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EDITORIAL

I don't think that I'm being extravagant when I say that this has been a vintage year for Talkabout: but I hasten to add that I did more to drink the product than to produce it. It was always enjoyable to produce the magazine, and I hope that you enjoyed the "new look" as much as we on the staff did.

My especial thanks go to Bonanza and De Bak (Lenore Grunsell and David Baker), our cartoonists, without whom our issues would have been pretty drab. Thanks also for all the contributions which, although often tardy, were still gratefully received. Neill Chapman, as our photographer, deserves more credit than he has got—his work throughout the year has been splendid. And to all the conspirators who helped throughout the year: Ken McCoy, Jackie Ames, Rob Berridge; the various typists, including Marion Smith and (sans bias) Janne Douglas; my personal thanks for all your help.

To the "Big 3," Messrs. Boardman, Sutton and Metcalfe, my thanks for all your help and work, without which Talkabout would never have got off the ground.

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In conclusion:—We trust you enjoy your final issue for 1964, and the 2nd years (who we hope will leave) wish those coming up every success next year.

OUR COVER:

A folksinger beats out a husky rhythm, pounding with the primitive words and rhymes of a traditional folksong. Along the river flats where them darkies pick dat cotton, de mournful blues ring out. With a solemn dark chord, and tonsils a-trembling, he sings - - - "College of the Riverina, - - - We dy stewardants sing dy fame." (A St. John/De Bak production)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

TO FIRST YEARS:—

During the vacation try to do two things: (1) Have a rest; (2) Help yourself by enlarging your outlook through undertaking some work different from teaching or studying. If you earn money while at it so much the better, but it does not have to be paid work—so long as you have a look at other people, how they think, how they work or even how they reveal the results of their own education. This will help to offset your many years in the classroom. This vacation is the only time you can derive a great deal of benefit in this way — others are not long enough or come at the wrong time for your development.

TO SECOND YEARS:—

Reflect on my message to you in the first issue of Talkabout for 1964, viz:—

"It could be that worthwhile resolutions were made by in-

coming students to study hard and by returning students to benefit from the lessons of 1963 to make this year's learning more beneficial. Confidence in each case should be uppermost—either based on the Leaving Certificate pass and scholarship win or on first year academic and professional work conscientiously completed."

"The lecturing staff are also confident that this year will prove a wonderful time of achievement, satisfaction or progress. Plans have been worked out for months and it now remains to put into effect the schedule of courses, practical work, help to students and private reading or research."

As you leave your College, would you consider how an outsider will detect the evidence that you have been trained that you **HAVE BEEN TRAINED?** What impressions do you make that mark you off from untrained people or that prove that you are now different from when you came to College at the beginning of 1963? Your speaking voice, your posture, deportment, appearance (above all, facial expression) interests, attitudes, behaviour, will be judged by your relatives, friends, acquaintances and colleagues. Is there a veneer or something substantial?

—M. E. HALE,
Principal

SPORTS UNION

This year has been a particularly successful one for College teams. Several teams have made their presence felt in local competitions, and our congratulations go especially to those teams that reached semi-finals, finals or grand finals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of sporting teams and the Sports Union representatives who have given us their co-operation during the year. Thanks also go to those lecturers who took an interest in our activities; their time and effort was greatly appreciated by all students concerned.

Our congratulations go to the individual members of clubs who have been awarded sports blues and awards of merit.

Finally, on behalf of the sports union, I would like to wish the committee for 1965 the best of luck, and I hope that next year will be as successful for you, as this year has been for us.

—FAY BAILEY,
Sec. Sports Union

THE COLLEGE
WISHES ITS
OUTGOING
VICE-PRINCIPAL,
MR. R. BASS,
EVERY SUCCESS
IN HIS
NEW POSITION



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Annual reports are never read. They are just filed. The very term "Report" evokes an image of either failure or dullness and sometimes both. So in writing this report we have kept in mind Pope's "Epigram on Epitaphs":

"Where still so much is said,
One half will never be believed,
The other half never read."

The second half is usually the more honest, but the first is the more interesting.

To start at the beginning, 1964 S.R.C. came into office pledged to retain the present residential system. That is, you the student, had decided to work for its retention and S.R.C. was pledged to work in your interests. At the time of writing this report we can say that that aim has been fulfilled. On the whole this year, you have shown a willingness to work at one with the system—a willingness that was stifled a little by the very vagueries of the aims of the system itself.

It is up to you continuing students to show that you want the system to work, by being prepared to accept the responsibilities that go hand in hand with it.

On the other hand, you may decide that you consider some modifications necessary. It may be extra privileges for second years for instance. In this case it is up to you to give your ideas and support to your S.R.C. who will work for you. The S.R.C. needs your actively interested support just as much as you need S.R.C. representation.

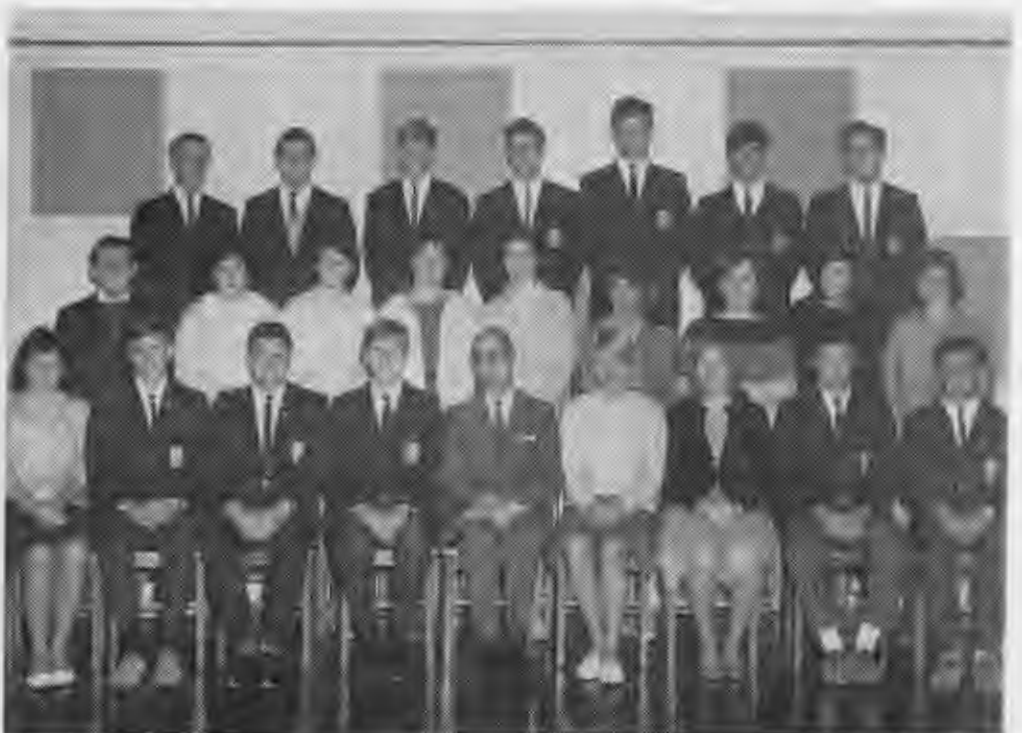
At this point, we would like to express our gratitude for student support throughout the year.

This year, the S.R.C. joined with the W.R.C. and M.R.C. in an effort to reduce tensions in the Residential System by a modification of rules. After many meetings and much discussion, and some time, most of the requests were denied, for various reasons. But it was a slight step towards a less tense atmosphere. And since that time the atmosphere of life at this college has been more pleasant, less "political."

On the intercollegiate plane, Wagga proved an active force in 1964. Delegates from our



WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL COUNCIL



STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

nature were discussed. There seems to be a growing interest in the problems peculiar to country residential colleges.

Also from a number of Presidents conferences in Sydney idea of a permanent inter-and Newcastle there arose the collegiate S.R.C. body to deal directly with the Department. After playing an important role in its formation, Wagga has pledged support to the S.T.C.E.C. (State Teachers' Colleges Exec. Committee) pending its official recognition.

Back on the college level, interest in college dramatic

We urge you continuing students to support these activities next year, along with the clubs which play a most important role in college life. It was good to see interest aroused in at least one new club, the Sailing Club, and the revived Debating Club. These activities are worthy of your generous support. Our thanks go to the patrons who devote so much of their time and energy to them.

Talkabout this year, though beset with financial bugbears, was produced regularly and achieved a creditably high standard due to the undying efforts of an interested few. Our congratulations to the Publications Committee.

An eagerly awaited newcomer to the college literary field is "Baringa" (dormant since 1961). The 1964 issue contains literary work of an exceptionally high standard. We are all indebted to the hard working Baringa Committee.

The intercoll. with Newcastle this year, if not a resounding sporting success to Wagga, can be summed up best in the parting words of many Newcastle (and Wagga) participants, "If only there had been more time to become acquainted even better - - -" This is the REAL spirit of an intercoll. This is the aim: sharing viewpoints and opinions, discussing interests in common in an atmosphere of mutual endeavour, friendly competition.

Our congratulations go to everyone who made 1964 intercoll. the success it was.

Mr. Hinde, the manager of the Gumleigh Boys' Home, has expressed his deep gratitude to the student who gave their time to sell Rose Day buttons. £78 was realised this year. S.R.C., too, wish to thank all who participated in this worthy cause.

In conjunction with intercoll. brief mention should be made of the Revue. General opinion agreed that this year's Revue was a sparkling success due to the efforts of the Revue Club and, of course, the talent of W.W.T.C. students.

Students Contribution Fund this year swelled by £21 collected from students. On behalf of these students, once struggling without hope, now just struggling, we thank each and every contributor to the fund.

At this point, if you are anxiously scanning this report for "a mention" or a "thank you" or a "R.I.P." you may as well give up. There are so many people to whom we are indebted that space permits only of a very big, general THANKS to the members of the Council, to the M.R.C. and W.R.C. for their co-operation and to YOU for the privilege of representing not only four hundred great people, but four hundred tertiary students.

And remember, not everyone attains the dignity of a tertiary education. Some have to make



SECRETARY, S.R.C.

do with a university degree. And finally, next year - - - ? With every confidence and sincere best wishes, we place the matter of S.R.C. President and Secretary upon the worthy shoulders of Ray Griffiths and Terry Hanlon (respectively). Our congratulations and sympathy to our chosen leaders for 1965.

Working for you has been both an honour and a pleasure.

—John Hargreaves, Pres.
Marion L. Smith, Sec.



PRESIDENT, S.R.C.

activities was high this year. The college has a high reputation in Wagga for sound, "professional" production. And our congratulations go to all S.R.C. attended Congresses at Bathurst and Newcastle, where problems of an intercollegiate who were concerned with the artistic success that was "Everything in the Garden;" to all concerned with the successful night of one act plays, "The Bear," "The Bespoke Overcoat" and "The Tricolour Suite."

An interesting and commendable experiment was the entering of "The Lesson" in the Wagga Dramatic Festival.

An organisation which relies very heavily on your support, and suffered this year for lack of it, is the SOCIAL UNION.

Because all the Union's fund-raising activities are directed towards financing Graduation Ball, the success of YOUR Grad. Ball ultimately depends on the support you give to the Social Union's dances, films, barbecues and snow trip. We really urge you to make 1965 socially successful.



SOCIAL UNION



MEN'S RESIDENTIAL COUNCIL

M.R.C.

1964 was a successful year for the M.R.C. though it did present the usual share of troubles. It could be said that this year has seen the Residential System functioning more smoothly than at any stage previously with the absence of any "crisis" period or intervention by the Principal as was the case in 1963.

The success of the Council depended on a good liaison between the Council, House Committee and Student Body, and the effective implementation of Council decisions. The latter presented no problems. A greater liaison did exist between the Council and the House Committees. An improvement can still be made if the House Committees set to work to do their job without fear of student opinion. The student must remember that the House Committees have to carry out their work if the system is to remain as a student privilege.

The Council's achievement can be said to be largely due to the adoption of certain recommendations made by the previous Council. In turn, certain aspects of the Council's functioning this year have been reviewed and these have been set forth under recommen-

dations for the 1965 Council. It is hoped that these points will be beneficial. One recommendation is that there be only students of the same year in each dormitory as exists in other colleges. This could allow more effective policing of rules and added privileges for second years. It could be a controversial issue in residential matters next year and deserves your immediate thoughts.

The Council owes much to Mr. Davies whose guidance and assistance were invaluable. As Head Warden he gained the respect of all the students with the way he handled difficult tasks. Congratulations also to those elected to next year's Council and best of luck in 1965.

—P. RIDDING

D. LISLE



ATHLETICS

After a number of attempts to revive athletics in the College a carnival was advertised for Saturday, 28th November, and entries invited from men and women students. In addition an invitation was extended to the Wagga Agricultural College and to a small group of

Wagga athletes to compete. Both Colleges have been busy with examinations and little training has been done and so it was not expected that there would be many entries. In fact, there were finally eight competitors from each college and no entries at all from women students.

In spite of the small numbers a number of events were contested and those competing enjoyed themselves in an informal and friendly meeting. All competitors expressed the wish that regular contests be conducted next year either on Saturdays or on Sundays during the winter season.

RESULTS

Mile: P. Catling (Ag.) 1; A. Quinn (Ag.) 2; R. Woolner (T.C.) 3. Time, 4 min. 55.1.

High Jump: J. Gelling (Ag.) 5ft. 9in., 1; G. Anderson (T.C.) 2.

Long Jump: P. Catling (Ag.) 18ft. 11in., 1; Berry (Ag.) 2; J. Brunker (T.C.) 3.

Shot Putt: Smithwick (Ag.) 39ft. 4in., 1; Gelling (Ag.) 2; J. Brunker (T.C.) 3.

4 x 110 Yards Relay: Ag. College (1), 46.3 secs. 1 Teachers' College (1) 2; Ag. College (2) 3; Teachers' College (2) 4.

COLLEGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

"Be strong and of good courage, be not frightened neither be dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

These words have been a very blessed assurance to those in C.F. this year. As we set forth upon a new year, we were very conscious of the magnitude of the responsibility that had been given to us by our master, nevertheless, as the months passed, surely we found our Lord faithful in His promise, as He always is, if we are willing to ask, to seek and to knock.

Time and again God has graciously supplied all our needs, giving to us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." He has shown us that in our weakness is His strength.

Several students have, through the witness of the spirit within, come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and to know that "he that hath the Son hath life."

Notable activities during the year were our Tumut house party, speaker, Mr. Barry Newman (M.Sc., Ph.D.), from Sydney; and a special re-union night with ex-students in May. In second term we travelled to Fall's Creek where snow fell heavily all day. Much to the disappointment of C.F.'ers we left the snowfields two hours before five hundred holiday makers were moved in for several days.

On 13th-15th November we spent two days relaxing at our Tallangatta house party. Our speaker on this occasion being Mr. Norm Lenton, from Wagga.

Attendances at weekly meetings have maintained a high average. Speakers have come from West Australia, Borneo, while others such as Canon Arrowsmith, are world wide travellers. Nearer home we experienced some wonderful meetings with speakers Mr. Wade, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Young. On Wednesday nights we have had special prayer meetings for missionary work, while Tuesday afternoons were spent in Bible Study.

Our sincere thanks are extended to those College lecturers who have contributed so much to the C.F. in past years and in this year.

For those sacrifices of yours we thank you in the name of Christ our Lord, and praise God for all the mercies received at His hands.

—Kevin J. Farrelly
Secretary, 1964

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS FOR THE EXAMINERS

Question 1: Is Freud's statement that a cognitive curriculum assists in the suppressing of creative urges in young children and the destruction of individualistic and independent thought in institutionalised adolescents indicative of (a) his laissez-faire attitude, or (b) his retarded personality development, or (c) his Oedipus complex or, (d) Karen Horney?



Question 2: If all sniks are wurps, and Pongo is a Utilitarian Intuitionist, what would be the major's fallacy in slipping from an ideal form into an unsound one?



Question 3: How many wives did John Amos Comenius have? Why?



Question 4: (i) "The cat sat on the mat." Discuss the religious symbolism evident here. Make a concise outline of a novel which the Arts Council of N.S.W. has commissioned you to write, using the above situation; you may introduce a thimble as an additional character.

(ii) In 8 lines make a fair evaluation of the statement, "Religious aid to State schools is more important than State aid to religious schools." Having discussed all aspects fully, select a point of view and develop it convincingly.

(iii) Re-write the following sentences, removing any faults of style or expression: "Wherever possible the teacher should seek an expert examination of poor readers by a School Counsellor, an Educational Clinis or a Child Guidance Clinic, so that individual tests of general intelligence." 1962 Curriculum, P. 103.

"Care should be taken that the results of a group verbal test of intelligence mentioned

above as contributing to reading disability." 1962 Curriculum, P. 103.



Question 5: "The assertion of an alienated polarity, intellectually inclined towards an emphatic educational system, imaginatively stifles the creative body of attitudes and values centred on performance influenced by freedom, permissiveness and limitless possibilities, mothering cultured emotions, which we cannot repeat here, and reviving the art principles of the past." Discuss.



Question 6: Write a melody to the following verse:—

"Listening is active,
Hearing is passive,
I dig the tonal qualities
Of things that are gas-
sive."

Refrain: "Yes, yes, yes, yes;
oh, yes!



Question 7: Construct a triangle with sides 8in, 3in and

2in. What is the square root of the sum of the medians?



Question 8: Indicate the aims of nature.



Question 9: Array: 2, 3. Find the mode.



Question 10: Using materials provided, make a plasticine model of a dog.



Question 11: What moral lessons may be conveyed to children by the activities of - - - ahem - - - David - - - ahem - - - Sue - - - and - - - ahem, ahem - - - Wendy?



Question 12: "Australia is unique. Australia is great, Australia is the best" Explain why you agree with this, with special reference to the "White Australia" polley.

Question 13: A pupil in your class has a broken back, diarrhea, and is vomiting violently. What would you do first?



Question 14: Since the English curriculum for primary schools is inadequate, what aspects do you think ought to be included in it?

Substantiate your treachery. (Rifle, magazine and cartidges supplied.)



Question 15: "The umpire's decision is final." From the rules of which sport does this rule come?

Indicate the alternatives which apply to (a) cricket; (b) soccer; (c) softball; (d) basketball; (e) ice hockey; (f) marbles.

The dictation test will be the one used to restrict undesirable immigrants (Immigration Restriction Act, 190-11959). Candidates who do not achieve 100% accuracy in this test will be exported unconditionally, for having misrepresented their citizenship.



SPORTS UNOIN

THE DEATH OF BVD's

I had reached my limit! Today I had no underpants! The situation was so desperate that something would have to be done immediately! I swiftly gathered my soiled clothing, soap powder and pegs, and dashed for the laundry.

I was too late! They were there before me, steaming up the windows, splashing filthy water, clanging fiendish instruments. The devils!

I crept behind the door, trembling. One of the washers left muttering in some provincial dialect I didn't understand. I swore softly at him under my breath, slithered around the door and raced to an empty machine. No one had seen me. I lay back, exhausted.

I filled the machine with hot water, powder, clothes and pegs, then turned it on. An explosive clang ripped through the air. I shrank back to the corner crouching, shivering. I cringed at each moan and sickening thud coming from the machine. What was it doing to my clothes? What would happen to my underpants? I knew not. I could only wait, hope - - - and pray.

After an eternity of five minutes, during which I drew upon my waning reserves of courage, I ventured closer, slowly closer, slowly slipping my hand into the suddy turmoil. The agony! I reeled back, my sud-soaked hand quivering in contortions of pain. The water was hot!

I was panic stricken. How could I rescue my clothes? Suddenly a brilliant idea blazed in my mind. Grabbing a nearby stick I ventured closer again to the machine and cautiously lifted out my now limp underpants.

Oh, my poor underpants! What had it done to them, those poor underpants that had never harmed a soul in their life? There they hung, stretched twisted and torn, crucified. I softly brushed a clinging tear from my eye, and, nursing them close to my heart, laid them gently in some luke warm rinsing water. That devilish machine had claimed yet another innocent victim.

My underpants were badly beaten, but not yet destroyed. In those pants I saw a fleeting glimmer of hope. I bathed their wounds and decided rinsing was in order. Or, foolish youth! How I've lived to regret that rash decision.

I nimbly placed them into those crushing rollers, drawing back my fingers just in time from those crushing jaws. In

ST. THOMAS MORE CLUB

The aim of our club this year has been to bring the members of the club to a greater appreciation of their faith and coupled with this, the practical application of it to their everyday life in college and the years

through then back into and beneath the rollers went the underpants, lost to posterity. I fought and fought to drag them back, but they were gone. I kicked, punched and finally cursed the infernal machine, smashing the wringer with my trusty bashing stick. The wringer flew open on the last savage bash revealing the inhuman torture it had done on my underpants. I broke down crying and fell unconscious to the floor.

My spinning mind slowly focussed and above me a light blared out the last post. I felt weak, sickly, defeated. That trauma has left me com-wrecked and hollow man. I had pletely incapable of washing, a to steal a pent to write this story. We are denied blunt instruments here.

that are to follow. We have attempted to achieve this aim through informal discussions in which we tried to analyse our faith and thus to achieve a greater understanding of it.

The topics discussed dealt both with theology and the practical consequences of it. Fr. Gallagher helped us a great deal with the former. The latter dealt with the application of our faith to our own practical living. One of the highlights of this section of the discussions was one led by Dr. Joseph on the topical problem of birth control and the Catholic viewpoint on it.

Mr. Hodgson gave the club guidance throughout the year which was most appreciated. He also delivered to the club an interesting talk on St. Thomas More.

An innovation this year has been the display by the religious clubs on Open Day. This was quite successful and gave extra status to the religious clubs in college.

The club's activities culminated with the Annual Communion Breakfast held at St. Michael's Cathedral.

SECTION 6423

HUGGERS: Most capable section rep in the section. Bit of a jackass, but aims high. Hobbies are playing the clarinet and saxophone.

"FARMER" from Burnside. "How's the crop, Al?"

"MEERS," Vice-president of SRC. Hobbies: Umpiring the girls' hockey. Gold medal for horizontal broom throw, 91ft.

DAVE LISLE: Gets around well for a boy with one cart-lidge. Has 24 offers for grad from nurses.

GAY ROUGHNEY: Outspoken girl. Has tendency to heckle lecturers which must be discouraged.

COLIN and CARINA MORT: No relation - we believe.

MUGLESS: Unknown chap, shy and reticent. Could make a good dem teacher, especially with his "dem" accent.

BRIAN MILLER and EARWIG: Kabi's Krazy Kozier Kraftsmen.

BEN SMITH: Section mother. Likes her photo being taken. Just missed the section photo. Has matured in the past 3 years.

BARB POWELL: B.P. Super. Highly inflammable — keep cool.



SECTION 6421G

Section 6423 (cont.)



SECTION 6422G

"LOCKS" O'KEEFE: Could be related to Johnny — "The Wild One." "Driver of the Year" Award, 1964.

NEV POLS: Runner-up (the tree) in "Driver of the Year." Serious type of chap. Cool in any crisis.

KEMS: Our common room Romeo. Three foot two—eyes of blue—just you see what Kems can do - - -

MERV OLSEN: A— £1/10/-, B plus, B £1; under B, 10/-. Assignments at cut rates for section 3 gang.

GAS MCGOWAN: Wild-eyed, gyrating hips, sharp-moccered sex symbol of section 3. Only snake charming guitar player in Australia.

OUR MORRIE H: No relation. May have to change the name, as he has difficulty living up to it.

SINTHIA RICH: Typical Berowra waters type—runner-up in Ipai card championships.

THE SHELL: Favourite sports, ten-pin bowling, cards, football. Sorry Ann, no blue for wrestling.

ANN RUDDER: Badly frost-bitten. Hobby, pushing Vanguards out of bogs.

GUILTY QUILTY: Quite a mild girl really. Good for taking carbon copies.

ANNA PAPPY: An' a mummy an' a - - - who could ash for more?

SCOBIE'S quite good in a 2-piece (activities week, eh sailors!). Will gentlemen please observe the 3in. rule. Eyes can be dangerous.

MARG RIMES: Enjoyed Armidale immensely. Not much rhymes, but plenty of rhythm.

Mrs. DALE R: Picksy and choosey.

PAT NOLAN: The lion-hearted. The mouse that roared.

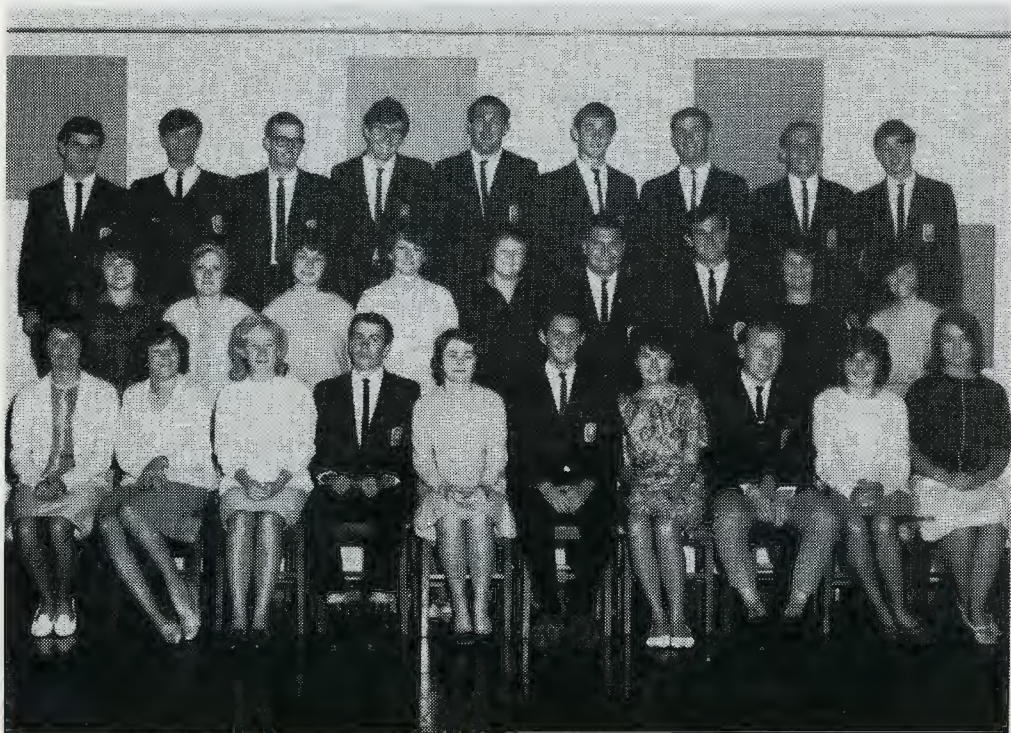
TOM McKIBBON: Starred in recent film, "Tom Jones." Recently developed tertiary look with acquisition of glasses.

MAVIS MORRIS: Engaged! Not happy with section 3 fel-las?

DAVE METCALF: Capable Talkabout president. Keen to get back to Sydney to sing Carols by Candlelight.

KEASTIE: Father of the section. Swam fish pond in record time of 21.2. Doctor Lewis I presume?

TAREXB (work it out): Begins with B.



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