

# \$350,000 to study new drug

## UK chemist works with Monash team

An Australian company will invest up to \$350,000 in a Monash study of a completely new series of drugs which might bring relief to sufferers of asthma and hayfever.

Australasian Drug Developments Pty Ltd, a company set up to capitalise on Australia's expertise in pharmacology, has signed a contract with the university to provide the money over the next three years.

The new drugs are the result of the resurrection of a successful British drug research collaboration in an effort to stimulate Australian medicinal chemistry.

The distinguished British medicinal chemist, Dr Fred Copp, worked with the young Alan Boura (now Professor Alan Boura of Pharmacology) at the Wellcome Foundation in the late fifties and early sixties.

Among other therapeutic compounds, their partnership produced bretylium, the first drug of its type for the treatment of heart attacks and still carried by Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance units in Victoria.

Dr Copp, now retired from Wellcome, was twice enticed to Monash (first as a distinguished visitor to the Medical Faculty and then with a Monash Special Research Grant) to work with Professor Boura on creating the new series of drugs. Professor Roy Jackson of organic chemistry provided Dr Copp with laboratory space.

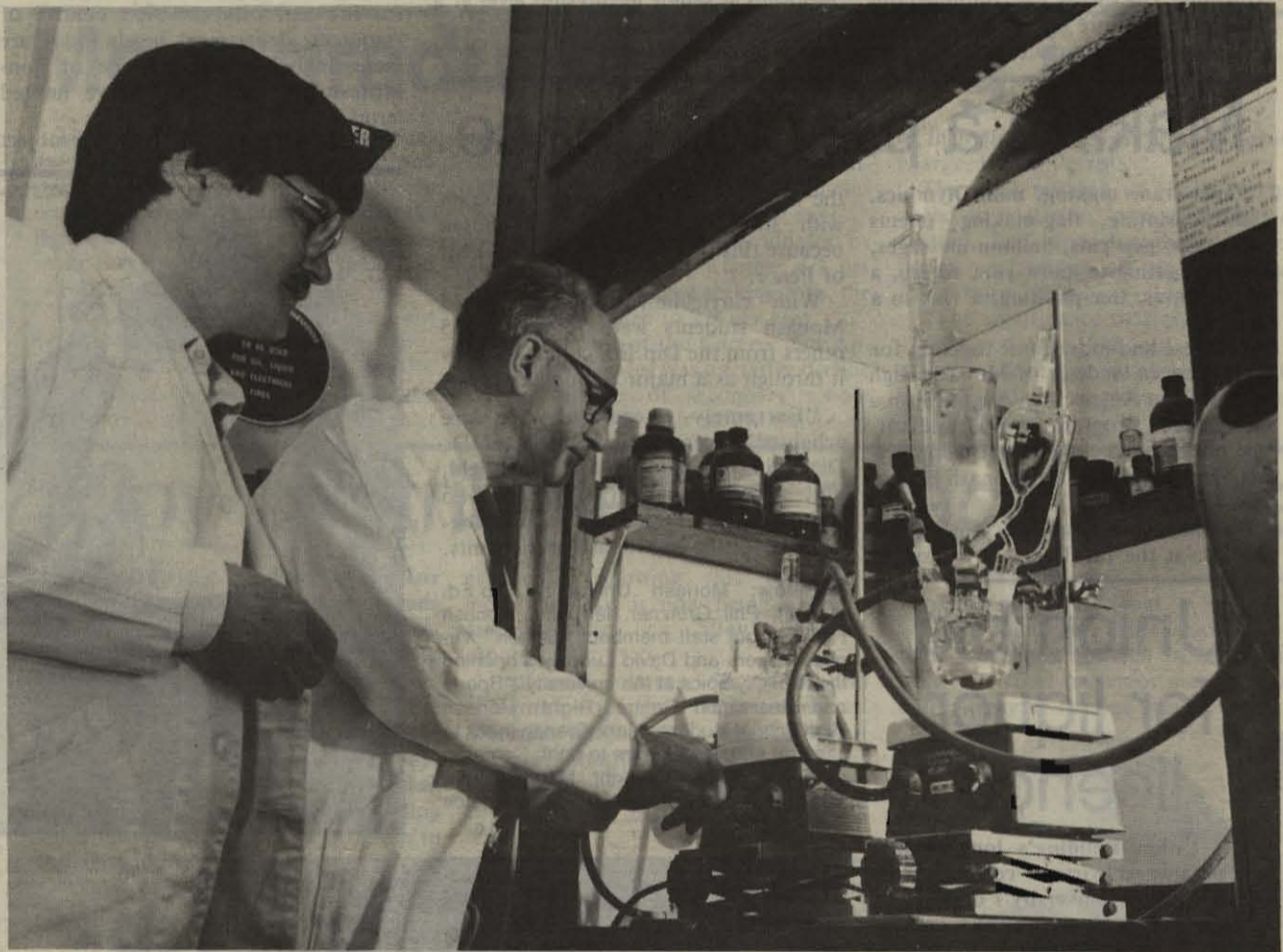
The idea was to design a drug to fit one of the body's widely distributed chemical receptors.

"Professor Boura wanted a drug with certain chemical characteristics, and gave me a couple of starting points," Dr Copp said.

Working with graduate student Kevor Kroznian, he used his 40 years experience in industrial organic chemistry to come up with a way of creating a chemical compound with the desired characteristics.

And the fifth compound of the series, code-named FCC-5, turned out to be biologically active.

Professor Boura said the team had originally set out to create a drug to treat thrombosis.



● Dr John Cullen, left, and Dr Fred Copp at work in their laboratory. Photo — Tony Miller.

"But it did not quite have the characteristics we thought. We aimed for one target and hit another," he said.

Dr Copp and Professor Boura stress that there is still a long way to go before declaring FCC-5 a useful new drug.

The work they have done so far has reduced the odds of coming up with an important new drug from about one in 15,000 to about one in 1000.

Professor Boura said the money would be used to set up a unit for drug

design and development at the university to perpetuate the unique collaboration between pharmacology and organic chemistry.

Initially, the unit will continue studies of how best to make the new drug and related compounds.

As Dr Copp must go home to Britain, this work will be undertaken by Dr John Cullen, research assistant in organic chemistry. A second set of studies by Mrs Mary Rechtman

(Pharmacology) will screen for immediate and long-term side effects.

Professor Boura said he hoped the establishment of a successful drug development program could lead to an Australian drug industry which would provide jobs for young scientists.

"The paradox now is that we are doing so much medical research and the knowledge is being shunted overseas. Then they utilise it overseas to find drugs to sell back to us."

## Kiss and tell — for science

Do not be surprised if Christine Forbes rushes up to you and your partner and asks if you are in love — it is all in a day's work.

Mrs Forbes, a fourth year sociology student, is testing a theory supported by many psychologists and sociologists that love changes over time from "passionate to companionate".

She is assessing whether there are differences in the way men and women see love.

"Most of the questions I ask concern

where a couple sees their relationship going, and how it has affected friendships with other people," Mrs Forbes said.

"So far, the study would suggest that people are looking for an intimate friendship based on sharing."

She is looking for people who have been together less than three months or more than two years, have never been married, do not live together and have at least two years university education.

They are asked to contact her on

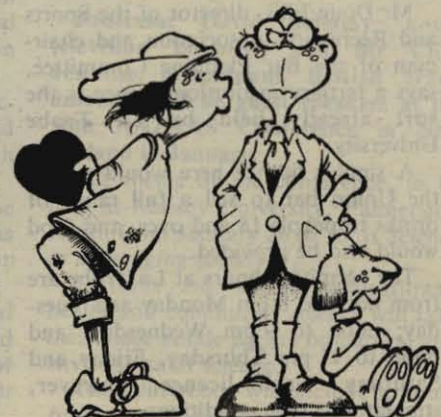
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However, if love is not your thing, maybe drinking is.

Mr Greg Rumbold, a Ph.D. student in Psychology, is looking for social drinkers so he can test the way alcohol affects the body.

Participants are asked to complete a task before and after having a drink and their responses are recorded.

Mr Rumbold is one of three students doing research related to alcohol effects. He can be contacted on ext 3978.





# Department heads much in demand'

Heads of departments in Australian universities mostly find it hard to meet the demands of their three main functions — teaching, research and administration — a national survey has found.

Conducted by Ms Ingrid Moses and Emeritus Professor Ernest Roe of the University of Queensland's Tertiary Education Unit, and funded by the Australian Research Grants Scheme, the survey has pinpointed the areas that are suffering and suggests that some department heads should get help in overcoming their pressures and conflicts.

One hundred and eighty department heads were interviewed last year at four pairs of older and newer universities — Queensland and Griffith in Queensland; Sydney and Macquarie in NSW; Melbourne and La Trobe in Victoria, and Adelaide and Flinders in South Australia. The survey has continued this year, with 80 more interviews.

Findings so far show that 86 per cent

of department heads reduced research activity after appointment, and 60 per cent reduced teaching loads.

"For a normal academic, teaching and research are the main activities, but a head of department has to give very large prominence to administration," Ms Moses says.

"Many said they could not perform the three functions equally, yet their own expectations, and sometimes those of departments, were that they be seen to do it; and many in fact tried."

Reductions in research activity occur particularly when the department head is at senior lecturer level.

If universities allow appointment to headship at senior lectureship level at a time when research activity should be strong in the academics' careers, there

should be administrative and research assistance for them, otherwise there may be reduced input into the national research effort, and damage to the academics' careers," Ms Moses says.

"As most cut down on research and many were active researchers before their appointment, it is important that each be given time off during or after a long headship to catch up."

An inherent problem is that universities tend to see department heads as departmental representatives, while heads see themselves rather as academics with temporary administrative functions.

Headship roles have changed, Ms Moses points out, since the democratisation of the universities in the 1960s and 1970s.

Instead of being professors appointed for life and with complete control of resources, department heads today are increasingly elected, may be of non-professorial status, and serve limited terms.

Unlike former times, they are subject

to the demands of open decision-making and accounting.

"Some implications of the democratisation process are that elected heads who know they must return to the ranks might be reluctant to innovate and confront conflicts; that more academic staff than before can expect to have a term as head; and there is greater need for training of department heads — something that has been recognised in the United States and is being increasingly recognised in Australia," Ms Moses says.

"That the head may not be the highest ranking person in the department, and the headship is of limited duration — in some universities for only two years — affects the extent to which heads can act as advocates for departments and exercise academic leadership."

Ms Moses and Professor Roe hope to publish their findings next year, and have applied for further ARGs funding for research into the output of heads before, during and after headship terms.

## Making a play for peace

Paper-crane making, mini-Olympics, T-shirt printing, flag-making, poems and songs, pen pals, balloon messages, puzzles, getting-to-know-you, eating, a mystery tour, tree-planting, a visit to a farm . . .

All these and more came together for 84 year seven students of Monash High School from August 4 to August 8, in a Peace Week program devised and carried out through close co-operation between the school and the Monash Education Faculty.

Fifteen science graduates doing their Dip.Ed. at the faculty spent a term at

the school, working out the program with staff. The theme was chosen because this is the United Nations Year of Peace.

With curriculum decided, the 15 Monash students were joined by 45 others from the Dip.Ed. course to carry it through as a major training exercise.

"Extremely successful, we are delighted", were the comments of Dr Dick Gunstone and Dr Jeff Northfield, both senior lecturers in Education, who saw the week as invaluable teaching-training for the 60 Monash participants.

● Below: Monash University Dip.Ed. student, Phil Grutzner, left, and Monash High School staff members "Queen" Virginia Rogers and David Ludowyk, opening the mini-Olympics at the university's Sports and Recreation Centre. Right: Monash High School students Mark Keenan (back to camera) and, from centre to right, Cameron de Graaf, Stephen Wright, Matthew Vale and Bradley Thomas join in the fun. Photos — Richard Crompton.

## Union bid for liquor licence

The Union Building's long-awaited bar became a virtual certainty last month with the university's decision to apply to the Liquor Control Commission for a tertiary institution licence.

If the licence is granted, as seems likely, the bar will become part of a \$1,400,000 reconstruction of the Main Dining Room and foyer areas on the building's first floor.

The result will be a modernised, integrated area which will not only provide day-to-day drinking and eating facilities, but space suitable for large functions.

But don't hold on to your thirst.

The time needed to get permits for the reconstruction, and to complete it, will mean that the first beer is unlikely to be pulled before the beginning of third term next year.

Mr Doug Ellis, director of the Sports and Recreation Association and chairman of the Bar Planning Committee, says a tertiary institution licence is the sort already held by La Trobe University.

A similar licence here would enable the Union bar to sell a full range of drinks to people 18 and over, and food would also be provided.

The permitted hours at La Trobe are from noon to 8 pm Monday and Tuesday; noon to 9 pm Wednesday; and noon to 11 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Each licence, however, stipulates its own conditions.





# Higher degrees bring personal gain

If you put out the effort to achieve a higher degree, making all the necessary sacrifices on the way, what is the pay-off likely to be in life?

What does a Ph.D. or Masters come to mean in career progress and in personal growth and satisfaction?

The answers over Australian academia as a whole remain unknown, but significant progress has now been made in an important part of it.

The first volume has been published of a report on *Higher Degree Studies in Two Faculties of Education 1950-1985*, a project conducted by the Education Faculty at Monash and the Sydney University Department of Education.

The inquiry's purpose has been to "review the provision of higher degree education and assess the role of different types of higher degrees in terms of professional and career development".

It has been conducted for the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission under the supervision of Professor Peter Fensham, Dean of Education at Monash, and Professor Don Spearritt, of the department of Education at Sydney. Robina Duggan of the Higher Education Advisory and Research Unit at Monash has been research assistant.

The first volume deals with Monash. The second will be on Sydney and will include the survey's recommendations.

With more than 700 higher-degree people questioned in the Monash survey the human response, understandably, has been mixed, but the overall picture is of men and women who have made positive gains.

Interestingly, even for readers outside the field of education, the main benefit seems to have been in personal development and life-awareness rather than in material ways.

A large majority speak of their satisfaction with exposure to new ideas; enhanced self-confidence; the application of new knowledge in their work; better job performance, higher status; greater ability to communicate ideas, and ability to pass the benefits of postgraduate study on to others.

In the workplace (87 per cent of the subjects were in jobs before and during their studies) the consequences of a higher degree are not necessarily as beneficial.

Among those asked to evaluate the effect of their degree on promotion chances, only 39 per cent said it had been of use while 51 per cent said it had made no difference and 10 per cent said it had actually been a disadvantage.

"The most generally held (72 per cent) perception of positive influence of their studies is in the contribution of information to the workplace.

"The response is an interesting one because it provides a confirmation of several of the very common aspirations the graduates said they had for higher degree status," the report says.

"That is that through these studies the graduates would provide access to new information and a means of keeping up with current trends."

Taking the picture as a whole "the perception of positive influence is much more common than for negative ones, except for time available for extra curricular activities with others in the employment situation," the report says.

"Getting on for half the graduates reported positive influences on their promotional opportunities, participating in work activities, roles in the work-place, preparation of work-related activities and interaction with co-workers.

"These are not inconsiderable professional gains for the price of the extra load the studies demand."

To the lay person the general message of this first volume of the survey report will be that there is no doubt that the achievement of a higher degree is an enriching experience that can improve self-regard and the quality of life.

At the same time, the career effects can be uncertain, and some penalty may have to be paid for the time given to study.



• Research assistant, Robina Duggan

## More graduates finding jobs

The demand for Monash graduates has shown no sign of slackening, and employers are reporting difficulty in recruiting enough graduates with the right qualifications for business, government service and some areas of engineering.

This positive picture is given in the annual report of the Careers and Appointment Service for the year ended June 30.

"If there is a downturn in the economy, we would hope that

employers have learned the lessons from the past, and continue to maintain intakes of young people, both graduates and non-graduates," the report says.

A survey of Monash graduates of 1984 has shown that, whereas 4.3 per cent had formerly been seeking jobs, the number had fallen to 2.9 per cent.

One concern of the Careers and Appointment Service was a relative decline in the number of secondary school pupils giving Monash as the university

of their first choice, said the officer-in-charge, Lionel Parrott.

The total number of those looking ahead to a tertiary education had increased, but Monash's share of first preferences among all applicants had fallen since 1982.

"The significance of these figures is subject to debate," he said.

Fresh initiatives, involving Monash, the schools and employers were under consideration.

## Alloy contributes to space probe

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor designate, Professor Ian Polmear, made a surprising discovery during a recent overseas trip to attend conferences in Hungary and the United States.

He learned that the weldable aluminium alloy used to make the 20,000 kg external fuel tank of the Space Shuttle was the same one he had used as a base to develop an experimental alloy while on an outside studies program in Switzerland in 1985.

"This experimental alloy contains critical minor additions that cause controlled changes to the microstructure, resulting in a marked increase in strength," he said, in a report to the University Council about his trip.

"Spurred on by 'delusions of

grandeur' following this discovery, more emphasis is now being given to assessing the new alloy's welding capability."

Professor Polmear, 58, foundation chairman of the Department of Materials Engineering, learned about the Space Shuttle materials when he was in Baltimore in June, giving a seminar at the Martin Marietta Research laboratories.

He was on his way to present a paper at the University of Virginia on *Aluminium alloys: Their physical and mechanical properties*, at a conference held to mark 100 years of commercial production of aluminium.

Professor Polmear has been named as Deputy Vice-Chancellor to assume of-

fice in 1987 following the retirement of Professor Kevin Westfold.

His appointment, made in accordance with provisions outlined in last year's McNeill Report on senior management, will initially be for one year.



• Professor Ian Polmear

## Berkeley woos Monash musician

A Monash reader in Music has been asked to teach graduate students at the University of California's Berkeley Campus.



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Dr Margaret Kartomi received an invitation to be a Visiting Professor at Berkeley after giving lectures in that university's music department and South and Southeast Asian Studies Centre.

Her appointment will be from August, 1986 to May, 1987.

She will teach graduate courses on the music of Southeast Asia, the theory and method of ethnomusicology, and field-work methods.

Dr Kartomi who, besides her post-graduate students at Monash is one of only three scholars to have worked on Sumatran music, said: "Sumatra is one of the areas in the world where music can still be analysed from a fresh perspective."

She is writing a book on the music of

• Dr Margaret Kartomi

West Sumatra and will do more field-work during the US Christmas break.

Dr Kartomi has the largest collection of tapes on Sumatran music in the world. "It may take several lifetimes to analyse all the tapes I have collected," she said.

She will also give a paper at an ethnomusicology conference in Portugal next year on Portugese influences on world music.

"In 1511, the Portuguese took Malacca Port in present-day Malaysia and brought western instruments with them.

"This added a new dimension to the music of some trade-linked coastal areas of Malaysia and the Indonesian archipelago.

"Malay and Indonesian poetry and melodic styles were adapted and played to European harmony on a mixture of local and western instruments," Dr Kartomi said.

## Bellamy for ANZAAS

Professor David Bellamy, noted television botanist, and Mr Clive Jenkins, prominent British trade unionist, will be guest speakers at the 56th ANZAAS Conference in New Zealand in January.

The theme of the conference, to be held at Massey University, Palmerston North from January 26 to 30, is *Science in a changing society*.

Lectures on social, educational, health and community science will take their place beside papers on natural and environmental science.

The conference will include a youth program and a special Maori series.



# The law cuts across national boundaries

Hundreds of legal scholars met at Monash last week for the second stage of the 12th International Congress of Comparative Law, which began at Sydney University.

The congress was the first held in the Pacific region and the first to include representatives of Asian legal systems.

Members of the organising committee included Professor Bob Baxt, Mr Philip Clarke, Professor Eliahu Ellinger and Associate Professor Francis Trindade.

In the three-day program at Monash, topics covered included: Transnational protection of human rights; family relations in modern medicine; judicial control of administrative discretion in the expulsion and extradition of aliens; computerised legal systems; execution of judgements and means of enforcement available to a court, and the use of economic evidence in anti-trust litigation.

The International Academy of Comparative Law has been holding the congresses every four years since 1932.

Its president, Emeritus Professor John Hazard of Columbia University, said the aim in the early days was the

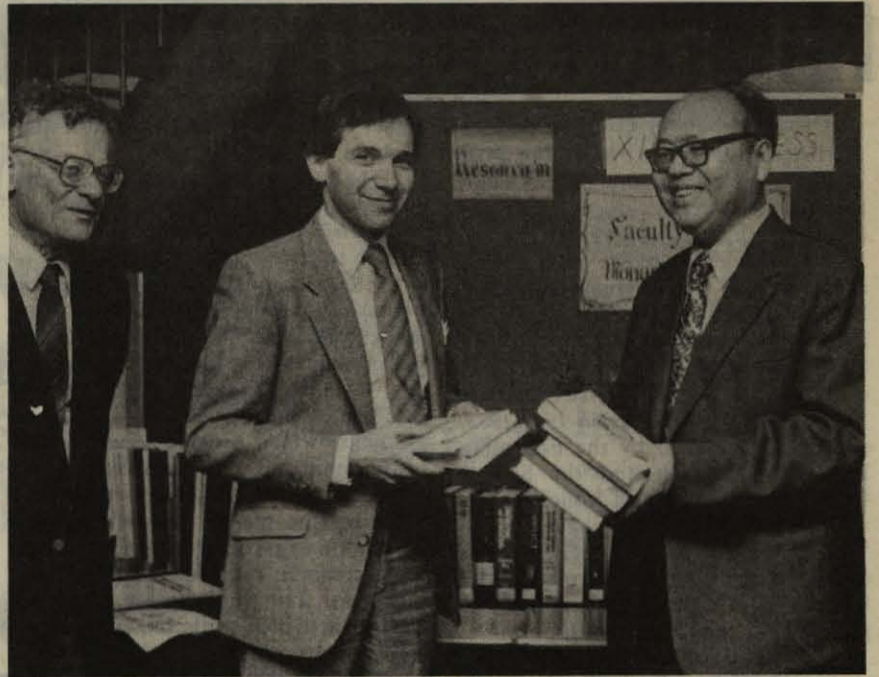
unification of law "and scholars expected that parallel studies of the treatment in European codes of given situations would eventually make possible determination of a common denominator that all could accept".

He told participants that their meeting at the 12th congress proved the vision of scholars had broadened over the years.

"The purpose of comparison today is far more sociological in nature.

"Scholars now seek reasons for the variation in legal families. They examine the historical bases for legal cultures, the ideological foundations, the economic stimuli and the social order from which legal systems emerge," he said.

The annual Sir Wilfred Fullagar Lecture was given during the congress by Professor Ross Parsons from the University of Sydney, on the topic *Income Tax: An Institution of Decay*.



● Congress delegate Professor Wu Da-Ying from the People's Republic of China (right), presented some new books on Chinese law to the Monash collection, including two he had written. The Acting Dean of Law, Professor Michael Pryles, centre, said Chinese delegates had been concerned about the modest size of the Chinese collection in the Law Library. "They found some books were outdated, and in one, Professor Wu had been quoted as saying something he did not say. China is unique because the original law was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution, and the legal system is now being rebuilt at a rapid rate. Professor Wu decided to help bring our collection up to date by donating some of his own books," Professor Pryles said. Also pictured is Associate Professor Henry Finlay from the Monash Faculty of Law. Photo — Richard Crompton.



● Professor Ulrich Drobniq (left) from the Max-Planck Institut, Hamburg, and Professor Arthur von Mehren, Harvard University.



● Professor Ross Parsons (left) from the University of Sydney, and Emeritus Professor John Hazard of Columbia University, president of the International Academy.



● Miss Helena Chan, National University of Singapore, and (back to camera) Mr Wang Haitao of the China Law Society.



● Congress participants meet in the foyer of the David Derham School of Law. Photos — Tony Miller.



# The Budget — how it affects your pocket

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## SLASHER!

### Cold comfort from Keating

THE Prime Minister's ominous words were still echoing in the ears of backbenchers...

How Murrumbidgee...

### Libraries feel pinch of \$250 fee 'not credible'

At the Wren Library at Trinity College, Cambridge, there are some shelves to prevent undergraduates and...

### Campaign to scupper dollar's dive

By JOE POPRZECKI

### Fee increases 'last straw' for foreign pupils

General

Funds to tertiary education will increase by 2.6 per cent in real terms for 1987. An additional 2700-3300 higher education places will be created. An administration charge of \$250 will be payable by all higher education students (full-time, part-time and external) from 1987, and students receiving education allowances will receive an extra \$250 to cover this charge. Certain pensioner and beneficiary students will be exempt. Under the government guidelines, "institutions will be required to collect the administration charge at the time of enrolment, usually in February-March each year".

### Research grants

The Australian Research Grants Scheme will receive about 10 per cent more in real terms next year (from \$33.8million to \$38.9million divided as follows: ARG\$ 32.4million, National Research Fellowships \$6.5million); and the National Health and Medical Research Council's funding will be increased by about 7 per cent in real terms (from \$51.3million to \$59million).

Commonwealth Postgraduate Awards will remain essentially the same, but a \$250 supplementary payment will be made to cover the new administration charge.

### Student allowances

The AUSTUDY scheme will be introduced from the beginning of next year, replacing the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme (TEAS), the Adult Secondary Education Assistance Scheme (ASEAS), and the Secondary Allowances Scheme (SAS). Benefits will be available to students 16 years and over undertaking full-time study.

Every rate of allowance under AUSTUDY will be increased except for tertiary students aged 16-17 years who are living away from home or independent, who will continue to receive \$73.28 per week.

The weekly rates for tertiary students in 1987 will be: 16-17 years at home, \$50 (currently \$47.50); away from home and independent, \$73.28 (no change). 18 years plus at home, \$55 (\$47.50); away from home and independent, \$80 (\$73.28). The qualifying limits for maximum income-tested benefits will be raised by 5 per cent.

The incidentals allowance of up to \$100 a year currently paid to TEAS and ASEAS students will no longer be available, but higher education students on AUSTUDY allowance will receive a special payment of \$250 to cover the new administration charge.

The dependant child rate will increase by \$1 a week to \$17. Pensioners will no longer be able to get almost full student assistance in addition to their pension, but some may qualify for a special allowance of \$15 a week free of income test.

### No tertiary fees, just \$250 for 'administration' Package 'not tough enough'

### Economic madness to bring back fees

SIR, The Federal Government's intention of re-introducing tuition for second and higher degrees in the coming Budget is economic madness. It also makes a mockery of the so-called economic recovery through research and development.

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### Fees for some Uni services

CANBERRA — The Federal Government will give universities the power to charge fees for student services other than tuition in next week's Budget.

From GEORGE MALON

At present, university students pay a general services fee on enrolment ranging from \$100 to about \$190 a year. The majority of this money goes to student associations rather than services such as counselling, welfare and career advice. Higher education experts believe the decision on student services was taken in...

**IT'S THAT SINKING FEELING**

### A blow for students

The increase in petrol costs, Medicare levy, health benefits...

### Revolt against \$250 student fee grows

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AN EMERGENCY meeting of student union president Canberra on the way voted to co-ordinate a campaign against the deming it as the "the wedge" and a method of introducing tuition fee.

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### Aussies headed for the S-bend

By KEN...

### Aboriginal education

Funds for Aboriginal education will increase by 17 per cent in 1986-87, to \$86 million.

Most of this money will be used in student assistance schemes — Absec (for secondary students) and Abstudy (for post-school). The number of Aboriginal students receiving assistance for post-school education is expected to increase by 3185 to 22,735.

From 1988, Absec and Abstudy will be brought into line with other student assistance schemes. This will mean increased allowances for secondary students over 16, students over 18 in formal courses or training, and students living away from home or of independent status.

### Overseas students

There will be no change to the present quota of 3500 for sponsored overseas students, but postgraduate research students will not be included in this intake. The 10 per cent institution and 20 per cent course quotas for overseas students will still apply.

The Overseas Student Charge for new students and those who began their studies in 1986 will move in 1987 to 45 per cent of full average cost, or \$4666 (\$5506 for medicine). Overseas students will be liable for the new \$250 administrative charge but the student charge has been reduced by that amount.

• This information has been taken from press releases issued by the Minister for Education, Senator Ryan.



# Young children know when to help

Despite what some psychologists believe, children can recognise when people need help and respond appropriately, says a postgraduate student in Education.

Ms Jillian Rodd has been examining the conditions under which preschool children help each other in an effort to understand how they begin to show concern for others and become more sociable.

To study the way they assess when another person is in need, she sent pairs of children into a room and one of each pair was asked to come back with a box filled with pencils.

The box was rigged so the pencils would fall onto the floor, and the exercise was intended to see if the second child would help pick them up.

"Most did, and my study suggests that although psychologists are right and children are egocentric, this does not preclude them from realising when others need help," Ms Rodd said.

A second group were merely asked if they would help someone who had dropped pencils onto the floor, but fewer said they would.

This suggests that practical experience is a better way of teaching children to show concern for others, she said.

More children are being cared for in day centres and this increases the necessity of finding ways to foster co-

operation.

Once children go into group care they must learn to co-operate because they have to share the time and attention of an adult.

"This competition may increase the likelihood of aggressive and anti-social behavior," Ms Rodd said.

"Adults working with young children prefer to help them resolve their disagreements in co-operative ways."

For the past 12 years Ms Rodd has been teaching at the Institute of Early Childhood Development and has realised the value of persuading children to argue a disagreement out rather than to hit each other.

• Jillian Rodd, right.



# Not an attack of acronymphomania

WISE is gone. MSC is going. In its stead, VCAB will introduce the VCE but meanwhile CAWP is running the show.

No, it's not just a sharp attack of acronymphomania but rather a summary of what's happening to secondary education in Victoria. When WISE expired on June 30, director Lindsay Mackay, a former Monash man, disappeared into the Education Department.

On the next day VCAB sprang to life, headed for the time being by David Smith with Win McDonnell (a member of the Monash University Council) as chief executive.

Within a few weeks we will know the name of the permanent VCAB chief who will take up the appointment before Christmas, and a few months later Win will retire.

If this all seems rather breathtaking, it is as nothing compared to the changes about to be brought to the senior years of secondary education.

Two years ago our government began a review which came up with the Blackburn report, the major recommendations of which were for more breadth in the curriculum, especially at years 11 and 12.

These changes follow increasing retention of students by schools, students who had no aptitude or no taste for the then-offered HSC subjects.

WISE Group 2 subjects were an attempt to grapple with this problem, but the acceptance of Group 2 (and even some Group 1 subjects) by students was spoiled by the universities, who took a firm line over the kind of subjects they felt were suitable preparation for tertiary study.

Most students heading for tertiary study took a broad curriculum through year 10 but then specialised in years 11

## Australia-Wales link

A Centre for Australian Studies is being established at St David's University College of the University of Wales.

The college's Principal, Professor Brian Morris, says Australian academics visiting the United Kingdom would be welcome to participate in the work of the centre, where the primary focus of research is the Australia-Wales relationship.

Postgraduate students are also encouraged to undertake research in one of the university's departments.

Inquiries should be made to Dr Graham Summer, Department of Geography, St David's University College, University of Wales, Lampeter, Dyfed, SA48 7ED, Wales.

and 12.

The CAWP which is charged with implementation of changes to secondary education has recommended the following curriculum for the final two years of secondary schooling:

- four units of English.
- two units each of Australian society, humanities, arts, mathematics, and science/technology, making a total of 14 compulsory units in six fields of study.
- other units to be attempted making 24 in all, but only 18 need to be passed for VCE.

I have tried here for a calm and reasonable description of what's happening and where we are going.

For my part, I think students would be well-served if their science/technology requirement could be met by subjects such as home economics/human development.

## Shortcomings

Universities would ask more, of course, of entrants to their science, medicine and engineering courses.

They should not be afraid to spell out their requirements and even consider changing the degree structure to permit, say, a four year BSc degree for students who enter with below-optimum preparation.

It is just as important that we co-operate in developing new forms of assessment and new selection procedures. I can't see any of the suggested alternatives being as cheap and easy to operate as the present VUAC arrangement, but we must acknowledge its shortcomings.

Since money will be involved, politics is bound to affect what we do and what the government will accept!

We should also maintain links with our colleagues who teach in secondary schools: their unions have already joined battle over VCE but I don't believe that they have seen how much effort will be required from teachers.

I trust that the public statements from our big sister institution (Melbourne University) are no more than forthright declarations of their ambit claims.

We will not be well served by university staff who refuse to change, any more than we will be ideologues in the government advisers' offices. The changes will occupy us for the next few years. If your children are in the early years of secondary school then you are in for a lot of fun.

We haven't heard much from parents yet, but I think we will: remember the

dictum of Michael (*Rise of the Meritocracy*) Young that ambitious parents will always bring to grief the best-laid schemes of egalitarian reformers.

— Ian Rae  
Chemistry

(This article has been reprinted from *Careers Weekly* Vol 16, No 30, Friday, August 1, 1986.)

Associate Professor Ian Rae is the deputy chairman of the Panel of Ex-

aminers for HSC Chemistry.

## NOTES

WISE — Victorian Institute for Secondary Education 1978-1986.

VCAB — Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Board 1986.

VCE — Victorian Certificate of Education.

VUAC — Victorian Universities and Colleges Admissions Committee.

CAWP — Curriculum and Assessment Working Party.



• Associate Professor Ian Rae.

# 'U3AM' incorporates as Third Age Learners

The University of the Third Age at Monash (U3AM) agreed last month to incorporate under the name "Third Age Learners at Monash".

The group will form a separate legal identity but will retain its links with Monash and will still be known unofficially as U3AM.

"The incorporation was decided on because the laws are such that if a voluntary group is not incorporated and it is then sued, the group members are all equally liable," said Dr Jack McDonnell, director of the Centre for Continuing Education, which helps administer U3AM.

"Incorporation offers the members some legal protection."

The University of the Third Age was the name given to a self-help group of learners, started in France in 1973, which draws on the experiences of all its members. They are active retired people — people who are in the Third Age of their lives.

"There are now hundreds of these institutions around the world, but in Victoria it is not acceptable to incorporate under a name which uses the word 'university', so we had to find an alternative," Dr McDonnell said.

Since U3AM started on campus in 1984, another six Third Age institutions have been established around the Melbourne area. They provide courses for more than 1600 people.



# Step-families are a growing concern

More and more remarriages in Australia, and more rearrangements of families in new de facto households, have led to a vast increase in the number of step-families and a heightened awareness of their special problems.

Parents, children, former partners, grandparents and others become embroiled in passions and sorrows that are rarely foreseen, or that have been foreseen but ignored in the search for a fresh start.

How to understand what is happening, and then find ways to deal with the difficulties, has become a matter of prime social concern.

And the need for research is pressing.

One who has taken up the challenge is Ruth Webber, B.Ed, BA (Hons), lecturer in the department of Behavioral Studies, Christ Campus, at the Institute of Catholic Education, Oakleigh.

A paper on *Living in a step-family, an educative program for step-parents* which she gave to a recent conference, *Making marriage and family work*, is part of her Master of Education Studies project for the Monash Education Faculty under the supervision of Dr Glenn Rowley and Dr Chris Sharpley.

Her research has gone to the heart of the matter with programs for step-parents conducted in 1984, 1985 and this year at Tallent Street Family Life Centre, Croydon.

## Intense

The 87 participants have ranged "from couples yet to co-habit, to couples who have been together for seven years; from persons not previously in a live-in relationship, to others in a third relationship . . . There were widows, widowers, divorcees and newly-separated persons. The number of children involved . . . ranged from one to nine."

With the complexity of relationships, problems double and redouble.

When the 1986 group, for example, was given a list of 29 items and asked to say which had been problems for them at the outset of the six one-night sessions of the course, they listed between nine and all 29.

The degree of feeling involved in some issues, over Mrs Webber's years of research, has sometimes been so intense that participants have said quite openly they would be relieved if a former partner died or disappeared.

Simplifying a complex human pattern, Mrs Webber's findings can be placed under six main headings:

- my partner and myself;
- my former partner and myself;
- my children and myself;
- my partner's children and myself;
- my partner and my children;
- the step-siblings.

Over the six categories, the greatest difficulties arose from differing discipline standards and traditions, lack of communication, a child's feeling of loss of the parent's affection, lack of appreciation, and jealousy and resentment.

Woven in with such difficulties were problems of lack of time; of overwork and other stress; of bitterness over settlements and maintenance; of role uncertainties; of quarrelling and "warfare"; of access; of forced contact, and others.

Male and female attitudes can differ significantly. For example, both sexes worry more about the relationship between the female partner and the children

of the male, than they do about the children of the female.

"Men worry about their relationship with their former partner and the

welfare of their children," says Mrs Webber.

"The prime concern of females are those problems that affect the relationship with their present partner."

One striking point in the findings is that significant improvement was achieved with the participants in all

areas "except those relating to relationships with former partners".

Another is that the most significant areas of concern for males generally "were problems associated with their past lives", whereas "the female respondents were primarily concerned with aspects of the new relationship".



● Dr Glenn Rowley, Dr Chris Sharpley and Mrs Ruth Webber. Photo: Richard Crompton

## Sound economics to invest in future

It is sound economics to spend a night on campus wrapped up in a sleeping bag rather than paying for a motel room.

So, the discovery that prospective economists do just that the night before attending the Economics department's free Lecture Series for HSC students comes as no surprise.

For more than 10 years HSC economics students from around Victoria have given up a Sunday to gain that extra edge over their fellow students.

This year's series will be held in Robert Blackwood Hall on September 14 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Dr Graham Richards, Victoria's chief examiner for HSC economics and the series' organiser, says the lectures are designed to help the students understand exam material.

They attracted nearly 1300 students last year, and about 1200 from

more than 80 schools have already said they are coming this year.

There will be six three-quarter hour lectures: *Competitive capitalism as an economic system — structure, resource allocation, and performance*, from 10 am to 10.45 am (Dr Ian Ward); *Reasons for Government intervention in contemporary market capitalism*, from 11 am to 11.45 am (Dr Graham Richards); *Incomes policy — the Australian experience*, from noon to 12.45 pm (Professor Allan Fels); *Causes and consequences of economic growth in Australia*, from 1.45 pm to 2.30 pm (Dr Martin Watts); *Macroeconomic performance and policies in Australia*, from 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm (Professor John Freebairn); *Fixed and floating exchange rates — the Australian experience*, from 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm (Dr Graham Richards).



● Dr Graham Richards

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The American Association of University Women is offering a number of international fellowships for 1987-88, for one year's graduate study or advanced research at an approved institution in the United States. Each award carries a grant of \$US10,000. Further information is available from the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee, GPO Box 1142, Canberra, ACT, 2601.

Applications are now open for the annual Ludwig Leichardt Memorial Fellowship, offered to Australian natural scientists, preferably geoscientists, by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. Scholars under the age of 40 who hold doctoral degrees or comparable academic standing, or can furnish proof of experience in dependent research are eligible. The fellowship is normally available for 6-12 months,

although extensions to 24 months are possible. Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, 119 Empire Circuit, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600.

Postgraduate studies are being offered at the International Institute for Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering at Delft in The Netherlands. Full-time courses are offered in hydraulic engineering, hydrology, sanitary engineering and environmental science and technology. Candidates should have degrees in biology, chemistry or chemical engineering. Further information can be obtained from the Embassy of The Netherlands, 120 Empire Circuit, Yarralumla, ACT, 2600. Telephone: (062) 73 3111.

The CSIRO is providing grants to support collaborative research and development work in information technology between CSIRO divisions and industry or tertiary in-

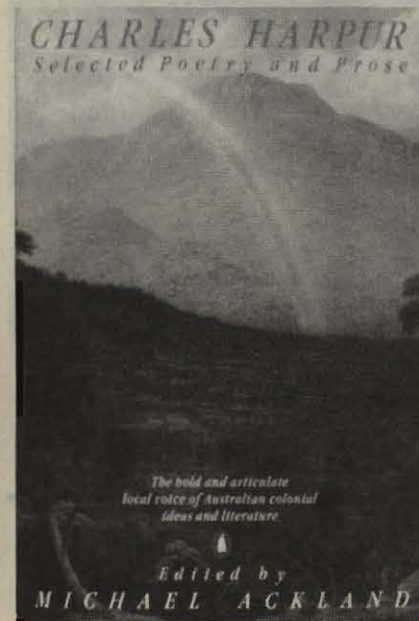
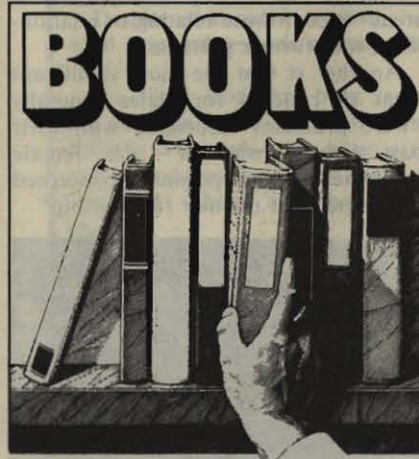
stitutions. Up to \$800,000 will be available in 1987. Application forms and guidelines (including priority areas for research and development), are available from Ms C. Peters (ext 3073). Applications close on Friday, September 26, 1986.

The Australian Institute of Medical Laboratory Scientists is offering a scholarship to graduates for full or part-time research in the field of medical laboratory science, including administration and data processing. The award is made to cover living or educational expenses. Existing funding will not prejudice an applicant, and the award is tenable for one year in the first instance. The institute is also offering an undergraduate award of \$500 for a review article of not more than 4000 words from students majoring in areas relevant to medical laboratory practice. Applications for both awards can be made at any time.

Inquiries to Graduate Scholarships Officer, ext 2009.



# 'Our most important colonial poet'



## Charles Harpur: Selected Poetry and Prose

ed. Michael Ackland  
Penguin Books Australia Ltd.

Most Australians turn first to men like Lawson, Paterson and Kendall for poetry from our early days.

But these figures have been outstripped in importance by another lesser-known writer — Charles Harpur — according to those who champion him.

In the introduction to *Charles Harpur: Selected poetry and prose*, Dr Michael Ackland calls Harpur "our most important colonial poet".

And he points to the opinion in the *Oxford Companion to Australian Literature* that Harpur (1813-1868) is seen by modern critics as "the most substantial" of Australia's colonial poets.

Dr Ackland, a lecturer in English who has published some dozen papers on Harpur, spent more than five years on research for the Penguin book, largely in Sydney's Mitchell Library which holds the Harpur papers. (Some are also at La Trobe).

Concurrently he has written a monograph on Harpur which is now in the hands of the Queensland University Press.

Recognition of Harpur has suffered seriously, and most unjustly, from the fate that befell his work after his death, says Dr Ackland.

In 1883 a man named Martin, with the connivance of Harpur's widow, brought out a bowdlerised and distorted edition of Harpur's poems.

He had made them "respectable" by eliminating the poet's political and social radicalism, leaving him to be seen only as a poet of nature.

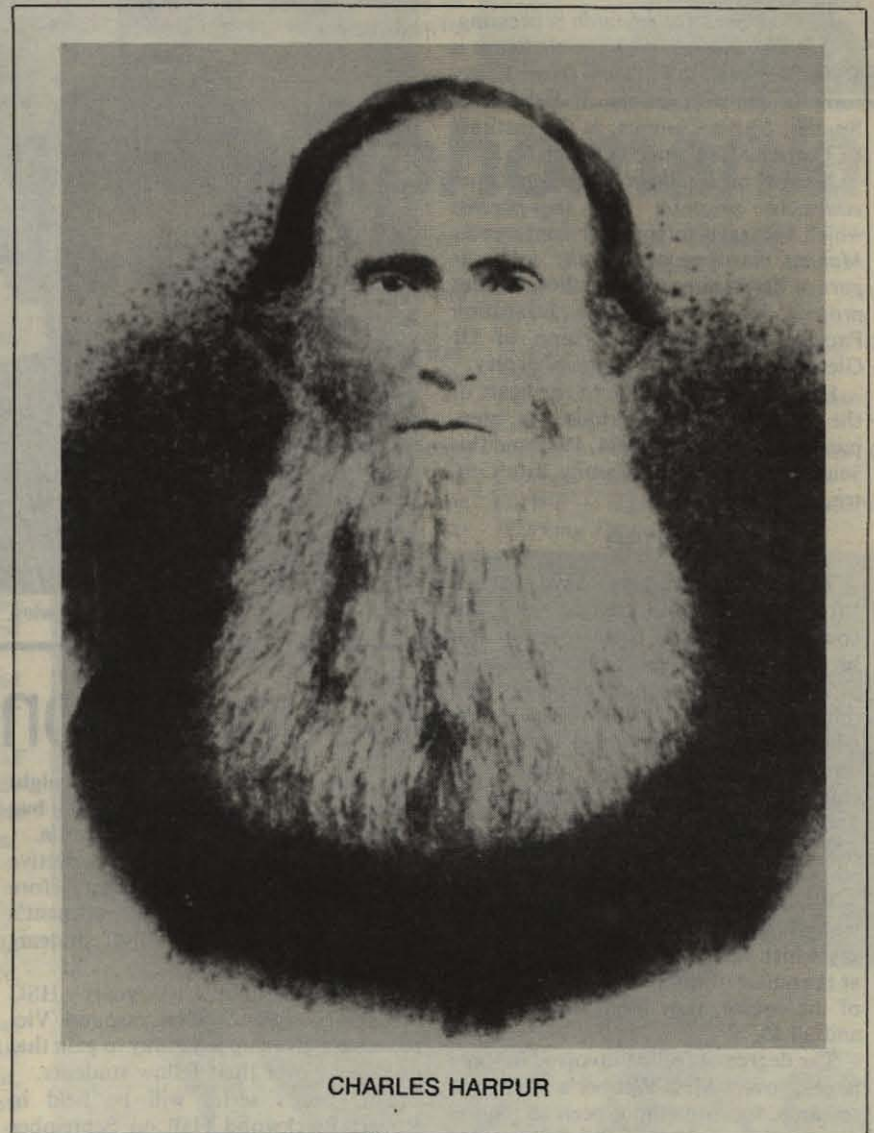
About 40 years ago Australian scholars began to put the real Harpur

together again, and revealed him in all his religious and social passion for justice, democracy, and an end to arrogance and snobbery.

As the son of convicts who had suffered greatly in Australia, and who was to suffer bitterly himself, Harpur now can speak directly to our times.

— Noel Hawken

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CHARLES HARPUR

## Aeneid 'essential' to knowledge of Europe

The Chaonian Dove  
Studies in the Eclogues, Georgics and Aeneid of Virgil  
by A. J. Boyle Leiden E. J. Brill 1986

"Arms I sing and a man, who first from Troy's shores Fate's exile came . . ."

This translation of the first words of Virgil's *Aeneid* immediately reminds those who never learned Latin, or who have neglected what they knew, of the great treasures lost to them through ignorance.

Mr Tony Boyle, a senior lecturer in the Monash department of Classical Studies, is both reproof and forgiving in producing this book, *The Chaonian Dove: Studies in the Eclogues, Georgics, and Aeneid of Virgil* — the first book-length critical study of these works to be published in England since 1964.

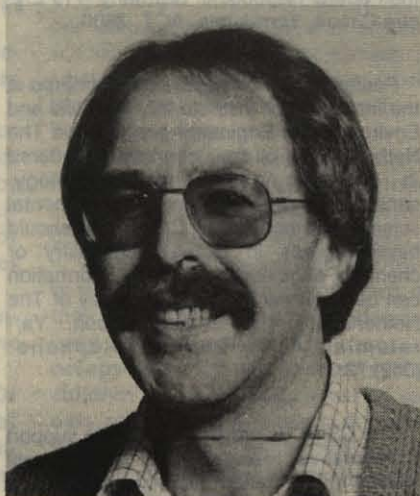
"No one can claim knowledge of Europe who is ignorant of the following verses," he warns at the opening of his chapters on the *Aeneid*, in reference to the first seven Latin lines.

But in the book's preface he concedes that the bulk of contemporary Virgil readership today must depend on translation from the original. The fate of Virgil depends on the interest of such readers.

All Latin passages in the 196 pages of Mr Boyle's text and references are lucidly and sensitively translated so that the works are available to all.

— Noel Hawken

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• Tony Boyle

## Of moons and many things

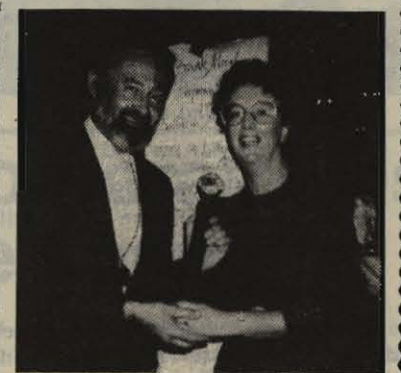
Dr Andrew Prentice will speak about *Comets, moons and the birth of the solar system* at the Space Association of Australia's meeting tomorrow night (September 4).

Dr Prentice, senior lecturer in the department of Mathematics, successfully predicted the findings of the recent Voyager probe in its encounter with the planet Uranus.

The Space Association is a non-profit public organisation for the promotion of peaceful exploration, utilisation and colonisation of outer space.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in lecture theatre R3 (Rotunda) at 7.30 pm.

Membership is open to everyone. Further inquiries, 772 5804.



• Bruce Healey, Subdean of Humanities danced into the limelight at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of Australian Literature when he won the Frank Moorhouse Perpetual Trophy for ballroom dancing.

Bruce's dancing partner for the contest was Dr Helen Thompson a senior lecturer in English at Monash University. The event has become a light-hearted tradition of the conference which was this year held in Townsville.

Campus, August 7  
(Deakin University)



# Filmy ferns, corals, fans – and the humble bracken

Most of us can recognise tree-ferns, maidenhairs and a few other kinds of fern, and are satisfied with that.

But this strands us at the outer perimeter of an understanding of plants that contribute richly to Australian life, despite their modest colors.

Betty D. Duncan and Golda Isaac, associates of the department of Botany, live not on the perimeter of this field, but at its heart.

Their *Ferns and Allied Plants of Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia* describes and illustrates all the native ferns of the three states together with groups such as fork-ferns, clubmosses (lycopods), quillworts and selaginellas.

As well as color photographs by Bruce Fuhrer, a senior technical officer of the Botany and Geology departments at Monash, the book has watercolors by Celia Rosser on the dust jacket.

Its 258 pages include not only full scientific descriptions, distribution maps, bibliography, glossary and listing of the authors of plant names, but notes on fern propagation and cultivation.

This book is for scientists, but also for everyday fern lovers.

As Professor Carrick Chambers of the chair of Botany at Melbourne University says in his foreword, the 1980s have seen "a fern craze" with "every plant shop and boutique offering potted ferns, while not only shady garden corners but also many indoor landscapes" are now decorated with them.

And major commercial growers have again been established.

Definitions and descriptions, alongside the mass of technical data, are lucid for the lay person.

"What is a fern?", the writers ask, and their answer . . .

"Broadly speaking, it is a green plant with stems, roots and leaves, but without flowers and fruits, and hence seedless".

More than 9000 fern species exist in the world. Australia has a great many of them, with more than 750 species of tree-ferns alone.

The life cycle of ferns is curious, involving as it does, two phases, each with an independent existence . . .

So we learn of filmy ferns, coral and fan ferns, finger ferns, lady ferns, rasp ferns, water ferns and all the rest. Do not despise even the humble bracken. It too, is one of this pleasing company.

The authors take up most of two

## Ferns and Allied Plants of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania

by Betty D. Duncan and Golda Isaac

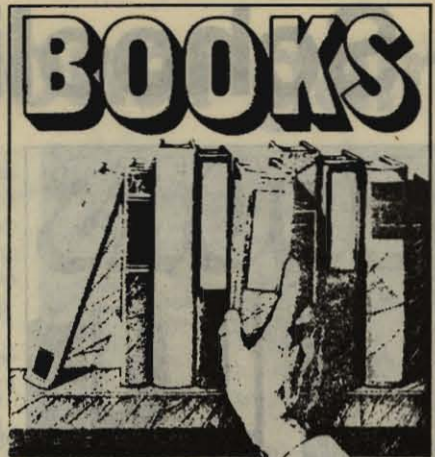
Photographs by Bruce Fuhrer  
Melbourne University Press in association with Monash University, RRP \$25.

pages in expressing their thanks to the wide variety of people in Australia, England and New Zealand who have helped them.

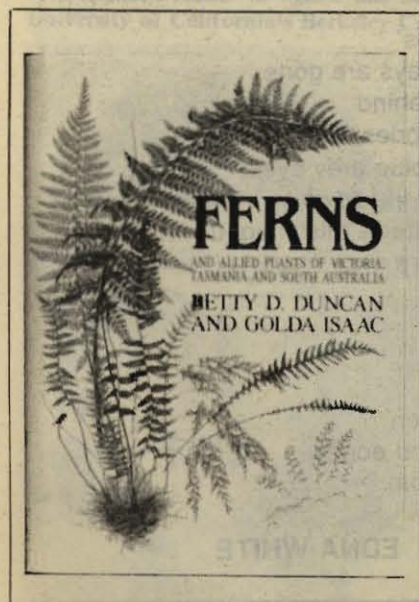
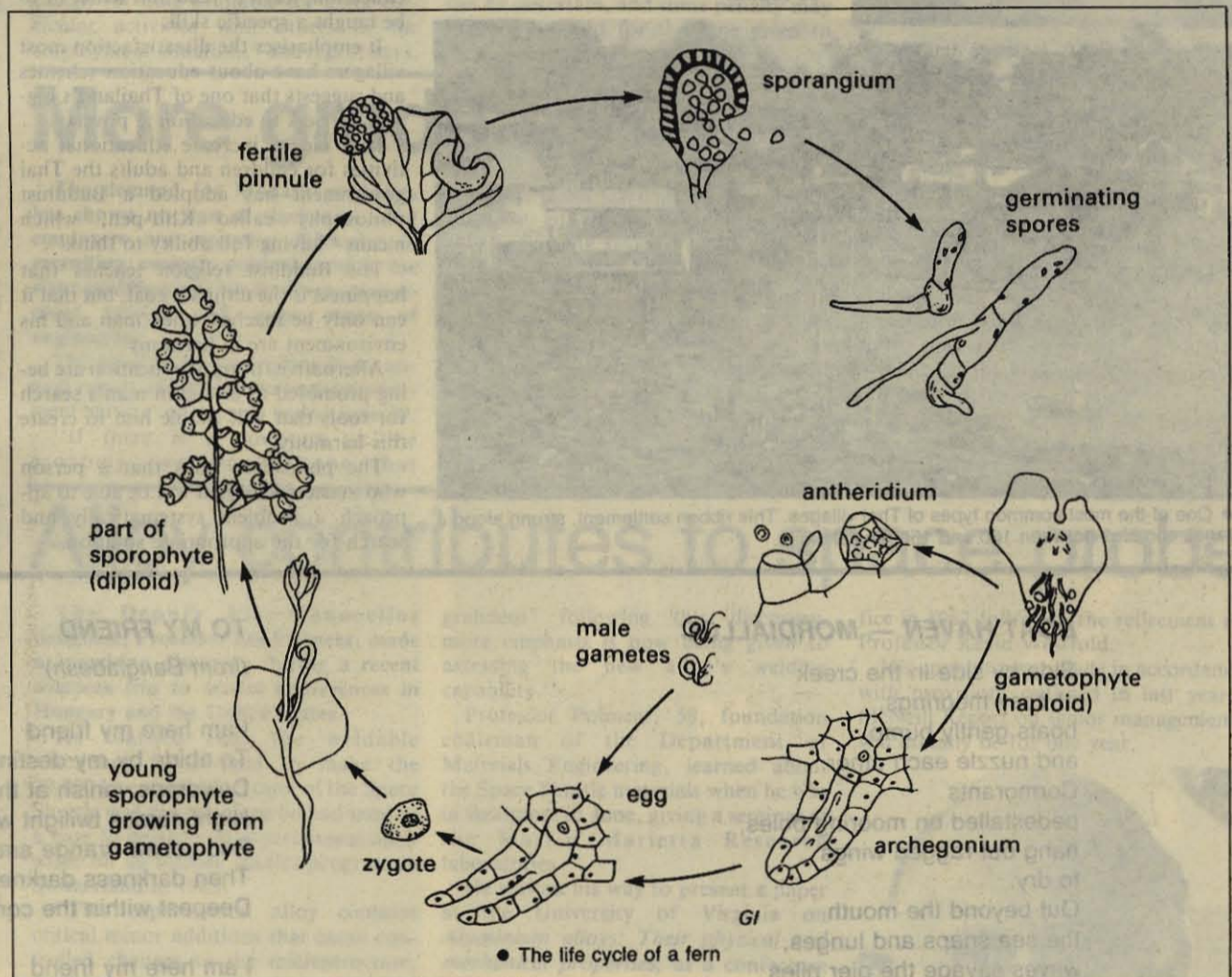
A "special debt of gratitude" is ex-

pressed to Monash for sponsoring the project, and to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Martin, for his interest.

Publication would have not been possible, the authors say, without



Monash University's generous financial support, together with that of the Maud Gibson Gardens Trust, the Hecht Trust and the Ian Potter Foundation.



## Good news for prospective students

Copies of the Monash University Undergraduate Prospectus for 1987 are now available from faculty offices and the Careers and Appointments Service, Union Building.

The prospectus is also being distributed to all secondary schools in Victoria.

Inquiries about multiple copies should be directed to the Publications Office, ground floor, University Offices, ext 2042.

Monash University



Undergraduate Prospectus 1987

## Moslems meet

Robert Blackwood Hall and the Rotunda were the setting, from August 20 to 31, of the most important Moslem conference of its kind ever held in Australia.

Organised by the Islamic Society of Melbourne Eastern Division, one of the many groups now drawing support from Australia's Moslem population of 250,000 it sought to promote understanding of Islam as a way of life, and to increase Moslem-Christian dialogue.

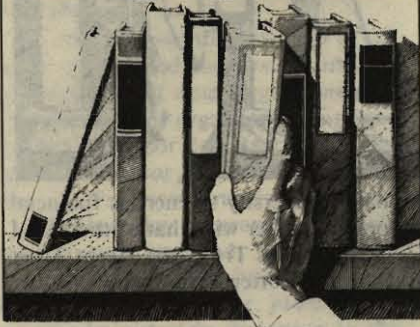
Members of the public were invited to join 200 delegates from Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales, and four distinguished Moslem visitors from Arabia, Malaysia, India and Canada, for a program of addresses, discussions and workshops.

Representatives came from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches, and there were observers from Arab-Australia business groups, government departments of immigration and ethnic affairs, and other interested bodies.



# Schooling against all the odds

## BOOKS



### Administering Non-Formal Education for Thai Villagers

by Warren L. Mellor and Sumalee Sungsi  
The University Press Ltd, Dhaka

It is difficult to imagine attending a "school" which has no books, no support groups, no visible government contributions and no access to transport.

The school would have even less appeal if your parents had no enthusiasm for education.

Although Australian students rarely face such problems, Thai villagers often do. Therefore, other alternatives need to be found.

Dr Warren Mellor, senior lecturer in Education at Monash, and Sumalee Sungsi, a Thai government officer, have written a book explaining the difficulties in persuading Thai villagers that advantages exist in education.

The book, *Administering Non-Formal Education for Thai Villagers*, explores the non-schooling avenues open to those who wish to gain a general education, learn to read and write, or to be taught a specific skill.

It emphasises the dissatisfaction most villagers have about education schemes and suggests that one of Thailand's biggest barriers to education is poverty.

In a bid to increase educational activities for children and adults the Thai government has adopted a Buddhist philosophy called Khit-pen, which means "having full ability to think".

The Buddhist religion teaches that happiness is the ultimate goal, but that it can only be reached when man and his environment are in harmony.

Alternative forms of education are being promoted as an aid in man's search for tools that will enable him to create this harmony.

The philosophy says that a person who masters Khit-pen will be able to approach a problem systematically and search for the appropriate solution.

In accordance with this, educational activities must provide practical information to help solve problems in day-to-day life.

The extent to which daily life makes the pursuit of education difficult is highlighted in this statement from one villager:

"I have five children. All of them are very small. We do not have our own land. I and my wife sell labor during farming season whether ploughing, growing or harvesting period. After farming season, we have to do some other thing such as catching fish or making charcoal and sell them. Some years we have to go to sell labor in some areas where they are farming through the year, otherwise we cannot survive".

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• Warren Mellor



• One of the most common types of Thai villages. This ribbon settlement, strung along a canal, contains between 100 and 150 households.

### BOAT HAVEN — MORDIALLOC

Side by side in the creek  
at cosy moorings,  
boats gently bump  
and nuzzle each other.  
Cormorants  
pedestalled on mooring poles,  
hang out ragged wings  
to dry.  
Out beyond the mouth  
the sea snaps and lunges,  
waves savage the pier piles  
in a mad-dog froth.  
But here  
under a kindly sun,  
water slides silent-smooth;  
small bubbles  
in constellations like stars  
sail to the sea.  
Reflections mimic  
broad-beamed wooden boats  
with scarcely a ripple  
to give the game away.

BRUCE LUNDGREN

University poets from many backgrounds are featured in the latest issue of *Poetry Monash*, from which these poems were taken.

They include H. C. (Harry) Taylor, an assistant in the Main Library; Hector Monro, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy; Edna White, student; J. D. (Jacquie) Mabbett, wife of Dr Ian Mabbett (History); Joanne Wilkes, English tutor; and Hasna Begum, formerly of the Philosophy department and now at Bangladesh University.

Editor Dr Dennis Davison said *Poetry Monash* was unusual because it only accepted works by people involved with the university.

The first issue was published in 1973 and cost 20 cents a copy. *Poetry Monash* is now published twice a year, and is available through the English department's office for an annual subscription of \$3.

### TO MY FRIEND

(from Bangladesh)

I am here my friend  
To abide by my destiny  
Dewdrops vanish at the touch of dawn  
Night comes twilight wears off  
Red yellow orange and peacock blue  
Then darkness darkness deep down there  
Deepest within the core of the moon!

I am here my friend  
To respond to my 'duties'  
Drones are busy in meaningless hums  
Eyes tired but slowly glowing wild  
Demon pines over an unborn child  
Then doomed doomed doomed in despair  
Like a pawn on a checker board!

I am here my friend  
To attend to my 'relatives'  
A hundred and twenty days are gone  
Half of me still trailing behind  
Winding rewinding memories and friends  
Wattles 'meetings' and blue grey eyes  
Then hopefully hopefully life flows by  
Morn may dawn again after a misty night!

HASNA BEGUM

### THOUGHTS

Yesterday I was seventeen.  
Today, I gather my ragged edges.  
Pleated depleted, I go from  
Suppleness to subtlety.

EDNA WHITE



## BRIEFS

### Northern holiday

Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education is offering a 20 per cent discount on holiday accommodation from February 2 to 15, 1987.

Accommodation at normal rates is available from December 14.

Normal rates per day for two-bedroom villas (three beds) is \$25, and for three-bedroom villas (four beds), \$30. Weekly rates are cheaper. Accommodation is also available in three and four-bedroom cottages.

Inquiries should be directed to Mr Glen Jeffery on (066) 21 2267, or (066) 23 0678.

## IMPORTANT DATES

The Registrar advises the following important dates for students in September.

- 8 Third Term begins for Dip.Ed. Second half-year resumes for B.Ed., B.Sp.Ed., Dip.Ed.Psych. and M.Ed.St.
- 15 Third Term begins for Medicine III.
- 22 Last day for discontinuance of a subject or unit taught and assessed in the second half year for it to be classified as discontinued (excluding Dip.Ed.Psych., B.Ed., B.Sp.Ed., and M.Ed.St.)\*
- Third Teaching Round begins, Dip.Ed.
- 26 Last date for lodgement of applications for the Caltex Woman Graduate Scholarship.
- 29 Last day for discontinuance of a subject or unit taught and assessed in the second half year in Dip.Ed.Psych., B.Ed., B.Sp.Ed., and M.Ed.St. for it to be classified as discontinued.\*
- 30 Closing date for applications for Commonwealth Postgraduate Course Awards and Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan Awards.

\*If a subject or unit is not discontinued by September 1, 22 or 29 as the case may be, and the examination is not attempted or assignment work is not completed, it will be classified as FAILED. In exceptional circumstances the dean may approve the classification of a subject or unit as discontinued between the appropriate date above and the end of the appropriate teaching period.

## Caltex scholarship

Applications are invited for the Caltex Woman Graduate Scholarships which provide State Prizes valued at \$5000 each and a National Scholarship of \$44,000.

Caltex will be giving the winner an opportunity to undertake postgraduate studies overseas.

The Caltex Woman Graduate in Australia will be an exceptional student who is also active in extra curricular areas such as sport, the arts or community service.

Application forms are available from Mrs Joan Dawson, Academic Services Officer, Room 111, University Offices, ext 3011. Applications close on September 26.

## Russia

The Studio Players are performing Dennis Davison's latest comedy, *One Russian Summer*, on Friday, September 12 in the English Drama Studio, 8th floor, Menzies Building at 7.30 pm.

The cast includes Alan Dilnot, John Leonard, Richard Pannell and Judy Hopkins.

Bookings (\$2 each including refreshments) must be made in person at the English department's office, 7th floor, Menzies Building.

## Middle East

Australian Academics for Peace in the Middle East's next study mission will start in Egypt on December 15, 1986. Participants will spend two weeks in Israel from December 23 to January 5. Ten places are available.

The study missions are organised in co-operation with the foreign minister of each country concerned.

The total cost of the trip including travel, accommodation and most meals, will be \$2355, at present rates of exchange.

Anyone interested in taking part should write to: Mr G. Lee, Secretary, AAPME, Shalom College, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW 2033.

Applications close on October 4, 1985.

## Springtime concert

Gerald Gentry will conduct the Monash University Orchestra for its Springtime Concert on Sunday, September 21 in the Religious Centre.

Works will include Schubert's Symphony No 3, Wagner's Siegfried Idyll and operetta music by Gleitz.

Tickets at \$6 and \$3 can be bought at the door.

For further information, telephone Sasha Stepan, 859 1125.

## Newman lecture

*Design implications of the construction progress of Australia's new Parliament House is the topic of the sixth John Henry Newman Lecture, to be presented on Thursday, October 2, by architect Romaldo Giurgola of the firm Mitchell, Giurgola and Thorp.*

The firm was selected from 329 entrants in an architectural design competition for Parliament House, which is due to be completed for the Australian bicentenary in 1988.

The free lecture will begin at 8.15 pm in the Main Hall of Mannix College

(Administration Building, Wellington Rd). It will be followed by supper in the Senior Common Room.

## Volunteers wanted for host scheme

The Host Scheme, organised to help first year students meet others in their faculties, is looking for people who can spare an afternoon and an evening early next year to be hosts.

They will be asked to organise a get-together before first term for a small group of 10 to 15 first year students living in their own areas.

"It can be anything you like — coffee, a Trivial Pursuit night, a pool party or a few drinks at the pub," said Mr Harvey Kalman, joint co-ordinator.

Then on Host Scheme Day, Monday, February 23, hosts take their groups around campus, answer queries, talk about university life and take them to a party that night.

"It's very simple and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you've made it a little less worrying for a few new people during those first mind-blowing days," Mr Kalman said.

Interested people can leave a message in the Host Scheme's letterbox behind the Union Desk, or phone ext 2053 (1986) and ext 4136 (1987).

## Halls seek staff

Applications are invited from staff members interested in becoming deputy wardens at Howitt and Richardson Halls next year.

Duties include assisting the wardens in day-to-day running of the halls. A deputy warden is provided with free accommodation in a self-contained flat (which is not suitable for children) and free meals.

Further details can be obtained from Dr Aubrey Townsend (Howitt) on ext 2900 or 3207, or Dr Dudley Blane (Richardson) ext 2900 or 2820.

Applications in writing must be received by Mrs Margaret Thorpe, Halls Admission Officer, Halls of Residence, no later than Friday, October 10.

## Parents need goods for market

Monash University Parents' Group will hold its annual Paddy's Market in the Union on Thursday, September 18.

Stalls will carry a wide variety of goods including books, cakes, plants, fancy goods, clothing and white elephants. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Convenors for the market are Mrs Margaret Taylor (876 3098) and Mrs Dorothy Farr (232 5146).

# SEPTEMBER DIARY

The events listed below are open to the public. Inquiries about activities at RBH (Robert Blackwood Hall) should be made to the ticket office, 544 5448.

3: ARTS & CRAFTS — Enrolments for spring courses. New brochure now available. All courses are open to the general public. Inquiries: ext 3180, 3096.

3: CENTRE FOR GENERAL AND COMPARATIVE LITERATURE — "Women in Literature and Politics in Antiquity", by Dr Alba Romano. SEPTEMBER 17: From Marx to Postmodernism", by Margaret Rose. Admission free. Menzies Building, Room 310. 3.15-5.15 pm. Inquiries: ext 2130.

4: ABORIGINAL STUDIES LECTURES — "Racism in Australia", by Dr A. Markos. SEPTEMBER 11: "Racism — Aboriginal Experience", by Ms M. Dyer. SEPTEMBER 18: "Aborigines & Non-Aboriginal Researchers". SEPTEMBER 25: "Aborigines and Anthropologists", by Dr G. Silberbauer. Admission free. Lecture Theatre R6. 1-2 pm. Inquiries: ext 3348.

4: RELIGIOUS CENTRE — "Camerata H6", Hanover based Baroque Chamber Ensemble. SEPTEMBER 11: Organ Recital (with Brass), Bruce Steele and friends. SEPTEMBER 18: Pianoforte Recital, by David Aitchison Smith. SEPTEMBER 26: "Blue Champagne Vocal Group", dir. Jacqui Clark. Admission free. Large Chapel, Religious Centre, 1.10 pm.

6: STUDENT CONFERENCE AND ANALYSIS SYMPOSIUM — "Early Music Text & Setting", by Victorian Chapter of Musicological Society of Australia. Registration \$5. Music Auditorium, 9 am. Inquiries: Dr Shirley Trembath ext 2156.

11: SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES SEMINARS — "Festivals and Amusements in pre-colonial Southeast Asia", by Dr A. J. S. Reid. SEPTEMBER 18: "An Overseas Chinese Community: Vietnam 1927", by Dr Esta Ungar. SEPTEMBER 25: "Recent Developments in the Indonesian Economy", by Dr Robert Rice. Admission free. Menzies Building, Room 515. 11.15 am. Inquiries: ext 2197.

13: EVENING CONCERT — "ABC Perspectives Concert No 6", The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jorge Mester. Program: Suite in B flat, Op 4 — Strauss; Trumpet concerto — Richard Mills, Soloist: Paul Terracini; Petrushka Ballet (1947 version) — Stravinsky. Admission: adults: A Res \$17.20, B Res \$14, C Res \$10.80; conc/pens: A Res \$14, B Res \$10.80 C Res \$9; youth: (Under 21 yrs & full-time students to 25 yrs inc) A Res \$9, B Res \$7.50, C Res \$6. 8 pm. RBH.

16: MIGRANT STUDIES SEMINARS — "The Multicultural Individual and Multicultural Society", by Dr Poo-Kong-Kee, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs. SEPTEMBER 23: "A Global Perspective on International Migration", by Professor Reg Appleyard, University of Western Australia. SEPTEMBER 30: "The Life History Approach in the Study of Migrants: The Case of Japanese-Americans", Mr Yutaka Yamada. Admission free. Lecture Theatre R6. 1 pm. Inquiries: ext 2245.

19: EVENING CONCERT — The Revista Show, a brilliant combination of music and dance, featuring Ubaldo

& Caesar vocalising in Spanish, Italian & English, backed by the musical groups Senora America & Reflections. This great family entertainment will also include the Brazilian Dancers Tania & Gustavo accompanied by the Showbiz Dancers and John Andrew & Jenny Ford, Victorian Professional Dance Champions. Admission: adults \$8, concession \$6. 7.30 pm. RBH.

21: CONCERT — Victorian Music Theatre, vocalists Helen Noonan, Jillian Norwood and Jenny Torrens. Benefit for 3MBS Radio Station. Admission: adults \$10, concession \$5. Inquiries: 523 8348. 3 pm. RBH

22: CONTINUING EDUCATION SHORT COURSE — "Financial Advice: Investment and Personal Financial Planning", led by Geoffrey Probert of Reed Sternhouse. For 8 evenings. Enrolment \$175. Science Theatre \$14. 5.30-7 pm. Inquiries: ext 3717/8.

27: EVENING CONCERT — Melbourne Youth Music Council will present the Musical Society of Victoria's concerto competition winner. Admission: adults \$6, concession \$3. 8 pm. RBH.



# THIS IS DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK

Disabilities Awareness Week concludes on Friday night (September 5) with a party at the Wholefoods Restaurant where you can eat, drink and be merry from 7.30 onwards.

Pamela Musumeci, president of the Disabled Students Union, says the party will be a lot of fun, and will provide an opportunity for able-bodied and disabled staff and students to get together in a social atmosphere.

Supper and drinks will be free and all are welcome.

Other activities for the week have included films and videos, and a talk about the Monash survey of disabled students.

Tomorrow there will be games with a difference at the Recreation Hall between 12 noon and 2.15 pm, with lunch provided.



• David McMillan joins children from the special schools on stage at Robert Blackwood Hall during *Studio 87*.

## RBH solves some special problems

When the Special Schools of Victoria needed somewhere bigger to hold their 19th annual music festival, they turned to Robert Blackwood Hall which could seat 1500 people.

But there were special problems, of course, and it took many months of planning by teachers and the hall's staff to make the August festival a big success.

"The demand to see the festival had grown; the venue was bigger and so were the hopes of the children," says Susan Bennett, who teaches music, movement and drama at the Vermont South Special School.

"The real value of the festival is the opportunity it offers. In many cases the children not only perform but assist in making the sets and decorating the hall.

"Their excitement at sharing in this experience far outweighs the many hours of preparation."

Ms Bennett said past festivals had taken place in church and school halls, the biggest of which held 600.

At Robert Blackwood Hall,

wheelchair spectators were able to attend for the first time. Three rows of seats were removed to make space for 100 wheelchair-bound children from the Yooralla and Glen Waverley special schools.

Other innovations included the construction of a large ramp which made it possible for 50 performers in wheelchairs to get on to the stage.

The ramp was built in the hall's workshop by children from Vermont Special School under the direction of their teacher, Max Woolcock.

The hall's manager, Mr Don Vincent, said planning for the festival had been a joint university enterprise involving staff from Central Service, Maintenance and the Educational Technology Section (ETS) as well as from the hall.

"It strained ETS resources because of the peculiarities of integrating pre-recorded tapes and props in with what the children were doing."

Since 1980, a theme has been adopted for the festival each year. This time it was *Studio 87*, and each school's item had some link with a television program.



• Left. The first three rows of seats were removed to make space for more than 100 children in wheelchairs. Below. These girls took part in a "Perfect Match" segment. Each school's item had some link with a television program. Photos — Richard Crompton



### Ballet magic

• The Young Dancers' Theatre rehearsing for *Cinderella*, a new production, to the music of Johann Strauss. The ballet is being presented as a school holiday treat at the Alexander Theatre until Saturday, 6 September.

Performances daily at 10.30 am and 2 pm; Saturday, 2 pm and 8 pm. Adults, \$9.90, children \$7.90, pensioners \$8.90. Discounts for Saturday Club members. Credit card bookings, 543 2255.  
Photo — Tony Miller.

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