

KENNEL KAPERS — IN — KANGAROO LAND

Hello again,
There is honestly no telling what date you people will be reading this article because I must confess that we have lost complete track of correlation between when we write and the date of printing.

Nevertheless, I shall plunge boldly ahead and predict that my sister, Charlotte, will soon be getting married (that should be a safe statement to make with respect to time). Aside from deep regrets that we cannot be there for the joyous, fateful day, I can hardly believe that time has slipped by so fast and what used to be a "baby sister" has grown faster than my memory allows.

The saving grace about her getting married while we're gone is that she's lucked up and found one of the finest fellows you could imagine. I've known David Blackwood for five years now, and I can

honestly say I've never met any young man who was so inspiring just to talk to. May Jean and I add our two cents in and say we're both proud of and happy for Charlotte and Dave.

Meanwhile back in Australia autumn is here and winter is on its way. As the Aussies say, we are now "settled in," and our assimilation into a culture not far different from ours is almost complete.

We understand that our last hurdle to cross before becoming "dinkum Aussie" (Australian equivalent to 100 per cent red-blooded American) is to successfully live through the Melbourne winter. In case you haven't heard, Melbourne is known for its damp, cold winters.

The record low temperature is only 27 degrees and it never snows; but they say the damp winds cut through you like an icy knife. Still we'll have to see it to believe it.

The time of season here corresponds to late October or early November but is much like spring and the temperature is still around 80 degrees, but they say this has been a mild autumn. Personally I think much more studying will be done when the confines of winter set in rather than these inviting swimming days.

Just to prove that it is like spring here, I wish to do an on-the-scene report of the biggest student riot I've ever heard about. It happened out at the University several weeks ago, and it was so typically spring-like that I thought of dear State College.

I report this story not to make the older generation think the younger set has gone completely to the bad, but I want to emphasize that students are the same the world over—whether it be swallowing goldfish or cramming into telephone booths.

Several weeks ago on the large lawns in front of the student union here at the University of Melbourne, the engineering students had challenged the law students to a farce bathing beauty contest to see which school could produce the most female looking male for the coming year.

For this annual event about 3,000 of the 10,000 students at the University turned out to watch the festivities, which usually end up in a tomato throwing contest. This day it ended up in a riot.

There are fire hydrants at each corner of the lawns, and about 200 engineers and lawyers connected fire hose to them. The battle was on. Between rotten tomatoes, bags filled with raw hamburger, flour bags, and high-pressured fire hose,

the 3,000 spectators (I being one of them) crowded in to see the kill.

Kill was correct; without warning both sides turned on the crowds with water on full force, and the greatest cattle stampede of any western epic couldn't compare with the student stampede that ensued.

Finally the spectators, rising to the occasion, manned the fire hose in each of the buildings surrounding the lawns and fought fire with fire.

Passing cars and trucks were given a thorough drenching. Cops, workmen, and professors were hosed down equally. Brave was the man who ventured out of any building, and soon wet he was too.

Naturally the police (or "bulls" as they are called here) soon arrived, and crowds streamed from the buildings to give the police a mock ovation.

No arrests were made, no damage was done—except to the prides and presses of several thousand water-soaked students (including yours truly). The amazing thing about the whole incident is that everyone, including police and professors, seemed to have a good time. It turned out that this stunt had been planned by the engineers and lawyers for some time, and evidently approval had been given.

I just thought you'd like to know what college students do with their spare time half way around the world. Might I say that it almost made me feel at home, although they only do that sort of thing over at Chapel Hill—certainly not at State College!

It's only autumn here in Aus-

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tralia, I wonder what they'll think of in the spring! !

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Robbie.

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