Decision soon on student facilities

A firm proposal for a new student union building is imminent. At the meeting of the Buildings and Property Committee on Wednesday, 28 March, an advisory committee was established to investigate the options for a new facility, and recommend a course of action to the May meeting of the Committee.

The preferred option will be brought to the June meeting of the Institute Council. The advisory committee, consisting of Mr Paul Ramler (chairman), Associate Director, Dr Graham Trevaskis, Student Union president, Mr Tony Quirke, Student Union Board representative, Mr James Raymond, and Financial Controller, Mr Alan Haustead, held its first meeting on Tuesday, 3 April.

Dr Trevaskis says the committee discussed several options raised at the Buildings and Property meeting:

- To relocate Student Union activities into the vacant area of the Caulfield Plaza, with a view to eventually moving into the superstore once Coles leaves.
- To take up the proposal by the Student Union Board for a new facility in the quadrangle.
- To locate a new building on either side of the existing green but, or on a site west of Queens Avenue. (Within this option, Dr Trevaskis says there were two variations of the Union either occupying a new building or occupying a building already owned by the Institute, pending an eventual move to the Plaza).

A decision on the option will be accepted has yet to be reached, but Dr Trevaskis gave the assurance that 'Council is proceeding with its commitment as expressed to the Student Union Board in 1983'.

The establishment of a student facility at the Plaza has formed an integral part of the Institute's original plan, on the basis of vacant possession of the supermarket.

But the decision by Coles to continue leasing the area blocked that proposal.

Deputy Director, Dr Tom Kennelly, told the GAZETTE in March that establishment of new student facilities was 'a priority of the highest order which cannot wait for vacant possession of the supermarket'.

Investigations by the Buildings and Property Advisory Committee are continuing.

Institute acts on asbestos health risk

Asbestos on the ceiling, walls and pipes in the Mechanical Engineering Department's Thermodynamic Laboratory will be removed.

Chisholm's Occupational Health and Safety Committee made the recommendation following exhaustive investigations into possible health hazards due to asbestos, by the Safety Officer, Mr Alex Glennie, the Health Commission and Dr David Kilpatrick, Industrial Hygienist.

Cost of works in the laboratory could be in the order of $70,000 - $100,000.

Initial investigations into the presence of asbestos at both the Caulfield and Frankston campuses were requested by the Director, Mr Patrick Leary, following the appointment of the Safety Officer last year.

Mr Leary told a recent meeting of Deans and Heads of Departments, cost centres and service centres that 'when I initiated the investigations, I was very conscious that this had been an issue in many institutions - I wanted the Committee to know about that'.

He said he had called on the Committee for an "exhaustive survey" of asbestos in both campuses to ensure that "the quality of the work environment here is one of health and safety.'

'We are not trying to raise alarm bells, we are simply trying to act responsibly', he said.

Samples taken by Mr Glennie from buildings and equipment found a variety of types of asbestos present in a number of areas.

Analysis of the samples by Dr Kilpatrick found asbestos in the boiler rooms in B Block at Caulfield, the Frankston Halls of Residence and in B Building at Frankston, the fibro cement buildings at 4B Queens Avenue and the welding bays; and in a number of items of equipment.

No immediate health hazard was found in these areas but the situation could change if maintenance works were undertaken according to Mr Glennie.

However, one area of immediate concern was identified. This was the Thermodynamic Laboratory and workshop which was being knocked off the ceiling. That college is also taking steps to have the asbestos completely removed.

Mr Glennie also found that contractors who undertook spraying were unwilling to guarantee their product beyond five or 10 years.

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Storm chaos

Melbourne's mad March weather took its toll on Chisholm, with damage of around $2000 to the Caulfield Campus.

The storms on Monday 26 March smashed four doors and five windows in the Science building, and put the flue from the Chemistry Department's fume cupboard in F Block crashing to the ground.

Chisholm Safety Officer, Mr Alex Glennie, closed the quadrangle for about 20 minutes until the danger from falling debris had passed.

Projects and Maintenance Manager at the Caulfield Campus, Mr Robin Bradnick, predicted that repairs would cost up to $2000.

Damage to the Frankston campus was less severe; three trees were blown down.

Now look here!!!

Actually... she's singing. She's Susan Formby, a member of the three woman troupe which presented theatre songs at a recent St Kilda Club CIT-Concert concert.

Ms Formby, and fellow performers, Mary-Anne Robinson and Jane Hammond are all graduates of the Victorian College of the Arts.
Micro-suites for two schools

The growing importance of microcomputers in business and industry has been well illustrated this year, with the introduction of two new personal computer education areas at Chisholm.

The School of Computing and Information Systems has bought 17 IBM PC microcomputers, and David Syme Business School has introduced 12 NEC Advanced Personal Computers.

Both schools will include microcomputer elements in their regular courses, as well as running short courses in micro applications for both beginners and advanced students.

A mandatory unit in microcomputer hardware/software has been introduced at second year level to the Bachelor of Applied Science (Computing) offered by the School of Computing and Information Systems.

Unit lecturer, Mr John Daly, says the new equipment gives students of the course a start in a whole series of packages in common use today in the business world.

Rapid changes in the field of computers have left many past graduates behind in industry, Mr Daly explains.

'We started to recognise this bias a few years ago and decided to introduce a microcomputer unit to equip our students as well as possible to cope with the demands of industry places on them.'

Mr Daly is also course leader in the Graduate Diploma in Data Processing. He hopes to introduce a microcomputer unit similar to that offered in the degree course as an elective during Semester 2.

Student reaction to the new equipment has been very positive.

Mr Daly says many students have taken to using the microcomputer laboratory after lecture hours for experimental work.

'Students have been favourably impressed with the way the units are running, and students are making full use of the facilities even though conditions in the laboratory are cramped.'

Mr Daly says the size of the laboratory should accommodate about five personal computers, instead of the 11 now in use. This means doubling up on the equipment for the 20 or so people jammed into tutorial groups.

The purchase of the 12 NEC's by the David Syme Business School means it will also be able to put more emphasis on microcomputers in its undergraduate and graduate courses.

The new facility was launched on 19 March with a short course of four workshops.

The workshops, aimed at medium to small business people, are built around new software developed by Mr Dennis Taylor, senior lecturer in accounting.

It is designed to markedly extend the abilities of microcomputers using standard programs.

Superwalk

Chisholm's Frankston campus has been chosen as one of the locations for a major fund raising campaign for the Spastic Centres of Australia.

'Superwalk Australia', to be run in conjunction with the ANZ Bank, will involve thousands of participants in 200 locations throughout the nation.

The Superwalk will be held on Sunday 27 May.

More details about Frankston's involvement with the campaign will be published in future issues of the Gazette.

Grants

Fellowships

The French Government is offering a limited number of Fellowships for Australians working in scientific fields to visit France for up to six months next year.

Benefits include a monthly allowance, economy class return air travel, registration fee and internal travel.

Closing date for applications is 31 May this year.

German

The German Academic Exchange Service is offering a number of scholarships and travel grants to Australian graduates and fine arts students to undertake a course at a University, Technische Universität or Academy of Art or Music in West Germany.

The awards are available from April 1985 to March 1986 for all subjects, except art and music, which cover the period October 1985 to September 1986.

Closing date for applications is 29 June this year.

Indian

The Indian Government is offering one scholarship to an Australian for the year 1985-86 at the Centre Institute of Hindi, New Delhi for 1985/86.

Benefits include a return air fare, monthly allowance and accommodation.

Applications close Friday 11 May.

Energy

Applications are now open to individuals and organisations for grants to support energy research, development and demonstration projects.
'Mother of Computing' secures U.S. professorship

A lecturer with the School of Computing and Information Systems, has secured a visiting professorship at a United States university.

Mrs Pearl Levin, whose long association with the School has earned her the title in the School of 'Chisholm's Mother of Computing', will take up the appointment from 30 August.

She will spend four months at the McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, lecturing in Information Systems.

Mrs Levin is also hoping to collaborate on a book of case studies for the University with a fellow professor at the University.

She is 'absolutely thrilled' with the appointment, especially in the light of the University's noticeable lack of women lecturers.

"They have no tenured women professors there," she says.

Mrs Levin started with the then Caulfield Institute of Technology as a teacher with the EDP Department in 1965.

At that time, EDP had four staff members. It was 10 years before another woman was appointed.

Mrs Levin was a pioneer of the Certificate of EDP (Operating and Coding) which was later taken over by TAFE.

Currently she is leading a short course in Introduction to Computers, with 140 students enrolled.

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Students
All students will be billed at the rebate level, which is 85% of the recommended fee and what Medicare rebates for that service.

Where possible the service will bulk bill.

This means no cash changes hands providing the person receiving the service presents their Medicare card.

Staff and Other Workers
Staff and other workers will be billed at the recommended fee.

They will receive an account for which they will be able to claim a rebate of 85% with a maximum gap of $10.

For instance, a standard consultation will cost $12.40 for which there is a rebate of $10.55, leaving $1.85 to be paid.

The service can provide pathology and x-ray facilities under the same arrangement.

Health Service Timetable
A Nursing Sister is on duty from 9 am - 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

Doctor's appointments can be made for the following times:
- Monday: 9 am - 12 noon
- Tuesday: 9 am - 12 noon, 3 pm - 6 pm
- Wednesday: 2 pm - 5 pm
- Thursday: 9.15 am - 12.15 pm, 3 pm - 6 pm
- Friday: 9.15 am - 12.15 pm, 2 pm - 4 pm

Parking

Decisions on parking at the Caulfield campus for 1984 have yet to be made, according to the Assistant Staff Officer, Mr Eric Formby.

He has prepared a report which is now being studied and expects to have some firm advice for Caulfield staff in the near future.

In the meantime, present parking arrangements will continue.

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CIT-FLIX

Chisholm Film Group. Screenings are on alternate Thursdays in B2.14 at 12.30 and 6 pm. Admission is $2.50 for Staff Club members and $5.00 for others. Season tickets are available at $15.

26 April – ’The French Lieutenant’s Woman’ – Based on the best seller by John Fowles with Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons.

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