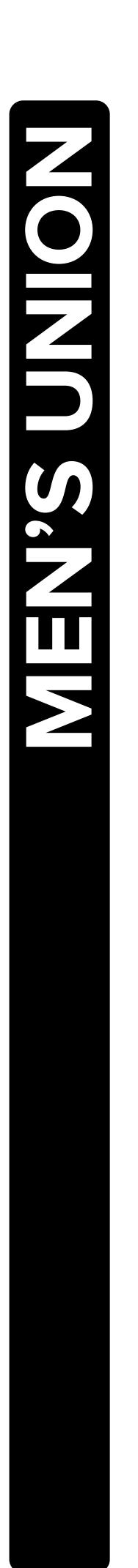
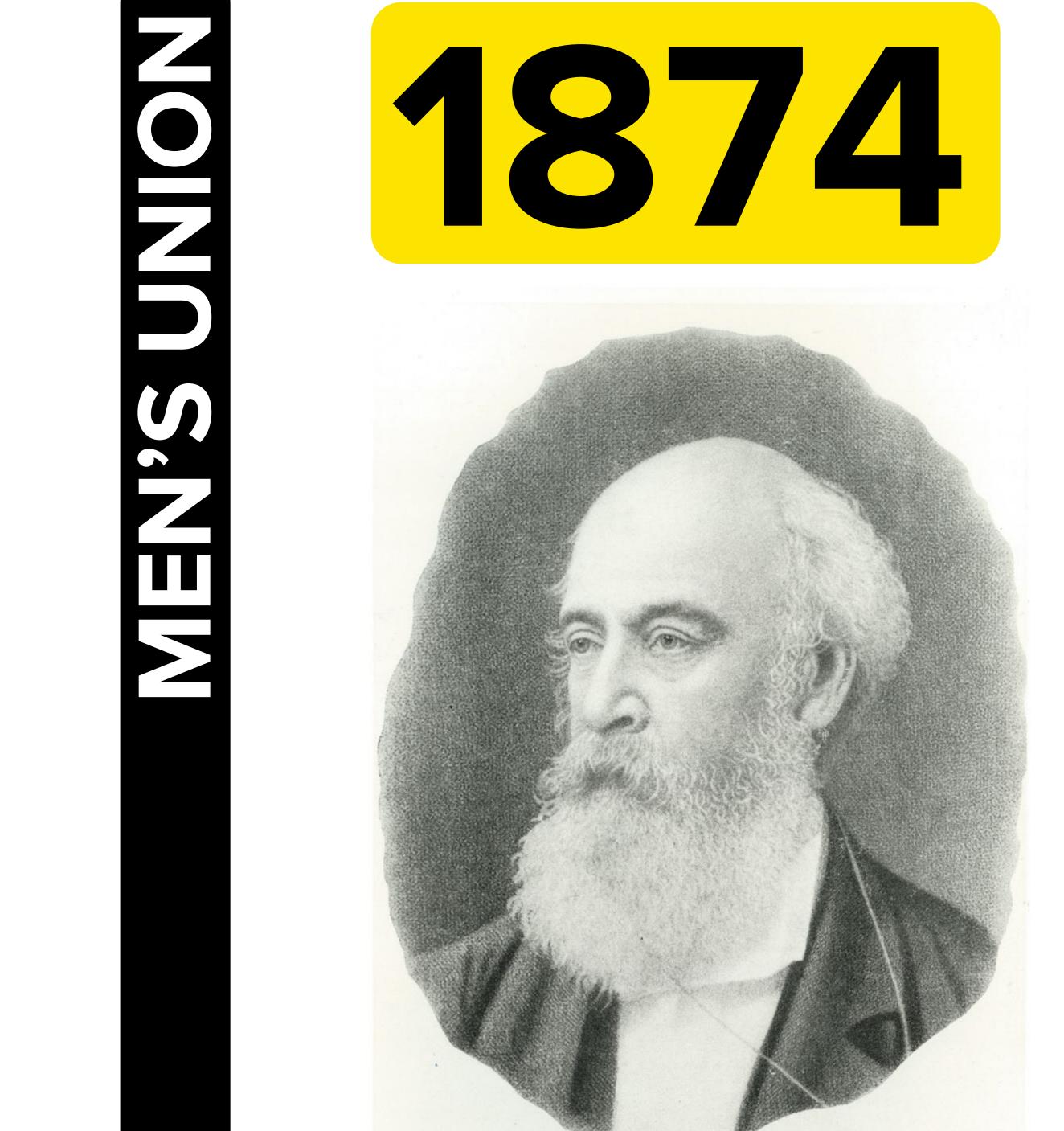
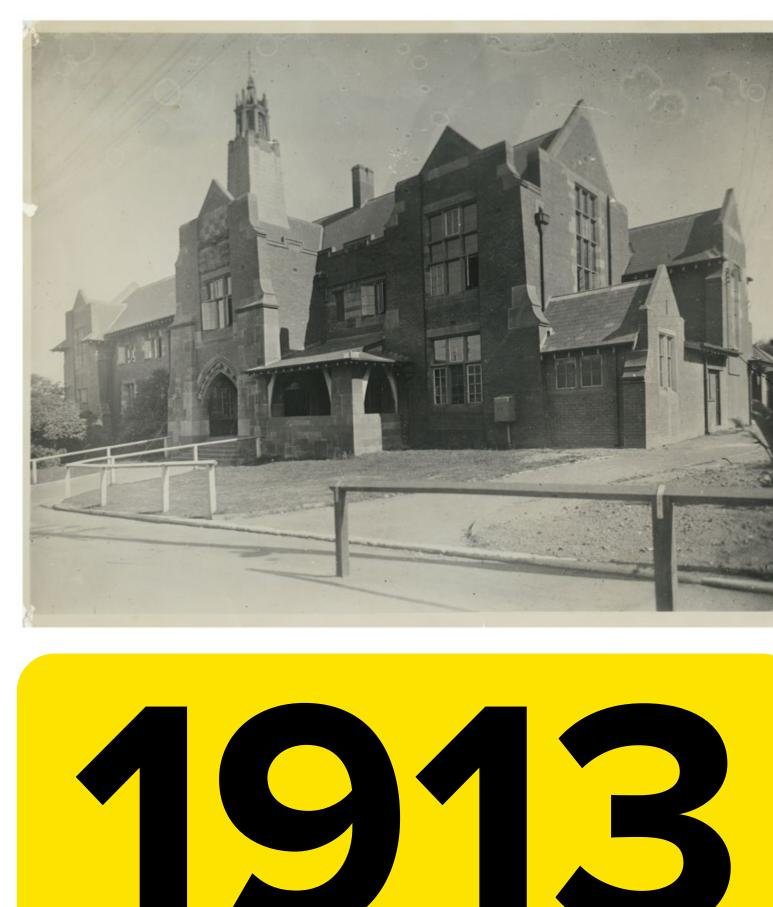
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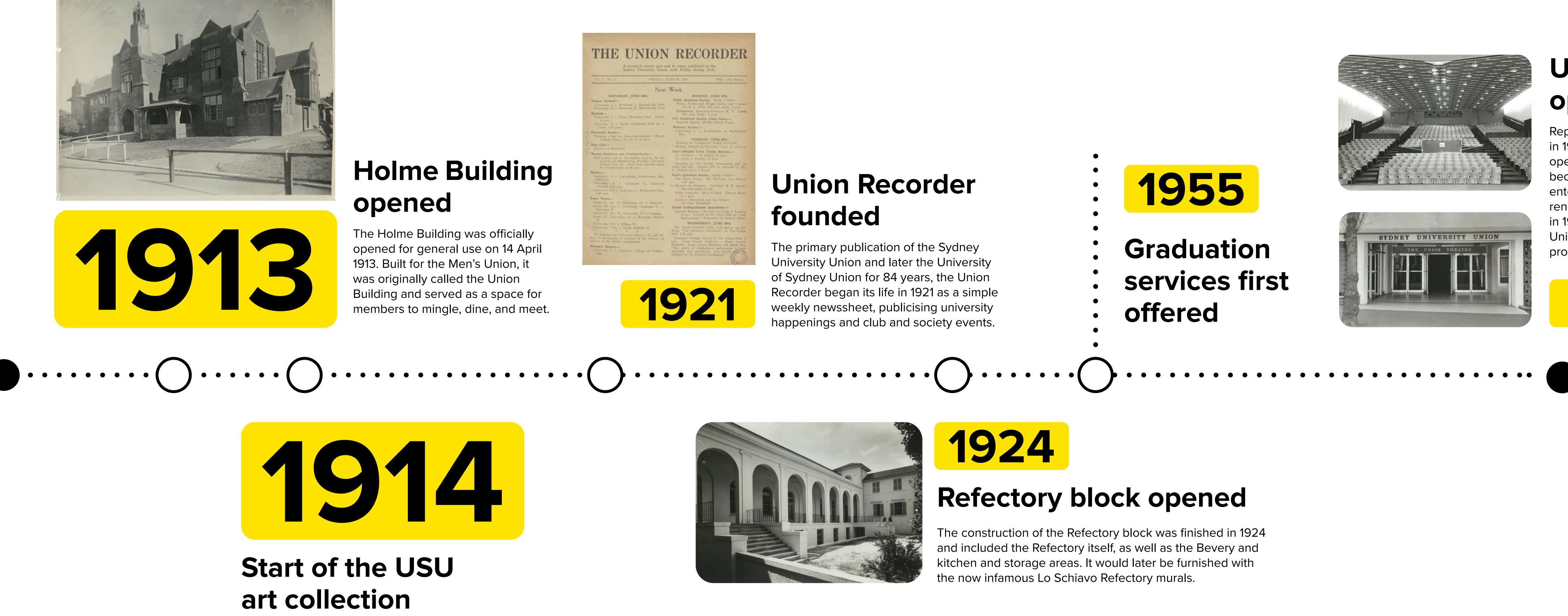


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Men's Union founded The Sydney University Union was founded as a debating society in 1874 at a meeting of University men at the Oxford Hotel. Its first president was Professor The Reverend Charles Badham.





Start of the USU art collection





2003

First Verge Arts Festival The Verge Arts Festival, later just Verge Festival, was first staged in 2003 and featuring an extensive program of visual, theatrical, and audio art. Growing in size and scope from that point forward, Verge

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1978

USU hosts its first international debating festival

The Honeywell World Debating Competition, sponsored by Honeywell International, was hosted and won by the University of Sydney Union in 1978. Attended by students from Oxford, Glasgow, Harvard, Cambridge, and countless other universities, It was the first event of its kind to be hosted by the University of Sydney Union and was a precursor to the World Universities Debating Championships that would be founded two years later.





the USU

After decades of fruitless attempts, Voluntary Student Unionism was passed into law in 2005, extinguishing the automatic and mandatory paid subscription of students to their unions. It ended an arrangement that had been in place since the construction of the Holme Building

After a failed attempt the year prior, a constitutional amendment was passed at the 2005 AGM mandating that half of each batch of elected board directors are female identifying. This amendment continues to



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2009

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1981

JFR plaza and Verge Gallery opened The Jane Foss Russell building and its attached plaza were finalised in 2009. The plaza was a new commercial space for the USU and also saw the launch of Verge Gallery.



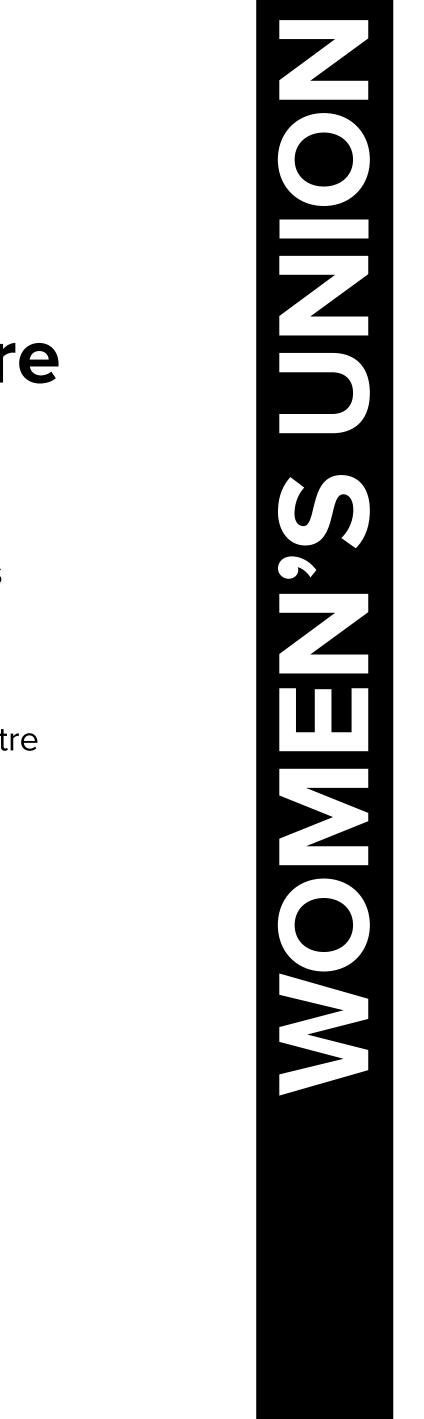
First official identity revue he inaugural Women's Revue in 2006 marked the first USU identity revue, with Queer Revue, POC Revue, and International Revue to follow.

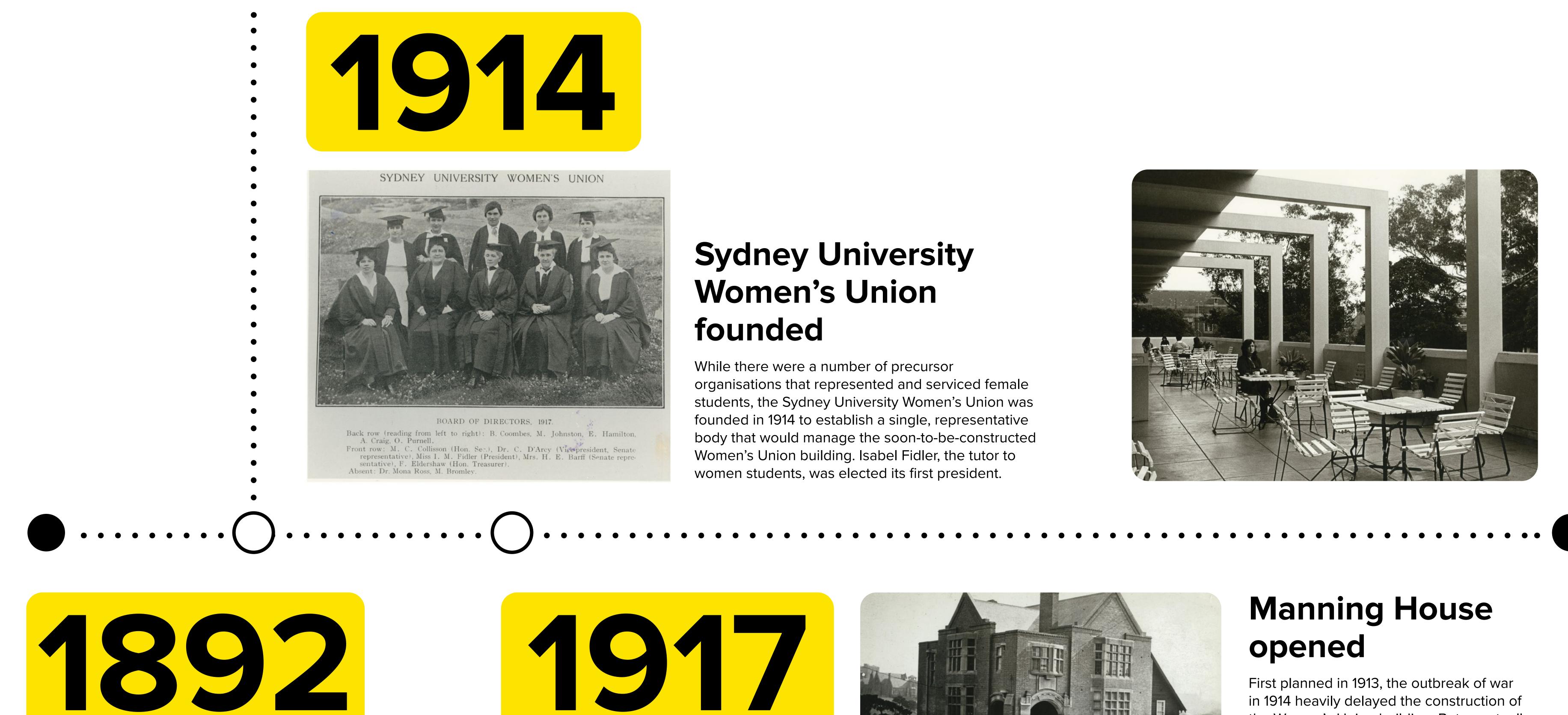


Union Theatre opened in 1916, the Union Theatre was pened in 1961 and quickl

pecame an influential campu tertainment venue. It was in 1981 and later given to the University in 2006 as part of a property exchange.









Association founded The first formal campus womens group.



First woman president of the USU Following her initial election to board in 1982, Judith Whelan became the University of Sydney Union's first

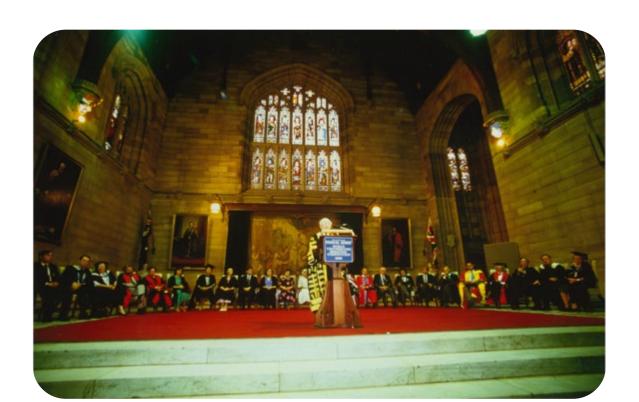
female president. Influential constitutional reforms Transformative constitutional reforms enacted in

1988

USU hosts Worlds for the first time Founded in 1980, the World Universities Debating Championship was first hosted by the University of Sydney Union in 1988.

Beginning of Theatresports at USYD

Brought to the University by a group of Sydney University Dramatic Society (SUDS) members with the help of the USU, theatresports has been a mainstay of campus culture since 1988 and launchec numerous comedy and acting careers.



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Hermes relaunched under the USU

After petering out in 1969, Hermes, first published in 1886 and formerly under the auspices of the SRC was reborn in 1985 with the help of the USU and was published annually until 2019.

First annual Sydney **Uni Band Comp**

First run in 1983, the Sydney Uni Band Competitior became an annual affair from 1985 onwards before taking a bow in 2017 and being revived as the Battle of the Bands in 2023.



Wentworth Stage II opened This extension to Wentworth cost more than \$3,500,000 and added a new shopping mall, functions centre, art gallery, and countless other amenities. Women's committee

1990

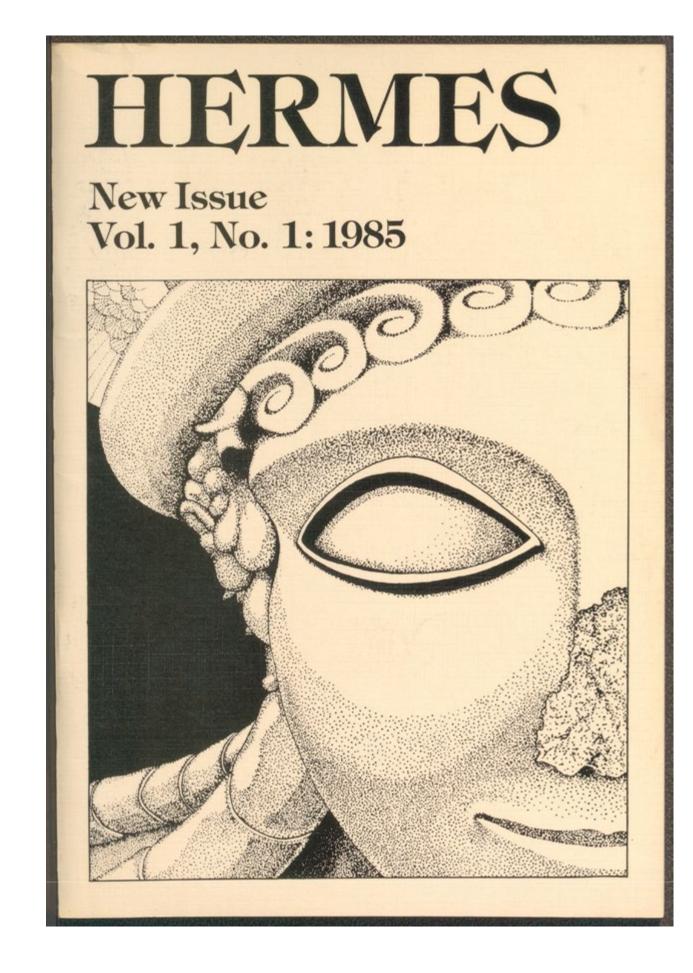
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than 10,000 new

De Dawkins reforms saw the amalgamation of th nservatorium of Music, the Institute of Nursing, th alth Sciences into the University of Sydney ng more than 10,000 new students to the USU's nembership on 1 January 1990.

David Jones withdraws from its agreement with

1924. It was a valuable source of revenue for the USU ar on to do a complete budgetary rethink



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2016

First year of Pulp After the shuttering of BULL magazine in 2015, the USU pivoted to an all-digital publications strategy which saw the launch of Pulp in 2016: a digital USU publication

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edited by two student editors.

After six years of voluntary student unionism, legislation passed in 2011 introduced a Student Services Amenities Fee to be levied b universities on their students. This fee, a portion of which goes to



Universal free USU membership Since the introduction of VSU, the USU as strived to make membership free.



Sydney University Women's Union founded

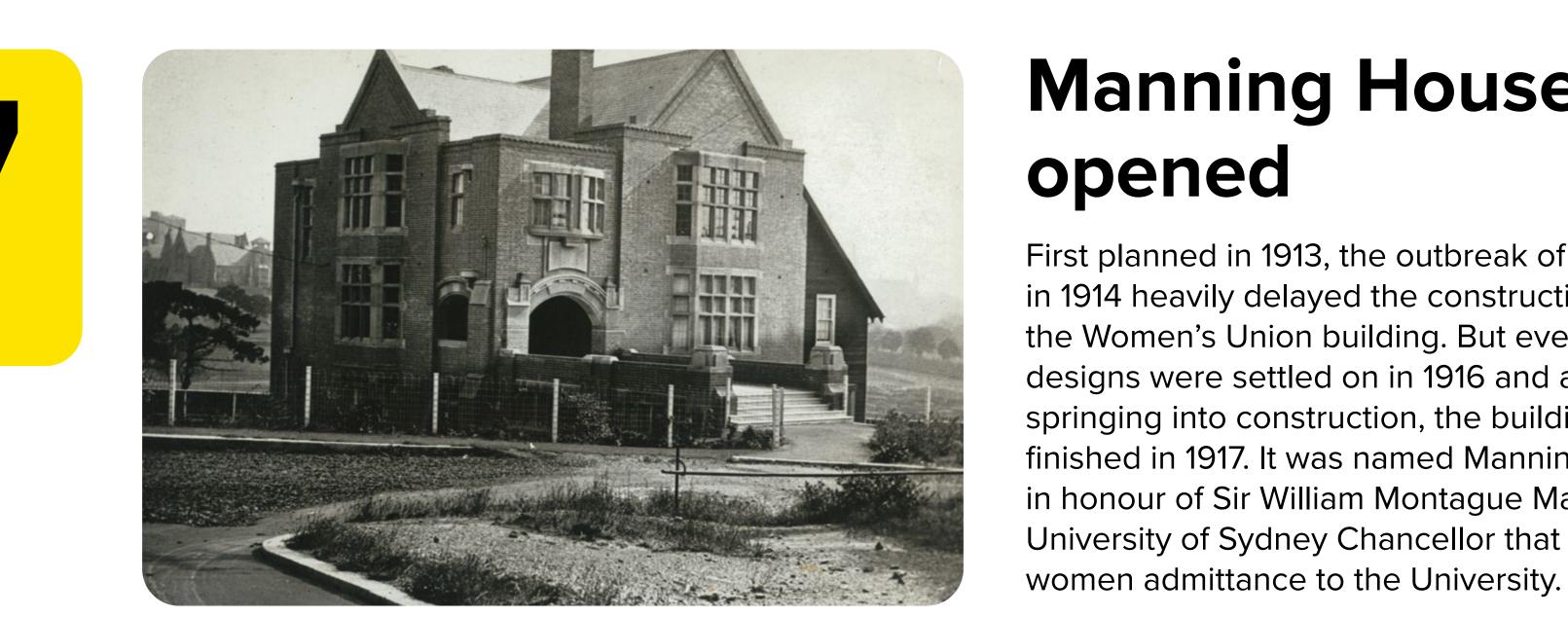
While there were a number of precursor organisations that represented and serviced female body that would manage the soon-to-be-construc Women's Union building. Isabel Fidler, the tutor t women students, was elected its first president



Major Manning House renovation

usions to Manning House co Blackburn, the final construction bill totalle more than £170,000.





Manning House opened First planned in 1913, the outbreak of war n 1914 heavily delayed the construction of the Women's Union building. But eventuall designs were settled on in 1916 and after finished in 1917. It was named Manning House in honour of Sir William Montague Manning, th University of Sydney Chancellor that granted



Wentworth Stage III opened

This final extension to Wentworth, fully realising the scope of the original plans, expanded the size of the building by 25%, adding to all five levels. It saw the construction of a new bar, a new art gallery, and various new meeting rooms and catering spaces.

The USU gains more Members overnight



New Manning House extension rebuilt following demolition

The Manning House extension finished in 1963 was demolished and rebuilt betweer 1998 and 2000, creating the Manning House we know today.



USU achieves 50,000 Members