REVIEW OF SENIOR ACADEMIC BODY

The Committee established by the Vice-Chancellor to review the senior academic body of the University has presented its 102-page report to Professor Birt.

Copies of the complete report have been sent to members of the academic staff, members of Faculties and Boards of Studies (including the University College, Australian Defence Force Academy), tutors and students who are members of Faculties and Boards, members of Council, Emeritus Professors, office bearers of the Students' Union and the Postgraduate Students' Association, members of the Professorial Board not covered by the above and senior officers of the administration.

Other members of the University wishing to have a copy should contact Mr Don Swinbourne of the Department of the Registrar on ext 2841.

A summary of the report is being prepared for publication in a future issue of FOCUS.

It is anticipated that the report will first be considered formally by the Professorial Board before recommendations for any changes are passed to the Vice-Chancellor and the Council for consideration.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Professor Michael Birt, Vice-Chancellor, was made an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) for his service to learning.

Mr Roy Pugh, Deputy College Secretary (Academic), University College, Australian Defence Force Academy, was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the community.

ACCESS SCHEME FUNDING APPROVED

The Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, has approved funding of $50,000 for the UNSW’s ACCESS Scheme in 1986.

The ACCESS Scheme will provide special conditions for entry to UNSW and a special support program for students of high academic potential identified as having suffered educational disadvantage.

The funds for this project will be subject to the normal provisions of the States Grants legislation. The funds will be paid in three instalments of $10,000 on receipt of the form of acceptance, $20,000 in August and $20,000 in October.

A report of the project’s progress is needed before the final payment is made. In particular the progress report should report on the project’s impact on, and provision for, women’s participation, according to the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC).

The report should contain where appropriate details of numbers of students involved, responses of students to the project, destination of students on completion of participation in the project, changes in practice which are a consequence of the project and an evaluation of the project’s success in meeting equity objectives, says CTEC.

UNISEARCH BRANCH FOR MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Unisearch Ltd, UNSW’s research and development company (the first institution of its kind in Australia when established in 1959), will establish a branch office at Macquarie University in July.

Macquarie University Council approved the move in March and detailed arrangements are now under discussion, according to Unisearch’s General Manager and Secretary, Mr Barry Rosenberg.

Mr Rosenberg says the opening of the Macquarie University branch is to encourage further research and to expand campus-based activities such as major collaborative research projects and consultancies.

Anyone wishing to seek further information about the proposed new branch should contact Mr David Price on 90 9553.

MEAL AND TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

The NSW Public Service Board has approved the following new rates of allowances for meals and travelling. The rates will be effective as of 1 December 1985 in accordance with Public Service Notices No. 331 dated 28 May 1986.

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* Please note that $85.75 represents a decrease over the existing rate (effective from 16 June 1986).

J.A. OWENS
Manager, Personnel Services

NEXT FOCUS COVERS THREE WEEKS

Readers are reminded that the next issue of FOCUS, due to be published on Friday 4 July, will cover the three-week period until 25 July in line with the University’s mid-year recess.

Anyone wishing to contribute copy for the 4 July issue should ensure it reaches the Public Affairs Unit not later than 5pm Monday 30 June. (See copy deadline reminder on the back page of this issue.) However, given the high demand for space in FOCUS, potential contributors are advised to submit copy well in advance of this deadline (in recent issues pages have become fully committed before the deadline).
RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Further information and application forms where applicable, on the following research grants and fellowships are available from the Office of Sponsored Research and International Exchange (ext 2877 or 2702). Application forms should be returned to this Office by the date specified.

Law Foundation Travelling Fellowship Program

The Law Foundation of NSW has established a Travelling Fellowship Program to enable persons directly involved in or concerned with —
• the administration of the law and the legal system; and
• the promotion of reforms in the administration of justice,
in New South Wales, to undertake short study tours to other countries. Law Foundation Travelling Fellowships will be awarded annually and are tenable during the following calendar year. The Foundation anticipates awarding up to five Fellowships in 1987. Closing date: 24 July 1986.

The Asthma Foundation of New South Wales

Applications are invited for grants for research particularly related to asthma. Grants must be used to support research programs by a responsible investigator with the approval of the head of the appropriate school or department. Closing date: 28 July 1986.

OTHER CLOSING DATES
(previously announced in FOCUS)

Sydney County Council — 1 July 1986.
NSW State Cancer Council — 7 July 1986.
ATERB Postdoctoral Fellowship in Communications — 23 July 1986.
Arthritis Foundation of Australia — 24 July 1986.

AUSTRALIA/CHINA EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for Exchange Fellowships are invited from scholars interested in visiting China, either individually or as a member of a small group with common study programs, under the Joint Exchange Agreement presently operating between the Australian Academies of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing.

Successful applicants will normally spend from three to six weeks working in Institutes under the control of, or associated with, the Chinese Academy, which will be responsible for their expenses and itinerary within China. The Australian Academics will meet travel costs to China and return.

The award of Exchange Fellowships will be subject to the approval of the Chinese Academy and will be for the calendar year 1987. Applications close on 30 July 1986.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Research and International Exchange.

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CANADIAN STUDIES AWARDS

The Government of Canada, in co-operation with the Association of Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand, has announced the fourth annual Canadian studies faculty enrichment awards program. The awards are intended to enable an academic to devise a new course in Canadian studies or to introduce Canadian content (50 per cent) into existing courses. The award will provide for return air fare to Canada, internal travel in Canada and a contribution towards living expenses in Canada.

Any academic at an Australian tertiary institution holding a PhD or its equivalent is eligible for the award provided that he or she undertakes to teach a Canadian course a minimum of three times during the subsequent six years. Complete details of this award and application procedures may be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Research and International Exchange (ext 2877 or 2702). Submissions for 1987 awards must be made by 15 July 1986.

UNSW RECEIVES LAW FOUNDATION GRANT

The UNSW's School of Social Work is among the recipients of the first allocation of grants for 1986 made by the Law Foundation of NSW.

The Foundation is to fund the visit to Australia by a Dutch expert on prison reform to help encourage more enlightened discussion on the needs of the NSW penal system. Dr Hans J.J. Tuilken, for nine years Head of the Netherlands Prison Administration and currently Penological Consultant to the Ministry of Justice, will spend a month in Sydney undertaking lectures, consultations and media appearances. (See item, Meetings on Prison Reform on page 4 in this issue.)

His visit is being arranged by Professor Tony Vinson, School of Social Work, to whom an enabling grant of $10,112 has been made by the Law Foundation. Professor Vinson is a former chairman of the NSW Corrective Services Commission and maintains a deep interest in prison administration and reform.

The grant is among 14 for a total of $167,856 made by the Law Foundation in its first allocation. For further details contact the Director of the Law Foundation, Terry Purcell, on 29 5621 (w) or 929 6204 (h).

KIDNEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited for Australian Kidney Foundation Medical Research Scholarships from medical graduates who are Australian citizens and under 35 years of age. Applicants must be enrolled in an MD or PhD program.

Application forms and information from the Medical Director, The Australian Kidney Foundation, PO Box 62, Post Office, Garran, ACT 2605.

Applications close 1 September 1986.

TAFE HANDBOOKS

NSW Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Handbooks Volume 1, 2 and 3 for 1986 are available for consultation in the Public Affairs Unit, Room 159, The Chancellery.

Volume 1 contains a directory, administration, categories of courses and entry requirements, enrolment details and special programs and services; Volume 2 has an A to Z list of courses, student information and courses by college in regional format; Volume 3 has detailed information on courses in TAFE's 24 teaching schools.
ROBERT IRVING TO RETIRE

Mr Bob Irving, Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture, will retire from the University on 5 July after more than 23 years on campus.

A Victorian, Bob gained his architectural education at RMIT, where he also taught for five years before joining the Faculty of Architecture at UNSW in 1963. For many years he was First Year Master in the School of Architecture and in 1972 he initiated and organized the first of a series of construction camps, at the site of Old Sydney Town, where a number of the buildings were erected by students.

In 1978 Mr Irving joined the Graduate School of the Built Environment, where he established and ran the very successful Master of the Built Environment (Building Conservation) graduate course. He returned to the School of Architecture in 1984.

Mr Irving is regarded as one of Australia’s foremost architectural historians, having worked for many years in close collaboration with the late Emeritus Professor J.M. Freeland. He edited and made major contributions to Fine Houses of Sydney (1982) and The History and Design of the Australian House (1985) and is working with colleagues on a study of Styles in Australian Architecture.

He is a Councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society; for several years he was Chairman of the National Trust Historic Buildings Committee; he is a member of many local and overseas societies concerned with conservation and architectural history. Bob Irving’s retirement represents a great loss to the Faculty of Architecture, although he intends to continue his research activities in collaboration with colleagues in the Faculty. He will be remembered with affection and respect by the large number of students he taught.

RICHARD E. APPERLEY
Head, School of Architecture

FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR JIM SHANNON

Professor Jim Shannon will retire on 11 July 1986 after 17 years in the School of Chemistry. Professor Shannon was appointed Professor of Chemistry in March 1969 and has served two terms as Head of School, 1976–78 and 1980–84.

A farewell function will be held for Professor Shannon in the Squarehouse Dining Room at 1pm on Tuesday 1 July. Members of staff wishing to attend the farewell should contact Mrs Ann Tucker on ext 4683 by Friday 17 June.

UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT TO RETIRE

After 13 years at the University, Mr Noel Wright will retire on 18 July 1986.

During this time he has played a major role in the development plans for the campus reflected in the Development Brochure which was published last year.

Apart from being closely identified with the significant building program in the early 1970s Mr Wright’s planning involvement has also included the other University properties near Kensington and as far afield as Broken Hill and Fowlers Gap.

A farewell function will be held in the Council Chamber, The Chancellery, on Friday 18 July at 4pm. Anyone wishing to attend or make a contribution towards a gift should contact Mr Terry Flitcroft on ext 3410 by Thursday 10 July.

P.S. KOLLER
Property Manager

NEW INFORMATION OFFICER APPOINTED

The position of Information Officer in the Public Affairs Unit has been filled by Mr Bernie Goldie.

Mr Goldie, BA (UNE), was formally Journalist in the PAU, having joined the staff in this capacity in October 1985 after some years’ experience in the press and educational information services.

As this appointment is, in effect, an internal promotion, the staffing numbers in the PAU will remain the same until the vacancy of Journalist is filled, following advertising which is about to commence.

FOCUS will continue to be the regular channel of communication from the PAU until UNIKEN can resume — after a Journalist is appointed and takes up duty, and casual journalists are also engaged.

Mr Goldie’s telephone extension remains unchanged at 2866.

PETER POCKLEY
Head, PAU

LIBRARY HOURS FOR MID-YEAR RECESS

UNSW Library hours for the mid-year recess are:

[The last examination will be held on Tuesday 8 July.]

Monday 7 July: 8.30am–10pm
From Tuesday 8 July to Sunday 27 July –
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday 8.30am–6pm
Wednesday 8.30am–10pm

The Library will revert to normal hours of opening on Monday 28 July.

CAROL TERRY
General Services Librarian

STUDENT RECEIVES AWARD

UNSW student, Mr Warren Mundy, was officially awarded the Sydney Technical College Union Award by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Birt, on 16 June.

The award, which carries an inscribed medal and $150 prize money, is awarded to a graduating student of the University who has shown leadership in the development of student affairs within the University and who has shown marked academic proficiency throughout his/her course. Activities in the Students’ Union and/or Sports Association are taken into account.

An Honours Science student, Mr Mundy has been actively involved with both the Students’ Union and the Sports Association, and has achieved a commendable academic record.

MICHAEL KING

The former Community Liaison Officer in the Public Affairs Unit, Mr Michael King, died on 11 June after a long illness. Mr King retired from the University on medical grounds in 1985 after eight years in University service which followed a career as a priest during which he specialized in media work. The funeral service on 13 June was attended by former colleagues and friends from the University.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT UNSW

NIDA to present students’ play. The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will present *Thark* by Ben Travers (directed by John Tasker) from Saturday 28 June to Thursday 3 July. All performances begin at 8pm in the NIDA Theatre, with admission free but donations to the NIDA Foundation welcome. A 1920s English farce, *Thark* is a production by second year NIDA students. Bookings and inquiries should be made to Marion Epps on 693 3815.

Survival Analysis Symposium. Dr Ross Prentice, Associate Director of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, will visit Australia in July and August under the auspices of the Industrial Mathematics and Statistics Group at UNSW and the Statistical Consulting Centre at the University of Melbourne. During his visit, Dr Prentice will be the key speaker at two important meetings. A symposium on *Survival Analysis and Epidemiology* will be held in the UNSW’s Central Lecture Block on 3 and 4 July at 9.30am each day. Dr Prentice will also give an intensive short course on *Statistical Methods for Epidemiology and Survival Data* at the University of Melbourne from 6–8 August. For further information contact Dr David Griffiths (ext 2967 or 2994) or Dr Tim Brown, University of Melbourne, phone (03) 344 6995.

Optical Fibre Technology. A Short Course on *Optical Fibre Technology* will be held at the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences from 7–11 July. The course is being run by the School in association with Unisearch Ltd, the University’s research and development company. The course is designed for professional engineers. Further technical information can be obtained from Dr Pak Chu on ext 5304 and registration information from Miss Chris Cordingley at Unisearch on ext 5401.

Architectural Computer Aided Drafting. The School of Architecture, through Unisearch Ltd, will conduct an *Overview and Workshop on Architectural Computer Aided Drafting* in July. Course venue is Room 112, School of Architecture. It will be held on 12 and 19 July and weekday evenings as well between 14–18 July and 21–25 July. Further information is available on the content of the course from Mr James Plume on ext 4798 and on registration details from Miss Chris Cordingley on ext 5401.

PRODUCTIVITY IN TERTIARY EDUCATION

A conference entitled *Productivity in Tertiary Education: Issues for Excellence and Equity* will be held at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education (DDIAE), Toowoomba, from 3–6 July. The conference is one in the series of conferences organized by the Higher Education Research Unit of the DDIAE on current issues of fundamental importance in Australian tertiary education. For general inquiries contact Ms C. Cotman or Miss J.K. Wilberforce, Continuing Education, DDIAE, PO Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Queensland 4350, phone (076) 30 1300 ext 351 or (076) 31 2102.

MEETINGS ON PRISON REFORM

The Penal Reform Council and the School of Social Work at UNSW are combining to stage a public meeting on prison reform on 8 July, at 7.30pm at the Teachers’ Federation Auditorium, 300 Sussex Street, Sydney. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint members of the public with the prison reform that has successfully been undertaken in Holland. The speaker will be Dr Hans Tulkens who, for nine years, was Head of the Netherlands Prison Administration (1975–1984).

Dr Tulkens will outline the steps that have been taken to bring the Dutch system to its present position of pre-eminence as a humane and practical prison system. He will explain why the Dutch Government is committed to reformist policies that are supported by the Justice Ministry’s own research. (Dr Tulkens is Penological Consultant to the Dutch Ministry of Justice and is also a Visiting Professor at the State University of Groningen). Dr Tulkens will be the guest of the School of Social Work throughout July. His visit has been made possible by a grant from the NSW Law Foundation.

On campus meeting: Dr Tulkens will present an address entitled, *Crime Prevention Strategies in the Netherlands and Europe*, on Thursday 17 July from 4–5pm in the John Clarke Gallery, The Squarehouse. The function has been sponsored by the Faculty of Professional Studies. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Inquiries about both meetings to Professor Tony Vinson, ext 4752.

MARINE SCIENCE CONSORTIUM

The Australian Marine Science Consortium will hold a Winter School at HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay, from 14–18 July.

School convenor, Dr John Macintyre of the School of Zoology, says the Winter School is a practical course in marine research in a variety of fields with associated seminars. It is designed for undergraduate science students mid-way through their courses.

Established in 1984, the Australian Marine Science Consortium aims to encourage and to provide for collaboration in marine science research and development. It seeks to promote interactions aimed at strengthening each individual research organization.

The present membership of the Consortium includes the Universities of NSW, Sydney and Macquarie, the NSW Institute of Technology and the Royal Australian Naval College. For further inquiries about the school contact Dr Macintyre on ext 2110.

FIRST-AID TRAINING

First-Aid Training by the St John Ambulance Association will be conducted in Room 133, Mathews Building, on each of the following days from 9am–1pm:

Thursday 10 July, Friday 11 July, Thursday 17 July, and Friday 18 July.

The examination will be held on Thursday 24 July from 9am–11am, and a certificate awarded upon successful completion of the course. The cost of the course is $54 per person, which includes all bandages and the latest edition of the St John Ambulance First Aid Manual.

All inquiries or enrolments should be directed to Ros Murrell, Safety Unit on ext 2910.

FAMILY BUSHWALKERS

The Family Bushwalking Club caters for parents and children aged zero and upwards in a wide range of outdoor activities.

For further inquiries about the Club contact Andrew Blakers on ext 4030.
ACADEMIES' 1987 EXCHANGE VISITS

The Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Royal Society in 1985. The objective of the Memorandum is to foster co-operation in the natural and technological sciences (and such other fields as fall within their responsibilities) between Australia and the United Kingdom.

To meet this objective the two Australian Academies operate an exchange program, which is funded by the Australian Department of Science, Scientists and technologists who are Australian residents and who are of at least post-doctoral or comparable status may apply to participate in the program.

Applicants should propose a specific activity or a joint research project which has been developed in consultation with a host scientist in the UK.

Visits may be long-term (six months or more) for extended research or short-term (not less than two weeks). Support will not be given when the primary purpose of a visit is to attend a conference. Successful applicants will receive from the Academies a grant-in-aid which will cover the cost of a return excursion air fare to the UK and contribute to his or her living and travel costs within the UK. The contribution towards living costs will not normally exceed full allowance for a period of six weeks. Participants staying longer than six weeks will be expected to supplement their allowance from other sources.

Participants must organize their itinerary in consultation with their host scientist and make their own travel arrangements. Application forms are available from: International Exchanges Officer, Australian Academy of Science, GPO Box 783, Canberra, ACT 2601, phone (062) 47 3966.

The deadline for applications is 1 September preceding the calendar year for which support is sought.

CLOSING DATES FOR OVERSEAS AWARDS

The following is a list of overseas scholarships, awards and exchanges administered by the Department of Education with approximate closing dates.

Further information on these awards may be obtained from Awards and Exchange Section, Department of Education, PO Box 826, Woden, ACT 2606.

- Australian-American Education Foundation Fulbright Awards – September
- Australian-American Exchange – September
- Australian/Canadian Teachers Exchange – September
- Australian/Greek Awards – December
- Australian/Chinese Exchange – December
- Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan Awards – June
- Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan Awards – July
- Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan Awards – September
- Australian/China Student Exchange – December
- Australian/Chinese Exchange – September
- Danish Government Scholarships – February
- Finnish Government Scholarships – March
- French Stage de Montpellier – June
- French Government Assistantship Awards – July
- French Government Assistantship Awards – October
- German Government DAAD Scholarships – May
- Hungarian Government Scholarships – March
- Indonesian Government Scholarships – March
- Italian Government Scholarships – March
- Japan Foundation Awards – May
- Australian Studies in Japan – August
- Japanese Government (Monbusho) Scholarships – August
- Netherlands Government Scholarships – December
- Mexican Government Scholarships – March
- Swiss Government Scholarships – October
- Yugoslav Government Scholarships – December

NEW WATER SYSTEMS

The University has been directed by the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board to install two new water supply systems in the Biological Sciences and Wallace Wurth Medical Buildings. Both systems are now operating.

The new Potable Water system supplies town water to tea rooms, washrooms and showers. It is completely isolated from the system that supplies town water to laboratories.

Water for drinking and cooking should only be taken from tea rooms and wash rooms.

Non-Potable Water signs have been placed in laboratories to prevent the drinking of water in laboratories. However, the quality of water from bench taps is still the same as that which the Water Board has always supplied to the University.

The new Reverse Osmosis Water system supplies purified water to special taps in many laboratories. The quality of this water is higher than single distilled water in most regards – especially the removal of organics. In laboratories where ultra-pure water is required, Milli-Q units have been installed to polish the purified water to the higher standards needed in special experiments. The Reverse Osmosis system produces high purity water with less electrical energy and wastage of town water than does electrical distillation. The Reverse Osmosis Water system will lead to long-term cost savings and is more convenient to users.

The new Potable Water system for tea rooms and washrooms ensures that drinking and washing water cannot be contaminated by laboratory experiments. The new Reverse Osmosis Water system provides laboratories with high purity water for use in experiments. For any further information contact Mr Alan Parker on ext 3432.

P.S. KOLLER
Property Manager

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

The University Union has a wide range of equipment available for hire from video gear to garden equipment. It can be hired free of charge to Union members and is also available for a nominal fee for University staff members who are not members of the Union.

Equipment ranges from film projectors, sound systems and portable video cameras and recorders to a substantial tool library, including a chain saw, circular saw, belt sander and orbital sander. In addition, a sewing machine, lawn mower, wheelbarrow, ladders and vacuum cleaner are available. All loans are strictly overnight or weekend.

The equipment is located in the Program Department, 1st floor, Blockhouse. Telephone inquiries and bookings can be made on 663 2225 ext 253.

AUSTRALIA ENSEMBLE TOURING NZ

The Music Federation of New Zealand has invited the Australia Ensemble to New Zealand from 22–29 June for its first ever visit to that country. The Ensemble will perform a five-concert tour.

The six-member Ensemble, resident at UNSW, comprises Dene Olding (violin), Irene Morozov (viola), David Persin (cello), Geoffrey Collins (flute), Donald Westlake (clarinet) and David Bolland (piano), will perform in Christchurch, Auckland, Palmerston North, Hastings and Wellington.

An interesting feature of the Ensemble’s program for the tour is that one of the works to be performed is a new commission from the New Zealand-born composer Gillian Whitehead.

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BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING PROGRAMS

UNSW's Continuing Education is organizing the broadcast of five radio programs dealing with bereavement counselling. A special video interview with a dying patient also forms part of an attended tutorial session to be held at the University.

The programs should prove particularly helpful to social workers and counsellors, medical and paramedical practitioners, clergy and teachers.

The programs will be broadcast over Radio University, VL2UV, at 8pm on Tuesdays and repeated at 7pm on Fridays, beginning 7 July. Radio University transmits in Sydney on weekday evenings to a main reception area bounded by Hornsby, Richmond, Penrith, Campbelltown and Cronulla. Transistor radios adjusted to pick up the signal can be bought from Continuing Education for $12 including postage. The course fee of $25 covers the programs, a package of self study materials and tutorial. Cassettes of the series are available at $40 for the set of five with notes.

Full particulars of this and other courses by radio and cassette can be obtained by calling ext 3175 or by writing to Continuing Education.

TERC'S STAFF PROGRAMS

The Tertiary Education Research Centre (TERC) will run nine Professional Development Programs, designed mainly for academic staff, during July.

- 3 July (9.30am–12.30pm): Communication in Small Groups
- 21 July (10am–1pm): Class Control and Student Learning
- 21 July (4pm–5.30pm): Marketing Continuing Education Courses
- 22 July (9.30am–12.30pm): Games and Simulations in Teaching
- 22 July (2pm–5pm): Large Group Teaching
- 23 July (9.30am–12.30pm and 2pm–3pm): Enhancing Lecturing Skills
- 24 July (9.30am–12.30pm): Assisting a Microcomputer
- 25 July (9.30am–12.30pm): Self and Peer Assessment

For further information on programs 1, 2, 5 and 6 contact Lee Andredsen on ext 4931; program 3, Helen Bowden on ext 3179; programs 4, 7 and 9, Dave Boud on ext 4933; program 8, Peggy Nightingale on ext 4934.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ADVISERS AVAILABLE

To all STUDENTS and STAFF who believe they have been harassed or discriminated against on the basis of:

- Sex
- Marital status
- Race
- Colour
- National origin
- Religion
- Homosexuality
- Physical or intellectual impairment
- or have been the subject of sexual harassment, then an Equal Opportunity Adviser can help you.

Equal Opportunity Advisers are available in the Sir John Clancy Auditorium on weekdays 12–2pm and can be contacted on ext 2899.

NEW COLLEGE LECTURES

UNSW's New College has announced the inaugural set of New College Lectures, to be given by Professor Malcolm Jeeves of St Andrew's in Scotland.

Professor Jeeves, formerly at the University of Adelaide, is Professor of Psychology with research programs in neuro-psychology. The Master of New College, Dr Bruce Kaye, says recent experiments in the United Kingdom involved brain tissue transplants which had been successfully made to correct learning deficiencies in the recipient. The experiments were on animals in laboratory conditions and Professor Jeeves would refer to these and other brain-mind research in his lectures.

Professor Jeeves will deliver his lectures in September 1987 at New College. They will be open to members of the University and the public. Dr Kaye says these lectures will contribute to discussion of important social issues and are an expression of the College's christian concerns. 'They will play a significant role in the life of the College for present residents and alumni.' For further information contact Dr Kaye on 662 6066.

SPECIAL STUDIES PROGRAM REPORTS

DEMAND ANALYSIS

Dr Ronald Bewley, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics
14 July 1985 – 14 January 1986

I spent my leave at the Universities of Manchester and Florida. At Manchester I collaborated on several projects investigating the effects of functional form on short-term forecasting (telecommunications), long-term forecasting (telecommunications and cigarette demand) and systems of equations (meat expenditure and cereal crops' supply). At Florida, I pursued joint work in the analysis of test statistics and estimators in demand systems. I also made extensive use of personal computers for research and studied the feasibility of developing PC software for teaching.

(Report dated 27 February 1986)

LONG-TERM BEHAVIOUR OF CONCRETE STRUCTURES

Dr R. I. Gilbert, Senior Lecturer, School of Civil Engineering
15 August 1985 – 15 February 1986

The major portion of my SSP was spent at the University of Calgary where I continued and expanded my work on the time-dependent behaviour of concrete structures. Two technical reports, six chapters of a manuscript on current Reinforced Concrete Design Practice, and the major portion of a monograph on Time-Dependent Analysis of Concrete Structures were completed. In addition, a study was initiated with colleagues at Calgary on the long-term analysis of partially prestressed concrete. I also visited and presented invited seminars at the University of Alberta at Edmonton, Northwestern University at Chicago, the University of California at Berkeley and also at Irvine and attended and addressed the ACI Fall Convention in Chicago in October 1985.

(Report dated 1 March 1986)
REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS
Dr A.K. Milne, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Remote Sensing and School of Geography
12 January 1985 – 12 July 1985
After a brief visit to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California to collaborate on current research in the use of SIR-B radar data for environmental analysis, the remainder of my SSP was spent at the Centre for Remote Sensing, Imperial College, London. This Centre has facilities for the direct reception of digital data from both the geostationary meteorological satellite (METEOSAT) and the polar orbiting series of NOAA satellites and offered the opportunity to assess the potential for real time analysis of this data, as well as for investigating the usefulness of meteorological satellite data in general land cover analysis. Visits to a number of institutions gave me the opportunity to evaluate the design and implementation of courses in remote sensing education currently being offered in the United Kingdom.
(Report dated 13 March 1986)

SYNAPTIC TRANSMISSION IN VERTEBRATE RETINA
Dr Philip Anderton, Lecturer, School of Optometry
1 July 1985 – 1 January 1986
I worked with Professor R.A. Normann in the Vision Research Laboratory of the Department of Bioengineering, University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Using a new technique which enabled controlled drug delivery to the turtle eyecup, we studied the function of synapses between cones and horizontal cells in this retina. Three major findings were: (a) extracellular potentials may confound intracellular records when excitatory agents are delivered to a retina; (b) different excitatory agonists affect the kinetics of photoreponses in different ways, indicating separate sites of action at the synapse; (c) application of a blocking agent elicits a regenerative response presumably mediated by voltage-dependent membrane conductances.
(Report dated 14 March 1986)

SOCIAL WELFARE HISTORY
Ms Rosemary Berreen, Lecturer, School of Social Work
8 July 1985 – 3 January 1986
The first three months of my SSP were spent at the Mitchell Library, Sydney and Menzies Library ANU working on material related to the classification of unmarried mothers in late 19th Century Sydney and London. Lack of money and family support necessitated public lying-in care based on a system of classification determined by stereotypes as to the circumstances surrounding the pregnancy. The remainder of my program was spent in the UK continuing the theme of classification systems in care of unmarried mothers and the aged. Data at the Public Records Office in Kew, the GLC Records Office and the British Library were analysed and many almshouses in southern England visited. The recurrent themes over four centuries in criteria for entry into almshouses were need, good character, religious observance and local origins or membership of an occupational category. Similar criteria are still in evidence in almshouses and systems of care for the aged.
(Report dated 15 March 1986)

LIABILITY, INSURANCE & ACCIDENTS
Mr R.I. McEwin, Lecturer, University College, Australian Defence Force Academy
4 July 1985 – 3 February 1986
The main purpose of my SSP was to continue research into the effects of changes in legal liability on accidents both in the workplace and on the road. Two months was spent at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University and the remainder at the Centre for the Study of the Economy and the State at the University of Chicago.
Seminar papers were presented at the universities of Oxford, Chicago and Rochester. Some time was also spent examining possible new research topics in the economics of insurance and the economics of corporate legal structure.
(Report dated 20 March 1986)

ASPECTS OF OCEAN DYNAMICS
Dr Jason H. Middleton, Senior Lecturer, School of Mathematics
6 July 1985 – 12 December 1985
My SSP was spent primarily at the Institute of Ocean Sciences in Sidney, BC, Canada, with short visits to give lectures at 5 other Canadian and North American Institutions. During this time I completed 4 manuscripts (2 of which I had begun before the SSP) and a technical report. My research effort was aimed at deriving a mathematical model for the rise of hydrothermal plumes from active seafloor spreading centres, for use in the planning of a large field experiment; and at elucidating the role that obliquely incident tides and quasi-steady open ocean seafloor gradients play in determining the circulation of the coastal ocean.
(Report dated 20 March 1986)

INVESTIGATION OF CAD/CAM SYSTEMS
Dr Philip Mathew, Lecturer, School of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
1 July 1985 – 14 February 1986
My Special Studies Program time was spent firstly at Purdue University, Indiana, USA. Here I was investigating the use of CAD/CAM systems for production design, manufacture and inspection of components. Primarily the work involved was in the area of precision engineering. During this period short visits were made to the following institutions to discuss matters pertaining to this area: Carnegie Mellon University, University of British Columbia, Ohio University, University of Michigan, University of Missouri, University of Wisconsin and the National Bureau of Standards. Secondly, I spent time in Japan visiting institutions involved with the implementation of CAD/CAM and FMS systems. Visits were made to the University of Hokkaido, Toshiba Tungalo Company Limited and Makino Milling Machine Company Limited. A better understanding of CAD/CAM and FMS systems and the process capabilities of CNC machines was obtained.
(Report dated 24 March 1986)

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'DEATH' DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR I
Associate Professor Bernd Huppauf, School of German Studies
1 July 1985 — 31 December 1985

Having been granted leave of absence during Session 1 1985, I took the opportunity to indulge in extensive visits to archives and libraries without having to sacrifice valuable time of a short SSP for time absorbing activities such as finding schools for the kids, applying for an identity card etc. Having gone through this prior to the first day of my SSP, I managed to visit archives and libraries in Berlin, Potsdam, Freiburg, Koln, Stuttgart, Paris and London, apart from participating in two conferences (Stuttgart and Göttingen) and giving a series of seminars at the Free University in Berlin. I also completed three research papers for publication and began reshaping the structure of my project. The climax of my SSP, it was suggested by an archival of the Central Archives of the GDR at Potsdam, was the day when I was presented with a collection of documents which had been used for the preparation of his essays on World War I by Lenin himself. Although a SSP is generally expected to lead to a productive period, I do not envisage this sort of productivity emerging from my own encounter with such documents.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Mr. Graham Dabrowski, Senior Lecturer, School of Economics
1 July 1985 — 28 February 1986

During my special studies program I was alternatively based at the Industrial Relations Research Unit at Warwick University (United Kingdom) and the Department of Industrial Relations at Le Moyne College, Syracuse (United States of America). I gathered information on recent developments in industrial relations theory and sporting labour markets, and established contacts with a wide range of academics at various tertiary institutions. I also attended several conferences, had discussions with several third party neutrals and governmental officials, and delivered a number of talks and guest lectures. Besides gathering research materials I was able to write pieces on the Committee of Review into Australian Industrial Relations Law and System (the Hancock Report) and recent industrial relations developments in English soccer.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)

REALISTIC STRENGTH OF FLYASH CONCRETE
Dr. M. N. Haque, Senior Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering University College, Australian Defence Force Academy
6 August 1985 — 3 March 1986

My SSP was taken at the University of Calgary, Canada. The main objective was to investigate the effect of flyash on the strength and durability of pavement — quality and structural concrete. The data resulting from this project will supplement the Draft Australian Standard for Concrete Structures. This collaborative work with the Calgary Fly Ash Research (CFAR) Group is still in progress. In addition, my work with the principals of CFAR Group has resulted in four technical papers. Results of my ongoing research in the University College are also being published in a conference and two journals. I visited the Universities of British Columbia (Vancouver), Toronto and Drexel (Philadelphia) and Building Materials Section, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa and Construction Material Section, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)

RADIATIVE EFFECTS OF ATMOSPHERIC AEROSOLS
Dr. Michael A. Box, Lecturer, School of Physics
1 July 1985 — 31 January 1986

I spent approximately two months in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, mainly discussing all aspects of atmospheric aerosols, their radiative and climatic effects, and remote sensing techniques (including lidar) for their investigation. The rest of my time I was at Los Alamos National Laboratory as part of a project to apply the latest theoretical/computational techniques developed in the neutron transport field, to the problem of multiple scattering of radiation in the atmosphere. We were able to show that such techniques are ideally suited to the fast calculation of aerosol radiative effects such as fluxes and heating rates. I also made visits to the Mauna Loa Geophysical Observatory in Hawaii, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)

'SENTENCING': ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE
Associate Professor K. M. Sharma, School of Law
15 July 1985 — 14 January 1986

In addition to auditing a number of courses in various criminal and constitutional law subjects at Harvard Law School, as a part of my research on 'sentencing' and allied aspects, I have substantially completed a study (in draft form) examining the applicability of the attorney-client privilege in circumstances where the material is prepared for (or the confidential exchange of information takes place) for a plurality of purposes, one of which is communication to the attorney in the contingency of actual or threatened litigation, in English, Canadian and American jurisdictions. The program also involved brief visits to the Institute of Advanced Studies, London; Law School of Columbia University, New York; Supreme Court of the United States of America, Washington, DC. Others.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)

'PERIPATETIC' INFECTION AND IMMUNITY
Professor G. N. Cooper, Head of School of Microbiology
8 August 1985 — 28 February 1986

A period of approximately 10 weeks was spent as Guest Professor in the Department of Microbiology, the University of Edinburgh Medical School. Because of strict regulations concerning the use of experimental animals in UK laboratories, direct participation in a research project was not possible. Consequently, this phase of the program was restricted to an advisory role in the development of a simple model of septicemia caused by the organism Pseudomonas aerugiosa. These studies were a prelude to investigating the value of monoclonal antibodies directed against a common antigenic component of the organism's cell wall in protecting against endotoxic shock, a syndrome that frequently occurs in severely immunosuppressed patients undergoing bone-marrow transplantation or certain cancer treatments. The remainder of the leave was spent travelling in a westerly direction from Bangkok through Scandinavia, the UK and North America, primarily to discuss and/or further develop collaborative research programs with a number of overseas workers in the general field of immunization against severe diarrhoeal diseases of man, particularly cholera, typhoid and bacillary dysentery. The role of peripatetic microbiologist provided a number of opportunities to present for discussion and criticism some of the hypotheses and data that have provided the stimulus for much of the research in which I have been involved over the past decade or more.

(Report dated 28 February 1986)
ORGANIZED SCIENCE IN BRITAIN

Dr David P. Miller, Lecturer, School of History and Philosophy of Science
1 July 1985 — 31 January 1986

My SSP was devoted to research for a book on The Organization of Knowledge in Britain, 1780–1850 examining the development of scientific societies, their social basis, and the relationship between institutional and intellectual change. From bases in Cambridge, Edinburgh and Philadelphia I worked in numerous archives and attended a major conference on the sociology of knowledge in Bath. I delivered papers at the Science Museum and to the Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania where I was based for a month. I wrote drafts of several sections of the book and a related paper on Lord Bute as Botanist and Scientific Collector to appear in Karl W. Schweizer (ed) Lord Bute: Essays in Reinterpretation (Leicester University Press, forthcoming).

(Report dated 22 April 1986)

WEIGHT LOSS IN SHEEP

Dr D.M. Murray, Senior Lecturer, School of Fibre Science and Technology
22 July 1986 — 7 February 1986

My Special Studies Program was spent first visiting research institutes in the United Kingdom and Ireland for three weeks and, secondly, conducting a research project on the effect of dietary protein content on the body composition of sheep during weight loss at the Animal and Dairy Science Research Institute in Ithaca, New York. The main aim of this project was to determine the effects of High (25 per cent Crude protein), Medium (14 per cent CP) and Low (6 per cent CP) protein diets on compositional changes during an enforced 10kg loss in liveweight. In addition, I presented two seminars at the Institute in Irene on ‘Growth and Development of Ruminants’.

(Report dated 23 April 1986)

INFECTION NUTRITION INTERACTIONS

Associate Professor Terry Bolin, School of Medicine
22 July 1986 — 21 September 1985

Current infant and childhood mortality rates in developing countries are 30 times those of western communities. This largely relates to the interaction of nutrition and infection with common paediatric illnesses accounting for much of the mortality. As diarrhoeal disease is almost certainly a major factor in the degree of malnutrition and as there is circumstantial evidence suggesting that small bowel bacterial overgrowth is important, an intervention program with low dose and therapeutic dose antibiotics provides a possible mechanism for achieving a rapid improvement in nutrition in paediatric populations of such countries. An initial 12 month census of 700 village children near Rangoon, Burma, under the age of 5 has been completed and the intervention study will begin during the rainy season in 1986. A unique aspect of the study is the utilization of a breath hydrogen test and rice meal which will provide a measure of the degree of malabsorption. The study will continue over the period of 3 years and hopefully will delineate the type of interventional strategy and age group most appropriate.

(Report dated 24 April 1986)

ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION PAPERS

Dr B. Craven, Senior Lecturer, School of Chemistry
10 August 1985 — 10 February 1986

Most of my leave was spent at the School of Chemical Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, studying methods of analysis of examination papers and student responses. I also attended lectures and seminars which are part of MSc and PhD courses in Chemical Education at that University. On my way to Britain, I visited and gave lectures at two institutions in Indonesia, and visited the School of Chemistry, National University of Singapore for discussions on examination procedures.

(Report dated 29 April 1986)

EUROPEAN CITIES’ FORESHORES

Mr N. Marinov, Senior Lecturer, School of Architecture
20 July 1985 — 10 January 1986

My current research work deals with Sydney’s foreshore Harbour area. During my SSP I observed and analysied a series of nominated metropolitan cities, having analogous waterfront characteristics to those of Sydney, to evaluate their planning concepts and the cities’ relationships with their waters. My study was carried out in several fields: (i) analysing and recording of the physical features, common to cities located on water edges; (ii) defining the typological characteristics of these features and their componental quantitatives and qualitative values supporting or negating the livability of a city; (iii) collecting documentation evidencing my findings. My SSP research work is intended to allow for a comparative analysis of the potentialities which Sydney’s foreshores offer for urban betterment.

(Report dated 30 April 1986)

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY BRITISH POLITICAL ARGUMENT

Associate Professor Conal Condren, Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science
14 September 1985 — 28 February 1986

Predominantly my SSP was spent as a Visiting Scholar at the Folger Shakespeare Library where I had been invited to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities year program devoted to the History of British Political Thought. I gave papers for the Seminar, attended lectures, participated in other relevant Folger Seminars. The circumstances were ideal for research and writing. A book was finished as were several substantial papers which are now to be published — or are awaiting the decisions of major journals. Much work was done on two on-going research projects (a bibliography computer study of Restoration Political Literature) and an essay on the use of Richard Hooker’s name and works in 17th and 18th century political discourse. Part of the SSP was spent in England where I attended a conference, gave an invited paper and rechecked materials used in recent ARGC research trips.

(Report dated 1 May 1986)

OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEYING

Dr William J. Dewar, Lecturer, School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
1 July 1985 — 31 December 1985

During the past six months I have been collaborating with the Australian firm, Hydrographic Surveys Pty Ltd, to develop various user aids to commercially available surveying and navigation equipment. The major thrust has been on monitoring systems and data pre-processing techniques to indicate reliable operation of the rest of equipment during survey missions. I was also invited to spend some time at Darwin Institute of Technology to advise them in establishing their microprocessor teaching laboratory. I also gave a series of lectures in their first microprocessor course.

(Report dated 2 May 1986)

More SSP reports will be published in a future FOCUS.
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN THE BUDGET

Preparations are under way for a national forum on government support for science and technology in the Federal Budget. The forum will be held on 6 and 7 November this year at the Academy of Science in Canberra.

Mr Walter Stamm, President of the Institution of Engineers, Australia and forum chairman, says the aim is to provide informed comment and public discussion on the science and technology budget to assist government decision-making in future budgets and achieve more effective spending in science and technology.

The forum is being organized by the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences, the Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies and the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

These organizations, which have combined for this exercise under the banner of the National Science and Technology Analysis Group, are preparing an extensive review of government support for science and technology in Australia which will be released for public debate at the forum.

The forum is expected to attract about 200 participants from all over the country; among them will be the decision-makers in government, industry, academia and the unions. The 1986 budget review and forum will be the first of its type in Australia and will set the scene for an annual independent assessment of government policies on science and technology.

For further information contact Patricia Donovan, Manager, Public Affairs, The Institution of Engineers, Australia, phone (062) 73 3633.

'USUAL RESIDENCE' ON CENSUS FORM

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is conducting the 11th national Population Census on 30 June this year.

It believes confusion may arise regarding 'Usual Residence' in Question 6 on the Census form for staff or students resident at school, college or university or in nearby accommodation which they would not regard as their 'home'. The following should assist in ensuring the correct answer to this question:

Question 6 on the Census form requires persons to state where they 'usually live'. To answer this question particular attention should be paid to the instruction with the question which reads:

- 'usual' residence is that address at which a person has lived or intends to live for a total of six months or more in 1986; and
- for boarders at boarding school or college give address of boarding school or college.

Students and staff should therefore record the address of the school, college, university, etc, as their usual residence if they have lived or intend to live there for six months or more in 1986, irrespective of whether they are in residence or away on vacation on Census Night, 30 June.

Persons living in such places as hostels and flats outside university or college grounds should record the hostel, as their usual residence if they have lived or intend to live there for six months or more in 1986.

Additional information on the Census can be obtained by contacting Mr Danny Kozak on 268 4177.

PATENT ATTORNEYS QUALIFICATIONS

Some combined Science/Law graduates are employed by Patent Attorneys and subsequently seek to qualify as Patent Attorneys. To qualify as a Patent Attorney it is necessary to have an approved degree in a branch of Engineering and/or Science and to pass seven subjects set by the Board of Examiners of Patent Attorneys. Law graduates presently obtain exemptions in three of the seven subjects.

Before embarking upon a Technical course, persons interested in employment with a Patent Attorney are advised to check that the course to be undertaken will be approved by the Board since some Science courses are not approved. To be approved, courses should include a major component at third year level in a practical Science relevant to patentable subject matter, such as Physics, Chemistry or Biochemistry, although a wide range of Science subjects can be approved.

Candidates in doubt can check by contacting: Secretary, Board of Examiners of Patent Attorneys, Patent Office, PO Box 200, Woden, ACT 2806, phone (062) 83 2513.

MEDICAL RESEARCH WEEK

NSW Medical Research Week will be held from 30 June to 5 July aimed at promoting community awareness of the high quality of medical research conducted in Australia.

The patron of NSW Medical Research Week, NSW Premier Neville Wran, will officially open the Week at the Central Hall of Health, Podium Level, Centrepoint, on 30 June at midday. Poster and audio visual material will be presented at Centrepoint over the week featuring contributions from universities and teaching hospitals.

Regional Halls of Health featuring research projects from universities and teaching hospitals will also be open on 3 July at Westfield, Hurstville; 5 July at Bondi Junction Plaza, Maroubra Mall, and Lemon Grove, Chatswood; 2-5 July at Westmead Hospital Health Fair in the hospital foyer.

For any further information contact 27 4461.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL EVENTS

The Public Affairs Unit, Room 159, The Chancellery, has available several copies of the Calendar of Commercial and Industrial Events in NSW for the period January to December 1986.

Copies are also available through the Department of Industrial Development and Decentralisation.

AGSM WORKING PAPERS

Twenty six Working Papers in the Australian Graduate School of Management's (AGSM) Working Paper Series have been published.

The most recent by Dr Boris Kabanoff is entitled, "Analysing Interpersonal Conflict Episodes in Organizations Using the Potential Influence Incongruence Model." For a list of the complete series contact the AGSM by phoning 75 9.
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Ms Sophia Sakellis, Half-time Tutor, School of Physics (formerly half-time tutor, UNSW).

Mr Satha Sathasivam, Tutor, School of Mines (formerly a teacher).

Dr Pantcho Tomas, Lecturer, School of Materials Science and Engineering (formerly with CSIRO).

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Dr Trevor Bailey, Visiting Fellow, Australian Graduate School of Management (University of Exeter) from 16 June 1986 to 15 August 1986.

Dr Dana Williams, Honorary Visiting Fellow, School of Mathematics (Dartmouth College) from 4 June 1986 to 25 July 1986.

CHAIRMAN OF BSSM ELECTED

Professor Julian Goldsmith has been elected Chairman of the Board of Studies in Science and Mathematics. His term of office extends to 29 February 1988.

PERSONAL NOTE

Professor John Niland, School of Economics, is convener for an international meeting of editors in the field of industrial relations and labour studies. Twenty editors representing scholarly journals from eighteen countries will meet in Hamburg in September at the time of the 7th World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association. Professor Niland, who has been editor of the Journal of Industrial Relations for twelve years, expects the meeting to facilitate the exchange of technical information and, ultimately, to lead to an international abstract series of research material appearing in the leading industrial relations journals from Australia, Asia, Europe and North and South America.

UNSW STUDENT AWARDED BURSARY

A UNSW student is one of 47 students throughout the Commonwealth countries to receive a bursary administered by the Association of Commonwealth Universities. The Commonwealth Foundation awarded 47 medical electives bursaries (total value about $39,000) to senior medical students planning to spend an elective period during 1986-87 in a Commonwealth country other than their own. UNSW student, Pamela Weir, has chosen to visit the Solomon Islands.

HIGHER EDUCATION SEMINAR

A one-day seminar will be held at Macquarie University on Higher Education and Administrative Law on Friday 27 June. The seminar is designed for people who are not lawyers but are interested in the effects of law on higher education. Further information contact Professor John Goldring, Head, School of Law, Macquarie University, phone 88 8800 ext 9380.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Astar drafting machine A1 700 x 1200, ex-col, cond, $250; Teak tape deck, needs repair & replacement of minor parts, $30. Phone 959 8149 after 6pm.

Go-kart, beautifully designed imported ‘Kett-car’, suit 5-12 yrs, boy or girl, adjustable seat, as new, cost $240, best offer. Phone ext 5021.

Guitar amp, 15 watts, new speaker, new grille fabric, $90. Phone 665 8472 after 4.30pm.

Lowara submersible pump with automatic float switch 350 watts, ideal for swimming pools, basements, sump tanks, new cond, $275; Baby high chair, imported, very stable, on castors, easy maintenance, $75; Fraser chair, $10; Recco Hi-Rider, $18; Bath, $3; Nappy bucket, $5; Kanoon breast pump, $8; Milton sterilizing kit, $5. Phone 663 8133 (AM).

Roland Organ/Strings as new, $260; Fender ‘Bullet’ elec guitar, as new, $260 00. Phone ext 3269 or 388 1113 (AH).

Woman’s hiking boots, size 7½-8, near new, $55; GE E27 Squeeze Citrus juicer, brand new, $10; Hebta heated curling brush brand new, $15. Phone Lesley, ext 2546.

TO LET

Blackheath, small cosy unfurnished 2 b/rm cottage in bushland setting near start of walks to Gorse Valley, 10 mins walk to station & shops, avail late June, long lease, refs required, $70pw. Phone ext 2215.

Mosman, 4-5 b/rm furnish house, study, 2 living rm, 2 bathrm, rumpus rm, pool, near shops & transport, avail Sept to Jan ’87 incl. Phone ext 2252 or 960 3626 (AH).

SCHOLARS’ MEDALLIONS, WARRANE

Dr Victor Chang of St Vincent’s Hospital Cardiothoracic Unit joined academics, staff and residents at Warrane College for the recent annual presentation of Scholars’ Medallions. Dr Chang gave an after-dinner address on his educational experiences. Having come from China to Australia for his secondary schooling and undergraduate studies, he discussed some personal insights and the obstacles overseas students meet in maximizing the benefits of their formal education. He made the medallion presentation to those residents with a Distinction average or better in 1985. These included Dale Chua who is tutoring in Economics while undertaking his PhD. It was Dale’s fourth consecutive medallion. David Sandeman, Science/Medicine IV received his third medallion. The other recipients were David Shelton, Mechanical Engineering III, Mark Dorney, Commerce/Law II and Peter Boers, Medicine II.

SCIENCE MINISTER’S BOOK

The Public Affairs Unit, Room 159, The Chancellory, has available for consultation the book, Living By Our Wits, which is a selection of speeches by the Minister for Science, Mr Barry Jones. The book outlines speeches covering such areas as science, technology, the future and social trends.

Copies, supplied free on request, are available only from Public Information, Department of Science, PO Box 65, Belconnen, ACT 2616, or phone (062) 64 4392 for any further information.

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STUDENT ON WINNING AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Fourth-year Mechanical and Industrial Engineering student, Richard Ford, was among the successful Australian Surf Lifesaving team to take on the United States in the Festival of the Pacific International Tournament in Hawaii recently.

The eight-man team, with team captain Grant Kenny, included ironmen Craig Riddington, Robert Chapman and Mark Bennetts.

The Australians won five of the eight events against the strong Hawaiian contingent. They won the surf teams event, the rescue board, the surf ski, the two-mile beach run and the beach flags but lost the outrigger race, the volleyball and the tug of war.

SYMPOSIUM PAPERS PUBLISHED

Proceedings of the 1985 University Symposium, Science, Technology and the Economy have been published by the Public Affairs Unit in the Occasional Papers series.

It is the first release of the complete edited papers (No. 11) from the Symposium held in November 1985.

The authors of the eleven papers and their topics are:

- Mr Justice Gordon Samuels, Chancellor, UNSW. Introduction
- Professor John Neville, Professor of Economics, UNSW. The disaster of private sector research and development in Australia
- Dr Kevin Foley, Chairman, Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board. Closing the gap between science and technology in Australia
- Professor Adrienne Clarke, Co-Director, Plant Cell Biology Research Centre, University of Melbourne. Issues in applying university-based research
- Dr Ken McCracken, Director, Office of Space Science and Applications, CSIRO. Technological industry - an exercise in team work
- Mr Robyn Williams, Executive Producer, ABC Radio Science Unit, and Member, Commission for the Future. Painting our future landscape
- Professor Sol Encel, Professor of Sociology, UNSW. Science in Australia - does it have a future?
- Dr Lou Davies, Chief Scientist and General Manager, Microelectronics Division, Amalgamated Wireless (A'sia) Ltd. A policy for science, technology and manufacturing industry - buy Australian!
- Mr Paul Trainor, Chairman and Chief Executive, Nucor Limited, and, Dr Colin Sutton, Chief Executive, Telecommunications Limited. Research and development in Australian industry - kick or kiss?
- Senator John Button, Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce. Setting the priorities
- Senator Chris Puplick, Senator for New South Wales. The pursuit of competitiveness

SOCIOLOGY COURSE

With reference to recent correspondence about the teaching of Sociology at this University, L.J. Robson's laudatory comments should not be allowed to go unchallenged.

I am also a past student of Sociology, and I found the course not only badly organized but also heavily loaded with doctrinaire Marxist ideology. In my experience the School totally failed to present alternative ideological positions, or to encourage the kind of critical examination of radical feminism and Marxist positions which one would expect from an academically respectable discipline.

I might add that in my experience the assessment of the course was the least valid and demanding of all the courses I studied.

STEPHANIE MOYLAN
School of Psychology

L.J. Robson's reply (FOCUS, 10/86) to Dr Peter Donovan's letter concerning assessment in Sociology seems entirely to miss the point. No-one is arguing that Sociology cannot be a fascinating area of study, nor that some people such as L.J. Robson may not be studying it for its intrinsic interest. The point is that in several large sociology courses, the average marks seem to be consistently and mysteriously above the distribution recommended and generally used throughout the University, with practically no student being failed on academic grounds alone (as distinct from non-completion, disqualification, etc.). The evidence is clear to see for anyone who looks at the examination records and statistics, as I did as a representative to the Arts Faculty examination meeting last session.

Sociology has been noteworthy for its inflated marks and negligible failure rates, and in many cases students who consistently fail or barely pass in other courses seem to receive distinctions or better in Sociology. Of course, almost nobody is fooled by this practice, and the main losers must ultimately be the discipline and its past and present students, such as L.J. Robson. It is their study and achievements which are inevitably devalued in the eyes of the academic community and the public by the lack of stricter standards in some Sociology courses. If L.J. Robson is indeed concerned about the reputation of Sociology and its students, his cause would be much better served by arguing for tighter academic standards in the School, instead of attacking those who propose such a change.

J.P. FORGAS
Associate Professor in Psychology

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