



# TALKABOUT

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## THE PRINCIPAL WRITES

What would happen to the political structure of our N.S.W. or Australian Society, if the freedom of the press were curtailed, say by the suppression of one or more newspapers or publications? Whereas we are sometimes cynical with regard to what someone has "got away with," under the present free press situation, we must recognise that any prevention of press reporting, commenting and questioning, would make our state much worse.

With this in mind, the future leaders of our state, and the various communities which go to make it up, should be determined to gain experience. One way to do so, is to write for the publication which is issued where one lives — in the case of Wagga Wagga College students this is "Talkabout." Intense interest in one's fellows should lead most of us, sooner or later, to write an article, a protesting or lauding letter, even create a poem or a picture or cartoon.

Wagga College is unique in the frequency of its "Talkabout" publications — indeed most Teachers' Colleges in N.S.W. just don't have an identical publication. This is a challenge in itself. But further stimulus may be found in the long history of the newsheet, as well as in the ideas that (1) here is a chance to gain experience for later life expression and that (2) it is an opportunity to share one's grievances and glories with the rest of the College.

May I, as the new Principal, do just this? To set down my amazement and pleasure at the speed and earnestness with which students in 1961 have begun their studies, is my first duty. Secondly, I would like to state how much I appreciate the planning and efforts of my colleagues of the lecturing staff. The other staffs — general office, kitchen, health, caretaking, cleaning, gardening, ground, domestic and maintenance have gone to work to carry out their duties excellently. Special mention should be made of the library staff, as all students have and will be calling on their services.

M. E. HALE,  
Principal.

## THE PRINCIPAL

For the information and benefit of the student body of this college, the resources of this paper "Talkabout" have been extended. To this end we have compiled a fairly comprehensive dossier on our new Principal, Mr. M. E. Hale.

Mr. Hale was originally trained as a Primary School teacher at Sydney T.C. during the depression years. After three years he graduated to Secondary School at the same time graduating from Sydney University with a Baccalaureate of Arts degree and majoring in English, History and Psychology.

The next five years were spent in the counselling service at Sydney and Broken Hill.

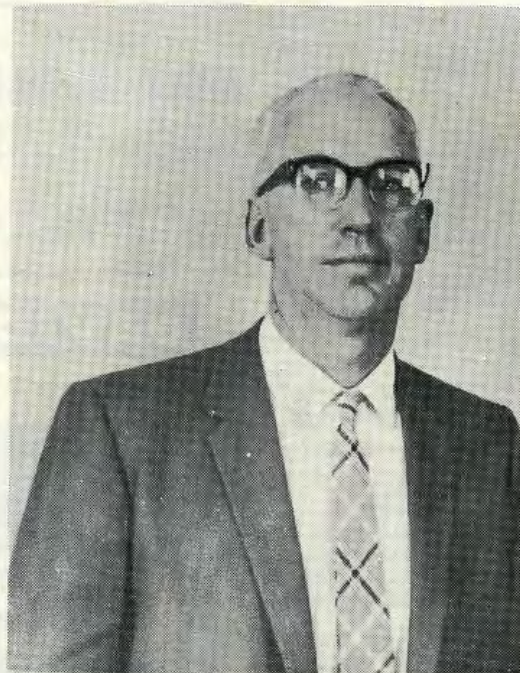
Following this, Mr. Hale moved between the colleges of Balmain, Sydney, Bathurst and Wagga Wagga. He was at Balmain T.C. from 1946-1950, at Sydney T.C. in 1951; from 1952-1954 he was at Bathurst T.C.. In 1955-56 Mr. Hale was Men's Warden at Wagga, and from 1957-1960 he was Vice-Principal at Bathurst College.

In 1953 Mr. Hale graduated as Master of Arts, majoring in Psychology.

On the less formal side, Mr. Hale has shown his keenness for bowls, photography and chess, but has stressed that he is in favour of all sports. His family also commands much of his leisure time; his son Stephen, aged 16, is in Fifth Year at the High School and daughter Valerie, aged 12, is in First Year.

The Publications Committee takes this opportunity to wish Mr. Hale a happy and enjoyable term as Principal of this college.

SECRETARY.



M. E. HALE, Principal.

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome, First Years! This is our first issue of "Talkabout" and it is my pleasure on behalf of the committee of this paper to welcome you to Wagga Wagga Teachers' College.

We hope during this year that you will take an active part in all college activities. The college has many things to offer the students and everyone has the opportunity to participate. By joining in college activities you will be ensured of two enjoyable years here.

We also wish that you take an active interest by way of contributions to the college paper "Talkabout." It is your paper and your only opportunity of expressing your opinion to the whole college whether good or bad. The standard of the paper and the number of issues depends upon your articles — write, and see your contribution in this year paper.

This year the Publication Committee has decided that a new name for "Talkabout" would be appropriate. In conjunction with this a competition will be run for a new name, so begin thinking and let us hear your ideas.

M.M.

## S.R.C. REPORT

Buried in the depths of the S.R.C. Constitution is one brief sentence under the sub-heading of the "Powers of the Council." It reads: "The council may deal with any matter of interest to the student body."

It is important that every student of the incoming session should realise this and act accordingly. By the time you read this, the First Year Representatives will have been elected, and the Council will be functioning at full strength. It is up to you to see that the S.R.C. has the support it deserves, for only if it has, can it effect any significant changes in the life of the college. During the year you will often be rallied upon to stand behind decisions made in council by your representatives, and it is hoped that your response will be both immediate and definite. If the body of students remains apathetic, then the S.R.C. remains impotent.

We hope, with your support, to bring about changes that will benefit both the college, and the students of which it is composed.

JOHN BUCKLE,  
RONETTE KELLY.

## T.T.A. REPORT

WHAT IS IT? These letters stand for Trainee Teachers' Association, a student organisation embodied on the Teachers' Federation. In all Teachers' Colleges in this State there is this organisation to represent the students in the Federation. Thus, T.T.A. may take advantage of the machinery that the Federation uses in its negotiations with the Department.

Thus, the reason for the existence of the T.T.A. is to protect and further the interests of the student body as far as possible in their dealings with the Department.

### HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR BOND YET?

If not, you soon will and that simple flourish of your pen will bring about varying changes in your respective lives, depending on how free you were before coming to college. We have been assured by the "Authorities" that the bond requires us "to attend such lectures, pursue such activities and pass such examinations as the Department of Education requires." Few people will object to the validity of compulsory attendance at lectures or the passing of exams as a pre-requisite to graduating but on the control over your activities you may feel some dismay at times but feel that because of the requirements of your Bond, you can do nothing. This is not altogether true. If you have a reasonable, well-founded complaint, you can appeal for help from the Teachers' Federation through the College branch of T.T.A.

Remember, if you have complaints, either as a group or as an individual, see your T.T.A. representatives and they will do their best for you.

### HELP OFFERED BY T.T.A. IN OTHER WAYS

You may join a branch of the Teachers' Federation Health Scheme for a payment of £3/3/- per annum and immediately claim the very generous benefits if necessary.

As a T.T.A. member, you can also buy goods through the Service Supply and benefit by the 10 per cent discount available. These features, however, are incidental advantages gained from joining your T.T.A. You should join your college Association because it needs YOUR support to gain better conditions for YOU. Help your T.T.A. to help you.

## WEEKEND LEAVE

Much has been said and written in the past about the strict imposition of rules in W.W.T.C. and no doubt more will be written in years to come. But one matter which has escaped attention and which at this stage appears to be provoking a growing resentment amongst the student body is the subject of Weekend Leave.

Too often in the past has the Administration enforced its right of "veto" on an application for this leave. Should this be so? Surely, if a student has received his parent's official permission for weekend leave, the Administration should have no hesitation in approving the application. If the application is refused, it is a case of the Administration setting itself up as a judge above the parents, as well as the students concerned.

It is all too evident that the Admin. frowns on weekend leave. To quote from page 3 of the lengthy list of residential rules for 1961:

"Students are encouraged to remain in residence for the whole of term time," and it would seem to be the Administration's policy to act accordingly. Students are "encouraged" to remain in college by the simple expedient of rejecting their application. One unofficial statement concerning

the subject is that once back in college, all connections with home life should be severed.

It is, of course, realised that the Administration has to accept full responsibility for the student's welfare during term time. But should this mean that it has the right to refuse leave when parental permission has been received? Unfortunately it does have the right, and it is this right which is causing student resentment. Something must be done quickly to clarify this position, and this something should surely come from the S.R.C.

## SOCIAL UNION

This year we hope to continue the excellent work that was done by last year's committee. It has been suggested that there be two Snow Trips this year and this possibility is being investigated. We were fortunate in acquiring an excellent band for dances after it was found that last year's band was not available.

We congratulate the First Years — Barbara Campbell, Pat Foster, Janice Delavere, Tony Skene, John Sutton, and Peter Jenkins — on their election to the committee and trust that they will quickly fit into the duties required of them.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Tertiary Education is adult education or education for the mature (unquote). Surely by the time we reach the tertiary stage in our education our habits of study whether good or bad will have been formed and little change can be made in them. This then must rule out the argument offered by the Administration that the college can have no open nights during the week because such a practice could only discourage the young, innocent First Years, just out from schools (unquote) from forming good study habits.

Strange as it may seem, a "child" of 17 or 18 has a mind of its own and if a student is going to study every night no number of "open nights" will break this habit and on the other hand if a student is confined to the boundaries of the college every night this will not induce him to study if he is not that way inclined — unless you could call a study of the bushes on the "back path" beneficial to natural science and a study of the stars from the mixed common room useful in the astronomy course.

Since then there is no reasonable excuse as to why we should be locked up all week I can see no reason why we should not be permitted to go out and mix with other people without first having to apply for leave and give reasons for wanting to go (like 12-year-olds). It has been proved several times already this year that the Administration wants us to sever all links between home and college and yet when we move out into the schools we are expected to automatically become citizens, not of a Teachers' College but of a community. Surely then, we deserve the right to mix with the people of the town in which we live for two years a little more regularly than at weekends.

The Government saw in us fit people to be the teachers of tomorrow when it gave us our scholarships, why then should the Administration of this college require us to apply for special leave to stay out after 7 p.m. It the Administration afraid we will get lost in the dark?

Yours sincerely,  
"HEMMED IN."

Dear Sir,

Cwing to the number of students in the lower dorms who now smoke, it has been found necessary to draw up a

roster to alleviate gross crowding of the common rooms.

The number of women on the roster at any one time will be limited to the number of chairs available in the common rooms.

Students are NOT permitted to bring their own chairs into the common rooms, due to the navigational hazards of the corridors to pedestrians having to pass chair laden students, particularly if such students are compelled with a sense of urgency to reach the common rooms in order to light up. (It will be readily understood too that this problem would be considerably enhanced if the beam of the pedestrian be large.)

Girls finding it impossible to restrain themselves from smoking once the urge hits, will be allowed to sit on the floor of the common room and smoke if the case is considered especially urgent by a majority vote of the current roster.

ABLE ECHO.

Dear Sir,

### CLUB HOUR

For some time now I have been wondering why it is that a number of our Social Clubs suffer from a progressively decreasing attendance throughout the year. In some cases, of course, it could be due to, (a) few interested members — like Chess, (b) lack of dynamic advertising, (c) proximity of assignments or exams, (d) or simply apathy on the part of the committee and/or members; perhaps even a combination of these. I do not think, however, that any of these reasons given could finally account for the sudden drop from first term attendances or the occasional burst of enthusiasm evinced by record attendances, or the continuation of club activities outside club hours (e.g., chess).

After talking these things over with some friends in other Teachers' Colleges and Universities, I cannot help but come to the conclusion that one of the great influencing factors in attendance is the particular hour allocated in this college to clubs, that is, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesdays. We cannot deny that Tuesday afternoon Club Hour frequently clashes with sporting fixtures of various kinds, ranging from training practices to competitive match play when obviously many of the students turn out to barrack for their teams. Besides this there are of course the occasional interruptions which involve postponement or cancellation of the Club Hour owing to other

more important extra-curricular activities taking its place. In my 10 years experience in an institution such as this, I have invariably found that when sporting and social activities are vying with each other, albeit unintentionally, for a person's spare time during the day, it is also to the sporting field that the greater number of people go — I think many would have experienced the same and you will appreciate this fact too I'm sure.

No one I think would deny the necessity of the Social Clubs in a co-educational institution such as ours and I do not quarrel with the amount of time allocated each week to the clubs, however, I should be very much obliged if you would sound out the general feeling of the students (as represented in the S.R.C.) to an alteration of the time used for Club Hour. My friend from Bathurst said that their hour was held, in his time, before lunch on Fridays at which time they found many students willing and able to attend the club of their choice; for us this time would mean a changing of Choir Hour. Perhaps transposing with a lecture might be possible as a trial, I would suggest transposing with a lecture immediately after morning break when there is some time to move equipment into the respective rooms beforehand. It may be that any contemplated change, if at all, would not be expedient this year but it may prove a factor to combat deterioration of club membership next year — other things being equal.

Yours sincerely,  
PAWN.

### Women's Hockey

I take the pleasure of welcoming all First Year girls and hope that among you there are many hockey enthusiasts.

In 1960 our teams proved their ability by gaining the premiership and being runners-up. To top it off we won the Inter-Collegiate match, and a cup for the College at Tumut.

In 1961 we plan to repeat our performances, if not doing even better. It is, our aim to invite teams to our college which will add further variety and enjoyment to our sport.

With the commencement of the season in the near future, it is hoped that we will enjoy competing together and gain something of the true spirit of sportsmanship.

LILLIAN DAVIES,  
President.

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### OF COLLEGE BOYS (or What You Will!)

At last the opportune time has come for us, the women of the college, to present our views on the male specimens of humanity who from day to day frequens various well-known collage "haunts."

On coming to college, from an all girls' school, with high hopes one has them shattered the moment she enters the front gates. Insted of seeing stars, before their eyes, the girls see stripes. Yes, gregarious males in Ivy-league shirts appear wherever one casts her eyes. Don't get us wrong boys, we don't mind the shirts — it is what is worn with them; anything from floral cravats to lurex threaded purple trousers

—what an unforgettable first impression.

After recovering from the initial shock one is able to make a closer survey of "the sporting men of her dreams." Starting from the feet and working up one sees a very mottled picture. Worn out suede desert boots, any coloured socks (depending on which pair had been worn least), trousers, shirts and cravats as above mentioned, and then . . . the crowning glory. Perhaps until the shoulders are reached one could think of the male as being slightly acceptable but once the hair is reached hopes once again fade out. First thought on seeing some of them must surely be "Am I in a prison-camp or a Teachers' College?" but before a suitable conclusion can be

reached, all doubt arising from the "prison-crop" is eradicated when a male with hair long enough to plait ambles by. Why not try to strike a happy medium boys?

Having taken in as much of appearance as one could stand, time is then spent in observing manners. Yes, boys, MANNERS, ever heard of them? We thought not. Not only do the girls doubt the existence

of manners among the boys but apparently also Admin. does — why else would they lock the girls up at 10.15 each night but to keep them out of harm's way.

Give it a bit of thought you bearded cold-biscuits (nice intellectuals lacking sex appeal

for those who do not comprehend) and see if you don't agree with us on most scores.

Because we know we could not get along without you, and to show that there are no hard feelings we would like to make a wish for you after your graduation — that you may "Go West Young Man."

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All we do is march to meals.



Death overtakes a runner.



Big Hearted Bob.



THE END !



## INITIATION

Escape was impossible, so we resigned ourselves to a terrible fate and dived energetically out the windows to escape the blazing fire which was raging in the dormitory. The evacuation was planned by three very efficient women, who worked on the idea that you couldnt burn if you were soaking wet. When we had saved the building, it was decided that a celebration was in order, so we trotted down to the sports field, paced by our female Russell Mockeridge, who favoured us by leading a joyous jaunt at sixty m.p.h. around the oval.

As we waded back to the edge of the sports field, a terrifying sight loomed above us and began shouting raucous commands. No doubt this was Big Hearted Bob, a fellow who had been quite normal in previous months, but now suffered delusions of the worst kind. He was assisted in his drill instruction by several counter-parts and between them they reduced us to a mangled mess in a matter of moments.

Many hours and bruises later, during which Target practised throwing us into the bath, we dressed in our best and marched in perfect formation down to the Dining Hall to partake of Formal Tea. Before this, we were marched up and down the garden paths inspecting our new home. A feature of this outing was a poor demented boy with stars in his eyes who kept questioning, questioning, questioning.

Whoever wrote, "Stupid Cupid, you're a real mean guy," knew what he was talking about. When this horror had decided that the majority of us had fractured our ankles and worn the leather off our high heels, we marched back to the Dining Room. The meal was somewhat mystifying, as we failed to see anything formal about Cottage Pie. The remainder of the evening was spent in mourning for a gallant lad, who unfortunately could not withstand the vigours of a cross-country race. We also listened to a devoted disciple of Freud, who expounded his views on nothing in particular. This fault may have been due to the fact that he had been lying dormant for centuries. The dust nestled in his hair indicated this anyway. He gave us a chance to try our luck at writing assignments and let us go.

The ladies with the Seven Leagues Boots guided us back to the dorm with promises of

shoe cleaning and four inches of bathwater. A half hour later, we collapsed into bed, to dream up ways an dmeans . . . initiation was progressing quite effectively.

N.B.: Reference to persons, living or otherwise, was purely intentional!!!

HARD DONE BY.

## WITH APOLOGIES TO SHAKESPEARE

From "The Merchant of Venice"

The quality of milk is not strained  
It droppeth with the gentle rain from heaven,  
Upon the jugs beneath. It is twice watered—  
It blesseth her that gives and those that take.  
'Tis strongest in the morning, it becomes  
The lesser full, better so at six.  
Its density shows the force of watered power  
An attribute to cook and cow,  
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of students.  
It is an attribute to ?? Himself.

From "Twelfth Night"

If food be the force of love, feed on  
Give me excess of it; that surfeiting  
The appetite does sicken and so die  
That mince again, it had a dying fall  
It came o'er my nose like the sweet smell  
That issues from a plate of college fish.  
Stiffing and giving odour.  
Enough, no more  
'Tis not so sweet now as it was before.

Guess Who? From Julius Caesar

Why man, he doth bestride the men's dorms  
Like a Colossus and we petty "adults"  
Labour under his cursed rules, and play about  
To find ourselves with dishonourable reputations.  
The fault, dear friends, is not of our choice,  
But in our peers, that we are underlings.

And also:  
Would he were thinner. But I fear him not  
Yet if my name were liable to fear

I do not know the man I would avoid

So soon as that spare pyke. He snoops much

He is a great observer.

Seldom he smiles, and smiles in such a sort.

For fear of opening his lips, and receiving the bad air.

Do You Know Him?

Friends, buddies, students, lend me your smokes

I come to borrow Rothmans, not to lend them,

Anyway I have a packet down in my dorm.

## Candid Comments on Initiation

Teachers' College is a place where they are supposed to train teachers, but instead of that, all we do is march to meals, do gardening and P.E.

Everytime a Senior Second Year or Mr. Shearing comes into our room he bawls us out. This in a low act.

We have ants all over the room. I suggest that the college issue us with some ant repellent.

The boys also should not be expected to run through water while doing their P.E. training. Surely this is not necessary for fitness and it does not help the feet, running in wet sandals.

The attitude of the Second Years is somewhat mysterious, but not objectionable. It is mainly the Senior Second Years who give you the trouble.

I think that some of the Senior Second Years go out of their way to find mistakes with the students.

I soon discovered that the staff worked quickly and efficiently. At 6 a.m. we were roused out of bed for fire-drill — quite understandable, too, when the dryness and oldness of the place is noted.

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## MR. LARGE

Mr. Large was born in Hobart and after attending the Hobart High School, studied for his Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees with the University of Tasmania, and Bachelor of Education Degree at Melbourne University.

Mr. Large began his teaching career in a one teacher school in Tasmania. After completing his training at the Phillip Smith Training College, he then did his compulsory country service at a two teacher school on the West coast of Tasmania. Further experience was gained as First Assistant and Demonstration Teacher at on Demonstration School in Launceston and two in Hobart. He had six years experience in teacher training work in a denominational training college in N.S.W. Mr. Large was Headmaster of Mentone Boys' Grammar School for 15 years, and on his retirement last year, was granted a six-month educational tour overseas.

During this tour, Mr. Large had the opportunity to further his interest in Art and Architecture. When discussing sport, Mr. Large quite freely mentioned tennis but was rather reluctant to confess to an interest in Australian Rules Football.

Mr. Large finds Wagga an agreeable town and the atmosphere around the college most congenial. We wish him success and happiness and hope that his stay with the college will be a pleasant one.

For the best in . . .

MEN'S WEAR

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**MORNING PANIC**

The pale light began to filter through the dormitory windows as the sun began its slow morning climb. All was quiet in the ghostly light. The college slept.

Suddenly doors began to open, feet began to pound a steady rhythm down the corridors. The whole dormitory seemed to be on the run. What had happened? A sudden dorm. raid? A girl in the place? A beer party? None of these, Beneath the sound of hurried deliberate footsteps could be heard a faint symphony of clanging chains and rushing water. Voices could now be heard — "I won't make it," seemed to be the popular phrase.

Our hero eased himself gingerly out of bed. Something came over him.

"Uh, oh!" He too joined in the mad race and for the first time realised just what had activated this sudden migration from rooms to the Ablution Block. He too joined a long queue, a line of hopping, dancing, wildly yelling young men.

"Hurry! Hurry! he thought, then shouted it out. Doors banged, the line moved forward a place. More new arrivals joined the ever lengthening lines and were rudely shoved to the back as they made frenzied dives at the doors.

In time, the lines shortened and then were no more. Peace was partly restored to the once quiet dorm. Only occasionally could be heard the same hurried purposeful footsteps

and the banging of a door. Most dorm. members slept once more, if a trifle uneasily.

Breakfast! The student ranks were sadly depleted. Rumours ran riot. What was it? What had caused it? The Ag. College had poisoned the food (they want to win the football)—the town water supply was bad — it was the mince, no, the grapes, no again — it was the chocolate pudding — it was the All-Bran. Rumour had it that Epsom Salts had played a major part in the day's proceedings.

Just what caused the panic, the student uprising, will never be known. But the day will be remembered by many as a day of many journeys. The record was up to English cricket standards, eleven runs between three a.m. and nine a.m. Far reaching effects were felt even at the pictures the same night.

So ended a momentous day in the life of W.W.T.O. and when the bugle call for lights out was sounded, there was still much uneasy tossing in beds all over the college.—WUFF.

**Bush-Walkers' Club**

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and members are transported by cars to the area to be covered, and are returned to the college similarly.

An enjoyable time is had by all on these excursions, and intending members are reminded that no previous experience is necessary. Meetings are held in Room 8 during the club hour.

**THE SKETCH CLUB**

The Sketch Club aims to meet the needs of those who wish to engage in artistic activities. The programme is largely determined by the members themselves, and includes work in various media — charcoal, pencil, water colour, oils and crayons.

Outdoor sketching is a feature which the club enjoys. Members also help with the preparation of sets and posters for college musical and dramatic productions.

Clay modelling and plasticine work will introduce members to sculptural design. Members meet in the art room on Tuesday.

**THE MUSIC CLUB**

The activities of the Music Club centre around listening to recorded music and concerts arranged and presented by college students and members of staff.

In recorded music hours, records are selected by club members and cater for all musical tastes, from ever popular classics to jazz. During concert hours the musical talent of the college is put to good use.

President this year is Robert Hardman, and Miss O'Donnell is staff patron. Meetings are held during club hour on Tuesdays, in the music room, and an invitation is extended to all music lovers to join.



**THE CHESS CLUB**

Chess enthusiasts meet in room 1 on Tuesdays under the presidency of Jim Robertson. There is no fixed form for meetings, as they are varied as much as possible. The majority of time is spent in actual playing; various tournaments are held throughout the year, culminating in the final open tournament in the last term.

The college Chess Club is affiliated with the Wagga Chess Club and the Teachers' Federation Correspondence Club.

As in any group of people, the chess enthusiasts are few, but by all those vitally interested in the game, much can be learnt and enjoyed from the meetings. Non-players are welcomed, and will be taught to play this skilful game.

**Photography Club**

The club caters for both the enthusiast and the person with only a small interest in photography. Our plans for this year include field trips, discussion of problems, talks on film types, flash photography, developing and printing and enlarging techniques, numerous competitions with valuable prizes, slide viewing and many other topics of interest to all. A special discount is available to members on all photographic equipment. Any new members from First or Second Year will be most welcome in room 4 during club hour (or in the darkroom, if they are game). You don't need a camera to join!

MURRAY LUKE.

**DEAR BRIDGET**

Dear Lovelorn,

This column is intended for those students (or lecturers) who feel the guidance and advice of Bridget would help them with their problems. If any student (or lecturer) feels a little embarrassed about Bridget, he may address his (or her) mail to:

"Uncle Ambrose," c/o Talk-about. (Same address as Bridget.) If marked, any confidential matters will be treated personally.

With regards till next time,  
BRIDGET.

Dear Bridget,

I am a First Year boy writing to four girls as home, but now I find a number of Second Year girls are interested in me, even to the extent of asking me out. Some of the Second Year boys have asked me what it is that I have and

they haven't. I am beginning to wonder too. What do you think?

"L. LOVER,"

Dear "L. Lover,"

A complaint called Imagination.

BRIDGET.

Dear Bridget,

I am a First Year girl considered quite good fun, but I am not quite as attractive as a few girls. Second Year men keep asking me to go for walks, but they never ask me to go to the pictures, etc. Why don't they ask me to go to the pictures?

"NOT SURE."

Dear "Not Sure,"

What aren't you sure about? I'd be quite sure if I were you.

BRIDGET.

Dear Bridget,

What would you do if every time your particular choice in romance came to take you out, he had been drinking?

"UNHAPPY."

Dear "Unhappy,"

Why so unhappy? With that luck you should get him to buy a ticket in the lottery.

BRIDGET.

Dear Eridget,

I am a Second Year boy who has taken out a college girl a few times. At first she seemed really interested, but for the past week she has been avoiding me. What do you think is wrong?

Dear "George,"

Just not good enough.

BRIDGET.

Dear Bridget,

I have been going steady with a college girl for some months and lately she's been wanting her own way all the time. I thought college romances were on a 50-50 basis.

"FIFTY-FIFTY."

Dear "Fifty-Fifty,"

If you thing any romance is a 50-50 proposition, you don't understand one of two things — women or fractions.

BRIDGET.

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# TEACHERS AT SPORT

## RUGBY UNION

At a most successful meeting of the Rugby Union Club the following men were elected into the executive positions for 1961:

President: Ken Eggleton.

Secretary: Ralph Sadler.

Treasurer: Geoff Blanch.

Assistant Secretary-

Treasurer: Peter Jenkins.

Manager: Ray Writer.

The new president expressed his regret at the loss of staunch clubmen John Hammond, Rodney Bourke, Jim Roach and John Burrell.

At this stage the Rugby Union Club would like to make public its gratitude to Mr. Mike Smith for accepting the position of coach once more. His experience and keenness should again extract that high quality of football from this year's teams, as those with which he has been associated in the past.

The teams of 1960 have set a high standard with first grade being narrowly defeated in the semi-finals, the two second grade teams meeting in the grand final and the Colts also obtaining semi-final honours.

High hopes are held that the new First Year students will combine with the experienced Second Year men to produce four successful competitive teams. Win or lose, however, we wish to maintain or surpass, the high standard of sportsmanship, co-operation and spirit, built up in the club during 1960.

## BASEBALL

This year the baseball team appears to have gained what it has lacked during the last few seasons. An excellent pitcher, John Garret, will be one of the main links in the "new look" team. Although college baseball will sorely miss John Brazier, solid practice and sound coaching by Gary and Mr. Flannigan should mould the team into a formidable proposition under the guidance of Bob Haskew. Experienced players from last year, Bob Smythe, Bill Keast, Gary Flannigan and Phil Dean, will

again be present and playing up to form (we hope?).

With the keen interest shown by First Years, training sessions will be frequent and prove the basis of selection.

## SOFTBALL REPORT

With Inter-Coll. over four months away, there is plenty of time for a team to be coached which is capable of defeating Sydney T.C., despite the fact that they are sure to have several State players.

Don't let this mere fact discourage you, girls; remember David and Goliath!

So far we have had an attendance of 32 girls at practice, but would like to see a bigger roll-up. Don't worry if you've never played softball before — practice up to Inter-Coll. will be in the form of coaching lessons and all are welcome (even you, butter-fingers).

Softball practices will be arranged so that they will not clash with basketball and hockey, and therefore it is possible for a girl to play two different sports if she so desires.

Watch the notice board.

H. FERGUSON, President.

M. ROWE, Secretary.

## MEN'S HOCKEY

Last season the first grade side proved to be one of the best teams ever produced by the College, being runners-up to the powerful and experienced Waratah team. The second grade also displayed quite good form towards the end of the season.

This year our teams so far in training have not shown the same potential, but with hard training and constant practice, they could develop into two quite good sides.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

With the graduating of ten top basketballers (5 firsts, 5 seconds), the club faced an anaemia of the worst kind. The much-needed transfusion arrived with the influx of First Year students.

New-comers Hurley, Blacker and Richards appear to have the necessary experience to mould with "veterans" Hosking, Eggleton and O'Neill into a capable first grade team.

The club again hopes to have five teams and will aim to surpass last year's record of two premiers, one grand finalist and two semi-finalists.

## TENNIS

With the influx of a large group of enthusiastic First Year players it is hoped that the men's tennis courts and perhaps the new women's courts will be put to more use than in previous years.

For those who consider competitive play essential, I would point out that an open tournament will be conducted in the near future with a view to selection of an Inter-Collegiate team. The college will miss the services of star player Dick Rowling, who bore the brunt of Inter-Collegiate attacks during the past two years. It will be up to the First Year students to assist in filling this gap as a convincing win over Balmain last year will and undoubtedly lead to a strong challenge from Sydney Teachers' College in 1961.

With the loss of Anne Sheerin and Barbara Pitt, women's tennis appears to be in the doldrums. However, with Diane Charlier at the helm, a rejuvenation of the game appears to be inevitable.

The club welcomes those players whose interest is purely social, as it is these people who prevent the game flagging and keep Wagga Teachers' College functioning.

## Women's Basketball

Hearts are gay and the trampling of happy little feet is slowly but surely wearing down the verandah boards. Trampling little feet that are headed for no other place than the basketball courts. Never would these blithesome spirits dream of indulging in such languorous and luxurious sports as hockey or softball but will remain true always to THE sport.

This year's influx of First Year students has really added great talent to the sport and, of course, the "Old Faithfuls" — the Second Years — have preserved their strength from last year to make basketball the most successful sport in college for 1961. Well over 60 girls have put their names on the basketball lists and this allows for the formation of more than eight teams. How can we lose?

The first and second teams have already been chosen after a very hard week of discussion among the selectors and the overflow of eligible players are fighting for positions in the third and remaining teams. Practices this year will probably be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays, according to the number of teams available at those times and the practices will be thorough and will emphasise perfect co-ordination among teams.

Teams will also have a "new look" this season in the form of a new uniform. The play-suit with skirt attached will definitely be IN with the result that the gay hearts with the added attraction of the gay uniforms will surely gather admirers as well as many victories.

H. BARRETT.

## SOCCER NEWS

Early season form forecasts a successful year for the Soccer team. Although we will badly miss Lobb, Williams, etc., last year's stars, we are fortunate to have gained a number of enthusiastic First Years. Ray Macaulay and "find" Alan Hardy could be match-winners. Captain-coach Peter Auchterlonie is sure to build a solid team which, if we can avoid the huge crop of injuries of last year, will make Mr. Jones and Mr. Rowlinson keener than ever. President Eddie Barclay sends out an invitation to some keen type to fill the vacant goal-keeping position. We all ask for your support.

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