

## REPORT FROM JACK HUGHES PRESIDENT EARO

Well here we go again -- another issue of Externally Yours. The new Editorial Committee are certainly to be commended for the zeal with which they tackled the business of resurrecting old and gathering new items of information and, in general, starting the wheels rolling again. Everyone agrees that Externally Yours should be published as often as possible -- even the Editorial Committee -- but this rotational personnel business continually tosses monkey wrenches into our plans and we consider ourselves fortunate if fifty percent of an editorial committee is still in Ottawa when the fruits of their labours reaches the presses. Having become hardened to this sort of thing, it would not surprise yours truly if a number of the Editorial Committee were to send a letter to one of our Posts abroad asking for a contribution to Externally Yours and later end up drafting the reply.

We would indeed be remiss if we omitted a word of thanks to Alison Hardy, who now toils in Washington, D.C. Alison babied Externally Yours during its growing pains and, indeed, deserves our sincere gratitude for her efforts.

This seems to be a busy time of year for your Recreational Association. The past few months saw the Civil Service R.A. Hockey and Broom Ball playoffs -- External Affairs did well in both but lost out in the finals -- a Cribbage tournament has been in progress for a few weeks, under the convenorship of Gordie Bull, but it is too early to forecast a winner -- a Bridge Night convened by Ken Wardroper was held in early March with Mr. and Mrs. Spooner winning top laurels and Mr. and Mrs. Wardroper winning a close second (it's not customary to name the "winner" of the booby prize but since yours truly had the dubious honour, I would be open to endless criticism if I kept it secret -- seems unfair that the President of the Association should be so handicapped) -- the Annual Curling Bonspiel is to take place on March 26 with Bill Holmes at the helm -- Bill Kirkpatrick's committee are fast winding up the Bowling League so that playoffs can get under way and the annual banquet taken care of -- part of our Committee has been given the interesting and enjoyable task of selecting Miss External Affairs 1958, who will compete in the forthcoming Miss Civil Service R.A. contest -- and we are in the throes of the annual

elections to the EARO executive and council (elections? that's the time of year when everyone on the retiring executive contacts everyone else in the Department at Ottawa so that they can be told -- "gee, I'd like to help but I just won't have time. You see I am on a new job etc.....").

Aside from the most recent and coming events the organization has been fairly active during the earlier part of the season. The Departmental Softball Team made quite a showing in the Civil Service R.A. League. Lorne (Skip) Ryan pitched his way through the regular season without suffering any losses -- subsequently, in the playoffs with winners from another section, our team bowed to superior opposition although it has been pointed out that postings and the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly took some of the top players away. Gérard Bertrand convened a successful annual Tennis Tourney, last September, which was followed by a light lunch and a presentation of prizes to the day's winners -- Helen Burns and Paul Duguay. Mack Wood herded several golfers from the Department around the Chaudière precincts in the Annual Departmental Golf Tournament last August, 18 holes were followed by a hot meal and the presentation of prizes to Keith Henry, Hank McGowan, Beryl Crean, Brian Crane and, for the hidden score, to the convenor Mack Wood. The ladies too received their share of prizes with presentations to M. Grace, Jessie Dickinson, Marg MacKenzie, Alison Hardy and, for the hidden score, Noëlla Bélanger. Bill Kirkpatrick and a helpful committee organized the Annual Picnic during the past season -- one of the best yet, by the way. Only one person was disappointed when he didn't win a prize - but I was appeased when they gave me some free ice cream. Art classes were again held this year under the able instruction of Mrs. Sturgeon. The annual dance at Christmas time was an affair to be remembered. Everyone had a wonderful time with the possible exception of the FSO's who braved the cat-calls and carols to put on a rather well-prepared skit. Alf Pick won himself a Christmas turkey and Ted Galpin, the dance convenor, won all kinds of praise for himself and his able committee.

All in all your Recreational Committee has kept fairly active but we always feel there is much left to do. We have many plans for the future included in which is the possibility of establishing a blood bank here in Ottawa for the exclusive use of members of this Department -- and possibly their dependents. In addition, we are hoping to improve our ties with the parent organization, the Civil Service Recreation Associa-