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Foreword By Principal

Many interesting things have happened since we opened on June 9, and I feel that the decision of the students to publish each week a record of our activities is a very important step in the development of the College. Every part of College life—cultural, professional, social—in the lecture room, in the school, in the playing field and in the community—can now be discussed freely by those most vitally concerned, the students themselves. The criticism of the students, provided it is genuinely, sincerely, and frankly expressed, may have an important bearing on future policy. But it is essential that the views expressed should be as representative as possible, so it is the duty of all students to contribute to their paper.

I know we are all happy to be members of the first wholly-residential College in New South Wales; I am sure we are all proud to be pioneers in a new field of education, and I am confident that every one of us is determined to play his part worthily in making the Teachers' College, Wagga Wagga, a great institution. Hence, the most helpful criticism of existing rules, regulations and general policy will be that which is constructive, and I am hopeful that many valuable suggestions will come from this and future issues. But besides current topics, a place may be found in these pages for original contributions of real literary and artistic merit, and a splendid opportunity is offered to talent in this direction.

I offer my heartiest congratulations to the Editor and Staff for their enterprise and enthusiasm in producing this publication at so early a stage in the history of the College, and I wish "Talkabout" every success, both now and in the years to come.

G. L. BLAKEMORE.

And from Mr. Bunkum, our long-winded lecturer: "If I have talked too long it is because I haven't my watch with me and there's no clock here."

Tired voice: "There's a calendar behind you, sir."

Editorial

This, the first issue of "Talkabout," marks the beginning of a new epoch of student activities at Wagga Teachers' College. To date we, as individuals, have been primarily concerned with making new friends and with reconciling ourselves to a new environment which will be our home for some time to come. This initial phase has now been satisfactorily completed, thanks to the spirit of co-operation which has permeated the student body, and to the assistance of the principal, lecturers and domestic staff, whose untiring efforts to ameliorate our lot have been greatly appreciated.

The three months which have passed since the establishment of the College have seen the formation of a Students' Representative Council, elected by popular vote. In addition many clubs, devoted to the study of a particular academic subject, have also been formed. Whilst these clubs are autonomous in their internal administration, each elects a member to the parent body, the S.R.C. The need for a student publication to reflect current opinion, and to record the activities of the Students' Representative Council, is obvious.

It is hoped that not only will "Talkabout" provide a medium for expression of opinion and criticism within the College, but also that it will, through its articles and contributions, be instrumental in fostering co-operation between the several Teachers' Colleges in matters of a cultural or sporting nature. In order that this objective may be achieved, it is essential that the writing of "Talkabout" be shared by as many students as possible. Those possessed of any of a diversity of literary or artistic talents will find adequate scope for expression in the columns of this paper. Articles of a serious nature, sporting reports, and constructive criticism in the form of letters to the editor will be appreciated.

Most articles in this issue were prepared by members of the Writers' Group, whose marathon efforts in unfamiliar fields are deserving of the highest praise. To the writers of such unsolicited contributions as have come to hand, I desire to express my appreciation. I shall take the first available opportunity of thanking each of them personally. I am deeply appreciative of

the assistance given me by June Scott, Charlie Chappell and Merv Whittaker in canvassing for advertising matter. Without their co-operation, and the generous support given by our advertisers, the publication of a student paper would have been impossible. May I commend these, our advertisers, to you, and ask that in your future purchases in Wagga you support them as liberally as they have supported your paper "Talkabout."

ALAN FRYER.

S.R.C. President's Benediction

As President of the S.R.C., it falls my welcome lot to wish the Wagga Teachers' College weekly paper, "Talkabout," every success in this, its first publication, and all future publications.

I am certain that this organ of the students' activities will work in unison with the S.R.C. in striving for students' rights, privileges and benefits. Whatever concerns the student body concerns the S.R.C. and now, in "Talkabout," we have a medium for making S.R.C. aims and activities known.

"Talkabout" will be a means for the student to air his views and should lead him to realise that he is a part of a democratic college community. In every day life, the "free" newspaper is an essential to democracy and the students should not forget that "Talkabout" is equally essential in our College.

Students should realise this important function of the paper and, as a result, support it with contributions and other assistance.

I know that the editorial staff have worked hard, and we are fortunate in having had such a group to launch "Talkabout" on its way. I am certain that when our paper goes to press, everything possible will have been done by this staff to ensure its success.

Again, as representative of the Student Body, I wish you good luck, "Talkabout," and may your services fulfil our democratic ideals.

—MURAY MILLAR.

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INTRA MURAL SYSTEM OF WAGGA
TEACHERS' COLLEGE

The social structure of aboriginal life is based on the family and the horde. The family consists of a man, his wife and children. The horde is made up of a number of families occupying, owning and living on a defined area of land. At any time its members are the males who are born and die in the horde, the unmarried girls and the married women, all of whom have become attached to the horde by marriage. The horde is an independent and autonomous unit in its relationships with other hordes.

A tribe is a number of such hordes but is only a unit in so far as its customs and language are concerned. Virtually, it has no territory and lacks cohesion. The pattern of social behavior, particularly with regard to marriage, in any tribe is regulated by the kinship system, whereby tribes are divided into moities, sections and maybe subsections. All these divisions, like the tribe and the individual aborigine, have a totem which may be compared with a guardian angel. A totem is generally an animal, a bird or a plant. To hurt or kill it is an insult.

Wagga Wagga is an aboriginal name and means "Many Crows." Wagga City is situated in the territory occupied by the Wiradjeri tribe, the bat being the sex totem of the male, and the night owl of the female members.

The four sections of this tribe and their totems are:—

Male	Female	Totem
1—Ipai	Ipatha	Eagle Hawk
2—Kambu	Butha	Grey Kangaroo
3—Mari	Mutha	Emu
4—Kabi	Kabitha	Porcupine

To give a simple illustration of the function of these four sections in the kinship system, Kambu cannot marry Ipatha but can marry Mutha. If he does, any children of the marriage are Kaki or Kabitha.

Lecturer: These figures are not my own, ladies and gentlemen. They are the figures of one who knows what he is talking about."

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What could best begin our Personal Jottings than a report of the Pioneer wedding of Mus Miller. Our president set the fashion for weddings in the College when he helped his bride up the steps, over the coco-nut matting on the threshold, and into the dining room on the evening of Sunday, September 14. For didn't Ian Thomas say not many minutes later that he would most certainly get himself a better half by Christmas, so that Murray's wife would not be lonely down here.

And that same night too came the news of the intended engagement of—you guessed it, Romeo and Juliet.

This lover bold meets his Margie fair,
Under the gleaming lights of the College, where

He sings of her figure, face and hair.
"A ring for your finger," says our blonde Cavalier,

"Two are a little bit dear, yet, I fear;
But don't worry, the bells will ring loud and clear,

If not next, then the following year.

Rumour has it that Ken McLean and FRIEND enjoyed a pleasant Sunday afternoon's riding, up hills and down dales, along creeks, and by boulders in a search for what—rhizoids?

Ray Oole has made quite a name for himself as one of the College's great lovers. He is certainly no Normal person.

The very newest twosome is Betty Sanders and our one and only Gordon Wallace. The corner lamp must necessarily be reduced to a minimum voltage. It offers too much competition for "the love-light gleaming from their radiant eyes."

Seen at a show down town yet another twosome—Nick Bricknell and Shirl Williams. It will be apparent as time goes by, whether or not the attachment survives to produce a repetition of that mutually profitable evening.

Unfortunate for Erica when an innocent little Poppy stalk upset all her plans one Sunday night by causing her to sprain her ankle. Unfortunate for Paul, too, wasn't it?

In a recent three days' weather break the latest summer figures and fashions were to be seen on our spacious lawns, and elsewhere. This does not apply only to the ladies. Remember Arthur Kennedy thrilling all female hearts, when he strode into the dining hall magnificent in shorts and hairs one Saturday morning for breakfast.

Did and Studes see Darb Mun-row

sitting on the steps of his hut the other day? One hand was under his chin, the other hanging dejectedly by his waistcoat pocket. His eyes, staring into space, had in them a mixture of melancholy and despair. Were you waiting for your hips to come in, Darb?

As much as the inmates of Block 8 appreciate a little melody around their cells, they thought Warrior Wylie was quite justified in ordering a certain fish on the campus to retreat to the nearest dustbin and pull the lid down. Such woeful warbling will not be tolerated even in the best of boarding houses.

What do some of the menfolk think about the Air Force taking over in certain departments. I'd say they might brush up a little on that super technique, or is it subtle technique, or maybe it's just no technique at all.

Mervyn is pretty fast in his cosy little Standard. We notice he hasn't traded in the girl friend.

An upsetting communique tells us of the near death of Ray Francis Pople, L.R.S.M. It happened before breakfast on Tuesday, September 16, when he was emerging from the washroom between Huts 22 and 23. It appears that our dear friend and lecturer was almost drowned by Jim Hartnett and Keith Cowan, when he received a large volume of water "fair in the face." This unfortunate accident leads us to offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. Pople, not only for the damage done to his shirt, but also for the unexpected facial he received.

In each publication of this column a "Man of the Week" will be chosen. This week's choice is debonair Mark McLaughlin. He has been selected for his courteous manners and generous nature. Mention might also be made of his outstanding performance of Don Alambro during a Gondolier practice recently.

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Our Viz-ed Club

"The popularity of the Viz-Ed Club was a sign of the ever-increasing recognition visual education was receiving in the modern world," said the president (Ed Rascall), commenting on the club.

Activities last term included the construction of strip-film projectors and strip-films, the publication and duplication of the club magazine, "Viz-Ed," and the preparation of articles on the History of Psychology and Education.

THE PIONEER PROJECTOR

The first projector to be made in the College was designed and constructed by Bill Parsons, last term. Congratulations, Bill! The club regretted the many delays in the work last term. These were due to the scarcity of necessary materials. The group was now making up for lost time and planned to complete 12 projectors before the end of the term, eight for individuals and four to remain in the College. Mr. Blakemore praised this section and expressed the hope that every student would leave the College at the end of the session with his own projector.

"WAGGA WAGGA AND ENVIRONS"

Work on the strip-film was also delayed last term due to the scarcity of films. However, all that remains now is to edit the snaps and make appropriate comments. When completed, the film will be circulated among schools in the district.

The number of films to be made will depend on the number received from the Department of Education. However, the group plan is to make two on the development of the College, one serious and the other humorous.

"VIZ-ED"

"Viz-Ed" is the official club magazine. It outlines the aims, scopes and activities of the club, and publishes information of educational significance. Copies have been circulated among Universities, Teachers' Colleges and educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth in order to produce an awareness of the contribution the club is making to visual education in Australia.

EVER-WIDENING SCOPE

This term the programme of the club has been extended to exploit every type of visual aid. To cope with the work, the club has again been divided into sections, each with a particular assignment. The assignments were as follows:

Models of an exploding volcano, of an old and modern school room, of period dolls, of the life history of the frog; the construction of a mock-up of the strip-film projector, and a puppet stage.

Bulletin boards have also been erected within the College. These will display bulletins on research work inside and outside the College as well as newspaper clippings on matters of educational importance. Another board will feature charts, pictures and posters.

SPECIALLY EQUIPPED DARK ROOM

A great impetus was given the club early this term when Mr. Salmon granted the College a specially equipped dark room. The club appreciates this move on the part of the Education Department, and intends in return to make Wagga Teachers' College a centre for visual education in this State.

The club was overwhelming in its praise for Mr. Renwick who, though theoretically only an adviser, had been invaluable not only within the club but in establishing its outside contacts. It was he who inculcated the ideas of the scope and importance of visual education and its essentially practical nature.

These ideas form the general policy of the club. It does not aim at mere hypothetical theorising but at the application of scientific trends to education and it is confident that, as a result, Wagga Teachers' College will send out teachers equipped with the best teaching methods.

—MARY COMINO.

The Style Spy

Towards the end of the vac. I was casually introduced to a fellow-Student, late of Armidale Teachers College. Our conversation flagged pitifully for a time—then, as if suddenly inspired, my companion inquired as to the rules for dress at lectures. It is hard to imagine the amazement he showed when informed

that there were no rules, and that the usual dress was the traditional "sloppy Joe." It appears lectures at Armidale and Sydney are definitely formal. How proud I felt to be able to tell him that the dress sense of the students of this College was decidedly "chic," and that recently "sloppy Joes" had been offset by a huge "P"—a truly invaluable accessory!

I remember well the first sight of Wagga obtained by a train-full of fledgling students as they fumbled nervously with their luggage, wondering vaguely where to go—a long tartan scarf with tie to match flapped merrily before our eyes, and soon everything was under the control of "Doc." In this incident, I feel sure, the first sign of an awakening dress-sense was evidenced; for from that moment we have never looked back.

Of course, in a large community such as we have here, it is impossible to escape without having some offenders against sartorial elegance. But these poor people are easily obscured by the glory of the remaining creations produced—creations which serve as shining milestones in the light of the College career. Therefore, for the sake of brevity, I shall list a few of this recent week's creations (or shall we say inventions), which usually made their appearance at the dinner table:—

1—Several people have been shocked while out training these cold mornings by the sight of a young male student diving from the shower rooms arrayed in delicate underwear of a sky blue shade. Originally designed to match his blood, I believe! Is that not so Mr. Hartnett?

2—A similar interest was shown, an interest which soon developed into howls and cat-calls, one night early this week when Mr. Kennedy made his appearance in the dining hall. Yes—a striking effect was achieved through his "bearing," but just one query—were they long shorts or short longs, Mr. Kennedy?

3—For a short time there was a quiet struggle between Mr. Davies and Mr. Elliott concerning the quality and design of silk shirts produced and worn by each, but the winter days which followed soon settled the problem.

4—This afternoon I noticed Mr. Pople walking towards me clad in the new spring fashion, a coat of the latest shade in yellow jaundice. Seeing me

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in a pensive mood, he called gaily: "Two bob for them!" "No," I replied. "Two bob for it."

5—It is quite evident to all by now with what comparative ease the men students of this College will adopt themselves to the role of art teacher in schools. We have only to see it in the v-e-r-y in-ter-est-ing co-l-our con-tra-sts displayed. Mr. Bricknell, I feel sure, would gain that 100 per cent. less no marks if he applied that blue and yellow to his art.

We must thank the lecturers also for the keen interest they have shown in the style consciousness of the students, by themselves setting a definite tone. Originality is the keynote, especially in ties. I believe the music and biology options are at present receiving contributions towards the purchase of two nice quiet ties. But even with lecturers' appearances we find the tone set not always as pure as we should like.

Rugged individualism in dress is a feature of College life here, as evidenced by the red husting jacket (a la Sherlock Holmes) of softest velvet with slippers to match, which bolsters the snazzy chassis of our physical education expert.

Our old friend Ben Chif reports that there will be no change in men's pockets this year.

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In choosing "Talkabout" as the title for our College paper, we have adhered as closely as possible to the College policy of utilising aboriginal names wherever applicable.

Before the coming of the white man to this Continent, the word "talkabout" did not exist in the vocabulary of even the most literal aboriginal tribes but, with true Australian initiative and foresight King Billy soon recognised the value of an international language and thus, among many others, the word "Talkabout" was coined.

Thus, we have chosen a title which can boast direct royal lineage—nothing less than a titled title.

On going to press we feel that we have a link with the past, and that we have captured something of the subtle significance of a mighty and undying soul. We can hear, too, the insistent voice from King Billy's grave which seems to be saying "Bi cili, dat pretty good."

We hope that you, too, in reading this, our pioneer issue, can "feel" the presence of our royal patron, and that, if you are successful, your thoughts will be of him and his white brethren of the First Fleet, honoured ancestors of so many of our political leaders, teachers and lecturers.

We give you "Talkabout" in reverent memory of its royal originator, who departed this life well over a century ago. "Gone but not forgotten."

CHARLIE CHAPPEL.

For Whom the Bells Tolled

On Saturday, August 16, 1947, Mr. Murray Millar, president of the Students' Representative Council, was married to Miss Laurie Johnston, of Campsie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Begbie at St. John's Church of England, Campsie.

The bride, who looked charming in a classic gown of off-white satin with an embroidered tulle veil and a coronet of gardenias and tuber roses, carried a sheath of orchids, hyacinths, gardenias and tuber roses. She was attended by Mrs. H. H. Dening, matron of honor, and Miss E. Johnston, bridesmaid, who wore gold sequinned turquoise frocks with matching veils, and curvettes of red roses. The attendants carried bouquets of red roses. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. H. H. Dening and Mr. R. James.

Whilst the couple were signing the register Miss C. Johnston sang "At Dawning" and "All Joy Be Thine."

Those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the ceremony will always remember it for its beauty and atmosphere of complete happiness. We wish Murray and Laurie all the best in their married life.

Staff

The undermentioned is printed in our first publication for your future reference and not merely to fill up space as you may think!

Principal: Mr. G. L. Blakemore, M.A.
Vice-Principal: Mr. G. H. Duncan, M.A.

LECTURING STAFF

Miss C. B. Kilgour, B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Geography).
Miss J. E. Moore, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Speech Training and Dramatic Art).
Miss E. Olive (Physical Education).
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Mr. F. R. Pople, L.R.S.M. (Music).
Mr. I. D. Renwick, B.Sc., Dip.Ed., M.Ed. (Education).
Mr. W. E. Wilcox (Art and Crafts).

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Men's Warden: Mr. A. S. Cornell, Mr. F. R. Pople.
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Janitor: Mr. E. Smith.

The following students, elected by popular vote, constitute the members of the Students' Representative Council:—

President, Mr. Murray Millar.
Vice-President: Mervyn Whittaker.
Treasurer: Ian Thomas.
Secretary: Maureen Lane.

SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: Noel Fletcher.
Section 2: Paul Rees.
Section 3: Margaret Grahame.
Section 4: Jack Gleeson.
Section 5: Mervyn Whittaker.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Debating Club: Gwen Roberts.
Evangelical Union: Don Boyle.
Hobbies' Club: Billie Andrews.
Horticultural Club: Arthur Smith.
Musical Society, Little Theatre Group, and Library Club: Kevin Quinn.
Social and Recreational Club: Ian Thomas.
Sports Union: Doreen Manwaring, Ruth Johnston, and Alen Nilon.
Sir Thomas Moore Club: Terry Gleeson.
Visual Education Club: Ed. Rascall.
Writers' Group: Charlie Chappel.
Mathematics Society: Bill O'Sullivan.

From the geography room:
Lecturer: Why is the sun like bread?
Smart Pupil: Because it rises in the yeast and sets in the vest. (Well, I mean to say, we-e-cl.)

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Studes Undergo Tests

"The progressive Matrices 1947 or 'pat-terns' test was the key test in the group given on Tuesday, 16th September, to first year University and Teachers' College students throughout the Commonwealth," said Mr. Russell in an interview before he left. "The test was then given for the first time and norms and averages would be calculated from these results," he continued.

Mr. Russell, a member of the Commonwealth Office of Education, was supervising the tests at Wagga Teachers' College.

The main aims of the tests were to find the average I.Q. of University and Teachers College first year students, and significant differences in I.Q. between faculties. This information would be of great value to Vocational Guidance Officers.

The results would also be of value to the Commonwealth Employment Service in its Higher Opportunities Office, and in the suitable placing of University graduates.

"There is, in these tests, Mr. Russell went on, "a unique opportunity to study the effect of maturity on academic success. It is expected that ex-servicemen (with an average age of 24, as compared with 18 in the majority of students) will do better than the I.Q.'s established by the tests would indicate."

The Commonwealth Office of Education hopes to make follow-up surveys to establish the correlation, if any, between the first tests and the later careers of the students.

The Commonwealth Office of Education was founded in 1945 to advise the Commonwealth Government on educational matters and provide liaison between the Commonwealth and State Governments on educational matters.

One main interest of the office is U.N.E.S.C.O. In Australia, a number of co-operating bodies such as libraries, museums, theatrical movements, etc., meet at regular intervals and have an important part in determining Australian policy and in choosing representatives.

The office is also concerned with requests for information on education from educational bodies overseas, and from intending migrants.

The Research Department of the office has been conducting these tests and a number of other educational research projects.

—MARY COMINO.

The Omnibus Omnium

A breathless hush descended upon the assembled multitude as the long-awaited bus hove in sight along that gracious grove, Pioneer Parade. The eager, yet hushed crowd filed aboard in a manner vaguely reminiscent of the Yanco excursion of days of yore. Salient feature of this embarkation was the fact that the gentlemen obtained the

best seats in the house, or at least in the corridor.

There was some consternation at first when it was realised that the ladies had esconced themselves on one side of the vehicle, thus leaving the other for the gentlemen (?) A slight reorganisation soon rectified this grievous error. Two charming young ladies who had seated themselves in the front of the conveyance were heard to utter a sigh of relief as the journey began. But more of them later.

The words of popular songs were ably contorted to suit the joviality of the moment by Merv and Wee Mac. The enthusiasm of these gentlemen proved infectious, and before long the bus resembled a conservatorium (be it at Wollongong or Sydney), so great was the volume of sound.

On arrival at Temora those students whose financial condition permitted, dined at the various cafes around town. After this meal students moved about the town in groups, the majority of which were quite large, although several devolved to the gruesome twosome stage, even though the night was young.

In the park the usual games on the swings, see-saws and slippery dips provided ample opportunity for releasing such energy as remained after the journey over.

The party then exposed itself to the "Mikado," and, as a result, gained a new crop of songs capable of adaptation, and useful for regurgitation on the slightest provocation. After the performance the spectators reassembled, entered the bus, and each took up his or her seat. Finally, when everyone was settled beneath his or her lanigerous spread, those malcontents who had seated themselves in the rear of the conveyance decided to disturb the sedentary studes by clambering over them to visit a nearby shop.

Prominent among many notable couples in the bus was a rather touching pair, who evidently felt the cold and so retired from the joviality somewhat earlier than did their fellow travellers. The obliging bus driver extinguished the lights for safety purposes and all seemed to be enjoying themselves, except those untouchables who had occupied the emergency seats from the Bio. Lab.

Eventually we arrived back at College at some unearthly hour, tired but happy, especially those who had been "lost, yet not forgotten."

—From the original manuscript by Arthur A. Kennedy, amplified and expurgated by A.R.F.

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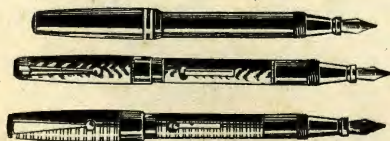
A teacher must be a promotion expert, and put across concerts and jumble sales; a financier and balance the Parents and Citizens' budget, meet subscription and Federation fees. He must be a good correspondent and answer departmental questionnaires, attend conferences, rallies, funerals and visit the District Inspector when he is in hospital or gaol. He must teach all lessons everyday in the week, keep in touch with all parents, and in his spare time look after retarded children, do missionary work and restrain the wife from seeking a divorce.

A teacher must have unlimited endurance, frequently digest burnt scones and sleep on the back bench. He must be of good repute and on good terms with youth club leaders and aldermen. He must have a high standing in the community and a reputation for paying his way, including entertainment tax, income tax, sales tax, etc. He must be a man's man, a boy's man, a lady's man, a model husband, a fatherly father, in fact a superman. The teacher must be an expert instructor, organiser, electrician, an authority on fowls, anatomy, fire protection, transportation, sanitation, administration, communication, psychology, chemistry, palmistry, birds, trees, horses, dogs, cats, etc., etc.

—KEN MACLEAN.

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Report From Students' Representative Council

During the three months which have elapsed since the inauguration of the Students' Representative Council, this hard-working and progressive body of students has overcome many difficulties and already has achieved much for their contemporaries of Wagga Wagga Teachers' College.

Perhaps the Council's most important work that the S.R.C. has achieved for the students is that of the Medical and Dental Society which meets all medical and dental expenses up to the amount of £5 for one series of treatment while college is in session.

The design of the college badge has been finalised, and an order for the badges has been despatched to Angus and Coote, who have promised to deliver them by next January.

The S.R.C. has decided to contact Mr. Fearnie, bus proprietor, as regards concessions. Mr. Fearnie is also to be asked to run buses to College gates from 4-6 p.m. on week days and on Saturday mornings.

At last the first practical step towards the accomplishment of the students' scheme for beautifying the College has been taken—the curtain materials for the dining hall have arrived, and if you do not wish the glare of the sun, through the naked windows, to obstruct your vision of the tasty morsels before you, please assist in the making of these furnishings.

MAUREEN LANE, Secretary.

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Soccer Report

The round ball game is at a fairly low standard this year. Junee, Cootamundra and the R.A.A.F. are the only places at which the game is played. Since the College was challenged to a game by the R.A.A.F. about half-way through Trinity term our team has improved considerably. Considering the fact that half our team had not played soccer before, I contend that our progress has been quite satisfactory.

The first match was played at the R.A.A.F.'s home ground at Forest Hill, about seven miles from Wagga. The team went on the field after only one practice, with Ross Bree as captain and Ron Jones as vice. We defeated R.A.A.F. 1-0 after a really hard game, the goal being scored sensationally, straight from Brian Webbs' face.

Soon after this game we were challenged by Junee (about 23 miles from Wagga), and were invited to their home ground. Our team was given an exceptionally fine welcome and were provided

with all amenities at a local hotel. At this game we were defeated 2-1, the last goal being scored in the last minute of play. This was by far the most enjoyable game I have ever played in. In the first half the game was all in their favor with a score of 1-0. The second half was played at a terrific pace and we equalised soon after the start. After that the College was on top right to the end, when Junee scored the winning goal. On the whole, a good day was spent by all.

On Saturday, September 13, we played a return match against the R.A.A.F. Our side went on the field with the same spirit as previously, but it was obvious that they had the most polished team. Play was mostly in our half and the R.A.A.F. scored near half-time, making the score 10- in their favour. The second half started at a quick pace, but the College didn't seem to have the same dash as before, and the R.A.A.F. scored again near full time. Thus the game ended up R.A.A.F. coming out the victors by two goals to nil.

Soccer is beginning to boom in this season, and next season there will be triangular matches between Junee, R.A.A.F. and the College. We hope to enter two teams in this competition, while Junee and the R.A.A.F. hope to enter the same number, making a six-team competition.

This season was quite successful despite our defeats. The team is gradually developing the necessary team work, and next season we hope to have two tip-top teams showing Junee and the R.A.A.F. how to play the game.

Would anyone who wishes to play soccer for the College next season hand his name to either Ross Bree or Ron Jones so that they can get an idea of the standard to be expected. Finally, on behalf of the team, I should like to express our sincere appreciation of Mr. Blakemore's keen interest and support this season.

ED. RASCALL.

Women's Sport

After three weeks' vacation, the women Studes have again begun their Saturday afternoon sporting activities.

Although this term we shall be playing summer sports—namely cricket, tennis and swimming—we are at present "rounding off" winter sports in the town competitions.

The "A" basketball seems likely to walk off with the laurels. Their grand team spirit and enthusiasm is especially commendable.

We have not done so well on the hockey field, although the "A" team played some fine games. However, we intend to produce a really formidable "A" team for next season.

—MAUREEN LANE.

The staff of life is bread, but the life of the staff is just one big loaf.