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HONORARY DEGREES, 1972

A former member of Council, an artist and an educationist will receive honorary Doctorates of Law at Monash graduation ceremonies in April and May.

The people involved are Miss Alice Hoy, Leonard French and Dr. W.C. Radford.

Miss Hoy retired last year after 13 years on the Council. She was a foundation member of the Interim Council in 1958 and was subsequently co-opted as a member of the permanent Council in 1961. She was a senior lecturer in education at the University of Melbourne from 1926 to 1956 and was the principal of the Secondary Teachers' College, Parkville, from 1950 to 1958.

Leonard French designed the 24ft. diameter stained glass window in the Robert Blackwood Hall and his work is also featured in the small chapel at the back of the Religious Centre. He made the glass ceiling for the Melbourne Cultural Centre and the colored glass windows of the National Library in Canberra.

Dr. Radford has been director of the Australian Council for Educational Research since 1955 and was the president of the Australian College of Education from 1969 to 1971. He is a former secondary school teacher and has written a number of papers and books on education.

THIRD PHYSICS PROFESSOR

Dr. W.A. Rachinger has been appointed to the chair of experimental physics, the third professorship in the physics department.

Dr. Rachinger, 44, is currently an associate professor in physics at Monash.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy and joined Monash as a senior lecturer in 1961. He was promoted to associate professor in 1965.

At Monash his main areas of research have been the structures of alloys and the properties of superconductors.

* A distinguished British physicist, Dr. J.W. Menter, will open the Monash summer school in physics on Monday, February 14. Dr. Menter is president of the British Institute of Physics and a fellow of the Royal Society.

CLASSIFICATIONS OF OFFICE STAFF

During 1971 the University undertook a major restructuring of office staff categories, mainly to enable the maximum possible numbers of female staff to qualify for inclusion in the scope of the Arbitration Commission's "equal pay" decision.

The Clerical Staff Committee examined duty statements for all office staff and assigned individuals to specific job categories and grades in accordance with University Council approved guidelines.

The classifying committee is aware that in a major project of this type some duty statements may have been misinterpreted, perhaps leading to some incorrect gradings. Accordingly, the Committee will reconvene in March 1972 to consider appeals on gradings received from individual staff members or their supervisors.

Further information on procedures for submitting appeals — which must be lodged before February 28, 1972 — may be obtained from Mrs. Susan Harrison, the secretary to the Clerical Staff Committee, ext. 2038.

A NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY

It must be the time of the year for overhearing comments (the thoughts of two ladies on the origins of the name Alexander Theatre were published in the last SOUND).

A middle aged, buxom lady was entering a Monash building with two others and in a definite, authoritative tone announced to her companions: "This is the only building I know of that was built by the students during their vacation."

She was entering the Religious Centre.

SUB-WARDEN NEEDED

Deakin Hall has a vacancy for a sub-warden. A strong preference will be given to applications from women.

There are three Sub-Wardens in the Hall. They have responsibilities which require them, at times to deputise for the Warden or act on his behalf. Thus it is normally desirable that they hold staff positions — preferably academic — in the University.

Comfortable accommodation is available for a single person but it would not suit a married couple. The residence fee payable during semesters is \$11.50 p.w.

Further details may be obtained from the Warden, Dr. J.A. McDonell (extensions 2900/1/2/3). Applications should be received by February 11.

STUDENTS NEED A ROOM

Monash is facing a housing shortage for students and at least 500 Australian and Asian students will be looking for single-room accommodation in the Monash area.

These students will be coming mainly from Victorian country areas and from other states, as well as from various South-East Asian countries.

The greatest need will be for full board with private families, but some will just need a room and facilities for cooking; others will be looking for reasonably priced flats or houses.

In all types of housing it is essential that students should live in areas accessible to Monash by public transport, or, for the clinical-year Medical students, accessible to the Alfred or Prince Henry's Hospitals, in the Prahran or South Yarra areas.

Anyone who could help with suitable accommodation should contact the Student Housing Officer, ext.3106/7.

"THE LABOURS OF LOVE"

Next attraction at the Alexander Theatre will be "The Labours of Love" with husband and wife team, Barbara Jefford and John Turner. It is being presented at Monash by the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust and will run from February 15 to 19.

HELP FOR PROFESSIONAL MIGRANTS

A course in English to help professionally trained migrants enter the work force is being held at Monash until February 25.

About 60 migrants, ranging in age from 16 to 61 years and selected by the Department of Immigration, are taking part. They are trained in professions such as accountancy, engineering, teaching, nursing and architecture, but because of language difficulties in many cases they are performing menial jobs.

Seven tutors and three language laboratory assistants are teaching English to the migrants under the supervision of Dr. Michael Clyne, senior lecturer in German.