German expo to forge glass art links

A major exhibition of contemporary Australian work in hot and cold glass to be held in West Germany in December is being organised by a senior lecturer with the School of Art and Design, Mr Klaus Zimmer.

'Young Australian Glass' will be staged at the Hessisches Landesmuseum in Darmstadt, which houses extensive collections of stained glass ranging from 9th Century to contemporary works.

Mr Zimmer says the exhibition will be 'a singular event of great international importance', presenting the cream of works by glass artists throughout Australia.

Links with the museum were first established in 1979, with Mr Zimmer as the only Australian representative at its first international stained glass exhibition.

Ties were further strengthened in 1981 when internationally renowned glass designer, Ludwig Schaffrath, held his first Australian workshop at Chisholm, and with the first contemporary German-Australian co-exhibition of architectural and autonomous glass at the Sydney Opera House Gallery, Canberra School of Art Gallery, and the Melbourne Meatmarket Craft Centre.

In return for Australia hosting the German exhibition, Dr Wolfgang Beeh, Director of the Hessisches Landesmuseum, invited Mr Zimmer and his wife Jenny to organise the December exhibition in Darmstadt.

Mr Zimmer is convinced that 'this exhibition will be a significant contribution to the cultural exchange with Germany and will help to promote the international status of Australian glass'.

He has contacted more than 300 colleagues throughout Australia inviting them to submit works for selection.

Between 25 and 30 flat glass panels and the same number of hot glass pieces will be put on show at the museum in 'visually, a most beautifully presented exhibition'.

Chisholm students past and present who have made their mark in the world of glass design will be invited to take part.

Funding for Young Australian Glass has come from a variety of sponsors.

Mr Zimmer has contributed \$2000 from his own pocket, with a further \$2000 from the Institute and at least \$1000 from the School of Art and Design.

The Crafts Board of the Australia Council has pledged matching contributions of up to \$6000 on a dollar for dollar basis.

Other financial support for the exhibition has been pledged by:

- R&D Electronics directo.
   Ron and Delia Fisher, who sponsored a large commission for Chisholm for glass design at a Catholic Church in Mulgrave, have promised \$2000.
- Yencken Sandy Glass Industries
   \$1250.
- Dr Peter Seifert, a solicitor friend of Mr Zimmer's in West Germany - \$1500.

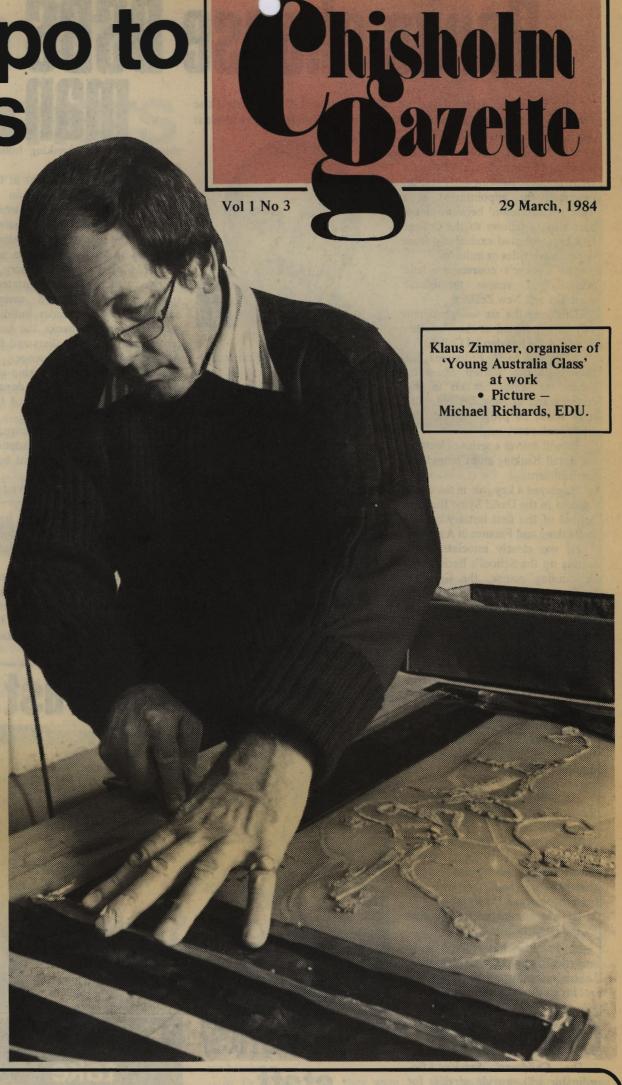
Mr Zimmer said a further offer of help had come from Australian Opera Company singer, Elizabeth Allen.

Ms Allen, a lover of contemporary glass, will give two concerts with other singers from the Company, at the RMIT Glasshouse Theatre on 17 April, and at Chisholm on 1 May.

Proceeds from the concerts will go towards the cost of staging the exhibition

Mr Zimmer is confident that the exhibition will be 'a powerful statement of the level of art which we are producing'.

An Australian tour is planned for the exhibition after Darmstadt.



# Demand for teaching the Direct Entry Scheme) vied for just 70 positions for the Diploma of Teaching (Primary), and more than 900 (again including direct entry candidates) for only 15 places available in the Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood).

According to the Selection Officer for the courses, Mrs Elizabeth Mellor, the job of choosing candidates from such a vast pool was particularly tough and often heartbreaking.

'There was much more demand this year for teacher education courses and as a result, cut-off points went up right across the board'.

Consequently, she says, 'there are a significant number of applicants who received no offers in teacher education this year.'

For those whose only desire was

to be a teacher, and who put down teacher education options only on their VUAC forms, the position was particularly sad.

'It would have been quite possible for students who got an HSC/TOP score in the region of 240 to get no tertiary offers because they had chosen only specialist teaching options such as Early Childhood or Physical Education,' Mrs Mellor says.

'Had they added some other courses to their preferences they may have got something.'

The number of potential students

whose applications were knocked back made the business of selection even more difficult than usual.

Mrs Mellor says during the selection period it was not unusual to have 'five or six weeping applicants and parents' outside the door.

'The fact is they were applicants who could not be accommodated in the system.'

But Mrs Mellor says despite current problems, 'the long term outlook for those who want to be teachers has to be increasingly bright.'

A report by the Victorian Post

Secondary Education Commission (VPSEC) last year advocated an increase in enrolments for the Early Childhood diploma for the next triennium.

VPSEC has proposed a total increase enrolments for the School of around 30 students for next year, but the number of those new places which will go to the Early Childhood diploma is not yet known, Mrs Mellor says.

She says the course was originally accredited to take about 60 students, and although numbers were severely cut, demand for

places has remained high.

It has remained a 'traditionally very popular career for women, but in the last few years fewer than 200 places have been offered each year in the whole of Victoria.'

The course offered at Frankston is particularly attractive to prospective students because its graduates are eligible for registration both as primary and kindergarten teachers.

Mrs Mellor says graduates therefore get a double chance, although the major emphasis of the course is on children aged nought to eight.

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# Banks choose DSBS

The Bankers' Administrative Staff College has appointed the David Syme Business School's Mr Hasan Erdonmez as Prominent Visiting Specialist for 1984.

Mr Erdonmez, who was recently appointed Chairman of the School's Department of Banking and Finance, described the appointment as a 'first for Chisholm' because in the past visiting fellows to the College had been selected exclusively from either universities or industry.

The College's courses are held annually at venues throughout Australia and New Zealand.

This year the six week program will be conducted at the Victorian State Bank's Residential College.

According to Mr Erdonmez, the College is the 'highest education forum for senior bankers in this country and in New Zealand, with only about 20 people selected for study each year'.

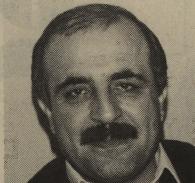
He will deliver a series of lectures on Retail Banking and Competitive Environment.

He played a key role in the development in the David Syme Business School of the first tertiary courses in Banking and Finance in Australia.

He was closely associated with setting up the School's Bachelor of Accounting course, the Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance, and in 1977, the introduction of the degree in Banking and Finance.

Mr Erdonmez has also been responsible for:

A Chisholm applied science



Organisation of the first conference in Australia into the Campbell Committee's findings on the financial system, and a second in

• The appointment of the head of the ANZ bank, Mr Gordon Bruns, as visiting fellow at Chisholm.

The development of training and executive development programs for the banking and finance sector which have been used by companies like AGC, CBA, General Credits Limited, and Westpac.

• Organisation of many short courses in finance, including eight scheduled this year.

Since 1977, Mr Erdonmez has worked to establish close relation- programs in that state.

ships with major banking houses and financial institutions.

He says this is reflected in the calibre of representatives on an external course committee which operates to provide regular liaison between the Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) course and the banking and finance industry.

They include representatives from the trading and savings banks, finance companies, building societies, merchant banks, the Australian Institute of Bankers and the Australian Finance Conference.

Many of the major banking and finance institutions also donate cash prizes to top students of the

In 1982 Mr Erdonmez received a grant from the Roach Foundation for research into government business relationships.

He employed Dr Ray Weston from La Trobe University as research fellow, and they have written two books on the subject which will be published later this year.

Mr Erdonmez has also been appointed a member of the South Australian Tertiary Education Authority's accreditation committee for accounting and banking and finance **IEWPOINT** 

by Geoffrey Heard, Public Relations Officer

When we were discussing the format for the Gazette, we tossed around ideas on how we would like to see it develop.

Some of those ideas were expressed by the Director in his introductory column in the first issue.

An important one was the Viewpoint column, this column, somewhere where people could express their ideas freely (within the restrictions imposed by the defamation laws and good taste, whatever that is), ride hobby horses to exhaustion, argue out issues, promote debate or simply say something they felt needed to be said.

We are now up to the third issue and despite very real effort on our part, Viewpoint has not taken off.

We nearly had a column for the first issue, but that failed through a misunderstanding. We talked to a number of people before the second issue, but they all backed hastily away. Ever optimistic, we tried again for the third, sadly with the same result.

People will talk about very substantial issues and argue vehemently for a particular point of view, but when it comes to stating their case in print the conversation tends towards the negative.

Some of the things people have talked about recently are

- Institute management and organisation
- Student selection criteria
- Allocation of funds between academic and administrative sectors
- Student apathy and conservatism
- Teaching versus research, and teaching and research standards
- Unemployment and increasing the numbers of tertiary students
- Federal and State policies on education and youth TEAS, grants and funds allocations to tertiary institutions.

When we ask for a piece, say 500 words or up to 800, the most common response is 'why don't you get someone else to do it?'

The justification for the speakers taking no action themselves often is I'm too bosy', 'my teaching load is too high at the moment' or some variation on that theme.

Some admit to galloping apathy, rampant timidity or both; 'What's the use, it wouldn't change anything and I would be a target'.

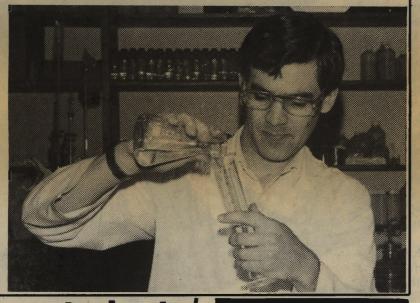
More often than not, the apathy/timidity is out of the mouths of the very people who mutter darkly about student apathy, timidity and con-

Len Deighton's unnamed spy in WOOC(P) survived by bumbling, seeming stupid and being 'a cautious coward with too much survival

Is Chisholm populated by Deighton fans or have we been talking to the wrong people?

Viewpoint contributions (or if you cannot extend yourself to 500 words, letters to the editor) will be gratefully received by Ms Sue Couttie, Publications Officer, Public Relations Office, Caulfield Campus.

## **Award for chemist**



#### Society of Chemical Industry of Victoria Student Prize. Paul Freeman, 25, completed his Bachelor of Applied Science (Multi-

graduate has taken out a 1983

discipline) last year, after five years part-time study. He was one of six students in

the School to be awarded a degree

with distinction. Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr Barry Hart, described Mr Freeman as 'one of the best students in chemistry who has

been through the Institute'. He was nominated for the prize by the Department.

Mr Freeman has worked as an analytical chemist at East Melbourne Laboratories, Surrey Hills, throughout his studies at Chisholm.

#### care for students/ The Childrens' Services Coordinator will provide services for students and staff at both campuses

during 1984.

Co-ordinator, Ms Maureen McInerney, will be available at the Caulfield campus every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (phone 573 2500) and at Frankston campus every Thursday (phone 781 1777).

Funded jointly by the Student Union and Caulfield Family Day Care, the service provides:

- Assistance with child care placements
- Advice and referral service
- Assistance and counselling on child and family issues
- Development of service for the families of Chisholm students and staff
- Evening child care for students with evening classes
- Babysitting
- Parenting groups
- School holiday activities for children if there is a demand
- Child care for students who wish to attend Union or Institute

activities during the evening. Ms McInerney is interested in

hearing from students or staff who require or would like to establish other services relating to their children.

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And in primary teaching, Mrs Mellor predicts 'an increasing need for graduates due both to the rollon effects of the increase in the population and the natural attrition rates in teaching'.

The increasing importance of private and Catholic schools as employers also augurs well for future primary teacher enrolments.

All of these factors combined with the 'reasonable assumption that a shortage of primary teachers is inevitable, will result in increases in future quotas, Mrs Mellor hopes.

But in the short term, that's cold comfort for those students who just didn't quite make the grade.

## **Engineers** take editorial reins

Chisholm's School of Engineering has taken editorial control of the 'Australian Project Manager', journal of the Project Managers Forum.

New editor-in-chief of the journal is Dr Bob Milner, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, and co-editor is Mr Murray Muspratt, lecturer in the same department.

They are currently seeking articles for forthcoming editions, and a copy of editorial policy can be obtained on request.

The Forum, an Australian and international organisation, seeks the promotion of education and development in the art and science of project management,

It aims to promote an awareness of local and overseas developments in project management through meetings, seminars, workshops, and the journal.

## ARGS

Applications are open for funding under the Australian Research Grants Scheme.

Individuals or research teams are eligible to apply for grants in any discipline except medical and dental sciences, which are supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Projects on multicultural subjects will be considered.

Applications close 11 April, 1984.

The Criminology Research Council is offering grants to individuals or organisations for research relating to the causes, correction and prevention of criminal behaviour and related subjects.

It will support projects subject to the availability of funds, which are 'likely to produce results of relevance to the prevention and control of crime throughout Aust-

### Marine

Marine Science and Technologies (MST) grants for 1985 are now open.

Priority will be given to high quality proposals in the following categories:

- Physical, chemical and biological oceanography, marine ecology and taxonomy of value in the effective management of the marine environment, particularly activities of commercial importance.
- Identification and management of human influences on the marine environment.
- Advancement of knowledge of the geological constitution and resource potential of Australia's off-shore areas.

- Advancement of all forms of marine related technology including marine instrumentation, mariculture, remote and
  - structures. Promotion of understanding of fundamental marine processes and systems and strengthening of Australia's capability in marine

automated sensing and coastal

Applications close on 18 April.

taxonomy.

### Reserve bank

Applications are now open for grants from the Reserve Bank of Australia's Rural Credits Development Fund.

Applicants must choose a research topic of national importance for the promotion of primary production in Australia.

Closing date for applications is 27 April.

### **Fellowships**

Applications are open for the next round of Queen's Fellowships in Marine Science.

Up to five fellowships may be awarded for full-time research by young scientists at an Australian university or approved research institution for two years.

Queen's Fellows should have a PhD or equivalent research or professional experience in marine science or coastal engineering.

Awards will be restricted to applicants under 30 years of age when applications close on 18 April,

For more information and/ or application forms for these grants and scholarships, contact the Development Director, Dr Bill Briggs, at the Caulfield Campus.

## LDS tackles the language barriers

One of the biggest problems facing Chisholm's new Language Development Section is coping with the demand for its skills.

According to the co-ordinater, Ms Helen Tebble, the 12 month pilot scheme, which began in February, has already established a strong following among students and staff.

result of the recognition by the Academic Board about four years ago that a 'language in learning problem did exist at Chisholm'.

In 1982 it sought a solution by establishing a joint working party between the Schools of Social and Behavioural Studies and Education. As a result the proposal for a centre for language development under the umbrella of the Educational Development Unit, was recommended.

The main aims of the LDS are to: Diagnose the academic literacy

needs of students and co-ordinate literacy testing programs for the Institute

Be available to all students seeking assistance with improving their academic reading, writing and study methods, and provide them with appropriate tuition

Provide specific courses in English as a second or foreign

Although the LDS's main focus is to address the 'literacy problem', Ms Tebble does not see its function 'in the narrow sense of remedial education.

Rather, we regard it as work in applied linguistics', she says.

Both Ms Tebble and fellow LDS staff member, Ms Jill Anderson, are specialists in the field and share the conviction that students who see academic English as a stumbling block to their studies can be helped.

The Section offers a variety of services for specific problems, including teaching programs, minicourses and individual tuition.

Those students who can be helped by the programs include:

Overseas students for whom English is a second or foreign language.

Mature age students returning to study.

Special entry students who achieved good results in HSC or TOP subjects, but who failed English. (In this case a condition of entry to Chisholm courses is that students go to the Section for an interview and appropriate follow-up work).

Students who have had gaps in their education.

Those who are native speakers of English who would like to raise

The first edition of Chisholm Gazette was most impressive, but I have one quibble.

I was disappointed to read that Dr Brian Jenney will 'head up' engineering within the Faculty of Technology. This is not because of any reservations about Dr Jenney, but about the silly American phrase 'head up'.

Dr Jenney will 'head' engineering; he will not 'head it up'. There is enough American cultural imperialism around us at the best of times. I hope the Gazette will agree that we don't need silly American words and phrases in order to enrich our vocabularies.

P.K. Rodan.

Ms Tebble says the section is the • Students who may want extra assistance with their final draft of essays or tutorial papers.

Ms Tebble says the LDS is currently developing tapes for pronunciation and reading purposes for Chinese speaking students who often 'do not have time for acclimatisation of English in the Australian environment because of visa requirements'.

Sessions run every Wednesday at lunchtime by the LDS aim to encourage social interaction between native English speakers and overseas students. Staff are welcome to

Ms Tebble also hopes to either

film or tape record a variety of lectures and tutorials 'to enable us to capture strategies in tutorial discussions so we can analyse the language being used in learning, and put it on paper'.

She says the LDS aims to cater for a 'wide spread of demands for assistance with English language', in tutorial presentation, essay writing, spelling, pronunciation, note-taking in lectures, lab reports, oral reading, advanced reading and English grammar, study skills and handwriting.

Essentially, she says, 'we have to help them to communicate sufficiently well to ensure they perform well in their studies'.

Applied Psychology graduate, David Johnson has received the Australian Psychological Society's Prize for his outstanding success in Chisholm's 1983 Graduate Diploma



He completed the course with high distinctions in all six subjects.

The APS prize includes an award of \$100 plus subsidised travel costs to the Society's annual conference to be held this year in Perth.

Mr Johnson will present a paper at the conference outlining the research project he pursued during his studies, which involved development of a method of testing the vocational maturity of blind people.

He was able to show that blind children are generally as mature in their vocational development as those who are sighted.

Mr Johnson was a recent recipient of a Commonwealth Post Graduate Award. He is currently enrolled in the Department of Applied Psychology MA by research

## tsea for sale?

The Education Department wants to sell Chisholm's Portsea Annexe as part of its current program of disposing of redundant land.

The Department's Westernport Regional Office has listed the site for sale at market value and the Institute has been asked to comment on the proposal.

Patrick Leary, on 16 January, the Department's Principal Facilities Planning Officer said the annexe (formerly Portsea Primary School No. 2929) was no longer required for future state education purposes and therefore was available for immediate disposal.

The letter said the Department agreed in 1968 to the land, buildings and facilities being used by the then Frankston Teachers College as an annexe for educational camps; although it appeared that no formal agreement or lease was ever drawn

The Associate Director, Dr Graham Trevaskis says the Institute is faced with the options of:

Purchasing the property outright at a price struck by the Valuer-

· Exploring a joint use arrangement between Chisholm and the at Portsea.

Department.

Withdrawing from any involvement with the site.

The options form the basis of a report currently being prepared by Frankston campus manager, Mr Barry Bilham.

Recommendations drawn from the report will be put to the Education Department within the next few weeks.

The annexe is at the southern In a letter to the Director, Mr end of the Mornington Peninsula, and the facilities on the three acre. former rural school site include a small staff lodge, two student lodges, a modern kitchen and amenities blocks.

> Frankston campus has used the annexe for a variety of activities during its 16 year involvement

> These include programs for first year education students, activities involving students in the Graduate Diploma in Outdoor Studies and Art and Design, and a program for third year education students designed to equip them with supervisory experience with school children at camps.

> Primary schools also use the annexe regularly.

Mr Bilham says it is likely Frankston will argue strongly for Chisholm's continued involvement



# U.N. job for robot man

Robotics lecturer, Dr Ken Wong, has secured a prestigous United Nations appointment to China.

He will spend a month as visiting specialist in robotics at the Department of Computer Sciences at the Chengdu Institute of Communications Engineering in the Sichuan Province.

The appointment, by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), is particularly noteworthy considering Dr Wong's age.

He is 32. Normally, he says, UNIDO would expect a consultant to have at least 10 years experience in industry and past appointees have tended to be in the 45 - 50age bracket.

In Dr Wong's case, they were prepared to make an exception.

His appointment is part of UNIDO's program of assistance to industrial development in countries which lack expertise in certain areas.

The program is designed to bring developing countries, such as China, up to date with advances in industrial technology.

Dr Wong describes the appointment as 'a rare chance'.

'It will be a new experience for me. China is a country of a lot of contradictions and contrasts.

'They design and manufacture their own super-computers to a standard that's world class, but they lack expertise in applied technology.'

Dr Wong says in the wake of the Cultural Revolution, China has been left behind in many areas of technological growth.

Only now is it starting to catch up, although a major obstacle is the acute lack of people with the expertise to assist in the country's transition to a modern industrial society.

And Dr Wong says those few people have in the past 'been restricted to military applications among the civilian population people with the necessary expertise are very rare'.

In a country of a population around the 1000 million mark, only a small number of Institutes with an emphasis on high technology exist, he explains.

The Institute has asked Dr Wong to take with him an American robot kit (the walking, talking, seeing Hero of which Chisholm's Robotics Centre has two) for educational purposes.

He has asked the Australian government to relay the request to

Dr Wong will spend most of his time at the Institute lecturing to a group of interested professionals, and hopes to set up a project which can be carried on after he leaves.

Dr Wong joined the Robotics Centre at Chisholm in March last year after three and a half years with ICI Australia researching the automation of analytical instrum-

He came to Australia from Hong Kong in 1975 to study at Monash University, completing a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (with first class honors) in 1977, and a PhD in electrical engineering in 1979.

He hopes to take up the UNIDO appointment in July.

Chisholm Staff Club's new venture, CIT-Market held in conjunction with the Student Union every Wednesday at the Caulfield campus, has been welcomed by the Institute community.

Goods on sale include books, prints, jewellery, vegetables and other home produce, food and household nick-nacks.



## **Classifieds**

#### TO LET

Bungalow available in Clayton near station & shopping centre for one student. \$60 pw, including breakfast and tea weekdays

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

Notice of Election **Election of Panel of Academic Staff** for Involvement in Disciplinary Enquiries.

- 1. Section 3.6.1.4 of the Academic Staff Disciplinary Procedures provides for the election of a panel of 12 members of the academic staff to provide the staff members required for all inquiries arising out of action taken pursuant to section 3.6.1.9 of the Procedures.
- 2. All members of the academic staff are eligible to nominate for and vote in such an election which is to be conducted in the manner used for the election of academic staff members to Coun-
- 3. Nominations are called for the above 12 positions. Nomination forms are available from the office of the Staff Officer, Staff Branch. Nominations must be lodged at that office not later than 5 pm on Friday, 6 April 1984.

T.F. Smith, Returning Officer.

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Loose-leaf Computer Centre Handbooks are now on sale in the CITSU Bookshop. Included in the latest edition is a complete rewrite of PRIMOS commands to cater for PRIMOS Rev. 19. Can purchased in the following formats:

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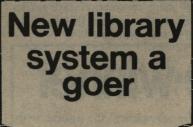
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Chisholm library's Automated Library Information System (ALIS) is operational.

Academic Services Librarian Miss Megan Lilly said features of the system were the Public Access Catalogue which replaced the card catalogue, and the circulation

The Public Access Catalogue provides access to material in the library by author, title, subject headings and call (location) number.

Material in the Reserve Collection can also be accessed by lecturer's name and subject code.

The system will enable users to know how many copies of an item the library has, whether or not these copies are on loan and, if on loan, the date each copy is due

When an item is borrowed, the circulation system 'links' the bar code number on the user's ID card BYO bike. to the bar code number on the item, allowing renewal of items, and a more effective holds (reservations)

Miss Lilly says Frankston campus (ston Campus). library is expected to have the same circulations facility by the end of either of the leaders, Dick Trembath Semester 1. The Public Access (ext. 282) or Bob Marshall (ext. System on that campus is already 279) at Frankston.

Anyone interested in a demonat the 'Ask Me' desk.

June this year, organised by RMIT.

The program comprises 24 courses covering a range of activities, including supervisory development, decision making, time management, starting on Wednesday 16 May. first aid, working with VDU's, ment through meditation.

For more information about in Australia and New Zealand. the program, contact Denton Djura-Officer. Telephone 341 2740.

#### The practice evacuation of A building last month highlighted several problems which could arise during a real emergency. But according to Chisholm Safety Officer, Alex Glennie, finding the bugs in the system was the major aim of the exercise.

'It was the first practice evacuation to be held at Chisholm to find out how well the system would work, and to discover how to go about improving our final plan', he said.

Four Alertronic portable emergency warning system units were placed in key areas of the building, including the switchroom, to provide initial warning and then evacuation signals.

Mr Glennie said although the building was cleared in under four minutes, the drill revealed the need for improved equipment and procedures.

The alarms could not be heard in some areas of the building and positioning of a warning unit outside the switchroom made communication between the switchboard and fire brigade almost impossible.

Mr Glennie said a further problem arose when staff congregated in the alleyway outside the building. In a

real crisis this would have blocked the path of emergency vehicles.

**Practice fire drill** 

finds the bugs

As an educational exercise, the drill was judged a success, and according to Mr Glennie, improvements to the system will be introduced before the next practice evacuation, to involve students, is conducted.

New emergency numbers listed inside the front cover of the white pages cannot be dialled from internal telephones.

To report any emergency within the Institute, dial 9 (for the switchboard) during office hours, or to contact emergency services direct, dial 0 for a line, then 000.

## **New VCA**

Mr John Hopkins has been appointed Director of the Victorian College of the Arts, replacing retiring founding director, Mr Lenton Parr.

Mr Hopkins was Dean of the College's School of Music from

# What's On

#### FRENCH ISLAND FIELD TRIP

The Graduate Diploma in Outdoor Studies is running a field trip to examine the geology, botany and land use of French Island on Saturday 7 April.

Travel on the Island will be by bicycle (about 50 kms on flat gravel roads).

The day trip will depart Stoney Point via ferry at about 9 am, and Greturn there about 6.30 pm.

Cost will be around \$6, and

Staff, friends and family are welcome to join in. A briefing session will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday 4 April, B1.34 (Frank-

For more information, contact

#### PRINT EXHIBITION

'The Eighteenth Century Print' exhibition, comprising selected works from Melbourne University Library is currently showing at La Trobe University, Undercroft --David Myers Building.

The gallery is open from 12 noon - 3 pm every Tuesday, Chisholm stati are invited to Wednesday and Thursday, and on participate in a program of in-service Sunday 15 April, 2 - 5 pm, and training activities for February - Sunday 29 April, 2 - 5 pm.

Admission is free.

#### **DEAKIN CONFERENCE**

A study skills conference, Langnegotiation skills, written communication skills, problem solving and will be held at Deakin University,

Held annually, the national career planning and stress manage- conference is aimed at promoting study skills at tertiary institutions

Participants have the choice of sevicle, RMIT Staff Development registering for three days, one day or half a day.

For more information, contact Bob Pritchard, Deakin Information Officer. Telephone (052) 47 1136.

#### STAFF CLUB

#### CIT-COUSTIC

Performances are held on Thursdays from 12.30 - 1.30 pm at B2.18 (Caulfield) and the George Jenkins Theatre (Frankston).

3 April - Caulfield: Jacob Baker, Robert Chamberlain & Nicholas Tooth present piano works by Debussy, Ravel and Chopin.

Frankston: Susan Formby (actor/ singer), Mary-Ann Robinson (actor/ singer) and Jane Hammond (piano) present theatre songs.

10 April - Caulfield: 'Murphy's Law' a contemporary improvisation

Frankston: Mark Dunbar (flute), Kate Calwell (cello) and Jane Hammond (piano) will present works by Martinu and Haydn.

#### CIT-MARKET

Held every Wednesday in conjunction with the Student Union, from 11 am - 2 pm in the grounds of Caulfield campus. (Under cover in wet weather).

#### CIT-SPEAKS

Held on alternate Thursdays from 12.15 - 1 pm, B2.14, Caulfield Campus. 5 April - Dr. Y.L. Oh, Head of Department - Robottics & Digital Technology: 'Whither Robotics'.

#### CIT-FLIX

Chisholm Film Group. Screenings are on alternate Thursdays in B2.14 at 12.30 and 6 pm. Admission is \$2.50 for Staff Club members and \$3.50 for others. Season Tickets are available at \$15.

12 April - "The Serpent's Egg" an Ingmar Bergman film with Liv Ulman and David Carradine.