THE ORGAN IS HERE

The organ built for Robert Blackwood Hall by German builder Jurgen Ahrend to commemorate the work of Monash University’s first Vice-Chancellor, Sir Louis Matheson, has arrived on campus.

The organ, which has been described as a masterpiece, will remain in its container in the Central Services store until January 3.

Then Herr Ahrend and his foreman, Herman Schmidt, will begin reassembling it and installing it in Robert Blackwood Hall. This work is expected to take about four weeks.

Inter Nationes, a body funded by the West German Government, which promotes cultural exchanges between the Federal Republic and other countries, arranged for the organ’s transport from the Leer workshop in West Germany to Monash.

Dr F.J. Kroneck, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Melbourne, and Herr E. Zander, Cultural Attache, were at Monash on Monday to see the organ arrive.

The Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, will inaugurate the organ at a ceremony on the evening of Tuesday, April 22, before an invited audience including Sir Louis and Lady Matheson and donors. Special music events featuring the organ will be held during the opening week.

EDUCATION “DOWNGRADED”

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Martin, has expressed concern that education had been substantially downgraded in the recent Federal Cabinet reshuffle. The portfolio had been dropped from number 5 to number 21 in the ministerial list.

Professor Martin said he believed that there would be a strong sense of disappointment that Senator Carrick would no longer be responsible for education.

Although there had often been disagreements, Australian vice-chancellors had found Senator Carrick a first class supporter of the universities, he said.

FAUSA BLACKLISTS “UNIVERSITY”

The Federation of Australian University Staff Associations will not recognise the proposed defence force academy (Casey University) as a “university” and will advise all academics in Australia and overseas not to apply for appointments.

In a statement this week, FAUSA said that it would be impossible for Casey University to uphold the traditional academic freedoms essential for any university because Casey students would be subject to tight army discipline.

The Government’s intention to proceed with the establishment of Casey University, in spite of an adverse report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, was announced last week by the Minister for Defence, Mr Killen.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Martin, formally reported the Government’s decision to Council at its meeting on Monday.

He said that Council had previously registered a strong protest against the proposal when legislation was introduced in Parliament last year (see SOUND 15-78).

ELECTION CHANGE PROPOSED

Legislation governing the election of undergraduate students to Council is to be amended in the light of recent abortive attempts to fill a casual vacancy.

Council on Monday agreed that in future if an election should fail for any reason no casual vacancy be declared for a period of 12 months.

It was felt that this would result in significant savings (Professor Martin said that the three most recent unsuccessful attempts to elect a student member had cost about $7000) and that the existence of a vacancy would tend to stimulate interest.

PORTRAIT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Council has appointed a committee to choose an artist to paint a posthumous portrait of the late Sir Douglas Menzies, the University’s second Chancellor, who died in 1974. The committee will consist of the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and the chairman of the Finance Committee.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR

Professor Karol Morsztyn, who will retire from his chair of electrical engineering on December 31, will become an Emeritus Professor. Council on Monday agreed to a recommendation to this effect from the Emeritus Professorships Committee.

Council also accepted a recommendation from Professorial Board that Professor Morsztyn’s chair should be filled, subject to the understanding that applications be restricted to the field of heavy current electrical engineering and the availability of a suitable candidate who could maintain the high standing of the department in this field.
PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR RE-APPOINTED
Council has agreed to the re-appointment of Professor Bruce West as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (half-time) for a further one-year-term.

JACK HARRISON RETIRES
Mr Jack Harrison, Customs Clerk in the Finance Branch, will retire on December 31 after nearly 19 years at Monash.

Jack, who started as a driver with Central Services, transferred to the customs work in mid-1963. Since then he has played an important role in the landing in Australia of all manner of scientific instruments and research materials bought from overseas suppliers. In addition, he has helped many members of staff who were recruited from other countries by arranging customs clearance and delivery of their personal effects upon arrival in Australia.

In future, Jack will concentrate on breeding and training horses at his farm at Clyde, Victoria.

THE OUTLOOK FOR LAW GRADUATES
A report which examines the experience of law graduates in obtaining articles has been prepared by the Careers and Appointments Service.

The report — which also examines the general outlook for law graduates, makes a comparison between men and women entering the legal profession and outlines strategies for obtaining articles — follows a survey of 1978 Monash law graduates conducted this year by the Feminist Lawyers Group and Careers and Appointments.

The Feminist Lawyers Group has compiled a separate report on data gathered by the survey.

The Careers and Appointments report has "the aim of assisting those currently enrolled within the faculty of Law to appreciate better the realities that lie ahead, but it should be seen also as an attempt to provide secondary students with information that may help their decision to enrol for a degree in law".

For a copy of the report contact exts 3150/1/2.

UNIVERSITY-MUSEUM AFFILIATION
Monash University Council on Monday approved an affiliation agreement between the University and the National Museum of Victoria.

It accepted the recommendation of its Affiliation Committee, which pointed out that both institutions would benefit from the move.

The committee supported its proposal with the following statement from the faculty of Science:

'The senior scientific staff of the Museum are experienced research scholars, most of whom enjoy international reputations. The expertise of these staff, and the Museum's laboratories and extensive collections of reference materials in zoology, palaeontology, geology and anthropology, are important adjuncts to some of the University's educational and research activities.

'The intention of affiliation is to further a cooperative effort for the benefit of staff and postgraduate research and to bring relevant Museum facilities and staff more into contact with undergraduates by arranging joint projects and lecturing schedules.

'In the Faculty of Science, Zoology and Earth Sciences in particular have interests that overlap to varying degrees with those of the Museum, but other departments and individual University staff from other disciplines may also share interests. Numbers of Zoology and Earth Sciences staff, postgraduate, and honours research programmes have used Museum facilities and/or staff advice.'

Council also approved affiliation agreements with Box Hill and District Hospital and Western General Hospital.

VACANCIES: OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES
The University has been notified of the following vacancies:

UNITED KINGDOM
- University of Durham - SRC Postdoctoral Senior Research Assistantship, Department of Chemistry. As soon as possible.

NEW ZEALAND
- University of Auckland - Lectureship/Senior Lectureship in Chemical and Materials Engineering; Lectureship/Senior Lectureship in Commercial Data Processing. Closing date: January 31, 1980.
- Lincoln College - Lecturer in Crop Physiology. Closing date: January 15, 1980.
- University of Otago - Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Radiology; Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Anaesthesia; Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Clinical Haematology/Medical Oncology; Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Pathological Haematology; Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Renal Medicine. Closing date: December 31, 1979.

SOUTH PACIFIC
- The University of the South Pacific - Lecturer in Education, Commercial Studies. Closing date: December 21, 1979.

Further details are available from the Secretary, Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, P.O. Box 1142, Canberra City, ACT 2601, by quoting list No. 11/79.

POSITIONS VACANT
The following vacancies within the University have been advertised:

ACADEMIC
- Economics - Research Assistant Grade I
- Engineering - Chemical Engineering - Research Assistant; Mechanical Engineering - Research Assistant
- Law - Tutor/Senior Tutor
- Arts - German - Secretary
- Medicine - Technical Assistant
- Science - Physics - Clerk 2 (half-time)
- Union - Cleaner/Attendant
- Computer Centre - Programmer
- Staff Branch - Adult Typists (1 full-time and 2 part-time)
- Library - Library Assistant Grade II (2 positions)

Copies of relevant advertisements can be sighted on application to Room 106, First Floor, University Offices Annexe.

Telephone inquiries about academic positions should be directed to extension 2047, clerical positions to 2038, and about technical positions to 2055.

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