Council cleared the way for Chisholm's superannuation scheme.

But in the process, it has recognised staff concern about the level of pensions offered by the new scheme. Council resolved that the Acting Director, Mr Gerry). Associations, VCSA, Chisholm negotiations with the two staff scheme for certain categories of staff would lose potential final pension benefits. Mr Maynard told the meeting he wished to put on record that in the event of final pension benefits, he was ready to negotiate a pension top up scheme for certain categories of staff, provided the negotiations could be completed within two weeks.

The concept was opposed by some members of Council. Council Vice-President, Dr Lionel Warr, described the scheme as 'a fantastic opportunity for the Institute.

Mr Anthony Bailey agreed, 'I believe the portability of SSAU is the most attractive thing - and offers a tremendous future for those involved. Both emphasised that joining could cost the Institute dearly.

General staff representative, Mr Paul Rodan, said he was opposed to the Institute joining the scheme 'as it stands.' Academic staff representative, Mr Tim Haslett, added that under SSAU the Institute would be decreasing an employment benefit for people coming into the Institute in future.

He moved unsuccessfully that application by the Institute to join SSAU should be deferred until 22 October while the Acting Director negotiated with the staff representatives on a supplementary superannuation scheme to increase the benefits.

Council president, Dr Clive Coogan, moved a resolution to present the recommendations from the Academic Board that:

- Council encourage the development of tertiary funding models where it is demonstrated principles.
- The facts are that in a difficult situation in the State scheme offers maximum deferral for people coming into the academic staff.
- The pension is the issue - not the benefits under SSAU and inadequate.
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Plans for the introduction of nursing education at Chisholm's Caulfield campus in 1987 have hit a snag.

Conway was told at its October meeting that the Institute had been unable to give the promised $1.6 million in general purpose teaching building funding because the State Government had not provided the necessary capital funding for a new building to accommodate the increased enrolments. This means the space shortage faced at Frankston would become critical as enrolments increased (because of nursing, the two-tier technology course, and development of other courses) even allowing for the new general purpose building to be constructed next year.

It was hoped both capital projects (the Federally funded general purpose building and the State Government funded nursing building) could be built at the same time with work beginning shortly. This would have meant savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars overall with both buildings ready for occupancy in 1987.

Project Managers, Civil and Civic P/L were appointed to be responsible for both projects.

Conway was told the problem was that $1.6 million of State money needed could not be made available before the beginning of 1987/88 financial year - one year after it was hoped to be completed.

The Victorian Post Secondary Education Commission (VPSEC) had advised that in the meantime there could be no guarantee of the flow of State monies or even a commitment from the State forward-committing the funds.

Outlining the situation to Council, Vice-President (and Chairman of the Buildings and Property Committee) Dr Lionel Ward, said the committee was in favour of proceeding with the general purpose teaching building but not immediately with the nursing building. "We need additional time to seek alternative means of getting the capital funds we require," he said. Mr Paul Ramler told Council going ahead with the nursing building would be a $2 million punt - any gamble we take would have to be undertaken by somebody.

Ms Rae Anstee said she believed the Government "should have developed a strategy by now to ensure the matter proceeded." The Minister for Education, Mr Cathie, had made it clear he wasn't at all happy about picking up the nursing tab - his view was that it was a 'local issue', to say the least," she said.

Council agreed to the Committee's recommendation that it proceed with the general purpose teaching building, due for completion by Semester 1, 1987.

Council also decided to approach the State Government for firm clarification on the Institute's position on nursing education funding. Colonel Illsley, a further development, Council voted to spend an additional $610,000 on construction of the Technology Tower/Student Union complex at the Caulfield campus. Dr Ward told the meeting quotes received for the project were in excess of the $12.5 million originally decided by Council.

He said the builders, John Holland, had assessed that eliminating one floor and making changes would be necessary to meet the budget target. The Council was faced with the options of either:

- An extension of two-and-a-half years in repayment of the project due to loss of income from the deleted lettable floor, or
- A two-and-a-half year extension on repayments due to increasing the budget by $610,000 with the inclusion of the floor.

Council voted to support the Buildings and Property Committee recommendation that it allocate the additional $610,000. Some design modifications will be made to the original $12.5 million, that the floor will be 1.5 metres higher than originally proposed.

Council agreed that John Holland should proceed with construction, pending legal advice on the final contract.

The companies then began construction in November, with a schedule of occupancy by April 1987 for the tower block, and before the beginning of Semester 1, 1987 for the union building.

Budget squeeze hits new building plans

Chisholm will be a definite starter in the first international team design contest for solar vehicles, to be run from Darwin to Adelaide in 1987.

Mechanical Engineering lecturer, Mr Paul Wellington, says the Institute's solar team will not only take up against entrants from throughout the world, including the US, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, and locally, from Monash University and RMIT. RMIT has formed a team in Australia, and has also invited participants from the USA, Japan, Italy and France. At Chisholm, developmental work is well underway. A group of nine mechanical and electrical engineering students have met several times since the race was announced in June, focusing on this stage on research into solar cells, choosing appropriate wheels and tyres, and evaluating the shape the vehicle will need to minimise the effect of passing traffic.

Mr Wellington says a "technology transfer deal has been struck with Telecon's research laboratory, which will give us advice on the latest technology in solar cells, batteries, motor and control systems.

Similarly, the Government Aircraft Establishment is working with the design and construction of a lightweight body of carbon and glass fibre sandwich panels.

Mr Wellington says many of the work students have already done in a range of course subjects. "This particular project will reapure them going into much more research in their specific areas they choose to design." Chisholm's annual successful entry in the Shell/Telecon Marathon has provided valuable experience for many of those involved.

"The organisational approach we are using will be much the same as the Marathon only much more complex," Mr Wellington said. Apart from the preliminary design work currently being undertaken, the team is also developing a package for presentation to potential sponsors.

The group is interested in hearing from staff and students for the establishment of the Institute's Centre of Applied Mathematical Modelling and Computer Technology, to carry out the task, which involved analysis of answers to a 137 part questionnaire from 115 prostitutes.

The Inquiry was set up last year following the introduction of new legislation requiring brothels to apply for planning permits. Mr Lochert says a major aim of the analysis was to build up a profile of prostitutes and prostitution, with particular emphasis given to information on drug usage.

Those who took part in the survey were contacted through a variety of avenues, including massage parlours, the Sexually Transmitted Diseases clinic in St Kilda, and through advertising in the Prostitutes' Collective publication. Mr Lochert says of the sample group, most worked in massage parlours, with about 25 percent as streetwalkers, and most of the remainder through escort agencies.

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The survey profiled prostitutes

The Head of the School of Mathematics, Computing and Statistics, Professor Donald Conway, is at Chisholm as visiting fellow in the Faculty of Technology. Professor Conway's expertise is in the area of information technology, with a particular focus on man-machine interaction - how people use computers, and how useful computers are to their users.

At Leicester Polytechnic, he heads a School which employs 80 staff and teaches 1 1 00 equivalent full time students (ETS), and where the emphasis is on applied computing.

Degree programs offered by Professor Conway's School are four year courses, of which one year is spent in industry or business.

The School collaborates closely with industry, placing about 200 students in industry positions each year.

Technology expert is Faculty visitor

Leicester Polytechnic has been highly successful in securing external funding for high technology, and for information technology in particular. Professor Conway was instrumental in the declaration of Leicester as a Centre of Excellence in Information Technology, resulting in additional student quota and funding.

At Chisholm he is offering the benefit of his expertise to staff, particularly in the areas of communications and informal discussions.

His monthly long stays end on 26 October.

Survey profiles prostitution

Senior lecturer in Mathematics and Statistics, Mr Lochert, recently completed a statistical analysis of data collected for the State Government Inquiry into Prostitution.

Mr Lochert was approached by the Victorian Government's Centre for Applied Mathematical Modelling (CQAMM) to work with them in the development of the Inquiry, to carry out the task, which involved analysis of answers to a 137 part questionnaire from 115 prostitutes.

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New Faculty plan aims for community access to science/technology

The Faculty of Technology has hit on a new plan aimed at taking science and technology to the people. Faculty Dean Dr Roy Williams has announced the establishment of a Centre for Science Show Displays. An expert in operations research, Dr Williams is confident both State and Federal Governments will support the venture.

Dr Williams says that there was 'a distinct, identifiable drift away from the fields of science and technology' resulting in a drop in numbers of students studying for science-based courses as the community became increasingly sensitive to what was perceived to be adverse social and environmental developments on the environment.

'If Australia is to meet the challenges ahead', Dr Williams says, 'we must revitalise our support, either with direct financial contributions or with goods and services. Dr Williams is confident both State and Federal Governments will support the venture. The Faculty's new Centre aims to do just that. It is a Centre for Science Show Displays.

The new Centre will focus on outlined in the National Technology Strategy. 'Just in time' for Australian manufacturing and service industries is the focus of a unique seminar to be presented this month by Chisholm Inter- national Business Centre.

Mr Sadler has held senior of Management of the School of Business at the University of California. He says this service would be of particular interest to people schools both in Victoria and interstate, and has the potential to generate significant income.

The Chisholm Travelling Science Show will be the second major focus of the Centre, involving the use of mobile units which display and exhibits to school and community groups.

Dr Williams says the Show will operate for two 10 week periods each year, with an intensive two hour programs of applied science and technology. Its purpose is to get young minds, to create social awareness, and to demonstrate that science and technology need not be difficult or have no relevance to everyday life, but rather an exciting and rewarding study for a real career prospects.

It is estimated about 20,000 primary and secondary students will take part each year.

Dr Williams says the major themes of the Show will probably include energy resources, conservation and environment, social issues and living with technology.

Dr Williams says bookings for the Show will be taken from February 1986, with the first presentation inside the new Executive Director of the Centre.
**NOTICE TO ALL VCSA MEMBERS AND CHISHOLM STAFF**

The following members of the Executive, VCSA (Chisholm Branch) are the office bearers for 1985/86:

- **Chairperson:** Mr. John Blyth
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mr. Michael Owen
- **Secretary:** Ms. Alison Hall
- **Treasurer:** Mr. John Blyth

The full membership of the 1985/86 VCSA Executive (Chisholm Branch) is as follows:

- G. Heard - Administrative (Caulfield)
- M. Owens - Administrative (Franksion)
- V. McComack - General Secretary (Caulfield)
- S. Olney - Computer Centre (Caulfield)
- A. Chapman - Community Service (Caulfield)
- N. Tisher - Equal Opportunity Committee (Caulfield)
- M. Spatz - Community Services (Franksion)
- P. Mangann - Library (Franksion)
- K. Boyle - Library (Franksion)
- A. Hall - Technical (Caulfield)
- J. Blyth - Technical (Franksion)
- K. Haddaduos - Student Union Staff (Caulfield)

The following VCSA/ASAC members are representatives on the following Institute Committees and Working Parties:

- **Council Dining Committee:**
  - Paul Rodan: Council
  - Dick Whyte: Staffing Committee
  - John Blyth: Resources Advisory Committee
  - Sandra Kerr: Budget Advisory Committee
  - John Blyth: Resources Advisory Committee
  - Amie Bow: Faculty of Technology Management Committee
- **Safety Committee:**
  - Catherine Wallace: Car Parking Committee
  - Glenys Bore: SSAU Super Working Party
  - Susan Bore: SSAU Super Working Party
  - M. Kiley: General Staff Classification
  - M. Spatz: Evaluation Committee
  - M. Kiley: Refrain from Working Party
  - A. Bow: General Staff Development Committee
  - M. Ayres: Inter-Campus Travel Committee

The following VCSA/Chisholm Branch State Council representatives are as follows:

- Pat Mangan
- Austin Chapman
- Janice Barwick
- Alison Hall
- Michael Owens

Secretary, VCSA, Chisholm Branch

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**BRIEFLY**

**news study for DSBS**

**Rotary scholar**

Chisholm business student, Mark Collard, has been awarded the Foundation Scholarship for overseas study. Mark, one of only 20 Australians awarded the scholarship each year, will leave for the USA in September next year to undertake a Business Administration course. Mark has been involved in many community activities, including the Rotary Scholarship committee, raising funds for home and overseas. Mark is married and has two children.

**INSTITUTE FINANCE MANAGER—CONTRACT**

Mr. Sam Jameson, has launched a warning on ‘off campus’ entertainment expenses, following reports that some students claimed, and reimbursed by employees. 'In-house' catering is exempt.

**ELECTION OF STAFF MEMBERS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The forms of office of the elected staff members of the following Council Standing Committees terminate on 31 December 1986:

- Building and Property Committee
- Finance Committee
- Legislation Committee
- Policy and Planning Committee

Accordingly, nominations are called for these positions. Those eligible for election are the full-time academic and general staff of the institute. In each case, second and vote are members of staff.

**NOTIFICATIONS**

Two notices are available from the office of the Deputy Returning Officer, Council, Caulfield Campus, for the election of the following:

- Members of the SLC
- Members of the SCA

**FOR SALE**

6 red vinyl chairs with arms, 2 Blue bucket type chairs 1 Blue High back chair, 1 tan high back chair, 1 Brown cloth covered high back chair. For inspection and offers ring P.K. Rodan at ext. 2239 (Caulfield).