Uni teachers' fellowships

The Committee for the Advancement of University Teaching (CAUT) is inviting applications from practising university teachers for National Teaching Fellowships worth up to \$25,000 each in 1995.

These will enable individuals to plan a programme to enhance their knowledge and skills in teaching and learning by examining best practices in Australia and the rest of the world. Fellows will then be expected to participate in dissemination activities to share their experiences.

Each application requires the endorsement of the applicant's Vice-Chancellor. Nominations should therefore be made to a prospective applicant's university in the first instance. Applications will close on September 23, 1994. For details phone (06) 240 9635.

Legal education funding under fire from report

Australian law deans are attacking the level of funding provided to legal education, following the release of a report on education costs.

The Committee of Australian Law Deans commissioned the Centre for Legal Education to prepare the report, which surveys what is now expected of Australia's law schools -- by the legal profession, universities, government and the law schools themselves. The type of law program which is expected differs markedly from the way law was taught several decades ago.

This report delineates the elements which should make up a program, then presents a way to cost each of them and thus calculate the total cost of a quality law program. Rather than comparing law with other disciplines, the report starts with what is expected of law schools and converts this to dollars.

An interesting and innovative aspect of the report is a computer based model which law deans and others can use to calculate the cost of their programs and identify possible variations, while still working within funding constraints.

Committee of Australian Law Deans Convener Ralph Simmonds said the document was about helping Australian law schools to get the resources needed to achieve their goals.

The report is available from the Centre for Legal Education, GPO Box 232, Sydney NSW 2001 for \$24, including postage. Call (02) 221 3699 or fax (02) 221 6280.

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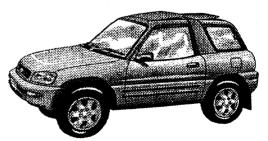
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