



University Engineers Club  
Golden Jubilee Year

*Farewell Dinner*

to  
FINAL YEAR  
STUDENTS

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NINETEEN THIRTEEN TO NINETEEN SIXTY THREE

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# Toasts

## *The Queen*

## *The U.E.C.*

Proposed: Prof. K. L. Cooper

Response: Mr. R. Penberthy

## *The Final Year Students*

Proposed: Mr. G. Whitehead

Response: Mr. M. Skreiner (Mech.)

Mr. B. Grainger (Civil)

Mr. P. Farr (Elec.)

## *The Graduates*

Proposed: Mr. R. Elsey

Response: Mr. G. Norton

# Drinks

SWEET SHERRY - DRY SHERRY

FRUIT PUNCH - BURGUNDY

CLARET - CHABLIS - SAUTERNE

BEER

PORT - WHISKY - BRANDY

# Menu

CHILLED TOMATO OR PINEAPPLE COCKTAIL



CREME OF CHICKEN SOUP



DEEP FRIED SCHNAPPER CUTLETS



INDIAN CURRY AND RICE



POULTRY, HAM AND PORK  
*with*  
SALADS AND MINT DRESSING



FRESH FRUIT SALAD, CREAM, NUTS  
WINE TRIFLE WITH WHIPPED CREAM



COFFEE - PORT

## SHORT HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERS' CLUB

Although the Engineers' Club was not instituted until 1921, the history of the Engineering Students at the University should really start at 1913, when reading in the Faculty began.

From the outset the students and lecturers were beset by many hardships, not the least of which was the isolation of the Crawley site. The nearest roads to the school were Broadway and Mounts Bay Road, the latter then terminating at the Brewery. The tram trip from Perth to Broadway took 50 minutes. Professor Whitfeld, the first Dean, was in the habit of walking the three miles from his West Perth home each morning.

The school itself consisted of Shenton's Villa (still in existence), together with a stable, some lean-to coach sheds, and three milking sheds. Some riverside residences situated in front of the school were constructed of canvas walls and kerosine-tin roofs. These belonged to a few "squatters" who wished to avoid paying rates.

It is difficult to imagine student instruction with the meagre equipment that then existed at the school; the prize items being a 6 h.p. steam engine, some reject mining equipment and the armature of a defunct generator. However, the very difficulties facing the ingenuity of both student and lecturer contributed to a high standard of graduates, coupled with a strong sense of loyalty and unity.

In 1919, the ranks of the school were swelled by the return of many ex-servicemen, and the current dance craze led to the holding of the first Engineers' Ball in that year.

The first entry in the minutes book describes "A general meeting of the Crawley Undergraduates" held on the 20th June, 1921. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Ball for that year, and to elect a Ball Committee. At a general meeting held on 8th September, 1921, Mr. Morrison moved that a club be formed to be called the D.B.A. Club (no explanation of these initials is offered). The officers elected to the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were Messrs. Grace, Leach and Pym respectively. The D.B.A. prospered and came to be known, on a motion of Mr. Lemon at a general meeting held on 26th May, 1922, as the "University Engineers' Club".

In 1927, a new Engineering building was erected, and besides providing greater facilities for study, common rooms and a committee room were made available to the Club.

In the intervening years the Engineers' Ball had been held annually and was rapidly growing in popularity, with each succeeding Ball Committee going to great efforts to make it the "Ball of the Year". The 10th Annual Ball was held for the first time in the recently acquired Engineering Hall. Attempts by decorators to cover a somewhat ugly clock led to the development of the present Engineers' Badge, first seen at this 1929 Ball. The original Badge showed pennies, not dice, in the lower right-hand panel, but otherwise has not changed.

The first reference to an Annual Dinner is made in the minutes of the committee meeting held on 21st August, 1928. "Business: To arrange a farewell to the 5th Year Engineers. Mr. Connor suggested that the send-off should take the form of a bridge evening, followed by a sit-down supper, during which toasts could be proposed." The date was the 3rd September, and the cost 3/6 per head. The farewell remained

in this forum until after the war, when it was changed to its present form.

In 1930, the U.E.C. became affiliated with the Guild of Undergraduates and the Club's constitution was adopted in the same year. Rapidly increasing in financial and numerical strength, the Club showed that its interests were not limited to social functions. Some of the accrued ball profits (?) were spent in establishing a library. Until 1961, students controlled the Engineering Library, buying new books and replacing old. The success of the honour scheme can be judged by the fact that it was not until 1946 that a librarian (the famous poet, Miss Olive Pell) was engaged, and then only because of the increasing number of students.

1932 saw the opening of the new buildings for the University, and the presence for the first time of any student inhabitants other than Engineers on the Crawley site. The natural result of this was a sudden upsurge in inter-faculty rivalry. This year also saw the completion of the now-famous reflection pond. To celebrate this feat, the Engineers met the Science Union in fair fight and carried off the S.U. banner. Unable to win it back by fair means, the Stinkers extorted the U.E.C. banner from the President's landlady. After a bloody battle a truce was finally declared, and with a keg or two, and some pretence of pomp and ceremony as befits an armistice meeting, the blood-stained rival clubs assembled, in the Engineers' Hall, and smoked the peace pipe. "Bon-homie" existed between the faculties for several years, and the U.E.C. banner was confined to Prof. Blakey's safe to emerge only on special occasions, and then with a strong bodyguard.

The following year (1933) Mr. Goyder presented a cup for inter-faculty sporting competition. The Engineers were successful in retaining the cup and won it each year for 22 years. Finally, in desperation, it was given to them.

This history would hardly be complete without reference to the illustrious "Electrical Sub-Committee of the Engineers' Club", first founded in 1934. The product of this committee's inventive genii were some amazingly intricate and clever lighting systems for each Engineers' Ball. It is to their credit that each year the decorations at the ball were unsurpassed by any other ball in Perth.

In the meantime, the Engineers, mindful of the mean trickery used by the S.U. to obtain their banner some years previously, had been plotting and waiting patiently for a chance to get their own back. The opportunity presented itself at the 1942 Graduation Ceremony, when the Science Union banner was hooked up on a fishing line from Winthrop Hall balcony and sped to the Engineering School and a certain Professor's safe by a relay team. Many small incidents in the following years reached a climax in 1949 with the Battle of the Banner in the Sunken Garden. The green rag was torn to shreds and the triumphant Engineers emerged the proud possessors of at least 80 per cent. of the remnants. In desperation, the S.U. finally bought another banner, but again lost it to the Engineers during the 1961 Prosh.

1957 saw the Law School rearing its ugly head and threatening to do battle with the Engineers. Minor disorganised skirmishes necessitated the formation of the famous "Committee for the Upholding of the High Prestige of the U.E.C.", otherwise known as the "Riot Squad". Their major victory was the abduction and ponding of the President of the Blackstone Society from a Guild meeting.

The following year (1958) saw the first of the now annual Tug-o'-wars against either Law or Med. students. This glorious event, in which

teams stand side by side on Whitfeld court and attempt, via rope and pulley, to haul each other into the pond, has never been lost by the Engineers. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of the Inter-faculty Bathtub races, inaugurated three years ago by the Engineers, but lost to Geology in that year. Since then, the record of the Engineers is unblemished.

In the new building in Fairway, the Club and its members enjoy pleasant surroundings, a new spacious and comfortable common room and committee rooms. Our thanks must go to those committees who fought and worked so hard to get these facilities and yet knew they would not be able to enjoy them themselves. The common room now finds frequent use both during lecture time and for the staff-student and club socials.

It is to be hoped that every club member, whilst enjoying the facilities now taken for granted, is mindful of the traditions of the club; that as a group the U.E.C. does not fall into the abysmal pit of apathetic oblivion as has been the fate of other faculties on the campus. Let us "Non Loqui Sed Facere" and by our actions seek unity and comradeship and remember that the acquirement of academic knowledge is not everything. Then we may be fit to repay our debt to society.

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### PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE U.E.C.

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| 1921 | Mr. E. B. P. Grace                      | 1942 | Mr. A. Taylor and<br>Mr. W. J. Williams |
| 1922 | Mr. E. Somers                           | 1943 | Mr. L. Nichols                          |
| 1923 | Mr. J. Stewart                          | 1944 | Mr. B. Fraser                           |
| 1924 | —                                       | 1945 | Mr. J. Gibbings                         |
| 1925 | Mr. H. L. Helffenstein                  | 1946 | Mr. F. Buchanan                         |
| 1926 | —                                       | 1947 | Mr. D. Montgomery                       |
| 1927 | Mr. D. Gray                             | 1948 | Mr. K. Noel                             |
| 1928 | Mr. R. Vincent                          | 1949 | Mr. J. Duncan                           |
| 1929 | Mr. G. Connor                           | 1950 | Mr. R. Leach                            |
| 1930 | Mr. C. Blatchford                       | 1951 | Mr. P. Turpin                           |
| 1931 | Mr. R. Fitch                            | 1952 | Mr. L. Addicoat                         |
| 1932 | Mr. P. Avery                            | 1953 | Mr. I. Morison                          |
| 1933 | Mr. J. Utting                           | 1954 | Mr. J. Wager                            |
| 1934 | Mr. W. Orr                              | 1955 | Mr. F. Speldewinde                      |
| 1935 | Mr. J. R. Tolerton                      | 1956 | Mr. R. Thurloe                          |
| 1936 | Mr. A. Fisher                           | 1957 | Mr. P. Brinkworth                       |
| 1937 | Mr. A. Ellis                            | 1958 | Mr. W. Wallwork                         |
| 1938 | Mr. L. Letch                            | 1959 | Mr. N. Bullock                          |
| 1939 | Mr. B. Finkelstein                      | 1960 | Mr. P. Brockley                         |
| 1940 | Mr. G. Barratt-Hill                     | 1961 | Mr. A. Hambleton                        |
| 1941 | Mr. G. Strickland<br>and Mr. R. Hillman | 1962 | Mr. B. Jeanes                           |
|      |   | 1963 | Mr. R. Penberthy                        |

# Graduates 1963

*Every member of the University Engineers Club extends best wishes to Final Year Students, both in the forthcoming exams and in their future years as Engineers.*

## ELECTRICAL

Beaumont, W. F.

Campaign, R. A.

Day, P. R. E.

Duckham, I. G.

Farr, P. J. W.

Hartley, R. H.

Low, Ngee Hua

Smith, W. R.

Teede, N. F.

Wood, H. T.

## MECHANICAL

Beaumont, A. J.

Corver, J. E.

Drynan, K. N.

Elsey, R. W.

Johnston, V. D.

Kalmund, P. V.

Katnich, R.

Lim, J. H.

Skreiner, M.

Syed, A.

Watson, B. W.

## CIVIL

Brindley, R. F.

Dropulich, M. P.

Ellson, I. G.

Ffarrington, J. A.

Grainger, B. R.

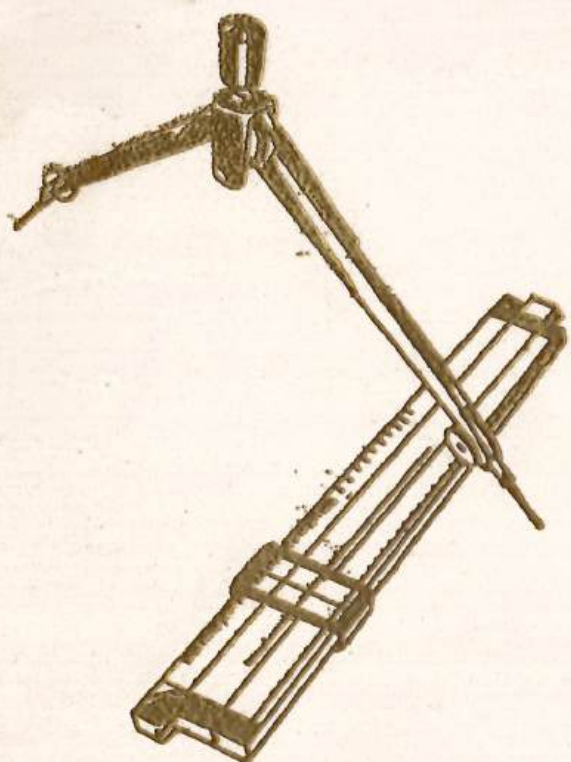
Humphry, L. R.

Penberthy, R. A.

Ryan, J. E.

Wallwork, M. D.

Wark, R. J.



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