UNIVERSITY INSTALLS NEW COMPUTER

The University has recently signed a contract to purchase a Burroughs B-6700 dual processor computer at a cost of about $750,000.

The new system, which will come into full operation over the next three months, represents a dramatic increase in computer power since the University's first computer - a Ferranti Sirius - was installed more than 10 years ago.

It will greatly expand the computing facilities available for research and development projects carried out by the teaching departments as well as for use by service centres such as the library and administration.

The B6700 will have a number of special facilities, including remote job entry via a B7000 computer, graphical output, interactive graphic and programming via teleprinters and displays. Other features will include the running of 15 to 20 terminals simultaneously, and availability on a daily three-shift basis.

The purchase of the B6700 follows a year-long analysis of the University's computing needs for the next five years, and evaluation of a number of competing large-scale computers.

THE VC WRITES TO LETTER-WRITERS

In recent months, a number of letters have appeared in the correspondence columns of the newspapers giving the writers' address as 'Monash University'.

In some cases the subject matter of the letters has lain outside the writer's acknowledged field of specialization, and, while the views expressed have been quite unexceptionable, I feel that attention should be drawn to the University Council's attitude on this matter.

This is summed up in a minute adopted by Council in 1969 and reprinted in full in the Staff Handbook (the 'Red Book'), Section 4.9.9.

Briefly, the minute states that "...Council recognises that when a member of staff makes a public statement within the range of his own expertise it is proper, and may be essential, that he should give the University as his address and mention his appointment. There may be cases where it is important that a staff member makes it clear that he is stating a personal view or uses his private address, or both."

J.A. L. Matheson, Vice-Chancellor.
LECTURES ON KARMEL REPORT

For six consecutive Wednesdays during March, April and May, the Faculty of Education will hold a series of lectures on the Karmel Report and its implications.

The Report - 'Schools in Australia' - analysed the problems facing primary and secondary schools, both State and independent. As a result, $467 million will be spent over the next two years, most of it on improving disadvantaged areas defined by the report.

The first lecture will be on March 27 with a talk on 'Labour, the Karmel Report and the Opposition' by Dr. Bob Bessant, senior lecturer in education at La Trobe University. All lectures will be at 7.45 pm in R1.

Further details are available from Mr. Martin Sullivan, Faculty of Education, ext. 2876. Mr. Sullivan's telephone number has changed from 2891, the extension published in the current Monash Reporter.

ENGINEERING COLLOQUIUM

Professor J.N. Newman, Professor of Naval Architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and visiting Fulbright Scholar, will speak at an engineering colloquium tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13. His subject will be 'Second order slowly-varying wave forces in irregular waves.'

The colloquium will be held in the Engineering Conference Room, Building 1, Engineering School, at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

PARENTS DAY AT MONASH

The Monash University Parents Group will hold an orientation day for the parents of the University's 3250 new students on Sunday, March 17.

The activities, which will begin at 11 a.m. will include a tour of the campus, a barbecue lunch and talks by Monash officials.

Speakers will include the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J.A.L. Matheson, and Deans of the Faculties. This will start at 2 p.m. in Robert Blackwood Hall.

Any parent interested in attending should contact the Parents Group president, Mrs. Joan Maries, 'Nyletta', Rosehill Road, Lower Plenty, phone 439.7391.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The Monash Women's Society will hold a garden luncheon on Tuesday, March 19, to welcome new staff members and their wives or husbands. Staff members who are not new this year are cordially invited to come; they are asked to bring a plate of sandwiches or other finger food.

The luncheon will be held in the Vice-Chancellor's garden, beginning at 12.30 p.m. Members planning to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Nevillie Dransfield (c/o Dr. P. Dransfield, of Mechanical Engineering, or phone 878.9959) as soon as possible.

LIBRARY LECTURE

Mr. David McVilly, of the Victorian Parliamentary Library, will give a lecture on 'The State Library of Victoria during the period of the Free Library movement, 1931-1947' at Monash on Thursday, March 14.

The lecture, arranged by The Friends of the Monash University Library, will be held in the Main Library conference room at 8 p.m. Coffee will be served afterwards. Intending visitors are asked to advise the library, extn. 2670.

ENVIRONMENT FORUM IN BLACKWOOD HALL

The Community Research Action Centre (CRAC) will hold a forum on community action and the environment at 1.30 p.m. in Robert Blackwood Hall on Wednesday, March 13.

Speakers will include Mr. Jack Mundey, from the NSW Builders' Labourers' Federation; Dr. Peter Ellyard, adviser to the Minister for the Environment and Conservation; Mr. Keith Tarrant, president, Port Phillip Environment Centre; Mr. Colin Benjamin, from the Victorian Council for Social Services, and Mr. Gabrielle Lafitte, part-time lecturer in urban studies at R.M.I.T. The chairman will be Chris Loorham from the Public Interest Research Group.

NEW HOME FOR HERU

The Higher Education Research Unit is now located on the top floor of the Law Building. The following is a list of the Units new telephone numbers:

Director: Dr. Terry Hore 3270
Secretary: Miss Marilyn Cox 3270
Stenographer: Miss Margaret Videnov 3270
Lecturers: Mr. Ian Thomas 3272
Mr. Neil Paget 3273
Senior Tutor: Miss Katherine Buchanan 3276
Research: Miss Ann Smurthwaite 3278
Assistants: Mr. Jeff Malley 3278
Technical Officer: Mr. Ron Crossley 3279
Data Processing: Mrs. Susan Martin 3279

STUDENT FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

The Public Affairs Committee of the Monash Association of Students is conducting an appeal for the Queensland Student Flood Relief Fund. This fund is to aid students at the four campuses most affected by flooding - Queensland University, Queensland Institute of Technology, Kelvin Grove and Kedron Park Teachers' Colleges. Donations can be left at the M.A.S. office.

IT'S PROBABLY APOCRYPHAL, BUT ...

A recent medical certificate is alleged to have stated:
'Mrs .... is suffering from Monash University.'

Authorised by K.W. Bennetts, Information Officer.