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IT'S A LONG WEEK

The average British academic works 50.5 hours a week for a 47-week year, according to a report issued recently by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom.

Of this time, he devotes 37% to "undergraduate time", 24% to personal research, 6% to graduate research, 5% to graduate course-work and 11% to external professional work, with 18% being "unallocable internal time."

Some of the findings in the report are published in the June issue of the ACU Bulletin of Current Documentation (ABCD*), produced by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

A break-down of the figures quoted in the report shows that professors work an average 55½ hours a week, readers and senior lecturers 50½, lecturers and assistant lecturers 49, others 48. The longest working week (54 hours) is observed in clinical medicine and in "language, literature, area studies and other arts subjects." The shortest (47½ hours) is in engineering and "other technologies."

Analysis of the results of a similar survey undertaken at Monash was interrupted by the departure of the then Statistical Officer, Mr. Noel Stubbs, late last year. However, work on the project has resumed and a full report is expected soon.

(*ABCD is published in March, June and December each year. Annual subscription is £1 stg. and copies may be ordered from the ACU, 36 Gordon Square, London, England, WC1H 0PF).

SCHOLARSHIP PLAN HELPS 5000

Nearly 5000 graduates from all parts of the Commonwealth have furthered their studies overseas with the help of awards received under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.

This is shown in the 11th Annual Report of the Plan, issued this month by the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee. Copies of the report, which covers the year ending March 31, 1971, may be obtained from the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London S.W.1.

The report shows that, as, in the previous four years, the target of 1000 award-holders annually, envisaged at the 1959 Commonwealth Education Conference, was achieved.

Statements in the report — prepared by the Association of Commonwealth Universities — show that scholars who have completed their studies and returned to their home countries have usually taken up senior positions and are playing an important part in the development of their countries.

The current report shows that the pattern of award-holders follows very closely that of recent years. The majority of scholars pursue higher degrees in Arts, Social Sciences, Pure Science and Technology in that order.

Under the program, five countries also offer fellowships at a much higher level. These fellowships are awarded to distinguished scholars of an established reputation and it is expected that in addition to the benefit which the fellows themselves derive, they make a significant contribution to the host countries.

TWO TEACH-INS IN SECOND SEMESTER

The Organising Committee for Teach-ins has decided to conduct two teach-ins this year. The first, on "Political Intrusion in the University", will be held on Wednesday, August 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The second will be on the subject of "Urban Development" and will be held on Tuesday, September 5, between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

LECTURE BY RALPH NADER

The champion of the US consumer protection movement, Ralph Nader, will give a public lecture in Robert Blackwood Hall at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, July 6.

The Monash Association of Students is selling tickets. Prices are \$1 for students and \$1.50 for staff.

Mr. Nader will speak at a total of six campuses in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. The University part of his Australian tour is being organised by the Australian Union of Students.

REFLECTIONS OF A MIGRANT MEDICAL MAN

A public lecture on the problems facing migrants will be given by the chairman of the Monash department of surgery, Professor H.A.F. Dudley, at 8 p.m., Friday, June 30, in Robert Blackwood Hall.

The lecture, entitled "Reflections of a Migrant Medical Man", is being sponsored by the Monash Graduates Association.

Professor Dudley came to Australia in 1963 from the University of Aberdeen.

He will talk about the effect of migrant problems and stresses on health and how Australia changes migrants and how migrants change Australia.

PUBLIC LECTURE BY SIR HUGH ENNOR

Sir Hugh Ennor, secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Education and Science, will give a public lecture at the University of Melbourne on June 28 as part of the centenary celebrations of Trinity College. The title of the lecture is "Mass Post-Secondary Education — Some Problems". It will be held at 8.15 p.m. in Wilson Hall.

PARENTS' DINNER-DANCE, JULY 22

The Monash Parents' Group's annual dinner dance will be held in the main dining room, Union, on Saturday, July 22. Music will be provided by Dennis Farrington's band.

Tickets — \$12 a double (BYO) — can be obtained from Mrs. D. Pullen (phone 20-2972).

GIFTS AND GRANTS

Gifts and grants reported to the June 19 meeting of Council included the following:

\$17,622 from M.D. Research Company Ltd. in the support of sponsorship of the M.D. Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship — department of chemical engineering.

\$10,000 each from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and the Bernard Van Leer Foundation towards salaries of pre-school teachers engaged on Van Leer Pre-school Project.

\$8,818 from Australian Advisory Committee on Research and Development in Education comprising two quarterly payments to assist work of four members of Faculty of Education.

\$6,151.80 from Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies to support work being undertaken by our departments of music, linguistics and anthropology and sociology.

\$5,985 from Department of Primary Industry through grant from the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee towards continuing project entitled "The Development of Chicken Cartilage".

\$3,173.66 grant from National Health and Medical Research Council for various purposes.

\$3,061.84 from Department of Immigration to department of social and preventive medicine, Alfred Hospital, for research into health of migrants.

\$2,620 from National Heart Foundation of Australia being grants-in-aid for Drs. Chapman and Gibbs of department of physiology.

\$2,000 from Roche Products Pty. Ltd. to department of surgery for evaluation of the drug, Flurazepam and research being carried out by our sleep laboratory.

\$1,800 from the Percy Baxter Charitable Trust to purchase equipment for department of surgery at the Alfred Hospital.

\$1,635.50 from Wheat Industry Research Council continuing support of a research project entitled "The application of immunofluorescent staining of ophiobolus graminis to studies in the ecology of soil micro-organisms".

\$1,454.76 from Australian Pre-School Association to continue support of the work of Dr. P.M. Scott on pre-school research project.

BANK HOURS BACK TO "NORMAL"

The two banks operating at Monash — the Commercial Bank of Australia and the State Savings Bank — have advised that they are reverting to "normal" banking hours during the current vacation break, June 26 — July 14.

Banking hours during this period will be: 9.30 a.m. — 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 9.30 a.m. — 5 p.m., Friday.

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains are required to set up in the grumbling business."

— Robert West.