German expo to forge glass art links

A major exhibition of contemporary Australian work in hot and cold glass to be held in West Germany in December is being organised by a senior lecturer with the School of Art and Design, Mr Klaus Zimmer.

'Young Australian Glass' will be staged at the Hessisches Landesmuseum in Darmstadt, which houses extensive collections of stained glass ranging from 9th Century to contemporary works.

Mr Zimmer says the exhibition will be 'a singular event of great international importance', presenting the cream of works by glass artists throughout Australia.

Links with the museum were first established in 1979, with Mr Zimmer as the only Australian representative at its first international stained glass exhibition.

Ties were further strengthened in 1981 when internationally renowned glass designer, Ludwig Schafbrath, held his first Australian workshop at Chisholm, and with the first contemporary German-Australian co-exhibition of architectural and autonomous glass at the Sydney Opera House Gallery, Canberra School of Art Gallery, and the Melbourne Meatmarket Craft Centre.

In return for Australia hosting the German exhibition, Dr Wolfgang Bebi, Director of the Hessisches Landesmuseum, invited Mr Zimmer and his wife Jenny to organise the December exhibition in Darmstadt.

Mr Zimmer is convinced that 'this exhibition will be a significant contribution to the cultural exchange with Germany and will help to promote the international status of Australian glass'. He has contacted more than 300 colleagues throughout Australia inviting them to submit works for selection.

Between 25 and 30 flat glass panels and the same number of hot glass pieces will be put on show at the museum in a 'visually, a most beautifully presented exhibition'.

Chisholm students past and present who have made their mark in the world of glass design will be invited to take part.

Funding for Young Australian Glass has come from a variety of sponsors.

Mr Zimmer has contributed $2000 from his own pocket, with a further $2000 from the Institute and at least $1000 from the School of Art and Design.

The Crafts Board of the Australian Council has pledged matching contributions of up to $6000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Other financial support for the exhibition has been pledged by:

- R&D Electronics - directo R and Delia Fisher, who sponsored a large commission for Chisholm glass design at a Catholic Church in Mulgrave, have promised $2000.
- Yencken Sandy Glass Industries $1250.
- Dr Peter Seifert, a solicitor friend of Mr Zimmer's in West Germany - $1500.

Mr Zimmer said a further offer of help had come from Australian Glass Company singer, Elisabeth Allen.

Ms Allen, a lover of contemporary glass, said she had chosen Chisholm students to give two concerts with other singers from the Company, at the RMIT Glasshouse Theatre on 17 April, and at Chisholm on 1 May.

Proceeds from the concerts will go towards the cost of staging the exhibition.

Mr Zimmer is confident that the exhibition will be 'a powerful statement of the level of art which we are producing'. An Australian tour is planned for the exhibition after Darmstadt.

Demand for teaching hits all time high

The demand for entrance to Chisholm's School of Education courses was at an all time high this year.

Over 1500 applicants (including 60 under the Direct Entry Scheme) vied for just 70 positions for the Diploma of Teaching (Primary), and more than 900 (again including direct entry candidates) for only 15 places available in the Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood).

According to the Selection Officer for the courses, Mrs Elizabeth Mellor, the job of choosing candidates from such a vast pool was particularly tough and often heartbreaking.

'There was much more demand this year for teacher education courses and as a result cut-off points went up right across the board.' Consequently, she says, 'there are a significant number of applicants who received no offers in teacher education this year.'

For those whose only desire was to be a teacher, and who put down teacher education options only on their VUAC forms, the position was particularly sad.

It would have been quite possible for students who got an HSC/TOP score in the region of 240 to get no tertiary offers because they had chosen only specialist teaching options such as Early Childhood or Physical Education,' Mrs Mellor says.

'Had they added some other courses to their preferences they may have got something.'

The number of potential students whose applications were knocked back made the business of selection even more difficult than usual.

Mrs Mellor says during the selection period it was not unusual to have 'this or six weeping applicants and parents' outside the door.

'The fact is they were applicants who could not be accommodated in the system.'

But Mrs Mellor says despite current problems, 'the long term outlook for those who want to be teachers has to be increasingly bright.'

A report by the Victorian Post Secondary Education Commission (VPSEC) last year advocated an increase in enrolments for the Early Childhood diploma for the next triennium.

VPSEC has proposed a total increase in enrolments for the School of around 30 students for next year, but the number of those new places which will go to the Early Childhood diploma is not yet known. Mrs Mellor says.

She says the course was originally accredited to take about 60 students, and although numbers were severely cut, demand for places has remained high.

It has remained a 'traditionally very popular career for women, but in the last few years fewer than 200 places have been offered each year in the whole of Victoria.'

The course offered at Frankston is particularly attractive to prospective students because its graduates are eligible for registration both as primary and kindergarten teachers.

Mrs Mellor says graduates therefore get a double chance, although the major emphasis of the course is on children aged eight to eight.

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Mr Erendonmez has also been responsible for:

- Organisation of the first conference in Australia in the Camp–bell Committee's findings on the financial system, and a second in 1982.
- The appointment of the head of the ANZ bank, Mr Gordon Bruns, as visiting fellow at Chisholm.
- The development of training and executive development programs for the banking and finance sector which have been used by companies like ACC, CBA, General Credits Limited, and Westpac.
- Organisation of many short courses in finance, including eight scheduled this year. Since 1977, Mr Erendonmez has worked to establish close relationships with major banking and financial institutions.

He says this is reflected in the caliber of representatives on an external course committee which operates to provide regular liaison between the Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance) course and the banking and finance industry.

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He was one of six students in the School to be awarded a degree with distinction.

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The Children’s Services Co–ordinator will provide services for students and staff at both campuses during 1984.

Co–ordinator, Ms Maureen McInerney, will be available at the Caulfield campus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (phone 573 2500) and at Frankston campus on Thursday (phone 781 1777).

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- Assistance with child care placements.
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- Assistance and counselling on child and family issues.
- Development of special services for the families of Chisholm students and staff.
- Early child care for students with evening classes.
- Babysitting.
- Parenting groups.
- Social work role in child care activities for children if there is a demand.
- Child care for students who wish to attend Union or Institute activities during the evening.

Ms McInerney is interested in hearing from students or staff who require or would like to establish other services relating to their children.

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The Banks' Administrative Staff College has appointed the David Syme Business School’s Mr Hasan Erdonmez as Prominent Visiting Specialist for 1984.

Mr Erdonmez, who was recently appointed Chairman of the School’s Department of Banking and Finance, described the appointment as a "first for Chisholm" because in the past, appointments to the College had been selected exclusively from either universities or industry.

The College is now held annually at venues throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The Commonwealth six week program will be conducted at the Victorian State Bank's Residential College.

According to Mr Erdonmez, the College is the "highest education forum for senior bankers in this country and in New Zealand, with only about 20 people selected for study each year."

He will deliver a series of lectures on Retail Banking and Competitive Environment.

He has a key role in the development of the David Syme Business School of the first tertiary courses in Banking and Finance in Australia. In the past, he has been associated with setting up the School's Bachelor of Accounting course, the Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Finance, and in 1977, the introduction of the degree in Banking and Finance.

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LDS tackles the language barriers

One of the biggest problems facing Chisholm's new Language Development Section is coping with the demand for its skills.

According to the co-ordinator, Ms Helen Tebble, who has already established an annexe as part of the current program of disposing of redundant land.

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Sessions run every Wednesday at lunchtime by the LDS aim to encourage social interaction between native English speakers and overseas students. Staff are welcome to attend.

Ms Tebble also hopes to either film or tape record a variety of lectures and tutorials 'to enable us to capture strong points in tutorial discussions so we can analyse the language being used in learning, and put it on paper'.

She says the LDS aims to cater for a 'wide spread of demands for assistance with English language', in terms of students' proficiency in spelling, pronunciation, note-taking in lectures, lab reports, oral reading, advanced reading and English grammar, study skills and handwriting.

Essentially, she says, 'we have to help them to communicate sufficiently well to ensure they perform well in their studies'.

APS prize-winner

Applied Psychology graduate, David Johnson has received the Australian Psychological Society's Prize for his outstanding success in Chisholm's 1983 Graduate Diploma program.

He completed the course with high distinctions in all six subjects.

The APS prize includes an award of $100 plus subsidised travel costs to attend the Society's annual conference to be held this year in Perth.

Mr Johnson will present a paper at the conference outlining the research project he pursued during his studies, which involved development of a method of testing the vocational maturity of blind people.

He was able to show that blind children are generally as mature in their vocational development as those who are sighted.

Mr Johnson was a recent recipient of a Commonwealth Post-Graduate Award. He is currently enrolled in the Department of Applied Psychology MA by research program.

Portsea for sale?

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The annexe is at the southern end of the Mornington Peninsula, and the facilities on the three acre, former rural school site include a small staff lodge, two student lodges, a modern kitchen and amenities blocks.

Frankston campus has used the annexe for a variety of activities during its 16 year involvement there.

The Department is designed to bring developing countries, such as China, up to date with advances in industrial technology.

Dr Wong describes the appointment as 'a rare chance'.

'It will be a new experience for me: China is a country of a lot of contradictions and contrasts. They design and manufacture their own super-computers to a standard that's world class, but they lack expertise in applied technology.'

Dr Wong says in the wake of the Cultural Revolution, China has been left behind in many areas of technological growth.

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Letter

The first edition of Chisholm Gazette was more impressive, but I have one quibble.

I was disappointed to read that Dr Jenny Head will head engineering within the Faculty of Technology. This is not because of any reservations about Dr Jenny, but because the slyly Answer "head up" is head 'head engineering, he will head engineering, he will head engineering. There is enough American cultural imperialism around us at the best of times.

I hope the Gazette will assure us that we don't need silly American words and phrases in order to enrich our vocabularies.

P.K. Rodan.

U.N. job for robot man

Robotics lecturer, Dr Ken Wong, has secured a prestigious United Nations appointment to China.

He will spend a month as visiting specialist in robotics at the Department of Computer Sciences at the Chengdu Institute of Communications Engineering in the Sichuan Province.

The appointment, by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), is particularly noteworthy considering Dr Wong's age.

He is 32. Normally, he says, UNIDO would expect a consultant to have at least 10 years experience in industry and past appointees have tended to be in the 45 - 50 age bracket.

In Dr Wong's case, they were prepared to make an exception.

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new library system a goer

Chisholm library’s Automated Library Information System (ALIS) is operational. Academic Services Librarian Miss Megan Lilly said features of the system were the Public Access Catalogue which replaced the card catalogue, and the circulation system.

"The Public Access Catalogue provides access to material in the library by author, title, subject headings and call (location) number. Material in the Reserve Collection can also be accessed by lecturers' name and subject code."

The system will enable users to know how many copies of an item the library has, whether or not these copies are on loan and, if on loan, the date each copy is due back.

When an item is borrowed, the circulation system "links" the bar code number on the user's ID card to the bar code number on the item, allowing renewal of items, and providing for the election of a staff officer, Staff Disciplinary Procedures. All members of the academic staff are eligible to nominate for and vote in such an election which is to be conducted in the manner used for the election of academic staff members to Council.

Nomination forms are available from the Clerical Officer, Alex Glennie, 13 pm office of the Staff Officer, Staff Branch. Nomination must be lodged at that office not later than 5 pm on Friday, 6 April, 1984.

T.F. Smith, Returning Officer.

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Loose-leaf Computer Centre Handbooks are now on sale in the CITBUS Bookshop. Included in the latest edition is a complete rewrite of PRIMOS commands to cater for PRIMOS Rev. 15. Can be purchased in the following formats:

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For more information, contact either of the leaders, Dick Trembath (ext. 282) or Bob Marshall (ext. 279) at Frankston.

FRENCH ISLAND FIELD TRIP

The Graduate Diploma in Outdoor Studies is running a field trip to examine the geology, botany and land use of French Island on Saturday 7 April.

Travel on the Island will be by bicycle (about 50 km on flat roads).

The day trip will depart Stoney Point via ferry at about 9 am, and return there about 6.30 pm.

Cost will be around $5, and BYO bike.

Staff, friends and family are welcome to join in the trip. A briefing session will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday 4 April, B1.34 (Frankston Campus).

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