

HARVEY AGRICULTURAL CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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SOME DATES IN TERM 3

JULY 24 Monday	School commences for staff
JULY 25 Tuesday	School commences for students. Students return after 5.00 pm on Monday July 24. NO MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.
AUGUST 8-10 Tuesday-Thursday	Year 12 Artificial Insemination Course (\$185.00) Group 1
AUGUST 22-24 Tuesday-Thursday	Year 12 Artificial Insemination Course (\$185.00) Group 2
AUGUST 24 Thursday	Dowerin Field Day - Year 12's only.
AUGUST 25-27 Friday-Sunday	Closed Weekend. Students depart after 3.00 pm Thursday and return after 5.00 pm Sunday August 27. NO MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED.
AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 1 Monday - Friday	Shearing/Computer Workshop for all Year 12's.
SEPTEMBER 1 Friday	Farmers' Dinner
SEPTEMBER 4 - 8 Monday - Friday	Year 12 Work Experience
SEPTEMBER 8 Friday	School Concert
SEPTEMBER 13 Wednesday	Computer Aided Livestock Marketing - Year 12
SEPTEMBER 22	Exam Week - Year 12
SEPTEMBER 27 Wednesday	Farm Skills Competition
SEPTEMBER 28 Thursday	Field Day and End of Term for all students
SEPTEMBER 29 Friday	End of Term for Staff
SEPTEMBER 30 Saturday	Led Steer Competition at the Royal Show
OCTOBER 16 Monday	Term 4 Commences
OCTOBER 20-21 Friday/Saturday	Harvey Show - All students required to remain on Campus to assist with the Show
NOVEMBER 3 Friday	Year 12 Graduation with Year 12's saying farewell to School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another term has ended and I must thank all our staff and students for their very productive work. Next term is a very full and busy one with Farmers' Dinner, Field Days, Year 12 Work Experience, A.I., Computing and Shearing courses as well as all the normal work to be done in class and on farm, so I hope everyone has a restful holiday and recharges their batteries for the onslaught.

Excursion Policy

I would like to bring to parents' attention a new Education Department Excursion Policy which requires schools to obtain written parent permission for students to attend excursions, and authority for teachers to obtain medical assistance in the event of an accident or emergency if parents cannot be contacted. Being a residential school, students often go on outings, and rather than send home notes each time this occurs, I will be composing a letter and permission form that will cover most of the kinds of activities students participate in at Harvey. This will be sent home to parents early next term to be signed and returned.

We also need to update our medical information on students and so will send a medical details form home at the same time. Your co-operation in completing this would be much appreciated.

Daylight Rule

An issue I would like to seek parent opinion on is the school's "24 hour daylight" policy regarding student relationships. Basically this means that there has to be daylight between male

and female students at all times - holding hands or touching is not allowed.

We have had a request from some of our students that the daylight policy be relaxed to allow the holding of hands. The Staff have discussed this but have not resolved the issue because it is a difficult one for supervisors. Relationships are bound to develop between students of 16 and 17, and there would be no problem if they were returning home each day. The duty of care staff have, for students in a residential situation is a big responsibility and the question is, where does one draw the line? Is it an appropriate thing for students to hold hands in a school environment?

How do you feel, as a parent, about this? Are you aware of whether your son/daughter has formed a romantic relationship at school? Would you want to be informed?

We would appreciate your responses to this matter on the slip provided.

A Well Earned Rest

Mr Jeff Whittcock, our Head of Department, will be on long service leave next term enjoying a very well-earned rest and travelling in the north of the state. We wish Jeff and his family a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mr David Webster will be Acting Head of Department for Term 3, and our replacement teacher will be Mr Tim Bowden, a well-credentialled Ag teacher, farmer and farm manager. Mr Rod Hounslow will be returning from long service leave in Term 3 to

resume his duties as Residential Supervisor, and we thank Mr Bicknell for his hard work as relieving supervisor this term.

I wish all our students, parents and staff an enjoyable holiday and safe return next term.

SUZANNE SAUNDERS PRINCIPAL



JEFF'S PEN

Term 2 saw many pleasing achievements in our school, some of which I will reflect on quickly.

Pasture Plant Study Group

Several students including Nadine Hoeberigs (Casuarina), Kent Rochester (Many Peaks), Darrell Scott (Yallingup), Andrew Ponsford (Baldivis) and Lyndal Hayes (Byford) are growing a large number of pasture grasses and legumes in trays. Students will use the plants for Year 12 Crops and Pastures, but more importantly it will be part of the South West Regional display at the Royal Show. Our 140mm's of rain followed by fine sunny weather has been a bonus for the growth of the plants.

Launch & Tour

On Friday May 19 the Hon. Peter Foss as Minister for the Environment, launched a catchment strategy for the Leschenault Water System. Mr Whittcock along with Shannon Osborne (Waroona), Erin Dickson (Kelmcott), Andrew Dunnet (Nannup), Craig Warburton (Brunswick) and Jessica Welsh

(Kelmcott) attended the opening ceremony and visited several properties involved in promoting the ideals of the catchment plan. Harvey students will become more involved in the catchment work for this area.

Led Steer

Two pure breed Limousin steers (Ex-Narrogin) and two Limousin crosses (School beef herd) are presently being trained by Helen Barrett (Gosnells), Adam Gregory (Armadale), Jessica Welsh (Kelmcott) and Bernadette Pearson (Duncraig). Students spend a significant amount of their after school time preparing the steers. Animals will be shown at the Royal and Brunswick Shows later this year.

School Development Day

Staff attended a workshop on June 2. In the morning, School Psychologist, Serena Dale, promoted a "No Blame Approach to Bullying". This was followed by an afternoon session on CD-Rom which was presented by a company called Random Access.

Medical Services

Jeff Christie, the school nurse, is available for appointments between 7.40 - 8.00 am everyday. He is also available most Thursday lunch times.



Reports

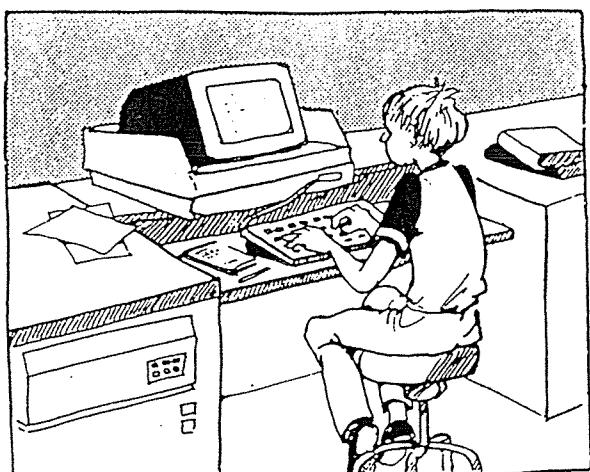
Written reports detailing students' performance in all areas of the Campus were posted home on June 19, 1995. Reports are put together with comments and grades for each Secondary Education Authority (SEA) subject studied by your child. These are Semester 1 grades only, based on the quality of work submitted so far. They are not final grades and students can improve grades prior to the end of the year with extra work and commitment.

Weekend Activities

Residential staff have organised a number of weekend activities over this Term. A Quiz night, Quazar in Fremantle, football and a Theme "S" night were some of the highlights. Fundraising in the form of sheep manure sales was also undertaken. Thankyou to the staff who assisted in the organisation and supervision of a fine program of activities.

Library & Computers

Students have requested that the computers be more accessible, so that they may complete assignments. The library will be opened and supervised on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (4.00 - 5.00 pm). There are also opening times over the weekend, I urge students to make use of this facility.



Staff will also be providing an introductory course in computers, so that everyone is familiar with working through the menu, printing and storing information. Some technical problems have been experienced which have been attributed to the need for skill development. Miss Akkari and Mr Slee will work with the students on this activity.

Staff Changes

David Webster has been appointed as Relieving Head of Department in Term 3, as Jeff Whittock will be taking long service leave. Jeff and his family are planning to travel to Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide over a 3 month period.



Rod Hounslow will return from long service leave next term. A thank you to Geoff Bicknell who has filled in for Rod. No doubt we will still see Mr Bicknell, as his wife Ivy is our full time weekend Supervisor.

Good luck to all students for Term 3. For the Year 12's it's the time to consolidate their grades. Year 11's will also need to focus on their classwork.

**JEFF WHITTOCK
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR AUSTUDY?

HAS YOUR APPLICATION BEEN REJECTED?

DO YOU DISAGREE WITH A DECISION MADE
ABOUT YOUR AUSTUDY?

**YOU CAN APPEAL TO AN
INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL**

CONTACT:

Social Security Appeals Tribunal,
9th Floor, London House,
216, St George's Terrace,
Perth.

Telephone: 261 3360 (Free call 1800 011 140)

AUSTUDY APPEALS

Are you unhappy about an Austudy decision and want to appeal against it?

The Social Security Appeals Tribunal hears student appeals and is keen to inform students of their appeal rights. It aims to provide an appeal system which is fair, just, economical and quick. The Tribunal is independent from the Department of Education, Employment and Training (DEET).

The Tribunal hears appeals on the range of allowances administered by DEET including basic Austudy, student homeless rate, education supplement, Abstudy and the assistance for isolated children scheme. For example, the Tribunal can review a DEET decision not to pay Austudy or to raise an overpayment.

The Tribunal also hears appeals about Department of Social Security decisions in relation to benefits and pensions.

Appealing to the SSAT costs nothing. To help applicants get to the hearing, the Tribunal will pay reasonable travel expenses. If needed, an interpreter is provided. Where a student cannot attend, a hearing can be by conference telephone or in rare cases, heard on the papers.

The main purpose of the informal hearing is to hear why the student is not happy with the decision. Students attend alone or with a parent or friend and speak to the Tribunal. A written submission is not necessary, although some students find notes or a submission helpful.

The Tribunal may change the original decision, vary it or agree with the decision.

The Tribunal may only review decisions already reviewed by an Authorised Review Officer in DEET. Appeals should be lodged within three months of the DEET review.

Appeal forms are available from Student Assistance Centres (in the phone book under "Employment"), or from the Tribunal - 9th Floor, London House, 216 St George's Terrace, Perth. Appeals may also be lodged by ringing the SSAT on 261 3360 or 1800 011 140 (Freecall number).

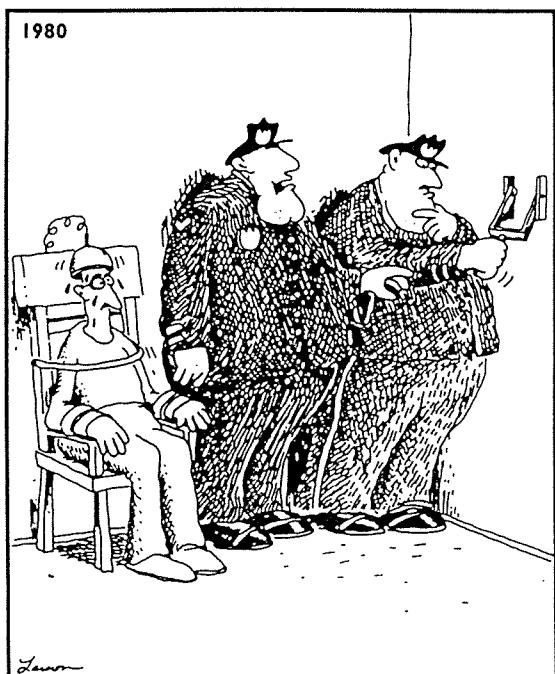
MANUAL ARTS MATTERS

Project work in the Metal and Wood workshops is progressing at a good rate with some very presentable results. SEA grades in these areas are the highest I have awarded for a number of years and students are to be commended for their abilities and their excellent attitude.

Some noteworthy achievements are from Gavin Craske who has completed an excellent single axle trailer, which will go into service as part of the Gardening and Mowing Business Gavin will enter into at the completion of his second year here.

I particularly enjoyed seeing Andrew Dunnet turn a blackboy heart in his woodwork class upon the wood lathe he designed and manufactured in his metalwork class.

Year 11 Metalwork students are close to completing the course of set projects and are looking forward to designing and manufacturing a project of their own choice. Once again the standard of work and general attitude to this subject has been very good.



"The contact points must be dirty. ... Just click it up and down a few times."

Farm Vehicles and Machines classes have been working on their usual varied and interesting range of projects and repairs. The rebuilding of a Dodge V8 diesel has been of particular interest.

There will be some staffing changes for next term. I will be taking on the Head of Residence role, but will retain my Year 12 Metal Constructions and Furniture Woodwork classes. It is anticipated that Bob McManus will take over the Year 11 Metal work classes. This will ensure the continuity of the National Broad Based Module scheme for which Mr McManus and I are both accredited.

Term 3 is always a very busy time with many interruptions, especially to Year 12 classes. I ask all students to maintain their enthusiasm for their Manual Arts subjects and to encourage them to work toward a Field Day display which displays the quality of their workmanship and their aspirations toward professional standards.

**DAVID WEBSTER
MANUAL ARTS**

RESIDENTIAL REVIEW

MAY 6

We held a Theme Night, "S" was the chosen letter. Menu was Spaghetti Bolognese and Salad followed by Scones. It was great. Thank you to our kitchen staff for the lovely meal and for helping out the Supervisors with the judging. Almost all students dressed up in something beginning with "S" and the effort that went into it was great. The winners were, 1st Scarecrow - Nadine

Hoeberigs, 2nd Sleazy Couple
- Kane Luzny & Ryan Reeve, 3rd
Sewerage - Nyall Monks.

MAY 7

Mr Bicknell took Shannon Osborne, Michael Parkin, Jessica Welsh and Jodi Schreurs to Horse Power at Serpentine. All enjoyed the day.

MAY 27

A very enjoyable, entertaining and interesting evening, with a quiz being arranged by Mr Stagbouer, Miss Kuypers and Miss Hueppauff. I do not know how they found such a variety of questions. Each group of ten questions were asked and totals transferred to a black board. It was really exciting to see the scores slowly climb. The winning team was Bernadette Pearson, Sally Robertson, Kane Luzny and Russell Hansen. Shannon Osborne got the dummy.

JUNE 10

Card of Points. All students on Campus joined in for the game, having to search for a list of objects as well as gather information. After dinner the students grouped in their houses and we counted up the points with a pack of cards being used and called at random. It was a great afternoon and evening. The results were, Gold 145, Blue 140, Red 137 and Green 126.

JUNE 11

We all had a day out at Mr and Mrs Robert Jefferies' farm at Duranillin, to see "no till" seeding. Myself and several students found an old rubbish tip and with Mr Jefferies' permission, we had great fun looking at old machinery etc, some so old, I didn't even know what they used to be. A few of the students brought back some very, very old bottles. We had

COMPETITION

Can you think of a suitable caption ?!?!?
Entries to the Front Office by 31.07.95.
THERE WILL BE A PRIZE!



a barbecue at the house at lunchtime. Thank you James for showing us the way and Mr and Mrs Jefferies for a great day.

JUNE 17

Mr Stagbouer took a bus load of our students to Quazar. They had a great time and came back very happy. Mrs Rhodes and myself played Chinese Checkers with the remaining three students.

JUNE 18

Sausage Sizzle at Stirling Dam after a nice drive sightseeing first. Another lovely day.

JUNE 24

Mr Bicknell took nine students to Bunbury City Bowls, they came back saying what a great time they had and had spent quite a lot of money too.

We have been receiving quite a lot of requests from students for places they would like to go and we are looking into them for next term.

Each Friday evening the On Duty Staff take students to the High School Gym for sport and an evening of fun. It is a wonderful venue and makes Friday evening something to look forward to. We do realize the importance of being able to wind down after a full week of work and study and the Gym seems to be just the answer.

Several of the planned outings did not happen this term owing to students preferring to do other things. This is great as we are here for the students and want to make them as happy as possible. Lunch and tea can always be provided if we request in advance from our lovely ladies in the kitchen.

As can be noted from next term's weekend plans, we have quite a lot of interesting, entertaining

and varied activities for our students. Of course everything is flexible.

The Supervisors' office has been relocated and is now near the front entrance. Is much better especially for our female students, as it is in bounds for them.

Among all the other happenings, manure was bagged and sold to local people. With the cancellation of Country Week, it has been hard to motivate most of the students. They still get paid for sales and can use the money their own way. We have a massive stock pile of manure and a shearing shed to complete cleaning out on the weekend of the ninth and tenth of September. So any one who would like some just give us a call.

Four cubes in the male dorm have been refurbished and really look great. As funds become available we will be doing more.

Debutante Ball. Friday the 25th August is the big night and we would love to see you all there. One third of the profits are being channelled into the Agricultural Campus. We have four young ladies and gents from here going to training and they are really doing very well. Please put the above date in your social diary.

Have a great day

**IVY BICKNELL
RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR**



WEEKEND PLANNER - TERM 3

JULY 29	SATURDAY	Bunbury, EP v WP at Perth Oval
JULY 30	SUNDAY	Football
AUGUST 5	SATURDAY	Bunbury, Theme Dinner at night
AUGUST 6	SUNDAY	Football and Hike
AUGUST 12	SATURDAY	Bunbury, Board Games, Muresk Open Day
AUGUST 13	SUNDAY	CC Classic - Capel to Collie Relay, Football
AUGUST 19	SATURDAY	Mandurah all day, Les Miserables \$12.90 in Bunbury
AUGUST 20	SUNDAY	Football and Volleyball
AUGUST 25	FRIDAY	Debutante Ball at Brunswick Rec Centre
AUGUST 26	SATURDAY	Closed Weekend
AUGUST 27	SUNDAY	Students return after 5.00 pm
SEPTEMBER 1	FRIDAY	Farmers' Dinner
SEPTEMBER 2	SATURDAY	Bunbury, Treasure Hunt in afternoon, Roller Skating evening
SEPTEMBER 3	SUNDAY	Football, Fathers Day
SEPTEMBER 9	SATURDAY	"Cloverbrook" Wandering to complete clearing manure and fun weekend. Camp in shearing shed
SEPTEMBER 10	SUNDAY	Return from Wandering
SEPTEMBER 16	SATURDAY	Cinema
SEPTEMBER 17	SUNDAY	Football
SEPTEMBER 23	SATURDAY	Talent Quest
SEPTEMBER 24	SUNDAY	Football

THESE EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES

DOWN ON THE FARM

Second Term has nearly gone, with some rain, but not nearly enough to fill the dams, let alone have sufficient for irrigation next season.

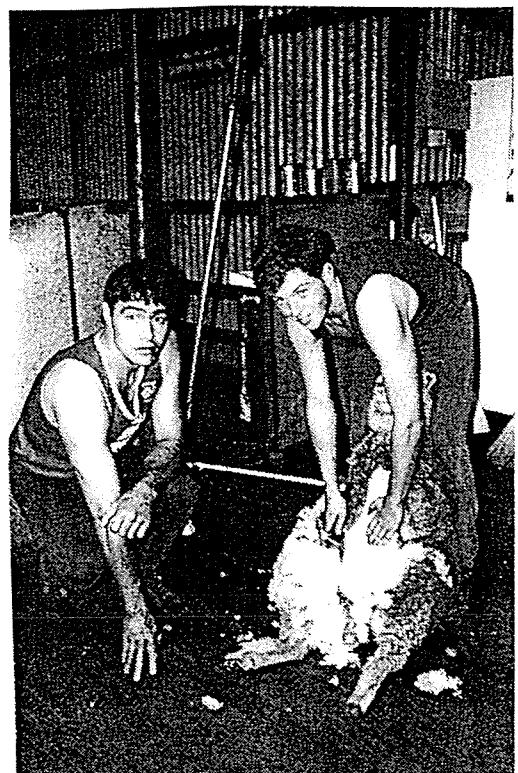
This term has been a steady term with farm based learning and instruction taking place.

We have been involved with a fencing programme which has enabled us to improve and replace some of our fences, which were in dire need of repair or replacement. To this end we again had the pleasure of Joe McGree, the Western Australian Manager and Adviser for Cyclone Rural Fencing, give a demo to our Year 11's and later working with our Year 12's erecting a new fence on our boundary along South West Highway.

A couple of weeks ago we were lucky enough to have a visit by the Western Australian Wool Corporation, Shearing Training Co-ordinator, Peter Black and Dion Morrell, the current World Shearing Champion. Earlier in the year Dion had shorn 716 sheep in a 9 hour day. The purpose of the visit was for Dion to give a motivational talk and practical shearing demo to all our students and was well received by visitors, students and staff alike.



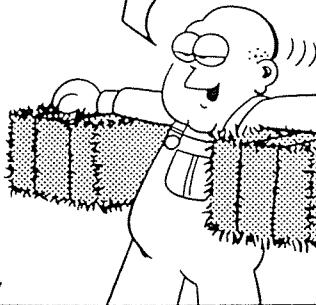
Peter Black instructing Darrell Scott



Dion Morrell instructing Ben McDonald (above) and James Jefferies (left)

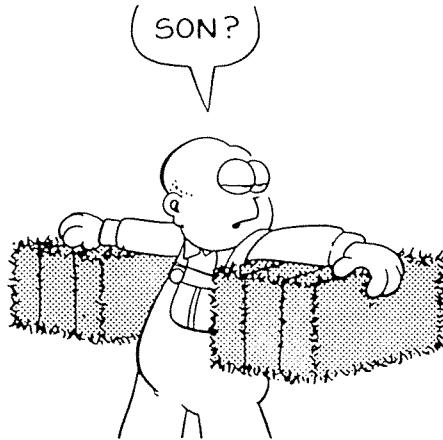


HURRY UP WITH THAT HAY, SON. SUPPER'S WAITIN'



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This weekend it is planned to collect 120 trout to put in our new trout ponds.

This is another learning experience for staff and students alike. We all look forward to being able to purchase a "taste of trout" on Field Day on 28th September.

Traditionally Term 3 is an "extras" learning term for Year 12's, some of which is optional and some compulsory.

In conjunction with HISWA, we will be running two A.I. courses for students who wish to participate at a reduced cost.

Year 12 students will be visiting and some competing in the Cyclone Fencing Competition at Dowerin Field Day.

We will also be conducting a one day introductory "Stock Assessors" course with C.A.L.M. and the one and half day Bush Fires Board of WA "Fire Fighters" course. This will be followed by the Skills Competition at the

Royal Show on the 27th September where we will field a team to compete.

This year for the first time we have entries in the Led Steer Competition both at the Royal and Brunswick Shows. These animals will be on display at our Field Day. We wish their handlers the best in their Paraders Competition and the other competitions.

The 28th September is the final day of Term 3 on which we hold our Field Day. The school is open with many varied activities on display. We invite all friends and relatives as well as any interested parties to attend and see what happens here at the school. We hope to see you all here, so please put that event on your calendars.

Wishing all students a happy break and see you next term.

**PAUL EGERTON-GREEN
FARM SUPERVISOR**

DOC, DO YOU EVER REGRET THAT YOU STAYED ON THE FARM WHILE I WENT TO THE CITY TO LIVE IN THE LAP OF LUXURY?

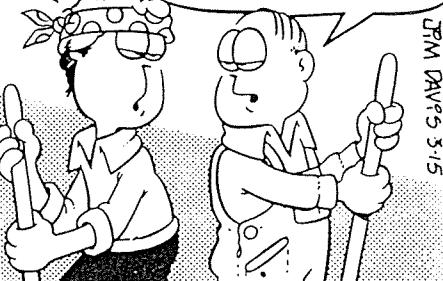


NOT REALLY. DAD WILL PROBABLY WILL THE FARM TO ME, AND I'LL SELL THE ACREAGE AT A HUGE PROFIT AND RETIRE WHILE YOUNG



NEED A HIRED HAND?

GIVE ME A RESUMÉ AND THREE GOOD REFERENCES. AND MOM DOESN'T COUNT



JIM DAVIS

Minister runs the gauntlet



LOCAL NEWS

Local initiative started school

WITH the Harvey Senior High School's Agricultural Wing Old Boys Association growing in strength, research has been done on how the agricultural wing was started.

The late Gladys Offer, of Benger, had a vision to utilise all Harvey's internment camp buildings which lay idle since the end of the Second World War. It occurred to Mrs Offer that this would make an ideal place for an agricultural school.

There was also so much land for expansion and it was in a central area.

Her main reason for promoting the school was because WA did not have an agricultural school in an irrigation area. Wheatbelt schools Muresk, Narrgin and Denmark were in

Mrs Offer was appointed deputation leader with Mrs R. Lawe of Waroona and Mrs P. Depiazzi of Dardanup accompanying her.

The group received a favourable hearing and consequently the school opened in 1953 in the internment camp buildings.

Mr H. Barton became the inaugural principal and there were 18 boarders.

Mr Barton later went on to become superintendent of agricultural schools.

The high school was built 31 years ago, and the two schools now run very efficiently under their first woman principal, Suzanne Saunders.

From Mrs Offer's vision has

grown a first-class agricultural campus accommodating both boys and girls from many areas of the State.

After Mrs Offer outlined the reasons for calling the meeting a motion was supported to send a deputation to the then Minister for Agriculture, Mr Garnet Wood MLA.

FEDERAL Finance Minister Kim Beazley ran the gauntlet on the Harvey River bridge recently. The bridge, which does not have a pedestrian footing, is used regularly by Agricultural Campus students and tourists to gain access to the southern tourist precinct and to town. For many years the Harvey

By JUDY TALBOT

regions climatically different to Harvey. She believed the region needed a school to cater for the needs of irrigation farming.

Mrs Offer decided to call a meeting in Harvey involving organisations such as the Farmers Union, CWA, P&C and the Agricultural Societies in the region.

The group represented the region from Dardanup to Pinjarra and more than 80 people attended including the late Iven Manning, MLA, and Mr C. Henning, MLC.

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Senior High School has pushed for a safer river crossing for its students to no avail. But all that is to change with the recent \$115,000 Federal tourism grant to the Harvey Shire Council. Part of the funding will be directed towards the provision of a footbridge across the river.

World's top shearer shows skill to kids

By KEN UTTING

WORLD record holding shearer Dion Morrell visited the Harvey Senior High School's agricultural campus last Wednesday.

He was brought to the school by the Australian Wool Corporation's senior shearing instructor Peter Black.

Students were given a demonstration of what it takes when the world record holder devoured three sheep in as many minutes.

Three of the agricultural school's top students were then given hands-on instruction from both Dion Morrell and Peter Black, followed by a question and answer session and video presentation.

Morrell pushed 716 sheep out the porthole in nine hours at a New Zealand South Island woolshed on February 1, beating the previous world record by 14 — an average of 45 seconds per sheep.

The 31-year-old West Australian who holds three world shearing records says his February record will be his last.

Peter Black provided technical support for Morrell during the record run.

Mr Black says visits to agricultural schools and colleges such as last Wednesday's could become a thing of the past.

Government policy has dictated that the Wool Corporation no longer become involved with shearer training.

The Government is to take over this role, but Mr Black is concerned that the training will suffer because it will not be industry generated.

"Governments have their own priorities which are not always in the best interests of the industry," he said.

"They say that training should be at the entry point but we have focussed 75 per cent of our attention on the quality con-

cerns we have in the industry.

"It is a contradiction to say on the one hand that we need to improve quality and then take training away from industry control on the other.

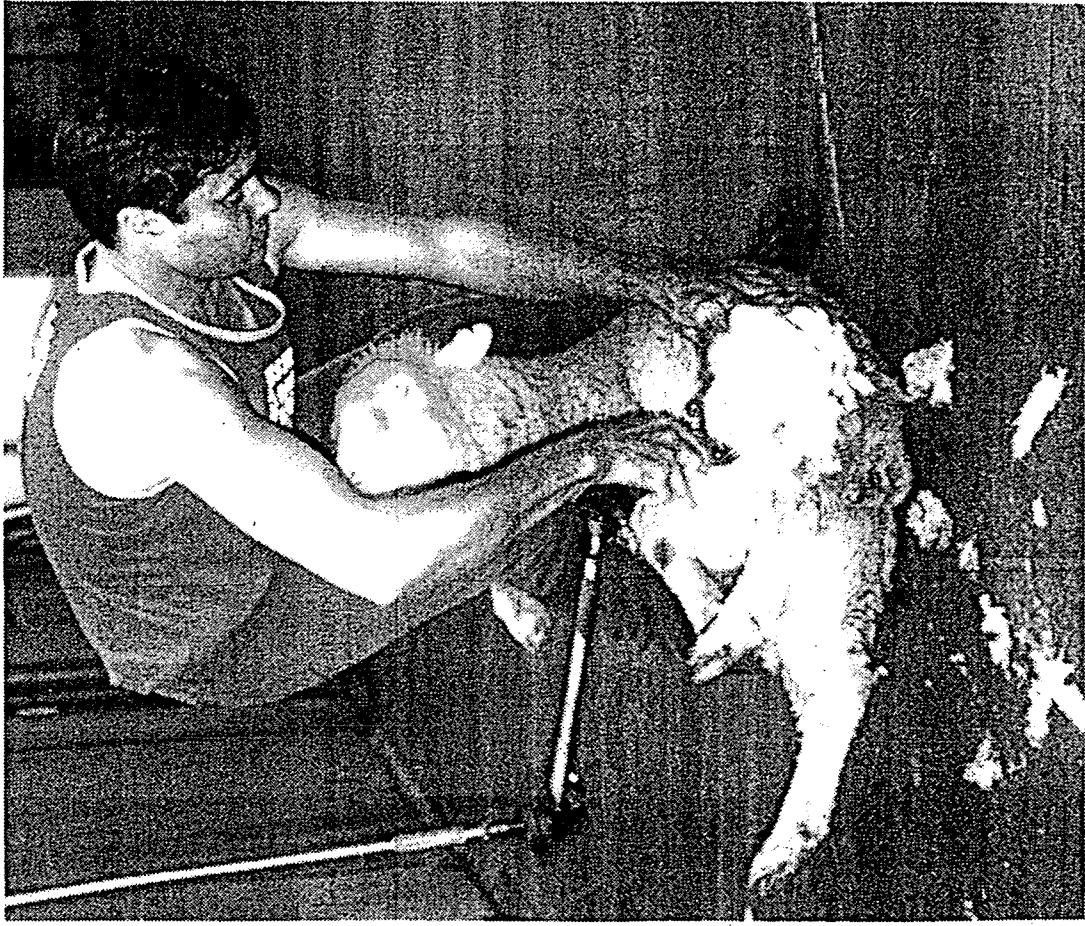
"It is all well and good to provide shearer's courses for young unemployed, but how many of them will stick at it when they experience shearers' work conditions.

"At least when we come to the agricultural schools and colleges the students are all keen to take it on seriously.

"Bringing people like Dion Morrell to the schools helps to inspire the students to improve themselves.

"I don't believe this sort of thing will happen when the Government takes over in December."

Mr Black said he was really concerned because he had been a part of the industry all his life and believed training was heading in the wrong direction.



DEMONSTRATION: Dion Morrell shows his class.



TOP SHOW: Harvey's representatives performed admirably at the recent Agricultural Colleges and Schools Sports Carnival.