Model shows Caulfield campus of the future

The Caulfield campus of the future is shown in a model now on display at the Staff Club.

The view here is over the roofs of B and A blocks to the Student Union building and Technology Tower.

The remainder of the area west of Queens Avenue is car parks and open space, apart from the Staff Club and the Child care centre on Dandenong Road.

Council is scheduled to discuss calling tenders and meeting to discuss the project at its meeting next week.

The project formulated by the Student Advisory Committee, which brought forward the $13,000,000 project proposal last week.

They were due to meet this week to prepare their response.

SSAU decision deferred for a month

The Chairperson of Council's Staffing Committee, Ms Helen Davies, cancelled a special meeting scheduled for 30 May which was to consider the report of the SSAU Working Party and formulate recommendations to Council.

The Working Party's report along with representations from the two staff associations, VCSA and ASAC, now are listed as the first items of business at a Staffing Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 June.

If its expected proposals on Chisholm's membership of SSAU will go from that meeting to the July meeting of Council.

Preparatory to Staffing Committee's meeting, the Finance Committee considered the SSAU Working Party's report at its 27 May meeting, and noted that it saw no financial disadvantage to the institute in SSAU participation and recognised there could be advantages.

The Working Party Executive Officer, Staff Officer, Mr Tim Smith, says final consideration of the SSAU report was deferred at the request of the two staff associations and Institute management.

The staff associations made a joint approach saying they needed more time to consult membership on the issue and to gauge members' views.

The joint executives of the associations have since circulated a questionnaire on superannuation to all staff and planned forums on the issues.

Mr Smith says he is concerned that there appears to be some misapprehension amongst staff about what is being considered.

The question is whether the Institute should participate in the SSAU superannuation scheme from a date to be decided.

If the Institute joins the SSAU scheme - as recommended by the Working Party - then all eligible staff hired on or after that date automatically will contribute to the SSAU scheme.

New membership of the two present schemes, the Institute's own scheme and the State scheme, will be closed off but present contributors will not be affected.

Present contributors to the Institute or State schemes will have the option of joining SSAU but they will not have the option of transferring from the Institute to the State scheme or vice versa, Mr Smith says.

Mr Smith says he urges all staff to participate in the joint associations' forums on the SSAU scheme.

These meetings are critical. "When Council is considering whether to participate in the SSAU scheme, it will be considering very carefully the attitude of staff as conveyed to it by the staff associations," Mr Smith says.

The joint staff associations' forums on SSAU will be held at Caulfield from 12 - 1 pm and 1 - 2 pm on Tuesday 11 June in lecture theatre B2.18, and at Frankston from 12 - 1 pm and 1 - 2 pm on Wednesday 12 June in the George Jenkins Theatre.

All four forums will be addressed by Mr Ed Carter, Vice-President of the Council of Academic Staff Associations (CASA) and Mr Robin Rieuasset, an Industrial Organiser from VCSA's central office.

"Both of them have been involved in the SSAU for the central staff association bodies and both are very families with all the issues," says Ms Meggan Likey, a member of the Chisholm VCSA executive.

The forums will consider the recommendation of the joint executives that Chisholm should hold off joining the SSAU scheme until retirement provisions are improved.

The joint staff association executives have identified retirement provisions as the central issue of the changeover to the SSAU scheme and feel the SSAU provisions should come closer to matching the provisions of the State scheme.

"We've organised the two forums at each campus so that we cover the whole lunch break period so the maximum number of people have the opportunity to attend," Ms Likey says.

"It is in the interest of all staff to be there and to participate in making the decisions about SSAU."

The outcome of the meetings will be conveyed to Staffing Committee for consideration along with the SSAU Working Party's report.

The joint executives also have appealed to staff to complete and return the questionnaire on superannuation distributed two weeks ago.

Last week, only about 100 completed questionnaires had been received.
The long-awaited Blackburn Report on secondary education has appeared, and a number of recommendations referred to another committee for further consideration.

The Head of the Educational Development Unit, Dr Charles Noble, believes the Government is dithering with reform.

"Governments throughout Australia always seem to be keen to review some aspect of education. Presumably this is because the politicians like to be seen as ''doing something'' - or think they do."

As an ardent student of internal politics and trends come and go. A few years ago, there was an emphasis on unemployment programs. Now, youth unemployment programs are all the rage. One can hardly avoid the suggestion that it is desirable to increase the proportion of young people staying in school for longer.

"Why is this so? The answer is that many students leave a narrow range of employment opportunities on entering the workforce and are likely to be plagued with, job insecurity during their working lives.

"The dilemma for governments and institutions is how to implement principles of participation, choice and equity within severe budgetary constraints."

This is the context in which the Blackburn Report is being discussed by the Victorian Government.

"Like many other reports on education, the Blackburn Report has its strengths and weaknesses. Critics have highlighted controversial recommendations, especially the introduction of two-year courses - a concept which it is hoped will reduce by half the time students spend at school."

Dr Noble has highlighted the political context in which the Blackburn Report was written. "There has already been a heated debate on this proposal within and indeed external to the senior secondary system." He suggests that there was a lack of consultation, and a number of reports from other committees are due to be considered before the Blackburn Report is implemented.

"The dilemma for governments and institutions is how to implement principles of participation, choice and equity within severe budgetary constraints."

The Victorian Government has accepted 20 of the 45 recommendations in the Blackburn Report. It is hoped that the remaining recommendations will be considered in the future.

"Where does all this leave educational reform? At this stage, it seems likely that only a few of the recommendations will be implemented. Further consultation will be required before a final report is produced."

Dr Noble believes that the recommendations are likely to be controversial and will need to be carefully considered before implementation.

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Two of the world’s leading experts on computer imaging will be speaking at a three day Computer Imaging Symposium ‘Computer Imaging: The Future’ in July. The symposium is being organised by Chisholm’s Computer Imaging Group, which has carried out pioneering work in the field of computer imaging.

The Symposium is being chaired by Professor Tanimoto, from the Department of Computer Imaging Group at Chisholm, and Dr Charles Osborne, the author of more than 60 papers on pattern recognition and computer vision.

In addition to cheaper hardware/software packages, a special site licence would be issued to the Institute so members could copy Apple software at much reduced prices.

More flexible alternatives such as task orientated working parties, task forces and project teams were to be preferred. The paper stated that Council should not be directly involved in this area, but should monitor progress and effectiveness.

The Library is discussing the possibility of the Apple Tertiary Buy Program for two reasons:

- The library’s job is to provide information to support the academic work of students and staff
- Increasingly, such information is provided best and inexpensively to students and staff could be assured that the library’s role would change with changing requirements. For in a paper prepared for the roundtable meeting by the Director, Mr Patrick Leary, the commission recognised that they would have been forced to buy Program for two reasons.

The provision of educational opportunities for those already trained no longer required due to the new policies of the educational institutions.
Scholarships, grants, awards, etc.

**ECONOMICS, BANKING**

Robert G. McNamara Fellowships - The World Bank will be awarding fellowships for full-time study at the graduate level in fields related to economic development and institutional building. Fellowships are offered for individual or group research topics. But are not intended to support work leading to an advanced degree. Candidates should normally be 35 years of age or under and have a Master's degree or equivalent. The work must be carried out in a World Bank country other than the fellow's own. Closing date: 1 December.

**COMPUTING**

The Australian Computer Research Board is offering scholarships for post-graduate research in computer science and engineering for 1986. The scholarships are worth $5000 per annum, and have an expected tenure of three years, and are awarded as a supplement to a University Post-Graduate Research Scholarship. Applicants must be under 25 years of age at 1 January 1986 and are expected to be in the post-graduate degree with first class honours by the end of 1985. Confirmation of eligibility is not firm yet, but can be expected to be about the end of August.

**GOWRIE TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Gowrie Trust Scholarship Fund is offering the advantages of increased access to tertiary education, reduced travelling time for students and a reduction in the enormous capital cost of accommodating students at central institutions. Funding for the pilot study proposed by Dr Pearcey would include a dual system of videotex and audio-conferencing facilities. Students would be able to use the standard telephone network and their television set equipped with an adaptor and a keypad or keyboard to gain access to course material from their own homes or local study centres.

**US/UK TRAVEL**

English-Speaking Union (Victorian Branch) is offering a scholarship of at least $1,000 to persons who are going to travel overseas to the United Kingdom or the United States to further their studies or work experience. The Scholarship is open to Australian citizens who will be no less than 21 years old and no more than 35 on 30 June 1986. The winner will receive a certificate for $1,000, but a travelling grant of $500. Applications close 30 June.

**MUSIC COMPOSITION**

The Adolf Spivakovsky Scholarship - A prize of $2,000 will be awarded to the winner of the Commonwealth-wide composition contest in music. The composition must be a work, not previously performed, of an experimental nature. Deadline: 30 August.

**CANCER**

Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria - Applications are invited for Grants in Aid to support research or for two years of possible extension. Applications close on 30 September for the undergraduate scholarships and 31 October for the post-graduate scholarships.

**COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS**

The Australian Telecommunications and Electronics Research Board (formerly Radio Research Board) is offering assistance to Post-graduate Telecommunications Research. The awards are to begin in 1986. Post-graduate applicants must have or expect to gain in 1986 a first class honours degree in Electrical Engineering and be under 25 years old at 1st January 1986. The scholarships, for three years for Ph.D researchers and one year for M.Sc students, provide stipends of $5000 per annum for those already receiving a Commonwealth Scholarship or University award, or $11,500 for those not receiving such an award. Applications close on 22 September.

**POSTDOCTORAL**

Post-doctoral: Scientists or engineers who have completed a Ph.D and preferably under 30 years of age can apply for the Post-doctoral Fellowship. Caucasian as an award for two years, provides stipends of between $25,000 and $28,000 a research equipment grant of $20,000, and may be undertaken at an approved Commonwealth institution or an approved research laboratory or industrial laboratory.

**THE STUDY HARKNESS AWARDS, FOR 1986 - FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADE STUDY AND TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ARE OFFERED. CANDIDACY IS OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN IN ANY PROFESSION OR FIELD OF STUDY WHO ARE OVER 21, AND PREFERABLY UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE. AWARD WILL BE $11,500, WILL BE AWARDING FELLOWSHIPS FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING SUCH AN AWARD. FULL TIME WORK AT THE POST-GRADUATE LEVEL IN FIELDS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLOSING DATE IS 22 AUGUST.**

**THE WORLD BANK UNIVERSITY AWARD, OR $11,500 WILL BE AWARDING FELLOWSHIPS FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING SUCH AN AWARD. FULL TIME WORK AT THE POST-GRADUATE LEVEL IN FIELDS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLOSING DATE IS 22 AUGUST.**

**THE SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN'S MAJOR EXHIBITION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE LAST MONTH - THE FIRST MAJOR COMBINED EXHIBITION BY ALL THREE DEPARTMENTS, FINE ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN AND CERAMIC DESIGN, FOR 10 YEARS**

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**WHAT'S ON**

**SSAU Forums**

Organised by VCSA and ASAC to consider the recommendation from the Joint Executives that Chisholm should not join the SSAU superannuation scheme until retirement benefits are improved. Council, Tuesday 11 June, 12-1 pm and 1-2 pm in B2.18, Frankston: Wednesday 12 June, 12-1 pm and 1-2 pm George Jenkins Theatre. All VCSA and ASAC members are urged to attend.

**Staff Club**

FREE LUNCHEONS every Saturday, 12 noon to 1:30 pm to encourage club members to make greater use of club facilities on Caulfield campus. Staff Club members just have to turn up ... with their medallions to make sure entrance is not denied.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Executive is inviting suggestions as to what social activities should be held after the Forthcoming Annual General Meeting. At this stage it is planned for some time in July.

**EVENING MEALS**

Lack of response to the Staff Club to provide evening meals for staff, who work in the evenings led to the decision being postponed. However, the Executive would like to hear from anyone who wants it resumed.

**COFFEE SHOP**

Now winter here, the pumpkins outside the Coffee Shop are out, hot casseroles and soups served inside are being offered instead. Throughout the winter, the Coffee Shop will open until 8.30 in the evening.