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# MONASH REPORTER

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## PROFESSOR R.C. BALD

The sudden death of Professor R.C. Bald towards the end of August came as a great shock to the University.

Professor Bald had accepted the invitation of the University Council to occupy a further chair in the Department of English and would have joined the staff at the beginning of 1966.

He was a most distinguished Australian with a world-wide reputation in his field. At the time of his death he was Professor of English at the University of Chicago.

## MRS. ENA MILLS AND MRS. VALDA WILSON

The University learned with deep sorrow of the deaths of Mrs. Ena Mills and Mrs. Valda Wilson of the catering staff who were killed in a motor accident on Monday 13th September.

Mrs. Mills had been at Monash for two years and had spent some time in the Faculty Club. Mrs. Wilson began work at Monash this year.

Mrs. Mills is survived by her husband and three children and Mrs. Wilson by her husband and two children.

## HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Dr. J.A.L. Matheson, Vice-Chancellor, has been appointed to the Interim Council of the University of Papua and New Guinea.

## STAFF ARRIVALS

Professor Z. Janko (Pure Mathematics) and Professor R. van der Borcht (Applied Mathematics) have now taken up their duties. Notes on these appointments were published in previous issues of the Reporter.

STAFF ARRIVALS (cont.)

Dr. G.N. Bhat - Visiting Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering - graduated B.Sc. and M.Sc. from St. Xavier's College, Bombay, and was later awarded a D.I.I.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, A.I.I.Sc. and Ph.D. by the Institute of Science, Bangalore. He has had extensive teaching experience at under-graduate and post-graduate level and has published widely in scientific journals. During 1960, as a senior fellow under the Colombo Plan, Dr. Bhat worked in the Chemical Engineering Section of the C.S.I.R.O., Melbourne. Prior to coming to Monash he was Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Dr. Bhat is married with one child.

Mr. Roland Husson - Lecturer in French - holds the degrees of Licence-es-lettres (in both Modern Literature and Spanish), Diploma d'etudes superieures (Spanish) and Agregation (Modern Literature, emphasis on French). After training as a primary teacher between 1952 and 1954, he taught in various primary and secondary establishments in the Paris region while pursuing his university studies. During the last two years he has been Instructor in French at the University of Maine, and lecturer in French at Queen's College, New York. Mr. Husson is married with two children.

Mr. D.J. O'Hearn - Teaching Fellow in French - completed the requirements for the degree of B.A. at the University of Melbourne in 1959 where he is currently completing the M.A. preliminary course. Since 1959 he has taught in secondary schools. Mr. O'Hearn is married.

STAFF DRAMA GROUP

'No Exit' (Huis Clos) by Jean-Paul Sartre and 'The Maids' by Jean Genet will be presented as a double-bill by the Staff Drama Group for a season running from Wednesday 13th October to Saturday 16th October. As in the case of 'Lysistrata' and 'The Provok'd Wife', the performance of this third full production of the Staff Drama Group will take place in the Union Hall. A brief description of the ideas which lie behind these two plays may be of some interest.

'No Exit' and 'The Maids' are examples of the French theatre of ideas, rather than the theatre of the absurd. Their subject is the nature of emotional dependency and their attitude to this subject naturally enough is coloured by Existentialism. The world of emotional dependency, of the unrealized self, forced into an external mould imposed by the love-relationship, is the world from which Inez, Estelle and Garcin in 'No Exit' would, if they could, escape, and to which the maids Solange and Clare submit entirely.

For Inez, Estelle and Garcin, damnation is the simple and eternal impossibility of achieving an emotional bond with each other, and Solange and Clare can only escape from the meaningless subjectivity of their extravagant fantasies into the meaningless not-self of Death.

'No Exit' and 'The Maids' are chilling plays, but they are also forceful and compelling both as acting vehicles and as theatrical experiences. If the aim of the modern intellectual theatre is to define an appropriate modern response to take the place of the tragic emotion, 'No Exit' and 'The Maids' help to point the way.

STAFF DRAMA GROUP (cont.)

Bookings for 'No Exit' and 'The Maids' are at the Union Office (ext. 2108). The price of tickets will be 7/6.

This third term production will be preceded by a number of other activities. As noted elsewhere in this issue of the Reporter, on Friday, 1st October, the group will be presenting an acted-reading of Tennyson's 'The Promise of May' at a social evening to be held in aid of the Pre-School Centre. For those unable to be present at this evening, there will be another performance of 'The Promise of May' at lunch-time on the same day in the Union Hall at 1.15 p.m.

The next monthly play-reading will be held on Monday, 4th October, in the English Department Library at 8 p.m., when the play to be read will be either 'Altona' or 'The Flies', both of which are included in the Penguin book of plays by Jean-Paul Sartre. On Wednesday, 6th October, the group is sponsoring a lunch-hour symposium on "Existentialism and the Modern Theatre", at which the speakers will include Richard Coe, authority on Genet, Ionesco and Beckett, and Max Deutscher of the Department of Philosophy. The symposium will be in the Union Conference Room at 1 p.m.

Another of the plays by Sartre, 'The Respectable Prostitute', will be presented as a lunch-time acted-reading on Friday, 8th October. This will be held in the Union Hall at 1.15 p.m.

CONCERT AT MONASH

On 23rd September at 8 p.m., a concert will take place in aid of the Great Hall Appeal at the Vice-Chancellor's house, by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. Matheson. The artists will be Margaret Schofield (piano) and Muriel Luyk (mezzo-soprano). Tickets may be obtained for a donation of 10/- by applying to the Secretary, Department of Russian. Supper will be served afterwards.

XAVIER SOCIETY LITERARY AWARD - 1965

This year the £500 prize for literature is being offered for the best collection of poems submitted by an Australian author. Closing date for entries is 10th December, 1965. Further details may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar, room 106, Administration building (ext. 2008, 2081).

CONCERT SERIES

Margaret Nickson will give a recital of Irish folk songs in the Union Hall on Monday 27th September at 1.10 p.m. She will be accompanied by her husband, Dr. Nickson of the Melbourne Conservatorium.

Avoid the peak hour traffic of Dandenong and North Roads - travel home in comfort at 6.30 p.m. by attending a concert to be given by the Paul McDermott quartet at 5.30 p.m. on Monday 18th October in the Union Hall.

#### THE STUDENT PRINCE

The ever popular 'Student Prince' performed by the Lyric Light Opera Company will be presented in the Malvern Town Hall on Thursday 11th November at 8 p.m. in aid of the Great Hall Appeal.

The Company is well known for the high standard of its productions and as the artist and musicians are donating their services, the Clerical Staff Association, who have arranged for this performance, are hopeful that all members of staff will support this production by their attendance.

An enthusiastic Social Committee consisting of Mrs. B. Langham, Mrs. N. Blizzard, Mrs. M. Sprigg and Miss M. Dalton, have already raised £155 towards the production costs and tickets. Posters and programmes have been printed at no cost.

Selling of tickets is now well under way and these may be obtained from Mrs. Blizzard (Administration) at 15/-, 10/- and 7/6. Any help in selling the 1,200 tickets would be very much appreciated.

#### JOHN MEDLEY BROWSING LIBRARY

The John Medley Browsing Library hours have been altered and are now as follows:

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| Monday    | 12 noon - 7.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday   | 1 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.  |
| Wednesday | 12 noon - 7.30 p.m. |
| Thursday  | 1 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.  |
| Friday    | 12 noon - 7.30 p.m. |

The Library is closed each evening between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

#### LORD TENNYSON IN THE RUMPUS ROOM!

Even Queen Victoria will be amused on Friday, 1st October, the date of the Social-Supper-Dance which is being held to raise funds for Monash Pre-School Centre.

As part of the entertainment the Staff Drama Group is presenting Tennyson's hilariously serious Victorian melodrama 'The Promise of May' complete with hirsute villain, seduced maidens, doddering father, honest rustics, faithful servants, and books on Free Love openly read among the sensual Lincolnshire hayfields. (Definitely post-school entertainment). Rollicking rustic music by Margaret Scott; painstaking production by Dennis Davison. Cast includes: Elaine Barry, Andree Dobson, Krystina Rothfield, Audrey Matheson, Richard Pannell, Peter Naish, Harold Love and Dennis Davison.

Tickets will be 10/6 each including supper and may be obtained from Mrs. Perry (57-6676). Tables should be booked immediately as the Rumpus Room will be restricted to a limited number of guests.

#### FOUND

A pair of men's spectacles with grey frames have been found near Chemistry. They were in a grey case from OPSM and any enquiries may be referred to Miss Pauline Cross, Union.

#### POST OFFICE

The Post Office is now open for business, Monday to Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mail closes each day at 3.30 p.m. The services it offers are the sale of postal notes and stamps, registration of parcels, letters and telegrams. Mrs. D. Nixon is the Postmistress in charge. Her extension number is 2112.

#### HOUSES FOR SALE

Oakleigh - situated only ten minutes from Monash by car, close to shops, railway station, buses and schools. Established solid brick house, three bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, bathroom, internal and outside toilets, garage, laundry, floor coverings, curtains, blinds, light fittings. Price £6,750. Enquiries - 56-3861 or 56-4881.

Blackburn South - attractive modern W.B. house in an established garden, twelve minutes from Monash, close to shops, schools and public transport. Spacious living room with space heater, dining room, three bedrooms, study and playroom (or five bedrooms). Plenty B.I. wardrobes, kitchen, bathroom, separate shower, MMBW toilet, E.H.W.S., 'phone, garage and car-port, made road and paths. Land 50' x 140'. Price £6,500. Contact Dr. H.S. Bachelard, Department of Biochemistry, ext. 2523. Private number - 89-1248.

#### DEPARTMENTAL NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

##### ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Professor M.G. Marwick, Dr. H.D. Evers and Mrs. I.M. White attended the A.N.Z.A.A.S. Conference in Hobart where Dr. Evers presented a paper entitled 'The Thai Urban Administrative Elite'.

The annual conference of the Sociological Association of Australia and New Zealand was held at Monash during the week-end of 21st to 23rd August. Professor Marwick and Dr. Evers acted as conference conveners. At the annual general meeting Professor Marwick was elected President of the Association.

Mr. B.L. Abbi, Dr. J.R. Beckett and Dr. J.S. Uberoi will attend the annual conference of the Australian Branch of the Association of Social Anthropologists to be held in Sydney on 24th and 25th September. Mr. Abbi and Dr. Beckett will read papers on 'Political Development among the Mailu of Papua' and 'Local Government Elections in Torres Strait Islands'. At the annual general meeting Dr. Beckett was elected Secretary of the Association.

##### CHEMISTRY

Dr. S. Andersson of the Research Institute of National Defence and Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Sweden, gave a lecture on 'The Preparation, Crystal Structure and Thermal Decomposition of some Transition Metal Oxide Fluorides'.

#### DEPARTMENTAL NEWS (cont.)

Dr. Andersson, who is here for the International Conference on Electron Diffraction and Nature of Defects in Crystals, has made several visits to the Department. This conference was attended by Dr. Brian Gatehouse who read a paper on 'The Modification of the Niobium Pentoxide Structure of Controlled Cation Substitution'. This work arose out of collaboration with Dr. A.D. Wadsley, C.S.I.R.O., and Dr. R. Roth (U.S.A.).

#### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Professor O.E. Potter, Mr. J.B. Agnew, Mr. I.H. Lehrer and Mr. W.E. Olbrich attended the Second A.I.N.S.E. Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow Conference at Lucas Heights. Mr. Agnew presented a paper on 'Heat Transfer in Packed Tubular Reactors'.

Professor Potter presented a paper on 'Fluidisation' to the Sydney Division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

A series of seminars on current research in the Department began on 6th September when Mr. G.K. Stephens discussed 'Gas Mixing in Fluidisation'.

Professor Fumitake Yoshida of Kyoto University, Japan, has accepted an invitation from the Institution of Chemical Engineers (Victorian Group) to visit Australia during July and August of next year. Professor Yoshida, who is interested mainly in gas-liquid contacting operations (including the oxygenation of blood), will spend some time at Monash, one of the organizations which have contributed towards expenses for the trip.

Professor Potter has accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the proposed international journal 'Powder Technology'.

#### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Recent visitors to the Department include Professor John F. Coales, who has been recently appointed to the Chair of Control Engineering at the Cambridge University. Professor Coales, in addition to an informal talk given to members of the Department, presented a public lecture on 'Automation in Industry'.

#### GEOGRAPHY

Ten members attended the Hobart meeting of ANZAAS. Professor B.L.C. Johnson was one of three Vice-Presidents for Section P (Geography and Oceanography). In addition, four staff members presented papers and another led the discussion at a joint session on the Glacial Map of Tasmania. Papers were given by: Mr. R.J. Johnston, 'The Distribution of an Intrametropolitan Central Place Hierarchy'; Dr. D.A.M. Lea, 'Cultural Change and Subsistence Horticulture in Melanesia'; Mr. J. Powell, 'The Progress of Land Alienation in Western Victoria, 1860-69'; Mr. P.J. Rimmer, 'Recent Changes in the Status of Seaports in the New Zealand Coastal Trade'. Discussion Leader was Mr. E. Derbyshire, joint compiler of the Glacial Map of Tasmania.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS (cont.)

Professor Johnson has been invited to present a paper on 'Human Adaptation to the Arid Zone' at the Australian Arid Zone Research Conference held at Alice Springs this month.

The Department was host to Professor-elect W.B. Johnston, Department of Geography, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, over the period August 10th to 15th. During this time Professor Johnston gave two lectures and a staff seminar, in addition to other less formal discussions. Mr. E. Warr, Department of Geography, Massey University of Manawatu, Palmerston North, New Zealand, also visited the Department briefly on his way back from A.N.Z.A.A.S.

## MATHEMATICS

During the vacation, the Department was visited by Professor L.W. Anderson and Professor R.P. Hunter, both of Pennsylvania State University.

Two visiting lecturers have recently joined the Department for third term. They are Mr. P.M. Neumann, Junior Fellow of Queens' College, Oxford, and Dr. H. Heineken, Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Frankfurt am Main. Both are specialists in group theory.

Mr. L.J. Gleeson recently left the Department to take up a fellowship at Cornell University, Ithaca, U.S.A.

## MEDICINE

A conference on 'Postgraduate Medical Education in South and South-East Asia: Australia's Potential Contribution' was held in Canberra in August. Professor Bryan Hudson spoke on 'Placement and Training in Medicine in Australian Institutions: Type of Training to be Offered'.

Professor Hudson has been invited to chair a session at the Second International Congress on Hormonal Steroids to be held in Milan, Italy, from 23rd to 28th May, 1966. The title of the session is 'Steroids in Blood: Nature of Circulating Steroids'. Professor Hudson has also been invited to participate in a Ciba Colloquium in London in May 1966. The subject is 'Endocrinology of the Testis'.

## MODERN LANGUAGES

From the 18th to the 21st August, the Department was host to representatives of twenty Australian and New Zealand universities and tertiary language institutions who had gathered to discuss the effective use of the language laboratory in the teaching of language and literature. Fourteen languages were represented. The workshop had been arranged by Dr. W. Rivers at the request of the Australian Universities' Languages and Literature Association. Dr. J.A.L. Matheson welcomed the delegates at the opening session which was chaired by Professor R. Sussex, Chairman of the Standing Committee of A.U.L.L.A. Lectures were given by Professor G. Hammarstrom, Dr. W. Rivers and Mr. R. Lamerand of Monash, Mr. H. Siliakus of Adelaide and Mr. G.R. Cochrane of Queensland. There were also demonstrations and practical discussions in language groups

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS (cont.)

SURGERY

Professor H.A.F. Dudley will be overseas from 14th October until 18th November. He has been invited to give a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Atlantic City.

Mr. J.P. Masterton will be overseas from 4th September until 15th October. He will visit a number of research centres and hospitals in Europe and the United States and will attend the International Congress on Research in Burns, Edinburgh.

GIFTS

The Canadian Womens' Club of Victoria has presented £250 to the Library for the purchase of books.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editorial Committee intends to publish correspondence from members of staff on issues of scholarship not confined within departmental boundaries. Contributions should be typed and should not exceed 500 words.

Copy for the October edition of the Reporter closes on Wednesday, 6th October.