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SENATE ELECTIONS TO-DAY

VOTE AT UNION HALL OR LAW SCHOOL

ALL STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO A DEGREE MAY VOTE

Joseph Silver Collings, B.Sc.Agr. Frank William Fowler, M.A., Dip.Ed. William Holmes Travers, B.Ec.

Nominators: John Russell Ashton, Engineering III.; Edmund John Barton, Dentistry II.; Margaret Lark Andrew, Medicine V.; Alan Arthur Hunter, Medicine III.; Richard Emanuel Klugman, Science IV.; Alan Barcan, Arts IV.; Wyn Foster Owen, Agriculture IV.; Leonard Ross Humphreys, Agriculture II.; William Hayden McCallum, Arts IV.; Edgar Pemberton Waters, Arts IV.; Stephen Richardson, Medicine VI.; Allan Gordon Coogan, Engineering IV.; John Simpson, Science IV.; Frederick Charles Butler, Agriculture V.; Gordon Joseph Clowes, B.Sc.Agr., Arts I.; Brian Ernest Swire, B.Sc., Engineering IV.; Neville Maurice Newman, Medicine VI.; Maxwell McNee Thomas, Arts III.; Bruce Stevenson Hartnett, Medicine III.; Herbert Norman Rose, Medicine III.; Henry Peter Burnell Harvey, Medicine III.

Nominators: Harry Douglas Nicolson, Arts IV.; Glen Malcolm Duncan, Science III.; Grosvenor Charles Thomas Burfitt-Williams, Medicine VI.; Frank Stratton McAlary, Law III.; James Francis Macadam, Veterinary Science IV.; Frances Ann Raymond, Science III.; Joseph Henry Teesdale Tarn, Medicine V.; Neil Donald McInnes, Medicine V.; Raymond Victor Dan, Medicine III.; Una Gault, Arts III.; Douglas Harry Mervyn Terry, Arts II.; Cecile Joan Rydon, Arts IV.; Bruce Collings, Medicine III.; David Charles Wallace, Medicine III.; Donald Gordon Noble, Medicine III.; Gwyneth Emilie Roberts, Medicine III.; William Norman Gilmour, Medicine VI.; Douglas Nixon Everingham, Medicine VI.; Anna Gregory, Medicine V.; John Poole Hull, Medicine V.; Douglas Joseph, Medicine V.; George Edwards Cummins, Medicine V.

Nominators: Adrian Paul Johnson, Dentistry II.; Brian James Piper, Dentistry III.; Alexander Bruce Lang, Dentistry III.; Basil Holmes Travers, Arts III.; John Rupert Kitching, Economics IV.; Margaret McPherson, Arts II.; Elizabeth Dorothy Marina Haselhurst, Economics II.; John Eddis Linton, Economics III.; John Redrup, Agriculture III.; Stuart George Burns, Agriculture III.; James Patrick Quirk, Agriculture IV.; Richard William Hewetson, Veterinary Science III.; James Petrie Anderson, Veterinary Science III.; Kathleen Josie Stainforth, Veterinary Science III.; Hector Munro Cadell, Science II.; George Boyd Connor, Engineering II.; Lenister Gibson Gerrard, B.Sc., Engineering IV.; Averil Florence Collins, Arts III.; Patricia Margaret Collins, Arts III.; Norman Ellis Ives, Arts II.; William Pelvin Brunsden, Arts IV.; Dundas Corbet Gore, Engineering III.; Lloyd Stuart Williams, Engineering III.; John Rankine, Engineering I.; William Cleaver Woods, Medicine II.; Donald Mawney Taylor, Engineering II.

PROBLEM OF PALESTINE

The problem of Palestine was discussed at a crowded meeting, held in the Union Hall, on Thursday, October 4th.

The meeting was chaired by Professor Harvey Sutton, and speakers were Bishop Pilcher and Professor Stone.

In opening the discussion, Bishop Pilcher said that the British Government had apparently yielded to Arab pressure on the question of Palestine.

This was in spite of the fact that in December, 1944, Atlee had completely supported the aims of the Zionist movement. He had said of Palestine, "Let the Arabs be encouraged to move out as the Jews move in. They must not exclude the Jews from this small land of Palestine."

It was tragic that now that Hitler was beaten there should still be Jews behind the barbed wire of concentration camps. They might well ask what good such a victory had been for them.

Unless in the near future 100,000 Jews are admitted, unless a National Home for them is established, the Jewish tragedy will go down in history as a great blot on our own national history.

Professor Stone, in carrying on the discussion, said that he would like to narrow the issue being considered.

He had understood the question before the meeting to be a simple moral one, which had nothing necessarily to do even with the special problems of the Arabs and the Jews. Political questions as such did not arise.

The moral questions before us were those such as what limits are to be set to the sacrifice of the rights of the weak and the defenceless.

No land in the world offers them a beckoning welcome. There is only one tradition which does not draw back in the face of this responsibility. Professor Stone then, in the absence of Bishop Pilcher, moved the following motion:—

We deplore the continued tragic plight of large numbers of Jews in Europe, survivors of the barbarous massacre of more than 4,000,000 Jews by the Nazis, and we urgently request the British Government to permit the entry into Palestine of those amongst them who are homeless and uprooted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Barcan.

In opening the discussion from the audience, Mr. J. Hunter said that the audience had just listened to fifty minutes' appeal to their emotions rather than their intellect.

Discussion of a problem implied the presentation of both sides of a question, but this had not been done. At such a gathering one would have expected argument of intellectual value to be put forward rather than an appeal to the emotions.

Mr. D. Wolfers said that the question had been presented in an intellectual way, that such suffering was a problem for the intellect.

Professor Harvey Sutton then addressed the meeting, prior to putting the motion. He said that Australia had earned the right to put forward her views on the question of Palestine since her soldiers had fought and died there in the war of 1914-1918.

At this stage it was moved and carried, that the motion not be put and that discussion continue.

Miss Jackson moved an amendment to the motion. She said that the motion, as it stood, was far too narrow in its application, that every country in the world should realise its responsibilities in these matters.

The motion, as finally put and carried on voices, read as follows:—

"We deplore the continued tragic plight of large numbers of Jews in (Continued bottom of Col. 3.)"

Editorial

REFUTATION

A pamphlet bearing the title, "A Protest Against Unfair Discrimination by the Editor of Honi Soit," has been distributed in the University on behalf of W. T. Travers.

There is no truth whatever in the allegations made in this pamphlet. The facts of the matter are these:—

The following notice appeared on the front page of Honi Soit of October 4th, the day on which nominations closed.

"Candidates for the position of Student Fellow on the Senate are asked to submit for publication in next week's issue of Honi Soit a statement of their policy. These statements must not exceed 1,000 words in length, and must reach the office not later than 9.30 a.m., on Monday, October 8th. Photographs may also be submitted, if possible by Friday, and will be published if blocks can be obtained."

By 9.30 a.m., on Monday, October 8th, no statement of policy or photograph had been received from Mr. Travers, or in his absence, from one of his nominators. Indeed, no statement had been received by 9.30 p.m. on that day.

After many attempts, I finally succeeded in contacting Mr. Travers on Monday night.

I informed him that I was particularly anxious that the policies of all candidates in the Senate elections be printed in Honi Soit, and asked him whether he had intentionally withheld his statement. In being told that this was not the case, I then told Mr. Travers that if he submitted his policy and a list of the positions he had held in the University, I would make every effort to have it published, although, at that stage, this might not be possible.

Mr. Travers' statement was submitted to me on Tuesday morning, just 24 hours late.

By this time the front and fourth pages of the paper were already at the press, and alterations, which caused considerable difficulty, had to be made to the second page.

It is necessary to realise that for the past three months Honi Soit has been produced under conditions of great difficulty. It is printed by the combined efforts of two small firms, who work to a fixed time schedule and are hampered by lack of labour, and the position is now further complicated by a printers' strike.

In accepting Mr. Travers' statement when I did, I risked having the issue held up until the following week.

It is evident from the facts that far from "discriminating" against Mr. Travers, I made every effort to see that he had an opportunity of placing his policy before the members of the student body, in spite of the fact that he himself had made no attempt to do so.

JEAN M. WILSON.

NOTICES

FIRST MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL.

To be held in McLaurin Room, 6.30 p.m., Thursday, 18th October.

SERVICES CLUB.

Cocktail Party, Friday, October 19th, at 5.15 p.m., in Union Withdrawing Room. Tickets available from Faculty representatives. All servicemen welcome.

EVANGELICAL UNION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25th:

At 1.20 p.m., Econs. I Room. Address by Chaplain C. H. Sherlock, Th.L., "Why Pray?"

THURSDAY, NOV. 1st:

At 1.20 p.m., Econs. I Room. Address by Rev. M. C. Newth, B.A., "Why Read the Bible?"

S. C. M.

"RACIAL TENSIONS."

Prof. I. Clunies Ross, D.V.Sc. MONDAY, OCT. 25th.

1.20 p.m., in History Room.

ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS FOR 1946.

Unless a notice is inserted later to the contrary, information concerning accommodation for men for 1946 will be available in S.R.C. Office early next term, and information for women from Miss Scobie.

(Concluded from Col. 4.)

Europe, survivors of the barbarous massacre of more than 4,000,000 Jews by the Nazis, and we urgently request the British Government to permit the entry into Palestine of those amongst them who are homeless and uprooted; and at the same time request the British Government to urge the nations of the world to adopt an equally generous admission policy to any persons who are homeless and uprooted."

—J.M.W.

Mushroom Growth Letters to the Editor

In anticipation of an unusually large number of enrolments in all Faculties next year, steps have been taken to avoid the overcrowding of present facilities by the erection of temporary buildings.

Some large classes will receive lectures in a new lecture theatre, which will hold five hundred students, and which is to be available for use by all Faculties.

The Engineering School is being supplemented by a new building, situated behind the present Electrical Engineering Department. This building will consist of two floors—the Civil Engineering Department will be using the whole of the ground floor, in which existing accommodation will be duplicated to enable classes to be run in smaller and more satisfactory groups. One-third will be used as a laboratory for Third and Fourth Year Civil Engineering experimental work in concrete and similar constructional materials, the other two-thirds being used principally for experimental work in Second Year Engineering Construction.

New Biology laboratories being built will have accommodation for about 250 students in Zoology, possibly more in Botany. These, used in conjunction with the laboratories already in use in the Zoology School, will provide altogether laboratory facilities for about 500 students in Experimental Zoology.

The other two new structures are an addition to the Veterinary School, and a large building on the south side of the

Old Medical School to house Biochemistry (Science), Histology and Geography.

If enrolments next year approach anywhere near the rumoured figures even the additional space made available, directly and indirectly, by this new accommodation, would seem to be insufficient unless the various overlarge classes are split.

Dr. E. A. Briggs, commenting on this contingency, stated that careful allotment of time for lectures would be especially necessary in Science subjects, and others where preliminary preparation of the lecture is usually required. The task of making adequate arrangements was rendered difficult by considerations such as these, and he stressed the fact that this work would be considerably lightened if all applications for admission could be received about the end of January.

It would seem that further expansion of the University by the erection of more new buildings is limited by the present size of the University grounds. Unless neighbouring land can be acquired for this purpose it will soon be impossible to provide even temporary extensions to facilities to cope with the increasing number of students.

—E.M.

SENATE ELECTION COMMENT

MED. STUDENT.

LAW STUDENT SPEAKS.

Dear Madam,—

As one of Mr. Fowler's nominators, I would like to explain the three chief reasons I am supporting him.

1. His personal character.
2. His policy—past and present.
3. He is an undergraduate.

During the past two years, as a member of the S.R.C., I have got to know Mr. Fowler fairly well. He at all times acts sincerely and honestly. He does what he thinks is right, regardless of the consequences. When he reports the proceedings of the Senate to students he describes the stand he took on the issues under discussion, although he knows that by doing so he will be opening the way for criticism of his actions.

Mr. Fowler's policy has, in the past, been dominated by the principle of preserving the University's true place in the community, and defending it from political interference. As is seen in his policy as published last week this is still a dominating factor in his platform.

Some have said Mr. Fowler's bluntness has annoyed the Senate and it takes no notice of him. It should be made known to them that motions moved by Mr. Fowler at the last two Senate meetings, both embodying vital principles, have been carried. Also, at the last Senate meeting, owing to Mr. Fowler's opposition, a motion which otherwise probably would have gone through, to the detriment of the University's entrance standard, was defeated on being put to the vote.

Of the three candidates standing, Mr. Fowler is the only one who will be an undergraduate next year. It is vital that the student Senator be a student, and Mr. Fowler has given an assurance that he will resign should he graduate in 1947.

Med. VI. GROSVENOR C. T.
BURFITT-WILLIAMS.

THE MORAL ISSUE.

Dear Madam,—

Six years ago there were six and a half million Jews in Europe. Now, possibly one and a half million remain. For this one and a half million these six years have meant unimaginable suffering. Those Jews had every right to expect that, when the day of liberation came, their claims to relief of suffering would not be held the least.

Yet that is the position. They are still living in misery and squalour, and at least 100 thousand of them are still in the concentration camps, into which the Nazis cast them. At the dawn of a new era, the evils of the old still confront us with increasing intensity.

These Jews are the forgotten men of the world. They were the first victims and have suffered the most. Their only hope lies in the small territory which was mandated to Great Britain by 52 nations for that very purpose. Palestine and its Jewish inhabitants are waiting for them with open arms and open hearts. Every other nation not only refuses to admit them, but fails in its moral duty to champion their cause. This state of affairs reveals the futility of the sacrifice of those who fought and died for human justice.

The present attitude of the British Government to this issue is a mass murder slightly less ugly than those of the Nazis. Can this be altered?

A. FREEDMAN, Med. V.
PHILIP WOLFERS, Med. V.

Graduate Secretary for Sports Union.

The General Committee of the Sports Union passed the following motions at its last meeting:—

(1) "That a full-time Graduate Secretary be appointed at a salary of £5 p.w."

(2) "That an offer be made to Mr. N. C. Barker for the position."

Mr. Nigel Barker has since then replied accepting the position and intimating his intention to start on 29th October.

Mr. N. C. Barker graduated a B.E. in Mining and Metallurgy in 1908.

He has Athletic and Football Blues and represented Australia in both sports.

At the Olympic Games in 1906, at Athens, he gained third place in the

After reading the policy statements in your last issue in considerable doubt and prepared to be convinced in favour of any candidate, I shall now have no hesitation in casting my vote for Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Travers disqualifies himself at the outset by stating his policy in terms so broad as to be quite meaningless. One feels that the qualification on which he relies most is a gentlemanly dignity and sense of propriety which would make him "one of the boys" on the Senate. He would undoubtedly be ornamental, but scarcely useful to students. Even if he condescended to be "in contact with the S.R.C.," he would never be Student Senator in the way Mr. Fowler has been.

Mr. Collings offers us everything that money can buy. His great concern is to smooth the student's path before him. He sees the major problem as one of securing bigger and better facilities and subsidies. He discounts "the fear of invasion of the field of University independence," and deplores the ill-informed discussion "extremely damaging to the University." It is indeed a sad state when discussion—the only substantial discussion for years—is damaging to the University. Damaging, may we ask, in what quarters?

Mr. Collings does refer to the non-technical faculties, but his expressions are so nebulous in contrast to his precise statements on other points that one can be pardoned for supposing that he is merely paying lip-service to what is now—thanks in no small measure to Mr. Fowler—a received ideal amongst students.

Mr. Fowler is just as insistent on the need for improved facilities and assistance to students, especially ex-servicemen, but he alone keeps to the fore throughout his very detailed policy the two great needs of the University—namely, the stimulation and maintenance of student activity, initiative and independence, and the preservation of academic standards and status.

The very real danger that threatens the University if these ideals are neglected is clearly demonstrated by the present degeneration of the Law School. Academic status has been thrown to the winds by the system of part-time lectures, with insecure tenure and, in some cases, with no qualifications whatsoever for their positions. Student energy is sapped by the heavy demands of office work on top of their part-time course, and any remaining scholastic initiative is destroyed by lecturers whose highest conception of teaching is to read aloud (sometimes without aspirates) the roteed notes previously issued to students, and who regard the practice of law as a means of extracting money from the public somewhat more respectable than fortune-telling. The inevitable result is a deplorable academic standard and a student body which jettisoned carefully formulated plans for reform under the battle-cry, "What's wrong with the Law School, anyway?"

In another sphere a decline in student activity is marked. The Union was constituted as a co-operative institution par excellence; to-day most members regard it simply as an undertaking from which they purchase certain services at the price of £1 per annum. Union Night, conceived as the Parliament of the Union, declined to the role of a debating club, and even then can find few students interested in intelligent discussion.

To-day the fight to preserve University ideals is of specially urgent importance. A section of the ex-servicemen feel, naturally enough, that their sole object is "to get through" as quickly and as easily as possible in an endeavour to catch up on the years they were away. While one sympathises entirely with their individual problems, it would be calamitous if this attitude were to leave a permanent mark on University tradition.

Law IV. J. H. WOOTTEN, B.A.

SPORTING

CRICKET — 1st Grade v. St. George.

The outstanding features of an interesting first day's play against St. George were the bowling of Stewart Smith and the batting of Laidler and Ireson, of St. George.

The commencement of the game was delayed till 2.30 p.m. and an emergency wicket was used.

In what was probably one of his finest bursts of bowling for University, Smith sent such good batsmen as Cundon, Giffen, Byrne and Winspear back to the pavilion—his record at this stage being 4 for 14 and the score 4 for 26.

Laidlaw and Ireson, with correct batting and hard hitting, carried the score to 110 before Ireson was out—caught Dwyer, bowled Smith. N. Howell scored 26 in a bright manner, and St. George's innings closed for 152—Smith taking 7 for 57 off 13.6 overs; Abbott, 3 for 30 off 5 overs. Other bowlers: Dwyer, 0.16 off 4 overs; Stewart, 0.23 off 7 overs; and Molloy, 0.21 off 4 overs.

The fielding of University continued to show improvement—two chances being missed—but conditions made the holding of the ball difficult. University's innings commenced at five o'clock and Howell was out for 0 in Longbottom's first over. Farrar played a ball very hard into slips, which was juggled by Longbottom and eventually held by Howell—out for 10. Brian Dwyer and

Delarne were together when an appeal against the light ended play at 5.30 p.m.

The match is in a very interesting position, and, apart from the result, promises to yield entertaining cricket next Saturday.

2nd GRADE v. St. GEORGE (St. Paul's Oval).

St. George are in a very sound position in this match, having lost 8-159, in reply to University's 56.

University's innings was a triumph for Lang—a sixteen-years-old bowler from St. George and a protege of O'Reilly. He exploited the conditions well and finished with the excellent figures of 8 for 13. Findlay 15, Lawrence 14, and A. Thom 11 were the only basmen to reach double figures. University's best bowlers were Lawrence, 3 for 32, and Westaway, 2 for 30. McKeand and Blomley each obtained one wicket.

3rd GRADE.

University is 6-109, after a delayed start. Ferguson, in excellent batting form, reached his 50, supported by Campbell, 24. With Burnett and Nevell still to bat, the game is in an interesting position.

4th Grade abandoned.

INTER-FACULTY ATHLETICS.

Engineering Wins from Vet. Science and Medicine.

Relay, 4 x 110 yds.: 1, Eng. 2, Med. 3, Vet. Sc. 4, Economics. 5, Agr. Sc. Time: 46.5.

440 yds.: 1, Mumford (Dent.). 2, Charlton (Med.). 3, Blakett (Eng.). 4, Robson (Vet. Sc.). Time: 52.8.

Hurdles Relay: 1, Eng. 2, Vet. Sc. 3, Med. 4, Arts. Time: 49 secs.

Hop, Step and Jump: 1, Eng. (Ferris 44.4, Learmonth 42.5½—86.9½—record). 2, Agr. Sc. 3, Vet. Sc.

Javelin: 1, Eng. (Denton 133.3½, Evans 132.11½—266.3). 2, Med. 3, Agr. Sc. 4, Vet. Sc.

Discus: 1, Med. (Donald 113.9½—record, Reynolds 92.10½—206.8—record). 2, Vet. Sc. 3, Eng. 4, Agr. Sc.

High Jump: 1, Med. (Orr 5.9, Hopkins 5.4—11.1). 2, Eng. 3, Econ. 4, Vet. Sc. 5, Agr. Sc.

Blues Awarded.

At the last meeting of the General Committee of the Sports Union the following Blues were awarded:—

FOOTBALL.

E. Barton, J. Connors, D. Crooks, W. Curtis, P. Fallon, A. Gillespie, A. Grant, P. Johnson, D. Keller, I. MacNaughton, B. O'Neill, B. Piper, J. Stenmark, B. Travers, K. Walker, K. Watson.

HOCKEY.

K. Davies, J. Deegan, J. Thompson.

Inter-Faculty Golf.

The Inter-Faculty Golf was won by Dentistry, with Engineering the only other Faculty competing.

The Swimming Club has started its season. If you are interested, come to the Domain Baths at 10 a.m. on Saturdays.