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Election Candidates Reveal Policies Long Awaited Statements Made Public—Faculty Voting Opposed

Dissatisfaction with the old methods of voting for the Men's Union and Union Committees has at last come to a head. As a result, voters will no longer be expected to vote for candidates of whom they know little or nothing.

The long-established principle of voting for faculty nominees, possibly to the exclusion of better men, has also been attacked from various quarters. Other important issues involve the sports' subscription, the policy of the Men's Union, and the existence of political clubs in the University.

The answers to the "On Dit" questionnaire have revealed the attitude of candidates on many important matters. Of these, the probable policy of the Men's Union is perhaps the foremost. In the past the Committee has not had a very distinguished existence, although a partial come-back was staged last year. This did not meet with the success it deserved, because of the apathy of students.

The movement to revive this Committee's activity now goes more or less closely linked with the formation of political clubs. The Labour Club already exists; others may be formed; and it is hoped that the Men's Union debates will gain feeling and utility from their existence.

Several candidates have gone on record against faculty voting. As both the Union and the Men's Union are concerned with student interests as a whole, and as faculties are largely autonomous, there is no necessary justification for voting for faculty nominees. In the bad old days, many voters only knew their faculty members among the candidates. Under such conditions, the cry, "Vote for your faculty members first," was a kind of "safety first" policy, and had much to justify it. To-day, when voters can see at a glance the records and opinions of all candidates, the shibboleth can be dispensed with.

Voting is already in progress. The requirements are:—

Eight members for the Union Committee.

Nine members for the Men's Union Committee.

If your voting card shows any irregularities, the scrutineers must reject it as informal. Typical irregularities are:—

Voting for more or less than the required number in each case;

Voting the right number for the wrong Committees;

Signing your election card.

There are always some fools who do these things. Don't be among them and

QUESTIONNAIRE

(For the answers to these questions, see each candidate's as they are numbered.)

- Views on companionate marriages between students?
- Views on dress reform:—
a. Shorts?
b. Open shirts?
c. Sandals?
d. Your best dress reform for women?
- Debates or addresses in the Men's Union?
- Men's Union dance this year?
a. Too many dances in Refectory?
b. Too few dinners?
- Licensing of Refectory for (a) Drink, (b) Betting Shop?
- Views on inter-racial marriages?
- Would you support—
a. Compulsory sports subscription?
b. Reduction of same?
- Opinion on Political Clubs?
- Would you agree to introduce a Bachelor of Matrimony course into the curriculum? If so, theoretical or practical?
- Views on invasion of women in basement of Barr-Smith Library?
- Conversion of Refectory lawn into a swimming pool?
- How to treat Refectory loungers?
- Would you be prepared to enforce the Union Regulations as they now stand?
- Any alterations to the above?
- Abolition of faculty voting?
- Initiations?
- Has "On Dit" been a failure? A blunt answer, please.

List of Candidates.

G. Walkley, E. J. Barker, P. Cudmore, O. Nichterlein, B.A., J. L. Allen, N. F. Goss, S. R. Barbour, R. S. Day, F. R. Magarey, M. F. Bonnin, C. T. Moodie, R. S. Dawe, W. D. Allen.
W. G. Chapman, M. W. Howell, D. F. Burnard, J. L. Allen, O. Nichterlein, N. F. Goss, J. M. Pedler, R. A. A. Pellew, A. J. Clarkson, W. T. Taylor, H. L. Abbott, H. E. Irving, M. S. Sergeant, R. W. Davis, C. D. Parker.

don't invent new idiocies.

Study the policies of the candidates. Don't pay too much attention to obvious aberrations, but decide which of them agree with you on important matters, and vote the best men in. Then keep an eye on them through the year, and see they do the things they promise.

But there is a catch in this. If you vote men in for a certain policy, let them be sure of your co-operation in the efforts they make to give that policy effect. Roll up to debates, for instance, and make them a success by adding your opinion to the speakers' when the motion is opened for discussion.

G. WALKLEY (Engineering—5th Year)

Committees: Men's Union (Vice-Pres.), Engineering Society, Assistant Secretary Boat Club.

- O—I think they're to be encouraged, they settle a man's mind.
- a. Gives the girls a thrill.
b. Collar and tie too clinging.
c. Too much B.O.
d. Not much.
- Prefer both, either, or neither.
- I support it, being the author of the idea.
- a. No, not enough; that is, provided the freshwomen keep their freshness.
b. Just give me a little time, bo, I'm heavy with stout.
- a. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes.
b. If the S.C.M. approve, yes.
- Why marry?
- a. Yes.
b. No (this is serious).
- See Life Buoy Soap advertisement.
- What is Matrimony? and would not stay for an answer.
- Subject to the exclusion of the women-police, yes.
- Use Insectibane.
- I don't know if I know them.
- We don't take any notice of them, anyway.
- See what Mr. Gladstone said in '68.
- Spare the rod and spoil the child.
- The answer is in the affirmative.

P. M. CUDMORE (Engineering—5th Year)

Committees: Sports Association General, Blues Sub-Com., Boat Club Secretary, Golf Club (Captain); Boat Club Blue; Inter-Varsity Golf.

- I should suggest that a serious student hardly finds time for it in the curriculum.
- a. Most decidedly in hot weather.
b. Yes.
c. No; you get gravel between your toes.
d. I think they hardly need any.
- I should think a judicious mixture of the two.
- I think I'd say no, on the ground of sufficient dances now.
- a. Yes.
b. Yes, every faculty and society ought to have one.
- a. I would support proposal.
b. Oppose it on the ground that the Refectory is already overcrowded at lunch-time.
- Where possible avoid; quite realisable sometimes it's impossible.
- a. Yes, providing no condition attached to it.
b. Yes, in above case.
- Political questions could be discussed in the Union itself, and political clubs are apt to be, at election times, a disturbing force to work.
- First of all, I can't see how a man can be a Bachelor of Matrimony.
- A mistake not to be able to sit on it in hours off.
- The only possible way to treat them is to turn it into a swimming pool.
- What the Committee decides, as a member I'd stand behind it.
- Not at the present stage.
- I don't think they should vote by faculty.
- Physical initiations are iniquitous.
- No; a great improvement on the Ragge.

O. NICHTERLEIN, B.A. (Honours English—4th Year)

Committees: Athletics, Intersports Athletics, 1932; Interstate Athletics, 1934; State ½ mile champion, 1933.

- Very practical suggestion.
- No coats. Sandals? Certainly! Women should swelter in all they can get on.
- Decent mixture, no undue emphasis on the "decent."
- There ought to be one by rights.
- Certainly! Too few dinners.
- Absolutely on both counts.
- No opportunity.
- Compulsory with reduction.
- Keep politics out of it.
- Strongly in favour of practical work.
- Basement to be fumigated.
- Too convenient as at present.
- Let them lounge unless there are so many of them you can't find room for yourself.
- Not too strictly.
- License the refec.
- Better not to have faculty voting.
- Pro.
- Certainly not, am personally on the staff.

J. L. ALLEN (Arts—3rd Year)

Committees: Students' and Men's Union, S.C.M., On Dit, Arts Assoc., Lit. and Deb., Tennis Blues Sub-committee, Interstate Colours for Hockey and Inter-Varsity Tennis.

- Decline to comment.
- a. Agree.
b. Agree.
c. If easy enough to wear.
d. Haven't studied women's lingerie.
- Debates more valuable if enthusiastically run.
- Good idea so far as the social life is concerned.
- a. Yes.
b. Yes.
- a. No.
b. [Laughed at the idea of Betting Shops.]
- Desirable ideal, but no courage to marry a Maori myself.
- a. Yes.
b. No.
- Very worth while.
- Yes, agree, but prefer "a." It effects very valuable enlightenment besides lifting Victorian taboos.
- Kick'em out, unless Honours Students.
- Can't be done.
- Can't do more than make a personal appeal.
- Yes.
- No.
- Vote for your own faculty.
- Primitive and ought to be cut out.
- No, very necessary organ of Students' Union.

N. F. GOSS (By his Co-Editor.) (Arts—4th Year)

Editor of "On Dit," Labour Club Executive, International Club.

Mr. Goss pleads exemption from this examination. For one thing, he himself is interviewing other people, and by now must have thought out excellent answers to all questions, and so he stands down.

For his character, Mr. Goss's organising ability on "On Dit," and his interest in international and interfaculty questions is manifest to his reading public.

In conclusion, I may point out that to Mr. Goss alone is due the credit for originating and organising this scheme of elections. He is strongly in favour of political clubs and an active Men's Union.

J. R. BARBOUR (Med.)

- Prefers extra marital.
- Tolerant of anything, strong penchant for plus-fours. The least sworn the better.
[said the better.]
- Debates.
- No.
- a. As they are.
b. More for dinners on Soup Kitchen basis.
- No.
- Extra marital, contraceptives.
- Not compulsory, and no reduction.
- No.
- Purely practical.
- Yes.
- Take them firmly in one hand.

- Yes.
- No.
- No.
- Yes, strongly pro.
- No.

W. T. TAYLOR (Pharmacy—3rd Year)

Committees: Pharmaceutical Society (faculty sub-treas.).

- Don't agree with them.
- a. Quite satisfied with present dress.
b. See "a" above.
c. Definitely no.
d. Ordinary everyday dress best.
- Debates.
- Yes.
- a. No, I think it's quite all right as it is.
b. Not too many; contrariwise, not too few.
- a. Yes, I think it a good idea.
b. Definitely no.
- 'Varsity colours are black enough already without becoming mottled.
- a. Yes.
b. Certainly.
- Bordering on the Botanic Park.
- Not in favour of it.
- No good lying idle in winter without central heating.
- They should be allowed to sit in the sun and read.
- Yes.
- I don't think I know the full lot.
- Quite good, if not taken too far.
- Vote best man every time.
- No, I get quite a lot of fun reading it.

Messrs. CLARKSON, PEDLER AND PELLEW (Med.)

(In unison, mostly, but with occasional solo passages).

- YES, SIR!
- Definitely, yes, I'll say.
- Lectures, less effort.
- Raspberry; no bridge, either.
- a. We want more dances.
b. We want more dinners, too.
- Very definite.
- No.
- Compulsory sub. impossible.
- No, keep the 'Varsity clean. It has an honourable name and we can't have it mixed up with politics.
- Practical classes on Saturday nights preferred.
- Yes, sir! if there is dress reform, and the Union regulations are amended so that no one can sit on the plugole.
- You know what to do with them (sideways).
- We'll bite.
- Same again.
- Med. School biggest. Therefore, No.
- Yes, sir! wholesale and retail.
- Unfortunate for all concerned that there are not more independent contributions. Anyway, we think it better than the Magazine.

R. S. DAWE (LL.B. Course)

Committees: Law Students' Society; Swimming Club; Producer for the Footlights Club.

- Can't say, as an answer might incriminate him.
- a. Very good.
b. —
c. No, has ingrowing toenails.
d. Already reformed, but not refined.
- Debates, but leaning towards a mixture.
- Emphatically no, if expected to do an item.
- a. Too fat to dance, so no personal interest.
b. Certainly too few dinners.
- a. No, believe it or not!
b. Opposed to betting shops license, unless Mr. Goodall were the licensed bookmaker, in which case more than agreeable.
- Prefer to have no definite view on interracial marriages.
- Compulsory sub, with reduction.
- Doesn't think much about political clubs in the University, prefers not to.
- Considers suggestion too serious to be condemned or applauded without serious thought; would like more time.
- (Caused Mr. Dawe some confusion, as he had never used the library). Strongly objected to the

EDITORIAL

"I'faith, this is my man."

At annual elections in the past, the voter was faced with the curious problem of deciding between the non-existent claims to his support of a number of people he didn't know. This, of course, is the essence of democratic government. But the editors don't like essence, and they have no principle, so they have undertaken to inform the ignorant and confound the wise by publishing candidates' records and opinions on various simmering questions.

A questionnaire was accordingly drawn up on psychological, biological and suicidal principles and presented to candidates. Their answers were then taken down as nearly as possible in the exact words used and the results are now for the first time made public. The order in which the answers appear was decided by drawing names from a hat. Late-comers, however, could not be thus accommodated, and were placed at the bottom of the list. Readers are requested fully to consider the claims of each candidate before voting.

And now a final word for the benefit of the local press, whose professional sense of humour we have grave reasons for suspecting. The important issues of the election should be quite apparent to anyone above kindergarten standard mentally, or to anyone who is not wilfully bent on misrepresenting us. Therefore, we do not desire to discover, either with the breakfast egg or the Yorkshire pudding, that our old friend Max, for instance, is a hot inter-racialist, or that Frank is about to enter into a companionate marriage. We do not, we repeat; nor do we desire anyone else to discover these things. Because they would be quite wrong. At Adelaide Varsity even the beer is flat.

- invasion of women on the top floor, in the basement, or any where else.
12. Good idea, would make a good class room for the new course, if any, in companionate marriage.
 13. In view of my weight, with the greatest respect. (Question probably misunderstood).
 14. Doesn't know what the Union regulations are, so would not enforce them as they stand.
 15. No.
 16. No opinion.
 17. Quite amusing, but thinks something more practical, such as compulsory dinner given by freshers to older members, would be better.
 18. Has never read "On Dit," therefore considers it a failure.

F. MAGAREY (Med.)

1. No, don't agree, what did you say? Yes, real dinkum sort.
2. Quite conservative. (censored).
3. Debates.
4. No.
5. a. Enough dances.
b. Too few dinners.
6. Yes, but not for betting.
7. Never.
8. Compulsory with reduction. No reduction, if optional.
9. Not in favour.
10. Endorse Mr. Day's reply.
12. Yes, if practicable.
13. Damn nuisance anywhere else. Loungers could be put in the swimming pool.
14. Not strictly.
15. —
16. For faculty voting.
17. Yes, by —.
18. B— awful.

M. W. HOWELL (Engineering—4th Year)

Committees: Engineering Society (Sect.), Boxing and Wrestling Club Sports, Football, Wrestling.

1. I think it's a matter for the bloke himself.
2. a. Short underpants.
b. I know, but refuse to say.
3. Debates.
4. No opinion. Yes and No.
5. Perhaps.
6. Very doubtful.
7. Never made one so cannot say.
8. Compulsory with reduction.
9. Definitely.
10. Varsity not ready as yet.
12. No, still handy for cabaret.
13. Most of them Arts men, so nothing can be done. Women should keep to their own quarters.
14. Not rigidly.
15. —
16. If it exists, yes.
17. In favour, if within bounds.
18. Partially.

H. E. IRVING (LL.B.)

Committees: Law Students' (Secretary), General Committee Sports Association (Secretary Men's Swimming and Non-Pennant Tennis); Varsity Blue and Australian Award for Lacrosse; Inter-Varsity Swimming.

1. O my godfather! Well, I mean to say, haven't experienced such things yet.
2. a and b. Good idea, if courage.
c. — silly.
d. Wear more clothes.
3. Both.
4. Yes, certainly.
5. a. No, an excellent idea. Promotes social spirit, one of main things in Varsity life.
b. No, I wouldn't say that.
6. a. Should be done.
b. Bit too far. Beneath dignity of ordinarily intelligent student.
7. Quite in order; depends on the races—and the bookmaker.
8. Yes, no.
9. Every Varsity should have them; more politicians should be graduates.

10. Prefer a little of both. Can I have both, eh?
11. Deterrent to the male anywhere.
12. As Secretary of the Swimming Club, a good idea.
13. Not to anything.
14. Such of them as I know.
15. Licensing.
16. An evil in the Varsity; doesn't get best representatives.
17. Tempered with a little mercy and commonsense.
18. Not wholly; more humour and life required.

D. F. BURNARD (Engineering—5th Year)

Committees: Athletics, Engineering, S.C.M.; Football Blue, Inter-Varsity Athletics.

1. Not at all successful.
2. a. Yes, in summer.
b. Ditto.
c. No, don't keep your feet clean.
d. That's difficult, that's all I can say.
3. Both.
4. Yes.
5. a. Too many.
b. Just right.
6. a. Seriously against it.
b. Also Ditto.
7. At present, no good. The stage hasn't been reached yet.
8. a. No.
b. No.
9. Haven't been to any yet, but a good idea.
10. B. of M! Theories no good without practice.
12. No.
13. Oh, let them lounge.
14. What are the Union Regulations.
15. None at all.
16. Well, I think we partly vote for the best man now.
17. What sort of initiations? They should be held.
18. No, quite a good paper.

M. S. SERGEANT (Law—Final Year)

Committees: Men's Union (President), Students' Union, House, Finance, Law Students' Society, Lit. and Deb., Inter-Varsity Debates (Brisbane and Hobart).

1. My views on this are the exact antithesis to my views on licensing the Refectory.
2. a. I regard shorts for men as falling in the same category as bloomers for women.
b. No man should be seen in an open neck shirt unless justified by a hairy chest.
c. No man, etc., unless he has the toe nails of a Chinese mandarin.
d. Back to nature.
3. Debates.
4. Not if a dinner can be arranged.
5. a. A superfluous number.
b. By at least two-thirds.
6. a. The sooner the better.
b. I have more interest in the previous query.
7. Provided both parties can last the distance.
8. Not unless it's reduced.
9. Unprintable and defamatory.
10. While I should never take the course myself, I think it eminently desirable in view of my future divorce court practice.
11. See 9 above.
12. Yes, if only to prevent people lounging thereon.
13. Like Suzanne, if I had a flow of language.
14. Yes-and-no.
15. See 6a above.
16. A categorical denial.
17. Being completely childish, they should be cast into the uttermost depths of the W.C.T.U.
18. Yes and no.

J. W. DAVIS (Law—Independent)

Committees: Vice President of Labor Club.

1. Strongly opposed.
2. Grey flannels, sports shirts, tie, no coats, for summer wear.
3. Debates, as far as possible of

- political nature, with outside speakers.
4. Possibly, no reason against.
 5. Dance quite in order, more dancers the better.
 6. No.
 7. Strongly opposed.
 8. Compulsory with reduction.
 9. Strongly in favour.
 10. Very interesting.
 12. Excellent for summer, but probably impracticable.
 13. Outski.
 14. Enforced with reason.
 15. No.
 16. Good idea.
 17. Pro within limits.
 18. No, I don't think so.

R. S. DAY (Med.)

1. No use for trial marriages.
2. All for unity with women.
3. Debates.
4. No.
5. Too few dinners.
6. Yes, my oath.
7. Only extra martial unions, abo types barred.
8. Compulsory with reduction.
9. Yes, excellent.
10. Theory unnecessary.
12. Yes.
13. Reply unintelligible.
14. —
15. Liquor and betting shops, nothing else.
17. Yes, within reason.
18. Hasn't been given a chance.

M. F. BONNIN (Law—3rd Year)

Blue for Rowing; Inter-Varsity Debates.

1. What's all this? I think I'll have to think this out.
2. a. Thought it was excellent until I saw two Med. Students in them.
(b) Collar and tie, — awful.
c. Good scheme.
d. Cobweb.
3. Both.
4. Quite unnecessary.
5. a. Decline to comment.
b. Hear! Hear!
6. a. Good scheme, this weather.
b. Certainly not.
7. Definitely bad.
8. a. Yes.
b. If so, yes.
9. Excellent idea, there is too little interest in politics.
10. Wouldn't encourage it, quite unnecessary.
12. As a matter of fact, I thought of it myself; I did, really.
13. Send 'em into Law Offices; it converted me.
14. Yes, when I find out what they are.
15. See answer 14.
16. Best man should get in, often not done.
17. Opposite those of Sir William Mitchell.
18. Not a failure, but could be improved. I leave it to someone else to do so.

W. G. CHAPMAN (Engineering—4th Year)

Committees: A.U.E.S. and A.U.R.F.C., Intersarsity Rowing, Sydney, 1933.

1. Oh —! That's not my opinion.
2. a. Excellent on all occasions.
b. Most decidedly.
c. Detest them.
d. Fig leaf, because willow leaf in winter leaves too much to be desired.
3. Lectures followed by informal discussion.
4. Dance, if free.
5. Dances as at present. More dinners, and hold them in the refec.
6. First class idea, the Annual Dinners could be run less expensively.
7. Produces rather b— mixture, therefore undesirable.
8. Compulsory with slight reduction. Every member should be interested to some degree. Would also prevent University members from competing in outside clubs.
9. Desirable, but no particular political party should be given preference by the authorities.
10. Most bachelors can obtain instruction and material without paying fees for a course as well.
12. Good idea.
13. Let 'em play poker, pontoon and two-up.
14. No.
15. Licensing.
16. As only three members from each faculty can be voted for, any good chap can be voted for as well. It is desirable in the interests of one's faculty to have it well represented on Committee.
17. Should be revived, good for freshers' morale.
18. Has been successful. Several people want to be bound and gagged; spoiled in some ways by people merely letting off wind.

C. D. PARKER (Science—5th Year)

Inter-Varsity Tennis; Science Association Committee.

1. I don't believe in them.
2. a. Depends on the man.
b. Yes, in summer.

- c. No.
- d. I do not think any dress reform needed.
3. Debates.
4. Yes, I'd be in favour of that.
5. a. No, but I don't think there should be any more.
b. No, but prefer them for males only.
6. a. No, I'm not in favour of that.
b. No work would be done, if that were so.
7. Keep the University white.
8. a. Yes.
b. No.
9. Have more political studies.
10. Yes, both.
12. Yes.
13. I don't think anything can be done, there's a Board of Discipline, isn't there?
14. Yes.
15. No, not that I can think of at the present moment.
16. This is trying to get over it, isn't it?
17. That they should be allowed.
18. Not been a complete success, too much a description of faculty societies and sporting results.

C. T. MOODIE (Law—4th Year)

Committees: Men's Union (Hon. Secretary), Law Students' Society (Treasurer), Tennis Secretary, Sports Association Comm., Faculty Sub. Treasurer, Inter-Varsity Tennis.

1. —! I reckon it's a ruddy good thing.
2. a. Depends on the legs.
b. No; stops you wearing ties.
c. Provided they lacquer their toe nails.
d. Back to crinolines and stomachers.
3. Equal proportions; debates of mixed qualities.
4. Ought to have some function, dance, or dinner, I don't mind. Gives men chance to repay women.
5. a. No; if people want to go they can; whether they dance or not is immaterial.
(b) Yes; more conviviality.
6. a. No.
b. If University bookmakers, maybe.
7. What do you think, boys?
8. a. Not at present, I don't think, anyhow.
b. Women ought to have to pay more.
9. Ought to be fostered.
10. From a theoretical point of view I prefer a practical one.
11. Outside me.
12. I think there's enough done there as it is.
13. Drown them in pool, if any.
14. No; the essence of progress is change.
15. I haven't applied my mind to it yet.
16. All independent; no agreements between faculties.
17. The women oughtn't to be let off.
18. No; you must have some University what's-its-name, mustn't you?

W. D. ALLEN (Science—3rd Year)

Committees: S.C.M. (Sec.), Science Assoc. (Treas.); All Australian University and A.U. Blues for Hockey.

1. Energies in Varsity life should be devoted to a degree rather than otherwise.
2. a. Don't advocate shorts.
b. But strongly in favour of open necks.
c. That'd go with shorts. Wouldn't it?
d. Continuation of simple model dresses. Classical style.
3. Prefer to exploit local talent in debates rather than imported talent in addresses.
4. Only add to superfluity of other social functions of second term.
5. a. See 4 above.
b. No.
6. a. Against.
b. The University is not Hindley Street.
7. In favour, but not under present international conditions.
8. a. Yes.
b. Ditto.
9. Trouble is I'm in favour of them, but I don't support them.
10. Who thought these out?
12. In favour of Swimming Pool, but not in Refectory Lawn.
13. By prohibiting one subject students, except under special circumstances.
14. Yes, should be more widely circulated and understood.
15. Not at present.
16. Inevitable, as members of faculty know own members best. Therefore, support faculty representation.
17. Things in moderation.
18. No, general support and appreciation is apathetic.

H. L. ABBOTT (Solicitor, about 6th Year)

Law Students' Committee; Union Committee; Football Blue.

Mr. Abbott unfortunately is away in the country; we have tried to find as much of his record as possible.