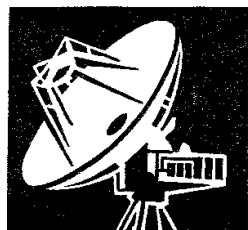


RESEARCH LAB REPORTER



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"RESEARCH LAB REPORTER"CEREBRATIONS

It was the year 2023. The tattered plastic flags on the Jubilee Arch at the entrance to the used-telecommunicator yard in Blackburn Road, Clayton, flew bravely in the brown breeze which blew gently from the direction of Boltic City on the edge of the Westernport sludge flats. Disconsolately the old gateman, peg-leg Frank, reached up and touched the telepather mounted on his right temple. He tapped out the special code which switched it to the privileged frequency and recalled the emotional day of his retirement in 1984 when he had been granted life membership of the P.O.A. Research Laboratories. They had given him access to the V.I.P. frequency for his services to the staff in sabotaging the plans for the Lyon Park concentration camp of the now defunct Australian Post Office.

As his telepather brought to him the sights and sounds of the trikini clad P.O.A.'s (Professional Officers' Assistants) clicking the heels of their thigh boots in the jubilee march round the pool at Sheridan Research Park, in Symonstown just outside Coff's Harbour, he reflected that it was a pity that he had been unable to go with the breakaway group. But, if it had not been for his sit-in on the top of the drive-in screen, the jagged outline of which he could see rusting away down the road, that Jubilee Arch would have become the gateway to another Block A, the special punishment block for recalcitrant inmates of the almost finished SS and TS blocks in Lyon Park. It was only the fall, which put him in hospital for repairs to his other cartilage (and later led to his superannuation) that delayed by six weeks the rapid passage through the A.P.O., the Department of Works, Department of Interior, Treasury, Parliamentary Works Committee and Cabinet (for the fourth time). The delay was just long enough to allow the gorilla movement, led by the black-bearded Fidel Castro of W.C. Block, to stage its management coup.

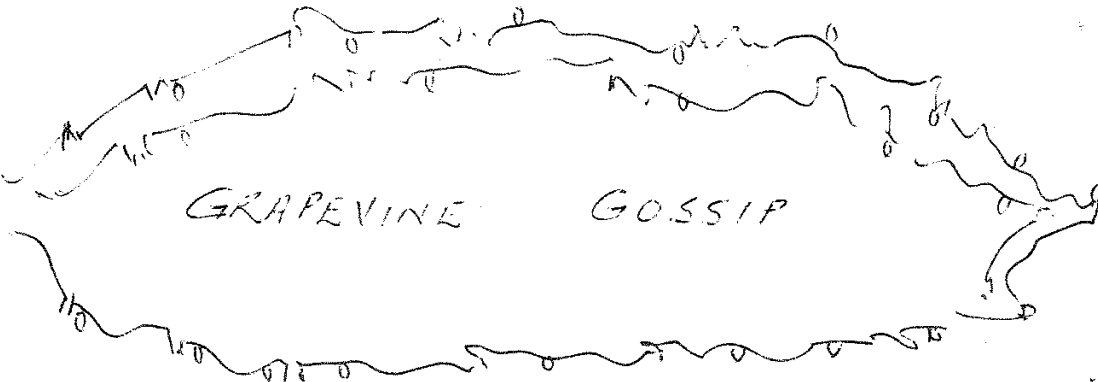
As he watched the fresh-faced students, from the Darger University across the road, picking over the old Saylor-complete-communicators for their historical studies, he reflected that his sacrifice had not been in vain.

"Bon Voyageur"

Overseas Assignment

Jim Vizard has returned recently from a six weeks visit overseas. Jim attended a meeting of the C.C.I.T.T. Working Party FT.6 in Geneva and also investigated the work of European and Japanese Administrations in the area of common channelling signalling.

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GRAPEVINE GOSSIP

Before the next issue of this journal goes to print in August, we shall have farewelled two of the most well known identities from the Labs. I am speaking of Ross Pitkethly, Design (Special Projects) and Don Waters, General Chemistry. Both these gentlemen (and I use the word literally) have made many, many friends during their time in the Laboratories. At this juncture, Don and Ross, may we all send you our sincerest wishes for many happy years of retirement, and we expect to see your faces from time to time appearing around the usual morning or afternoon cuppa.

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The fish tank at Block S has sported extra fish. It was interesting to see the development from the small eggs to the now self dependent fish. The attentions of the mother were something to behold and no doubt are a reflection of motherhood in general. - Hats off to the women and more liberation to them. By the way, Rollo Brett has donated a fish for the tank. It is a beautiful fish and is called a PELMATOCHROMIS KRIBENSIS. Get Ray Jepson to pronounce that, after a few grand old parrs!

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Keith Guilliard, Block A's Building Clerk, returned from his holiday in Toowoomba looking a new man - and that's the bald truth!

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A few months ago Dick Slade ran into a Jim Richardson who, many of you may recall, was a storeman in the Labs. somewhere about 1958 (makes you feel old - doesn't it?). Dick told us that Jim, who was with the Customs Department, had just been retired by the C.M.O. on account of nerves at the age of 58 years. He had a very severe bout of gastro enteritis during which his nerves packed up. Physically quite o.k, but got the shakes.

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Merl Cuzens finds she has set a pattern for the Library staff, apparently as Jill and John Liddell, Paula and Sandy Draga, and Ilsa and Barry Petering have copied her by all moving into new homes recently. Incidentally, many of you library loungers would be interested to know that ex-librarian Robyn Hollindale has returned from overseas, BUT has taken a position with D.C.A. in Melbourne.

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At a recent get together at Bert Cooper's residence the hidden talents of electrical genius Alva Allen became evident when he was heard to play vigorously many old time airs on an expensive electronic organ. At the conclusion of the evening he revealed a further talent when he demonstrated to Staff Driver Bates how quickly he could open S.D.B's locked holden without using a coat hanger (a sober attempt).

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Hurry-up and get-well wishes are sent to many of our members who are and have been on the sick list for some time.

Otto Lobert, Radio Systems, Bruce McEwen, Lab. Instrumentation, and Ashley Conroy, Admin. Assist., are now back on deck after absences of many weeks. John Lewis, Lines and Data Systems, however, is still home after a nasty bout of hepatitis. I am told he has become a TV fan, watching all those first class educational programs during the day. The most unfortunate part of the whole business is the restricted diet John will partake of during the next 12 months (very few drops of the old red, I'm afraid).

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The Lab. Instrumentation Section had an item of equipment returned recently with an apology from the borrower. The loan ticket was signed by L.M. Harris, as engineer in charge, and the date of loan was September 1935.

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Due to extensive libel suits pending with regard to the sensational and controversial allegations made in the now famous "expose" of the Block R, article in the last issue of the Reporter, the editor has been forced to withhold, until legal proceedings have been completed, the rather numerous and lengthy explanations, personal pleas, testimonials and indictments that this article inspired.

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Maurice Daly with Ray Proudlock as passenger had a hair raising experience recently. They were travelling down a steep l-car mountain track when they were confronted by a fellow driver on the way up. Maurice can confirm how difficult it is to stop on loose gravel (to the tune of a cool \$220).

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An investigation team at Mt. Cowley was confronted with a CURLEY one recently when Stan Barnard (with empty wallet) at the time did not have to pay for the coffee.

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Light Plane Trip to T.P.N.G.

Anyone (but preferably female) wishing to participate in an aerial safari to T.P.N.G. in a "Cessna" 210B during mid-1973, please contact Lloyd (387 1525).

Duration : approx. 4-5 weeks

Route : Melbourne - Barrier Reef -
Weipa - Cape York - Daru - Kerema -
Moresby - Lae (bus to Highlands,
Goroka, Mt. Hagan, etc. and return
to Lae) - Rabaul - Kieta - Buka
Sohano.

Staying at various places for a few days here and there and approx. 10 days in Rabaul and Gazelle Peninsula. Cost much less than commercial flights and much safer too because pilot will be very Goode.

Liberts

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Hobbis

GOLF

Once again, Alva Allen (97) was the organiser of a very pleasant day at the Ivanhoe Golf Course during the month of May.

Conditions were perfect, the weather sunny. A few new events were incorporated to make the day a little more interesting.

Ted Hulley won the longest drive. Ron Forbes won nearest to the pin. However, Roy Potter was the outright winner with a fine score of 83. The 'B' section leader was John Hughes (102) and Lloyd Fairhall (116) (from LLE) was leader in 'C' section.

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ANNUAL BALL

Aylesbury Court, Brighton, was packed to capacity to accommodate the largest ever crowd who gathered to celebrate the Laboratories' fifth annual ball.

Our guests included the acting F.A.D.G. (Planning and Research), Mr. Ron Turnbull and Mrs. Turnbull, and the acting S.A.D.G. (Planning and Programming), Mr. Alan Gravell and Mrs. Gravell. Unfortunately, the Director-General, Mr. Lane and Mrs. Lane, had to withdraw at the last moment due to the temporary indisposition of Mrs. Lane.

Dozens of prizes were distributed throughout the evening, and many hundreds were still dancing, etc. when the function concluded at 2.00 a.m. There is no doubting that at least two people had a high time, who else would go home with the temperature at 1°C without their overcoat or vest - ask David Mattiske or Lyel Perkins.

Finally, all those who attended discovered the answer to the popular question "Guess whose mother has a whirlpool?" - Ted Hulley's mother.

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Darts

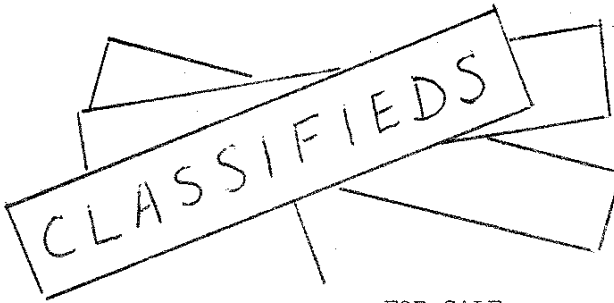
Bob Barclay, Lab. Instrumentation, is taking a darts team to Sydney for a challenge match. He has acquired accommodation for the team at Kings Cross. Now he is wondering whether this was such a good idea, as some of the lads are a little wild and may take some finding at contest time. He is contemplating locking them in their rooms.

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Football

A sign of the times! Kevin Bartlett selected as a reserve for the Victorian team in the interstate carnival. Has the tiger lost his roar?

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FOR SALE

Tyre (NEW) 6.95 x 14, Dunlop Guardian

\$ 12

Contact: Roy Potter, Block A. 6289

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Must sell the following - owner going overseas.

Holden Station Wagon (HR 161) \$950 O.N.O.

Cot and Mattress \$ 10

Double Bed and Mattress \$ 40

Danish Deluxe (TRINA) Lounge Suite \$190

Chest of Drawers, small \$ 10

Contact: Lawry Melton, Block A. 6295

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WHO LEFT THEIR PRIZE BEHIND AT THE LABS. BALL? OWNER MAY CLAIM SAME
FROM ASHLEY CONROY, BLOCK A. 7904

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MAGAZINES

- (a) Scientific American
May 1964 - August 1970
(80 issues - \$28.00 or \$5.00/year)

MAGAZINES (Continued)

- (b) Science Journal
Dec. 1965 - July 1970
(52 issues - \$18.00 or \$4.00/year)
- (c) Practical Electronics
Nov. 1964 - May 1969
(58 issues - \$12.00)
- (d) Electronics Australia
Jan. 1962 - Dec. 1968
(75 issues - \$20.00 or \$3.00/year)

Contact: Michael, Block T. 7595

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SPONSORS WANTED

World Vision of Australia - further information from:

Cheryl Morrison, Block S. 6613

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Engagements

Switching and Signalling Ian Moran to Sharon Gaylor.

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Ex-Electrical Fitting Area Doug Wilson to Alison McKee.

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Main Library Rita Torcaso to Joe Crupe.

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Marriages

Switching and Signalling

John Loftus to Elizabeth Mulholland.

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Model Shop

Bill Kuys to Robyn Hargreaves.

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Lab. Instrumentation

Sean Curlis to Susan Whitelaw.

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Births

Switching and Signalling

to Howard and Rhonda Fegent -
a daughter, Renae Julia.

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to Mario and Heather Verruso -
a daughter, Cherie Lynne.

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Model Shop

to Laurie and Kristine Bridgeman -
a son, Matthew Joseph.

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Recent Grandfathers

Customer Apparatus

Ron Wood for the first occasion
on the arrival of grandson, Michael
James.

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Recent Grandfathers
(Continued)

Procurement Group

Ted Scates celebrating the advent
of grandson No. 2, Richard Glenroy.

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Switching and Signalling

Kevin Curley on the birth of
Andrew (7 lb/20 oz.) to
daughter Margaret and
husband Noel Williamson.

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Ex-Administrative Officer

to Tom Broughton whose daughter Pam
presented him with his third grand-
child - Gregory (we think at this
stage) - 10 lb.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Welcome to:

Fairlie Yates
Kevin Jones
Prue Buttle
Peter Latoszynski
Judi Adshead
Gayle McMenamin
Wayne Caffyn
Liviano Mahne
Graham Lucas
Gayle Oliver
Christine Emmett
Roman Olesnicki
Louise Gooding

T.T.O.
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T.A.1
T.A.1
Process Worker
Library Officer
Process Worker
Stenographer
T.A.1
C.A.2
Typiste/Receptioniste, Block A
Engineer Class 1
C.A.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES
(Continued)

Emma Merandi	C.A.
Zdenek Slavik	Chemist Class 2
Harvey Sabine	Engineer Class 1
Diane Pitman	

Farewell to:

Tharlia McGettigan (Library)	to further her studies at Monash.
Adele Parsons (Programme Officer)	to take over the permanent position of housewife.
Heather Kidd (Librarian)	to become Chief Librarian for the Australian Gas Association.
Geoff Welby (Clerk Class 4)	transferred to Lines Branch.
Antoinette Leadbeater (Typing Pool)	to become Home Supervisor and Mother.
John Hullett (Engineer Class 3)	to University of Western Australia as a Lecturer.

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 ? Postwork Posers ?
 ? $\sqrt{6.25}$

1. Titling of Flip-Flops

On an R-S Flip-Flop the R and S inputs give reset and set actions, respectively.

On a D Flip-Flop data is presented at the D input.

Postwork Posers
(Continued)

Do you know why the inputs of a J-K Flip-Flop are actually called J and K - was it random choice or was there once a reason?

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2. The Two Cubes

Two cubes with integral sides have their combined volume equal to the combined length of their edges.

What are the dimensions of the cubes?

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3. The algebra teacher wrote on the blackboard a quadratic equation of the form $x^2 - Ax + B = 0$. In copying this, a careless student erroneously transposed the two digits of B as well as the plus and minus signs. However, one of the roots was the same. What was this root? (Assume both A and B are integers.)

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