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"But we are not the alley cats of the medical profession" was a statement made in a conversation during the year. This could have been the answer to a reflection of anxiety, expressed by someone about to face the outside world with his five or six years of Vet. Sc.; or it may have been an insignificant remark.

As a relatively young profession, but recently recovered from the unsavoury title of "horse doctors," we may have an unhealthy sensitivity to the question of recognition of status. Our importance as a profession as a whole is realised by an ever-increasing number of people now, as greater emphasis on the necessity for animal health has made them aware of the part we can play. This demand has given us a new vitality.

To attempt a comparison of status with other professions is futile, as it has no worthwhile basis. Clearly, we are pursuing different paths to the ultimate objective of truth. Professional status as it affects us as individuals, however, is of the utmost importance, in that it helps us to acquire a sense of values.

And with what, then, do we face the outside world?

For convenience, we could consider our course at University from two levels.

Firstly, as a series of scientific disciplines and techniques covered in proceeding to the degree of B.V.Sc.

To expand this briefly: we move from the basic sciences in First Year, through a transition stage of basic Veterinary subjects and on to applied Animal Husbandry and Clinical subjects. This basis can be used in a number of ways on graduation. For example, in private practice or research, etc.

The course is aimed at (or should be aimed at) enabling this adaptable fundamental type to emerge.

Secondly, we can regard our course as a composite whole, the concept of Vet. Sc. as an entity.

The fund of knowledge we have acquired provides us with a basic structure of specialised and scientific training.

If we can use this as a point from which to seek a better perception of the "nature of things," if we can use it to see things outside it, not necessarily related to Vet. Sc., and gain a better sense of proportion, then we have come closer to fulfilling our University ideal.

Recommendations made to the Universities Commission provided for an elective subject not directly related to the rest of the course to be taken, preferably in First Year (in certain Faculties).

The principles of liberalisation at such a stage are very commendable. It is unlikely, however, that it can be applied to Vet. Sc. and still retain its purpose.

Considering the very full curriculum and competitive nature of the course, there would be an inevitable tendency to regard this non-related subject as just another examination, or as a "dose of culture" thrust upon us.

It is paradoxical that where the need seems greatest, it has least practicability. But we must be realistic about our situation. We are attending a "modern" University, which is largely non-residential, and we approach it with an outlook that is very largely vocational. But it does not, it must not, stop there.

A very large amount of our activities centre naturally enough around Vet. School—the spirit there is infectious and inspiring. Now that we have our new Common Rooms, an even larger proportion of our activities centre at the bottom of Science Road. It is vital, therefore, that we realise what University life has to offer.

It is up to the individual whether or not he is to use the facilities and opportunities available. Whether or not he uses the libraries, makes contact with people who have different interests; participates in club activities and society affairs, or in sport, recreation and social functions.

These help us to broaden our outlook, achieve a greater sense of awareness, and gives us a chance to attain deeper personal satisfaction.

Read on, the rest is yours.
OBITUARY

SIR IAN CLUNIES ROSS

In this age of specialisation, many of those who come to be recognised by the general community as outstanding figures, attain their eminence as the result of exceptional ability in some particular field in which they are specialists. Occasionally, there appears an outstanding personality who possesses not only a range of talents of a high order, but with these combines a breadth of outlook and interest and a liberal share of the human virtues and graces.

Sir Ian Clunies Ross was such a man. He was born on 22nd February, 1899, at Bathurst. After leaving Newington College, he entered the University of Sydney. Like many others, he had no very clear idea of what he wanted to do. He had spent the greater part of his early life in Sydney, and was well adjusted to urban life and society. However, he had a general interest in rural affairs, and was very fond of animals.

After an initial start in Agriculture, he transferred to Veterinary Science at a time when the Veterinary School was in its infancy, with only a handful of students and a skeleton staff. He had the misfortune to be the only student in his year throughout the course, and told amusing tales of lectures to a class of one.

As a third year student in 1919 he was a tall, slender young man, whose immaculate dress and general appearance on all occasions led him to be regarded by other students as the model of sartorial excellence. His attractive personality, vitality, sense of humour and charm of manner, made him most popular amongst students and staff. He had a good ear for music, and commonly in late afternoons his voice would be heard lifted in some snatch of song, which was then taken up by the two fourth year students in the old post mortem room, and joined by the four second year men in the dissecting room, the four first year men in the prosectory, and often by...
the deep bass of old Williams, the Welsh caretaker.

He played an active part in student life and was the first student to be elected President of the Veterinary Society. In this position he set a standard of public speaking that is not easily matched.

All his life Sir Ian was devoted to animals and a remarkable, instinctive mutual understanding existed between them and himself. Patients under his care in hospital became almost as attached to him as to their owners.

At the time he graduated he gave some thought to the possibility of entering the British Army in India. He also considered private practice, and actually started in practice for a short time in College Street in Sydney. However, Professor J. D. Stewart suggested that he should specialise in veterinary parasitology, and Sir Ian always acknowledged his debt to Professor Stewart for starting him in this direction. He was awarded the Eliza Hall Veterinary Research Fellowship in 1922, and studied veterinary parasitology at the London School of Tropical Medicine and the Molteno Institute, Cambridge. He returned to Sydney in 1925 and was appointed parasitologist to the newly-formed C.S.I.R.O. in 1926, and part-time lecturer in veterinary parasitology. He continued with his researches for the next two years at the Veterinary School, his major interests being in hydatid disease and liver fluke. He submitted a thesis on hydatid disease and was awarded the first Doctorate of Veterinary Science of the University of Sydney in 1928. During the next two years he continued his researches at the Institute of Infectious Diseases of Tokyo Imperial University. He had learnt Japanese for some time prior to his visit to Japan, and he and his wife gained a good insight into the Japanese way of life and customs. Some of the older members of the veterinary profession recall the A.V.A. dinner he attended soon after his return to Sydney, at which he provided all present with sake served in attractive little Japanese bowls, and ate his own dinner down to the last green pea with chopsticks.

On the establishment of the McMaster Laboratory as the first major research centre of C.S.I.R.O., for the study of animal health problems, Sir Ian was appointed Officer-in-Charge. Under his stimulus and guidance the new laboratory established an international reputation.

In 1935 he made a survey of the sheep and wool industry in Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

In addition to his capacity for fundamental scientific studies he had a wide interest in the problems of the animal industries. He played a leading role in organising the support of Australian wool growers for research in wool production and promotion of wool as a textile. This led to his being appointed Australian representative and Chairman of the International Wool Secretariat in London. While holding this position he made extensive visits to U.S.A. and Europe.

In 1940 he accepted the invitation to the Chair of Veterinary Science in the University of Sydney, following the retirement of Professor J. D. Stewart. As Dean of the Faculty he was a Fellow of the Senate from 1940 to 1942, and from 1944 to 1949 he served as a Fellow, elected by the graduates. He did much to bring about, both within the University and also in the general public, a better understanding of the contribution that Veterinary Science can make to national welfare.

To his students, staff and professional colleagues he brought a breadth of outlook on the problems of the animal industries and the responsibilities of the veterinary profession. He emphasised the importance of animal husbandry both in relation to the efficiency of production and the prevention and control of disease, and himself initiated a special course of lectures on genetics in relation to animal breeding.

The major part of his period of occupancy of the Chair fell during the war. In 1942 he was seconded to the Commonwealth Directorate of Manpower as Director of Scientific Manpower and to the Department of War Organisation of Industry as adviser on the pastoral industry.

He resigned his Chair in 1946 and rejoined the C.S.I.R.O. as a member of the Executive, and in 1949 was appointed Chairman of the
Organisation. In this capacity his reputation as a scientific leader and public figure grew steadily. His exceptional ability, clarity and forcefulness as a speaker and his wide interest in and understanding of University affairs led to his playing a leading part in University life in Australia; first as a member of the Senate of his alma mater, and later as Deputy Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and a member of the Council of the National University. He also played a leading part in the steps which led to the setting up of the Universities Commission.

Sir Ian was a man of great breadth of mind and wide interests. Amongst these were international affairs. He was a member of the Australian Delegation to the League of Nations Assembly in 1938, and he played a very active part in the establishment of International House at the University of Melbourne.

His great contributions to Science were recognised by his scientific colleagues throughout Australia in many ways, including his membership of the Australian Academy of Science, and his selection as President-elect of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science.

Amongst the honours conferred upon him were Honorary Associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of the United Kingdom; Honorary Doctorate of Laws and Science of the Universities of Melbourne, New England and Adelaide; the gold medal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and the James Cook Medal of the Royal Society of N.S.W.

General public recognition of his services came with the honours bestowed upon him by the Queen, who made him a C.M.G., and subsequently Knight Bachelor in 1954.

Sir Ian was an example of the well educated man, with a balanced interest in Science and the humanities. His capacities as an advocate and orator were always in great demand; his sense of public service made these gifts freely available for many good causes.

He married Janet Carter in 1927 and had three sons and one daughter. He died on 20th June, in Melbourne.
I thank Society members very sincerely for giving me the privilege and honour of serving your Society as President. I have found the task to be of great interest, it has given me much satisfaction, and I hope the way in which I have run Society affairs has met with your approval at all times.

I am particularly indebted to, and sincerely thank, Ken Kissling and George Podgenerwate for the excellent work they have done as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. To all the other members of the executive and the various committees I extend many thanks for their support, their free discussion and helpful criticism of points of issue, and their unceasing efforts in aiming at maximum benefit for the Society as a whole.

I am also very grateful to Professor Carne and all the other members of the staff for the interest they have shown, and the assistance and advice they have willingly given, in Society affairs.

It has been pleasing throughout the year to note that the increase in numbers from First and Second Years availing themselves of social and sporting events organised by the Society has been proportional to the increase in numbers of students comprising those years. This, I think, has, in no small way, been due to the sterling efforts of the Year Representatives who, in effect, have worked as publicity officers for the Society functions.

Our Society has an advantage over some other Faculty Societies in that all years, and not only the senior years, are well represented on the Executive Committee, and also on the various sub-committees. This is only right when it is noted that First and Second Years comprise over 50 per cent. of the Society members. Here I would stress to each member to take advantage of your representation on the various Society committees. This is your Society—it does not just consist of the Executive Committee and Sub-committees. It should not be regarded with the attitude that each of you “get stung for ten bob, elect your officers, and she’ll be right.” In this light the Society would become stagnant.

On joining the Society you entitle yourselves to take advantage of what it has to offer. “What has the Society to offer?” you ask. This boils down to the time-honoured maxim—the amount you receive is proportional to the amount you are prepared to give. You nominate and elect officers to represent you and these officers accept election with the aim of serving the Society as a whole with the utmost of their ability. To many members the election of officers is the beginning and the end of their function in the Society for the year. They give themselves a pat on the back for getting “good old so-an-so” on to the executive or some other committee, then become disinterested until next year’s elections. Except that in the event of their representative being responsible for anything they consider a disadvantage they are only too ready to criticise. This is not the time for criticism. Constructive criticism earlier may have resulted in avoiding the mistake. You may complain here that you didn’t know that the issue concerned had been discussed. Well, make it your business to know what is taking place in Society affairs during the year and give these points your considered thought. Then, having made a decision, give your support in the form of suggestions or helpful criticism.

At elections you select your representatives to control the affairs of the Society. Help them to help you, and benefit the Society as a whole.

Finally, I wish you all every success in your final examinations. But on graduation I hope you can look back with the satisfaction that, through the benefits of our Society, you have gained something more than just a plain B.V.Sc.

S. J. BARRON,
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CENTAUR, 1959
In January this year, Professor H. R. Carne was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science following the retirement of Professor Gunn.

Previous to this he was Dean of the Faculty from 1946 to 1953.

Dr. Carne has been closely associated with the Sydney School throughout his academic career. He graduated B.V.Sc. with First Class Honours, and the University Medal in 1923, after an under-graduate career of great distinction, during which he participated in all student activities. He was a member of the first Eight the Faculty put on the river, and also rowed for Wesley College.

Following graduation, he was, for a year, on the Veterinary School Staff as assistant to the lecturer in Surgery, demonstrator in Anatomy, and the first lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology.

From 1924 to 1926 he held the position of Research Officer at the Government Research Station, Glenfield, and in 1926 was appointed Walter and Eliza Hall Research Fellow and proceeded abroad to work at the Pasteur Institute and the Laboratoire Nationale de Recherches at Alfort. On his return in 1928 he succeeded the late Dr. Sydney Dodd as lecturer in Veterinary Pathology and Bacteriology. He played an important part in the establishment of the McMaster Animal Health Laboratory of the C.S.I.R., where he was associated with the Council's work in veterinary bacteriology, and supervised investigations conducted there on bacterial diseases of sheep. He made a study of the bacteriology and immunology of caseous lymphadenitis, and in 1933 submitted a thesis on "Corynebacterium ovis," which gained him the degree of D.V.Sc., to which he was admitted in 1934.

In the same year he was awarded the Rockefeller Research Fellowship, enabling him to work for a year at the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine in London. Although increasingly burdened with other work, Dr. Carne has maintained a very active interest and enthusiasm in research work.

Possibly not so well known to students has been Dr. Carne's valuable service with professional and scientific bodies. He has been at various times State Editor of the Australian Veterinary Journal; Hon. Treasurer and also President of the Australian Veterinary Association; and in 1941 was appointed Secretary of the Australian National Research Council. In 1955 he was made a Fellow of the Australian Veterinary Association.

In 1944-45 he was convener of the A.V.A. Standing Committee on Education, demonstrating his achievement of a very close association with Veterinary Education.

In 1946, he followed the late Sir Ian Clunies-Ross as Dean of the Faculty, and in 1947 was appointed first occupant of the Hughes Chair of Veterinary Pathology and Bacteriology.

Professor Carne continued as Dean until 1953. He spent 1954 on Sabbatical Leave in England, where he met the anonymous donor of the finances used for the erection of the Veterinary School Common Rooms. The building, which was completed in 1958, is a fitting reward for his painstaking efforts during its development, and a valuable and long-hoped-for addition to the School. He also played the major part in attaining Corstorphine and May Farms for the University as a donation from the three Commonwealth Boards—The Inter-Departmental Committee of Wool Research, The Australian Meat Board and The Australian Dairy Produce Board.

Dr. Carne returned to the Veterinary School in 1955 and resumed work as Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology, and has continued in this capacity until the present time.

We take this opportunity to express the Society's best wishes for every success to Professor Carne as Dean of the Faculty, and also to thank him for the keen interest he has taken, and the help he has given, in this year's Society affairs.
The property is situated sixty miles north-east of Armidale, on the Dorrigo Plateau of the New England region of N.S.W.

It has an area of approximately 1,100 acres and over the last six years a large proportion of this area has been extensively developed with improved pastures and potato cultivation.

Animal production undertaken on the property is that of raising fat lambs and beef cattle. In general, this type of farm activity is much favoured in the surrounding district.

As will be seen from the following description, this property appears to be fairly well developed, especially in improved pastures, which has given it a potentially high productive capacity. However, animal productivity is lowered considerably by bad animal husbandry practices and the use of poor quality stock for the breeding of fat lambs.

Topography.—This property forms a small section of a fairly extensive plateau which extends from the Dorrigo Mountains in the east to a part of the New England Range some thirty miles westward.

The country is undulating, but hilly in some parts, while on the western boundary it becomes distinctly rugged and mountainous.

Both the northern and western boundaries are formed by large creeks which provide the main source of water for stock purposes.

CLIMATIC FACTORS.

(a) Rainfall.—Average annual rainfall for the year is 30-40 inches, and this is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. However, in this district a substantial proportion of the rain occurs in the form of thunderstorms.

(b) Temperatures.—Average temperatures for January are between 60 degrees F. and 70 degrees F., while in July the average temperature is between 40 degrees F. and 50 degrees F.

Temperatures are naturally lower than those of the coastal regions because the plateau is 4,000 ft. above sea level.

Soil Types.—The main soil type is the red podsol—a leached soil which is formed in regions of fairly high rainfall.

Vegetation.—Natural vegetation was once sparse forest with scrub. Most of the property, except for the rugged areas, has been cleared and sown down with improved pastures or used for the cultivation of potatoes.

On the rugged mountainous parts of the property, dense forest predominates, while on the margin of this area, hilly country covered by native red grass occurs.

THE PASTURES.

(a) Native Pasture.—The summer growing species dominate the native pasture. These are mainly the Red Grasses and Kangaroo Grass. These species grow only during the summer months, and require a temperature of 70 degrees F. for maximum growth.

No native legumes occur in the natural pasture.

(b) Improved Pasture.—By far the largest contributor to pasture development, both on this property and in the surrounding district, is White Clover. The White Clover plant is a soil fertility builder, and its chief value as a fodder lies in the fact that all parts of the plant are rich in high quality proteins.

White Clover is a perennial and has a growing season of about nine months, from September to the end of May.

White Clover dominates the improved pasture species in about four 70-acre paddocks.

Grown in association with White Clover is Perennial Rye Grass. Perennial Rye behaves as an annual and achieves great development in this district, but cannot withstand high summer temperatures.

Cocksfoot is another important species grown on the property in association with Perennial Rye Grass. One paddock of 90 acres consists of these pasture species. Cocksfoot is a valuable pasture grass in the summer, but tends to lose its lushness and nutritive value as the winter months approach.

Water Supply for Stock Purposes.—Most paddocks are accessible to the creeks that form the northern and western boundaries. However, four paddocks isolated from the creeks are supplied by a single dam served by a contour drain, and three other large paddocks are supplied by a very small watercourse running through the centre of the property.
ANIMAL PRODUCTION.

Fat Lamb Raising:

Five hundred Merino ewes and eighteen Merino rams are used for the raising of fat lambs.

The Merino ewes used as fat lamb mothers are of a very inferior type for raising good quality fat lambs. They have bad conformation for the production of mutton, being narrow in the body and possessing long, slender legs. These sheep mature slowly, give poor lambing percentages, and have a poor milk supply.

The quality of the rams is poor, due to the fact that they had not been purchased from a stud, and because they lack care and management, especially as regards feeding.

For this reason the animals are poorly fleshed and thus the production of well-fleshed lambs is impossible.

Management.—As mentioned earlier, bad management practices have contributed to the production of poor fat lambs.

1. At mating time the ewes are in poor condition, as they have been previously grazed on poor quality native pasture. This factor would contribute to a low conception rate and lambing percentage.

2. The latter part of the gestation period is spent on succulent improved pastures. This sudden rise in the plane of nutrition has little effect on the condition of the ewe, and a poor lamb is produced at lambing time, which takes place in the spring.

3. Lamb marking is carried out when the lambs are a month old. This operation takes place in dusty cattle yards, as no sheep-yard facilities exist on the property. Due to this practice a small percentage of lambs may be lost through tetanus and blood poisoning.

4. The lambs are weaned at five months of age and are placed in the high quality improved pasture, which has been saved almost entirely for this purpose. However, the pasture at this stage is too high for full utilisation by young lambs, and usually the beef cattle are brought in to shorten the pasture.

5. Further loss of lambs may result at this time due to worm infestation, which is one of the major problems both on this property and in the surrounding district.

Beef Cattle Raising:

This activity supplements the income from fat lambs and the potato crop.

The two chief breeds of cattle on the property are Herefords and Devons. These breeds are suitable for the rougher areas of the New England district and appear to do well.

The illustration shows how a property with good natural resources and well-developed improved pastures has been an unremunerative enterprise to the owner, through lack of planning and foresight.

I remember the first time I tried it,  
I was only a lad of fifteen;  
And although she was younger than I was,  
She was far more composed and serene.  
I was eager but awkwardly backward,  
Uncertain of how to proceed;  
But she seemed not to notice the shyness  
With which I prepared for the deed.  
It was out in the barn, I remember,  
At the end of the long summer’s day;  
And the evening was delightfully scented  
With the fragrance of newly-mown hay.  
I remember she made no objection,  
Nor showed any sign of alarm;  
For I loved her and surely she loved me  
Since she first came to live on the farm.  
I remember she made me move closer,  
And the touch of her body was warm;  
As my fingers moved awkwardly over her,  
She nestled her head in my arms.  
Looking back on it now, I remember,  
How I stood, and my head seemed to spin  
At the thought of the deed contemplated,  
Yet reluctant, somehow, to begin.  
But her eyes, I thought to release me  
From awaiting and being afraid;  
And even old Dolly, the plough-horse,  
Looked over the manger and neighed.  
But later I stood up, uncertain  
Of whether to stay or to run;  
I tingled with pride, but was shaken and awed  
When at last I knew it was done.  
I remember, it seemed ages later;  
How my heart hammered under my blouse,  
With the joy of a boy who had grown to a man;  
As I made my way up to the house.  
Twenty years have passed since that evening,  
But I have never forgotten, I vow,  
The thrill and the joy I felt as a boy,  
ON THE DAY THAT I FIRST MILKED A COW.

CENTAUR, 1959
S.U.V.S. RIDING CLUB

It was decided this year, on the suggestion of Mr. R. Ryan and "Sarge," to form a Riding Club for the purpose of using the horses throughout the year, and ultimately riding at Shows and Gymkhanas.

The members this year consist only of the finalists in the last two years' Farr Prize, but if the Club is successful in this trial-year, membership will be opened to members of the S.U.V.S. This restriction of the Club was thought necessary because of the limited number of riding horses capable of standing up to the work, lack of Show equipment, and lack of finance for floating expenses.

It was decided by the members to invite Emeritus Professor R. M. C. Gunn, Sgt. Livermore, and Mrs. T. Walker (Kathleen Farr) to be patrons of this Club, and all have accepted.

So far, Camden and Centennial Park Shows have been competed in with much success, and it is hoped to enter a team of riders in some of the larger Shows next year, and finally, the Royal Easter Show.

M.R.J. (Pres.).

EQUITATION

The W. Farr Memorial Prize was held this year on Wednesday, 22nd October, 1958. Sgt. Livermore judged the event, which was held on the Front Lawn.

THE FARR MEMORIAL PRIZE

PRIZE WINNERS, 1958

1st, Mary Rose Jenkyns.
2nd, R. J. Kibble.
3rd, Donna Collings.
MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE VETERINARY SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, 1959

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Mr. N. K. Golding, B.V.Sc., Part-time Lecturer in Veterinary Jurisprudence.
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Mr. R. B. Donnelly, C.S.I.R.O., Research Student.
Mr. T. W. Scott, Research Student, Planned Parenthood Grant.
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Mr. J. Hunt, Farm Foreman (Corstorphine).
Mr. M. Robertson, Farm Foreman (Mayfarm).

CHANGES OF STAFF – 1959

RESIGNATIONS

Dr. J. Andrews, Part-time Lecturer in Livestock Geography, has been appointed to the Chair of Geography in the University of Melbourne.

Dr. A. W. Blackshaw has been appointed as Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Physiology in the University of Queensland.

Miss P. Burt has resigned as Faculty Librarian, to be married.

Mr. J. Drabble has resigned from his Part-time Lectureship in Meat Inspection.

Mr. D. R. Lamond has been appointed to a Lectureship in the Faculty of Rural Science at the University of New England.

Mr. T. F. Reardon has been appointed as Research Officer in C.S.I.R.O. at Armidale.

CENTAUR, 1959
APPOINTMENTS

Mr. R. T. Dixon has been appointed Junior House Surgeon to the University Veterinary Hospital and Clinic.

Mr. D. B. Galloway has been appointed as Temporary Lecturer in Veterinary Surgery and Obstetrics.

Miss B. H. Glanville has been appointed Junior House Surgeon to the Rural Veterinary Centre, Camden.

Mr. K. G. Johnston has transferred from the Department of Veterinary Pathology to the position of Clinical Veterinary Pathologist at the Rural Veterinary Centre, Camden.

Mr. W. E. Lawrence has been appointed Lecturer in Veterinary Pathology and Bacteriology.

Miss L. Manning has been appointed Faculty Librarian.

Mr. H. W. McNary, of the University of Purdue, U.S.A., has been appointed Director of Poultry Husbandry.

Dr. D. M. Walker has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Animal Nutrition. He was formerly on the staff of the Royal Veterinary College, London.

Mr. I. D. Wardrop has been appointed Lecturer in Meats. He was formerly on the staff of the School of Agriculture, Melbourne.

Dr. N. W. Moore and Mr. J. N. Shelton have been appointed McCaughey Memorial Research Fellows.

PRIZES AWARDED ON ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, 1958

FIRST YEAR
John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship for General Proficiency:
SMITH, J. B.

SECOND YEAR
Farr Memorial Prize for Equitation:
JENKYNS, MARY R.

THIRD YEAR
Baker and Ridley Memorial Prize for the greatest proficiency in Animal Husbandry:
CARTER, MARGERY E.

Australian Veterinary Association Prize for Veterinary Pathology:
HARBUTT, PATRICIA R.

FOURTH YEAR
William Cooper and Nephews' Prize for Veterinary Parasitology:
HEATH, T. J.

FIFTH YEAR
J. D. Stewart Essay Prize:
GALLOWAY, D. B.
May and Baker Prize for Surgical Skill:
GALLOWAY, D. B.
Jack Moran Prize for Meat Inspection:
GILBO, W. B.
S. T. D. Symons Memorial Prize for Clinical Subjects:
SIMPSON-MORGAN, M. W.
The Graziers' Association of N.S.W. Prize for Proficiency in Animal Breeding:
SIMPSON-MORGAN, M. W.

The llama is a woolly sort of fleecy, hairy goat
With an indolent expression and an undulating throat,
Like an unsuccessful literary man.

H. BELLOC.
A MAN

He sat at his desk, going through his forty minutes of preparation for the lecture, just as he had done on so many other occasions. Outside it was the usual sort of morning in Sydney for this time of the year, and the sun shone warmly and spread its balmy mantle of friendliness over all. But inside this part of the building things were different. It is true that the two secretaries in the outer office went about their normal routine of typing, writing, cataloguing, and so on, and perhaps the noises were still the same, but the people concerned felt a little different.

Outside the door of the office, which protected the sanctum from the noise of the under-graduates and their hustle-bustle life, things sounded to be pretty much the same. They stood in the corridor, talking, joking, anxious, hopeful, sleepy, worried, wondering and so on, just as youth at this stage of life does everywhere. And inside, sat this man, who had watched generation after generation of them come and go, and who always gave of his very best to each of them; this man who had guided so many of them as they proceeded uncertainly in these critical years of change from the freedom of school years to the responsibility and service of professional life; this man who had worried about each individual young life, and who had had the great joy of influencing and seeing each one develop.

Through his window he could see that Science Road had now quietened as the carefree under-graduates of some minutes earlier had followed the lecture change and had returned to the lecture-room. So, he rose from his chair and, gathering his papers under his arm, proceeded to "Stewart" to deliver his last lecture as Professor of Surgery and Dean of the Veterinary School.

As usual, the lecture-room was almost empty, and the students commenced to file into the room after him. But as he proceeded to the dais a bell began to ring loudly in the corridor outside. Was this the Veterinary School? Surely not. Why, it sounded more like the Halls of Parliament. His students continued to file in, and then there was a gap in the throng; yet he could see that all the class had not yet arrived. Then more appeared, but certainly not as if coming to a lecture. This lot were as if in a procession; they were robed in under-graduate gowns; the first two were empty-handed, the next one led a Great Dane, and the fourth a Dachshund—his Dachshund! Then the bearers of the jars of red and black blister and firing irons followed, and behind them several more in tails and bow ties, top and bowler hats.

Before he realised it, they were upon him, and the first two, clutching him firmly by the arms, forcibly escorted him, regardless of his voluble protests, to the side of the room and deposited him in a chair, thereupon to stand guard over him. He had protested, was not he to give his lecture, what if this subject were to appear in the examination paper in the very near future, and so on? But they would have none of it. Indeed, he was not to lecture to them this morning—no, not even an abridged version. He would remain seated and quiet as "The Old College for the Art and Science of Veterinary Surgery" had now been declared in session.

The minutes now being taken as read and there being no ordinary business, the meeting moved directly on to special business, which was to be the admission of one of its members to Fellowship. The sponsor rose to read the citation:

"My Lord High Chancellor,

In the name of the Senate and by their authority.

Be it known

That REGINALD MONTAGU CAIRNS GUNN, e.d., B.Sc., D.V.Sc., B.Sc.Agr., F.R.C.V.S., having duly completed the required eleven-year course, during which time he distinguished himself by showing to us outstanding and faithful devotion, and now after all these years, having set all the examinations prescribed in the By-laws, has this day been admitted as

F E L L O W

and is, therefore, entitled to all the privileges ascribed thereto by Centaur Charter in token whereof the Senate as is its privilege has authorised the Fired Red and Black Blister to be hereunto affixed.

Dated this Seventh day of November, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight."

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With the customary doff of the hat, the citation was handed to the Chancellor, and to his question as to whether it was the wish of the College members that this Fellowship be granted, the reply was a loud affirmative aye.

With further doffing of hats, the forma was handed to the recipient. The College formally adjourned to the Junior Common Room to celebrate the occasion in an appropriate fashion; speeches, songs and photographs followed, and then the sad actual moment of departure.

As he passed from our ranks, escorted back to his office by two of our members, we realised that our Dean and Professor had retired as far as under-graduates were concerned. It had been our privilege to be his last group of students; it had been our privilege to say farewell to him as a lecturer for the under-graduates down through the generations. But it was also our privilege to hope that he would remain one of our closest friends in the months and years to come, and that his association with his and our School would remain warm, active and influential.

Now, as he finds time to channel his efforts into the things he has dreamt of doing over the years, we say well done, and enjoy your well-deserved retirement; but do not forget us. Come back, even as an external examiner.

FINAL YEAR.

PHRENITIS

Phrenitis implies inflammation of the brain. Madness and extreme violence are the consequences. The animal in this condition disregards all recognitions and, apparently, loses all timidity. It suffers the greatest agony, and no terror can appall it. It would rejoice, could it anticipate the effects, if the mouth of a loaded cannon were pointed towards itself, and would look for relief when the pontfire descended upon the touch-hole. Every movement seems designed to end its own existence; but the furore has no malice in it. It may in its efforts shatter and demolish the structures which surround it; but it does so without intention. That is merely the result of its being carried away beyond the things of this world with a mighty anguish. It desires harm to no one, but it cannot remain quiescent, and endure the torment which rages within its skull.

When this stage of the malady appears, the best thing is to anticipate the evident wish of the animal. The teaching of schools which instructs young men to meddle with the strength of an infuriated horse, is mere prattle. However, if the disease, as it seldom happens, is perceived approaching, something may be attempted. Before the violence commences, the horse is generally dull. It does not obey the rein or answer to the lash. It is heavy beyond man’s control. It snores as it breathes. The lids drop; the head sinks; the body is cold; the membrane of the nose is leaden in colour; and, from being an obedient, watchful and willing slave, its entire nature appears to have changed.

The remedy for the earlier stage is copious blood-letting. Open both jugulars and allow the current to flow, till the countenance lightens or the animal sinks. Bleed again and again if necessary. Give purgatives of double strength, and repeat them every three hours, till the bowels are copiously relieved or the pulse changes, or the general appearance indicates improvement. Afterwards, administer sedatives, always as infusions. A scruple of tobacco, half a drachm ofaconite root, or a drachm of digitalis should have a pint of hot water poured upon it. When the liquid is nearly cold, it should be strained and the dose may be repeated every half hour, until its operation is witnessed in the more quiet behaviour of the animal.

From "The Illustrated Horse Doctor," 1867.

There is no such thing as a moral or immoral book. Books are well written or badly written. That is all—O. Wilde.
Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I have much pleasure in presenting the forty-seventh Annual Report of the Sydney University Veterinary Society.

With 238 students enrolled this year, the Society has 99% membership. The Society's functions this year have been well attended, and enjoyable.

Social Functions.

The Informal Dance. Held in The Union with 245 attending. A most enjoyable evening, with many memorable events.

The Annual Ball. This year's venue was The State Ballroom. Official guests, members and their friends appreciated the change, but realise that we have yet to find the most suitable place. 266 attended.

The Executive recorded a motion, extending congratulations to the Dance Committee for its successful endeavours, and our sincere thanks.

The Dinner. The best yet, held at Cahill's Restaurant, and attended by 160 (record). If noise was a measure of success, it certainly was. Many retired to the Round House, for the traditional midnight revelry.

The Barbagrog. Held for the first time at Camden University Farm, where facilities could not be better. 126 were able to attend. Our thanks to the final year boys and Mr. Geddes for making it possible.

The Junior Common Room.

This is being used by an increasing number of our members. Visitors from other faculties of S.U. and other Universities have expressed their envy. We are lucky to have it, and our thanks go to Prof. Carne and the Management Committee, and Miss Dykes for their capable management.

Wednesday Afternoon Activities.

These have been few, and with one exception, poorly attended, but this does not reflect on the standard or scope of the talks given. The Wednesday Afternoon Committee is to be thanked for its efforts. Besides the cultural pursuits, some sporting activities were effectively organised.

The Instrument Scheme.

This organisation has begun operations under a new system. Showcases have been established for the instruments required, catalogues and order sheets are available from the Instrument Scheme Officer, Mr. Ian Anderson, who is to be thanked for these improvements.

The Film Committee.

Showed fewer films this year, but programmes were of a high standard.

Sport, Commem. Day, Debating.

Details of these activities are to be found elsewhere, but committees concerned deserve praise for their work, which added to the success of 1959 activities.

National Vet. Faculty Association.

To all the delegates and others who assisted in putting this organisation on the right footing, I give my sincere thanks. A report appears elsewhere.

Centaur.

Mr. Garry Stratford, as Editor of this, YOUR Magazine, is to be thanked on the high standard achieved from such poor literary sources. Also, our thanks to the publishers.

Camden University Farm.

The first groups of students have spent time at Camden and comment favourably on the facilities. The Union grant enables us to improve the Common Room each year. Six new chairs, a cabinet, coffee table, records, magazines, billiards table, and a re-conditioned piano have been added.

Many members, especially publicity boys, Common Room reps., Union House Comm. rep., S.R.C. reps., and many others are to be thanked for their contribution to Society activities for 1959. Finally, on behalf of the Society, our sincere thanks to Prof. Carne and all the Staff for their interest, assistance, and participation in so many Society functions.

KEN. KISSLING,
Hon. Sec., S.U.V.S.

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INFORMAL

The Informal was held on Friday, 24th April, at the Union Refectory. The attendance of 236 warranted the use of both the bevery and withdrawing room. A much improved roll-up from first year and almost 100 per cent. attendance from final year contributed to making this year's informal voted one of the best ever. The lack of an official party, due to an almost entire absence of staff members, was disappointing.

The supper was along the usual "lavish" Union lines, the meat and fish balls again providing a ready supply of ammunition for the more high-spirited guests. The coffee was hot this year. The highlight of the evening was the inter-year and champion individual boatraces. The final year New Zealand team, Graham Cole, Mike Jones, Graham Joyce, Warren Jonas, "Spore" Shaw and Glenn Murray, won the teams event, and members each received an appropriately engraved drinking bib. Mr. Landon-Lane (N.Z. Trade Commissioner's office) presented the individual boatrace champion, "Spore" Shaw, with a University tankard.

The balance sheet of the informal showed a loss of 13/4.

FORMAL

This year the Executive and the Dance Committee decided to hold the formal down town at the State Ballroom. The increased attendance and the ever-increasing host of Union rules and regulations motivated this action. Approximately 260 guests attended.

Flowers, greenery and "white horses" kindly donated by Dalgety and Co., decorated the official table. The major decorations were along an international line. The flags of Australia, New Zealand, America and Malaya were provided by the various countries' Veterinary students, together with posters and paintings depicting their national scenes and pastimes. Maori tikis (legendary fertility boosters) were provided for the ladies.

The State supper was enjoyed by all, but the ballroom's orchestra was very disappointing.
After supper the Society Secretary, Mr. Ken Kissling, asked Mrs. H. McL. Gordon to present trophies to the members of the victorious 1959 inter-faculty golf team. Tie-pins were received amid much acclamation by Ian Anderson, Dave Chettle and Ray Gordon.

The belle of the ball was judged by Prof. Gunn and two associates. Mrs. H. McL. Gordon presented a bottle of perfume and a sash to the winners—there appeared to be two.

The staff attendance, while pleasing, we feel could have been a fuller one. Perhaps limitations were imposed, due to a prior function—Prof. Gunn's farewell dinner from the A.V.A.—although this resulted in a number of graduates attending the formal.

The formal balance sheet showed a loss of £4/6/2. The "pros and cons" of having the Formal downtown are discussed more fully in the Secretarial Report.


THE UNION - HOUSE COMMITTEE

Since we now have our own Common Room at the Vet. School, you may think that the Union is of little importance to Vet. students. Far from it!

The Union provides a common meeting ground and social centre for men of the University, and endeavours to secure the cooperation of its members in furthering the interests of the University.

The facilities of the Union (and there are many) are available to us as students, and also after graduation if we so desire. If five annual subscriptions to the Union be paid, then on application to the Secretary, life membership may be obtained. The Union's most recent venture is an up-to-date theatre in place of the existing Union Hall. A model of this modern structure can be examined in the Secretary's office, on the first floor of the Union.

The Union House Committee is one of the committees of the Board of Directors, and is responsible for internal administration of the Union premises. The Common Room at Camden is one of the Union's responsibilities, and we were given a grant of £150 per annum for four years to furnish it.

At present, tables, chairs, radiogram, records and sideboard have been purchased.

Magazines will eventually be provided for our convenience at the Farm.

The next time you are at the Farm at Camden, have a good look at these furnishings, reflect for a moment that they were provided by the Union, then try and think up some new ideas for improving your Common Room. Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

A final word—if any student has any suggestions for improving the facilities at the Union, I would be glad if he would bring them to my notice. Remember, the Union is for your use—so use it!

ROBERT KIBBLE.

BARBAGROG

This year's barbagrog was a damned good show—as it always is—but one might be so bold as to say that it was the best in recent years. Certainly, those who attended were unanimous in their praise.

Of course, there were a lot of reasons for this success; one of the main ones being the good crowd that attended. There is no doubt that a Vet. School get-together at a function will go like a house on fire, regardless of whether it is at Chinaman's Beach, a student's flat or at Cahill's Restaurant.

Some of the credit must go to the supporting cast; once again Mrs. Richards did a tremendous amount of work for the show—advised on what to buy, who to buy it from, etc., and prepared a magnificent supper—all as a matter of course, and we wish to thank her for it. Mr. Geddes, also, rose to the occasion by providing his truck for the day, and also lending his radiogram and amplifier—quite a risk, I think. There were others who got stuck in, and did a lot of work—mainly the final year chaps, who were at the farm.

As for the evening itself, it would be repetition to recall the highlights; most of us went, and remember it well—those who didn't go will have heard about it, and will make sure of going to the next one.

The one thing that needs improving is the number of staff who turn up. In future, greater efforts should be made to get them along; it is on such occasions that staff-student relations become more firmly established.

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ANNUAL DINNER

The 1959 S.U.V.S. Annual Dinner was held at Cahill's Restaurant (I won't say, "once again," as this has been written in the Dinner Notes for the last five years at least), on the 12th of May.—Bring me another drink!

It was a roaring success, or to put it in the words of Sir Charles Bickerton-Blackburn, "It was a non-stop musicale."

A contributing factor to this pleasing state of affairs was undoubtedly the large number present, 158 to be exact, including 12 official guests. The meal itself was good, fortified as it was with sherry, moselle, burgundy and beer. Anyway, both combined to give the many Henriettas (tapeworms) and their owners a more contented attitude to life.

In spite of this, there were the usual few moans; but may I suggest to those belly-achers that next year they have a few injections prior to the dinner, and not expect to go around the world on 27/6.

The after-dinner speeches were cheered, applauded, tolerated or boo-ed fittingly and typically.

From Cahill's, 72 or so hardy types rode zig-zag fashion west into the setting moon to the Roundhouse, where much serious guzzling and bull-dusting was indulged in.

It was pleasing to see the staff-student relationship go ahead in leaps and bounds with further bull-dusting and back-slapping.

There was the usual series of hilarious impromptu floor show acts, male choruses abounding. One reveller showed so much raucous response to the festivities that he was forcibly bundled into a cupboard to cool off.

After demolishing fifteen dozen "tubes" in approximately two hours, the Knights of the Roundhouse staggered off in many directions to the sound of cocks crowing, and to strains of "Maori Battalion."

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. R. V. S. Bain for purchasing the wines, and a certain hotel in Missenden Road which supplied me with extra beer after hours to reinforce supplies at the Roundhouse.

Thanks, also, to Jack for cleaning up the mess the morning after.

MUNCH,
For the Dinner Committee.

WOMEN'S NOTES

With our number standing at twenty-two this year we have found our little room crowded, but, despite this, we have successfully celebrated our successes and failures on the sporting field as well as several birthdays.

Mary-Rose, Donna, Robin and Diana have had a few thrills and spills since the formation of the Riding Club, and Mary-Rose in particular has carried off quite a few ribbons at Centennial Park Gymkhanas and the Camden Show.

Marjery successfully "captained" the Inter-Varsity Athletics team, which went to Perth in May—brought back several awards.

Donna and Margot starred on the Commem. Day float, and successfully eluded the censors at the gates—which was some feat!

Diana and Robin are heading for the wide, open spaces of the Northern Territory in August, and will come back if and when finances permit.

Last summer vacation, six of our number went to Roseworthy Agricultural College and made such an impression that the following appeared in an article on the College, printed in an Adelaide newspaper: "We were visited recently by six women undergraduates in Veterinary Science of the University of Sydney. They were concerned with getting done some of the six months' practical farm work with animals which they have to have before the fourth year of the degree course. They quickly came to be recognised as very keen and also able. We were more than pleased with their efforts, and they said they were delighted with their Roseworthy experiences."

When Jane scootered up from Melbourne, and we were joined by eight new freshers, something had to be done to our cubby-hole. As yet no new lockers have been installed, but we hope to have them by next year.

On the sporting field we have had more than our share of success. Admittedly, we lost basketball to Physiotherapy, and were only beaten by corners in hockey, but we have actually reached the finals in softball, defeating Architecture and Science. Our success is mainly due to Donna's enthusiasm, Marjery's energy, and the fact that boiler suits were banned as being "unsporting!"

Judy and Helen have been spotted at odd moments since first term, but as we are unlikely to see much of them in the next few weeks, we wish them the very best for their finals and for their practices next year.

P.R.H.

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Who'd be a film star? Especially a busty blonde one? Well, Sabrina is, and Boy! did she get it. We had to pick on someone, and as Sabrina seemed to be fronting up well, we thought she'd make an ideal subject.

And so it came to pass that a prize dairy cow that would have sent Dr. Belschner into raptures, found her way on to the back of a Sugar Cartage truck early on the morning of Tuesday, 5th May. The dairy hands of the day (mostly second and third years) set to work to make her feel at home, and at nine o'clock there she stood, all set about with milk cans, proclaimed to the world as “Sabrina—the World Champion Milking Cow,” her bony visage and chewed-rope tail resplendent in the morning sunlight.

Her owners, us, were very proud of her:

“Sabrina; beats any NORMAL cow!”

“10,000 gallons or BUST!”

and so on. Red Cross, the target of the day's fun, were not forgotten, either:

“Let RED CROSS fix your bust up,”

and

“Give your support to Red Cross—you don't need it!”

and

“Are you a Milk Donor?”

Somehow, we got past the censors and proceeded to disrupt the commerce of the metropolis during the procession. Bods flying on and off the truck, running repairs to the signery, much clicking of cameras, and we were back through those hallowed gates once more.

By strange coincidence, all those milk cans happened to be half-filled with water, with which we liberally baptised the other floats, and there was also the traditional “post-humus,” which was likewise scattered thither and yon. The driver did NOT have a stroke, but the garbage man must have the next day, when he came to visit the dust-bins of the Vet. School.

The Committee's thanks must go to Sugar Cartage Ltd, for the loan of truck and old-buddy-driver once again, to Dairy Farmers for fifty milk-cans and sundry other muck, and also to Miss Osborne, who gave us much-needed last-minute moral support.

P.W.

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An inaugural meeting of the above body was held during the third week of the August holidays at the Sydney University Veterinary School. Included in the Brisbane delegation were Stirling Hogarth-Scott (IV Year), Alan Lawther (V Year), and Dick Martinovitch (IV Year). Representing the Sydney School were Ken Kissling, Graham Leeming, Jerry Cruickshank, George Mayne, Graham Lester, and “Blue” Wright.

One of the first items of business was to draw up a constitution and be recognised by the N.U.A.U.S. This was duly completed on the first day, and a statement of current policy was made:

1. That the N.V.F.A. seek recognition by the A.V.A.

2. That delegates should at least once a year discuss and compare curricula with a view to making recommendations to their respective faculties on possible improvements to the courses.

3. That attempts be made to hold a seminar in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting.

During the next two days, the respective courses at Sydney and Brisbane were discussed in some detail on a year by year basis, and much useful information was forthcoming to both sets of delegates.

In their three-day stay at Sydney University the Brisbane delegates were shown round all departments of the Vet. School and also did a car trip out to Camden, where they saw the new university farm and clinics. They also paid a short visit to the rotolacter at Camden.

On the afternoon of the last day they paid a visit to the Taronga Park Zoo. Socially, two visits were made to Kings Cross by special request. Sydney delegates readily obliged by showing the party some of the “spots.”

Stirling Hogarth-Scott (Brisbane) was elected Director for the coming year, and Sydney will be sending a delegation to Brisbane in 1960 for a further exchange of ideas in conjunction with a seminar.

J.L.C.

Blizzard—the inside of a fowl.

Sugar-daddy—a form of crystallised sap.

Regular drinking is harmless . . . the danger lies in all that drinking between drinks.
New Zealand Veterinary Students

A REVIEW OF OUR CURRENT POSITION

In April of this year University Authorities and New Zealand Veterinary Students in Sydney and Brisbane were visited by the Chairman of the Vet. Services Council, Mr. L. A. P. Sherriff, and his deputy chairman, Mr. R. T. Scott. Their purposes were two-fold.

1. To discuss with the Vice-Chancellors of each University the question of subsidy payments, over and above fees payable to students.

2. To enquire into bursars' representations to the Council on the inadequacy of New Zealand bursary.

The latter point, a result of prolonged debate by students with Council, ending in N.Z.-wide newspaper and parliamentary support for students, has since had a favourable outcome. On the recommendation of Messrs. Sherriff and Scott, N.Z. students now have an increase of £N.Z.50, from which a cover of medical, hospital and pharmaceutical benefits are also made.

The final outcomes of Messrs. Sherriff and Scott's submissions and discussions with the Vice-Chancellors are not yet available, but it would appear that existing agreements for the training of N.Z. students in Australia are in a precarious position.

In 1955, the then Chairman of the Veterinary Services Council, Mr. Linton, had discussions with the Vice-Chancellors, from which an arrangement that an annual grant of £A.3,000 was made by the V.S.C to Australian Universities, with a review to be made of the position at the end of 1957.

Unbeknown to the V.S.C., the N.Z. Government, in 1957, initiated negotiations with the University Senate, proposing a grant of £N.Z.200,000 over the following 10 years, allowing for 25 N.Z. Vet. students to enter Australian veterinary faculties per annum (16 in Sydney and 9 in Brisbane). These proposals, when notified to the Veterinary Services Council in November, 1958, were quite unacceptable to it, primarily on account of cost. Since then (1957), a change of Government has occurred in N.Z., and at the request of the Minister of Agriculture, Messrs. Sherriff and Scott were entrusted with the task of reopening negotiations in Australia this year.

Messrs. Sherriff and Scott submitted to the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Sydney and Brisbane, “That University education is on a reciprocal basis throughout the Commonwealth, and no valid reason exists to make any exception with regard to the N.Z. students attending the Veterinary School at your University, and understand no contribution other than fees is received in respect of any other students.

“In N.Z. this year, excluding Colombo Plan students, there are 146 students from Commonwealth countries, and at Lincoln and Massey Colleges (Agricultural) and Otago University, 62 Australian students.

No payment other than fees is asked or expected from any source for these students.”

Mr. Sherriff went on to say that the V.S.C. is very appreciative of the training received, but as it is the statutory body in N.Z. responsible for all payments, he must point out that its funds are not only limited, but fully committed.

The submission concluded: “That the University continue to accept N.Z. students until the end of 1962, but without benefit of grant, the position to be reviewed at that time.”

The logical fact arising from these points is that N.Z. must in the near future establish its own Veterinary School.

It is obvious at Sydney, disregarding the unstable post-war years, that veterinary school enrolments are increasing rapidly towards a number that is not desirable in the interests of all concerned with the faculty. Limitations to curb this trend must surely consider New South Wales first, other States next, and lastly other countries.

In N.Z., Veterinary Science is the only degree which cannot be taken. There have been years of argument back and forth, and procrastination over the establishment of a N.Z. Veterinary School. It is staggering to think where we are today, when in 1908, over half a century ago, the Chief Government Veterinarian in N.Z., in his annual report, referred...
to the then Government's expressed intention of establishing a Veterinary Faculty. To-day, national interest demands a decision be made without further delay. Some may feel a Veterinary School is for the benefit of the farming community only. This is an entirely erroneous view. N.Z., much more so than Australia, is dependent for its overseas income on its primary production, a factor forcibly brought home with the recent economic crisis.

If N.Z. does not train her own veterinarians in N.Z., to handle her own problems—peculiar to the country—then present national problems in stock health are going to be multiplied. With improved pastures and heavier rates of stocking, animal health becomes a greater problem.

Specialised research and post-graduate training, essential parts of a veterinary school, are not available directly in New Zealand. To talk about non-availability of finance and costs is certainly indicative of infantile reasoning.

With the beginning of a Veterinary School, I feel N.Z. would be entering a new era in regard to practitioners' outlook. The Council, controlling body of the Club System, over the 11 years of existence has achieved in providing service to those areas not able to support a private practitioner, a meritorious feat. Employing approximately 170 Vets., the clubs have more than trebled their numbers over the last decade. That such a large number of professional men should be ruled by bodies of farmers, dairy companies, etc., is not the most advantageous situation. Today, with their 5 year bondage on graduates, the Clubs have a stranglehold on the incoming Vets. to N.Z. With the necessity to study overseas removed, the essentiality for students to take financial assistance with the resultant bondment, will be overcome. Thus the formative, germinative, years of a graduate's career will not be rigorously controlled, and in some cases irretrievably lost, as is happening to N.Z. veterinary students today. I would foresee in this new era, N.Z. graduates going into research, and joining forces as partners and assistants with today's smaller percentage of rural private practitioners, which must be towards the country's betterment.

The termination of N.Z. students in Australia will be a mutual loss to Student Societies here and to the New Zealanders themselves, certainly a regrettable one. But the personal benefits, and they are many, a student gains through living, studying and adapting one's life in a different country, must be secondary to those of national importance.

R. M. GORDON, Hon. Sec.,
N.Z. Veterinary Students' Association.

I drink no more than a sponge.—Rabelais.

A SHAGGY HORSE STORY

Scene: Main Street of a country town.
Time: Friday afternoon.
1st Cocky: "What did you give your horse when he had colic?"
2nd Cocky: "Kerosene."

Scene: Same street. Same two cockies.
Time: A subsequent Friday afternoon.
1st Cocky: "Hey, I gave my horse kerosene and he died."
2nd Cocky: "So did mine!"
Tale of Rape and Bestiality

In previous editions two articles have appeared, outlining the origins of “Centaur,” crest of the Society and name of this journal. This seems a fitting time to include another. The Truth—type heading is hardly misleading, and actually comes from the opening sentence of an interesting talk given by Professor Dunstan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, one Wednesday afternoon.

The earliest connections discernible were with the Lapithae, a savage mountain-dwelling tribe of shaggy creatures from Thessaly, in the north of Greece. Of these, Ixion, the Greek version of Cain, as he murdered his father-in-law because he could not afford the price asked for his bride, was the grand-sire of the Centaurs.

Zeus cleansed Ixion of his foul deed, and in return Ixion fell in love with Zeus’ wife. A cloud was made in likeness of her, and Ixion continued the affair until eventually a son was born, Centaurus. Centaurus kept company with the Magnesian mares and brought forth the race of Centaurs, half man, half horse.

Peirithous, a Lapith, was betrothed to a horse-trainer’s daughter, and unwittingly the Centaurs were invited to the wedding feast.

Whereupon they proceeded to cast formalities aside as they drank heavily, and ultimately abducted the women present, including the bride.

The fray that followed was tremendous, and gave those involved, and a number who were not, a topic of conversation and an opportunity to write memoirs for years afterwards. Scenes of the battle are often depicted in sculptures and other art forms, and it is interesting to note that the Centaurs of the earlier works have a full human body in front.

Of the individual Centaurs, one of the first that comes to mind is Nessus, who had set up business carrying travellers across the river Evenus. Hercules, after dispersing a band of Centaurs in southern Greece, availed himself of the service, and not wishing to pay for himself, entrusted his bride, Deianira, to the mighty myth. Nessus took advantage of the situation—and the lady. So Hercules, in anger, fired an arrow which mortally wounded Nessus; but the spilt blood formed part of a curse which eventually killed Hercules.

Silenus is an important and confusing link in many pedigrees, and is usually depicted as being drunk.

The Centaur, thought to be the one shown rampant on the cover of the journal, is Chiron. He was famed for his knowledge of shooting, medicine and music, and as tutor of Achilles and other great men of his age, taught these and the other polite arts.

A traditional Centaur carries the Wand of Aesculapius, the god and inventor of medicine.

His wand has a twined serpent which is the symbol of prudence and wisdom.

EPITAPH FOR JOE

A fly crawls up a window-pane one hundred times. A radio blares in the corner one hundred times of love, of hating, of having, of getting, of losing. These are not for you, Joe, nor for the fly. It seems a friendly fly—at least it hasn’t moved to the other end of the room with the barmaid.

Perhaps she’s heard the story of your try too often. They all have—but it’s their own fault for putting photos of football teams on the wall. You don’t want to remember, do you? (Coming in left, forwards—break!—run, run, run—a white line—the 25—yes there’s the fullback, beaming with pretended confidence—away from the line or be forced out—fend him off—side-step—run, run, run—dive!). And the applause rises again after all these years. Fills your head so that you look around to see whether anyone else can hear. No—it is only a record on the radio, and the sun streaming in the door, and the rush of water from the barmaid’s tap. Once
it was worth a beer that story—The Day I Scored for the State.

But then you had pride. Then you bought your share of the rounds though it left little to take home to Margie. Good old Margie. At first there was food in the oven and a kind though scolding word. But then the day you won the shop sweep and the rounds of drinks afterwards until all the money was gone. Long after closing time and the house was dark and empty. After that you couldn’t be sure that she’d be there until the day came when the first rat left your ship. Over the years your mates followed her example in a sort of logarithmic progression as you became more maudlin, less fun and poorer. Life seemed so empty then, worth throwing away for a drink.

Now, when you are old and lonely, drunkard to all who know you, now life in retrospect has become beautiful and forwards has lost its terrors. Death so much nearer now has grown terrible if only by contrast. It is much easier for the young, with their poor imagination, to kill themselves.

In an empty, automatic gesture you push your glass away, leaving wet circles and a streak with nothing to reflect in the gloom of a mid-morning bar. Slipping from your stool, you push through the door in a movement not definite enough for a walk, but not as dissolute as a stumble. To the casual glance it is almost levitation.

Outside, the spring sun is neither hot nor glaring—but it is too bright for those pensioned, over-rubbed eyes. Or perhaps you are thinking of some other pub long ago as you walk straight into the street—to become a truck-driver’s nightmare and to have your death trumpeted by brakes.

On the yellow form with black printing and squares and numbers there’s no room for all this. The three words seem lonely, though, and meaningless:

“DEAD ON ARRIVAL.”

H. W. SHAW.
SPORTS CLUB REPORT

This year has seen sporting activities expanding into all which count for the Penfold Shield and some besides.

They include athletics, boxing, cricket, basketball, football, hockey, rowing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, water polo, squash and golf—each of which featured to a greater or lesser degree.

Our 37 points in the Penfold Shield is commendable, although we have not been as fortunate as in past years, as throughout the University there seems to be an increase of sporting interest.

Vet. has always been keen in relation to its size, while others have not been so.

However, we notched a splendid win in golf, second in football, third in hockey, equal third in water polo, and fourth in athletics and swimming, and registered entries in all others.

It is good to see this, for the important thing about sport is not winning, but benefiting from participation in a team sport. It certainly creates a good Faculty spirit.

Thanks to all those who did make the time and effort to compete for the Faculty. From those not competing, the more encouragement from the sideline a team got, the better their efforts, so keep up the good work when Vet. plays again.

KEN KISSLING,

HOCKEY

We have been very fortunate this year to have with us some very good hockey players from New Zealand and South Australia.

Most of the players of last year’s team came from 4th Year, and consequently were no longer available. To begin with, we thought this loss would be a handicap, as we had only three “veterans” left—Arthur Hardcastle, Ian Amoore and Kassim Ismail; Arthur has always been a formidable left back, and played good hockey; Ian Amoore was likewise fast on the wing.

After the matches we played in the Inter-Faculty competition, we found that we had a good potential in our new players. At our first match of the season, the “Medicos,” who had been champions for the last three years, beat us by 3-2, after a hard fight. This did not deter us from winning the rest of the matches.

We had an easy win over Economics, the result being 3-1, and we again defeated Architecture by 2-1.

Our forwards and halves, mostly new players, deserve special congratulations, and this keenness and enthusiasm in the competition should be kept up. Good and fast play were shown by Gus Cunningham, Bob Van Meeuwen and John Noble in the forward line, and our halves, Selwyn Dobbinson, Ted and Alan Taylor, played magnificently.

Last of all, the goal-keeper, John Plant, deserves a pat on the back for his calmness in keeping to goal throughout all the matches.

I would like to thank all our players for a good hockey year, and hope that they will win the Inter-Faculty Competition next year.

The team would like to thank the supporters who made “long treks” to Paul’s Oval on match days.

We came third in the competition, although we had hoped that second place would be ours if a game had not been postponed.

We regret that we were unable to give our lady students a social match, but I still doubt whether they really missed it.

KEN KISSLING,

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The crew that should’ve and could’ve, but didn’t—the eight of 1959. Cox “Stew” Barker did a magnificent job of pounding eight greenhorns into a semblance of a crew. At times he nearly lost his voice, and at other times we wished to hell he had. When “Stew” wasn’t available we had the able services of Helge Grant-Frost, who, with his cries of, “I want everything you’ve got . . . give it to me!” sent many a nasty minded crew member to the floorboards doubled up with laughter. Pete Taylor, in the bow, thought he was far enough away from the business end of the boat to loaf, but got caught out when the cox looked at the “puddles” instead of the oars.

No. 2, Peter McGormick, earned the nickname, “Crab,” and towards the race confided he was even having nightmares about it.

From No. 3 seat, which contained Ron Wells, could be heard a continuous stream of language, much of it in the vernacular. (The Vulgar Boatman), Pete Luders, in No. 4, rowed steadily and inconspicuously except for the odd crab, breaking his seat a couple of times, and trying to row with the seat in back to front.

Brian Moore in No. 5 looked like a Viking with his bushy beard and, along with Bill Geering in No. 6, commanded quite a bit of the cox’s attention for various misdemeanours.

Graeme (Rigger) Cole in No. 7 was the crew Jonah for the last few days, managing to break his rigger three times.

Stroke Phil Ahrens rowed solidly and evenly all the time (except for the odd bit of fishing) right up till the big day.

The race day dawned grey and windy, but the crew rowed from Haberfield to Abbotsford without a fault all the way. The waves were about 3 feet high on the course, but we managed to arrive at the start without sinking.

Considering the inclement (French for bloody awful) weather, the number of faculty supporters was good. The more prudent spectators took shelter in the clubhouse to avoid becoming chilled, and staved off the wogs with adequate vitamin supplements (Tooths). The view from either inside or outside the clubhouse was obscured by haze. However, we could all see the first start, which was like an S.U.R. parade, a real b— up with boats in all directions. All crews were away at the second start, and as they came towards us out of the mist we all began cheering. Our boys appeared to be rowing well, and after three-quarters of the course had been covered, excitement was intense as we waited for the boys in blue to bolt home. Suddenly the boat slowed down, and an instant later all of us were silent, our eyes glued to our boat, the rest of the race forgotten.

Phil apparently had caught a crab, but after getting out of it, had strained his rigger. He shipped his oar, said one rude four lettered word, and dived overboard. However, it was to no avail, as the boys had lost too much leeway and couldn’t fill a place.

We all felt the boys’ disappointment very keenly, as they had spent so much time and preparation for the big day, and it was hard luck for Phil, who had been rowing so well. It took quite a few beers to wash away the bitterness of defeat, especially as they were “morals.”

A final thanks to the crew and “Stew” Barker for the effort they put into it, and accept our condolences—we all know you deserved better luck.

**CREW:**
Bow, Pete Taylor; 2, Pete McCormick; 3, Ron Wells; 4, Pete Luders; 5, Bryan Moore; 6, Bill Geering; 7, Graeme Cole; Stroke, Phil Ahrens; Coach and Cox, Stewart Barker.

**TENNIS**

After a relatively large number of entries for the singles competition, 32 in all, Malcolm Smeal ran out the winner, defeating Arthur Young, 6-4, 6-3, in a closely-fought final. Congratulations, Malcolm! (George).

This year a team was entered in Inter-Faculty tennis, but the team, Ken Kissling, Arthur Young, Colin Carrig and Clive Jackson, were unlucky in meeting a strong Engineering team first up, and were well beaten.

We trust that sustained enthusiasm will ensure a successful doubles competition early in 3rd team.
GOLF

Of late, this sport has been something of a "Cinderella," but this year it was feted in no uncertain manner when a tournament was organised and a team entered in the Inter-Faculty Championships.

Faculty Golf Day.—Those golfers not in the team attacked and pursued the little white ball around the beautiful Pennant Hills golf course on May 5th. Many were not familiar with its illusive powers, nor well acquainted with anything but the basic principles of the game, but this did not dampen their enthusiasm or enjoyment of the day.

We teed off for the first nine holes at 10 a.m. It was a morning of mixed fortunes, and many related experiences for most of us. How often was it that you couldn't use the wood for the trees? Air shots counted, too, you know. Laughter echoed across the course as Mr. Larsen soared his ball across some tiger country into the bush on the side of the 9th. Then Mr. Galloway rose to the occasion before a gallery, by being on the green with his tee shot.

After thirst quenching, and a very pleasant lunch, we set off on the second leg. Up and down the fairway calls from one four to another echoed, "How is your score? Can you beat 7, 12, 10? or 4, 14?" Norm Teague did, collecting the prize for largest gross for the day, even though he had to borrow a ball for the 18th, and throw it across the gorge rather than hit it. Mr. Dave Galloway won the mystery hole with 11 strokes on a par three. Congratulations to Champion for the day, Ian Wilcockson and Don Turner, runner-up. The Stableford went to Jack Culey, and Ted Ward, runner-up. Consolation prizes were, for the morning Stableford, Mr. L. Larsen; afternoon Stableford, Ken Austen; morning gross, John Hayhoe; and afternoon gross, Ken Kissling.

While playing out the 19th, Mr. R. Webb presented the prizes, and told an encouraging story for the rest. Our sincerest thanks to him for making such an enjoyable day possible.

INTER-FACULTY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The qualifying rounds were played in conjunction with the University Golf Championships, and the Vet. team, Ray Gordon, Dave Chettle and Ian Anderson, perhaps bewildered by the lavish layout of the Australia, after practising on the mountainous terrain of Moore Park, did not play as well as was hoped.

The Organising Committee thoughtfully presented each competitor with a new ball on the 1st tee. These had but a brief acquaintance with members of the Vet. team before being committed ungraciously to the wilderness, or in Ray Gordon's case, someone's backyard over and beyond the Clubhouse. This was probably the best right-angled lofted tee shot ever witnessed by Australia members.

In the afternoon rounds the Vet. boys, past their teething troubles, settled down and played well enough to qualify, fourth.

The play-off was held at the University golf course, inside the Australia, on Saturday, 13th. The top qualifying faculty, Economics, defaulted to Vet. (we presume they thought we were too good for them), so we found ourselves in the final. In the morning semifinal, Medicine defeated Law, 2-1. The perfect morning weather did not hold, and by 1 p.m. a steady wind was blowing, while temperature and rain were falling. At 2 p.m. a reluctant party of golfers, looking more like a colourful ski party and in borrowed clothes, waded their way to the 1st tee. After four holes of Antarctic conditions, even the hardy New Zealanders (bred and reared in a similar environment) were prepared to postpone the final. This being decided, a waterlogged mass of players retired to Dave's golf hearse to hear the running of the Strad-broke.

Sunday, the 21st, proved a finer day, Dave and Andy hitting off with their opponents bright and early; Ray's hopes for a default were dashed when his opposing force from the Medical Profession arrived an hour later. After an interesting "up and down" match,
Dave proved his ability and won his game, 2-1. Andy was not so fortunate, not finding his usual form (perhaps due to his recently acquired marital status), and was defeated, 6-5. In an unusual match, in which no hole was halved, Ray at last exerted himself, to win, 4-2.

Thus for the first time on record Vet. Sc. won the Inter-Faculty Golf Championships, an occasion highlighted by a presentation to team members at the Annual Ball (mentioned elsewhere).

We express our hopes for a similar effort next year, despite the loss of Dave Chettle.

Three Cheshire Toms at the 19th—Anaesthetized!

Consider the cow,
With her poise and urbanity,
Doing her share
In the work of humanity.
Having no duties beyond her ability,
Hers is a life of utmost tranquillity.
Cared for by others—
From youth to maturity—
A perfect example
Of social security.

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BASKETBALL

The semi-finals were again elusive, and after a re-play, we were eliminated. The team: P. Davis, A. Hart, J. Hayhoe, K. Kissling, G. Leeming, R. Ratcliffe, R. Ridgeway, R. Van Meeuwen, A. White, was this year a balanced side and blended well. This was insufficient to withstand the experience of more competent players, however.

Congratulations go to Engineering for their win in the Inter-Faculty Competition, in which Vet.'s results were: v. Agriculture, loss, 9-6; v. Medicine, win, 15-12; v. Economics, loss, 27-19; v. Agriculture, win, 26-16; v. Medicine, loss, 32-22.

G.D.

SWIMMING NOTES

This year a bold attempt at Inter-Faculty water polo was begun. The seals were not to be outdone, so we entered a team. On record, I repeat, on record, we finished third equal, which actually involved two losses, two wins (even if they were by default), and one match settled out of the water on the night of the Swimming Carnival. Almost the story of the water polo team that didn't get wet. (Scream!). Team was: John Lillyman, Ken Kissling, Graham Leeming, Howard Mortimer, Hock Choong, Phil Ahrens, Tony Loquet and Alex. Familton.

Next year, with a little more Tooths in the diet and resulting forward store condition, we should float better and maybe confuse the opposition.

The Inter-Faculty Swimming Carnival was held on April 10th at North Sydney. The cold and ice deterred our Malayan colleague, not that the rest of us were very kindly disposed to the conditions. However, we came fifth in the women's section, and fifth in the men's. John Middlemiss scored a first in the 3M. dive. The team: Gail Morgan, Hock Choong, Ken Kissling, Graham Leeming, Breck Muir, Alex. Familton, and a good effort from freshers, John Lillyman, N. Campbell, G. Hunt, and C. Walker. Next year we shall come better equipped to fight off the Polar Bears.

A.S.F.

This year the Faculty team was again prominent in the competitions and was a credit to the Faculty. The team was always well turned out, and much enthusiasm both on and off the field was shown by players and supporters.

At the beginning of the season the selectors were embarrassed by the large number of players coming forward, and quite a number of players of better than average ability had to be left out. However, as injuries took their toll, the selectors were glad to be able to fall back on these players to fill the depleted ranks.

I feel that inter-faculty sport, and particularly inter-faculty Rugby, besides being an excellent game for keeping students fit, provides a meeting ground for getting to know students of other years, which is always a good thing where years tend to stick together.

A number of trial game were held at the beginning of the year in order to whittle down some considerable waist-lines and develop some form of teamwork. Amongst these trial games were the N.Z. v. Australia game, which allowed spectators to show their partisan feelings, and was won after a vigorous game by Australia. A game of different calibre was the G.O.M. (Grand Old Men)—5th Year v. The Rest game, which started like an international match, and gradually slowed down (one side that is) as the G.O.M. ran out of steam. This was won by The Rest, and the score is better forgotten.

The start of second term saw the commencement of the inter-faculty competition, and we were drawn against Arts in the first game. Arts were better organised and a stronger team than usual. The Vet. team played one of its best games to win, 16-5.

The next game, against Economics, was a hard one, but not of the same standard as against Arts, and we won, 11-0.

The following two games, against Architecture and Dentistry, were very scrappy, the games being made harder for players and referees by the similarity of the jerseys. Vet. Science won these, 14-3 and 14-0 respectively.
The game against Agriculture proved to be a sad day for the faculty. Ag. played like a team inspired (probably because they were playing Vet. Science), and "clicked" from start to finish. They were aided by poor tackling and general lethargy on the part of the Vet. team.

In the semi-final v. Medicine, the tackling and spirit were much improved—the forwards being outstanding in the loose. Vet. won, 6-0.

The final saw Vet. Science represented for the sixth year in succession, but yet again the winners were not wearing blue jerseys. Our opponents this year were Agriculture, and for much of the game there was not much between the two teams. Partisan spirits were much in evidence on the sideline, and the team tackled and played with much more vigour than on the last occasion v. Agriculture. The accurate boot of Jimmy Harris, who put over three penalties, swayed the game in Ag.'s favour, and the boys in green came out worthy winners.

Half-way through the season we were unlucky to lose Peter Claxton, the Vice-Captain, from the back-line. Gerry Stone, the Captain, was also not available in the final.

In retrospect, this year's Vet. team had a strong pack, especially when working together, but the backs lacked co-ordination, although there was some good individual work.

I should here like to thank those players who have stood on the touchlines as emergencies; not a pleasant task, but nevertheless, essential to the success of the team.

Many of this year's players have come from first and second years, which augurs well for the future. Surely, next year will be our year!

J. L. CRUICKSHANK, Coach.

**VETS. AND AUSTRALIAN RULES**

This year, as always, the Vet. Faculty has supplied a large number of Australian Rules players to the University Club. It is a pity that for the last two years the Club has been without a competition to play in, and has been obliged to let loose its accumulated vigour and virility at the Intervarsity Carnivals.

This year the aforesaid carnival was in Perth, and the Sydney team included ten Vets., namely, Bill Riches, "Mort," Jake Malmo, Bob Crawford, John Hamilton, Bruce Christie, John McDonald, Andy Turner, Brian Farrow, and Barry Larkin (V.C.).

Besides the success of the team, in winning two matches out of three (being beaten only by Melbourne), and winning the Second Division trophy, two Vets. especially distinguished themselves: Bruce Christie, by being presented with a beer mug (which can be filled more than once you know Bruce) for the "Best and Fairest" player at Intervarsity; and Barry Larkin (who could really use a good mug) second (aeq.) "Best and Fairest" player.

Apart from football, we got much poultry practical work done, and came back east with a thorough knowledge of the behaviour, management, and slaughter of several varieties of swans and emus—type, alcoholicus.

Besides the ten lucky tourists, Peter Brown, Denis O'Brien and Ern Tonuma played in the various practice matches we could organise in first term, but, unfortunately, were not available for the trip.

R.D.C.

**Kiwis out of Mothballs**

*have urge — will travel*

For a flightless bird like the kiwi, the legs must have length and strength. While 18 younger birds were finding and settling into new nesting grounds after the summer migration, Trans-Tasman, many older ones were pushed out and, finding that the sky had not fallen, went on exploratory expeditions much further afield.

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tralia has a beauty of its own—apart from the eternal gum tree.

Of course, seeing Australia and appreciating its sights, whether busy city or lonely country, would not be sufficient satisfaction alone. The best way is to meet the Australian folk and take to the highways, using time-honoured thumb.

It is significant to state that a Kiwi went to every State in Australia except N.T., which is not a State. Not all hiked; after all, Perth is a long way off, but Stal Barron spent a week there, competing in the Intervarsity Athletics. Gerry Stone went to Melbourne for the intervarsity football (every Kiwi knows that football means Rugby Union), and now knows quite a lot about the night life there.

Brian Mason and Peter Durham bought a motor-bike and went on a tour of S.A. They visited many parts and had to drag themselves away from the Mildura wine cellars to return to Sydney. They actually hitch-hiked most of the way, as the motor-bike did not get very far past the N.S.W. border—but that is rather a sore point with Brian.

Bill Reid and Warren Daniel headed even further south to Tasmania, meeting several interesting people here and there. The found the island not unlike N.Z. in places, and would happily swap N.S.W. for it any day.

Jerry Cruickshank was the only Kiwi frank enough to admit accessory motives for travelling. He mentioned something about a naughty week-end—with his very charming wife.

"Bunter" Leeming and "Shorty" Wilcockson went the rounds; finding Central Australia at Broken Hill rough and thirsty, S.A. cool as the grapevine, Victoria and Melbourne wealthy and conservative, and back in N.S.W. a motorist to land them home in the shortest possible time.

For those who travelled to the "Sunshine State," Queensland, it was always a prayer—"Please, Mr. Sun." Ian Anderson's ray of sunshine came from his lovely bride as they included Brisbane and Surfers' on their travels. Ray Gordon and Garry Stratford also headed north. They stayed around Brisbane for a few days with the boys from Yeerongpilly, then north to Cairns. They never managed to get past Cairns, the pubs were too comfortable and the beer too good; they soon ran out of money, anyway. On the way back, Ray had a rather severe attack of dysentry—he could not make out why, as they had not drunk any water in Cairns.

Yours truly did a similar trip, taking cousin Rose for company. I managed four days on the Atherton Tablelands and one on the Barrier Reef in completing the full picture of North Queensland's tropical splendour.

There are undoubtedly some Kiwi birds I have not mentioned. Never mind, we were all discovering for ourselves a continent filled with gum trees and a very friendly people.

K.J.K.

(It shows that all Kiwis out of mothballs are not necessarily motheaten.—Ed.)

A shoulder-strap is a device for keeping an attraction from being a sensation.

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Springtime: When a young man's fancy turns to what old men have been doing all winter.

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A gentleman is one who never strikes a lady without provocation.

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Little Johnny, with a grin, Drank up all his father's gin; Mother said, when she saw him plastered, Go to bed, you little darling.
Endowed with somewhat more attractions (female) than previous years, First Year this year has created many alliances—fraternal and otherwise.

Although accused of monopolising the Common Room at times, we have, no doubt, aided the economic situation there.

Characters include Ken, the bane of any female in the vicinity. Several wild A 30 drivers, just how many will Blue's ute hold? There are a couple of ardent ski enthusiasts and a lone American who keeps half-a-dozen of whisky lined up. Repeats are numerous, and include the Archangel, who has been unsuccessfully match-making again; Bob Rawlinson, who believes in saving his pipe before his glasses; Jack Hartley—hates double cab shifts and won't fix his Chev. Peter Geddes, we believe, is a dark horse; all we know is that he has some of Camden's main street in his garden. "Lil" has a little horse—has it six legs or are two her?

In the sporting field, footballers Dick Lobban, Chris Walker, Ross Williamson and Ole Fischer did well. Jim Dibben came second in the Freshers' Squash Championships. In swimming we were represented by John "Lil" Lillyman, Grahame Hunt, Chris Walker and Curly Campbell. Bob Ridgway, from America, is our basketball star.

The girls, not to be outdone, have given us softball and hockey players like Kim "Slogger" Putney, who does well at anything she can have a swing at; Gail "Get Your Man" Morgan is also a good swimmer, and plays softball; Toni "Tiny But Terrific" Duesburg would grace any field, not to mention Barb. Goldstein, whom we suspect works better from horseback.

Richard Lim came fifth in the University Chess Championships—if he has less wild parties, he will undoubtedly take the title next year.

Good attendance at all Vet. Society functions has been seen. The informal "christened" many to the bottle, and the ball saw much merriment, not to mention a wild drive through Queens Square to watch the sun come up across the harbour.

Although not over-confident of our own chances in the November exams, we do, however, wish the other years and especially Final Year, good luck.

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SECOND YEAR NOTES

Orbiting into second year with more success than most satellites came a mass of 67 students, possessing brains, beauty and brawn.

In the brain department we have Dr. Fraser who, while not wanting to give mass tutorials, is finding it difficult to give us all individual attention.

We also have a great store of athletes, especially swelled by the ranks of the New Zealanders, who keep up rigorous training with regular boat races. We have our quota of footballers, basketballers, tennis players, softballers, and hockey players. We even possess an ex-intervarsity, punch-drunk boxer in the person of Steve Larkin.

As for beauty, our female population has been raised to three. We will say no more, except that they grow them big down Melbourne way.

We warn all girls to beware of "Masher" Moen, the Tab Hunter—Rudolf Valentino of second year.

To those who were lucky (?) enough to stay behind to join us, we toast their decision and give a hearty welcome. We were most distressed to have lost Tes Wossne in June. We hope some day he will be able to return.

The social functions were well attended and well enjoyed by all of us. The barbargrog at the new farm, and the Formal at the State Ball Room were excellent, and considered by all of us to be great successes.

The academic side is far more interesting this year than last year, but could be summed up in one word—"HORSE"!

Ah, well, "Ours is not to question why, ours is but to cut and pry."
THIRD YEAR

THIRD YEAR NOTES

This year our numbers have dwindled by 10, leaving 44 to brave 3rd year.

The social and sporting standards are well up to last year's efforts. In support of this statement we offer our congratulations to Jerry (Amos) Cruickshank on his marriage at Xmas. He is still not up to the standard of "To Pat a Bouncing 7 lb. Baby Boy" Harvey. Congratulations to you, Pat. As far as information has it, these are the only two to have been into the tenacious web of marital bliss.

Our attendance at the Veterinary social functions has been reasonable, but an improvement is to be desired.

On the sporting side of the picture:—

Gerry Stone, Jim Mortimer, Brian Mason, Col. Carrig, Peter Claxton, Jim Haisman, Kev. Doyle, Dennis O’Brien (an Aussie Rules man come right), and Munch (who was seen training this year—from reliable sources), represented 3rd year in Rugby. The team was very ably coached by Jerry Cruikshank (too old was the cry on his retirement, but retired to stud may be more appropriate).

In the fields of basketball, Graham Leeming, Frank Doughty and John Hayhoe ranked high.

Hockey enthusiasts were Johnny Plant and Selwyn Dobbinson.

In the swimming and water polo, Graham Leeming, Alex. Hamilton, and Howard Mortimer. (For Mort, it took a lot of persuasion—"I'm not used to water"). Even in the athletics, Henry Hirschhorn, Gerry Stone, John Hayhoe and Bob Crawford gave forth of 3rd year's best. (I still think Jake should have tried for the high jump.)

Geoff Ford was down for most sports and functions, but after meditation, his name was crossed out. It's good to see people are interested.

In the tennis, Arthur Young and Col. Carrig provided our representatives.

Our girls, as usual, were into every sport, and behind every social function. Our congratulations and thanks go to you, Judy, Loma, Heather and Mary-Rose.

No organised outings were undertaken this year, such as Badgery's Creek and Hawkesbury, except perhaps the descent of a bus-load of stags to the Barbagrog. Everybody enjoyed themselves, even Jake ("You —") Malmo, who almost lost his head in the closing of a window.

In May only two of our 17 New Zealanders remained in Sydney; the rest were tripping around Australia and New Zealand.

This year "The White Horse" is occupied by Garry Stratford, Ray Gordon, Jim Webster, Bill Reid and Col. Basset. The place is gradually becoming a Vet. Institution and is replacing the "B. and G."

This year has proved to be an entertaining and beneficial one. (It was always interesting to know which experimental rabbit was in jeopardy first).

In conclusion, we would like to wish all those in 5th year the best of luck in the future.
FOURTH YEAR

SECOND ROW: W. McDonald, G. D. Podgewaite, P. Davis, K. Ismail, E. Ward.
THIRD ROW: J. Curnow, G. Lester, C. H. Choong, K. Humphrey, R. Moulton, J. Butterworth,
G. Coleman, R. Everett, R. Dunnett, J. Garland, D. C. Moore, S. Barron.
FRONT ROW: K. Kissling, P. Brown, W. Riches, Miss D. Swan, Miss M. Archer, G. Mayne, Miss
R. Harbutt, Miss M. Carter, H. Veldkamp.

The absentees regret that they were unable to be present in the photo as, at the time, they were eating lunch in the Common Room. As they were with friends, an insert of the lot has been published so that they don't feel "left out of the picture."

CENTAUR, 1959
FOURTH YEAR NOTES

When this year began there was mild excitement to find that four students (Ian Amoore, Ian Anderson, Jack Dufty and Digby Moore) had become engaged over the long vacation, which only goes to show how dangerous the long vacation can be. Ian Anderson has since married (in May), but not before he was given a true Vet, bachelor’s farewell. He has raised the ranks of married students in the year by one hundred per cent.

Graham “Tom, etc.” Lester promised us that he would get engaged this year, but, knowing our Tom, we didn’t believe him until he brought in the ring to show us; now we are convinced.

Socially, the year has shown a big improvement, the dinner being attended by 29 out of 35. However, a persistent refusal of about 50 per cent. of the year to associate with members of the opposite sex has left much to be desired in the dance attendances.

Changes this year include “Bogart” making it to nearly all the 9 o’clock lectures, and a marked reduction in the cliqueness. Bill Riches is very keen on horse work, especially when working on the head in casting teams. Bill McDonald has completed some interesting work in a steel factory, and states that all he wants for Christmas is his one front tooth.

Roy spends most of his time busily looking for ringworm, and Brown is ever searching for cigarettes.

Herman is intensifying his search for hypocalcaemia, while our Yank looks in vain for “screwball” strains of Lepto spi, and Rog. Moulton has taken an uncanny interest in the history of bitches and cats, as to their having been served, or coming from Queensland, as well as playing the organ, piano and musette.

Ted and Ian have acquired both a reputation for their girl friends and their new, independent form of transport; the staying power and ability to hold together of this “thing” causes ever increasing wonder and admiration from the rest of us.

Digby has become rather critical, usually with cause, while Stal has been bouncing between javelins, footballs, wine, women and study, as well as looking after the Vet. Society with great ability and success. Ken has been working his fingers to the bone, keeping everything and everyone, including himself, organised.

John Curnow still insists that he watches TV all night, every night, even after topping the year in the 1st Term Parasites exam. Choong appears to be slowly slipping into bad ways, probably due to the proximity of P.A. and other sources of supply. Phil Davis has moved his interest from Sydney Silkies to budgies, and Kassim has informed us of the many ways to use horse-hair. Greg Coleman has an ingenious knack of using big words to be insulting in the nicest possible way, and Rog. Dunnett has become S.R.C. Rep., a title which must not be slurred under any circumstances.

Jock Garland was voted best butcher at the S.U.R., and has been playing good football and as yet there is nothing we can hold against him. Jeff Butterworth has spent most of the year balancing the Informal and Formal, and has done a fine job each time.

“Mr.” Rod Chevis, who, in his own words, possesses angelic virtues, has been changing female acquaintances faster than I’ve been changing ties. Ted Kirk and Arthur Hardcastle appear to be the only two students who have remained normal and subdued throughout this whole year. Dick “Shorty” Jane has begun to become rather a lad, while still wearing the mask of a pukkah Wesley man, while Dave Keenan threatens daily to “punch me on the nose,” and most likely will do so by the end of the year.

The girls have been very tolerant, and quite often turn a deaf ear to the unfortunately numerous verbal emotional outbursts during student-animal and student-student encounters.

Well, that is the brief picture of the year that has to put up with me 30 weeks out of 52.

G. MAYNE.
AHRENS, P. — Flip came to us in ’54, placid and unassuming though enveloped in rumours of distinguished sporting ability at North Sydney Technical High. His first year was spent in winning swimming races and attracting women, both performed in the same carefree and disinterested manner. Since then he has consistently scored most of the Vet. swimming points. A riotous two weeks were spent at the farm in second year, during which he thrilled the Luddenham theatre with his piano playing and won a heart with his ad lib. performance of “Carolina in the Morning.” In third year Flip invested in a 1927 Austin for reasons best known to himself, and the large student in the little car could be seen on any morning chugging across the bridge and wobbling through the peak hour traffic. Flip was the unfortunate stroke of this year’s Vet. Eight. His was the rowlock that broke, and his was the body that floated past the winning line after he had gallantly abandoned ship. “Greater love hath no faculty . . .”

Philip’s immediate future rests with the Department.

AUSTEN, K. J. — An old boy of Parramatta High School, Daddy-O, the only proven sire of the year, joined us last year after a prolonged leave of absence. During these “lost years” he occupied himself with wholesale butchery and acquiring a wife and two daughters. A hard working member of the year, Ken has as his main hobby taxi-driving on Friday and Saturday nights. Although reported to have been a wrestling and football enthusiast, he has now restricted his interest to that of a hard-hitting member of the Final Year cricket team. Ken is a very popular student of the year and this popularity will certainly continue throughout his professional career. His immediate future seems to be as an assistant in mixed practice at Parramatta. To him and to his wife, Margaret, we wish every success.

BARKER, J. — Until 1951, Justin was intent on his medicine course in Adelaide, when he suddenly became a vagrant.

For five years he sought his first love — finance — in the fields of second-hand cars, potatoes, Titanium shares, lucerne and “woolly-backs.”

He entered Paul’s College in 1956, where he quickly became recognised for his motheaten, paint-bespattered green jersey, purulent brown tie, technicolour u’pants and battered B.C.s

After multiplying his Commonwealth Scholarship on Malniri many times, he struggled through second year with an H.D. and a D.

Besides formalizing Jervie, Justin provides great entertainment with his cryptic comments. Next year he will settle down at a desk. We wish him the best as a Government man, and hope his venture into Medical Benefits for small animals is more successful than the fabled “Justin’s going to America.”
CALLEY, G. — Graham, long thought to be a quiet, reserved, bachelor type, recently revealed himself as a dark horse — probably from too long association with a member of that species which he is alleged to have ridden over one of Sydney’s busiest traffic bridges.

His natural talents were revealed two years ago when he humped a bluey round Australia. He ended up as cabin boy to a cargo of Northern Territory cattle which he successfully nursed from Darwin to Manila.

He returned with an intimate (?) knowledge of Oriental ports and such unexpected skill as coxing “tubby” pairs and coaxing debaters.

Future — happily married and in country practice, though he was almost ensnared by the Tasmanian Government.

CHAPMAN, HAROLD. — After being deported from South Africa in 1955 for seditious journalism at Capetown University, Harold became the faculty’s contribution to the “outside world,” i.e., the rest of the university.

Student politics have always interested our South African boy and he will always be remembered as one of the ill-fated S.R.C. who were thrown into Victoria Park pool by a gang of “heroes” from one of the colleges.

Long hours spent in “Honi Soit” office, due to an ardent aversion to lectures and a considerable interest in sub-editing and reporting for that publication, were at last justified when Harold made a very commendable effort in editing “Centaur,” 1958.

Harold surprises even people like “Spore” with his rapid turnover of girl friends, who fall for his cultured accent, charming manner — and green Renault.

Despite his minimal attendance at lectures this amazing lad has had little trouble progressing to fifth year — perhaps the trouble will come later.

CHETTLE, D. — A quiet, unobtrusive lad who came to us with a fresh South Australian complexion, underwent a gradual metamorphosis and emerged — Chalk Chucker Chettle. Always full of surprises, Dave has emerged as quite a personality in the year. He spends the term mainly hurling chalk (and, not often, paper aeroplanes) at poor innocents such as Doc. “It was Chettle, sir!” But can always find time for the Union pictures and sheep diseases. Secretly engaged on Wednesday, rumour had it that he was to be married on Saturday, but respectability won the day and the big event was postponed.

A keen golfer, Dave has played for the University and the victorious faculty team.

Future: Temporarily the South Australian Department, where his activities are guaranteed to keep things moving, and then probably private practice. One thing, he will always be around, and none of us will forget the quiet, slow smile and “It was Chettle, sir!”
COLE, G. J. — Renowned ringleader of rebellious N.Z. students, Graeme had trouble talking the Council into giving him a bursary, and has been talking himself into trouble with them ever since. Deported from Auckland in 1956 after doing an encore to First Year, and has not looked back since. Success with Sydney examiners is probably due to his advocation of closer collaboration with females of the Medical profession. Often seen disappearing over the Harbour Bridge in search of medical attention. Has been active in student “politics,” being one time Society Vice-President, S. R. C. rep., N.Z. President, etc.

A trier in almost all sports (including both types of boat racing) and has never been known to miss a Faculty “do.” Prefers his beer cold — hence his strong pressure for a fridge for Cobbity.

Future — Extradition back to N.Z. to face a sentence of five years’ hard labour, then intends to breed the winner of the 1970 A.J.C. Derby.

CULLEN, J. — John (he calls himself a Gentleman and a Scholar) floated into Vet. School from Marist Bros. Eastwood. His pose as one of the quieter members of the year is deceptive, and most of this thoughts are hidden under a studious air. John has fatalistic views on examinations, especially around November time; but his usual tact and diplomacy with examiners always win the day. He believes that good food is necessary for good health, and has been seen constantly between lectures munching his home-made sandwiches and exploring their inner contents. Immediate future appears to be in the “Frozen South” with the Tasmanian Department. Large animal practice is his eventual aim.

CUTHBERTSON, D. J. — David, one of the less boisterous members of the year, stems from Hobart, Tasmania. He was educated at Hobart High School, where he was vice-captain, and spent First Year at the University of Tasmania.

On coming to Sydney, he entered St. Paul’s College, but missing the point completely, embarked upon a study program so strenuous that he ended up at R.P.A.H. during the middle of second year exams. Having stayed at St. Paul’s for three years, he retired to a more secluded life somewhere in Woollahra.

David played basketball for the Faculty in ’56 and ’57, and was a keen follower of Australian Rules Football, playing regularly with the University club.

He has been a regular starter at Faculty dinners, etc., but not so much so at “mixed parties,” claiming always that they were too much trouble for their worth. His nicest piece of work whilst at the Veterinary School has been research into prevention of body odour originating in the axilla of horses — as yet unpublished.

His future — the Tasmanian Department of Agriculture; or original work on the drinking habits of Tasmanian mountain devils?
DOWNING, R. J. — An old boy of St. Patrick's College, Goulburn, Bob forsook the paternal property in favour of the city lights and higher (?) learning. A scarred veteran of December skirmishes, Bob still knocks off a few credits along the way.

He has strong views of women in general, groupers in particular, value of National Service, and an intricate knowledge of party politics (obviously). Has recently acquired a peculiar interest in Parasitology, and especially in Nematodirus ("there's so little reference work to do"), and currently dabbles in cattle buying, racing greyhounds (doped if their performance is any indication), and gallopers — more successfully from all accounts.

After four years vigorously expounding the follies of becoming involved in Cadetships, in January, Bob perfidiously sold his soul to the N.S.W. Department, where, with his quiet good humour, we predict a rosy future — if politics don't claim him in the meantime.

Confucious say, "Still waters run deep."

GRANT-FROST, H. C. — In second year there arrived from the west, via Scotch College and the University of Western Australia, a rather quiet fellow, whose Christian name people have had difficulty in spelling and pronouncing ever since. A person with varied interests, Helge likes Veterinary Science, as well as food, music and good living. Usually a paragon of tact and diplomacy, able to keep harmony in year at times when others have failed, he is also noted for a series of wild parties at Paul's.

Although once an addicted coffee taster at Manning, lately he has dropped a varied social life for mixed luncheon in the Common Room.

Helge's sporting interests have been mainly aquatic, having rowed for Paul's and coached the Vet. crew.

He served the faculty well as Assistant Secretary in 1958.

The future includes a few years in New Guinea, and then possibly domesticity wherever life holds more than ordinary interests.

One thing certain is that all who meet him will find Helge a staunch and sincere friend.

GEERING, W. A. — Tall and apprehensive, Bill entered the faculty in 1954 with deceptive quietness, and has taken the course in his long stride with unruffled humour and delightful vagueness. Despite references to Manning House excursions in his early years and recent Libertarian activities, Bill has always had time for a bit of lunch during lectures — and for reading, lately, of a highly cultural and absorbing nature. In 1958 he became a national hero when, disguised in a curly brown beard, he courageously pursued an elusive and dangerous Bunyip, through the swamps of Gundagai, with his fearless mate, Pete. On the less dangerous side, Bill has been Assistant Secretary and a Vice-President of the Society, shouldered the unenviable task of Book Scheme Officer and has always lent a willing hand to Society work. He has also messed around in Faculty rowing and cricket.

Future — Reading novels in the N.S.W. Department.
HEATH, T. J. — Trevor (ex-King’s, Adelaide) sneaked quietly into Sydney, ’56, and remained almost unseen except at lectures and in the top bracket of the exam. results for the first two years.

This session of celibacy and Sisson culminated in a H.D. in Anatomy and no mark below a credit. In March, ’58, the “Beast” was born. Incompatibility with the landlady at Lewisham led to his eviction and subsequent residence at the “Royal White Horse Hotel, Newtown Heights,” and under the guidance of several indulgent associates, the cloak of celibacy was discarded.

Unanimously elected as President in ’58, he diligently, conscientiously and successfully nursed the Society through a difficult period. Numerous extra-curricular activities followed, i.e., Ferry trips and moonlight Goanna acts, and slumber on the Mayfair steps.

His kinship with the Primate and lower forms of animal life is reflected in orang-outang type mating calls under the shower, elephantine walk and prodigious appetite (forward store condition). A very generous bloke and ideal mate. We wish him all the best.

Future — expect to see name in research world.


Helen has acted as a general faculty chauffeur, and has been active and enthusiastic on Dance committees, Float committees, Executive and all Society and Sporting activities.

Future — Probably private practice — but full of fun — whatever it is. Amen.

JONAS, W. E. — The original Ferdinand from Taranaki, possesses a legacy from his school days at New Plymouth Boys’ High in the form of a fruit salad tiger coat, a jealously guarded proven emetic. After serving a twelve months apprenticeship at Weir House graduated to a Hurstville flat, and thence to the White Horse via “da Gloibe.” Noted at parties for interspersing attempts at sale of Mt. Egmont with unarmed conflict with members of the opposite sex. After an initial refractory period succumbed to Toothitis, and at one stage attempted therapy with flour and water! His consistently good academic record reached a peak in Fourth Year under Chloral anaesthesia. Has capitalised on his animalistic attraction for women, but has proved a slippery customer, and to date has evaded any serious entanglement. A brilliant opportunist on the football field, was a member of the victorious ’56 team, and has since shown similar qualities on Bondi.

Future — Chief Meat Inspector at Bondi.
JONES, M. A. S. — Deported to the Colonies from Cambridge in 1950 for committing the heinous crime of pulling the chain in the local train. Spent two years in the prison farm of Lincoln College — (“When I was at Lincoln” . . .) Sent to Sydney in 1956 with his newly acquired ball and chain. His most notable achievements since include absence of offspring (produced a Volkswagen instead, which suddenly grew into a 3½ litre Jag., which later aborted to an 8/40 Morris tourer). Capable of indulging in rational (?) discussions on any subject from cars to Lincoln to atheism.

Performs well on Teacher's Highland Cream whisky, occasionally going into a four-wheel drift (claims this is due to unadvertised additives). Despite cars, alcohol and wife, has had consistently good academic results each December (this December we hope to see tangible evidence of proficiency in genetics, animal breeding and obstetrics).

Future — “Hungry Mike.”

JOYCE, G. F. — Luigi came from Wellington College and Vic. with an academic record that indicated he had intelligence plus.

While not absolutely fulfilling this promise there is no doubting his ability, for he has packed into four hectic years enough wild escapades to satisfy three Veterinary Students and still get by the jury each year.

He was one of the brightest lights of Andrew's in his first year in Sydney, drinking, carousing with the best of them. College lost him early in Third year, and since then he has been domiciled at Mrs. D's."

Highlights of his career are hard to select for they all make fantastic reading — his riding of a horse, bareback and at midnight, into R.P.A.H., his participation in such college stunts as attacking Women's College and his Indian rope-trick outside Wynyard Station are typical.

Blessed with a very pleasing and amiable personality and also a great capacity for the cup that cheers, he is always great company — at a party, on a boat, in the boozer, or in jail.

A member of this year's victorious boat-racing team, his future is uncertain, but he is certainly destined to make a mark in the profession.

KING, S. J. — The “Little King” is the cynic of the year, and insignificant is the person who has escaped his caustic comment.

Whilst hailing from N.S.W., Steve has a resident address in Victoria and is supported by a Tasmanian Scholarship. His recent application for the Arthur Murray award for ballroom dancing is still to be decided.

His income, however, is graphically supplemented by bi-weekly visits to the “Sport of Kings.” Steve is a phasic worker — fits and starts — one year on and two years off. Not a profuse note-taker, he is renowned for his one word summary at lectures.

As a boy, he was given a blood transfusion from a randy stallion and has been ever grateful since. This may account for his happy knack of stimulating colts and fillies alike with monotone whistle in the swabbing stall.

Future — A Teaser. . . .
KINNAIRD, P. J. — Parasitic Pat — the strongyle silent type arrived from Melbourne in his veteran tank (1914-18 war). Of no fixed abode, his sojourns range from 60 hours at St. John’s College to a record eight months at Tempe. So far Pat has resided in nearly every suburb in the book, but there is, however, one place you are sure to find him — Harold Park Paddock on Trot nights.

The scene changes to the Vet. Common Room the next day, when Pat entertains with graphic, startling and stupendous descriptions of the races, the prices and the money he would’ve if it had’ve.

His drinking habits are austere; however, once or twice, it is rumoured he took R/pi cow aqua in his tea. Indeed he has a taste for licka.

Future — (1) Making Strongylus vulgaris less vulgar; (2) breeding a round trotter (worm-free of course).

LUDERS, P. E. M. — A refugee from the Bunyip-ridden swamps of Gundagai, Pete descended on the Faculty in 1954, meek and innocent. Since then, however, he has graduated with honours through the noble tradition of the B. & G., P.A., Chinaman’s Beach at midnight and the Roundhouse. Always a rebel at heart, he has of late turned his intellectual pursuits towards the Libertarians and is now a practical follower of their teachings. Peter has won the heart of many a damsel fair and young — but he always seems to lose them again or at least mislay them. And there was the Notable Occasion when he incurred Her Majesty’s Displeasure. Always a sport, Pete helped in some small way to propel this year’s Eight and has also managed to chop the odd ball behind the wickets for the Vet. Cricket Team. Just now he is looking a bit squashed. He has always been interested in large animal practice and will no doubt make a success of it in the future.

McCORMICK, P. T. — Paddy hails from Parramatta, and is proud of it. Quiet and unassuming with an unobtrusive sense of humour, he is renowned as a man of several intensive interests.

Ponies, football, and prospective partners for do’s, Vet. and otherwise, must be mentioned. He won the 1956 Farr Prize — the only one to stay on the horse (“with a minimum of restraint”); captained the 1958 Vet. team and a regular member of the Uni. seconds; so far as we know, he has not had to write to the Lonely Hearts Club.

Being a man of many facets, his qualities can only be mentioned briefly in the space available.

Character: A sticker in adversity.
Tact: The word unspoken is very powerful.
Ambition: To win the Derby on a Shetland.
Hobbies: Kicking balls, kicking horses, kissing.
Future: Lying down in the Department.
MAGNUS, JUDITH W. — A local girl who came to us via Ascham in 1954. Despite a slight setback in First Year, probably due to a combination of the fact that she was the solitary female of the Year and that her knowledge of Maths. is absolutely NIL, she has forged ahead since and is one of the harder working members of the year. A tireless worker in all Faculty activities, Judy was Secretary of the Society last year and has been Year Rep. from First to Fourth years. She has also been a keen supporter of all Faculty social and sporting functions and is even reported to “rave strongly.” Although a visit to the R.A.S. Show nearly led to her “downfall” she still remains interested in the Bovine.

This and her engaging personality make her future in mixed practice an almost certain success.

MOORE, B. — (Alias Pierre la Moore, Imp., alias Captain Fortune, champion of the underdog.) Bryan has had a very successful career here since he managed to tear himself away from Auckland. Among the trophies he has collected are a beard, a few credits, a Blue and the door of a women’s hostel. On one Commem. Day he became famous as the only bearded victim of the Kingsgrove Slasher and he has been linked with the “Enjoy yourself, it’s later than you think” sign on a certain church hoarding. His sporting activities have included rowing (’nuff said) and representing Sydney at Intervarsity Hockey. Over the last 18 months his interests have increasingly been taken up by a star that rose in the Eastern Suburbs and, though it may be a bit presumptuous, we think we can see a happy future for him and his in club practice.

MURRAY, G. R. R. — The original Hutt Valley delinquent escaped to Sydney via Victoria College, accompanied by one large photograph (now a negative).

After two terms of diligent study, commenced his extra-curricular activities with a Bang! and hasn’t looked up since. A Grandstand finish in third year resulted in a record number of posts, which he successfully negotiated. Fortunately Vet. students are not swabbed, or he would be rubbed out for life.

Shifted to the top floor of the White Horse but somehow he never managed to get past the bottom floor, but still spends a lot of time in the country residence. Smoothest operator in the surgery, where he is noted for fifteen minute speys, and organising ability.

Surprise packet of the ’58 football team, and proved a stumbling block for many larger opponents — often pounded but never grounded. Future — Professor of Surgery.
O'GRADY, J. M. — Jack was released from his cage at “Joey’s” some time in 1952. The diet of raw meat took a lot of getting over and he found the best place to convalesce in the restful surrounds of the Forestry Dept. However, a deep-seated desire for higher education — and lower desires for the knowledge enabling him to sting horses, cut cats, calve cows, salvage dying dogs, and thereby become rich led him within a year to Uni. and Vet. Sc.

His career there has been marked by the odd disagreement with examiners, Uni. police, and authority in general. His period as Soc. Treasurer coincided with a sudden increase in his wardrobe, etc., and he assured everyone it was a “good racket!” He succumbed to the blandishments of the N.Z. Vet. Council and accepted one of their penurious bursaries in 1958 and his talents will soon be available to N.Z. cockies — as yet they are in blissful ignorance. His immediate future is tied up with Wendy (lucky fellow) and N.Z., but the bright lights of Harold Park will pull him back — perhaps with a trotter or two of his own.

PULLAN, N. — Neil’s origins can be traced to Ashburton, in the South Island of New Zealand, but he has made good progress in overcoming this initial setback. Showing early tendencies to becoming a surgeon, Neil plunged into horse dissection with the zeal and single-mindedness of a hell-fire evangelist. Nothing was sacred to (or safe from) his ever-probing forceps and scalpel, and it was no wonder that Neil became, and has remained, the epitome of the “keen student.”

Photography is one of Neil’s only vices, and his photographic record of “Gunga’s” famous farewell party is something for which all of final year is grateful.

If a high moral code and tenacity of purpose are the trademarks of a good practitioner, the N.Z. Vet. services council will gain a great deal when Neil enters his “time of bondage” with them.

RICHARDS, R. — One of the quieter members of the year, Dave, with his warm and sincere manner has, nevertheless, made his presence felt. He encountered Veterinary Science after schooling at St. Ignatius, and has remained with us regularly, except for one recuperation from a hectic social life in first year, and another after he destroyed his first car. Having the ability to put colour into a good story, Dave is constantly engaged in trying to make sheep disease lectures brighter than they are.

His future — a temporary servitude in the Tasmanian Department and a permanent one under a very attractive blonde; interests lying in the direction of large animals, interspersed with polocrosse. However, wherever he may be, Dave will certainly gain the respect and friendship of all those about him.
SHAW, I. A. — This irresistible character is the essence of all that is good in God's own country (N.Z.) To (our) mind he is the ideal Vet. Student — industrious, charming, modest, generous and reliable, and always sober. Viva!

Thank you, Mr. Shaw, for your modest contribution, and now to the point.

God's gift to women — from the “Mighty Manawatu” — landed in the Cross and a flat donated by a generous aunt and was an immediate success. Since then has graduated to North Shore after a sojourn at the notorious Hurstville flat.

Life here has been exciting and fruitful, and he is now an accomplished judge of wine, women and goats (“bring that ewe — er — doe forward please.”) He recently started an official career as a racecourse vet. at a Northern N.S.W. Jockey Club.

Injuries have curbed his football career but have led to a close investigation of many a P.A. nurse and Physio. Proved at this year's Informal that he was the biggest drunkard in the Faculty — is also 5th year rep.

Future — Blank.

SMITS, A. F. — After a scholastic record distinguished under any circumstances but amazing for a correspondence student, Abe came to us in 1955 to demonstrate Dutch aptitude for work, play and drinking. An Andrew's man since second year, he has made a number of friends in all faculties. Abe was first reserve for "the" Eight and has played for the Seconds. In between times he has managed to be a starter at most of the Faculty's social events and has inspired some worthwhile ones of his own, reaching from a resounding Twenty-first to a couple of Engagement parties. Abe has beyond all doubt proved what some of us were beginning to doubt — that “there's gold in them thar hills” with reference to P.A. — and we wish Kay and him every happiness in the future.

TAYLOR, P. C. — Peter was reared in the snow country near Cooma, schooled at "The Kings" and educated at St. Andrew's College. At the end of First Year, he decided to embark upon a career worthy of his assets, therefore changing from Agriculture to Veterinary Science.

Among his many noteworthy achievements during his University stay are a "Blue" in shooting and the acquisition of a tutor's flat at Andrew's this year. His academic capacity is known to all, but that he also possesses a remarkable business brain (or talkative manner?) is borne out by the fact that despite a half-dozen or so accidents in his Volkswagen he has yet to lose his no-claim bonus.

Peter's skill with rifle has been mentioned; he also rowed for the Faculty this year. But most amazing of all, he has conclusively shown that social habits proceed in a cycle in humans (i.e. maximum activity in first term) as they do in lower animals.

His future — Overseas trip, research in Animal Nutrition, private practice, home to sit in front of the fire on cold winter nights — who knows?
WARD, I. R. — The early history of Ivan is obscured in the mists of his homeland.

He joined us in Fourth year, and has since emerged as notoriously conspicuous for his head — the back of which is a prominent feature for the rest of us at ops. and dems.

His inquiring nature will be remembered by staff and student alike. “What are you going to do with that urine, Mr. Steel?” “We are going to throw it against the wall and see if it bounces, Mr. Ward!” He is also a Constance Spry fan (or is it Aunt Daisy?), and is known to enjoy church organ playing. A surreptitious love affair terminated suddenly and unexpectedly one day when he escorted an entirely different female companion into the Common Room. Such is life.

Future — Life with “Hungry Tom.”

WELLS, R. J. H. — Hell’s Bells Wells in always in a hurry. After a spectacular career at Hawkesbury College, he descended on Wesley College and the Vet. School in 1955 to fly through the course in true Wells fashion. Has developed a fantastic system of shorthand over the years, enabling him to record lecture material and jokes alike in fullest detail; being an extraordinarily keen anatomist, he has become an ardent disciple of Animal Husbandry. A large variety of extra-curricular activities have included a trip to Indonesia with the N.U.A.U.S. delegation, a jaunt to Alice Springs, a night at the Roundhouse, and various engagements to which he races off. He has been heard on the football field, playing for College and Faculty, and thought he could propel this year’s eight by a series of animal-like grunts and loud comments. His Christian acts of kindness included polishing the runners of number seven’s seat. Always a willing helper in Society affairs, Ron has been a member of the executive, Union House Rep., and keen participant in sporting activities.

Future — Furthering his work as slasher of Departmental Red Tape.
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