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EDITORIAL

THE FUTURE OF OUR PAPER

I THINK the time opportune to discuss the policy which the Editorial staff of "Talkabout" hopes to pursue in the future. It has been our policy to print, as far as was humanly possible, both sides of any question in dispute. We hope to continue printing our contributions in as unbiassed way as possible. A College paper, to my way of thinking, should welcome articles on any subjects about which students have sufficiently strong views to write.

Some argue that politics, sex or religion should find no place in a paper of this nature. I agree that a deplorable state of affairs would arise if a College paper were officially to adopt a partisan attitude in politics or a secular attitude towards religion, or if it were to become the mouthpiece of a social clique. I cannot concede that a College paper which welcomes articles on politics, sex or religion is fostering dissension between groups or individuals embracing conflicting ideologies. To me, our time in College is a period in which we should learn to live socially, in which we should realise that very often the other fellow has ideas differing from our own. If we cannot learn to respect his ideas, though not necessarily accepting them, it augurs ill for our success in dealing with the foibles of recalcitrant parents when eventually we leave College.

Our college life should help us to reconsider our views towards life, religion and social relationship. A man who cannot or will not change his views in the light of further discoveries, more cogent reasoning or his own soul-searching is intellectually moribund. I do not advocate a person's running hither and thither in search of a will-o'-the-wisp, a basis for a satisfactory moral code, a panacea for political ills or a religious millenium. Rather do I assert that every one of us can benefit from hearing another's views whether expressed orally, or in writing. Man's scheme of values is comparative—he can only learn by comparison or contrast with his neighbour. Therefore, I assert, that our paper can play a very definite part in helping us to place our

views, on topics which affect us, before our fellows.

We here have an admirable opportunity of learning the processes of democracy—but are we to reject without thought other political systems? Merely because we, as individuals, hold certain views is no reason why we should not study other people's attitude towards the components of life.

Can I urge you then, if you feel strongly on any subject, to put your thoughts on paper and let "Talkabout" have them. It is understood, however, that any matter of a contentious or factious nature must bear for publication the writer's name, and that any views expressed are not necessarily those of this paper.

ALAN FRYER.

Madam! You're Intruding!

The war of the sexes has come to Wagga College! The perfect peace of co-educational life has been recently shattered by a major crisis, for in our midst has arisen a vitally active group called "the Feminists."

This movement was initiated because of a much-felt need in the Greek camp for adequate representation on the S.R.C. The band adopted as its slogan "Wylie's Warriors for Section Reps.," and planted its feet firmly on a platform consisting of "equality for the sexes."

The political campaigning of these suffragettes was led and organised by a second Mrs. Emily Pankhurst (nee Comino). Mrs. Pankhurst, our historical authority informs us, was instrumental in the development of woman's social consciousness.

Success was theirs, to some degree, as at the time of writing voting returns show the election of five capable representatives of the Feminist Party.

Some carefully considered opinions of the Feminist Movement include:—

THE ILLUSTRIOUS

Miss Wylie: The women in this College merit representation, as they are equal to the men in numbers and in allowance, and have already proved themselves capable of leadership. Women

are essentially practical and prove a steadying influence on the more headstrong male group.

Mr. Ashworth: I believe in the equality of the sexes, and consider women responsible people who are specially suited for some positions. However, they are, at times, impractical, but their charm generally enables them to get away with anything.

Doreen Manwaring: Female representation on the S.R.C. should be an established and accepted fact in this College. But, of course, I am not in favour of a totally feminine council. I think there should be an equal number of men and women. Men are inclined to be biased in their opinions and women help them to be fair in their judgment.

Mr. Ashworth was the only man interviewed who, in my opinion, has reached "years of discretion, as others made the following immature statements:

BORIS—O HORRORS!

Boris Sumsky: Women should aspire to marriage, not to representation on councils. On the whole, they are senseless, and their worthless requirements can be easily represented by men. Of course, that doesn't mean that I don't like women—I just love them all.

Graeme Wilson: It's a lot of tommy rot. They'll want to get on the football selection committees next.

And the following conversation between two celebrated Watsonians was overheard:—

Des: There are 150 too many women in this College!

Jack: I'll say! Women's place is in the home, in my opinion.

Des: They should be looking after the children and doing the family chores, instead of worrying about councils and things.

Jack: Councils! Why, they're only nuisances on councils. They only sit there and cackle like hens, at any rate.

B.D.

Mr. Cobb has married Miss Webb. He knew that they were meant to be joined as soon as he spied her.

Wholly set up and printed at "The Daily Advertiser" Office, Trail Street, Wagga Wagga.

Studes on "Talkabout"

If, even from the point of view of first year students, better known as members of that notorious band of "freshers," we consider the important part that "Talkabout" plays in the lives of the Collegians both as a body and individually, it would appear rather pathetic and to some extent deplorable, that so few of us are in any way familiar with the contents, the framework, and the ultimate aim of this paper.

Optimistically we assume that the majority of us have heard of the newspaper, but it is evident that even after three creditable editions, too many are still uninterested or else ignorant of the work that a generous minority do in order that the paper may be printed.

At this stage of the game, although we are yet freshers in the literal sense of the word, we should nevertheless have formed our opinions of "Talkabout." We should be able to appreciate or condemn the material edited; we should be bubbling over with enthusiasm in, and ideas for, the paper; we should by now be feeling that the onus is on us as well as on the second years to support it and work for it.

OUR PART

Our views as readers of the paper, as advocates for it, and as possible future contributors to it, are what are needed and asked for. If any of us know, or feel that we know how best to enhance the paper, to raise the standard of its "literature" and to broaden its sphere of influence which, at present, is not so large as we should like, then we must not hesitate to bring forward our ideas and suggestions. We must not delay, labouring under the delusion that we have oodles of time in which to become auxiliary participants in affairs directly relevant to the development of "Talkabout." Remember, procrastination is the thief of time, and there is no time like the present to work energetically for the good of the College paper.

Maurice Pitfield: I should like to know the actual purpose of our newspaper, whether it sets out solely to give the students news of the College doings, or whether it has an ulterior motive in fostering and developing the literary tastes of its contributors. I should like to suggest that pep talks from a representative of each club be printed, so that I and the others could get some clear ideas about the various activities of the clubs, and thus choose one to our liking. The Editorial staff, I think, is to be congratulated on its production, and to my mind "Talkabout" compares favourably with other papers of its kind that I have had the opportunity of reading.

Barbara Spence: I think that "Talkabout" provides tolerably interesting reading and is of a comparatively high standard, but that it could definitely be improved, particularly regarding the variety of the articles. The main fault lies, I believe, in the fact that it is the same few individuals who submit articles week after week, in spite of Mr. Fryer's constant appeals for more en-

thusiastic support. Approximately three hundred students enjoy reading "Talkabout," yet only about ten of those three hundred are willing to expend either the time or the effort necessary to write for their paper. This fact affords more than sufficient justification for the Editor's concern for the paper's advancement, his apparent lack of confidence in the students' responsive efforts, as far as "Talkabout" is concerned, and his desperate attempts to garner material prior to each publication.

This situation cannot continue. Are we already "intellectually extant"? Certainly we soon shall be if we are content to accept others' efforts as their bounden duty, and to remain apathetic towards repeated pleas for contributions.

I suggested that "Talkabout" requires more variety of articles. Why not introduce new topics—perhaps a regular summary of our sporting "conquests," a photographic and/or literary competition, or detailed reports on the progress of each club? I think that many more students should contribute small articles periodically, as I definitely feel that the subject matter of "Talkabout" is far too limited, and its consequent influence negative.

Mr. Fryer emphasises the necessity for maintaining a high standard of literary value in any articles printed. This is obviously important, but may deter those who feel they have no claim to literary genius. All aspects of College life should be represented to produce a broader concept in the College paper as such, and I think that all types—extremist or conventionalist—must participate to present this concept. Briefly, the paper needs to display the opposing views of both the conservative and the radical sections of the College community.

AL HAS A SAY

Little as I like the usage of the words "ulterior motive" in reference to "Talkabout's" attempt to elevate the taste of contributors, I would say that our efforts in this direction are of equal importance with actual news reporting—but we are always prepared to "re-hash" any contribution which shows originality, sincerity or a new approach to some question.

Last year Club Reports were a regular feature of this paper, but, generally speaking, they were only forthcoming after a "Talkabout" reporter had personally gathered them. The onus of submitting reports rests on the shoulders of the secretary—we will write into them some coherency. Owing to a dearth of reporting staff we cannot spare a reporter to hunt for elusive secretaries and even more elusive reports. What about it, club secretaries?

I thought that it had been made quite clear that the columns of this paper are open to any person desirous of writing therein. Never has any article been rejected; in some cases considerable change has been necessary before publication; often re-writing has been necessary, but all articles have ultimately been printed.

I'm a great believer in writing because one wants to write. Miss Spence's suggestion that a photographic and literary

competition should be run will appeal to those whose literary work is inspired solely by the incentive, not of seeing their work in print, but of gaining a few bob in prize money. If, however, such a competition would produce more articles, I am prepared to approach tight-fisted business manager Jim McRyan (pardon, Jim O'Ryan) for the money involved. Still, I regard competitions as artificial media for arousing enthusiasm.

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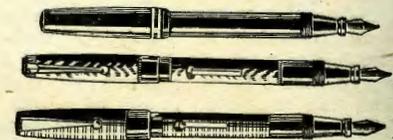
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Dawn was extra early on Thursday morning. What was she After?

I hear Bruce Logan has taken up flower gardening.

Which one is the Wright one, Noreen? Are you going to have a New-man each time?

Observed four enthusiastic golfers returning home after dark on Friday. How many for the nineteenth hole, boys?

Two more people with the 'flu are Kev and Wyn.

Now is the month of June-ing, When Keith Willard is spooning.

I notice that Rascall is re-joyce-ing once more.

So Shirley really has a hart? Jimp, isn't she?

'Tis rumoured that the girls are going to play football soon. Beth you Arthur does a bit of coaching—WOW!

Ray certainly swallowed Joan (ah!). Woodn't it]

Joan Carey was ronning well in the athletics carnival.

Tom is always trying to find some means of keeping his football socks up. Maybe he should write to, sh! (B)erlei.

What doesn't gibb with Nita any more.

Shirley has started nicking off again. Billie got stuck in well this term, didn't she?

Jack was nimble, Jack was slick, But Jack never used a candlestick. When the lights went out at eleven each night

On the ho(l)me-ward track he set out with delight.

Marie sure arrived back with glee, son.

Among the new faces at the dances is Lin Clifford's illustrious dial. And isn't it good fun, Lin?

Wilson-one please tell me if it's true about Bill Elliot marg-ing time again?

Murray McMillan was happy last month. He thinks June is just fine.

Norma Nielsen is Bucking-in to hard practice for "Pinafore."

L.B.H.

Forest Hill Frolics

On Tuesday night, 22nd June, a party of fifteen students from College journeyed to Forest Hill Air Station—there to add to the good work of entertainment already provided by some students.

Under the direction of Miss Moore, this small concert party was organized, in order that it might supplement a programme arranged by the Padre at Forest Hill. Our College was worthily represented by Maureen, Pat, Gwen, Beth and Dave, alias, "The Three Pigs and Wolf," Ronnie Reen, Jean Johnston and Vera Vine. Shirley Brodie and June Scott provided accompaniment, while Ella Fawcett, Miriam Bowers, Barbara Lenny, Audrey Tanner and Mary Comino, as graduated cosmotologists, enjoyed themselves immensely by delving into oil paints and soot.

WHO'S AFRAID . . . ?

The concert began with a performance by the Air Force Band—"April Showers" and "McNamara's Band." "The Three Pigs," followed by "The Little Fishes," appeared early on the programme. Needless to say, the girls looked smarter than ever, and were welcomed with open arms. Such comments as "I'll bag the blonde pig" and "You keep the blonde pig, I'll bag the red-head," were, to say the least, disconcerting. Dave looked superb as the "big, bad wolf," approaching somewhere near Mr. Ashworth's class (in appearance, I mean) and as he moved slyly about the stage, cat-calls ceased, and all sat in respectful silence. I'm thinking there was quite a bit learned on both sides that night, as this performance was followed by a brief but instructive talk on the value of the safety-pin.

We were made to realize, too, that all of Wagga talent is not centred in the Teachers' College. We would gladly

welcome voices like those of L.A.C. Cooper and L.A.C. Jeff Hudson into the College choir; but L.A.C. Cooper must have an accompanist to whom he can turn for inspiration in singing such songs as "I Need You," and Mr. Pople might disapprove. L.A.C. Hudson sent forth a prayer which must surely have reached the ears of the occupant of Room ? Block ? But, why didn't she come?

At this stage a latecomer entered, and as he removed his cap, a familiar face gazed soulfully out at me from the lining in the crown. However, we'll let that pass, won't we, Marg? Community singing was popular. I could hear Ella wailing "Oh, Johnny!" from backstage.

Jean Johnston gave us a wonderful piece of humour in a "yarn" which went something like this: "You tak' dis one, and I'll tak' dat one," when a voice from the deep said: "And I'll tak' dat one on dat dere stage."

"M-A-A-AMY"

Vera Vine provided most of the fun and life of the show with her interpretations of Al Jolson. For once, the Air Force was lost. They're still debating whether she was male or female. Perhaps they made up for being thwarted in the next act, for when Ronnie Reen appeared, the climax arrived too. Swooning bodies littered the floor everywhere. "Mamselle" was followed by "Near You," and by this time the audience grew hysterical. As a result one poor young fellow is unable to sleep for a week, so we were told, while a rival expressed the desire to be "near" her in Hut 154 after the show.

Forest Hill Air Station has a "dinky-dye" prophet, complete with white hair, whiskers and scroll. Studes listened understandingly as he preached of circumstances existing there, which were remarkably similar to some here. Our prophet did arrive this week—perhaps you didn't recognise him. He didn't look much like a prophet.

At the conclusion of the concert, studes were treated to a delicious supper while awaiting the return of the bus.

Due to the efforts of Miss Comino, who moved around a lot in the capacity of "reporter," Forest Hill Air Station will be receiving a weekly issue of "Talk-about." Here's hoping they enjoy our paper as much as we enjoyed their concert.

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Selection committees have been set up in all departments of sport in which the College will be represented at the Inter-Collegiate.

The task of the committees is not an easy one, being one of mere trial and error, good judgment and the essential co-operation of all the participants. The committees have been selected for their reliability. Their decisions will be made with the assistance of their coaches. Reputations and past performances will count little, but present form displayed will be of paramount importance.

All aspirants for the various positions will receive their chance. Nothing will be left to guesswork or rushed last-minute selections. The committee's aim is to send the best possible team that can be found to Inter-Collegiate.

The committees comprise both first and second year students, whose duty to their fellows demands thorough care and fairness.

Trust in these selectors is essential, and it is with this trust that the committees will make their decisions and effect them.

Theirs is a difficult task—recognise this fact—and, should you not be good enough in their eyes, then the proper thing to do is to abide by their decision and shake hands with the person who is good enough, and wish him or her well.

A question that has arisen in the minds of many interested spectators of our women's basketball teams: "Should the A team be the A team or should the B team be called the A team? After all, the B team claims superiority because they have defeated the B team on more occasions than the B team have defeated them.

The B team (the dark horses) have a happy knack of winning at the right time. The A's seemingly don't possess this quality. What about it, A's?

RINSO V. PERSIL

The latest development in the feminine bid for supremacy is the formation of two women's football teams. They call themselves the women's Blake Cup team and the women's under 10.7 team. This latter name is rather farcical as most of the players are well above the weight limit. The problem of selection has been admirably overcome in that the only qualifications necessary are that

the intending player consistently shows good form in washing a jersey belonging to one of the male footballers. But let us now take the two teams and analyse the general ability and all round prospects of the players. Full-back for the Blake Cup team is one who has taken a wide interest in many things at the College, Bev. Dominish. Only one Blake Cup winger has been picked so far, but Mr. Debenham, one of the selectors, informs me that the position is open for anyone wishing to try out. "Lead-foot" Lonnergan, a determined speedster, is on the right flank. In the 10.7 team the wing positions are filled by such experienced veterans as Edna Baker and "The Fish." Ricky is holding down one of the centres in the Blake Cup side despite opposition and is capable of solid defence if she is "in the mood." The five-eighth position in the Blake Cup team seems to be the plum all the girls are trying to pick. Though selectors have been very close-mouthed on the subject, Graeme ("Get Me If You Can") Wilson is believed to have a few names on his table. Miriam fills this position in the 10.7 team and her brilliant play has "wrung the Bell" on many occasions. The Blake Cup half-back is Barb ("Coming") Lenny. Broadly speaking, she appears to be suited to this position although it has been suggested she would make an admirable second row. Her opponent in the 10.7 team is at present in doubt, but selector Hartnett is reported to be negotiating for the services of Shirl ("Baa-arb") Brodie. The forwards in both teams are a tough, solid lot.

The respective locks are strong powerful types. Marie Hulme is unlikely to take a back seat, whilst "Demon" Smith can sell a beautiful "dummy" (eh, Keith?). The Blake Cup second rows are "Basher" Brown and young Teddy. "Basher" can also kick goals and has even received an offer from Mr. Cornell to coach Hodges. Beth, the only second row yet selected for the "juniors" is also attempting to fulfil the requirements necessary for the centre position in the Blake Cup. She has some good influences to back up her intentions.

Blake Cup's front row is rather unbalanced, Shirl and Katie being the mean and the extreme. It is only coincidence that Shirl is front row. Pretla makes her mark in front row for the 10.7. The respective hookers, Nita Chidzey and Joan Forman, needed little coaching to rake well, and as their scrum techniques are somewhat similar, they should be a good match.

Envy of all the men are the coaches, whose job it is to get the girls into some sort of condition for the game. The game is being eagerly awaited by the College, and should provide good sport.

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Mari Wins Athletics

CLOSE RESULTS

The second intra-mural athletic carnival was won by Mari House with 116 points. Ipai was a close second with 107 points, while Kabi and Kambu fought a battle of their own, a battle gloriously won by Kambu who retained their last year's placing. Final point scores were: Mari 116 points, Ipai 107 points, Kabi 72 points, Kambu 62 points. The meeting was held on June 29th on the Cricket Ground.

NEW RECORDS

The day was one of great triumph and a spectacular orgy of record-breaking was witnessed. First year students rallied stoutly about their houses and were prominently represented among the new champions.

The stars of the day are too numerous to mention but the house managers' reports to "Talkabout," which will appear next week, will contain some of the main features of their house's performance. The day was not without its lighter side; we recall competitors picking up wrong oranges in orange races; one candidate for Olympic laurels whose enthusiasm was surpassed only by his haste to be on the starting line and—well, did you ever try to win a race with your shoes on the wrong feet? Then there was the mile walk, where all competitors did their best and put on a bold face—or rather, farce. The egg and spoon race showed only too clearly those people who have been assiduously practising their spooning.

CO-OPERATION

The successful and smooth running of the carnival is a tribute to those officials whose duty it was to co-ordinate the unwieldy organisation that is necessary for the conducting of such a meeting. The events ran almost perfectly to schedule. Much work was necessary to accomplish this and a great deal of it was done during the past few weeks of organisation.

The printing of programmes, timing of events, selection of events, collecting entries for events, marking of the ground, handling of equipment are but few of the labours of the athletics committee. A big triumph, too, was the efficient meal service that catered for over 300 famished savages during the lunch interval. This meal was made possible by the efforts of 18 volunteer students who not only prepared the food but also distributed it. And the sausages were hot, too.

RESULT SHEET

Following is a tabulated result sheet giving events in detail:—

Event 1.—100 Yards Championship (women): 1st, Vera Vine; 2nd, P. Maloney; 3rd, B. Mutch. Time, 13.3 secs. (best time, 12.8 secs.).

Event 2.—100 Yards Championship (men): 1st, J. Collins; 2nd, K. Lyons; 3rd, B. Sumsky. Time, 10.9 secs. (best time, 10.7 secs.).

Event 3.—Tunnel Ball: 1st, Ipai; 2nd, Mari; 3rd, Kabi.

Event 4.—Over and Under Ball: 1st, Ipai and Kabi tied; 3rd, Mari.

Event 5.—Overhead Ball: 1st, Ipai; 2nd, Kabi; 3rd, Kambu.

Event 6.—Captain Ball: 1st, Ipai; 2nd, Mari; 3rd, Kabi.

Event 7.—Tug-o'-War: 1st, Kambu; 2nd, Ipai; 3rd Kabi.

Event 8.—75 Yards Championship (women): 1st, B. Mutch; 2nd, P. Maloney; 3rd, V. Vine. Time, 9.8 secs. (best time, 9.7 secs.).

Event 9.—Orange Race (women): 1st, B. Spence; 2nd, J. Underwood; 3rd, H. Hamilton.

Event 10.—220 Yards Championship (men): 1st, T. Hodges; 2nd, E. Lindsay; 3rd, J. Collins. Time, 25.3 secs. (best time, 25 secs.).

Event 11.—220 Yards Championship (women): 1st, P. Maloney; 2nd, V. Vine; 3rd, I. Kind.

Event 12.—120 Yards Hurdles (men): 1st, E. Lindsay; 2nd, J. Stuckings; 3rd, K. Cowan. Time, 18.4 secs.

Event 13.—440 Yards Mixed Relay: 1st, Kambu; 2nd, Mari; 3rd, Ipai. Time, 57.3 secs.

Event 14.—440 Yards Championship (men): 1st, J. Tulley; 2nd, P. Carey; 3rd, K. Korley.

Event 15.—Egg and Spoon Race (women): 1st, N. Walters; 2nd, E. Parslow; 3rd, J. Smith.

Event 16.—440 Relay (women): 1st, Kabi; 2nd, Ipai; 3rd, Kambu.

Event 17.—440 Yards Relay (men): 1st, Mari; 2nd, Kabi; 3rd, Kambu.

Event 18.—440 Yards Walk (women): 1st, P. Davies; 2nd, E. Simpfendorfer; 3rd, E. Tattersal. Time, 2 min. 28.5 secs.

Event 19.—Open Mile (men): 1st, D. Handsaker; 2nd, F. Lees; 3rd, J. Tulley. Time, 5 mins. 12 secs.

Event 20.—Hop, Step and Jump (men): 1st, K. Lyons; 2nd, T. Hodges; 3rd, J. Tulley. Distance, 39ft. 2½in.

Event 21.—High Jump (men): 1st, J. Haines; 2nd, D. Bieler; 3rd, J. Stuckings. Height, 5ft. 5½in.

Event 22.—Broad Jump (men): 1st, K. Lyons; 2nd, M. Grey; 3rd, J. Stuckings. Distance, 19ft. 11½in.

Event 23.—Shot Putt (men): 1st, T. Hodges; 2nd, A. Buckingham; 3rd, D. Westley. Distance, 35ft. 8in.

Event 24.—880 Yards Championship (men): 1st, J. Tulley; 2nd, J. Butler; 3rd, P. Carey. Time, 2 min. 13 secs.

Event 25.—High Jump (women): 1st, M. Olive; 2nd, B. Spence. Height, 4ft.

Event 26.—Broad Jump (women): 1st, V. Vine; 2nd, J. Underwood; 3rd, D. Manwaring. Distance, 13ft. 4in.

Event 27.—Shot Putt (women): 1st, H. Hamilton; 2nd, A. Hoffman; 3rd, P. Lovett.

A resume of all records equalled or broken during the meeting will appear in our next issue.

D.R.

There is nothing like good advertising. An undertaker has struck out an original line in announcing his funerals in the following terms: "Why live and be miserable when you can be buried comfortably for £3/10/-?"

Students' Representative Council

ANNUAL REPORT

The inaugural meeting of the Students' Representative Council of this College was held in the Biology Laboratory on Friday, 27th June, 1947. Those present were: Mr. M. Millar (President), Miss M. Lane (Secretary), Messrs. Fletcher, Rees, Gleeson, Whittaker and Miss Grahame (Section Representatives), Messrs. A. Nlon (Sports Union), I. Thomas (Social and Recreational Club), E. Rascall (Visual Education Club), K. Quinn (Musical Society), A. Kennedy (Little Theatre Group), Miss G. Roberts (Debating), Miss Byrne (Bushwalkers' Club). The Evangelical Union and the St. Thomas More Club were represented by Mr. D. Boyle and Mr. W. Law respectively.

In some instances changes in the original representation have taken place since the initial meeting; the Bushwalkers' Club now has no representation, its interests being complementary to the Social and Recreational Club. As sectarian clubs within the College are beyond the domain of the S.R.C., as defined in its Constitution, they have no representation. At a meeting on 4th July, 1947, it was decided that additional voting power be given to the Sports Union. Miss R. Johnston and Miss D. Manwaring were elected to fill the vacancies thus created. At the first meeting Mr. I. Thomas was elected Treasurer and Mr. M. Whittaker Vice-President.

DISBURSEMENTS

With limited finance, aggregating approximately £300, made up of £2/2/- compulsory Student Union fees, the Council allocated the amounts listed to the complementary clubs: Sports Club, £78/12/-; Social and Recreation Club, £95; Little Theatre Group, £10; Musical Comedy Society, £10; Visual Education Club, £15; Library, £20; Beautification Fund, £34.

The Council retained £40 as a reserve and used £10 as a petty cash fund. Subsequent allocations since 8/7/47 are as follow: "Talkabout" Editorial Committee (loan), £15; Library, £6; Sports Union, £15; Mathematics Club, £1/1/-.

PROVISION OF AMENITIES

The S.R.C. has provided as many amenities for student comfort as limited finance would allow. Stationery has been purchased and is on sale at a reasonable charge. College badges were ordered from Angus & Coote in August last year, but owing to an error in the shade of dye used it will be necessary to have alterations made in their design. An order for College blazers, complete with pocket, has been placed with a Sydney firm; it is confidently expected that they will be completed before Inter-Collegiate Week.

On several occasions the Council has made representations to Fearn & Sons, Wagga bus proprietors, with a view to gaining travelling concessions for students. To date such representations

have been fruitless. With the assistance of the Principal and Mr. Duncan, the Council has succeeded in inducing the bus proprietors to extend their route to the College gates at suitable times.

AS A SMALL TOKEN . . .

In appreciation of services which the Wagga District Ambulance has rendered on several occasions, a donation of £4/4/- has been forwarded to that worthy body. A sum of £2/2/- has been given to the Wagga Base Hospital, in recognition of the sympathetic attention which has at all times been given students of this College.

MISCELLANY

The Council has paid £4/7/6 for the installation of a telephone outside the Common Room. Installation should be effected at an early date.

An Inter-Collegiate Sports Committee has been formed to co-ordinate arrangements for the carnival which will be held in August.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the S.R.C. was the establishment of a Medical and Dental Fund. All students were eligible for membership, the subscription fee being 2/- per pay. This sum covered the member for medical attention up to the amount of £5 for the series of treatments. After the fund had been in operation for about four months it was realised that medical and dental accounts aggregating £5 each could not be met. The fund was then changed to one giving medical benefits only. During the nine months in which the fund has been in operation more than £100 has been paid out.

Beautification has been a most important sphere of Council's interest and activity. Thus £34 was delegated to the Beautification Fund; of this amount £28 was spent on providing curtains for the dining hall and library. Through the S.R.C. grant it was possible to acquire three paintings which have considerably enhanced the appearance of the library. In addition, the grant enabled the librarian to purchase some children's books, which were essential for practice teaching. A few American and English fiction works were also purchased.

Most of the clubs operating within the College are represented on the S.R.C., and a list of their representatives appears above. The following clubs, however, have no representation: Writers' Group, the Library Club, the Mathematics Society, the Physical Education Club, the Arts and Crafts Club.

SPORTS UNION

The Sports Union which controls, with the approval of the lecturer in physical education, all sporting activities within the College is composed of complementary clubs representing football, soccer, cricket, hockey, basketball, tennis, athletics and swimming.

Most of the Sports Union allocation of funds was spent on the purchase of equipment, whilst a less amount was used to register teams in town competitions. During the first year thirteen teams took part in week-end competitions. The Union also arranged matches with outside centres, Yanco, Batlow,

Junee, Forest Hill and Experiment Farm. The athletic carnival held last July was organised by the Athletic Club. Mr. Paull, a Wagga business man, generously donated a trophy to the winning houses, Ipai and Kabi.

CULTURAL COMPLEMENTARIES

The Musical Society, under the capable direction of Mr. Pople and Miss Moore, was responsible for the staging of "The Gondoliers" recently. This production was an outstanding success, and all who took part are to be congratulated upon their enthusiasm. S.R.C. funds benefited by £95/11/1, the net proceeds of this venture.

Though few in numbers, the Debating Club has played an important part in College life. Inter-House debates have been held regularly, and the College team was successful in its debate against the Wagga High School towards the end of last year.

Members of the Library Club have compiled a picture file which proved of inestimable value over the practice teaching periods. Displays of books were arranged for Children's Book Week and Centenary of Education Week.

The Writers' Group has been composed of hard working and enthusiastic students who have been responsible for the weekly publication of "Talkabout," the mouthpiece of the students within this College. The group is working to publish a literary magazine, which will consist of contributions from any students desirous of writing. It is expected that the copy for this magazine will go to press towards the end of this term.

The Social and Recreational Club bought a piano with its £95 grant. Weekly dances were held on Saturday nights. Though not always successful from a financial point of view, these dances were always outstanding successes socially. This club was responsible for the organisation of the Christmas Ball at the close of 1947.

The S.R.C. arranged a loan from M.G.M. Studios of certain films, which were shown on Sunday nights. Subsequently the organisation of these shows was delegated to the Social and Recreational Committee, which has continued the weekly show, charging an admission of one shilling per student.

In conclusion I wish to thank Mr. Duncan for the assistance he has given the Council on numerous occasions, and I take this opportunity of thanking students for their ready co-operation throughout the year.

I wish the S.R.C. of 1948-49 every success.

MAUREEN LANE.

[The above is an edited report of Miss Lane's statement to a student assembly concerning the activities of the 1947-8 S.R.C.—Ed.]

When a man says, "I can hear a noise," it probably never occurs to him that there is nothing in this wide world that anyone can hear that is not a noise.