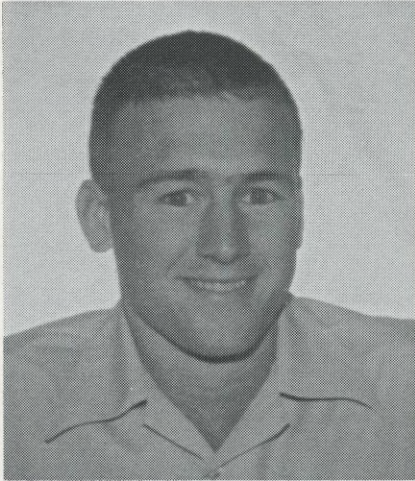


Recruit Dux



Constable Michael Gordon

A marathon running ceramic tiler with an ambition to join the Special Operations Team was the dux of course 1024.

Constable Michael Gordon, 20, of Waite Street, Farrer in Canberra, scored 1,965 marks out of a possible total of 2,300.

He has been posted to the ACT Region.

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Melbourne Recruit

At just 20 years of age, Constable Susan Sierat is looking forward to a long, successful career with the A.F.P.

She joined the AFP about a year ago and is now working in uniform performing patrol duties at Melbourne Airport.

Sue was educated in Adelaide and after matriculating, commenced studies in Radiotherapy at the South Australian Institute of Technology.

However, after only six months, she found the course both depressing and boring and opted out.

Sue said over the next 18 months she took on a number of jobs including managing a pizza delivery service and working as a swimming instructor.

She's a very keen sportswoman who loves swimming and plays indoor cricket and tennis.

The regular job changes she undertook during this rather unsettled period she puts down to "good experience" while deciding on a new career direction.

Sue's first step toward becoming a policewoman involved an approach to

building industry,' Michael said.

'I wanted to get a job with a secure career and variety, both of which I'll get in the AFP.'

'I'm going to general duties first in Canberra and then traffic but my ambition is to get into the SOT. I'll be applying for the first SOT course next year.'

Michael said he had to cut back his running during the 13 week course at Weston from 50 kilometres to 27 kilometres a week but he planned to go back to his original training programme because another ambition was to come back to Weston as a PT

instructor.

And what did he think of the training at Weston?

'They certainly put us through our paces but it was a good course and I don't have any complaints about it,' Michael said.

'The instructors must have done a good job because all the class of 21 recruits passed.'

Michael hopes to get his marathon running back on track so that he can better his old record - he came 173rd out of the a field of about 3,500 in the Wang Marathon in Sydney in 1985.



The AFP Rugby League side that took on the NSW Police last year for the Jim Armstrong Shield. NSW won 28 to 12. From top left: Adam Fitzpatrick, Mark Johnson, Brian Davis, Peter Bradley, Gary Buick, Robert Anderson, Wayne Constable, Peter Ingram, Greg Harrigan, Ben McDevitt, Brett Swan, Steve Lancaster and Ronald McFadyen.

join the South Australian Police Force which was accepted. But second thoughts arose when she contemplated the prospect of working at the scene of a bad road accident or directing traffic.

Just before signing up with the State police, she spotted a newspaper advertisement enticing interested persons to consider a career in the AFP.

Immediately the outlook brightened, because as she said, "the quicker move into an investigative role in the AFP than that offered by the State police had far more appeal."

Sue turned down the State Police invitation to enrol and set about making application to join-up with AFP and within four months she was in Canberra undergoing basic training.

She said she was extremely fortunate to undergo a two week pre-recruit training course in Adelaide, which gave her an excellent insight into the basic training she was about to undergo in the National Capital.

Looking back on her basic training, which is only a few months behind her, Sue believes it is just a little too 'Canberra oriented' and doesn't truly reflect the plain-clothes duties carried



Constable Susan Sierat

out in the Regions.

However she is anxious to point out that she's very much in a learning process and that her training was very much relevant to her present duties at the airport.

She says her training was comprehensive and a good preparation for the career now unfolding before her.

She's very keen to move into plain clothes and is looking forward with much enthusiasm to working as a detective in the Australian Federal Police.