

#### START SOON ON CENTRE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Council has approved the terms of reference and conditions of appointment of the Director of the Centre of Continuing Education to be established at Monash.

The position will be advertised as soon as possible.

The proposed Centre will greatly widen the range of the University's services to the community and encourage fuller use of its facilities.

Ultimately, it is envisaged that radio and television courses may be introduced.

Council approved the adoption of the following terms of reference:

1. The Director will be expected to develop a Centre of Continuing Education at Monash University organised for graduates and others with appropriate qualifications.

This will involve —

- a. Giving such administrative and other assistance as Chairmen and Deans request to departments and faculties which are already running, or intend to run, refresher and other non-degree courses for graduates in their own areas.
- b. Identifying other areas of need and arranging for suitable courses to be mounted in collaboration with relevant departments or faculties.
- c. Organising and assisting with seminars and conferences at a local or national level on issues of political, social, cultural, scientific, technical or economic concern.

2. While the Director will be expected to exercise his own initiative in developing the Centre, and will enjoy a large measure of independence, he will be asked to keep in touch with the Professorial Board through the Standing Committee on Continuing Education and to work within the budget which is made available to him from time to time. In this connection it is the present intention that the Centre should eventually be substantially self-financing.

3. In carrying out these tasks he will need —

- a. To collaborate with A.V.A., H.E.R.U., Alexander Theatre Committee, and the Management Committee for Robert Blackwood Hall in the use of resources for developing work in the above fields.
- b. To collaborate with the Council of Adult Education and relevant people in Monash University in mounting C.A.E. courses here.
- c. To collaborate with corresponding persons and organisations in other universities and in the Victoria Institute of Colleges.

4. In addition he should —

- a. Investigate the possibility of starting courses by radio (and perhaps television) along the lines of, and perhaps in association with, the University of New South Wales.
- b. Investigate the need for and the possibility of organising summer courses of the bridging or remedial type.

#### ADMISSION OF "UNDERPRIVILEGED" STUDENTS: COUNCIL AGREES IN PRINCIPLE

The University Council has agreed in principle to a proposal that 50 children from "underprivileged schools or homes" should be allowed free admission to the University.

The Monash Act requires the proposal to be submitted to the Minister for Education, Mr. Thompson, for approval.

The scheme, if approved, would apply to children who had attained HSC standard, but failed to gain government scholarships. It would provide free tuition and accommodation.

Council agreed to the appointment of a special sub-committee to investigate the scheme. This body would work in consultation with the Professorial Board and with a committee headed by Professor S.S. Dunn which has been inquiring into the problems associated with the admission of students limited by underprivileged backgrounds, less-than-satisfactory secondary school records and other socio-economic factors.

#### EXAM PASS RATES UP AGAIN

Examination pass rates continued to improve in 1971, according to figures reported to Council this week.

They showed that a total of 9149 candidates entered for the annual examination in 1971 — an increase of 4% over the figure for 1970 and 20% over the figure for 1969. There were 27,349 subject entries, of which 24,353 (89% of the total) were passed, an increase of 1% compared with the figure for 1970. The percentages in the three previous years were 88% (1970), 85% (1969) and 87% (1968) respectively.



## Ph.Ds IN AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

Council on Monday endorsed a Ph.D. and Research Committee recommendation that, in future, certain Ph.D. degree candidatures may be undertaken in research units of affiliated hospitals or institutions.

Affiliation is at present limited to the teaching hospitals and their research units but in the future it may extend to such organisations as the proposed Institute of Marine Science.

The recommendation was based on the following considerations:

- a. Affiliated institutions frequently attract staff of the highest calibre, and their endowment ensures excellent research facilities.
- b. It is not infrequent that students utilise both the advice of such staff and the facilities available in such institutions to further their work in the institution under the guise of field-work, although the affiliated institution may be within walking distance.
- c. Some university departments have already worked in very close collaboration with affiliated units in regard to supervision, use of facilities and provision of material.
- d. The use of the research skills and facilities of affiliated institutions will broaden the fields of study available and hence increase graduates' possible areas of employment.

## VISITING PROFESSORS

The title of Visiting Professor has been conferred upon the following:

**Professor A. J. Buller**, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Physiology, University of Bristol. Professor Buller is visiting Monash as Nuffield Visiting Scientist from July for several months.

**Professor I. Ignacy Goldberg**, Professor of Education and Co-ordinator of Programs in Mental Retardation, Department of Special Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. Professor Goldberg is the first recipient of the Elwyn Morey Memorial Award and will be visiting Monash from mid-August to the end of October 1972.

**Professor Hirochi Kawakani**, Professor of Civil Engineering at Shinshu University, Nagano, Japan. Professor Kawakani will be returning to Japan in November.

**Professor J. S. Neki**, Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Professor Neki is visiting Monash as a Leverhulme Exchange Fellow until September.

## MONASH AUTHOR WINS AWARD

Dr. Geoffrey Serle, Reader in History at Monash, has received a \$500 award from the Townsville Foundation for the best Australian book of 1971.

Dr. Serle's book, "The Rush to be Rich", a social history of Melbourne in the 1880s, was chosen from 45 entries for the Award.

The Award is provided by the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies, established by the James Cook University of North Queensland.

## GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY

Gifts and grants reported to the University Council this week included:

\$10,169 from National Heart Foundation of Australia, consisting of \$6,985 to assist the work of Drs. Geffen, Jarrott, Chapman and Gibbs, and \$3184 for Dr. Chapman's fellowship.

\$5000 from Mrs. Lorna Hannan to assist the work of Associate Professor Clark McNeur of our Department of Surgery.

\$4275 from Australian Road Research Board to the Department of Civil Engineering. This is to support the research project on steel box girders.

\$4000 from the Estate of the late Gerald Henry Robinson.

\$4000 from the K.G.C. Moore Trust to enable the Department of Music to acquire a harpischord.

\$3742 from Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies to cover salary payments in the Departments of Music and Linguistics.

\$2350 from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria being second payment of a grant-in-aid for Dr. K. Muller of the Department of Pathology.

\$1850 from The Nuffield Foundation of Victoria to cover costs of visit of Professor Buller from London to the Department of Physiology.

\$1420 being second grant to Mr. S. A. Wild (\$560) and Mr. T. Tsunoda (\$860) from the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

\$1200 from Fawns & McAllan Pty. Ltd. to be applied to the work of our Department of Surgery.

## CAR OWNERS BEWARE

It is reported that radios have been stolen from three cars parked with the University in recent weeks.

Owners of vehicles equipped with radios are advised to ensure that their vehicles are securely locked. Any person seeing a vehicle being tampered with is asked to notify Central Services on extension 2080 or 3059 during the day and 2054 after hours.