

# Council Expels Two Councillors

- Motion No. 4: "I, Foo Meng Lim, moves a vote of no confidence on Mr. Henry Foo Shiang Tong."
- Motion No. 5: "I, Gay Teow Yuen, moves a vote of no confidence on Mr. Clarence Teo Seow Heng."

The Second Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 29th March 1973 saw the dramatic exit of two councillors, Mr. Henry Foo and Mr. Clarence Teo.

In proposing Motion No. 4, the President, Mr. Foo Meng Lim, remarked that it was perhaps the first time a vote of no confidence had been tabled. He believed that the Council has aware of what was happening, that Mr. Henry Foo had tried to cheat the Council in many ways. Firstly, Mr. Henry Foo had collaborated with Mr. Danny Yong in threatening bodily harm on fellow councillors who were faithfully discharging their duties. Instead of revealing information to safeguard the safety of his colleagues, Mr. Henry Foo had chosen to remain silent. Secondly, Mr. Henry Foo ignored repeated requests by the Ex-Co to settle his debts to the Union. Mr. Foo Meng Lim condemned strongly such irresponsible behaviour and emphasized that Mr. Henry Foo's existence in the Council was not required.

Mr. Chan Heng Sun observed that Mr. Henry Foo was involved in many doubtful acts such as the STAA Conference loan of \$1,320 from the Union, the trip to Thailand and certain transport 'irregularities'. Furthermore, added Mr. Michael Wong, no concrete report on the Conference was produced.

It appeared that Mr. Henry Foo borrowed the \$1,320 from Mr. Clarence Teo without prior approval of the Union. The \$1,320 was obtained from the profits of the Graduation Dinner which Clarence Teo had organised for the Union.

Mr. Henry Foo, in his defence, regretted that the Council felt his existence was useless. With due respect to the allegations, he said he had only threatened Mr. Chng Bee Kek. However, he was willing to sign a declaration stating that he (Henry Foo) would be held responsible should any member of the Council be beaten-up outside. With regard to the debts, he replied that he had at no time refused to pay them but merely asked for a longer period to clear up the debts.

Motion No. 4 was seconded by Mr. Lee Peng Cheong and the voting was:

For the motion	-	-	15 votes
Against the motion	-	-	1 vote
Abstentions	-	-	5 votes

**MOTION CARRIED**

In proposing Motion No. 5, Mr. Gay Teow Yuen noted that Mr. Clarence Teo had loaned Mr. Henry Foo \$1,320 without the Council's approval. Furthermore, Mr. Clarence Teo had not organised any effective work in P.M.C. which was under his charge. As the seconder, Mr. Michael Wong added that the decorum and behaviour of Mr. Clarence Teo during Council meetings showed disrespect.

Mr. Foo Meng Lim mentioned that Mr. Clarence Teo had lent the Union's money on personal grounds to Mr. Henry Foo and Mr. Danny Young. The result was debts incurred which was not promptly cleared by these two individuals. Mr. Clarence Teo had also over-shot the X-mas Dance budget when he could have prevented it easily. Also, Mr. Clarence Teo had loaned equipment belonging to the Union to his friends without the Union's permission.

In his defence, Mr. Clarence Teo said that he was under the impression that Mr. Henry Foo was unable to cash his (Henry's) cheque in time and thus he (Clarence Teo) made the loan. As to the charge that he did not do anything fruitful for Union members in the P.M.C., he informed the Council that he was a member of the P.M.C. Canteen Advisory Board.

Voting was then called for Motion No. 5.

For the motion	-	-	9 votes
Against the motion	-	-	3 votes
Abstentions	-	-	5 votes

**MOTION CARRIED**

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### ARTICLE OF FAITH

The 2nd Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting was convened to discuss, inter alia, certain threats which some councillors had received. After a thorough investigation of the matter, it was found that Mr. Henry Foo Shiang Tong, Mr. Danny Yong Kian Siong and Mr. Chang Soong Juan made these threats. The trio, however, indicated that they were quite emotional at that time.

The following is the declaration which was duly attested.

### DECLARATION

We the undersigned, apologise and withdraw any threats, intentional or otherwise, to cause bodily harm on Mr. Chng Bee Kek, Mr. Lim Tia Song, Mr. Khaw Kheng Joo, Mr. Chan Heng Sun and some other Councillors; and we sincerely and totally assure the Students' Council, as witnesses, that we can be held responsible for any injury that has happened or that may happen. We tender once again our apologies and deepest regret to those concerned and also to the Students' Union.

Witnessed by

Foo Meng Lim, for and on behalf of the 12th Students' Council, Singapore Polytechnic Students' Union.

Foo Meng Lim,  
President,  
12th Students' Council.  
S. P. S. U.

AGREED BY	Foo Shiang Tong, Henry of I/C No: 4169234
AGREED BY	Yong Kiang Siong, Danny of NRIC No: 1126198/A
AGREED BY	Chang Soong Juan of NRIC No. 0016345/G

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# EDITORIAL

THE ever-increasing influx of new students into the Polytechnic creates a multitude of problems, both for the Administration and the Union.

For its part, the Union tries to achieve an effective Union-to-member communication and rapport, so that the interests of its members can be well taken care of. Considering the fact that there are three campuses, with the 'nerve centre' at the PEC Secretariat, this is not an easy task. The Union cannot hope to achieve much if the students do not respond or participate in any of its activities.

Apathy is rampant. That is a fact. But can a person be blamed if he is made to think that the Diploma or Certificate is the sole and only purpose of his presence in the Polytechnic? Can the person afford to participate in any activities if he has to compete with hundreds of others for his Diploma? The prevalence of this Polytechnic 'Syndrome' is perhaps the major cause of apathy and non-participation in college activities. These people graduate without the sense of identity and belonging to the Polytechnic. For without participation, we cannot identify ourselves with the myriad facets of Polytechnic life.

Are you contented to be a five-digit number?

# New Appointments in Ex-Co

## Vice-President

At the 2nd Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting on the 29th March 1973, Mr. Chan Heng Sun was elected as the new Vice-President. Mr. Saleen Akhtar had resigned from this post due to heavy family commitments.

In accordance with the SPSU constitution, Mr. Chan will now be the Chairman of the F.O.C. He is a capable, tough but efficient administrator and should have little difficulty in making this year's Orientation a successful one.

## Publications Secretary

The post of Publications Secretary, vacant as a result of Mr. Chan Heng Sun's 'promotion' is being filled by Mr. Michael Wong Seong Khuen.

Mr. Michael Wong has considerable

experience in the publications area, having served as the 11th Council's Publication Secretary as well as managing editor of Polygon '72.

At present, he is the editor of the Orientation Handbook 73/74 and chairman of the Utopia Camp-out committee of the F.O.C., etc.

## Social Secretary

Mr. Gay Teow Yuen was appointed the new Social Secretary during the 4th adjourned Ordinary Council meeting on 21st December 1972. He replaces Mr. Lawrence Koh who resigned, after much inactivity, in October.

With two organised functions to his credit — the Principal's Farewell Dinner and Tea Party—we can be sure of many more effectively organised functions to come.

# ADVERTISING COMMITTEE PROJECT

The Advertising Committee shall be planning a student canvassing project, whereby students will be canvassers for a Union publication. They will be required to solicit advertisements

from various companies and business concerns. Remuneration will be generous. Those interested can leave their particulars at the Union Secretariat at P.E.C.

## An Appeal

The Publications Secretary appeals to all SPSU members to contribute articles for Polygon '73, the sole annual publication of the Union.

Nature of articles: Interpretations of campus life & events; philosophy (should be significant to student youth); travels & adventure; essays.

Length of article: Approximately 2,000 words.

Rate of payment: From \$20 to \$60 per article depending on length & quality.

The Editorial Board would appreciate comments/suggestions towards the planning of Polygon '73.

# National Union of Singapore Students

## A BRIEF HISTORY

**THE** need for a National Union has always been felt by students in Singapore. The idea of a National Union of Singapore Students (NUSS) has been floating through for about a decade without being legally constituted. NUSS has taken many turns in the decade. At one stage it had international recognition and at another it even went underground.

In 1962, a National Preparatory Committee was set up with the aim of uniting the Singapore Polytechnic Students' Union (SPSU), the Nanyang University Students' Union (NUSU), and the University of Singapore Students' Union (USSU). A Constitution of NUSS was prepared, agreed upon by the three component member unions and was sent to the Registrar of Societies for registration. Despite many assurances to the contrary from the powers that be, NUSS was never registered. Nevertheless, up to 1963, NUSS functioned on a provisional basis governed by its supreme policy framing body—the Provisional Council.

In 1963, NUSU was suspended by the Singapore Government. As such NUSS was unable to function as one of the founder members (NUSU) and thus NUSS lapsed.

In 1966, attempts were initiated to revive NUSS with Ngee Ann College Students' Union (NACSU) as a new member. Meetings were held between representatives from SPSU, USSU, and NACSU, and a new Constitution with provisions for NUSU's automatic membership once its functions were drafted by a select committee with equal representatives from SPSU, USSU, and NACSU. USSU could not agree to the draft Constitution in toto even though there was equal representations by the member organisations, both in the National Students' Council (NSC) as well as in the National Executive Committee (NEC).

Nevertheless, at the Provisional Council meeting of NUSS, on 3rd November, 1966, an ad-hoc committee to be known as the Students' National Action Front (SNAF) was formed to co-ordinate the policies and activities of students struggling for University Autonomy and Academic Freedom in Singapore's four tertiary institutions.

SNAF was composed of 12 members—three each from SPSU, USSU, and NACSU and another three on invitation from the Nantah students for University Autonomy, Academic Freedom, and Students' Rights Action Committee. SNAF met and an

Inaugural Convention was held on 9th November, 1966 in the University of Singapore Students' Union House and a declaration was unanimously adopted. Thus for the first time in history, the students in Singapore's tertiary institutions were united for a common cause—University autonomy and Academic Freedom.

The Singapore Government instead of considering the students' needs as set out in the declaration decided to crush SNAF. Hundreds of students in Nantah and Ngee Ann were either dismissed, detained, or banished following the demonstration at the City Hall. Four students from USSU were also banished.

Thus by 20th November 1966, SNAF was practically paralysed with eight of its twelve members dismissed and thrown into prison or banished. One member from USSU resigned. The three surviving members of SNAF, all from SPSU, at a press conference, on 22nd November, 1966, announced the ceasure of SNAF.

In those two momentous weeks in November, 1966, responsible student activities were revived and subsequently destroyed.

A year or so lapsed before a NUSS Study Committee was formed with representatives from SPSU and USSU. This led to a pro-tem committee comprising 4 representatives from each Union. This Committee was succeeded by another similar committee, called the Constitution Preparatory Committee. This latter committee had the task of amending the proposed NUSS Constitution and to seek the registration of NUSS.

An International Students' Conference (ISC) sponsored seminar on the formation of NUSS was organised by USSU from 29th to 31st March, 1969. The participants were from SPSU, USSU, and Nanyang University Student Fellowship (NUSF). It discussed about:

1. the failure of NUSS
2. the political, legal, and other obstacles to the formation of NUSS
3. objectives and fundamental principles of NUSS, and
4. the structure and functions of NUSS.

But even after such discussions and deliberations, NUSS failed to materialise.

A provisional Council of NUSS was once again set up in 1970, this time comprising SPSU and USSU only. In the draft Constitution, it was specifically stated that once NUSS (consisting only of SPSU and USSU) is formed,

it will strive for the formation of the Students' Unions of the Nanyang University and the Ngee Ann Technical College.

1970 and 1971 were bleak years as far as NUSS was concerned. Differences between SPSU and USSU over the draft constitution to be submitted prevented any attempt to seek registration. The Protem Committee was thus unsuccessful in ever getting off the ground.

It was only in August 1972 that a draft constitution was prepared which was acceptable to both these unions. At this juncture the Protem Committee was chaired by Mr. Hira Singh who was also President of USSU.

The Protem Committee was mandated by both unions with the two fold task of:—

1. Seeking the registration of NUSS.
2. Organising the Inaugural Conference of NUSS.

With the setting up of Ngee Ann Technical College Students' Union (NATCSU) and Nanyang University Students' Union (NUSU)—no doubt with the blessings of the government, it was felt that the inclusion of these two student unions from the other Institutions of Higher Learning would give the Protem Committee greater credibility and reflect a truly all encompassing national students' union. Besides, their joining the Protem Committee would definitely help to speed up the registration of NUSS.

Thus in November 1972 Mr. Hira Singh wrote to the Presidents of the Student bodies of Ngee Ann and Nanyang inviting them to join SPSU and USSU in the Protem Committee.

The desire of Singapore students to be united under a single banner undoubtedly received a set-back when both Ngee Ann and Nanyang declined the invitation to sit on the Protem Committee. Mr. Francis Hsu, President of NUSU said that they were not ready to join SPSU and USSU at this stage as they were a newly registered union and needed time to consolidate their own position first. Ngee Ann's reasons were similar. However, it is important to note that both NUSU and Ngee Ann gave their blessings to the Protem Committee. In view of this the Protem Committee has kept both these unions fully informed of all and any developments that have taken place.

The draft constitution and the application for registration was submitted in late 1972. However, 1972 ended with no indication as regards the success or failure of the application.

### Definition of a National Union of Students

A National Union of Students has been defined to be an organisation whose membership is composed of individuals engaged in study at universities and institutes of higher education in any territory, if that territory has a defacto separate governmental administration whether politically independent or not, whose function it is represent the interest of these individuals, whose executive body is freely elected by the students, and whose membership is open to all students in that territory, provided that such an organisation is either the only in that territory, claiming to exercise this function on behalf of the majority of the above individuals.

Why: N.U.S.S.

There is undoubtedly a pressing need for the formation of a National Union of Singapore Students. Collectively, the various student unions in the NUSS can achieve our objectives better than its components can by themselves. This could be a coordinating body for the respective unions to provide a pool of resources for joint projects in the field of Student Welfare and Social Participation in the affairs of our society. It should aim at the eventual elimination of all forms of oppression and social injustice. Further in a multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-cultural population like ours, one of the best formulae for achieving the objective of National Unity is by the creation of such institutions which have no racial, ethnic or religious or political barriers to membership.

On the international scene, the NUSS can serve to function as a representative of all the affiliated organisations and provide a single voice whereas in the absence of any national unions an individual local union cannot speak on behalf of the national study body and will not be accorded full status at International Conferences. Moreover, a divergence of views among local unions may result in non-effective representations at International meetings. It would also be possible for Singapore with a national union of students to gain international student solidarity in trying to solve their national and student problems.

The aims and objectives of NUSS are:—

1. to unite and represent all Singapore students on the national as well as international plane.
2. to safeguard and promote at all levels, the general welfare, including both intellectual and recreational, of all its members, regardless of race, nationality, language, religion or sex.
3. To promote a spirit of social responsibility through all forms of student activities of service to the community.

# Orientation

## “Better communication through

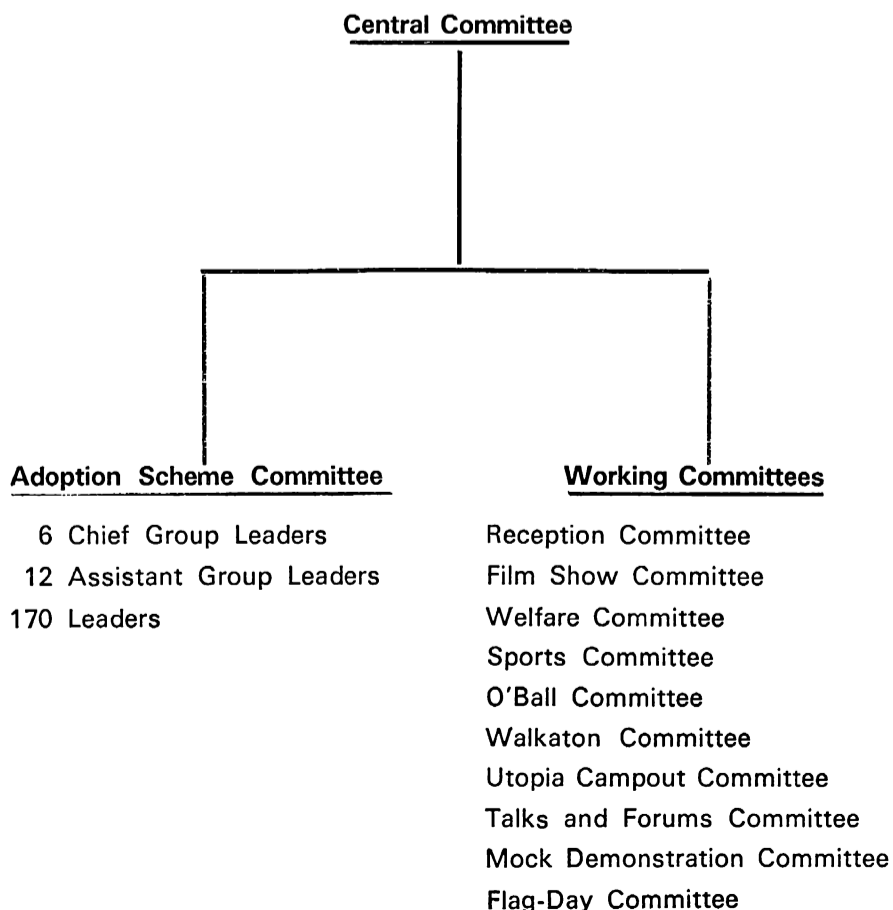
Work on this year's Orientation Programme started after the sessional examinations in March. The prodigious task of planning and co-ordinating the various projects was undertaken by a dedicated and hardworking Central Committee. The P.E.C. Secretariat is a bee-hive of activity as plans are discussed and finalised.

The official Orientation Programme will commence on 22nd May with the traditional Orientation Convention at the National Theatre and ends with the Orientation Ball on 16th June.

The line-up of the Central Committee is:—

Chairman	- - - -	Chan Heng Sun
Secretary	- - - -	Miss Maureen Pang
Administrative Assistant	- -	Soh Chee Keong
Treasurer	- - - -	Lim Tia Song
Handbook Editor	- - - -	Wong Seong Khuen, Michael
Chief Disciplinary Officer	- -	Chng Bee Kek

## STRUCTURE OF F.O.C.



### F.O.C. Adoption Scheme

The F.O.C. Adoption Scheme was conceived to serve as a means of fostering a closer relationship between freshmen and seniors. Under this scheme, each senior is assigned a number of freshies and 'adopts' them. By acting as the leader, guardian and confidante during the Orientation period, the abrupt transition and induction into college life can be carried out smoothly as well as maintaining a rapport between senior and freshmen.

The prestigious role of a leader in the Adoption Scheme requires a responsible and mature outlook. Certain priviledges will also be accorded to these leaders.

Enrol now! We need you!

Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the F.O.C. or any of the F.O.C. Central Committee members.

### Utopia Camp-out

The Utopia Camp-out will be held from the 30th of May to the 2nd of June at the Pasir Ris holiday camp. This camp promises a good deal of thrills and fun for both freshmen and seniors. Participants will be given a chance to 'rough it out' by sleeping under tents. The refreshing sea breezes would be a most welcome change from the polluted air in the city (P.E.C. included).

Programmes for the Camp-out include a bonfire, film shows, hiking, welfare services and

myraid camping activities highlighted, on the third day, by a sea carnival.

Only seniors under the F.O.C. Adoption Scheme will be invited to attend this project. So, interested seniors who are not engaged in the F.O.C., involve yourself in the Adoption Scheme and give yourself a taste of life in Utopial

Food, refreshments, etc., will be supplied by the F.O.C.

For further details, contact Mr. Michael Wong Seong Khuen or any F.O.C. Central Committee member.

### Film Shows

Attention movie-goers!!  
Coming attractions!!

The following films are scheduled to be screened at the Union House: —

- 1) The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 23rd May 1973
- 2) Escape from the Planet of the Apes 24th May 1973
- 3) Hot Rock 25th May 1973
- 4) In Search of the Castaways 28th May 1973

Show starts at 7.30 p.m. Make a date and don't miss the opportunity of free film shows!

For those attending the Utopia Camp-out, the films selected for screening at the camp-site will be:—

- 1) Fantastic Voyage 30th May 1973
- 2) Forty pounds of trouble 31st May 1973
- 3) How to steal a million 1st June 1973

Loads of laughs and comedy galore! Seniors, sign up for the adoption scheme and enjoy these films as well as other goodies!

# Highlights

## co-operation, tolerance and understanding"

### Welfare Services

**THE Welfare Services Committee of the F.O.C. is planning two projects code-named "Services at the Homes" and "Operation Acquaintance" on 26th and 27th May respectively.**

"Services at the Homes" involves doing odd-jobs in the various welfare homes. In the second project "Operation Acquaintance", outings will be organised for the underprivileged to cheer them up.

As students of an institution of higher learning, we have a responsibility towards Society. We can contribute by participating in the Welfare Services. Therefore, we respectfully appeal for volunteers in the F.O.C. Welfare Programmes. Your participation in the worthy cause of improving the conditions of the under-privileged lot will be most self-rewarding.

### Orientation Games

The Freshmen Orientation Games will be organised by the 9th Sports Council at Dover Road Sports Complex from 1 p.m. on the 6th June 1973.

It is hoped that as many students as possible will be able to participate in the games. It serves as an excellent opportunity for new students to get to know each other and to promote sportsmanship.

Games like hockey, volleyball, basketball, soccer, badminton, sepak takraw, will be organised. There will also be a demonstration of the table tennis machine.

In athletics, events like the 3-legged race, mixed relays (i.e. men and ladies), tug-of-war and many others will be organised.

### SPSU Flag-Day, 9th June 1973

The F.O.C. Flag-Day Committee will be organising and managing a Charity Flag-Day on Saturday, 9th June 1973. The proceeds from this Flag-Day will go towards augmenting the Welfare Fund of the Singapore Leprosy Relief Association.

The objectives of the Welfare Fund are to assist patients, ex-patients and their dependents:

- 1) over difficult financial period,
- 2) in the education of their children,
- 3) to start small business, if for any reasons they are prevented from resuming their normal occupation after treatment, and
- 4) to run the SILRA Homes for the destitute and chronically deformed patients who are unable to return to their own homes because of rejection by their families and society.

Some 1,000 freshmen and 40 student supervisors will be involved in the Flag-Day. Eight collecting centres in the city area have already been established.

The Rotarians of the Rotary Clubs of Singapore and Singapore East have agreed to sponsor the printing of bookmarks (flags), 5,000 car stickers and posters for the Flag-Day. The Metal Bok Co. (Malaysia) Ltd. has kindly consented to donate 500 tins to be used as collecting containers for the Flag-Day.

Advance publicity in the press and advertisements in the various cinemas are scheduled for the month of May. These will be supplemented by posters on bus-stop notice-boards.

Car-stickers at \$1 each will be on sale as from 9th May 1973. The Flag-Day Committee respectfully appeals to you to generously support this charitable cause by buying the car-stickers from the Union clerks, etc. Such a gesture would, in a small way, show our concern with the plight of the less fortunate members of our society.

### Creatures' Parade

On Sunday, 10th June 1973, the Freshmen Orientation Committee undertakes the challenge and task of organising for the third consecutive year, a walkaton. This year's project, unlike the ordinary walkatons organised throughout this island, will be a unique variation to be called the Creatures' Parade.

The aims of this programme are:—

- 1) to raise funds in aid of charities,
- 2) to promote sporting activities in the Polytechnic,
- 3) to instil in the freshmen the 'do-it-yourself' attitude,
- 4) to emphasize the importance of team spirit,

5) to train and test endurance, resourcefulness, courage and fortitude,

6) to serve as an outlet for creativity.

The freshmen and interested seniors will be divided into groups of 36 to 40 persons and each group is required to construct a creature out of wood, cloth, wires, etc., with the guidance of the Walkaton Committee and the assistance of a professional. The creature so constructed will be carried or worn by the group responsible and by not less than 18 members in a chain. Each group will be divided into two sub-groups of which the first sub-group takes to the road from the Union House to Baharuddin Vocational Institute. The second sub-group will then complete the return journey to the Union House. The total distance covered is about 20 km. Notwithstanding the construction of the projects and the big parade of creatures, the participants will also be required to solicit for sponsors for their respective groups.

In the Group Section, a prize will be awarded to the group that produces the best and ingeniously decorated creature, whereas in the Individual Section, prizes will be given to the top ten largest collectors.

Seniors who are interested can collect their application forms at the P.E.C. Secretariat.

### Orientation Ball

This night of gaiety and glamour will be held at the Hilton Grand Ballroom on the 16th June 1973. The O' Ball also marks the grand finale of the F.O.C. programme. Highlights of the Ball will be the crowning of Mr. and Miss Freshie and spot dance contests. The charge per couple is \$7 only. Buy a ticket, join in the fun, and relax before getting down to hard work for the new academic session. Come along and have a swing with some of our local bands!

Tickets will be available by 21st May. You can get them at the P.E.C. Secretariat, the book-stall at P.E.C. or from the members of the organising committee.

The O' Ball organising committee comprises of:—

Chairman	—	David Ng Kian Chye
Secretary	—	Miss Aw Mei Chee
Asst. Secretary	—	Miss Goh Kwee Hoon
Treasurer	—	Lim Hiok Seng
Sales Manager	—	Thiang In Kee
Committee Member	—	Hui Chee Wing

# *Mr. Robert Edis Becomes SPSU's First Honorary Life Member*

**T**HE Singapore Polytechnic Students' Union gave a farewell dinner in honour of the principal Mr. A.R. Edis on the 13th April at the Jasmine Room of the Hyatt Hotel. Present at the function were Mr. Ager and his wife, the Union's legal adviser Mr. Santhiran, the honorary adviser Mr. Lee Tow Kiat, top polytechnic administrative personnel, chairmen of the various affiliated societies and councillors of the 12th Student's Council. Mrs. Edis, who was down with flu, was unable to attend the dinner.

Mr. Foo Meng Lim, the 12th Council President, in his speech praised Mr. Edis for his part in establishing the Singapore Polytechnic as a forefront for tertiary education in Singapore. He added that this certainly ranks him as a foremost educationist and technocrat. Although at times the Union and Mr. Edis did not concur, Mr. Edis had always shown co-operation and understanding for the cause of students' rights and welfare. In conclusion, the President, on behalf of the Student's Union, wished Mr. and Mrs. Edis many years ahead and hoped that they will bring back happy memories of their stay in the Polytechnic.

Later during the dinner came the presentation of souvenirs from the Union and her affiliates to Mr. and Mrs. Edis. The Union presented Mr. Edis with a pewter tray memento.

At the end of the dinner, Mr. Foo Meng Lim presented the award of Honorary Life Member of the Singapore Polytechnic Students' Union to Mr. Edis. Incidentally, Mr. Edis is the first recipient of this award. Thereafter, the whole group of diners broke into a farewell Auld Lang Syne to end this farewell dinner for the principal. Mr. Robert Edis has retired after ten years of service as principal of the Singapore Polytechnic.



The president delivering his speech.



Mr. Edis receiving Life Member Award.



Mr. Edis conversing with the students.

## **Union Holds Tea-party For Out-going Principal**

A farewell tea party was held in honour of our outgoing principal, Mr. Robert Edis on the 17th April 1973 at the P.E.C. Canteen. There was a large turnout of students and well-wishers for this occasion. It also was the last chance the students have, of having a friendly chat with our principal. Group photographs of our collegians with Mr. and Mrs. Edis were also taken in front of the Polytechnic after the tea-party.



# ASEAN CO-OPERATION – SPORTS

LIM ENG SENG

## INTRODUCTION

AT the Third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting at the Cameron Highlands in December 1969, 98 recommendations were approved, among them was recommendation No. 87, which states:

"That a multilateral agreement be concluded in which specific and active projects and programmes are spelt out for implementation, such as the broadcasting of regular programmes about ASEAN, the organising of cultural and film festivals on rotation basis, encouraging of the exchange of film artistes and the undertaking of joint film productions, the organising of seminars on mass communication, literature, arts, physical education, sports coaching and sports medicine, the organising of ASEAN sports and games tournaments and the encouraging of the holding of exhibition of works of art and that the agreement should also include provision for the holding of seminars on literature, science and technology, exchange of artistes in the field of visual and performing arts and the undertaking of joint research in literature."

Also, recommendation No. 88, inter alia, contained proposals regarding sports and games tournaments, seminars concerning physical education, sports coaching, sports medicine, etc.

Responding to these proposals, the BKMI (All Indonesian University Students Sports Union) submitted a working paper (Indonesia 1/70) through the ASEAN National Secretariat. Though warmly received at the ASEAN meeting, it was suggested that a more realistic plan be drafted.

At the next ASEAN meeting, the Indonesian delegation submitted the second working paper (Indonesia 2/71) whilst the Philippines also sent their working paper, 'ASEAN Youth Games' (Philippines, Working Paper No. 15).

In June 1972, the ASEAN meeting at Manila discussed both papers and decided that the Indonesian working paper No. 2/71 will be the foundation on which the realization of the ASEAN Universiade is based. It was also agreed that the next meeting would be staged in Bali in order to discuss how the ASEAN Universiade idea could be achieved.

## THE MAIN IDEAS OF BKMI

By way of co-operative effort in the field on culture, the BKMI formulated the idea of staging the ASEAN Universiade, in which students get the opportunity to compete against one another in the field of sports. As such, the ASEAN Universiade is an event in the field of students' sports in which each member country of the ASEAN should actively participate. To foster understanding and close harmony within the realm of ASEAN, and especially in the co-operation amongst ASEAN students, it was strongly suggested that all parties should be continuously in touch with each other, not only at government level, but also amongst ASEAN students themselves. To date, the successful co-operation which has been received has enabled the realisation of the ASEAN Universiade Preparatory Conference held in Bali from 1st to 3rd of February 1973.

## SINGAPORE DELEGATION

The two representatives of Singapore who were authorised by the Singapore Joint Varsity

College Sports Council at the ASEAN Universiade Preparatory Conference held in Bali, Indonesia, were Mr. Ismail Hamid, Sports Secretary of the University of Singapore and Mr. Lim Eng Seng, President of the Singapore Polytechnic Sports Council. The Joint Varsity College Sports Council consists of the University of Singapore, Singapore Polytechnic, Nanyang University, Ngee Ann Technical College and the Teachers' Training College.

A final meeting was called on the 3rd January 1973 at USSU Conference Room so that representatives from the various Institutions of Higher Learning could come to an agreement as to what view-point the two delegates could present to the ASEAN Universiade Preparatory Conference. The representatives present at the meeting were unanimous about the concept of ASEAN University Students Sports Federation.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

At the opening ceremony of the ASEAN Universiade Preparatory Conference on 1st Feb. 1973, welcoming speeches by the following were delivered:—

1. Mr. Baron Harahap, President of the All Indonesian University Students Sports Union (B.K.M.I.),
2. Mr. Umarjadi Njoowijono, Secretary-general of the ASEAN National Secretariat of Indonesia.
3. H.H. Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, President of the National Sports Committee of Indonesia,
4. Lt. Gen. Dr. H. Ibu Sutowo, Patron of B.K.M.I.
5. H.E. The Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia.

The preliminary and first sessions of the Conference took place on the same day. The Conference approved, inter alia, the Singapore delegation's proposal to change the name of the "ASEAN University Sports Federation" to "ASEAN University Students Sports Federation". The term University being defined as an institution of higher learning. The principles contained in the draft constitution of the ASEAN University Students Sports Federation (U.S.S.F.) were also discussed.

At the end of the second and third sessions held on the 2nd Feb., a joint communique drafted by the Malaysian delegation was issued. In it, the delegates of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, have agreed:

1. To establish the ASEAN University Students Sports Federation.
2. To make the Federation an affiliate of the ASEAN Permanent Committee on Socio-Cultural Activities.
3. To authorise the Federation to hold the ASEAN University Students' Games once every two years, beginning in 1974.
4. To apply to the ASEAN Permanent Committee on Socio-Cultural Activities

to make the ASEAN University Students' Games one of its projects.

5. To designate the Secretary of the ASEAN National Secretariat of Indonesia to submit the Conference resolutions and reports to the meeting of the ASEAN Permanent Committee on Socio-Cultural Activities in Manila.

The Constitution of the ASEAN U.S.S.F. was also ratified by all the delegates.

In accordance with articles 11(a), 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Constitution, the First General Assembly of the newly formed Federation was called. The General Assembly agreed that the site of the First ASEAN U.S.S.F. be in Indonesia with second and third sites in Thailand and the Philippines respectively. The Executive Committee of the ASEAN U.S.S.F. was also elected.

On Feb. 3, the second session of the General Assembly convened to work out the various details of the games. These included the time and place of the games, the types of games, the finance, invitations, condition of participants, etc. The General Assembly was closed at 11.50 a.m.

## Sports- SOCCER

SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
DIV. III FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ONE of the primary aims of the Singapore Polytechnic Sports Council is to promote games within the Poly campus as well as publicize the name of Poly in local sports 'circles'. In accordance with these objectives, the Sports Council has entered a team for the 1973 S.G.S.F.L. Div. III tournament. To strengthen our chances, a number of promising players from the staff were invited to participate. Their response was most encouraging. Also, Mr. Ager, our acting principal supports fully the suggestion of a staff/student team and permission was promptly granted for the early release of staff involved in the matches.

So far, four matches have been played. The chances of reaching the quarter-finals depends on the remaining two matches.

Results:

10/4/73	Poly vs J.T.C. R.C.	Lost 1—0
17/4/73	Poly vs Car Park	Won 3—2
24/4/73	Poly vs Telerec "A"	Drew 0—0
1/5/73	Poly vs Survey	Won 3—0

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**S.P.S.U. EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
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**(Forthcoming C.U.H.K. - S.P.S.U.  
Student Exchange)**

Our committee which has been handling student exchanges annually with Universities of other countries is at the moment in preparation of a Student Exchange Programme with Chinese University of Hong Kong in August. About 12 students from the CUHK will be coming to SPSU and we will host them for about a month. These students will be accommodated in some of the homes of our students. This gives us a better opportunity to foster a closer relationship in culture, education and better understanding of our closely knitted societies.

Similarly, we will be sending 12 students to Hong Kong in December (tentatively) or May

1974 if feasible.

Thus, we hope that we can get enough support from our student bodies or even those outside to provide lodging varying from a week up to a month during August. Those who can do so, and especially those who intend to go on the Hongkong student exchange of 1973/74, are urged to participate.

Kindly inform us (E.R.C.) by filling up the forms available at Union House or drop us a line giving details and we will contact you. Invitation is open until the 3rd week of July and any type of house, e.g. attap house, HDB flats, bungalow house etc. is welcomed.

**FOREIGN RELATIONS CLUB**

**Chulalongkorn University  
Students' Union**

**(THAILAND)**

A Group of 72 members from the above University will be coming to Singapore on a Study Tour from the 28th May, 1973 — 1st June, 1973. Guides are needed to bring the guests around during those few days.

All students who can help in one way or another please contact the External Relations Committee or submit their names to the Union Clerks (P.E.C.) as soon as possible.

**To whom it may concern**

The Union will be investigating into the accounts and events which led to the failure of the Exposition '72. (The Union incurred a loss of \$5,180.20 through Expo '72). The Commission of Inquiry requests members who have any relevant information to come forward and assist them in their investigations. All such information will be kept in strict confidence. You can contact any member of the Commission of Inquiry personally or write directly to:

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