

"RESEARCH LAB REPORTER"PARKING FACILITIES AT OUR PLANNED NEW BUILDINGS

In a recent editorial of the "Research Lab. Reporter", you were advised of our plans to relocate the Laboratories at South Melbourne and Monash by about 1975. You were also invited to offer any suggestions for inclusion in our considerations of the project requirements.

A number of notes were submitted for consideration and mostly, they were concerned with on-site parking facilities for staff use at the sites.

Clearly, open air paved car parks will be available (and necessary) at the 17½ acre Monash site. The cost per car of such a facility is about \$350 and our brief requested the provision of on-site parking for about one car per three staff in this more remote location. With "car clubs" operating as can be expected, this will probably be an adequate provision, and we will be able to gauge this adequacy in the early stages of occupation, when the site is not fully developed.

The South Melbourne site, with its restricted area of 2½ acres presents a more difficult problem in this regard. The M.M.B.W. Planning Scheme Ordinance requires that one car space be provided for each 1000 sq. ft. of office space or for each 1500 sq. ft. of laboratory space. From the Department of Works feasibility studies to date, this gives a requirement (to 1995) for 450 - 500 cars, or for one car space to every 4 - 5 estimated staff. However, the site would require that this facility be provided in basement car parks at an approximate cost of \$3,400 per car. The Department is not obliged to comply with the M.M.B.W. requirement but would attempt to come as close to it as is economically possible. From recent discussions with the Department of Works, it would seem likely that an eventual provision of 300 - 350 car spaces (for an estimated 2000 staff in 1995) is about the limit of the capacity of one basement over the whole site, and that

one basement is the practical limit on space available for car parking facilities in a total of two basements economically practicable on this site.

The policy of the Department on the provision of staff car parks is to make them economically viable propositions. So, be warned, users will be expected to pay an appropriate fee to cover the interest on the capital costs of providing the car parking facilities.

The matter of car parking for staff, amongst other aspects of the project, has not been finally resolved as yet - pending further feasibility studies by the Department of Works. However, it is hoped that this outline of current thinking will allay the fears of those who have expressed them.



NASA Apollo Achievement Awards.

Following the successful mission of Apollo 12 special NASA Apollo Achievement Awards were issued to give broad recognition to NASA employees and other members of the Government, Industry and University teams for services in the planning, conduct and support of the Apollo Program. The award consisted of a lapel emblem and a certificate carrying the name of the individual recipient or team.

At a presentation ceremony in Block S during Christmas week Mr. Brett congratulated all those who contributed significantly to the design, manufacture and installation of the equalisers that were used in the NASA high speed data circuits. Suitably inscribed certificates were then presented to Bill Yelverton, S.T.O. 2, Ernie Rumpelt (and his Circuit Theory team) and, Roger Smith (and members of the Transmission Systems team).

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GRAPEVINE GOSSIP

Mike Hunter is having difficulty seeing "eye to eye" with Roger Smith following their recent contact on the squash court. Apparently Mike really had a ball.

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We are pleased to report that Ray Jepson has now fully recovered from his unfortunate accident when the stairs at Watkins moved from under him. The fact that he had just left the Christmas Party was purely co-incidental. Its amazing how he did not feel any pain after striking his head rather heavily.

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Needless to say that Dave Geldard and Laury Melton have become more unbearable than usual since the outcome of the recent cricket series.

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Barry Cranston, Lab Equipment, is very busy earning additional revenue for the Department. He has been involved in electro-magnetic radiation tests on current and new model vehicles for G.M.H. at Lang. Lang.

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Although her broken leg is rapidly improving Merl Cuzens still cant run fast enough to catch the culprits who are removing publications from the Library without authority. To prove that the age of chivalry is not dead she hopes these thoughtless bounders will see the Reference Librarian in future.

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With a grin from ear to ear, he displayed the "Sports" Section of "The Age". There it was - under Yachting International - second place "SNOOPY" - H. S. WRAGG.

(NOTE: He shall soon be so renowned in yachting circles they will have no difficulty in spelling his name correctly).

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Greg Martin, Transmission Sub-Section, returned recently from a two months mountaineering holiday in New Zealand. The disappearance of Greg's beard is believed to be the result of either the contrasting temperatures between the Alps and Block 'S' or delayed frostbite.

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As if its not precarious enough on the roads these days Cheryl Morrison is now in the throes of taking driving lessons. Lets hope Tom Lindsay is not giving her any extra tuition by allowing her to get at the controls of his car coming to work. Still, after all, one would hardly notice the difference.

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Virginia Wells had quite a HAIR raising experience during a week end trip to Sydney recently. Also had accommodation difficulty so we're informed.

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The next big move to Block S - Lab Equipment - takes place on Saturday 6th March. The Equipment Records staff are hoping that they won't be called upon unnecessarily for the week prior to and subsequent to the move.

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Thanks to the alertness of our Patents Officer, Laury Melton, the following abstract from Patent Specification No. 45,508/68 is published for the benefit of Ross Pitkethly Les Murfett, Wally Schubach and others concerned.

"Mixture of Alupent Inpocid Akiniton tabs capsuls powder. Dissolved in Sugar - Malt - Hops in form of beer. Applied to bald spots of head, three times day with finger tips. Leave on as long as possible without washing".

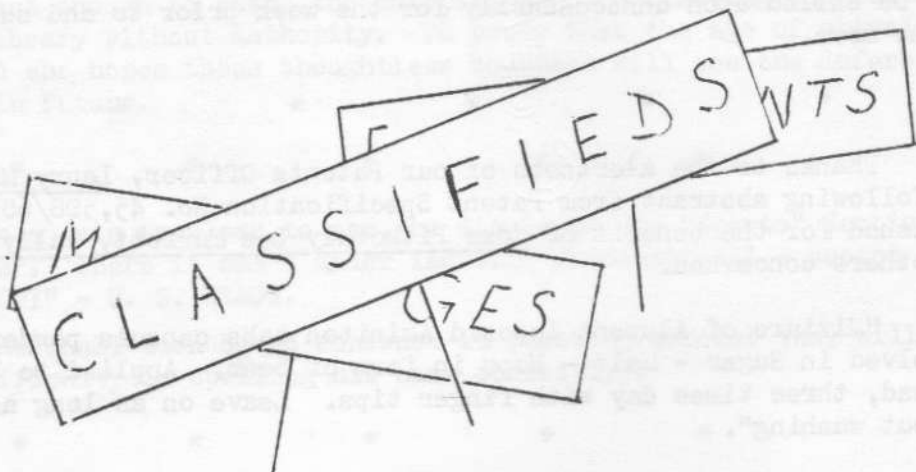
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Should you be in our main Library and overhear any incomprehensible conversations between Max Warner and Sylvia Peters its just two expert hobbyists exchanging technical information on the propagation and cultivation of African violets.

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Topical comment on the Effluent Society! - Seven year old asks parents, "What is a creek? When told that it usually means a small river or stream (English parents!) her comment was, "Oh, I thought it meant a sewage drain!"

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ENGAGEMENTS

Computer Group Block F Judith Rumpff to
John Berends

Judith and John have planned for an August wedding after which they intend to tour Europe for two months and to see John's parents in Holland.

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MARRIAGES

Ex-Multichannel Systems David Shaw to
Janice Smith
(early March).

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BIRTHS

Switching & Signalling to Norman and Pam McLeod
a son, John Norman.

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Lab Services to Ted and Christine Kealy
a son, David James, 5 lbs, 13½ ozs.

(Our latest information discloses that despite his premature arrival David has now passed the 7 lbs mark and has joined Mum and Dad at home).

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Switching & Signalling to Veronica and Arthur Brunton
a nephew, Raymond 7lbs 10½ ozs.

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Equipment Development to Brian and Diane Johnson
a daughter, Avril Elise.

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WELCOME TO:-

Danio Capericci
Helen Todd
Laurie Cahill
Piona Hamilton
Peggy Bird
John Craick
Spiro Mallia
Russell Whelan
Ken McNeil
Bill McEvoy
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Trevor Cummings	T.A. 1
Jim Carroll	T.A. 1
Chris Zegelin	T.A. 1
Manuel Zammit	T.A. 1
Brian Snedden	T.A. 1

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FAREWELL TO:-

John Ryall -	leaving on a two year trip around the world.
Jim English -	who is spending a years travel in Europe and U.S.A.
Karrel Knight -	gone to live in Swan Hill.
Diane Ellard -	taking a position closer to her matrimonial home to-be.
Francis Sin -	to continue his studies for his degree.
Margaret Bird -	promoted to Personnel Victoria.
Brian Johnson -	promoted to Dept. of Supply.
Carl Doring -	promoted to Dept. of Army.

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PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to:-

Phil Westbrook
Terry Elms
Eric Gray

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GOLF DAY

Ivanhoe Public Links

Saturday 13th March, 1971.

Tee off 10.00 a.m.

Entry fee \$1.10.

Contact Alva Allen 7964 Block A as early as possible.

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HOBBIES - ???

Members of the Public Service are forced to retire at the age of 65 years; some prefer to retire at 60 years and others through ill-health, may be retired or superannuated before reaching their respective retiring age.

Unless you prepare for your retirement it may not be as enjoyable as anticipated. One must realise that at the age of 60 or 65 the majority of men and women would not enjoy the same sporting activities or social life they have participated in during their working years.

If you are nearing your 50th Birthday, or you have already celebrated it, now is the time to take stock - Have you a hobby? If not, why not? A hobby is a guarantee of greater enjoyment of life, during your retirement, and can be rewarding both mentally and financially.

Any member who has an interesting hobby or past-time is invited to forward the details of his or her hobby to the Editor, Ashley Conroy Block A 7904 for publication in later editions.

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 Postwork Log 939
 $x < y$? $x_1, y_1 = ?$
Posers
 $x_{1/2} + y_{1/3} = 8$?

1. Suppose that all X's are also Y's, but only some Y's are Z's.

Which one of the following statements is true?

1. No X's can be Z's.
2. If something is not a Y, it is also not an X.
3. If something is a Z, it cannot be an X.

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2. You owe me \$1.50. In settlement, I agree to buy from you, for \$1.75, a technical book which is actually worth more. I, therefore give you 25 cents and we consider the matter closed.

At this point, I discover the the book did not belong to you at all but to someone else. In order to keep the book, I must pay the real owner the true value of the book which is \$2.95.

Assuming that I cannot get any re-imbursement from you, how much did I lose?

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The girls of the Propagation Analysis Centre, Block F (Violet Vrtric, Jenny Thomas and Carol Wilson) had a most enjoyable and educational visit to the transmitter site at Mt. Cowley, 15 miles west of Lorne. It was agreed unanimously that more such tours should be arranged in the future as it provides a better understanding for those working on particular aspects associated with the area.

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Block A had a surprise visit from Charlie Eyre less than two weeks after the operation on his right eye. Although tentative in stepping out Charlie's spirit is very high and we expect to see him quite recovered on his return in April.

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Remember Ken "Afghan" Hall, the bearded one who left to tour Australia in his landrover? Ken was married in Alice Springs on 10/2/71 to Josephine Graham, a New Zealand busline hostess. The happy couple intend to settle in Alice Springs.

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THE SECRETARY

If the Secretary writes tactfully, he's verbose,
 If he is brief, he is tactless.
 If he drafts a report, he is wrong,
 If he doesn't, there is nothing to work on.
 If he speaks to the Committee, he is butting in,
 If he doesn't he's useless.
 If he sends a reminder, he's a pest,
 If he doesn't, he's slack.
 If he asks for resolutions, he's cheeky,
 If he doesn't get things done, he's incompetent.
 If a meeting is successful, it's the Committee,
 If it's a failure, the Secretary's to blame.
 If he asks for instructions, he has no initiative,
 If he doesn't, he's swollen-headed.
 Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,
 If others won't do it, the Secretary must.

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STOP PRESS

Alva Allen has generously donated \$100 to the first
 person who "holes-in-one" on the 10th green at
 Ivanhoe on 13th March.