

S.A.U.A.

In August last year student government for the people purportedly made the transition to government by the people: with the advent of the Student Association (replacing the Students' Representative Council) the people became the government. "Purportedly" is not, said cynically but apprehensively, since the new structure requires that "the people" become involved, **PARTICIPATE**.

The Association has positions that are to be filled by students intent on carrying out specific policies in particular areas of student interest. In the postal ballot the general masses choose who shall spend the student money to carry out what policies.

STUDENT ORGANISERS:

The Central Executive Committee provides the bureaucratic expertise needed to keep the Association functioning. The full functions of the C.E.C. and its members are set out in the Constitution. Briefly, the C.E.C. to some extent acts as the channel between students and outside bodies; it arranges election of students to various bodies where appropriate or refers matters to other Committees when necessary. The **President's** functions include acting as spokesman for the Association and chairing General Student Meetings and actively furthering student welfare as he sees fit.

The **Vice-President** normally stands in when the President is unavailable and helps him in his work, mainly in student welfare.

The **General Secretary** is largely responsible for keeping the vast bureaucracy of the Association viable, directional and creative.

The **Co-ordinating Treasurer** is responsible to the Union Council for an accounting of the Association's finances, and prepares annual budget submissions with the other Committee Treasurers to get the annual grant from the Union. He is one of the cheque signatories for all Committees.

The **Communications Officer** is very important. He ensures that students are kept informed of what every Committee is doing and liaises among committees.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

Under the constitution nominations are called for the following positions:

1. CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) The President
- (ii) The Vice-President
- (iii) The Co-ordinating Treasurer
- (iv) The General Secretary of the Association
- (v) The Communications Officer

2. PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

5 MEMBERS

3. A.U.S. COMMITTEE

- (i) Local A.U.S. Secretary (Chairman)
- (ii) Incoming Delegations Officer
- (iii) Local Travel Officer
- (iv) Local Papua and New Guinea Officer
- (v) Local International Officer
- (vi) Local National Officer
- (vii) Local Overseas Student Service Director
- (viii) Local Cultural Affairs Officers.

4. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

5 MEMBERS

5. PUBLICATIONS

ON DIT editors,
PLUS 2

6. REPS ON THE UNION COUNCIL 3 students



Nominations close at 5.00 pm. FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER.

Prescribed forms are available at the STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OFFICE.

Nominations should be accompanied by a statement of policy and a recent photograph.

Policies of the candidates are to be published in ON DIT on 11th September.

Ballot papers to be posted out during that week.

The meeting for policy speeches will be held Wednesday 13 September.

Polling closes on Friday, 22 Sept.

The results will be published in ON DIT 25 September.

STUDENT AGITATORS:

The Public Affairs Committee holds office to "create and maintain student awareness concerning social and political issues". It also provides a body to help ad-hoc interest groups, e.g. Movement Against Apartheid, get funds from the General Reserve Fund. It also does the hack-work in particular student campaigns but it mainly operates through the medium of General Student Meetings. It co-operates closely with the Local A.U.S. National and International Officers.

The A.U.S. Committee may never meet except to work out how much finance it needs but it provides a means for the election of some important student office holders. A.U.S. makes some valuable contributions to student welfare in the form of co-ordination of information and action on student interests. The **Local A.U.S. Secretary** handles communication between A.U.S. and Adelaide and sees that Adelaide students' interests that can be helped by national action are pushed as far as possible. For those interested in travel and greater knowledge of foreign students visiting Australia, the positions of Local Travel Officer and Incoming Delegations Officer should provide a fair bit of scope.

The Incoming Delegations Officer is a position for people who want to help delegations of students on official, or otherwise, tours to have an enjoyable time in Adelaide. This may mean arranging accommodation (e.g. billets) and tours around South Australia. Quite a good social life occasionally.

The Local Papua and New Guinea Officer is someone interested in T.P.N.G. and wants to increase student awareness of Australia's great colonial outpost. He may be active in finding out what students think is the best policy for Australia and T.P.N.G. and doing something about it. He will be engaged in the Village Exchange Schemes designed to get Australians into T.P.N.G. to see what it's like and indignes into Australia for the same purpose.

The Local National and International Officers are concerned with politics and policies on their respective levels. They are concerned with the creation and implementation of A.U.S. policy and action for a better world in the legislative arena.

The Local Travel Officer administers the A.U.S. travel schemes (very attractive cheap tours) with the help of the professional travel officer on campus. He also administers the Student Travel Loan Fund, a marvellous means of spreading the cost of travel.

The Cultural Affairs Officer is an A.U.S. portfolio that helps with Adelaide co-ordination of Aquarius ventures

He acts in concert with the Social Activities Committee.

The Friendly Society Officer works to get cheaper medical benefits for all students through the implementation of an A.U.S. Friendly Society in S.A. as they already have in other States.

The Education and Welfare Committee's function is to "promote and co-ordinate student interests in the fields of education and welfare both on and off campus." Its composition includes all interested students. In relation to this committee especially, activities should be organised so as "to allow maximum student participation in all decisions and spread power and information as evenly and as widely as possible, stop as much as possible the formation of elites and have the widest feasible publicity and advertisement of meetings and relevant information."

FUN AND GAMES FOR HAPPY STUDENTS:

The Social Activities Committee exists to organize those things students think should be done to amuse, entertain and enjoy themselves. The five members of the Social Activities Committee (plus any friends they want to co-opt) organize Balls, Freshers' Camps, Orientation Week or Prosh if students elect them and vote them money to do so. The counter-culture could get under way through this body.

ON DIT EDITORS

The Publications Committee consists of people elected as On Dit Editors and people who want to produce those very important publications the Union Diary and the Orientation Handbook. All of them have some responsibility for making sure students know how the Association's Committees are operating.

BE REALISTIC DEMAND THE IMPOSSIBLE

In a community as small as the University the possibility exists for an almost Utopian democracy. It is believed that the new Student Association approaches that ideal more successfully than anything yet devised, despite the horrible tourisms of University realpolitik (even Athens under Perikles had its problems!). **THE KEY TO THE CONCEPT IS PARTICIPATION AS OPPOSED TO REPRESENTATION.** The Student Association consists of every student in this University. The positions and committees that you annually elect are not "representatives" with "power" and "responsibility", for no one can purport to make decisions in your name: they are merely the machinery to enable you to make the decisions.

What this system lacks in efficiency it makes up with participation in decision-making. All students have the power to call General Meetings and referenda, and all students shoulder the responsibility for the decisions that the Association makes. There is no "passing the buck" to the so-called representatives; it is up to you to get involved in your own affairs.



NOTICE TO ALL - TOMORROW HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST!

Until recently students were virtually powerless in this University. Their participation in decision-making consisted of token representation on a handful of irrelevant committees. Over the past year the Students Association, despite the abysmal ignorance and apathy of the rest of the student body, has secured meaningful representation on a number of vitally important University bodies, culminating last week in the inclusion of eight students on the Education Committee - probably the most vital and most important in the University. On the one hand, student troglodytes who selfishly regard the University as a training school disgorging passports to technocratic affluence will not be very interested in their newfound ability to transform the ethos of their degree-factory, or even to rearrange its bankrupt priorities. On the other hand, nor will most of those who are resigned to the belief that the University is merely an ideational tool of the capitalist system want any part in its structure of government - this would be a serious violation of some antiseptic correct line mystique.

The number of students sandwiched between these two positions - the inert vegetable and the brickwall ideologue - can be counted on the toes of a sloth. It is imperative that the positions set out in this broadsheet be filled and used to our fullest advantage. There must be people interested in one or two of the activities mentioned who haven't yet been moved to follow through their inclinations. Don't fall for the delusion that you have to be some sort of "heavy" to participate - for most people in the present Students Association it was their first foray into student affairs.

If enough of us do enough things there will be a minimum of "bureaucracy" (that notoriously evil phenomenon) and a maximum of good fun; above all, of course, some vitality will be injected into this constricted campus, which should not only mean a fuller enjoyment of University life, but the inception of forces of change that could not be deflected by the ubiquitous combination of reactionary pressures, both inside and outside the University, hand in hand with student indifference.

Roy Green.

THE UNION

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

SIX Union Council Members are to be elected from the Union Members,

Nominations are to reach the Returning Officer, Union Secretary, Mr. David Muir, by FRIDAY 8 SEPT.

For further information, enquire at the Union Office.

Union Reform:

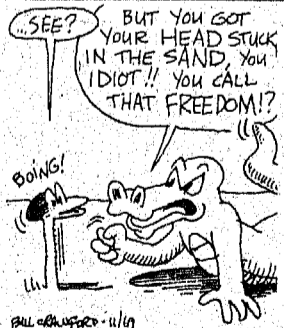
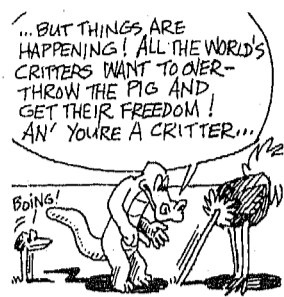
At the meeting in the Union Hall on Thursday 31 August about sixty Union Members passed the reformed Union Constitution with two minor amendments.

These amendments need to be ratified by the Union Council at it's next meeting and then the new Constitution will be forwarded to the University Council for approval. This will probably be in early October.

If all goes as planned, the new constitution will come into force on the first of January 1973.

Subject to agreement by the Union Council it is planned to hold the coming elections under the provisions of the existing Constitution.

This Council would probably remain in office until the middle of second term 1973 when the elections will be held under the provisions of the new Constitution.



STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IN 1973

of the

- EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- DENTAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
- SCIENCE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
- FACULTY OF ARTS
- FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
- FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
- FACULTY OF SCIENCE

ELECTIONS to determine the student members of the three committees and four faculties listed above will be held on Wednesday, 18 October, 1972 concurrently with the election by the undergraduates of two undergraduate members of the Council.

NOMINATIONS of candidates for election are invited. A nomination must be made on the prescribed form and must reach the appropriate Returning Officer in my Office before 12 noon on Friday, 8 September 1972.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained from the appropriate Returning Officer in my Office.

H.E. WESLEY SMITH
Academic Registrar, and
Returning Officer for Council
and Education Committee elections

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE/FACULTY	No. of Members	ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDATURE
COMMITTEES		
Education	8	Any Undergraduate
Dental Curriculum	2	Any student enrolled in the B.D.S. course
Science Curriculum	5	Any student enrolled for the <u>Ordinary</u> degree of B.Sc.
FACULTIES		
Arts	3	Any student enrolled in the B.A. course
Dentistry	3	Any student enrolled in the B.D.S. course
Engineering	2	Any student enrolled in the B.E. course
Science	3	Any student enrolled in the B.Sc. course (not more than one to be a first year and not more than two to be postgraduate students)

NOTICE TO UNDERGRADUATES

ELECTION OF TWO UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

An **ELECTION** of two undergraduate members of the Council will be held on Wednesday 18 October next.

NOMINATIONS of candidates for election are invited. A nomination must be made on the prescribed form, and must reach the Returning Officer at the University before 12 noon on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8**.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained from the undersigned.

H.E. WESLEY SMITH
Returning Officer.

SOCIAL ACTION ABSCHOL

The time is coming for people to undertake the following functions in SA/A. Local Abschol Officer; Local Social Action Officer; Abschol Secretary; Social Action Secretary; Abschol Treasurer; Social Action Treasurer; Editors of Gemeinschaft. Would all interested persons please leave a message for Stan Golat at SA/A Office.

Note: - Above to be discussed at this Wednesday's meeting. **1 P.M. MEETING, ROOM 1.**

A.G.M.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COUNCIL

Nominations for Executive positions close 5.00 p.m. Sept. 13th in Student Activities Office.

Meeting to be held in Lady Symon Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Further details from Mrs. Osman.

ON DIT SPECIAL BROADSHEET

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