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UNION REFERENDUM: ALL MAY VOTE

All members of the University Union will be asked to vote next week in a referendum dealing with two different matters:

- (1) proposals to alter the composition of the Union Board:
- (2) proposals to allow the calling of referenda on Union policy questions, the results of which may be binding on the Union Board.

Ballot papers and documents setting out arguments and counter arguments for the various proposals will be distributed throughout the University on Thursday and Friday, April 20 – 21.

Voting will begin on Friday, April 21, and close at 5pm on Friday, April 28.

It may not be generally realised that ALL members of the University – academic, administrative and general staffs, as well as students – are eligible to vote. Any member who does not receive a ballot paper in the mail may obtain one on furnishing a statutory declaration to the Acting Warden of the Union, Mr. D.R. Ellis, who is returning officer for the ballot.

The Union Board has agreed that for this referendum, the results will be binding upon the Board provided 20% of the Union membership records a vote. If the result of such a ballot is in favour of a new form of Union Board, the Board would then be required to petition Council to this effect. Any amendment to the Constitution of the Union can only be made by resolution of the University Council.

C & S COUNCIL “ACTED CONSTITUTIONALLY”

The University Council this week discussed at length the refusal of the Clubs and Societies Council to affiliate the group known as the Friends of the University Regiment.

A letter outlining the C & S Council's reasons for its refusal was tabled.

Some members of Council expressed disquiet at the stated reasons for the decision, and Council recorded its concern that the rights and interests of minority groups on campus should always be safeguarded.

However, Council accepted advice that the Clubs and Societies Council had acted within its constitutional powers and decided that there were therefore no grounds for it to intervene.

At the same time it was evident that the C & S constitution was far from satisfactory, in that it gave no guidance on how the acceptability of applicant societies was to be judged, and Council expressed the hope that the constitution would be reconsidered.

PUBLIC LECTURE – “MIND AND BRAIN”

Professor J.Z. Young, F.R.S., professor of anatomy at University College, London, will be visiting Monash for a week beginning Wednesday, April 19. His visit is being sponsored by the Department of Physiology.

While here, he will deliver a public lecture – “Some Facts about the Problems of Mind and Brain” – in R1 at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 24.

Professor Young is one of the most eminent senior neurobiologists in the world today, with a remarkable breadth and depth of biological understanding. He is well known for his discovery of the giant nerve fibres of squids, which made it possible for biophysicists like Hodgkin, Katz and Cole to work out the major details of how nerve fibres signal information. He is also eminent for his still continuing work on memory mechanisms in the octopus brain, on which he has written widely, including two books.

Professor Young delivered the Reith Lectures in 1950, the published version of which is the book “Doubt and Certainty in Science”.

ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Nominations from full-time members of the teaching staff other than professors are invited to fill casual vacancies in the following Council Committees: Housing and Transport, Religious Centre Advisory Committee and Safety Committee.

The term of office is for one year in each case. A suitable form of nomination is available from Faculty Secretaries. Nominations must be lodged with the Academic Registrar, University Offices, before 12 noon on Friday, April 21, 1972.

GETTING THE NUMBERS RIGHT

Keen readers of SOUND will have noticed that the last two issues were numbered 71. The one dated 24-3-72 should of course, have been numbered 72. Pretending nothing happened, we called this Number 73.

(We were in good (?) company — in the same week another campus publication produced two consecutive issues numbered "Vol. 6, No. 8")

DEATH OF MR. JACK WILSON

It is with regret that we report the death of Mr. Jack Wilson, Managing Director of Wilson Electric Transformers Co. Pty. Ltd. on Thursday, March 30, 1972. Mr. Wilson made a lasting contribution to this University, particularly in connection with the Department of Electrical Engineering. He will be remembered, not only for his generous donations of equipment and prizes, but for his friendly advice and the helpful contribution that he made over a long period since the establishment of the Engineering Faculty.

JAZZ HARP IN CONCERT

The Daphne Hellman Trio, featuring harp, bass and guitar, will give a concert in Robert Blackwood Hall at 1.10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19. The trio plays a variety of jazz arrangements of composers from Charlie Parker to Tchaikovsky. Admission will be 50 cents.

THE PLAYERS' CARAVAN

A touring two-man show, The Players' Caravan, will perform in the Alexander Theatre at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 17.

The show includes scenes from John Hopkins' television series, "Talking to a Stranger", Oscar Wilde, Sophocles, Samuel Beckett, Moliere, a cigarette commercial, old-time melodrama and a vaudeville act.

It involves two actors — Paul Karo, actor and producer with "Homicide" and "Matlock Police" and Cindy Wright, English actress who has been playing Cleopatra in "Caesar and Cleopatra" at St. Martin's Theatre.

The show has recently been filmed for use on ABC television later this year.

Admission is 40 cents.

PARKING COMMITTEE

The agenda for the next meeting of the Parking Committee on Friday, April 14, has been forwarded to the Main Library.

MOTORISTS: PLEASE TAKE CARE

Motorists approaching the university through Howley's Road, north of the campus, have been asked to take care and reduce speed, particularly in the vicinity of the State School and its school crossing.

The request came verbally from the State School to the University's Safety Committee.

Additional hazards are created by the heavy traffic to and from nearby engineering and concrete industries, the setting down of school children from cars and the obstruction of view by school buses.

OSCAR MENDELSON LECTURE: COPIES AVAILABLE

A limited quantity of reprints of Sir Macfarlane Burnet's inaugural Oscar Mendelsohn Lecture, delivered at the university last October, are now available.

Copies may be obtained from Mr. A. D. Finch, 1st floor, University Offices (extn. 2091).

\$117 FOR GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

A "bull barrel" is held in the Furnishings Section, University Offices, to accept contributions for the Herald-Sun Good Friday Children's Hospital Appeal.

Furnishings Officer Arthur Risstrom reports that this year the barrel yielded a total of \$117.