

Librarians rule OK

John Holgate's Scrabble skills were revealed in Malcolm Andrew's 'On the Spot' column in a recent edition of the *Daily Telegraph*.

John, Librarian at the Royal Hospital for Women at Paddington, has just won the Australian Scrabble Championship. He will be competing in the US Championship next year for the top prize of a cool US\$50,000.



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The only person able to beat the Scrabble King is John's wife. 'She played me once, beat me by a point — and then retired. And she refuses to give me a return match.'

Between playing Scrabble both competitive and 'social' Scrabble (in German and French) and studying the dictionary John has been President of the Medical Libraries Section (NSW Group) in 1983, a sectional Councillor in 1985 and Medical Libraries (NSW Group) Committee Member in 1986.

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FMWU Coverage of Library Staff

1985/86 was a year in which the Committee of Management carried out those actions, approved by the 1985 LISU AGM, necessary for the merger between LISU and the Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union (FMWU). As expected the legal proceedings dealing with the FMWU's application to extend their membership coverage over our present membership has been a lengthy one. It is hoped however that the legal proceedings will be finalised within the next few months.

Award Application

During the year the Committee of Management liaised with the FMWU Research Officer, Cheryl Hyde, who is responsible for our area regarding award claims. The claim remains the same except for ongoing amendments in the area of rewording and rearrangement. Negotiations with the employers will be reopened when the reworked log of claims and legal proceedings have been finalised.

Industrial matters

The Secretary and President continued to handle members' and non-members' queries regarding working conditions and salaries. Cheryl Hyde was able to assist in this area. In one industrial dispute in which Cheryl was able to assist led to a compulsory conference before the Conciliation Commission. The Commissioner found in the members' favour.

Comings and goings

Meg Smith resigned and her casual vacancy was filled by Jan Smith. Anne Wynter and Jan Wild (Returning Officer) resigned; both casual vacancies have remained unfilled due to lack of nominations. The LISU appreciate the work they have done and the support they have given to Cheryl Grant and the President.

Conclusion

Many thanks to the members of LISU. They have continually supported the Union and the Committee of Management. This support will be rewarded when LISU emerges bigger and stronger as the Library and Information Section of the FMWU.

Susan Sykes
President

Library and Information Staff Union

The Committee of Management of the LISU for 1986/87 to 1987/88 was elected at the AGM of the Union on 27 October 1986.

Positions are as follows:

President — Susan Sykes; *Senior Vice President* — Jan Smith; *Junior Vice President* — Vincenza Cigholini-Saade; *General Secretary/Treasurer* — Cheryl Grant; *Assistant General Secretary* — Barbara Brooks.

Members with queries and people wishing to join LISU should contact: Cheryl Grant 807 4191 or Susan Sykes 639 2809.

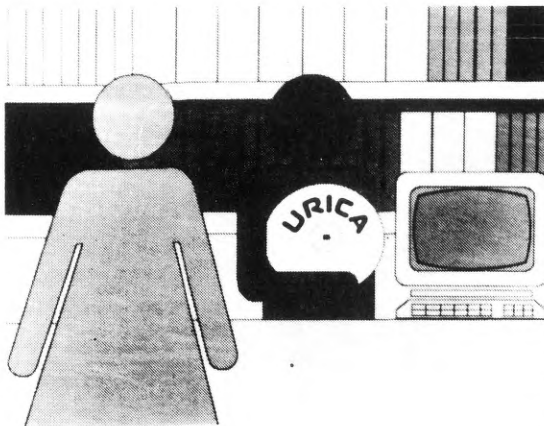
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