kensington opened well and piled the runs on merrily until the fall of the second wicket at 86. After this, things continued moving fast but in a different direction. By the time 129 was reached, 9 wickets were down. Potts and Harris, undaunted, hit our bowlers all round the field until Rook threw Harris' wicket down from covers.

Whittle bowled exceedingly well, and his swerves had the batsmen puzzled. Out of his 7 wickets, he got one from a slip catch and three from catches behind. In the fielding, Selth (wicketkeeper) took a fine catch on the leg side, and Hallett got a one-hander in slips off Beard.

Douglas and Bennett batted confidently in our first innings, Douglas' leg sweep being conspicuous on several occasions.

Kensington, 208. Bowling—Beard, 2/50; Bennett, 0/52; Rook, 0/22; Whittle, 7/61; Hone, 0/10; Goode, 0/7. Varsity, 0/46 (Douglas not out 27, Bennett not out 18).

"B" Grade.

Varsity, 161. Port Adelaide, 1/84. For our side, Rodger made a solid 62, going in first wicket down and being the last batsman out. O'Loughlin and Masters made 30 each.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY UNION. GENERAL COMMITTEE, 1945.

- President: S. J. Jacobs (Law).
Vice-President: J. R. Prescott (Sc.).
Council Representatives: Professor Sir Douglas Mawson, Dr. Helen Mayo.
Staff Representatives: Professor H. W. Sanders, Dr. C. T. Madigan.
Graduates' Representatives: V. A. Edgeloe, Miss P. Mawson.
Chairman, Men's Union: J. R. Prescott (Science).
Chairman, Women's Union: Miss S. Blackburn (Medicine).
President Women's Grads: Miss J. Gilmore.
Honorary Treasurer: A. W. Bampton.
Men's Union Representatives: G. I. Brown (Dentistry), G. F. Cheeseman (Medicine), P. G. B. Claridge (Engineering), C. S. Crisp (Science), A. Kerr Graff (Medicine), R. W. Parsons (Engineering).
Women's Union Representatives: Misses W. Bonnin (Social Science), M. Mattner (Science), R. Pavy (Medicine), J. A. Hamilton (Science).
Sports Association Representative: R. A. Kenihan (Medicine).

Cricket Dinner.

To be held on Monday, March 26, at 6 p.m., at the Hotel Adelaide. Any cricketer can attend and is asked to pay 5/- to K. Rook or D. Beard immediately.

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