

#### UNION REFERENDUM RESULTS

Following are the results of the University Union referenda conducted last week:

##### Recomposition Proposal

	First Preference Votes	Second Preference Votes	Grand Total
Present composition	1322	114	1436
Union General Meeting proposal	875	—	—
Union Board Proposal	1920	584	2504
Informal	7	177	—

Total votes cast: 4124 = 34.6% of Union Members

Union Board proposal with 2504 votes was declared the winner

##### General Referenda Proposal

First preference votes	
Union General Meeting proposal	763
Union Board proposal	2458
Not in favour of either proposal	829
Informal	74
Total votes cast	4124

Union Board proposal with 2458 votes was declared the winner.

— D. R. Ellis,  
Returning Officer

#### FIJI POST FOR MONASH MAN

Dr. M. G. A. Wilson, associate professor of geography at Monash, has been seconded to the University of the South Pacific, at Suva, Fiji.

He is to be the professor of geography and population studies and head of the school of social and economic development.

He leaves early in July, and will be away for 2½ years.

#### ATTACK ON SKYDIVING RECORD

Members of the Monash Skydiving Club will hold a fund-raising "Jumpathon" at Labertouche airfield on Wednesday, May 10.

Two jumpers — Bob Courtenay (Arts) and John Parker (Law) — will try to break the present Australian record of 50 jumps in a day.

Starting at first light, they will jump from altitudes varying from 2000 ft. to 2500 ft. (weather permitting) until dusk. The aircraft will be a 4-seater Cessna 180, and joy-flights will be offered at 80c a person.



## TWO PROFESSORS APPOINTED

Dr. Johannes Stephanus Maritz, reader in statistics at the University of Melbourne, has been appointed professor of mathematical statistics at Monash. He is expected to take up the appointment in January, 1973.

A graduate of the University of Witwatersrand, Dr. Maritz has for the most part been concerned with the application of statistical methods and the development of new techniques for specific applications, and his research interests are in the fields of statistical inference, especially Bayes Methods and likelihood principle, and in statistical models in analysis of medical and other data.

Dr. Maritz has published a book, *Empirical Bayes Methods*, and more than twenty papers in journals of high quality.

Dr. Maritz was born in Wepener, South Africa, in 1928 and is married, with three children.

Professor Eric Marwick Laurenson has been appointed to a second chair of civil engineering. He is expected to take up the position in January, 1973.

Since 1970, Professor Laurenson has been professor of civil engineering at the Papua and New Guinea Institute of Technology. Previously he had been an associate professor in the University of New South Wales.

Professor Laurenson has taught mainly in the fields of hydraulics, ground water hydrology, water resources development, design of water resource systems, and systems engineering. His more recent research has been connected with flood estimation, and with the modification of flood frequency curves caused by construction of dams, modifications which can have important effects of both water use and the economics of water projects.

Professor Laurenson was born in Sydney, in 1932, and is married with two children.

## DISPLAY OF STUDENT WORK

The current exhibition in the Union fine arts show-case is a collection of work of Monash students. The pots were all made in the Union pottery studio, in classes given by Bill and Mary Hick, our Union pottery tutors.

A small selection of pots by internationally known potter, Harry Davis of New Zealand, will be on display in the show-case for one day only, **Tuesday, May 9.**

The display will coincide with Mr. Davis's visit to Monash, on that day, when he will deliver a lecture on the subject, **Art and Anonymity**, at 8.00 p.m. in theatre R1. Staff, students and visitors are invited to attend.

Inquiries regarding fine arts courses or displays in the Union should be directed to the Activities Officer, Clubs & Societies Office, 1st floor, Union.

## MODERN DANCE AT THE ALEXANDER

A dance set to a poem by Judith Wright, "The Finding of the Moon", will be the highlight of a performance by the Australian Contemporary Dance Theatre, opening at the Alexander Theatre on Wednesday, May 10.

The dance has been choreographed by Shirley McKechnie and will be performed to the accompaniment of a reading of the poem by Philip Martin, senior lecturer in English at Monash.

The season will run from Wednesday, May 10 to Saturday, May 13, and on the same evenings the following week, May 17 - 20.

Prices are: adults, \$2; students, \$1.

## P/G SCHOLARSHIPS IN WEST GERMANY

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at Bad Godesberg, Federal Republic of Germany, has announced its annual award of some 400 scholarships to 'highly qualified young scholars of foreign nationality'.

Briefly, the conditions are:

- \* For specific research projects, not for training or study tours.
- \* Having completed Ph.D.
- \* Rough age limit: not older than 38.
- \* All disciplines; all nationalities.
- \* Duration - 6 - 12 months, extensions may be granted.
- \* Value DM 1200 or 1600 monthly, depending on assessed status, plus allowances for travelling, family, German language course.

Full details may be seen at the Information Office, University Offices.

## HALLS OF RESIDENCE

A few places in the halls are immediately available. These are in addition to places being held, in Richardson Hall, for students wishing to move in during the second semester. Under-graduates, post-graduates, or single members of staff (including non-academic staff) who are interested in these vacancies should get in touch with the Halls Admissions Office in Roberts Hall (ext. 3280/1) as soon as possible.

Authorised by K. W. Bennetts, Information Officer.