MORATORIUM ON FARM WEEK

A moratorium of at least three years has been placed upon Farm Week. This follows an increase in the number and seriousness of complaints about hooliganism and violence accompanying this year's event.

Announcing the move today, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ray Martin, said that the University and the community were no longer prepared to tolerate the excesses indulged in each year by a small minority of students.

"Most people are happy to concede the right of students to seek release from pressure and tension with a few days of harmless fun and creative, original pranks—so long as they do not interfere with the rights, safety and well-being of others." Professor Martin said.

"However, in recent years there has been little about Farm Week that has been either funny, creative or harmless. And a strong feeling has developed that we would be better off without it altogether.

"Once again this year, in spite of determined attempts by MAS and the official organisers to control the event, it has proved impossible to restrain the irresponsible few who have deliberately set out to disrupt lectures, harass other students and staff members—and the general public—and to create the most disgusting mess in the grounds, lecture theatres and public areas of the University."

Professor Martin said that among the many complaints that had led to the decision to impose a moratorium on Farm Week were:

* Serious interference with traffic on Princes Highway and Wellington Rd during the Champagne Breakfast, with damage to vehicles, motorists' clothing—and the terrorising of a woman learner-driver.
* Serious disruption and, increasingly, cancellation of lectures in many parts of the University brought about by invasions of hooded hooligans hurling eggs, flour and water indiscriminately at staff and students. In one such incident, a student suffered a major dislocation of the shoulder in trying to avoid a missile; in another a senior lecturer's spectacles were so badly damaged that he will be without them for more than a week while they are repaired in another state. Similar reports have been received from general staff, secretaries and others whose clothing has been ruined by eggs and flour.
* In one of the most disturbing incidents, a disabled girl student, almost blind and confined to a wheelchair, was splattered with eggs during a 10-minute invasion of a Psychology lecture. (This, in the opinion of many, ranks with a previous outrage when a starting pistol was fired in a class being addressed by Mr Ron McCallum, a blind lecturer in Law. The possible consequences of such actions are almost too appalling to contemplate.)
* An evening seminar, attended by about 140 professional people from outside the University, was invaded by a group throwing horse manure around the theatre.

*Once again Caribbean Gardens has been the target of vandals who on this occasion removed a 15ft. model of a Caribbean Pirate and caused damage in excess of $900.
* A number of complaints were received from students of eggs and rocks being thrown from moving vehicles on campus.
* Several reports of water bombings, using rubber balloons, led the Director of the University Health Service to warn that this is a potentially lethal practice. A blow from a "water bomb" can pose a greater danger of death or serious permanent injury than that caused by a house brick.

*In the Rotunda all seven lecture theatres were badly damaged with egg, flour and water, valuable equipment rendered useless, fire extinguishers emptied and obscenities scratched into a projector screen. Professor Martin added: "I am quite certain that the moratorium will have the support of the vast majority of University members. It is totally unacceptable that people's health and well-being should be placed in jeopardy, and that students and staff should be penalised, either through cancelled lectures or having to work in surroundings befouled by dirt, excrement and graffiti, simply because of the actions of a selfish, irresponsible few."

SAMU ELECTION RESULT

The Staff Association of Monash University advises that the following candidates were elected to the SAMU Executive in the recent ballot:


Dr Darvall and Associate Professor Howard subsequently issued the following statement:

"Peter Darvall and Bill Howard have resigned from the Committee because of its refusal to call new elections. They resigned because they did not wish to appear to legitimise the dubious electoral practices adopted by some members of the outgoing committee."

CALWELL MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Monash University ALP Club announces that the Federal Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Senator Susan Ryan, will give the 1984 Arthur Calwell Memorial Lecture.

She will speak at Mannix College at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19. Light supper will be served.
DREAMS, FEARS, DESIRES ...  
Aspects of Australian Figurative Painting 1942-1962: 
Dreams, Fears and Desires is the title of the next exhibition to be held in the Visual Arts Exhibition Gallery.
Brought to Monash from the Fifth Bienniale of Sydney, the exhibition will be on display from Thursday, August 16, until September 21.

RAN BAND CONCERT
A concert by the Victorian Band of the Royal Australian Navy is the next function arranged by the Monash University Parents Group.
It will be held in Robert Blackwood Hall on Friday, August 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs N. Cater (583 2822) or from Robert Blackwood Hall.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECYCLING
The Monash Graduate School of Environmental Science will conduct a short course on Opportunities for Recycling from August 21 to 23.
Topics to be covered will include: Reducing the volume of waste taken to tips; Reducing use of resources; Generating employment; Improving efficiency.
Applications close Friday, August 10. Further information and application forms available from Ian Thomas in the School of Environmental Science.

ARTHRITIS SEMINAR
Latest developments in the treatment of arthritis, which affects more than one million Australians, will be discussed at a seminar at Monash on Monday, August 13.
The seminar, which will be held between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., is designed for people working in the health and welfare fields. It has been organised by the Monash Centre for Continuing Education, in collaboration with the Rheumatism and Arthritis Association of Victoria. Fee for the seminar (including dinner) is $29. For further information, contact ext. 3717/3718.

UK ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS
The Association of Commonwealth Universities, London, advises that the 1984 edition of "The Compendium of University Entrance Requirements" is now available.
The Compendium lists the entrance requirements of first degree courses in all UK universities (except the Open University and the University of Buckingham) for 1985-86.
A copy of the prospectus and order form may be sighted in the Information Office.

NMR CONFERENCE
The fifth Australian nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) conference will be held at Terrigal, NSW, from February 17 - 20, 1985. There will be invited and contributed papers, as well as specialised discussion sessions and poster sessions.
Registration forms and further information may be obtained from Dr R. S. Norton, School of Biochemistry, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington, NSW, 2033.

EDGEWORTH DAVID MEDAL
Further information is available from Mrs L. Balla (ext. 3073). Nominations close with the Assistant Registrar—Postgraduate on September 14, 1984.

RESEARCH GRANTS
Dried Fruits Research Committee
The Dried Fruits Research Committee is inviting applications for 1985/86 support for research of concern to the Australian dried fruits industry.
Applications close with Mr B. D. Shields on Friday, October 5, 1984.
Kelion Diabetes Foundation
The Kelion Diabetes Foundation Ltd. is inviting applications for support of research into aspects of diabetes mellitus for 1985.
Applications close with Mr B. D. Shields on Friday, August 24, 1984.
Radio Research Board
The Radio Research Board is inviting applications for project grants for 1985.
Applications close with Mr B. D. Shields on Friday, November 2.
Australian Computer Research
The Australian Computer Research Board is inviting applications for support in 1985 for projects in computer science and engineering.
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Application forms and further information about all the above grants may be obtained from Mrs L. Sefton (ext. 3073).

SCHOLARSHIPS
Aboriginal Studies
The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies is inviting applications for a Ph.D. Scholarship in Aboriginal Arts (three years) in any one of the following areas: Visual Arts; Performance (including dance); Music; Oral Literature.
Tenable at any Australian university. Substantial support provided for original fieldwork projects.
Closing date is October 1, 1984. Further information may be obtained from the Graduate Scholarships Office.
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