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## READERS RELAX

The "alarm and despondency" reported to have been spreading among Readers in the University will have been partially allayed by a decision of Professorial Board this week.

The Board had before it a proposal that "There be only one grade between Senior Lecturer and Professor and that this grade be called Associate Professor."

It was agreed that the matter should be considered by the Deans, each of whom will have sounded opinion in his own faculty, before any action is taken.

Other decisions of the Board included:

- \* A small committee will be set up to consider the submissions which this University might make to the newly-appointed Campbell Committee on Academic Salaries. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Matheson, reported that at last week's meeting of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee it had been stated that "a strong case exists for an immediate interim award and the Minister is to be asked to suggest this to Mr. Justice Campbell."
- \* The Board agreed to recommendations that, in the light of legal advice, (a) the Monash University Travelling Scholarships be abolished and (b) the proposal to earmark some Monash Graduate Scholarships for graduates to do research for the degree of another university be abandoned.

However, it was further decided that attempts be made to secure funds for purpose (b) from other sources, such as donors.

## GROUP TRAVEL FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

A scheme to provide cheap group travel for Victorian University employees was launched last month. One flight to New Zealand is now fully booked and another on December 18 is filling rapidly. Others are travelling to India, Indonesia and Fiji. A number of people have also been assisted with arrangements for sabbatical leave.

Enquiries about the scheme, which is being run in conjunction with the Australian Student Teachers' Association, should be directed to Norman Nettleton, Department of Psychology, Monash University. Suggestions for future tours would also be appreciated.

## ACTING APPOINTMENTS

Mr. V. Pobie has been appointed acting professor and chairman of the department of Russian until further notice.

Mr. G. W. Wildman has been appointed acting buildings officer pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. George Boycott, who retired on September 15.

## PLANT-LOVERS' CLUB ON THE WAY

First steps towards the formation of a native plant enthusiasts' club at Monash were taken at a crowded meeting in R7 on Wednesday. More than 120 members of staff and students attended.

According to one of the organisers, Brian Fox (Arts Faculty), the new body – tentatively named the Monash Native Plant Society – aims to establish a library of literature and films on Australian flora and to create its own nursery to propagate species for distribution among members.

Another meeting will be held in a fortnight to consider a constitution for the society and elect office-bearers. Further details may be obtained from Mr. Fox (2109) or David Boulton (3509).

## TEACH-IN ON EXAMS

A teach-in on "Exams and Assessment in the University" will be held next Wednesday, October 4. It will be open to all members of the University.

Speakers will include Dr. M. Balson (education), Professor J. D. Legge (history), Mr. Max Teichmann (politics), Professor B. M. Spicer (University of Melbourne), Mr. R. Teese and Mr. W. V. N. Garner. The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Matheson, will chair the teach-in and give an introductory address.

The teach-in will be held in lecture theatre R1 from 1.15 p.m. to 4 p.m.



### INTERESTED IN PANTOMINE?

Two meetings will be held in October for anyone interested in taking part in the Alexander Theatre Guild's holiday pantomime. The meetings will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 18 in the Fish Bowl, ground floor, Union.

The pantomime is likely to be "The Glass Slipper", which is based on the story of "Cinderella". The director will be Marie Cumisky who has directed the last two pantomimes, "Peter Pan" and "Pinocchio". For more information contact Roger Strasser on 836-0829 after 7 p.m.

### GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, 1973

Applications are invited for 1973 Monash Graduate Scholarships and Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Awards, tenable in a wide range of disciplines. They are open to graduates with good honours degree qualifications or the equivalent and with an interest in research who wish to proceed to a higher degree.

The awards are tenable in any faculty, initially from the date of beginning work at the University until December 31 of the same year, but are renewable on January each year (subject to satisfactory progress) for up to two years for Masters' candidates or three years for Ph.D. candidates.

Current stipend rate for CPR awards is \$2900 a year and for Monash Graduate Scholarships, \$2200 a year.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar's office. Applications should be lodged as soon as possible, and no later than October 31, 1972.

### SHOULD SHAKESPEARE BE DONE?

... is one of the questions to be discussed at a forum on student theatre to be conducted by Monash Players in the Union Theatre at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4.

Speakers will include George Whaley, director of student theatre, University of Melbourne, Simon Hopkinson, from Melbourne Theatre Company, and Geoff Milne, from Monash Teachers' College. Discussion will centre upon the type of plays that student theatre should present.

Another forum listed for the same time — in R5 — has been organised by Social Involvement, and will feature speakers from the Victorian Council of Social Services, Migrant Information, the Department of Social Welfare and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

### LECTURE IS OFF

The Monash Graduates' Association lecture by Dr. Stephen Fitzgerald, ANU, listed for Robert Blackwood Hall tonight, has been cancelled.

### MONASH STAFF ASSOCIATION AGM

Fifty-two members attended the 1972 annual general meeting of the Staff Association of Monash University on Wednesday.

The honorary secretary, Dr. J. L. A. Francey, reports:

"The meeting agreed unanimously to an increase in subscriptions and in capitation fees to the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations. This may be read as support for the Federation's efforts towards improving salaries and conditions of service for academic staff. (Subscription increases range from \$1.90 p.a. at the lowest level to \$6 p.a. at the highest.)

"The meeting was most critical of those members of staff who by continuing to remain non-members of the Association were not contributing financially or in any other way to the attaining of increased salaries and other benefits which they will no doubt accept when the come along".

Authorised by K. W. Bennetts, Information Officer.