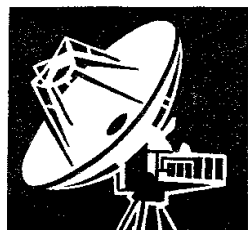


# RESEARCH LAB REPORTER



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"RESEARCH LAB REPORTER"THE DEFENCE RESTS

Doubtless YOU have often been annoyed at the accusations of intolerant youth of the manner in which our generation fouled up the world. Well, this is what the President of Pennsylvania State University said in a speech to the graduating class of 1969. Asking them to look around at the "oldies" in the room he went on to say:-

"These, your parents and grandparents, are the people who within just five decades - 1919-1969 - have by their work, increased your life expectancy by approximately 50% - who, while cutting the working day by a third, have more than doubled per capita output. These are the people who have given you a healthier world than they found, and because of this you no longer have to fear epidemics of flu, typhus, diphtheria, small-pox, scarlet fever, measles or mumps that they knew in their youth. And the dreaded polio is no longer a medical factor, while T.B. is almost unheard of.

Let me remind you that these remarkable people lived through history's greatest depression. Many of these people know what it was to be poor, what it is to be hungry and cold. And because of this they determined that it would not happen to you, that you would have a better life, you would have food to eat, milk to drink, vitamins to nourish you, a warm home, better schools and greater opportunities to succeed than they had. Because of them you will work fewer hours, learn more, have more leisure time, travel to more distant places and have more of a chance to follow your life's ambitions. They are also the people who defeated the tyranny of Hitler, and who, when it was all over, had the compassion to spend billions of dollars to help their former enemies rebuild their homelands. And these are the people who had the sense to begin the United Nations. It was their representatives who built thousands of high schools, trained and hired thousands of better teachers and made higher education a very real possibility for millions of youngsters - where once it was only the dream of a wealthy few.

They, these two generations, made more progress by the sweat of their brow than any other people in any other era. If your generation can make as much progress in as many areas you should be able to solve a good many of the world's remaining ills. But it won't be easy. And you won't do it by negative thoughts, nor by tearing down or belittling."

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### Know Your Laboratories - Block R - Environmental Physics

The Lithuanian derivation, of Environmental is - envi - meaning 'slightly unstable', ronm - meaning 'dangerous' and - ental - meaning 'handle with care'. From this derivation, the Environmental Physics Division of the A.P.O. Research Laboratories was framed. This Division is situated well out of harms way at 1007 Rathdowne Street in North Carlton.

For those of you who have not visited this outpost of scientific advancement, from the outside it resembles the North Fitzroy Post Office and the inside resembles an old aeroplane hangar.

Whether he is practi ing for the cycling classics in the 1972 Olympics, organizing naked sit-ins on Sandringham beach in protest against the destruction of natures flora and fauna, or sending daily letters to his old friends Davy Syme or Percy Pack of newspaper fame, Mr. G.W. Goode is always in the news. (Personnel driving automobiles between Carlton and the city during lunch hour are requested to avoid Mr. Goode on his cycling training at all costs. This daily practice may result in an Australian gold medal in the small wheel bike race. Tooting, cheering, whistling and barracking are allowed but in moderation only).

Eddie Bondarenko and Jim Lloyd, two of the best bird watchers Research has ever known, are the supporting Physicists for Mr. Goode. Eddie's greatest achievement to date is that he has managed to interrupt TV transmission up to a 4 mile radius in Carlton. His latest experiments are aiming for a 7 mile radius

and he is fairly confident of successs.

Graeme 'Lifeline' Rogers, 'Lips' Listopad, and Sid Noble are the supplementary troops. Sid, a man loved by all, meets the Pearly gates of Research soon.

Mentioned in the same breath as the Altona tip, the back steps of Parliament House and the Coburg cementary, Block R is one of the top environmental centres of Melbourne.

## GRAPEVINE GOSSIP

A severe blow has been dealt to all Research squash enthusiasts! "Hawkeye" Semple, renowned for his lightning reflexes, powerful stroke play and powers of endurance has been forced from the limelight and into temporary retirement, due to a recent knee operation.

His arch rivals, spurred on by this ghastly event, are currently engaged in a "cut throat" battle for the vacant title of "King Pooh". However, knowing John for his true worth, it may not be too long before we see him fronting in his true fashion once again.

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Wet suits and aqualungs are now on issue to all Block S members (2nd Floor) for the remainder of the rainy season. In addition a 36 man life raft is moored at the ready.

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Good to see the return of Neil Chandler after an absence of eight months recuperating from his accident.

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The Block S high diving team was struck a menacing blow in mid-January. It's only member, Fearless John Kelly, suffered injuries to his thighs after diving 30 feet from a gum tree into his 3 feet deep swimming pool. John was heard to remark from his bed, "It would have been OK if I'd landed in the water instead of on the side of the pool".

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Record levels of unemployment, severe power cuts, mounting industrial unrest, common market difficulties and unsettled government are only some of the problems faced by the U.K. Dedicated to providing a temporary solution our intrepid hero Tony Townsend (Engineer Class 2, Time and Frequency Standards) has taken nine months L.W.O.P. to visit the country of his birth. Last seen with his wife Karen and his two children Rebecca and Anthony at the railing of S.S. Fairsky steaming for the Heads, it is believed that he can leave this position and eat again when the ship reaches Southampton on 8th March. Tony has an interview arranged with the National Physical Laboratory and is hopeful of winning a temporary position in their standards section. We can be sure that Tony will have the answer to many of the problems facing the old country and wish him well in his endeavour.

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Rumour has it that Block T is producing another Ray Lindwall in the form of Brian Booth who has been performing extremely well with the Burwood Cricket Club.

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A most interesting spectacle about 8.25 each morning in the lane beside Block A - Adele Parsons with husband Neville (from Parkade) sorting through the Community sandwich bag selecting their "goodies" for lunch. The parting is also interesting to watch. Ain't love grand!!

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Congratulations to Kevin Bartlett who was appointed vice captain of Richmond Football Club for season 1972. After seeing coach Tom Hafey pounding the pavements of Sorrento very early each morning during January I would say Kevin and his team mates are in for a solid season of training.

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The library girls have been busy as beavers over the holiday period.

Heather Kidd pranged her car and spent a night in hospital followed by a few days rest at home.

Helen Rodd went sailing at home on the Gippsland Lakes and this year she managed not to capsize the craft.

Jill Liddell and Ros Heath accompanied their husbands to the North. Jill to Sydney and Ros to Surfers Paradise.

Paula Draga and Ilga Petering have been finding plenty of work for their hubbies since moving into new homes.

Unfortunately we can't find out what Merl Cuzens did over the holiday period. All we get in answer to our requests is a big smile.

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Big rumours that a big house warming event is to take place soon at the Kealy ranch at East Burwood. Mention has been made of pigs on spits and around 200 in the gathering.

*Mr. ?*  
*Postmark ?*  
*2x4 = 8 ?*

*?  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{2} = \sqrt{x^2}$  ?*  
*Posers. Lag. 9/12*

Ray Coath has complained that out puzzles in recent issues have been too hard for him to work out. For the benefit of the other less skilled members of the staff he has suggested the following puzzle for this issue.

"If we take the three-digit number 153, we can see that it has one very peculiar quality. By adding together the cubes of the three digits, we obtain the original number; thus:

$$(1 \times 1 \times 1) + (5 \times 5 \times 5) + (3 \times 3 \times 3) = 1 + 125 + 27 = 153$$

Not only does the number 153 have this quality, but so too do the numbers 370 and 407 . . . and one other number.

There are only four three-digit numbers which have this peculiar quality. Three of the numbers have been given. What is the fourth number?"

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Three jealous husbands, with their wives, desire to cross a river, and there is available a boat which will carry only two persons.

The men are jealous and suspicious of one another, and no one of them will allow his wife to remain in the company of one or two men unless he, too, is present.

How will they manage the crossing?

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The police were convinced that either A, B, C or D had committed a crime. Each of the suspects, in turn, made a statement, but only one of the four statements was true.

A said, "I didn't do it".

B said, "A is lying".

C said, "B is lying".

D said, "B did it".

Who committed the crime?

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### PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to:-

Ian Moran

Brian Booth

Peter Glavimans

Bill Matthews

Michael Durrant

Dave Duckworth

Tony Romagnano

Alan Carter

Paul Lucas

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Welcome to:-

Gordon Barker Engineer Class 3

James Pidoto T.T.O.

Max Casley Engineer Class 2

Michael Orwin T.T.O.

Kathleen Ayers T.T.O.

Ronald Addie Senior E.F. & M.

Bruce Bradley Storeman

Lyn Johnson Librarian Grade 1

Peter George T.T.O.

Lester McClure T.A.2

Geoffrey Pridgeon T.A.1

Terry Fraser T.A.1

Edwin Freeman T.A.1

Andrew Reid T.T.O.

Glenys McLean T.T.O.

Gail Roach Typist

Rod Sutherland Physicist Class 1

Farewell:

Tony Whelan to Victoria

Charles Braine to C.E. Registry

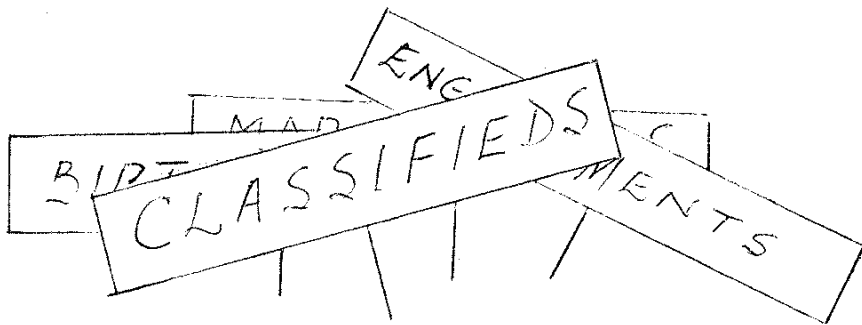
Paula Briggs - resigned and was married  
in Sydney

Anne Hicks - to La Trobe University

Giuseppe Di Paolo - to Radio Section

Malcolm McClimont - to Radio Section

Peter Quinn - to Lines Section



WANTED TO SELL

Gold Watch, Gents "Seiko" automatic calendar, shockproof, in white presentation box.

BRAND NEW (NOT HOT) - \$75.00

Keith Guilliard 630 6593 A.

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Tyres - 2 - as new G.8 695 x 14 (tubeless).

John Kelly 630 6593 A.

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Austin A.90 1955 Westminster - damaged - suitable for  
demolition or destruction - \$50.00.

Ian Moran 630 5243.

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Toddlers inflatable swimming pool (used once) 54" diameter,  
10" deep - \$2.00.

Barry Woolcock 630 7603.

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Caravan, bondwood, partly restored, unregistered - \$100.00 ONO.

John Sekfy 6543241.

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# ENGAGEMENTS

Typing Pool ..... Majella Laws to Peter Gleeson

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Block S ..... Christine Dudley to  
Colin Edgley

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MARRIAGES

Ex-Main Library ..... Paula Briggs to David Woodward

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Ex-Physical Sciences ..... Jenni Kett to Adrian Evans

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BIRTHS

Procurement Group ..... to Denis and Sharon Page  
a son, David Anthony

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Lines & Data Systems ..... to Roger and Anne Smith  
a son, Warwick

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Lines & Data Systems ..... to John and Carol Semple  
a son, Gary John

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Ex-Typing Pool ..... to Karel and Max Knight  
a son, Maxwell III

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Customer Apparatus ..... to David and Sue Duckworth  
a son, Adam Murray

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Block T ..... to Colin and Julie Chippendall  
a son, Luke John

(Luke was presented with a Silver Spoon as he  
was born on Australia Day).

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