Membership of the Perth branch now stands at about 125. By far the majority of these members are male and this fact is particularly disturbing to the CAMP. Attempts are currently being made to rectify this situation. The group has split itself into a number of subcommittees and each of these is run by a convenor who reports back to a monthly meeting. Most of our activity to the present has been in the form of a large Public Meeting, small private discussion groups and Wine and Cheese Evenings.

As in many similar organizations, it is only the willing few who do any of the work and the general apathetic attitudes are certainly not confined to the eastern seaboard. We are seen by many members of Perth's homosexual community as a “lot of shysters” (even heterosexual Perthites are famed for their lethargy and inactivity). The public meeting was a distinct success (far more of the public than of the members). A priest (Roman Catholic), a lawyer, and a psychiatrist were the main speakers and a prominent Perth lawyer was the chairman. Press coverage prior to and after the event was substantial. The daily newspaper prepared to have something to say despite an earlier reluctance to “give it away”.

CAMPers sub-committee hopes to achieve some success before Christmas. All members see this as an essential part of our current program and feel that we will not have “arrived” until we secure some permanent headquarters. Social evenings have been held once a month and have been of mixed success. Overheads and the provision of liquor have contributed to minimal profits. More rigorous planning will probably be needed before we are able to build our organization. The planning will be required when we start on the clubrooms. Kevin, Peter and Margaret have been busy workers on the social side, but they have had few helpers.

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SYDNEY UNI

Amid discussion of the possibility of the Campus Camp scene spreading to at least two more Uni male grand total four, which just shows that when the barriers are knocked down, they do multiply, the original Campus Camp at Sydney Uni held a third term spectacular. The topic was surprisingly, Sexual Liberation, and before an audience of some 300 students.

There was a panel of four, including Australia's leading pornographer, Wendy Bacon and Dennis Altman chaired the whole scene with the nervy joy of a white rabbit eating a carrot. While there was no time at the end for questions, and so it was unlikely that any reaction, the atmosphere was tremendously good. And it was like that because the five people down there with the mike, told it like it is (I hate that phrase) and instead of delivering a little prepared discussions of a set piece, they just talked about themselves and their problems.

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CAMPUS CAMP — UNSW

Our second banquet of Campus Camp, at the Uni of N.S.W., has only been operating for a couple of months, but it is growing merrily, and is about to burst into action with a public discussion on "Legalisation of Homosexuality". It is not the members’ notables like — well, we will, you give a report next time. And after that, there will be The Grandest Ball in Sydney. That will be the exams. It should be a goodie.

POLLY

The Gold Coast is the mecca of Australia's sun-seeking tourists and believing that “one in twenty” is camp, as we do, we calculated there must be thousands of camp tourists passing through the Gold Coast annually. So we asked our Gold Coast correspondent, Polly, to report on the scene. Her report was so long (There are thousands of camp tourists visiting the Gold Coast that we just had to edit it)