

TWOT

HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

STUDENTS NEWSPAPER

QUESTION

How do you spend over \$30,000 in less than two hours ?

ANSWER

You hold the Annual General Meeting of the - STUDENT AMENITIES FUND - on a Friday afternoon.

The meeting was held on Friday, August 20th; it commenced at 2:15 and finished at 3:55. The main areas of approved expenditure were:

- a) \$13,542 for payment of interest on the Stable Square Building Fund.
- b) \$14,000 for continued restoration project in Stable Square.
- c) \$11,650 for repairs to the Pool.

The H.A.C. Student Amenities Fund is a charity registered under the N.S.W. Charitable Collections Act of 1934. The bulk of its operating funds being a donation from the Student Union (97% of all donations for the year ending June 30, 1982, came from the Student Body).

This large donation is mainly the AUTOMATIC transfer of the \$24 that every student pays to the Building Fund (Union) when you register at the beginning of the year. (Check your registration Receipt.) The Fund has two student members - the Union President and Union Secretary (Bob Scott and Marg Campbell).

The Expenditure in More Detail:

- (a) The \$13,542 is for the interest only on the \$95,000 loan for the Stable Square Building Fund, which was taken out in 1981 at an interest rate, then of 14.5% reduceable. The loan is being paid off over ten years, and will eventually cost (mainly students) over \$175,000.
- (b) \$14,000 which includes a pending \$6,000 donation from the H.A.C. O.B.U. for continued restoration and furniture for Stable Square.
- (c) The Fund members accepted the SINGLE Quote presented and authorized the treasurer to pay up to \$12,000 for repairs to the Pool. The repair costs included the removal and replacement of broken tiles, the replacement of the upper wall tiles, and the removal and replacement of the top perimeter tiles with exposed aggregate (pebblecrete).

The meeting also resolved "That the Bursar (Mr. B. Lindsay) be authorised to spend up to \$3,000 to demolish and remove the grandstand roof for safety if the College Union would concur. In the event that the student body opinion, expressed by the Union, opposed this proposal, the building could be closed for safety due to the insurance implications. Action to be in the hands of the College Union to advise the Bursar as to the possible demolition."

"TWOT's" editors would like comments in the form of open letters by students, staff and administration on any points arising from the Annual Meeting of the Student Amenities Fund. Particular questions "TWOT" would like to see answered are:

- 1) Is two student members of a total membership of thirteen appropriate ?
- 2) Why was there only ONE QUOTE for the Pool repairs ?
- 3) Why was the Pool repairs commenced during semester and at the beginning of the swimming season?
- 4) Why wasn't the Pool's underwater lighting fixed when the pool was empty. (The underwater lighting couldn't be used in the first semester due to the possibility of electrocution).
- 5) How much will it cost to empty and refill the pool if the lights are to be fixed at some future date?

RESOURCE CENTRE CLOSURE

There is a very real threat that, from next year, the resources centre will close in the evenings. The object of the exercise is, no doubt, aimed at cost cutting and is part of the College's overall strategy to reduce spending. A move such as this, if allowed to occur, will surely be to the detriment of the students and staff members. There will not be sufficient time after lectures cease in the afternoons for research to be carried out, and more students will be forced to use the centre during the day which will increase pressure on available resources.

A reason for the closure has been given as underutilisation of resources at night. Is there a magic number of students that, once having passed through the doors of the resource centre at night, make the centre property utilised? Surely there are many tasks that can be done by night staff if student numbers are low on any one night.

It appears that the main reason behind the closure is to cut costs with little thought being given to the inconvenience caused to students. Our resources centre is only new and Hawkesbury is growing. Can the closure of the centre, which is central to the theme of learning, be justified? Are we going to sit back and just accept the closure as inevitable?

BRETT KEMMIS

OPEN DAY

Open Day for 1982 was held on August 22nd. The theme for the day was "Employment Through Education at Hawkesbury". For this reason, private industry were invited to partake in the day.

Some 15,000 people poured through the gates of the College with the early visitors arriving at 9:00 A.M. From the students point of view, the day was to be basically used for raising funds to improve student amenities, namely, Stable Square. Food stalls, selling hamburgers and hot dogs along with refreshments, were a major source of income. The sale of ice cream and cheese from the dairy factory proved to be quite profitable, along with the Home Wreckers Devonshire Teas and cake stalls. The produce stalls, providing fresh fruit and vegetables cheaply to the public also proved to be very successful.

Many of the entertainment activities were organised and produced by the students of Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Barney McKeown and "Hydolid" performing their camp drafting displays attracted large crowds with some high spirited entertainment. Starry and Col Keevers' sheep shearing demonstration were enacted in front of a packed house in the shearing shed many times that day. Combined with this, the sheep dog display created a great deal of interest as did all the Agricultural displays.

The food pilot plant and dairy factory had a continual flow of onlookers - partaking the ice cream and donuts with great delight. The taste test by Nestles was of great interest to many visitors with one of the country's top chefs in attendance.

The Horticulture centre created a great deal of interest with the home gardener wanting advice on his problems in his garden. The unusual carnivore plants enthralled the Open Day visitors with many people spending a great deal of time talking to the owner of the stall about the rare specimens. The freshly cut flowers, and pot plants sold readily, the "pick your own oranges" also proved to be very successful. The Yates seed trial seemed to have a continuous trail of visitors viewing the new varieties of flowers on sale from the many garden stores.

The beautiful area of the quadrangle was utilised to its fullest, with many of the schools putting on displays. At the Hall of Industry, the name for the Old Dining Hall for the day, contained many companies associated with food production and was fairly successful.

Finally, the grand old building, Stable Square, with its current improvements plus the old machinery was visited in droves and hopefully the money from the day will hasten the restoration of the building. The day in total raised some \$6,000, and thank you to all those students who partook in Open Day, 1982, to make it a success.

MICHAEL TRAUTWEIN (Trousers)

YEAR OF THE TREE

1982 is the year of the tree, but apparently not at good old H.A.C. Last weekend there was a gathering for the Annual Ball and the Football Dinner. Evidence of this was found on Monday morning outside the Mem. Hall, two trees, a Finewheel Tree (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*) and an Ash (*Fraxinus*) were destroyed. What ever happened to Ye Old College Spirit, I ask? It would be fitting if they were replaced by those responsible, but I doubt if this will be so. H.A.C. has a reputation for its beautiful trees and grounds, but I can't see how, with this sort of behaviour.

JENNY COOTE

LOST AND FOUND

Lost, at Jed and Rob's House Warming, one T.D.K. Cassette tape of Stevie Nicks Simulcast (White Dove Concert). Please return to Theo Clark (Val. 1).

GAY INFO & 'WATZON'

- : As you may have seen from the notices around College, Richmond has an unofficial gay venue - jazz at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday nights. Excellent jazz and a fun night out.
- : For information on Sydney happenings, Gaywaves Gay Radio, Thursday nights from 10 P.M. - 1 A.M., on 2SER-FM mHz, has gay news, whats on, views, reviews, politics and music.
- : And for those from the country, a means of overcoming the isolation is Country Network. Regional contacts can be reached through Box 127, Katoomba or phone 047 59-1018.
- : Closer to home, Group 11 are having a dance on 1st December. This will be at Mulgoa Hall, Mulgoa and further details can be obtained from Joyce on 047 31-3922.

PAMELA O'NEILL AG III

WHAT'S ON AROUND COLLEGE

OCTOBER

27th - Wednesday : Public Speaking
29th - Friday : Golf Day. Students and Staff Meet at 1 P.M. Richmond Golf Club.
30th or 31st : Car Rally

NOVEMBER

1st - 3rd - Mon. to Wed. : 3rd Round Debating 2nd vs 3rd Year.
2nd - Tuesday : Principal's Final Year Students Dinner
To be advised. : Sports Presentation Dinner

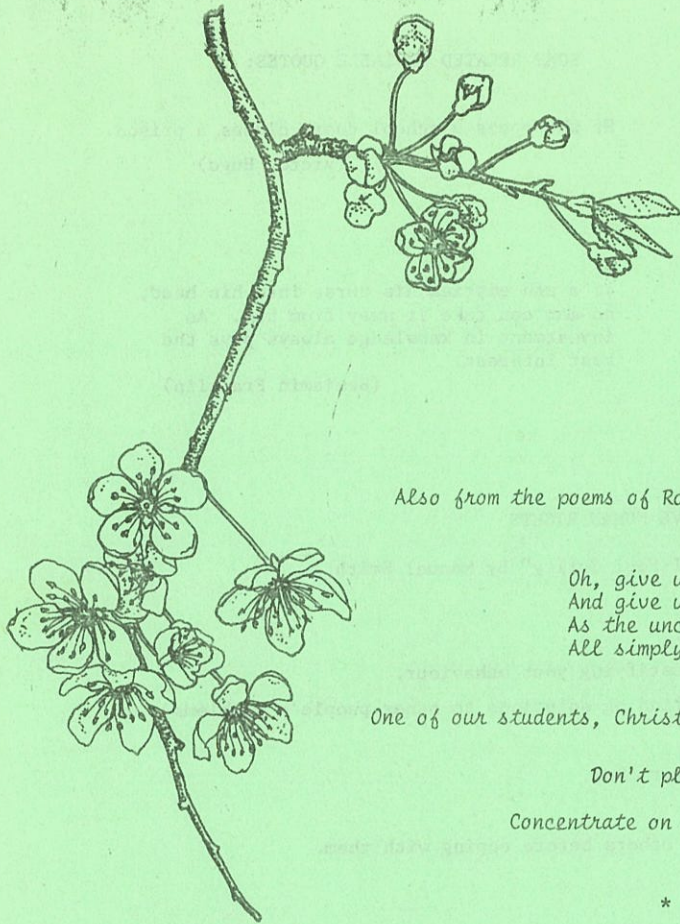
Every Tuesday (October and November) at 12:15, an informal College Radio Meeting is held on the Mezzanine Floor above the student canteen. Everyone is welcome.

All letters, articles, poems, ads, stories should be addressed to:

THE EDITORS
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and left under the "T" section of the student post boxes.

AND NOW FROM THE DESK OF !!!!!



A tree's leaves may be ever so good,
So may its bark, so may its wood.
But,
Unless you put the right thing to its root,
It will never show much flower or fruit.

(A verse taken from 'Leaves Compared
with Flowers' - by Rober Frost)

Think about it.....

Also from the poems of Robert Frost, an extract from 'A Prayer in Spring'

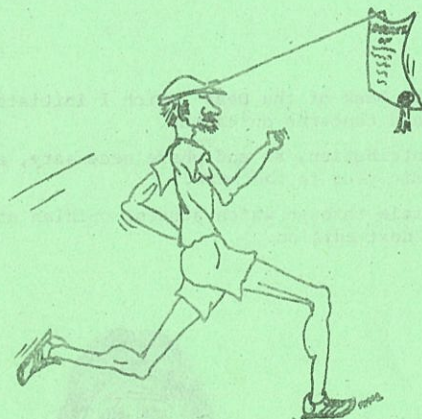
Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today,
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest, keep us here
All simply in the Springing of the year.

One of our students, Christine (Bruce) Lee has put it more directly:

Don't plan too much for tomorrow
Concentrate on making the very best of today.

As the 1982 academic year draws to its close, student interest and activity naturally focuses upon the need to complete assignments and preparation for final examinations. The examination schedule is now posted and will, needless to say, help to prompt those who have been neglecting their studies.

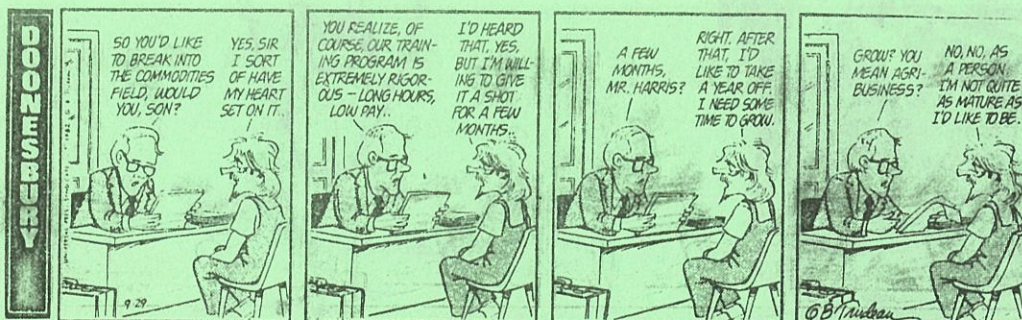
This is a very important time for final-year students - Take caution ! Do not overdo the social activities, but neither should you neglect taking a recreation break.



STAY
IN
THE
RACE

YOU
ARE
ALMOST
THERE !

And of course your thoughts are also turning to employment.



A sobering thought:



It costs \$26,000 per person per year to keep someone in Malawa Women's Penitentiary in Silverwood.

You may well ask why there aren't more financial incentives to encourage students to go to college.

SOME RELATED QUOTABLE QUOTES:

He who opens a school door, closes a prison.

(Victor Hugo)

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

(Benjamin Franklin)

THE BILL OF ASSERTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS

(Taken from the Book "When I Say No I Feel Guilty" By Manuel Smith.)

1. The right to be the ultimate judge of yourself.
2. The right to offer no excuses or reasons for justifying your behaviour.
3. The right to judge if you are responsible for finding solutions to other people's problems.
4. The right to change your mind.
5. The right to make mistakes and be responsible for them.
6. The right to say I don't know.
7. The right to be independent of the goodwill of others before coping with them.
8. The right to be illogical in making decisions.
9. The right to say I don't understand.
10. The right to say I don't care.

Postscript: To express one's rights without violating the rights of others is a basic step in learning to be assertive (as distinct from aggressive). Rights make you aware of the responsibility of your behaviour. It is important to note that expression of rights can only lead to favourable consequences in the long term as they allow the individual to develop integrity and self-esteem. Thus, rights are self-rewarding.

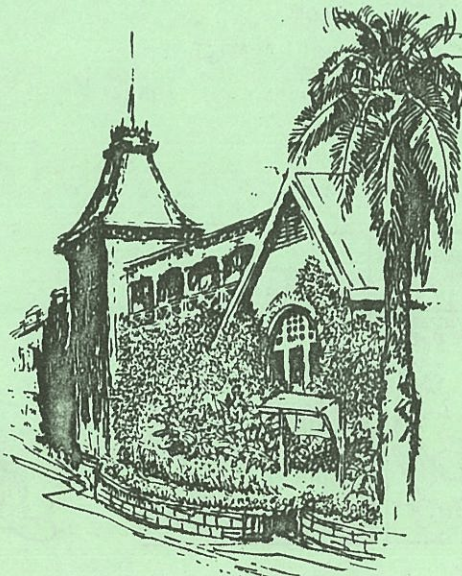


WHAT IS TWOT ?

The intention is that TWOT will supercede 'From the Desk of the Dean' which I initiated earlier this year as a forum for the expression of ideas and concerns on campus.

As Dean, I will continue to make an individual contribution, as and where necessary, and in particular, assist with continuity from one academic year to the next.

With your help, TWOT will become an important vehicle through which student opinion at H.A.C. can be expressed. We look forward to the next edition.



Yours

Dale