NEW UNIVERSITIES: AVCC CONCERN

Planning for the establishment and development of a new university requires a long lead time to allow careful analysis of any proposal including the assessment of demographic, social and economic demand, and to allow adequate community consideration of any alternatives. At government level, individual proposals have to be accorded priorities to achieve an appropriate balance between sectors and response to national needs. Given the sharing of Commonwealth funding with State legislative responsibilities, prior agreement between governments is clearly desirable before policy announcements are made. Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, Professor D.R. Stranks, has said in a statement: 'These prerequisites to rational planning are not being met in the present circumstances.'

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee has considered the implications for the Australian higher education system, and the university sector in particular, of the wave of current proposals for the development of new universities, both public and private. It is particularly concerned about developments in Western Australia where there was first the announcement that the Western Australian Institute of Technology would become the Curtin University of Technology, and shortly afterwards a proposal to amalgamate the WAIT, the Western Australia College of Advanced Education and Murdoch University into a State University of Western Australia.

In addition to these proposals impinging on publicly funded institutions, there has now been announced in Western Australia a proposal for a second institution, in addition to the Yanchep proposal, funded by fees from overseas students.

The AVCC is deeply troubled by the destabilising effect which the various Western Australian announcements are having on Murdoch University, and the confusion and uncertainty being created in the minds of Year 11 and 12 students in Western Australia who are planning to commence tertiary studies in 1987 and 1988.

But it is not only the Western Australian situation which is causing anxiety within the university sector. The various statements about the proposed Western Sydney State University, and now the latest announcement about a private university in Queensland to be known as the Bond University of Applied Technology, apparently with the approval of the Queensland Government, are also sources of confusion.

These recent unilateral decisions and announcements by State Governments serve only to destabilise our universities and they could debase the excellent standards of the existing Australian universities. The staff of existing institutions, such as Murdoch University, should not be preoccupied with unproductive exercises in defending and protecting the integrity of their institutions and dealing with warranted intrusions into their activities. The staff should be able to get on with the teaching and research for which they were appointed so that the institutions can continue to achieve the high standards of excellence for which they have become renown.

Ultimately the quality of university awards is of paramount importance. The staff of existing universities are recruited on an international basis and are well placed to ensure that awards meet national and international standards. In many areas, such as engineering, institutions are also subject to rigorous scrutiny by professional associations of their course arrangements, the quality and levels of their staffing, and their equipment standards. Private institutions such as the recently proposed Bond University of Applied Technology must be subject to the same rigorous and public criteria. In addition, the independence of any university should be guaranteed by its own Act of Parliament.
AVCC VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 1987

Two AVCC Visiting Fellowships will be awarded for Australian scholars actively engaged in academic work to visit universities in certain specified overseas countries in 1987. Such visits should be for a minimum of 60 days and should enable the visiting scholar to meet with others in their own fields, rather than to give public lectures.

The Fellowship provides an allowance, up to a maximum of $5,000, to assist with travel to and living expenses in the visited country.

Full details of the conditions of the Fellowships are available from Wendy Raikes, ext 3798.

Applications must be submitted to Professor 1. Chubb by September 26 this year.

SUPERANNUATION – RETIREMENT SEMINARS

The State Superannuation Board regularly conducts Retirement Seminars in Sydney, and depending on demand, in the Illawarra area. The Board usually contacts contributors who are within a year or so of retirement age to advise the availability of these seminars. However, those who are considering early voluntary retirement are also eligible to attend. In this case, interested staff must initiate contact with the State Superannuation Board (abbreviated dial code 628) to arrange attendance.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR AWARD?

Most of the general staff are employed under the New South Wales Universities (General Staff Conditions of Employment) (State) Award. Do you know what this award covers? The ‘Green Book’, as it has become known, contains the provisions of the award, and has recently been reprinted. If you do not have a copy of the Green Book, you may obtain one by contacting Personnel Services Branch, either ext 3798 or 3944.

CHANGES TO SALARY DEPOSITS

In the event of staff members changing the location, account number or institution into which their salary is automatically deposited, the following should be observed.

An existing account should not be cancelled and a new account opened without giving the Salaries Section adequate notice. Advice of impending changes should be forwarded to reach Salaries not later than 5 pm on the Tuesday in the week prior to a pay week, i.e. ten days prior to pay day.

Notification of such changes are to be in writing and provide full details of the bank/institution (in the case of banks the B.S.B. number), its full address, the account number, name of account and any other information which may be necessary to ensure correct identification.

Should there be any uncertainty regarding the above, the Salaries Section may be contacted for advice on ext 3914, between 2 pm and 4 pm Monday to Friday.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Meal and travelling allowances have recently changed and are as follows from July 7.

Meal Allowances
- Breakfast $5.95
- Luncheon $7.05
- Evening Meal $10.65

Travelling Allowances
- For the time spent in capital cities (including Canberra) $88.95 per day
- Elsewhere $76.20 per day

Full detail of how these allowances apply are noted in Determination No. 8 and Determination No. 9 of 1986 (respectively).

Further details: Peter Maywald, ext 3798.

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Technical Officer, Computing Science, closing date August 19
- Professional Officer, Mechanical Engineering, closing date August 22
- Technical Officer/Senior Technical Officer, Geography, closing date August 22
- Incremental Clerk, Counselling Centre, closing date August 22
- Lecturer, English, closing date September 12
- Senior Research Fellow (2 positions), Centre for Transport Policy Analysis, closing date September 12
- Research Fellow, Civil and Mining Engineering, closing date September 12
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Computing Science, closing date September 26
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Statistics, Mathematics, closing date September 26
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Geography, closing date September 26
- Lecturer, Economics, closing date September 26
- Lecturer in Applied Mathematics, Mathematics, closing date September 26
- Lecturer, Management, closing date September 26
- Lecturer, Electrical and Computer Engineering, closing date September 26
- Lecturer, Accountancy and Legal Studies, closing date September 26
- Lecturer, Mechanical Engineering, closing date September 26
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Psychology, closing date September 26
- Professor, History and Politics, closing date September 30
- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, History and Politics, closing date, September 30

Further details: For those vacancies marked *, Gary Graham, ext 3935. For those vacancies marked †, Ross Walker, ext 3934.

STAFF CHANGES

New Starters
- Ms K.M. Wilson, Word Processor Operator, Faculty of Social Science
- Mr P.W. King, Patrol Driver, Buildings and Grounds
- Mr R.J. Stace, Word Processing Development Officer, Computer Centre
- Mrs S.L. Collins, Secretary, Accountancy and Legal Studies
Ms. D. Wilson, Office Assistant, Personnel Services/Buildings and Grounds
Mr. S.V. Elliott, Laboratory Assistant, Psychology
Mr. M. Jones, Garden Labourer, Buildings and Grounds
Mr. C.A. Murray, Maintenance Assistant, Buildings and Grounds
Ms. C. Vreman, Secretary, Student Services
Mr. J.W. Grigg, Technical Officer, Technology Centre
Mr. P. Riley, Research Associate, Teaching Company Scheme
Mr. R.N. Wilson, Technical Officer, Computer Centre
Mr. J.A. Russo, Company Secretary, Illawarra Technology Centre
Ms. B.H. Flick, Technical Officer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Laboratory
Ms. A.E. Morris, Office Assistant, Aboriginal Education Unit
Ms. H.K. Lacurto, Executive Assistant, Michael Birt Library
Miss T.A. Fisher, Visiting Teaching Fellow, Physics

Transfers/Promotions
Mr. S.I. Krav, Professional Officer, Computing Science
Assoc. Prof. J.E. Falk, Associate Professor, History and Philosophy of Science
Mr. J.N. Shipp, University Librarian, Michael Birt Library
Mr. B.C. Webb, Senior Technical Officer, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mrs. P.F. Epe, Librarian, Michael Birt Library
Ms. M.E. McInerney, Programmer-in-Training, Administrative Data Processing Unit

Departures
Miss M.G. Trivett, Typist/Office Assistant, Computer Centre
Miss C. Hachard, Laboratory Assistant, Physics
Mr. R.J. Wilder, Garden Labourer, Buildings and Grounds
Dr. N. Adams, Lecturer, Industrial and Administrative Studies (retired)
Miss L. Vellar, Research Assistant, Accountancy and Legal Studies
Mr. L.W. Noffke, Senior Assistant Secretary, Personnel Services Branch (retired)
Mr. D. Whitelaw, Gardener Tradesperson, Buildings and Grounds Branch

GOWN WINS AGAIN

The Second Annual Friends of the University Town vs Gown Rugby Match was played last Sunday week and resulted in a good 34–3 win for the gown side. The game was much more even than the score suggests and both sides played attractive, open football.

Guest players, Peter Lucas and Bob Egerton, played well for the gown team while Barry Stumbles for the town showed that he has not lost any of the skills that earned him an Australian guernsey.

Lord Mayor Frank Arkell and Vice-Chancellor Ken McKinnon spoke at the after-match function and both expressed the wish that the game would continue to be held in the future years as one more way of cementing the relationship between the University and the City.

SPORTING RESULTS

Men's Soccer
1st v South Coast Croatia — won 5-3
Reserves v South Coast Croatia — lost 3-1
U/19s v South Coast Croatia — lost 3-0

Rugby Union
1sts v Goulburn — lost 12-10
Reserves v Goulburn — lost 19-3
Thirds v Gouburn — lost 10-8

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS

Indoor Soccer
Biology 5½ v Civil and Mining 2
Landscaping 5 v Maths 3

SPORTING BARGAINS

Shoes
Adidas Indoor Sport $38.50
Adidas Centaur $59.90
Adidas Rome $42.00
Adidas Tennis Champion $35.00

Rackets
Squash (Grays) $19.95
Racketball $13.00
Badminton $6.50 to $11.00
Table Tennis $3.00 to $6.00

Job Vacancies

Details of the positions listed below are on file in the Campus News Office — room G24A, on the ground floor in the administration building.

ANU
Tutor/Senior Tutor in Australian History
Faculty of Arts
Postdoctoral Fellow Grade 1
Research School of Biological Sciences
Department of Neurobiology
Director
Centre for Research on Federal Financial Relations
Lecturer in Botany (Ecology)
Faculty of Science, Department of Botany

James Cook
Tutor, Early Childhood Education
School of Education
PEACE STUDIES AT WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY

As announced in Campus News for August 5, the University will be hosting a one-day seminar on Peace Studies today, August 19. The seminar has been organised by a Working Party that is investigating the possibilities of establishing Peace Studies at Wollongong University.

According to sociologist Dr Tom Jagtenberg, the establishment of the working party was a response to the expressed desires of staff and students at the University. He referred to a survey recently conducted within the University in which 54 per cent of the 614 respondents felt there was a need for a Peace Studies course at the University. He also said that the one-day seminar will be particularly useful to the working party as a means of developing ideas about the implementation of Peace Studies as an area of teaching and research in the University.

The seminar will be addressed by speakers with knowledge and experience of similar initiatives in Australia and overseas. Guest speakers include Barbara Wien of the World Policy Institute, New York; Professor David Aspin, Kings College, London; and Vanessa Letham from the Peace Education Project in Perth. The morning sessions will be open to the general public and staff and students of the University.

The afternoon will be devoted to discussing the working party's proposal for introducing Peace Studies in this University. This session will be of special interest to staff and students.

Seminar Program (in Pentagon Building)

10.00 Introductory remarks — Jim Falk
10.15 Peace Studies internationally — Barbara Wein, Guest Address and Discussion
11.00 Morning Tea
11.15 The Nature of Peace Studies — David Aspin, Guest Address and Discussion
Noon Peace Studies in the Secondary Schools — Vanessa Letham, Guest Address and Discussion
12.45 Initial presentation of Working Groups proposals
1.00 Lunch
2.00 Panel and Participants Discussion: Peace Studies at Wollongong University
3.30 Close

Inquiries to Dr Brian Martin or Dr Tom Jagtenberg, phone 270691.

TASC RESEARCHER WINS COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY RESEARCH GRANT

Stewart Carter, Professional Officer in the University's Centre for Technology and Social Change, has been awarded a $12,535 grant by the National Labour Consultative Council (NLCC) to carry out research on industrial democracy and employee participation.

The grant was one of 11 announced last month by the minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Ralph Willis, who is also chairman of the tripartite NLCC sub-committee on employee participation which selected the project for funding.

Casual employment is to be the focus of the research, and particularly the problems this type of employment, which is increasingly widespread in Australia, may pose for traditional industrial democracy and employee participation schemes.

Mr Carter said that the problems of casual employment in an industrial democracy context had been highlighted in previous research on industrial relations in the retail industry that he had carried out last year for both the Victorian and Commonwealth governments.

As many as 70 per cent of the members of the major retail industry union are casually employed, he said, a phenomenon whose significance is only really appreciated when it is realised that, in terms of numbers of members, the union — the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association (SDAEA) — is the largest in Australia.

The new study has the backing of the SDAEA, and is expected to be completed by July next year, when it should be published as background to the Commonwealth government's soon to be released 'green' or 'policy discussion' paper on industrial democracy.

Inquiries: Stewart Carter ext 3956.

IDP REGISTERS OF INSTITUTION AND STAFF

The International Development Program of Australian Universities and Colleges is establishing registers of information in a number of areas. The registers are to help IDP in responding to the many requests for assistance received from overseas institutions and national and multilateral agencies. One of these registers is to be related to individuals in Universities and Colleges with special interest, experience and expertise in fields relevant to overseas projects.

A questionnaire for this purpose has been prepared by IDP — copies are available from Tom Moore, ext 3386 or myself, ext 3943. To meet IDP's deadlines, forms should be returned to me by 22 August 1986, please.

P.G. Wood
Assistant Secretary, Academic Services

LOGIC RESEARCH GROUP EXPANDS

An additional member has been attracted to the group in the Mathematics Department working on Combinatory Logic and Lambda Calculus. He is Dr Adrian Rezus from the Computer Science Department of the Catholic University of Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Dr Rezus is a Romanian whose 1981 PhD from Utrecht (Netherlands) was entitled 'Lambda-Conversion and Logic'. Among his publications since then are 'A bibliography of lambda-calculi combinatory logics and related topics' and 'Semantics of Constructive Type Theory'.

Dr Rezus' visit is funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Pure Scientific Research.

Other members of the group are Dr Roger Hindley (Swansea Wales), Professor Jonathan Seldin (Montreal Canada) and Dr Martin Bunder.

TO ALL THOSE ON VISE PUBLICATIONS MAILING LIST

As a result of the proclamation of the VCAB Act the Victorian Institute of Secondary Education ceased operation on June 30.

As of July 1 many of the former VISE functions have been transferred to the new organisation, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Board (VCAB).

VCAB is located at 582 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004; the telephone number is (03) 5209555.
The new Board held its first Board meeting on Wednesday July 23. It is expected that the new policies relating to the Victorian Certificate of Education will emerge over the next few months. These policies will take effect in 1989 (Year 11) and 1990 (Year 12) when the new two-year certificate is introduced.

In the years 1987-1989 the one year VCE will be awarded to those candidates who would previously have qualified for HSC, TOP or T12 certificates.

The future of the former VISE publications is under review.

So far the following decisions have been made:
- VISE Circular has been replaced by VCAB Bulletin
- the annual VISE Handbook for Year 12 Curriculum and Assessment has been replaced by the VCE Handbook.

If you were on the mailing list for either or both of these publications, you will receive their replacements, at least until such time as a thorough review of the mailing list is undertaken.

- VISE News and Viewprints have both ceased.
- BCAB is currently considering proposals for new publications. The former VISE mailing list will be used to assist in making decisions about distribution.

STUDENT HOUSING IN TASMANIA

Accommodation is available in the off-campus houses of the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology during the summer recess.

The seven off-campus houses are situated in the northern suburbs of Launceston, the second-largest city in Tasmania with a population of approximately 80,000. Launceston is well situated for use as a base to enjoy a holiday in northern Tasmania. Beaches, mountains and other scenic spots are within easy travelling distance. The city of Devonport is the port for the ferry ship 'Abel Tasman', which is little more than one hour's driving from Launceston.

The off-campus houses are all fully self-contained, and all include off-street car parking, fully equipped kitchen, lounge/dining area, four separate furnished bedrooms (bring your own linen), separate bathroom and W.C. (bring your own towels), automatic washing machines.

Rent per week per house: $120 including power consumption. Deposit $100.

Enquiries: Mr R.R. Gregory, Institute Housing Officer, Tasmanian State Institute of Technology, PO Box 1214, Launceston, TAS, 7250.

YOUTH WEEK 1986

Giles Pickford, Executive Officer of the Friends of the University of Wollongong, will officially open Youth Week 1986 in the Wollongong Mall at 10 am on Saturday August 23.

The week begins on the same day at 10.10 am with a simultaneous chess exhibition involving the Junior Chess Champion, Shane Hill, who will play 25 people at a time in the Wollongong Mall. There are prizes for anyone who can checkmate him.

At 11.30 am 'Krossection', the 62 piece Symphonic Youth Band of the School of Creative Arts, will perform under the baton of maestro Ron Muir.

The week is packed with events to August 31 and copies of the program are available from the Friends of the University office or from the Town Hall.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

'SThe Evolution of the Eukaryote Cell' by Professor Michael Sleigh, Department of Biology, University of Southampton, United Kingdom.

Place: Ground Floor Lecture Theatre (35.G19)
Time: 4 pm
Date: Tuesday August 19

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Seminar at 10.30 am in Room 18.206.

Date: Friday September 5
Speaker: Professor Ian Dance, University of NSW
Topic: 'Binding Polymetallic Molecules with Thiolate and Sulfide Connectors'.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Interdisciplinary Seminars.

Speaker: Rebecca Albury (Sociology Department)
Title: 'Fertility Control and the Regulation of Sexuality'
Date: September 10
Place: 19.1016
Time: 6.30 pm

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Seminars to be held 4—5 pm, Ground Floor Lecture Theatre, Building 35, Science II.

Date: Tuesday September 2
Speaker: Professor Bill Lovegrove, Department of Psychology
Topic: Correlates of single cell properties in human vision: dyslexia as a case study.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

To be held in the Physics Lecture Theatre Bldg. 18 Rm.118.

Date: Thursday September 4
Speaker: Dr William Zealey, Department of Physics, University of Wollongong.
Topic: Astronomical Images.

POSTGRADUATE SEMINAR IN HISTORY

September 4 – Shirley Wakeman — Methodology of the Relationship between the Australian Labor Party, the Australian Workers’ Union and the Trades and Labor Council in New South Wales, 1917-1932

September 11 – Dr Gonzalo Zaragoza, Embassy of Spain – Christopher Columbus Revisited Debates and Present Research
Sources of Funds

The following sources of research funds are now available to members of academic staff. Further information including application forms, where these are to hand, may be had from Ian Strahan on ext 3079 or Tom Moore on ext 3386. Intending applicants are reminded that all research applications must be forwarded through the Research Office.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research) Professor Ian Chubb, is happy to discuss aspects of application strategy, including design and presentation, with researchers. To render this process as efficient and productive as possible, intending applicants should first consult widely, for example, with their relevant Head(s) about the content of their application. They are then invited to send a full draft to Professor Chubb for comment before final typing. Please allow sufficient time for consultation and reference to the Research Office while meeting the closing date given by the funding body.

REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH HIGH TECHNOLOGY PURCHASING ARRANGEMENTS

The Commonwealth Government has established a Committee to review its policies, arrangements and practices for purchasing goods and services which are technology-intensive. It is expected the review will lead to recommendations to enhance the role of Government purchasing as a means of encouraging and assisting industry development.

The Committee will examine:

- barriers inhibiting Australian industry from competing with overseas suppliers for government purchases of technology-intensive products and services;
- means of utilising government forward purchasing requirements to identify industrial development opportunities;
- the effectiveness of current Commonwealth Government purchasing policies in encouraging development of the local high technology sector;
- the implementation and co-ordination of Commonwealth and State Government purchasing.

Closing date September 8.

THE BYRON KENNEDY AWARD

The aim of the Award is to encourage and reward outstanding talent in any facet of our film and television industry.

The person being sought is someone whose work is innovative, progressive and daring, with a standard high enough to compete on a global scale.

Their commitment to the pursuit of excellence should be indicated in either a progressive body of work, or an outstanding unit of work. The Award is not restricted to an individual and could take into account a collaboration.

The recipient of the Award will be selected by a jury of industry professionals selected by the AFI and the Trustees of the Byron Kennedy Award. In choosing a winner, the jury’s priority will be for excellence in work regardless of age, although the preference will be towards a young person.

The Award is presented annually at the Australian Film Institute Awards, and carries a cash prize of $10,000. Closing date September 3.

THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION LUCAS HEIGHTS NSW RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (3 Year Term)

The AAEC supports an active program of research into the application of environmental radioisotopes to the study of water resources. Most of the projects are undertaken in collaboration with other organisations and include studies of the Amadeus, Murray, and the Great Artesian Basins. An important part of this work has involved measurements of chlorine-36 and carbon-14 using counting techniques. The development of an accelerator mass spectrometry system for chlorine-36 determination, using the 14 MV tandem accelerator at the Australian National University has commenced as a joint project with the AAEC, ANU and CSIRO.

Closing date August 22.

DESIGN OF NEW AWARDS FOR THE DEFENCE FORCE

A two stage design competition is to be held to select designs for new awards for the Australian Defence Force.

Stage One: An invitation is issued to all Australian residents and Australian citizens abroad to submit design sketches for eleven new awards for Defence Force personnel. The judging panel will consider all sketches submitted and will select three entries for which prizes of $1000 each will be awarded.

Stage Two: From those who are invited by the judges to submit detailed design proposals, up to three entrants will be selected by the judging panel to submit detailed design proposals for 11 awards. Each of those selected will be paid a further fee of $5500. The judges will submit their recommendations for the winning designs to the Minister for Defence for approval.

It is intended that the winning entrant/s would then be commissioned to produce master colour drawings and plaster models of the medal designs.

Closing date September 30.

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CONSULTANT — LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Proposals are invited from Consultants to undertake assessment of the training needs for community services staff in Local Government Councils.

The purpose of the project is to ensure that ultimately Local Government's response to the provision of the community services and such issues themselves is relevant and most effective. The project, therefore, aims to increase the skills and abilities of community services staff who have to develop council's response in this new and challenging area for Local Government.

The project will provide the Local Government Community Services Association with data and models of training which can be used in providing more relevant training opportunities for Community Services staff in NSW.

The budget for the study is $38,000.

Closing date August 22.

THE DAME JOAN HAMMOND AWARD

This prestigious annual award will recognise a major contribution to the development of Opera in Australia.

The inaugural award will be presented in Melbourne in November.

Nominations from appropriate organisations will be considered for persons from all fields of endeavour in opera.

Closing date September 19.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND

Applications are sought for grants to bodies approved under Section 78(1)(a) of the Income Tax Acts to receive tax deductible donations, in the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Cot Death) Area.

Closing date September 30.

CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH GRANTS

The Criminology Research Council invites applications for research grants from individuals or organisations wishing to undertake research in connection with the nature, causes, correction or prevention of criminal behaviour or any related matter.

The Council is interested in supporting research projects which are likely to make a contribution to the prevention and control of crime in Australia. Projects of an evaluative nature designed to throw light on measures which are effective are particularly invited. However, funding is not necessarily confined to such projects, and any proposal of sufficiently high quality will be considered.

The Council, whose annual budget is at present $190,000, meets four times each year and applications may be submitted at any time.

THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ART AWARD

The Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory invite Aboriginal and Torres Islander artists to submit art works to the National Aboriginal Art Award. $5,000 first prize; plus $1,000 Peter Stuyvesant Cultural Foundation Award. $1,000 Museums and Art Galleries Award for highly commended works.

Closing date September 5.

SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the summer vacation at Flinders University — one of Australia's leading research universities — will again provide a unique opportunity for about 20 university students.

Summer Research Scholarships lasting for 8 to 10 weeks from early December will be offered by Flinders University in each of the Schools of Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Medicine, Earth Sciences and Education.

The Summer Scholarship holders will undertake a substantial research project which may lead to a report suitable for publication.

The purpose of the Summer Scholarships is to enable students to experience the challenge of research in their chosen field and to test their aptitude for possible later postgraduate research at Flinders University.

Summer Scholars will undertake their research within the University under the supervision of members of the academic staff.

Closing date September 5.

AN INVITATION TO PLAYWRIGHTS

The Australian National Playwrights' Centre invites submissions for the 1987 National Playwrights' Conference (Canberra, May 87).

The ANPC is committed to the development and encouragement of Australian writers. Submissions from new and established writers are welcomed.

The Centre is interested in a wide range of writing for performances.

THE NEW EEO COMMITTEE FORMED

I am pleased to announce the members of the new EEO Committee which will advise the University on equal employment opportunity issues on campus.

The members are: Professor K. McKinnon, Vice-Chancellor ex officio; Kathy Rozmeta, EEO Co-ordinator ex officio; Helen Kamos, Personnel Services ex officio; Henri Jeanjean, European Languages (Staff Association); Rozalia Varga, Geology (Staff from non-English-speaking background); Stephanie Short, Sociology (Faculty women); Rebecca Albury, Sociology (Faculty women); Mary Martin, Health Sciences (Lecturers' Association); Sue Salians, Student Services (General Staff women); Steve Lintern, Landscape (PSA); Bob Hoole, Patrol (FMWU); Margrett Gilson, Co-ordinator (Aboriginal Education Unit); Jenny Hammond, Education (Advanced Education women); John Nothdurft, Accountancy and Legal Studies (Persons with disabilities).

The committee will have its first meeting on Monday September 15 and anyone interested in attending is welcome. Similarly anyone wishing to place recommendations or comments for consideration before the committee is encouraged to do so.

It is likely that small working parties will be formed to work on special implementation projects, and staff with interest or special expertise in any area of equal opportunity are encouraged to make themselves available.

Although the committee's composition reflects groups with particular interests, it is intended that the members will advise across the whole range of strategies proposed in the Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan so that all staff benefit from the removal of any unfair barriers to equal opportunity in employment.

I feel that an exciting phase of implementation lies ahead.

Kathy Rozmeta
Ext 3917
RESEARCH FUNDING

The AVCC discussed the Issues Paper, Higher Education Research Funding and Resource Funding, issued by the Australian Science and Technology Council (ASTEC). The Issues Paper forms part of ASTEC’s Review of Public Investment in Research and Development in Australia.

AVCC representatives met with the ASTEC Working Party on July 21 to discuss the AVCC’s response to the questions raised in the Issues Paper.

FORUM ON BUSINESS AND UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATION IN AUSTRALIA

The Business Council of Australia and the AVCC have recently been holding discussions concerning ways of improving business and university co-operation in Australia to encourage enhanced industrial development and technology.

One of the outcomes was a decision to hold a Forum to enable business and university leaders, politicians, and senior administrators in science and technology to exchange information and ideas.

The Forum will be held on the evening of Thursday October 2 and the day of Friday October 3 at the Hilton International Hotel, Sydney.

Objects of the Forum are principally to address issues of common concern in the fields of research planning and new technology, to achieve greater involvement between business and universities and a better investment environment in science and technology in Australia.

The Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, has agreed to open the Forum and speak at the dinner on Thursday October 2. Forum addresses will be given by senior members of the Business Council and the universities.

FRINGE BENEFITS TAX

The AVCC has established a small working party to examine a common approach among universities to the Fringe Benefits Tax. This matter will be further discussed at the forthcoming Administrative Staff Conference to be held on September 1 and 2.