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year's D.W.E. solicit a cartoon from G. Ritter to add appeal to their publicity. Without adequate publicity for its functions the Association will perish: this is a lesson that the 82nd committee must pass on to the 83rd.

By way of innovation the Association is indebted to Mr. Ian Badman for acting as a driving force behind the Science-Engineering Footy Match at Hahndorf which resulted in the establishment of the pre-eminence of Science at Australian Rules. The experiment of holding an off campus Cabaret was also a success in most respects, but the 83rd committee will need to plan carefully if it attempts to hold a similar function. Hopefully the need to run such an event as an outside cabaret next year will be side-stepped by the reappearance of the Computer Ball. The omission of the Ball this year deprived the Association of what has proved I feel to be one of the most rewarding occasions on the A.U.Sc.A. calendar over the last years.

At the mention of rewarding occasions the Annual Dinner comes to mind as a credit to the convenors this year. The Dinner did however suffer a slight defraction imposed by the need to clean the dining room in the early hours of the morning before the organizers could leave. This resulted from a lack of liaison with the Union Steward. In general the 82nd Committee had little cause for anything but complaint about the performance of the Union Stewards, however the election of a nucleus of informed people to the Union Council this problem may soon be overcome in some respects.

In terms of available expertise in various fields the association is at a low ebb at the moment. Many technical tricks of the A.U.Sc.A. trade are disappearing as old friends retire without leaving apprentices behind. This is most notable in the field of publications. Since Canberra has gained John Reid, A.U.Sc.A. has lost a valuable contact with the printing industry. The technical skills of publication that Mr. Leith Campbell and a group of contemporaries made available to the Association also seem to be effectively lost. The burden of responsibility for publication by A.U.Sc.A. now rests with Peter Matej. Although Peter has performed a commendable job as Bulletin Editor it is unreasonable to expect him to stand alone in the matter of publications. Now is the time to act to produce a Orientation Week Magazine for 1974 worthy of the Association. Peter has already turned his attention to this matter but I earnestly hope that a number of the 83rd committee will also find interest in the organization of well produced publications.

I regret that I cannot claim the successes of the 82nd committee to have been evidence of profound Presidential effect, nevertheless I am satisfied that my handling of office has at least been responsible. I owe particular gratitude to Julie Biddle for her secretarial efforts and to Miss Di Emery for her competent handling of the purse strings.

Thank you.

Extracts from the Treasurers Report to
the 83rd Annual General Meeting.

It is disappointing to see a small turnover in the funds of the association this year, as this is an indication of the lack of enthusiasm and activity of many of the members of the committee. C.S.C. Grants for Bulletin and General Accounts were larger this year and grants were also received for Freshers camp and Discussion weekend, to help cover the losses.

General account appears to have some money due to less expenditure in stewards overtime and stationary, but no doubt the C.S.C. will take this into account in next years grant. Functions Account has made a loss, due to a loss on practically all functions; which has been a big topic of conversation at many committee meetings and one which needs some constructive thought by the committee. There needs to be much more support behind a function before money is outlaid, than there has been in the past. Early this year an Assistant Treasurer was elected; this was a valuable aide and should be continued next year, possibly with the Assistant Treasurer, becoming a member of the Executive.

I would like to thank Nancy Sharrad, Julie Biddle and Monica Adlington and all the convenors of functions for their help during the year. I would also like to thank the C.S.C. for putting up with me and point out to the next Treasurer that harmonious relationships with the C.S.C. Executive are most important for the association.

Secretary's Report to the 83rd A.G.M.

The 82nd committee's term of office has not been in many respects a very happy one. Besides the personal differences, which may arise amongst any group of people what has come very much to the fore is the fact that people do not really have a great deal of time free to devote to societies such as A.U.Sc.A. I feel that it is therefore necessary to try to spread the load from so few people hence my seconding of the motions that the positions of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer be created and that these people be members of the Executive as well.

Another matter, which must be given far greater consideration than it has been to this date is the type of functions that we should be offering to our members. Many of these have not changed greatly over the last few years, but are these still what our members want? The Science-Engineering footy match, which was held for the first time this year was acclaimed to be a great success by those who went and one feels that functions like this, which provide an inexpensive entertainment for a larger cross section of students are ones that we should be holding instead of student sherry parties.

Respectfully submitted.

J.A. Biddle
Hon. Secretary

"VACANCIES"

The following positions in the Association's organization will be filled at the second meeting of the new committee on Tuesday 9th October 6.00 p.m., Meeting room 1.

If you are interested in standing for any of the positions below, come up to the Science Room (S6) and let the committee know. If you are unsure about a position, come and discuss it with a committee member or two.

Publicity Officer, who is responsible for publicising functions held by A.U.-Sc.A. Together with the convenor(s) of the function he decides which forms of publicity should be used, which he then produces. It is the responsibility of the convenors and the rest of the committee to assist with the distribution. This is a rewarding position for someone with a flair for art and/or public relations.

Talks Officer, as the name suggests, organises several talks or debates on topical or otherwise interesting topics throughout the year. It involves contacting the speaker(s) and booking of lecture theatres etc.

Bulletin Editor and standing committee of 3 (Publicity Officer is ex-officio member). People with ideas for making 'Bulletin' of more interest and benefit this year are required. A good opportunity to learn about the production of a magazine.

Records Officer, who is responsible for keeping the files of the Association in order and seeing that accounts of this year's events go into the files, and who will work with the Archive's Officer (a new position for this year) to discover events of our past fra ald members, etc, both for Centenary year (next year) and for its own sake.

Stunts Officer, is a position for someone with a slightly warped mind and a love of hair-brained schemes. It involves the directing of students conceived of by himself or in conjunction with cork-brained others, for the enlivening of university day-.

Films Officer, is responsible for procuring films required by the Convenors of functions. He does not have to be a projectionist, but it presents a good opportunity to learn.

Finance Advisory Standing Committee (4 positions), which involves advising the Treasurer on the handling of the A.U.Sc.A.'s funds.

Bacchus Officer, orders the booze for functions.

Book Exchange Committee (6 positions), most of the work is done in and just before first term. Also handles computer manuals. Especially good for anyone interested in the welfare of students.

Freshers Camp Convenors (3 positions), Cooking, Administration and Program Convenors, who will work together in the running of the camp.

Also the Association may nominate a student member to the Faculty of Science. The person nominated, if approved by University Council, becomes a member of the Faculty with full rights and privileges. There are no obligations to the A.U.Sc.A.

SOME EVENTS ON CAMPUS

You may have noticed (if you read Bread & Circuses and the notice-board) that recently nominations were called for various Faculties and committees, Education Committee and University Council. For the Science Faculty, just sufficient nominations were received and for the Science Curriculum Committee one nomination only was received, this being from one of those who nominated for Faculty. This unfortunate and regrettable situation will entail a by-election early next year.

There have been some interesting developments from the Education Committee and University Council nominations. They centre on the definition of an under-graduate student. Can one be both a 'graduate' and 'undergraduate' at the same time? Students who would appear to come into this category are those graduates taking a second degree, and Hons students who have taken out their Ordinary Degree. (An Hons. is defined as not being a past graduate candidate in the University Act). (This has become more relevant from this year with degrees now being conferred by this University at no cost. Hence there is no financial bar to taking out both the Ordinary and the Hons. Degrees separately.)

The Regulation for the Education Committee elections specifically exclude graduates and so graduate undergraduates are excluded from standing as part of the undergraduate electorate. However, from the last Education Committee minutes, one can infer that this whole question is currently under review by the Standing Sub-Committee of Education Committee (this committee predigests the Education Committee fodder). It will be interesting to see what the Education Committee decides to do at its September meeting in the light of the Standing Sub-committee's deliberations.

The really interesting case is, though, the University Council election. The Council is bound by the University Act (unlike Education Committee, it appears) which states that the returning officer, appointed by the Council "shall determine all questions relating to the qualification of any candidate to stand for election and the qualification of any person to vote at the election". The act appears unclear on the question of undergraduates. In the Section of definitions, both "undergraduate student" and "undergraduate course" are not defined (where as "postgraduate student" and "postgraduate degree or diploma" are defined). Section 12, dealing with the constitution of the Council states that as part of the Council there are to be "12(1)(a) four members elected by undergraduates". This is clarified in 12(4). A person shall not be qualified to be elected as an undergraduate member unless he has been enrolled as an undergraduate for the two academic terms last preceding the date of election, but an undergraduate member who graduates during the term of his

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membership of the Council may continue as a member of the Council until the expiration of his term of office." Does "enrolled as an undergraduate" include graduates doing an undergraduate course? Does the special case mentioned refer to a person graduating only in the course of study in which he was enrolled as an undergraduate? Section 17 (3) adds yet further confusion. "A graduate of the University, notwithstanding that he may be enrolled as a candidate for a baccalaureate of the University, shall not be entitled to vote at an election as an undergrate." It is worth noting that this is to vote and not to stand!

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Anyhow, the returning officer ruled that, for the Council elections, graduate undergraduates were not entitled to stand as an undergraduate member of council, and thus disallowed two nominations. These two people have pursued the matter, and the case is now before the Supreme Court. By the time of printing this article, a decision should be at hand. It will be interesting to see whether the university pays for both sides of the case, in view of the fact that it is University Act which needs clarification. It's good to see that there are still students prepared to challenge beauracratic decisions! I wish to stress that any views expressed in this article are my own, and not necessarily those of the A.U.Sc.A.

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In my previous term as President of A.U.Sc.A. I was largely an unsure caretaker. Now, with more experience I've gained since then (on University & Union Committees), I know what I want to do the sort of things which need to be done, and how to go about doing them. I hope that I can give to A.U.Sc.A. the direction and leadership it needs. The situation in which A.U.Sc.A. finds itself is changing. A.U.Sc.A. must reconsider its position and what it does. Too much of the recent history of A.U.Sc.A. hasn't gone on blindly following the same old formula. Being a faculty organization of several big faculties, gives it certain potential strengths and weaknesses. One of the weaknesses is the difficulty in achieving an identity and unity of purpose compared to the organizations of small, less diffuse faculties. I'm not saying that I have the solutions to this and other problems, but I do wish to try to get them.

Next year is the University's centenary year. I think many others do too, feel that A.U.Sc.A. one of the oldest clubs on campus, must not flounder then. My desire is for A.U.Sc.A. to resume its former vitality, influence and standing in the University.

I shall need a good team. I intend to be a guide, adviser and overseer, not an activist as in my first term, I wish it know that I am always open to suggestions. Working in A.U.Sc.A. especially on committee will be hard work, but certainly fun and personally rewarding (in ways of which one becomes aware only once one takes an active interest).

My main aims are to plan well the year ahead, encourage more academic type functions (e.g. small specialist DWE's), arrange appropriate Centenary functions, and hold serious debate and investigation as to the destiny of A.U.B.E. funds, within the generally flowering of A.U.Sc.A. So lets get down to it.

Martin Andrew

President

FRESHERS' CAMP

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Anyonw eishing to help in anyway at all should leave their name and address, phone number in A.U.Sc.A. pigeon hole in SAUA office or Contact:

Mr. I. Badman

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SURVEY OF STUDENTS

A general survey of the Science student body is being considered for next year. A survey is currently being drawn up.

The purpose of this survey is the gauge student opinion on the system under which they are studying. More specifically the survey is designed to give the Science students a chance to express their opinions as a body. The results of this survey can be used as a tool when important decisions are made relevant to students at the level of faculty or higher. A body of opinion is more effective and more relevant, compared to one representatives opinion. Another feature of the survey is to define any problem within the present system (that is, to define the dissatisfaction the students may feel).

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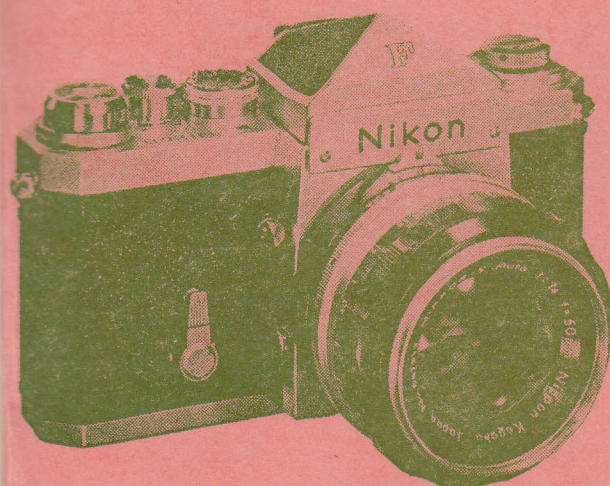
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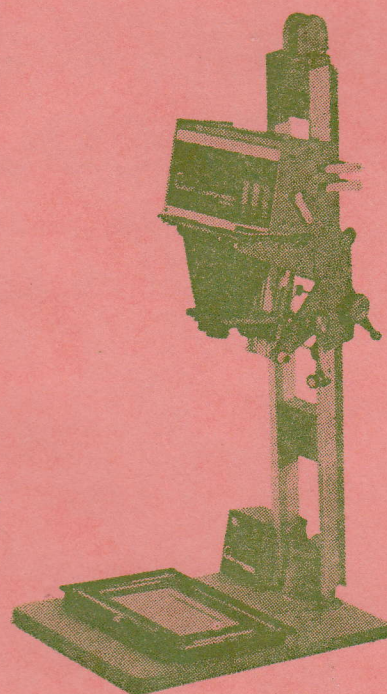
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