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## THE DIPLOMA OF A.S.T.C.

### Its Status and the N.S.W. University of Technology

The legal recognition of the Diploma of Associateship of the Sydney Technical College has been one in the aims of the S.T.C. Union since its inception, and it is felt that both students and graduates and the public generally should know where we stand today—in view of the progress made with the N.S.W. University of Technology.

Today, the tax paying public has voiced approval of the formation of the new university because they see in it an expansion in the field of higher education which will parallel the vastly changing social and economic life of the country itself. Its formation was considered a step in the right direction, and the man in the street, agreeing that such an institution was necessary, accepted the costly burden of its formation and maintenance not knowing (a) why it was formed and (b) what it would do for the community when formed.

#### THE S.T.C. DIPLOMA.

When originally instituted the S.T.C. Diplomas were intended to fill the great gap between University and Technical Trade education. They were to provide a means whereby those people who were unable to attend the University (in their thousands), could attain a technical education of professional standard while still employed in industry (and in the Civil Services. This was a need which was felt by industry itself as well as by individuals. As the standard of the Diplomas grew higher, professional institutions saw fit to allow S.T.C. graduates the necessary qualifications for membership by virtue of their S.T.C. Diplomas alone. Today, industry is also willing to accept the S.T.C. diplomate on an equal footing with a holder of a University degree. Thus, although not paralleled in most other countries or states of Australia, the S.T.C. with its present high standard of diploma courses does fill an important need of the community, and the establishment of full time courses at the new University of Technology does not and cannot, fill this need by providing full time courses which can be availed of by the merest fraction only of the number of the students now engaged on diploma courses.

As the new University becomes of more a reality, the Union on behalf of the students, particularly diploma students, and of all graduates has taken steps to make our attitude clear. Council has forwarded a letter to the N.S.W. Technical Education Advisory Council, and has expressed a definite opinion on these following points:

#### 1. Our Objective.

This Union on behalf of the students still pursues to its utmost ability the original objective of obtaining by part time study a Degree, which will be recognised as a Degree the world over.

At this point, the Union points out that it was the original efforts of S.T.C. students and graduates in fighting for a just recognition of their Diplomas which caused the new University to be established. However, from its present set up, it would appear that a third system of education has been formed which will (a) Duplicate the present University system; (b) do nothing to improve the S.T.C. Diploma Courses, but which will, in fact, adversely effect the status of these Diplomas Courses without realizing the chief objective of its inauguration i.e. the provision of a full Degree Course available by part time study.

On behalf of the students and graduates of this college, this Union will protest against the formation of a system of education which can in effect do nothing to help the present systems, and which will be no more than a burden on the taxpayer.

#### Inferior Courses.

The Union will strongly resist any move on the part of the Uni. of Technology instituting courses of lesser standard than the degree, and calling them Diploma Courses.

If inferior courses are instituted to provide, for example, qualifications for membership in professional institutions, then these courses should be called Certificate Courses and not Diploma Courses.

In any case it is unlikely that any of these institutions would accept a lesser standard than the present Uni. and Tech. so why bother with providing inferior courses anyway.

We desire that the A.S.T.C. be issued to all present students enrolled up to that time when the Tech. Uni. will provide part time degree courses. After this time, the A.S.T.C. will cease to exist, and a degree from the University will be issued in its place.

#### Staff Transfers.

Should the staff of the S.T.C. be taken over by the Tech. Uni., then the S.T.C. should not run any inferior courses and call them diploma courses. On the matter of staff transfer we feel that if it will speed the inauguration of part time degree courses at the new Uni., then we have no objection.

As regards syllabus, we also feel that if slight modification will speed the arrival of the happy day of part time degree course, then make them by all means. By this we do not infer that our S.T.C. Diploma syllabuses are inferior in any way. Far from it, but with lots of talk about subjects like The Humanities, etc., we feel that some small modifications may be necessary.

Most students will agree that if small concessions will speed the day of realisation of part time degree courses then we should make them—at the same time making no admission of inferiority in our S.T.C. Diplomas.

#### Representation.

Seeing that this new Uni. is the result of action by Diplomates and students of S.T.C. to obtain legal status for our diplomas, it is thought that the Council of the Uni. should include a representative of the graduates and at least one representative of the S.T.C. administration. This is only justice, and if that diplomate representative were to come from the graduate division of this Union, then this Union will see that the best interests of the students are maintained.

It does well to remember that there is nothing quite like our diplomas, outside of a university,

in any other country in the world. Hence we are faced with a great barrier of suspicion, prejudice and just plain ignorance. This barrier can be broken down only by the action of the students themselves.

Diploma status is an important thing in a student's tech. life, and all should support the Union in its fight.

Recently, an overseas chemist of wide industrial experience took it upon himself to have a good look at the S.T.C. Diplomas, its syllabus and most important, the product it turns out. He is reported to have expressed amazement at the fact that a system of education, which was not a University system, could staff an industrial potential like Australia's with competent, well trained and thoroughly backgrounded people, and place them in positions which elsewhere just wern't held by other than University Degreeed people.

It is the intention of this Union to see that all individuals concerned with the institution and administration of this University are thoroughly acquainted with all the facts relating to our Diplomas and their status, so that no discussions will be made without a knowledge of what they might or might not do to our Diplomas on their status.

#### You Can Help.

All students can help in this most important fight, by supporting the Union, by acquainting all graduates with the facts as they stand and by arousing their interest and support. See that all people whom you think might be interested receive a regular copy of Unity News. Read the paper yourselves, and above all support the Union by joining it and doing your part.

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# UNITY NEWS

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## EDITORIAL

As your Editor I hope you will bear with me, and not deal too harshly with any mistakes I make.

I should like to make it clear that I am fully aware of the responsibility I have undertaken, and for this reason I deplore the attitude taken by the former Editor on his replacement. I consider it to show a lack of professional courtesy for an Editor of this paper to make disparaging statements on student elections and to vent his personal spleen via the editorial column.

The Union Executive is greatly concerned at the lack of Union interest evident amongst the major proportion of students at this college. I should like to suggest that every effort be made by Union members to influence non-members to join. It is only by united effort that we can reach our ultimate goal, i.e., 100% Diploma student membership. The question generally asked by non-Union students when approached to join is, "What can I get out of the Union?" This question is not hard to answer.

The Union provides the Tech. student with social activities and sport. The Union Store, established for the benefit of students is now better stocked, with technical requirements, than ever before. The Union is fighting against devaluation of hard-earned diplomas. A deputation has been formed to see the Minister for Road Transport about lifting the fare surcharge after 8 p.m. and also to try again to have an overlapping section made of the two stops from the Railway to the Harris St. entrance. The campaign for daylight training and part time Degree course is still being relentlessly waged. These things and many others, which are of vital importance in the life of students at Tech., are being provided or fought for.

The Union cannot obtain these things unless it grows in strength, and by strength I mean number, so I urge all students to join the Union now, and so eventually make Tech. life much easier to bear.

## EVENING YOUTH COLLEGES

(Extract from Education News)

An interesting experiment in education in N.S.W. is outlined by the Director-General in the March number of the N.S.W. Education Gazette. It has been decided in the face of the growing need for post school courses to establish, where community requirements justify them, Youth Colleges which will not only provide young people of both sexes with cultural and recreational education but which will also enable them to carry their primary and secondary studies to a more advanced stage.

These Youth Colleges (it is important to note) are not intended to take the place of Technical Colleges; vocational courses usually supplied by Technical Colleges will not be arranged by them. They are designed instead to supplement existing educational facilities and to fill the gap between school and adult education. In particular it is hoped that Youth Colleges will emphasise the art and science of living. Students will be encouraged to regard themselves as members of a society meeting together not for instruction only but for discussion and group activities.

### SUBJECTS OF STUDY.

The subjects to be included in Group Studies will be arranged according to local and individual needs. They may include literature, drama, science, music, art, speech training and citizenship. There may be provision for art and craft work; home making and home management

courses have been suggested. Physical training and organised games will probably occupy an important place in the College curriculum and assistance in preparation for examination courses will also be available if students require it.

Organisation of the Colleges will depend on local facilities and needs and the availability of teachers and leaders. Classes will be housed in school buildings and "courses requiring special equipment will be approved only where use can be made of equipment provided for ordinary school purposes." It has been decided to hold classes for 2½ hours on three nights per week where an attendance of 30 students each night can be maintained. The College will be free but any special material needed must be supplied by the students themselves. Staff will be appointed by the Department of Education.

## NEW AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

"c.305—1949 Wooden Separators for Lead-acid Accumulators (2/-)" as quoted in Monthly Information sheet of S.A.A. 1950. This Spec. applies to separators for all types of accumulators. It will be noted that the speci. applies to separators manufactured from Australia and New Guinea timber only. The performance requirements of the specification would, however, be applied to separators of any timber, as the values of the electrical resistance, and the manganese content are the maximum permissible for the relevant accumulator, regardless of the type of separator.

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## S.T.C. UNION DISAFFILIATES WITH W.F.D.Y.

At a council meeting in the Union Rooms on 21/8/50, a motion was put to the effect that affiliation fees to the World Federation of Democratic Youth be paid, as they had become due. From this motion arose a discussion on the benefit of being affiliated with this organisation. As a result of this discussion an amendment that "notice of disaffiliation" be given, was added to the original motion.

The motion and amendment were then put to the meeting and duly carried.

Notice of disaffiliation extends over 12 months so that if Union members wish to remain affiliated with W.F.D.Y. they can do so, by ordinary ballot, at the next Annual General Meeting in June 1951. This means that although Union Council has decided that this affiliation is not in the best interests of the S.T.C. Union, they will be guided by opinions of the majority of the

rank and file members, when the final break has to be decided.

Union Council thinks that there is dissatisfaction among the rank and file members because of Union affiliations. For this reason they are convinced that this step on their part will be welcomed by students, and they think that by referring the final decision to the students themselves at the Annual General Meeting, they (Council) will obtain a true perspective on student feeling about this vital matter.

Unity News would welcome letters and articles on both sides of this subject so that Union members could attend next year's General meeting with fully crystallised ideas, and thus save valuable time in discussion.

Elsewhere in this paper, there is an article entitled "Elec Answers Peace Petition." As W.F.D.Y. is an organisation which has a parallel policy to the Australian Peace Council, Union Council realise that they have the wholehearted support of the Elec Engineering Association, and they are convinced that Elec Engineering is a true representation of student feeling.



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## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS ...

Some months have passed since the present executive was elected. However, due to a brief spell in hospital, this is my first chance of speaking to you per medium of "Unity News". In this article I intend to outline briefly the executive's policy for the year 1950-1951.

Before doing so, I would first like to thank you, the rank and file members of the Union, for the honour you have bestowed upon me by electing me President for 1950-51. In accepting the position, I do so with eyes wide open to the tasks which confront me. I am only too happy to accept these tasks and hope that I can carry them out efficiently and to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.

The next twelve months are very vital ones to all students of the Sydney Technical College. There are big moves afoot and we must see that these moves are in the best interests of all students. I feel that we, as a Union, will achieve the desired results if we present a solid front and impress our views on the appropriate authorities in a diplomatic manner.

In stating the policy of the executive, I do so with the feeling that we have the support of the rank and file members of the Union. Without rank and file support, of course, any policy whatsoever is abortive. The members of this organisation must criticise us where necessary and they must applaud us where necessary. You must not let us lose touch with your feelings—if you do that it is you and not the executive or council who will suffer.

Now, the policy of the present executive can be summarised under four headings.

### 1. DIPLOMA, DEGREE AND THE N.S.W.U.T.

The future of all persons studying for Diplomas at this College is at stake. What is done in the next few months will not only determine the standing of the various diplomas issued by the S.T.C. to present students, it will also determine the standing of those issued in the past. I cannot stress too strongly the urgency for all Diploma students and Diplomates to take an active interest in this vital question. It is in your own interests that you should do so. It is hard to believe that there exists a student who is not interested in his own welfare and yet it would appear that there must be a few thousand of such people in this College. At the Annual General Meeting of 15th June when the question of Diploma status was discussed there were present only some 120 people. At the Special General Meeting on July 13th when the question was again discussed there were present about the same number. It is not right that such a small number should determine the course of action to be taken. I appeal to all concerned to rally before it is too late.

### 2. UNION ACTIVITIES.

On numerous occasions members of the present executive have stated that their views on what the activities of the Union should be. We claim that the student of this College should come first, second and last in our various activities. For this we make no apology. Various critics have condemned this policy as being a narrow one. It has been said we should think of others as well as ourselves, but until we obtain a decent cafeteria, good sporting facilities, reading rooms, libraries, etc.—not until then will we consider this policy a narrow one.

We believe that some of our affiliations are not in the best interests of students. For this reason we have sent a letter of disaffiliation to W.F.D.Y. As the other affiliation fees become due, they will be subjected to discussion and if they are found to be wanting, then they will suffer the same fate as W.F.D.Y. However we will strengthen our affiliations with all association we consider advantageous.

### 3. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS AND AMENITIES.

We believe that Union members should engage in all possible social and sporting activities. All work and no play tends to make Jack a dull boy.

Amenities in the College at the moment are sadly lacking. There are many things required and the executive will do everything possible to obtain these amenities.

### 4. ACTIVE UNIONISM FOR ALL.

At the moment, the membership of the S.T.C.U. totals some five or six hundred. The number eligible for membership must be at least five thousand. There must be some reason for the difference between the number of members and the number eligible for membership. It is the executives duty to overcome this reason whatever it may be, so that the membership of this Union may be swelled.

This about summarises the executives policy. However, there is one personal point I would like to clear up. On numerous occasions I have been asked that in view of the fact that there are a number of employees of the Sydney Technical College actively engaged in Union affairs, will the administration of the College dictate Union policy. I can, of course, only answer for myself, but I believe also that this answer will apply equally as well to all concerned. Now, I want to make the answer clear and precise.

The administration, I feel, will dictate to me, as Union President, no more than it dictated to any previous President. It is natural that the administration should more or less keep an eye on our activities. I believe that the administration of the College gives us all the freedom possible under the set up of the College. It is our duty to see that such freedom is not abused. Now if the administration should try to dictate to me something which the executive feels is unreasonable, then I shall act as the executive of the Union dictates and not as the administration dictates.

Again may I thank you for the honour of President and I hope I can justify your confidence.



### A CLASS REP.

Union Vice President Laurie Doyle finds most of his Union activity centring around "Unity News". He maintains that it fosters a frustrated ambition to be a journalist. He insists on hiding behind non-de-plume, "Casey", his reason for this being:—

"How bad can a newspaper get."

He wont say much about himself but has a few words on the following subjects.

THE UNION—Join it.

TECH—If you must come, stay as few years as possible.

WOMEN—Oh! Beautiful creatures.

FOOD—I like fried rice.

MONEY—Its not necessary. I never have any but I seem to live.

MUSIC—You get the best at Union musicales.

SEX—I beg your pardon.

POLITICS—Hows your maths coming?

WORLD PEACE—People are people.

LIFE—Join the Union—you'll git plenty

SOCIAL LIFE—What the Union doesn't give I don't need.

THE VICE PRESIDENT—Lazy Devil.

### ATTENTION! CHESS PLAYERS

The Union store has obtained copies of three excellent books on chess.

Chess World—a really good treatise on the game which sells for 1/6.

Chess Made Easy—1/-.

Guide to Good Chess, the latest book by the Australian champion C. J. Purdy—a book all chess players should have—at 2/6 a copy.

Chess sets are available to Union members in the Union rooms.

### DEPUTATION TO MR. WINSOR

Council has formed a deputation to wait on Mr. Winsor with requests to:—

a. Create an overlapping tram section from the railway to the Tech. gates.

b. Abolish the 1d. surcharge on students using trams and buses after 8 o'clock.

Both these proposals constitute money in or out of the students pocket, and almost take the form of a penalty for his being at tech.

At the meeting some odd facts concerning overlapping sections came out.

It appears that an overlap of only one stop is usually permitted. The line past the tech overlaps two sections past the railway going into town. Over at North Sydney there is an overlap of three stops from Crows Nest to Falcon St., It's two stops and a heck of a distance besides. There is another beauty at Enmore also.

So, it is unfair to ask for an overlap of the trifling distance between here and Broadway.

the case against the 1d. surcharge is obvious.

The deputation consists of Messrs. Woods, Gannon, and Tangie from our Union, a representative of the Tech. Teachers association and Mr. Heany, the Administration rep. on Council.

The week-end conference put on by F.A.T.C.S. carried a motion to the effect that something should be done about fares for tech. students in view of proposed increases.

Someone pointed out that the average student was paying more to come and go from Tech. than he was in actual fees for his tuition. This is rather a lopsided way of having things and further emphasises our claims for consideration on this very sore point.

The motion from the F.A.T.C.S. week-end will be incorporated in the Unions deputation to Mr. Winsor, and so strengthen our case.

**JOIN THE UNION NOW!**



## A Geoloaist in the Field

The term was almost ended when "Rad" was making arrangements for vacation week. As a Geology II man he had decided on a course of field work to put into practice that which had been done in theory throughout the term. He suggested that I accompany him on these excursions: I accepted this proposal thereby hoping to profit by such an experience, particularly as geology is not in my line.

It was therefore with great anticipation that we set forth to sojourn o'er hill and dale to seek the wonders of nature. On route Rad expounded on all matters of geology in the field and spoke of bedding, faulting, anticlines, synclines, rocks, minerals, and fossils, and a whole panorama of natural forces frozen in solid rock. I was convinced now, if never before, that Rad knew what he was talking about.

Arriving at our destination we skirted the golf course and came to the top of the sandstone cliffs. It appeared that the insignia of a geologist is to be fully armed with about half a dozen geological hammers, and it was not long before had commenced to attack the wall of inoffensive sandstone. At the end of half an hour most of the cliff face had been reduced to rubble and he turned in triumph and handed me a small specimen. The sample was critically studied by taste, feel, and smell and pronounced to be a half-baked sandstone.

Leaving this desolate scene we made a descent of the rugged cliff face to the rocky sea-washed platform far below, and we were able to view the whole of the sandstone cliff in its entirety. I noticed particularly a huge crack running from the top to the bottom of the whole formation, and was about to congratulate my friend on his stupendous effort with his hammer, when he explained that the enormous cavity was once filled with molten rock material but had since been removed by the hand of nature and not by the hand of the geologist. Around us were huge boulders of sandstone which were a testimony of the destructive propensities of past generations of geologists.

It is not only along the coast that geological structures may be studied, however; many quarries inland provide a happy hunting ground for the geologist. A traverse across country must first be made to reach such an objective. There was a certain quarry Rad decided we should see, and it was on this occasion that I began to realise the significance of field work. The first thing is not to plan a definite route. One then begins from scratch and immediately plunges into the bush without compass, level, or clinometer, descending into creeks, climbing steep escarpments, and pushing through the deepest blackberry thickets and eventually becomes completely lost. At this stage it is essential that some attention be given to the rocks themselves. This is not only interesting, but is a matter of self preservation, for the quarry must be reached.

It was under such circumstances Rad assured me that it was impossible to go wrong and that we should shortly come to the quarry. We certainly did most suddenly: another step and both of us would have been swimming in about forty feet of water. We had appropriately made our approach at the wrong end of the quarry and found our journey might have been quicker, and a better approach made, by coming down the road we could now see. It did not surprise me to learn that we were on private property, a fact that the owner made quite clear in no uncertain terms.

Along the north coast may be seen certain beds of strata alternating in character and which, Rad explained, once extended far our to sea. Among the debris on the foreshores was to be found innumerable pieces of rock containing fossils, mainly vegetable, upon which my friend expounded at great length, and soon he was adding considerable quantities of rock material to the pile of debris by a judicious use of the geological hammer to the detriment of the cliff face. It would seem that rock bashing is an inherent part of his calling.

Beds of rock I noticed, do not always maintain the horizontal, and Rad observed a number of graceful curves, some laid bare by erosion, others sparsely covered by a two-piece costume on which he directed his gaze in abstract attention. It became necessary at this stage to remind him that it was essential to reserve his observations for inanimate objects, and he reluctantly came back to earth.

Travelling south by train the full scope of certain geological structures were to be viewed, with the promise of enlightened debate upon all problems of their economic value. Having commenced our journey my companion described in great detail the nature and extent of the rock exposures seen from the train between Central and Sydenham, after which the conversation, and presumably the rocks, came to an abrupt end.

However things did look up again as we approached our destination, and on alighting from our train a heated discussion ensued as to the exact route to be followed. Personally I favoured what seemed to be the obvious choice to make a cross country traverse, but Rad was determined otherwise. Hence it was that we stepped to the middle of the track to follow in the wake of the train in which we had a few moments before been comfortably seated.

Rad, I noticed, took a lively interest in the nature and composition of the ballast between the lines, and in his eagerness for specimens

## THE UNION STORE

The Union Store, situated near the main gates of the College now carries extensive stocks of most Technical requirements.

Much work has been put into this store by the present manager, Miss Coleman, and she would like to carry stocks of any items, required in reasonable quantities which are not stocked at the present time.

Although a wide range of Technical apparatus, etc., is fully present in stock some sections of students may not be fully catered for.

Where the various needs of students are known, supplies are carried so remember:—

IF YOU CAN BUY IT AT THE STORE, TELL YOUR FRIENDS;

IF YOU CAN'T BUY IT THEN TELL THE STORE.

## ASSOCIATES' GENERAL MEETING

The postponed Annual General Meeting of the Associates' Division of the Sydney Technical College Engineering Association will be held in the Sydney Technical College Theatre, Mary Ann Street, Broadway on Thursday 26th October 1950 at 8.0 p.m.

The principal business of the meeting will be:—

1. A discussion led by Mr. A. J. Stone A.M.I.E. (Aust.) A.S.T.C. Associates representative on the N.S.W. Technical Education Advisory Council on "The University of Technology and Its Effects on the Status of the Associate of the Sydney Technical College." A special invitation is extended to all Associates of the Sydney Technical College to be present and to take part in this discussion.

2. Election of Officers for the year 1950-51.

If time will permit some interesting films will be screened.

It is the duty of all S.T.C. Diplomats to attend this meeting as the status of your hard earned Diploma is in jeopardy.

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## That F.A.T.C.S. Week-end at Mona Vale Remember It?

A week of rain and exams looming near daunted all but the bravest from enrolling for the F.A.T.C.S. week-end held earlier this term. However, almost forty of this noblest breed from East Sydney and our own College rolled up to see "what cooks" and were rewarded with unbelievably fine weather—which we previously thought only existed in Melbourne or Brisbane—and one of the best week-end's fun they've ever had.

The opening ceremony, a musicale, started at 8 p.m. sharp on Friday night with two girls and Stephan the cook (lucky fellow) present. The majority celebrated this opening in the Union Rooms despatching the (——) Art Exhibition to Brisbane. A couple of hours later, the official F.A.T.C.S. car arrived and the show was on. I believe the musicale was excellent and the surf at 2 or 3 a.m. even better; I can't vouch for either, I was well and truly asleep in a carefully selected inaccessible spot!

Saturday morning, the "beautiful old mansion", La Corniche, was unnaturally quiet, but the lunch bell disturbed this and hungry tech. students and friends again found their voices and their lost vitality. A short meeting after lunch indicated the one serious aspect of the week-end, discussion on student unions and how to make them work, and we formed four groups and went to work with a will—and plenty of swims, sunbaking and volley ball for the afternoon and next morning.

Saturday night with its dance, barbecued sheep and spuds (I'm still chewing sand) and "nineteenth hole" and Sunday night with its "Pepsicola" (a student, not a drink) should provide those present with many happy memories to chew over when we are in the home for the aged.

On the serious level discussions were most profitable. Those present were unanimous that it was most essential to have in every Australian college virile student Unions with a sound policy for student progress and close contact with every student. These bodies should draw their members into all their activities and campaigns and make the students realize that their union depends on their efforts and that they're part and parcel of it.

The N.A.S.C. (National Arts Students Club of East Sydney) was criticized because it dealt largely with social activities and thus did not have a great appeal to or close contact with the majority of students, several East Sydney students present were not members of N.A.S.C.

Our own S.T.C. Union was recognised as capable of becoming "this virile Union" if, as attempted earlier this year thru' class reps. and by similar week-ends, it made its students more "Union-Conscious", and part of the organisation and activities.

On the national plane the need for such a body as F.A.T.C.S., and eventually a national union of all

students, was stressed—this organisation to stimulate and correlate the activities of the local bodies and represent them nationally and also on a world level in an international organisation of students.

It was deemed by those present that F.A.T.C.S., with emphasis on assisting the formation of student unions in college where none exist, by fostering contact and co-operation with Australian tech. students through travelling art exhibitions, participating in National congresses and Student Needs and Welfare Conferences, and on the burning needs such as health and sporting facilities, economic welfare and their rights to organise, was on the right track, but needed much more assistance from the average student. The feeling was that lack of publicity of F.A.T.C.S. aims and activities was its major drawback. It is hoped this will be greatly remedied when its national paper begins publication this year.

### FARES PLEASE.

One current student problem received a thrashing and Union President Allan McDonald and Matric student Frank Stevens went into action with the following results:—"We protest against the proposed increase in fares and feel that considerable fare concessions should be given to all students attending Technical College classes. It may be pointed out that fares to classes over a full years course are, in most cases, greater than the fees payable for attendance at these classes. We feel that a deputation should be sent to the appropriate authorities to present our view." This was unanimously carried with a proviso that the solution was not to put up our fees. F.A.T.C.S., N.A.S.C. and S.T.C.U. were asked to take strong action on this matter.

Discussion on ways and means of obtaining full daylight training, subsidised tertiary education for all and improved studying conditions brought forward another motion expressing the view of most present that all our efforts to achieve these would be in vain if another world war erupted. Opinion was that our Government should do all in its power to cement friendships with all countries and to stop any drift to war.

Ideas arising from group discussions were many and varied and are reported elsewhere in this issue, so all that is needed now is to thank the Aust. Air League, Stephan their cook and F.A.T.C.S. for a really good week-end and may there be more of them! (There will be—F.A.T.C.S.).

### MONA VALE TALES

Heard that two Matric students were playing games on the sand very early on Saturday morning. One (the male) was chasing the girl in the case, who was heard to scream: "But (blank) I was only FLIRTING!"

We thought rather lame the alibi of Don Pemberton that he fell asleep on the sand instead of attending conference on Sunday afternoon. We noticed that a certain young lady (also missing) appeared sunburnt on Sunday night.

Noticed the S.T.C.U. Publicity Officer monopolising the Vice President for the entire week-end—or was it VICE-versa?

We were impressed by the capable way in which Norm Woods looked after Joyce when her boyfriend George Tangie had to work.

We did see Esme for a few minutes over the week-end. Her alibi is most interesting.

Is it true what they say about Stephen? Is his chocolate blanc mange really the answer to a major problem in Economics which has recently been given much thought by certain interested Matric students? It was certainly "excruciating".

We must mention the work of Joyce Mooney. After disorganising Phil Vanry's beach games, she organised a hike into some of the muddiest parts of Mona Vale. Looney Mooney!

Overheard some naughty words from Tangie when he was struggling with half a sheep in the heat of the barbecue. Its hard to prove that about sheep, George!

There is a rumour that 'Kooltan' paid Phil Vanry a substantial sum for advertising their product over the week-end.

Ross and Barbara—previous Editors of Unity News, were conspicuous by their absence from the barbecue. When asked to explain his apparent inactivity, Ross was at a loss.

Dirty work again by Mooney. Who but Joyce would spend her nights (part of them, anyway) wandering around the beach with a miniature searchlight?

You can't beat the keenness of youth. Although she didn't bring a costume, Heather Todd just had to have a swim on Friday night. How high the moon, Toddie?

### Come to Sunny S. Aust. Next January

F.A.T.C.S. takes pleasure in extending an invitation to all tech. students and their friends to spend a most enjoyable 10 days from January 13th at the next National Student Summer Holiday Camp. Sponsored by the University students, this camp is officially the N.U.A.U.S. Fifth National Congress. Previous Congresses have been held in Hobart, Somers (Vic.), Tullebudgera (Q.), and Gan Gan (N.S.W.). All have been on the coast with plenty of sunshine, surfing, swimming, also dancing, a revue and other recreations as only several hundred students thrown together for 10 days can manufacture. On the more serious side, each Congress has invited half a dozen speakers—all experts of Australian or of world renown—to lead discussions, not all serious, on their favourite subjects, varying from music to economics, politics to sport. These are always extremely enlightening such as a dissertation last Congress on "Culture in our Universities" (!) by our Tech. Uni's. Professor Brown. We always knew he had a sense of humour.

Each Congress has had its sprinkling of Tech. students and these and all others attending have voted the camps the best holiday and "after exam rejuvenator" they've ever had. If you've seen the film "Tullebudgera Congress" or listened to the ravings of the Sydney Tech. people who've attended previous Congresses, you should not need any convincing to come to the next one.

Congress this summer will be at Largs Bay, 15 miles South of Adelaide and only 30 minutes by train or bus from that city. The camp is the Zinc Corporation Holiday Camp, renowned for its beautiful facilities, sporting and recreational, and its good cooks! Sleeping accommodation (should you have time to do so) will be camp beds in U.S. Army Bell tents with concrete floors, four per tent (people not floors). Cost for N.S.W. students will be approx. £4/15/0 inclusive for the 10 days—plus fares (unless you hitch-hike, as the majority do). This is a sliding charge based on distance of home college from Congress, New Zealanders pay a token fee of 5/- or so.

Previous camps have held 300 odd but accommodation this year is 600 of which up to 200 will be tech. students. This 200 is approximately one per cent of the Australian tech. student population, so be early with your application. Forms and all information are available in the Union Rooms, so take our advice and give us your application now with a £1 deposit (returnable, if you change your mind before the end of the year) and, most important, don't forget to tell your boss that you must have leave between January 13th and 23rd.

W.B.B.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## NEGLECTED STUDENTS

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest, the article under the heading "Ye Neglected Students Unite!" and agree with the writer that the toilet arrangements existing in the buildings mentioned are far from satisfactory.

The log of claims he suggests are quite alright so far as they go. Why humbly beg for . . . but what's the use of going on? There would be use in going on and placing such a log before the Principal if the neglected students evinced a little common sense, appreciation of equipment, etc., provided, and used the existing conveniences in such a manner as becomes human beings.

Unite by all means, and help to keep the place tidy. If you have been brought up in a home where litter and untidiness is frowned upon, you will do your fellows, who are not so fortunate, a good turn by setting them an example, or quietly rebuking them, by pointing out the fact that others frequent the place besides themselves.

On page twelve appears, "Are we children?" and it is pointed out that students are not immature nor incapable of conducting their own affairs but are mature persons in responsible positions, in fact the claim is made that students are Academic Intellectuals. Well then, it is up to you to assist your weaker colleagues to learn to act as such.

I speak from personal observation of the Mechanical Engineering building over the past decade. During the past twelve months this building has been blessed by the attention of the best team of lady cleaners it has known since it was built, their work is a credit to them and a pleasure for those who frequent the offices daily to behold.

The cleaners work is by no means easy, but there is no reason why it should be made harder and heart-breaking by the pseudo Intellectuals who frequent the class rooms. Night after night the rooms in this building are left in a disgusting state, littered with fruit peelings, food scraps, chopped up paper, bumpers and broken up chalk (ammo.) ground into the floor. It is quite apparent that those responsible are making themselves at home, and proving that they really are neglected. Head Teacher, Engine Operation.

F. V. HALE.

**BUY AT  
THE UNION  
STORE**

Sir,

With reference to the so called "graceful retirement" of the former editor in his pathetic editorial I feel that the poor gentleman is fully frustrated, no doubt from his many duties.

The past Executive and Editor of Union Publications were not removed from office by an "obviously stacked meeting" of non-union members, but by a truly representative meeting of financial Union members, who were completely dissatisfied with their Union being politically exploited. Very evidently, it would appear that Mr. Nivison-Smith is one of those persons who can hand it out but cannot take it.

I consider it revolting that an editor should display such ignorance of journalistic ethics and that any Union member could cast such aspersions on student integrity.

It would appear to me that the former Editor did not think of the possible damage he could do himself by such an editorial. Many people, Union members and others outside have been highly amused at the complete stupidity of the article. Any person holding office in the Union can expect to be criticised—there would be something very wrong if he was not—but for being a laughing stock, and I believe that is what Mr. Nivison-Smith has brought on himself, there can be no excuse.

By such statements as "stacked meeting" etc. no harm can be done to the present Executive, it will only be done to the maker of the statements. I wonder does Mr. Nivison really believe that the meeting was "obviously stacked"?

In conclusion, sir, I feel that the students have complete confidence in the present Executive and in your ability to carry out your duties as Editor in an efficient and ethical manner.

J. M. GANNON,  
Science V.

Sir,

An Editorial has been written! I refer to the last dying flutter of your somewhat politically-minded predecessor.

Comment on the general subject matter of this Editorial would be superfluous. However, I think that something in the way of an apology is necessary for the insult delivered to the Student Body in the form of vague insinuations in the Editorial Column.

Your predecessor, Sir, has descended to an all time low in his utter disregard of the traditional ethics of the journalistic profession, by giving vent, through the Editorial Column of this newspaper, to his personal spleen!

Yours etc.,  
PAUL C. KELLETT,  
Architecture VI.

Dear Sir,

I feel that the Editorial of your previous edition cannot pass without comment.

There is firstly the contradiction in its opening paragraph. I quote, "I will not grumble", followed by "because I was deposed at an obviously stacked meeting".

I will disregard the pettiness of such a thought, and ignore also the fact that he used his position as Editor to express it, but I don't think the Student Body should go undefended in the face of such a meaningless inference.

At any such meeting there must necessarily be a divergence of opinion, i.e., a stack of one opinion against another. The students who came to that meeting and voted out of positions both the former Editor and his comrades, did so because they liked neither the size, shape, or colour of the stack to which they belonged.

The former Editor can put his deposition down to the tone of "Unity News" when it appeared under his inspired Editorship. His final swansong is typical of a mind steeped in that philosophy which has earned so many enemies for this Union in the past.

The student body of this college wanted, amongst other things a clean newspaper, so they got one.

Yours faithfully,

L. DOYLE,  
Elec. Eng.

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## Teachers' Leader Criticises Education

For many years Britain has endeavoured to run its educational system on the cheap. This was stated by the General Secretary of Britain's National Union of Teachers (Mr. R. Gould) recently.

"Buildings have been poor, equipment has been inadequate and teachers' salaries have been low."

"Unless the education service is made more attractive the supply of teachers will diminish, the size of classes will increase and the children will suffer."

## "PUTTING ON A PLAY"

If you want to know how to put on a play then you should read "Putting on a Play" by Geoffrey Thomas.

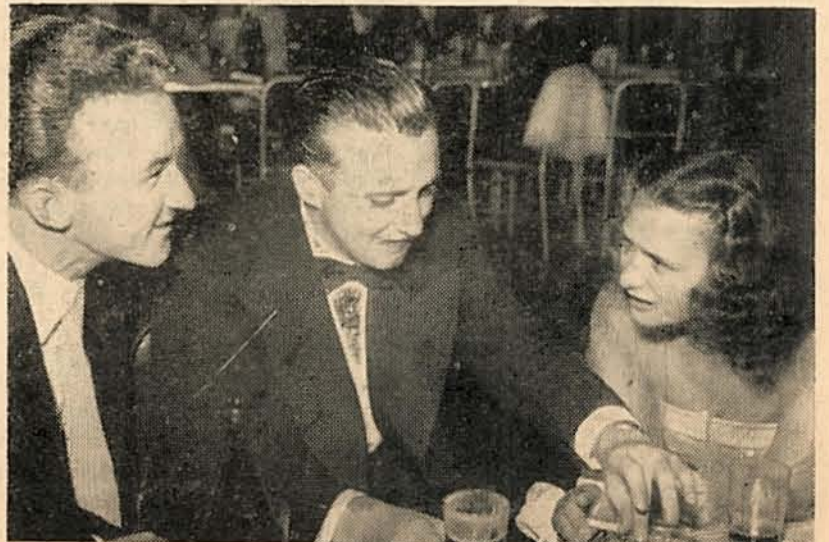
Mr. Thomas seeks to inform the reader that acting is not a "sissy" pastime but merely a natural expenditure of energy along truly creative lines.

The good name of Australian sport has been due mainly to the large band of amateur sportsmen who play for the love of the game. So, "just as a fine cricket team can arise only out of the innumerable groups playing constantly and enthusiastically all over the Continent, so must the theatre depend on the work of active drama groups, practising, studying, rehearsing, and playing." Australia should realise this and show more interest in theatrical activities so that she could have a theatre of which she would be proud.

Declaring that "the theatre is essentially the place where national characteristics and national deeds and aspirations are reflected" the experienced Mr. Thomas has set forth all sorts of suggestions and advice. He starts from the very beginning telling us how to begin and how choice of play is influenced by the audience and by the limitations of the actors. He then offers advice in turn to the playwright, the producer, and the actor, listing the difficulties confronting each and possible solutions of these same difficulties. The final chapter deals with "Workshop and Organisation", an important consideration of any theatrical group.

"Putting on a Play" has something to offer all of us. Dramatists will find the advice very useful while others will realise the many intricacies involved when one wants to write, produce or act in a play.

("Putting on a Play" by Geoffrey Thomas may be obtained from the Commonwealth Office of Education. Price 1/-).



Three's a crowd at the last Ball. This year's bookings open 1st November.



**PRINTING WORK BY STUDENTS**

A Book, called Graphic Arts Industry listing prizes for 1949 and giving their histories, has been produced by the students of the Sydney Technical College School of Printing.

Printing experts say that the book, which was prepared to coincide with the official presentations to be made on July 13 in the Turner Hall, Mary Ann Street, Ultimo, compares favourably with the best overseas productions of its kind.

Among the special awards mentioned is the Archie Barwell Memorial Prize, to be presented for the first time.

The prize will be given annually by the Chapel of Associated Newspapers Ltd. as a memorial to the late Mr. Archie Barwell who, from 1931 to 1946, was father of the Chapel.

Mr. Barwell served in World War I and was awarded the D.C.M. and M.M. He died in the Repatriation Hospital, Concord, in 1949.

"SUN".

**LONDON STUDENTS' FIGHTING FEE INCREASES**

A petition against the proposed increases in fees for London technical colleges and polytechnics received 2,000 signatures within three days—just on half the number of day students affected.

No student organisations were consulted by the Minister of Education and the London Council when the increases—which average 25 per cent—were proposed. Many young workers who attend evening courses may have to abandon night school altogether if the increases become effective. Students generally fear that increased fees in London may be merely the thin end of the wedge and that similar increases will be enforced throughout Britain.

By P. K. Vanry, A.S.T.C. (Mec. Eng.)

**THE UNION ON THE UP GRADE**

One of the weaknesses of our Union in the past has been the negative attitude adopted by a great number of students towards it. Many students still do not see the great benefits which can be gained by active participation in Union activities and, of course, the time available to Night Students is extremely limited.

Realising these difficulties, we set to work early this year to break down this barrier and show to the students through a series of activities what can be done when a number of students are determined enough about it.

**WHAT'S NECESSARY**

It was necessary here to find out from the rank and file students what is needed, just what are the problems confronting students at the college and how best we can solve them. To find the answers to these questions two conferences were held at Mona Vale, and a third one is under way.

Both events were a complete social and educational success, and council members, executive, rank and file, committee members, etc., learned equally from the discussion.

Working along the lines of the first Conference Recommendations, the organisation of Class Reps and Stage Committees was undertaken with more than the usual enthusiasm. Plans for a drastic improvement in the Union Rooms are well under way. Reduced prices for Union members in the Store have been granted, with further reductions contemplated as soon as possible. A small Sports Committee has been set up and charged with the responsibility of organising a Sports Weekend at Broken Bay and Volley Ball, etc., at the College.

The Second Conference developed suggestions which resulted in a most successful class Rep. Dinner, and Discussion Group. On top of all this the Union for the first time in five years was able to produce a most successful Revue.

**DORMANT TALENT**

All this proves in spite of night study and hard Exams, it can be done. It also shows some really good talent among our Tech. students. Artists, writers, singers, organisers, photographers, musicians, debaters, actors, etc., have been unearthed practically overnight, and the enthusiasm displayed by them must be experienced before it can be appreciated.

Another event which has done much lately to show to students that our organisation is vital to them was the attempted change in our Diploma Status. The fact that the Student (the people most concerned) were completely by-passed on this decision raised a considerable storm of protest. We are still fighting this issue with considerable success and with the vast majority of students behind us.

All this plus the bumper attendance at the Annual General Meeting (in spite of the weather) where the Secretaries Report was carried unanimously, shows that the Union is on the up-grade.

**NEWSPAPERS**

"People are always talking about the papers, as well as talking from them," says a recent issue of Current Affairs Bulletin written on the subject. The Press is a frequent topic of conversation in all grades of society, and discussions of it tend to follow much the same lines:

"You can't believe what you read in the papers."

"They're full of comic strips and other rubbish."

"Big business, that's all they are."

"Always stirring up trouble."

Yet the man who makes these accusations against the newspapers probably has one tucked under his arm, or will certainly buy one as he goes home. And it will provide him with some material for his tea time conversation.

**HOW IT INFLUENCES SOCIETY:**

Even if we do not take our opinions from the Press, we are largely dependent upon it for information upon which to form opinions about things that are outside our immediate range of experience. We gather information in various other ways, of course, but the press provides a substantial basis for what we know.

As well, the press is a guide to opinion. Not only does it give us facts about things outside our immediate range of experience; it interprets those facts for us. Through its headlines, its columnists, its special writers, its comment and fact, it gives us a "Slant" on the news that inevitably affects our opinions about it. This is especially so in the case of news about foreign countries. It may also be true about events within our own country, if, for example, we rarely meet farmers or trade unionists or school teachers or politicians, our opinions about how these people behave will be largely the result of reading the papers.

Above all the press is a habit.

Ed. Note: These Current Affairs Bulletin are available in the Union reading room for your perusal.

**ELEC. ANSWERS "PEACE" PETITION**

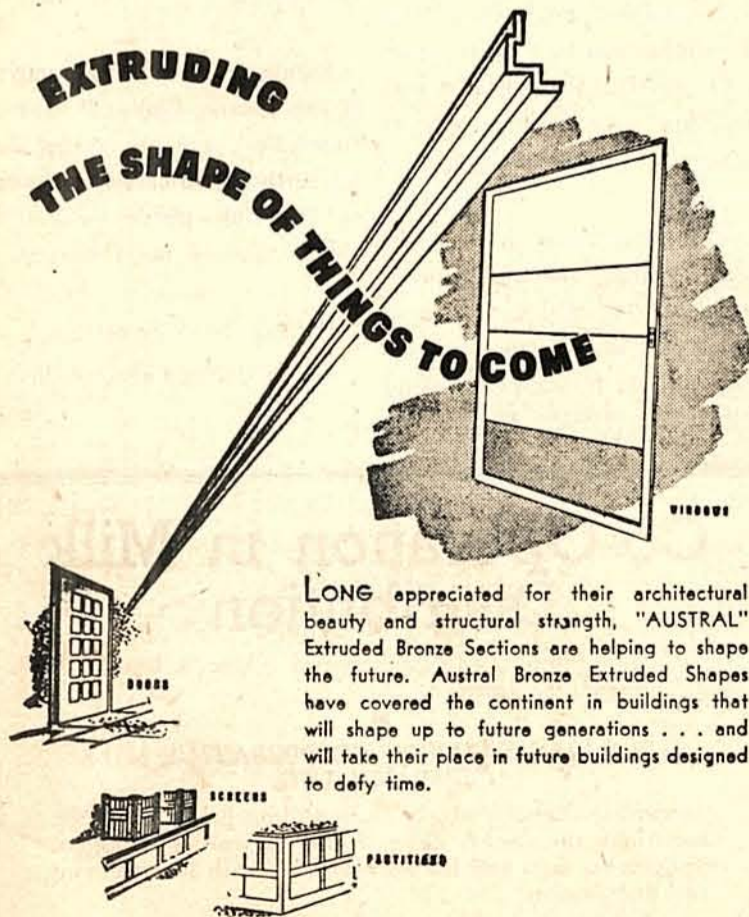
Earlier in the month the Electrical Engineering Association received a letter from the "Australian Peace Council" asking for signatures to a petition banning the Atom Bomb.

It was unanimously decided by the committee that no signatures would be collected by the members present. Accordingly a reply was sent to the A.P.C. stating the com-

mittee's views on the subject. The reply was of the following form. "The Electrical Engineering Association Committee has decided that, although we agree in principle with some of the statements in your letter, we do not agree with the implicit aims of your organisation."

In sending this reply we believe and sincerely hope that we are speaking for all Association members, in fact, for all Tech. College Students.

F. G. BROWN, Vice-President E.E.A.



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**LETTER TO Mr. HEFFRON**

The following is the text of a letter sent to Mr. A. Denning:

Dear Sir,

**RE N.S.W. UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY.**

A special meeting of Union Council was held on 21st August for the purpose of discussing the matter of Diploma Status in relation to the establishment of the N.S.W. University of Technology.

Following is a statement of the aims and objects of this Union for your consideration.

1. Our primary object is to make a claim to secure a means of obtaining a Degree having international status by part time study.

It is pointed out for your consideration that the existence of the University of Technology is due in the main to the original efforts of students and graduates to obtain legal recognition of the Diploma.

It appears that as the University of Technology is constituted at present, the Diploma of the S.T.C. may be adversely affected, which means that not only will we fail to achieve our object, but the value of the present Diploma has depreciated.

The S.T.C. Diploma at its beginning, enabled students to obtain professional education, who otherwise would have been unable to attend the Sydney University. The Diploma Course provides for them the opportunity to gain the necessary qualifications for membership of the various professional institutions, and to reach high positions in industry and the civil service.

N.S.W. Government Departments have granted full recognition to the S.T.C. Diplomat, which is equal in effect to that status granted to a holder of the University Degree. It may be seen that the University of Technology cannot satisfactorily fill an important need of the community, as it offers only full time courses which are available to a mere fraction of the number who would normally undertake a Diploma Course.

Right throughout industry and the Civil Service today, one may see the S.T.C. Diplomates holding positions of equal status and responsibility with graduates of the University. This is an indication of the high performance value of the Diplomat.

This recognition of the diplomates' performance value has been built up over a long period, combatting mainly the ignorance of the community of the high standard of the S.T.C. Diploma and, to a certain extent, a traditional prejudice in favour of the University Degree. While the academic content is not the same as that of the University course, however, we feel that Diploma students' experience in industry while undergoing his course must be taken into consideration as a valuable supplement to his studies.

We have arrived therefore at the point where S.T.C. Diploma courses produce a product of equal standing

and performance value to that resulting from the alternative method of a full-time University course.

2. Regarding the institution by the University of Technology of Diploma Courses of a lower standard than their Degree Courses.

We lodge an emphatic protest against any move to have the University of Technology issuing a Diploma of a lower standard than their Degree. At present Diplomates of the S.T.C. receive the highest possible qualification from the institution whose course of study they undertake.

It is quite probable that the various professional institutions would not accept a qualification which is lower than the Degree granted by the same body.

We press a strong claim for the continued granting of the A.S.T.C. Diploma until such time as it is possible to obtain a Degree of the University of Technology by part-time study. Any course instituted by the University of Technology of lesser status than the Degree must be called a Certificate Course. This will ensure that present Diplomates will suffer no prejudicial effects.

3. In connection with the proposal to transfer the staff of the present S.T.C. Diploma courses to the University of Technology, we state our policy, in the absence of detailed information on this point, as follows:

a. We would agree to this if it would in any way expedite the attainment of our principle objective, viz., the provision of a Degree Course providing for the granting of a Degree obtainable by part time study.

b. Until such time as this objective is a fait accompli, we wish the present A.S.T.C. to continue to be issued by the Sydney Technical College in order to prevent any inferiority attaching to the Diploma status.

c. As the new University is the result of the efforts of students and Diplomates to obtain legal recognition for a Degree obtainable by part time studies, we feel that at least one representative of Diplomates should be included on the Council of the University and also,

d. The Principal of the S.T.C. and the Director of Diploma Courses to be included in the Executive body of the new University in order to safeguard the interests of present Diplomates and Diploma students and thereby preserving from prejudice the standing of the Diploma throughout the community.

We submit this statement of policy trusting that it will be considered at the special meeting of the N.S.W. Technical Education Advisory Council.

Yours Sincerely,

**PAUL C. KELLETT,**  
Hon. Secretary.

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To hit and not be hit! — this must ever be the motto of the fencer!

This article is intended to introduce the new Fencing Club to readers of Unity News. The Sports Committee has now set-up a club which meets in the Union Recreation Room each Wednesday evening, where some fifteen people line up, with more enthusiasm than skill, and dance the tune played by maitre d' armes Tex Clarke.

Mr. Clarke is a swordsman of many years standing and holds very high qualification in swordsmanship. He has a quick eye and immediately seizes on any weakness displayed by a student, expressing his disapproval in typical sergeant-major fashion—but do his pupils care? Come down and see! After an hour of really hard work during which their egos have suffered considerably and their limbs and backs full of agonising pains and aches (from unaccustomed exercise, some say) they are ready for more. They congregate around coffee and talk more fencing or inspect the glittering array of weapons, most of which have been manufactured by Mr. Clarke who is, by profession, an armourer.

It is pertinent at this stage to mention a few points about the sport itself.

Fencing is an extremely suitable sport for the tech student and generally, the busy town dweller. It is a sport which does not require much space and which can be carried out at night and indoors. Half an hour of solid fencing three or four times a week will keep one in excellent physical condition. It is equally suitable for men, women and children and is a sport which can be practised throughout a lifetime. Physical strength is not important—it is speed and stamina that count.

The three weapons used in the sport of fencing are the foil, epee and sabre. The foil is the most common and is truly the most exacting of all. It is only a point weapon and involves an intricate

series of delicate movements which require supple wrist and fingers coupled with precise footwork and extreme quickness of eye. The epee is also a point weapon but is heavier than the foil and instead of a rubber button on the tip, it has three sharp points known as the point d'arret. The purpose of these is to catch in the clothing of the opponent when a hit is scored. The technique of epee fighting is similar to that of the foil with the exception that the whole body is included in the target area and right of attack over the stop-hit and of the riposte over the remise do not apply as in foil. The epee is often referred to as the duelling sword as it reproduces the conditions of an actual duel.

The sabre is essentially a cutting weapon. However, hits with the point are also valid. The same rules in respect of right of attack etc. apply as for foil and there is a different target area.

The epee and sabre are generally considered unsuitable weapons for women while the foil, on the other hand is an admirable weapon for the fair sex.

Regular reports of the activities of the Fencing Club will appear in Unity News and any reader desiring further information on the sport or the Club, please contact (C/- Union) one of the following:

Heather Todd, Secretary.

Norma Quinn, Publicity Officer.

—P.C.K.

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# Presentation Dance a "Moderate Success"

The combined Eng. and Elec. Eng. Associations Dance, held on 11th August, in Turner Hall, was a moderate success. Although not quite successful financially, it was considered by all present to be a social event which should be repeated every year.

The show began at 8.30 with the non-arrival of the prizes. Eventually, after much tearing of hair on the part of the organisers they were located and ably presented by the Electricity Commissioner, Mr. V. J. Brain.

After several short speeches, the official party, consisting of the Principal, the Lecturers in Charge of the various departments, several industrial leaders, and the Presidents of the Electrical Engineering and Engineering Associations, repaired to the Elec. Eng. building for supper.

To those who remained in the dance hall, Bud Lewis' Band, presented some of the best jazz music ever heard in Turner Hall. An ample and excellent supper was later served.

The only drawback of the evening was the lack of people present. Although there were well over have been hundreds more. The lack eighty in attendance there could of males was disappointing, because the female section of the Commercial Department was well represented.

One of the most amusing sights of the evening was that of a certain Miss E.M. chasing a certain Association Secretary for the Ladies Choice. Who was the boy with the "flashy" bow tie! Did he get scared with so many girls around or did his batteries go flat? Entertainment was also supplied by Phil and Alice Vanry, who sang some of their notorious Union songs. Two songs from Harry Winter, Pres. of the Engineering Assoon., got a terrific reception.

Plaudits for organisation to all committee members, but especially to Harry Winter.

Plaudits for advice and assistance to Departmental Heads and Cafeteria staff. Mr. G. Pryor, of Exams Branch, who helped far in excess of his official duties, deserves special mention.

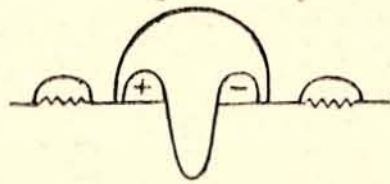
See you ALL next year for a bigger, better show!

## CAFETERIA SHOWS PROFIT

The Manageress reports that several large sums of money have been found in the Cafe lately. Will those concerned dash across and lay their claim.

## JOIN

# THE UNION NOW



WOT!  
NO SCANDAL?

## EX-TECH STUDENT MISSING IN KOREA

Pilot 3, William P. Harrop, 26, a fighter-pilot attached to Number 77 Squadron, R.A.A.F., in Japan, who was shot down over Korea recently, is a former tech. student.

He crash landed a R.A.A.F. Mustang several miles inside the Communist lines after being struck by anti-aircraft fire. He had just completed an attack on targets north of Waegwan.

Other pilots saw Harrop leave his disabled plane apparently unhurt, but later, he could not be seen when a U.S. Air Force Helicopter tried to go to his rescue.

Pilot Harrop was a Mechanical Engineering Diploma student at Sydney Technical College about three years ago. He completed his traineeship in mechanical engineering with the Clyde Engineering Co. Ltd., Granville N.S.W., and was a Mechanical Draughtsman with that firm until he resigned to join the R.A.A.F.

(I am sure that all students join with me in hoping that Pilot Harrop will return safe and sound.—Ed.)

## Technicalities

TAKE IN HEAD . . . iq.fFuBe W That the dark skinned individual being seen round the Union Rooms is the Assistant Secretary, Esme Mapperson. She has just spent her holidays in the snow country of Mt. Bogong in Victoria.

It does seem odd that one should come back from a winter holiday looking like a nigger.

That the fight for Diploma recognition is being intensified as work progresses on the Tech. Uny. Both the Union and the Engineering Graduates Division are making representation and if we act quickly and decisively enough, we may be permitted some optimism on the outcome.

This fight, by the way, is one which is dear to the heart of the administration also. Years of hard work have gone into bringing our Diplomas up to where they are today, and the people responsible want even less than we do to see their work go for nothing.

Numerous folk in the Union Rooms were recently amazed to see an array of kitchenware displayed by the Nivisons Smiths. Some kind friends had come across with some very practical gifts, and both were very pleased with the whole thing . . .

That is until Ross found a baby's dummy in amongst the lot. REFRAIN—" . . . and I wish I was single again, again."

Crack of the week at the class reps. dinner. The sight of Heather Todd eating so much fried rice prompted one gallant to warn "Watch your waist, Heather."—"As long as you don't watch it, sir."

Brief though the F.A.T.C.S. Art Show was, all who saw it were amazed at the high standard of the entries. Two outstanding examples were the head study, "Barrie", which I believe was a self portrait, and the two Hong portraits.

A bigger and better exhibition is planned for next year.

I wonder how many of the Bush-walkers are in the Union. They had the rooms overflowing at a recent meeting, and there were many unfamiliar faces amongst those present.

It seems only fair that the Union Rooms should be used by the Union members and not "ring-ins" on a large scale.

Would someone care to supply some statistics.

How low can people get. Last week John Presdee left his brief case in the Union Rooms for a few minutes. When he came back it was open and his tie was gone. If the character who made off with it tries this thing again, I hope for his own sake that he's not caught in the act.

## CLASS REP DINNER A SUCCESS

On Saturday, September 11th a dinner was held at the Mandarin Cafe in Pitt Street for the class representatives.

This writer had not attended one before, and was looking forward to same with some misgivings. Some fifteen souls were present, and as the night wore on, I couldn't help but feel sorry for those other poor souls who were missing out on the fun.

### THE FOOD.

As the name suggests, the Mandarin has a cuisine of definitely oriental character. The meal itself started with the arrival of the fish—a fish—a mighty fish—which was soon dispensed with. In quick succession followed a delight of sweet and sour pork, prawn omelette (love that stuff) chicken chow mien fried rice, prawn cutlets and oh so many wonderful things.

All these things were kept moving with a delightful burgundy of which there seemed a limitless supply. I should mention at this point that some of those present would have been far better off with a large dose of black coffee!

At this point I will also mention, that all present had as much as they could eat and drink for a very reasonable 10/- per head. Mr. Chow has at least one steady customer as a result.

### THOSE THERE.

Amongst those present were, Miss Heather Todd, Union Publicity Officer, who ate so much fried rice she had me worried. Some sly fellow maintained that he'd never seen any one get giggly on lemonade before. Paul Kellett, the Union Secretary was not giggling but he kept all amused by his adept rendition of all the current pop tunes of those countries just east and just west of the Iron Curtain. Frank Stevens had a wonderful tune, and one shouldn't really mention the fact that all the plates finished up in front of him—empty.

Bill Bailey and friend were present also, Bill wearing a sweet little fur evening wrap over a nice blue suit. The Nivison Smiths were there also and Ross maintained a sceptical attitude towards the food all evening.

Mr. Chow imposed no time limit on the party, and those who weren't off to shows stayed on and on and on. . . .

### HERE'S A POINT.

These dinners are a good nights fun. A relatively inexpensive one at that, and one which all people could come to and not be afraid to bring the girl friend. Those ladies who were there had a most enjoyable time, and as one was heard to confess "Why you're all quite normal". We are, and this social activity tends to keep it that way.

CASEY.

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# Mona Vale

## Discussions

### Laurie Doyle Recorded the following:

Our group used the F.A.T.C.S. constitution as a starting point in its discussion and looked at the object particularly. We made the following points:

1. All were agreed that student co-operation was a valuable, if not a necessary part of student life. This applies in classes particularly, so why not on a broader plane i.e. state, national and international. Hence F.A.T.C.S. could do such a job.

2. F.A.T.C.S. could foster the principle of more correspondence between students, internationally or otherwise. This would foster the spirit of internationalism, and since the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, a truly international outlook in the young people of the world would auger well for peace amongst nations when these young people come to administer their countries.

3. The art show should be more publicised—and those present thanked F.A.T.C.S. for explaining its full impact.

4. The exchange of books should be furthered by publicity in student publications.

5. F.A.T.C.S. could promote or investigate the possibilities of international scholarships and publicise those that are already in existence.

6. F.A.T.C.S. could investigate the possibilities of instituting national or state wide debating competitions. This could further the students speaking abilities and at the same time air the problems of the students.

### Frank Stevens reports:

After a long discussion on F.A.T.C.S., what it stood for, what it was doing, what it planned to do, our discussion centred on the theme of what type of action F.A.T.C.S. could and should undertake.

We agreed that for any gains to be made in regard to student conditions it was absolutely necessary for all students throughout the country to join together and present with one strong voice their over-all program for improvement of education facilities. We believe that if these demands are to be noticed by the authorities it will be absolutely necessary for F.A.T.C.S. to take part in student political activity.

We agreed that as there is somewhere in the vicinity of 120,000 tech. students in the Commonwealth there is ample scope for the organisation of a very strong national association incorporating and encouraging such services as F.A.T.C.S. has already started e.g. the book exchange and art exhibition.

We also agreed that it was most desirable that F.A.T.C.S. should

help in the formation of a truly representative national students union representing students of every type within the Commonwealth. Further that F.A.T.C.S., through a national union of students, should affiliate with the I.U.S. and similar international youth association and give every assistance to these bodies in the fight for student unity, liberty of action, freedom of thought, world peace and international understanding.

We believe that F.A.T.C.S. and S.T.C.U. should start a vigorous campaign against the stifling of student freedoms within the Tech. College and thus attack at the base the very attitude which is gradually pushing us towards a third world war. It is only with strong students unions' as its foundation that a national or international organisation gains the strength and vigour that the students look for.

### Allan McDonald says:

Among many activities at the Mona Vale Conference, under the patronage of F.A.T.C.S., was the now familiar group conferences. The idea is to split the whole camp into groups, appoint group leaders, and discuss points of interest. The group leader then reports to a general meeting of the camp and discussion then takes place on the reports of each group. In this article, it is my intention to outline the proceedings of one such group. In other articles of this issue, no doubt, the social side of the camp will be reported. While on this side I would like to say I believe that socially the camp was a very outstanding success. One comes to this conclusion after hearing some of the many stories floating around, by things one actually saw and heard and by the things one can assume happened. I am convinced that the Sydney Technical College student is a confirmed night bird. The quicker we get full daylight training the better—perhaps then some people will appreciate what the darker hours are for.

In this particular group there were about eight members. Due to the particularly glorious weather and other things, there was only one session of discussion of about three hours. The general line of this discussion could be listed under four headings viz.

1. Material and other Needs and conditions that demand attention.

2. Type of Organisation best able to do the job.

3. How this Organisation should function.

4. How do S.T.C.U. and N.A.S.C., F.A.T.C.S. and I.U.S. fulfil these requirements.

It was rather unfortunate that the S.T.C.U. and the N.A.S.C. were the only bodies represented at the Conference. However some rather

interesting facts were gleaned from the conference.

Under the first section it was pointed out that there were many material needs demanding attention at the S.T.C. Among these were the desirability for a really decent cafeteria, the availability of sporting and recreational needs of which at present there are none. Again there are such things as the N.S.W. University of Technology and its effect on Diploma status. It was agreed by all that many such things as these can crop up at any time.

This group, after a great deal of weighing the pros. and cons, decided that it would be ideal to have a national organisation, such as F.A.T.C.S., with local bodies such as the S.T.C.U.

The group thought that an all out effort should be launched to recruit new members. To help in this it was suggested that discrimination should exist between members and non members of such organisations as the S.T.C.U. For instance, the notes at present sold at the Union Store could be sold to non members at a higher price.

### STOP PRESS . . . .

## MR. HEFFRON IS OUT

Elsewhere in this issue appear several articles about our Diplomas, their status, the University of Technology, and the Union's decision to send a deputation to the Minister of Education to discuss these matters.

A letter was duly written asking for an appointment for the said deputation, and it is with a feeling of great indignation that we print the Minister's reply:

"I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18th instant wherein you requested that I meet a deputation to discuss your Union's aims and objectives with regard to the status of the present Diploma as affected by the establishment of the University of Technology.

I sincerely regret that my commitments are such that I am unable to set down a date in the near future on which to meet you. Perhaps, in the first instance, you would care to set down in writing the matters about which you are concerned. You may rest assured that careful consideration will be given to any submissions made."

To say that we are disappointed at such an attitude, would be a great understatement, and the Union Executive feels that such an attitude can be put down to one thing and one thing only—the Ministers' ignorance of all the facts behind our request for an audience.

That Mr. Heffron is to blame for such a state of affairs, is, possibly, not his fault because a man in his position must, of necessity, rely to a great extent, on the opinions of the heads of those departments over which he reigns.

However, in this matter, which is of such vital importance to the student, the college and to industry itself, no one, most of all the Minister, can afford to be unadvised—or ill advised on the full facts and their implications.

That he cannot find time to see us at all is extremely regrettable but what are we to think of him and his "commitments" when we

### R. NIVISON SMITH RELATES:

This group came to a number of conclusions. The Union had not sufficient contact with the students due, to a great extent, the non functioning of the class reps. Means such as Unity News were not used enough to publicise the Union and its activities and as a consequence Union membership suffered. The Union Store, a function of major importance, also received little publicity and, therefore, students, in the main, were ignorant of its importance.

This group realised the right of assembly and speech of S.T.C. students clubs within the College, and maintains that, provided a club's constitution does not contravene the existing laws of our society, the Registrar should permit the club to function.

This group also maintains the right of student club autonomy and thinks that a legal document should be obtained from the administration granting such autonomy.

The Union constitution should be more general and by-laws should be drafted to cover particular points.

learn that he can find time to attend a prize giving function in one of the trade departments within this college.

Mr. Heffron's interest in this certain trade department is very curious indeed, because his august present is generally required at Diploma functions only. If he can afford to devote time to prize givings, surely he could do likewise with our deputation.

We are students, Mr. Heffron, and we are people. We make your position necessary, and help put you into it. This Union is doing a job for you in looking after all students and their interests, and we deplore such a lame excuse to side step so important a matter as this deputation on their behalf.

We admit the possibility that he did not see our letter and that he can justly claim ignorance of everything. However, this state of affairs should be endured no longer than necessary.

We suggest that for once he digs up some facts for himself. All the facts can be obtained if he were to come to us. Better still we want to go to him—that's what the deputation is for. It is most important that he have all the facts—not as supplied by his prejudiced advisors but by the people who will be most affected—namely the students.

We insist most emphatically that he find time to see us in the interests of the students we represent—in the interests of the Sydney Technical College and in the interests of industry itself—which—Mr. Heffron, is in support of us and our representation.