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EDITORIAL



Firstly, a big hello to all of you.

Next, well I think I had better explain just what the hell this piece of paper is. As those of you blessed with average sized brains (or larger) may have suspected, it's a bulletin. "Then why haven't I come across one of these pieces of paper during the glorious first two terms of my attendance at this equally glorious learning institution this year??" I imagine you all questioning with quizzical expressions on your faces. Well the answer is straightforward. The editor(s) have been slack. But please, curb your anger at our neglectfulness - at least you're getting a newsletter now. Just think, you could have gone on for the rest of the year in ignorance of the existence of such a newsletter, (somehow, the thought of that doesn't seem so bad.....). However, because of this act of pure devotion to all fellow A.U.Sc.A. members and interested readers alike, you have in front of your eyes the first A.U.Sc.A. newsletter for 1994. Enough crapping on for now.

For uninformed persons, A.U.Sc.A. is mainly a social club. It rarely has anything at all to do with science to be perfectly honest. Each year it runs a bookswap as its main fundraising activity, but also runs many other events (see past and coming events sections) such as an O'camp and a winery tour. If you want to get involved or feel you have some ideas to contribute, then by all means, come along to the next general meeting. Joining A.U.Sc.A. is remarkably easy and cheap (~\$2 per year, or \$5 for 3 years). Don't be shy! New members and fresh ideas are always welcome so get in there and help out!

That seems to sum up all that the editors have to say for this edition of the A.U.Sc.A. bulletin. Hope your exams went well and that your holidays were relaxing, yet rageful, and absent of all aspects of study.

EVENTS SO FAR...

Well, there have been many A.U.Sc.A. events so far this year, most of which for those who attended are, no doubt, just that little bit fuzzy in our memories by now.

- ☉ Camp
- ☉ Week - faaring, pancake breakfast
- ☉ Barbecue
- ☉ Re-orientation camp (Rio)
- ☉ Winery Tour
- ☉ Pub Crawl
- ☉ Fishing Trip

I personally didn't attend all of these events, but I can vouch that the o'camp, winery tour, barbecue, pancake breakfast, and at least the first four pubs of the pub crawl were pretty hellish. As for the others, well, you'll have to ask someone else. Not that you asked me in the first place...

COMING EVENTS

The best way to find out about forthcoming A.U.Sc.A. events is by looking out for posters around Uni or by coming to our meetings. Posters are usually stuck up outside the Wills refec and down in Catacombs (unfortunately they often end up with other unrelated posters stuck on top of them, so be quick to look). If you are already a member, then you may be personally sent out details by the club secretary. Following are a few A.U.Sc.A. events already set, and added are yearly events that should be happening but details haven't been finalised yet.

- ☉ **Annual Dinner**
Each year, often after the semester 2 mid-semester break, A.U.Sc.A. has an annual dinner. This is usually a classy affair and over the past few years has required us to get the old formal duds out for an airing. Last year's dinner kicked off with a mystery bus tour to the dinner venue, which was kept secret
- ☉ **Next A.U.Sc.A. General Meeting,**

until our arrival.

This year's venue has yet to be decided, so if any one has ideas for a decent place where a discount could be made available, please let us know. Another idea is that we have a theme (ie. fancy dress etc.). This is a guaranteed good night out.

☉ **Brewery Tour**

No details yet but we intend to have one.

☉ **Hell Party**

The Hell Party is exactly that. It occurs soon after final exams and for a small sum of money, you can attend an excellent post-exams celebration and gathering. Arrangements for cheap beer (and alternatives) and food are usually made. However, it has been difficult in the past to find a suitable venue for the hell party, so any ideas at this stage would be greatly appreciated.

Yes, A.U.Sc.A. also enjoys the privileges of its own agony aunt, with stunning blue-rinsed hair and countless pastel pink cardigans, Dulcie (she wishes to keep her surname private). At the tender age of 20, she has a unique gift - wisdom of the kind usually only acquired by people three times her age.



LETTERS

Dear Aunt Dulcie,

My teddy bear has an "outsy" type belly button, while I collect 3kg of lint in mine every week. Does this mean we are incompatible and should separate? Should I see other bears, or discuss my uncertainties with my present ursine companion?

From Confused ☒

Dear Confused,

You really don't realise just how compatible the two of you are, but to me, it's obvious. If your belly hole continuously collects fluff, then there is only one solution: plug it up. "With what shall I plug it, dear Dulcie?" I hear you ask. Well you have a perfectly gorgeous, devoted teddy bear (and they are all gorgeous, aren't they) right before your very eyes. His outsy belly button is the perfect plug for your insy belly button. Simply strap your teddy bear to your waist each morning. He'll adore the extra attention, and never mind suspicious stares you get from strangers, it's none of their business (actually, you'd be surprised how many other people have experienced similar situations to your own). You and your bear were made for each other!

Dear Aunt Dulcie,

My pet octopus, Algernon, is a Pisces. According to a book that I just read, "Be Your Own Astrologist", we are violently incompatible and will soon kill each other in a wild frenzy of heated gore. Is this normal?

Love, Leo

Dear Leo,

It is an extremely unusual situation that you find yourself in. Yes indeed, your star-signs are incompatible, and are almost directly opposed on the karmic wheel, or the vibrations given out by your auras clash as badly as a hot pink skirt worn with an orange jacket. In some cases, associations such as these can produce beautiful results. For example, if Pisces was a squid, then the fire in your relationship could result in a good few morsels of calamari. Fried octopus is a more acquired taste, but if you are prepared to work at it, things may just work out. Is sex difficult? A sex therapist may be helpful if that is the case.

Dear Aunt Dulcie,

You are a senile, retarded old cow with the tact of a fire-truck and the finesse of a chainsaw used in a kidney transplant. You should fill your mouth with suppurating herpes scabs and ram your own flame-grilled gonads upwardly through your nasal orifices.

From Amorous

Dear Amorous,

It is perfectly normal to have "crushes" on those who are wise with matters of the heart and such (if I may say so without sounding too ostentatious!). Even though I am single at the moment, I am not the type to jump head first into a romantic situation with those whose ear-wax removal habits I have no knowledge. Besides, I'm more than occupied at the moment, what with writing this column, regularly hosting brown cord trouser sew-a-thons, grooming my pet ferret, Cedric, for ferret competitions, and when I have the time, group yodelling with the Austrian friends I keep chained up in my back yard.

[If you have any letters at all (serious or fun) that you would like to send to Aunt Dulcie for the next newsletter, please don't hesitate to do so. The letters may be given to us personally - "us" being Kim Mason and Lisa Merry (either one of us will probably attend the next general meeting) - or letters could probably be delivered to us via the Clubs Association, office on ground floor of Union Building. We then deliver the letters to Aunt Dulcie by hand, as she likes us to drop around for a spot of tea and cupcakes.]