

Executive Committee report

SOME OF THE ITEMS discussed at the LAA Executive Committee meeting held in Canberra on Saturday, 29 August are as follows:

Copyright Workshop

Despite a Board of Education recommendation, General Council decided that the LAA should organise a copyright workshop. The CE Officer has formulated a travelling workshop to give librarians the opportunity to learn more about the Copyright Amendment Act and its systematic approach to photocopying. Details are available elsewhere in this issue.

Parliamentary Librarian

It has been announced in the press that the present Commonwealth Parliamentary Librarian is to retire. Whilst bearing in mind procedures involved, the LAA is to make known to the Parliamentary Library Committee the full range of qualifications, expertise and experience it considers necessary for this position.

Insurance cover

A number of divisions have expressed concern over how the LAA is covered in the event of seminar participants injuring themselves whilst attending seminars, and also members travelling on LAA business. The Executive Director is presently getting quotes from a number of firms on a group personal accident policy to cover General Councillors, Board of Education members, etc. Unfortunately,

separate cover must be taken out by conference organisers for specific conferences.

Sales Tax

Action taken in relation to the proposed sales tax legislation at the time of the Executive meeting was reported in the previous issue of *Incite*. Since then a considerable amount of correspondence has flowed to and from Head Office. Telegrams and/or letters have been sent to every Member of Parliament outlining the LAA's case against the proposed legislation. An outline with copies of all action taken and possible action has been sent to the Presidents of all divisions.

Head Office accommodation

The space problems at Head Office are still being investigated. Information about a demountable building is being considered at the moment.

The next meeting will be held in Adelaide on 16 October.

Susan Acutt
Executive Director

Research into executive mobility and its stresses

Final year management students from Sydney Technical College have been researching the subject of 'Executive Mobility and its Stresses'. It would appear that this is the first research to be undertaken on this subject in Australia.

The findings will be the results of questionnaires sent to over 3100 managers within Australia's public companies.

The major areas covered by the survey are:

- residential moves due to career;
- travel within the job itself;
- moves between companies and related stress.

A seminar will be held at the Menzies Hotel on Wednesday, 7 October 1981 to present the results of the enquiry and a report will be available on that date. For more information, see insert this issue.

All you need to know about Patents

RADIO UNIVERSITY, the radio station of the University of NSW, will broadcast a five-lecture course entitled 'Patents — as a protection and technical information source', starting on 19 October.

Margaret Clarke, the Course Director, says that 'this course provides such innovators as scientists, engineers and technical staff engaged in academic research or industry, as well as the independent inventor, with the basic information they need in this area. It also includes a guide to patent literature as a source of technical information, which could be as useful to the specialist librarian as to the innovator'.

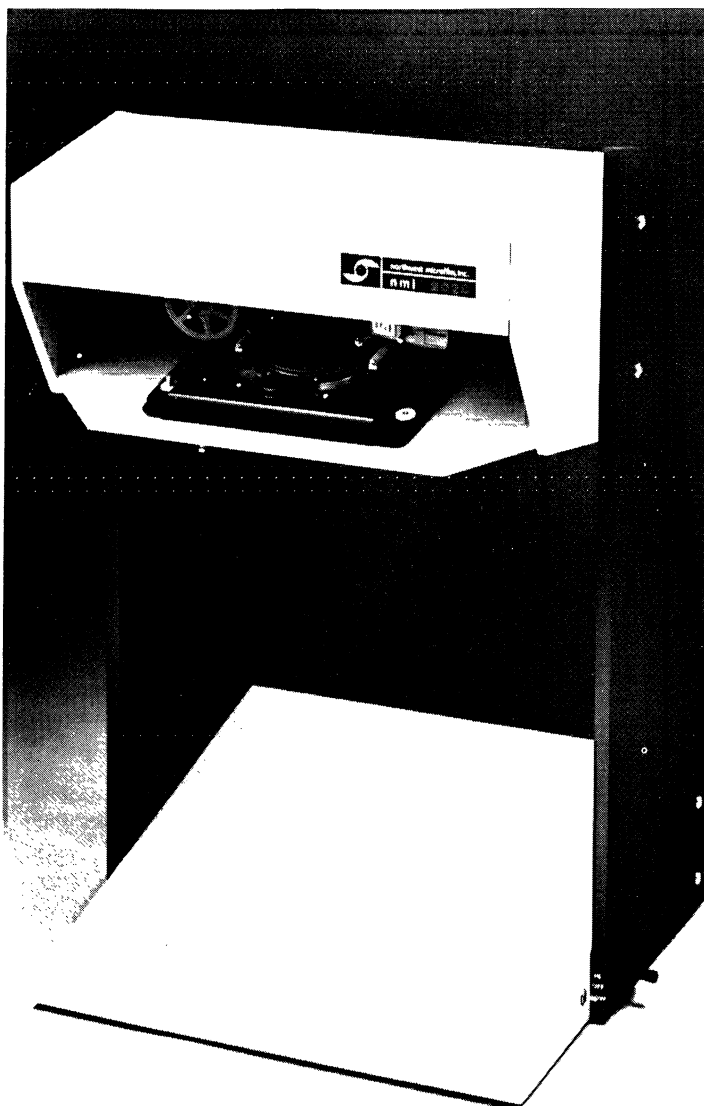
Radio University has drawn on the expertise of Mr Graham Lesley and other staff of the Australian Patent Information Service and Mr Robert Shelston Jun, of Whelston & Waters, Patent Attorneys, for the lecture series.

They will cover the following aspects of patents and trade marks: Protection of innovation by patent monopoly; basic concepts of patent law; review of patent literature and libraries in Australia; international patent treaties and the export market; the Patent Information Service; the role of the Patent Attorney; definition of trade mark; trade mark legislation; rights given by registration; infringements; applying for trade mark.

The course fee of \$14 covers lectures, notes and attended seminar. For further information contact Division of Postgraduate Extension Studies, University of NSW (02) 662 2691.

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