

New school at Riverina College

A new school, known as the School of Information Studies, has been established at Riverina College of Advanced Education. It has been created through the amalgamation of the former Schools of Computing Studies, and Library and Information Science.

The new school, established to meet the challenge of advanced information technology, will be headed by Dr Brian Cornish, who has been involved with computers since the early 1960s when he worked on Sydney University's first computer, SILIAC.

The new school will continue to be responsible for the following courses: Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Science; Graduate Diploma in School Librarianship; Bachelor of Arts (Library and Information Science); Associate Diploma in Computing.

Three other courses are being developed: a Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications, Graduate Diploma in Children's Literature, and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Computing).

Museum of Australia's First Director

Dr Don McMichael, CBE, has been appointed the first Director of the Museum of Australia.

His 7-year appointment was announced recently by the Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, Mr Barry Cohen.

Dr McMichael has been Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs since 1980. In 1973 he became the first permanent head of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

From 1952 to 1967 he worked as a zoologist with the Australian Museum in Sydney, for the last two years as its Deputy Director. He is also a former Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Service of NSW.

Dr McMichael will be responsible, under the Council of the Museum of Australia, for developing the Museum of Australia on an 88-hectare site on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin. It is expected to open in 1990.

The future of libraries and librarianship — hear Peggy Sullivan on this topic at the LAA/NZLA Conference in Brisbane, August 1984.

Baker and Taylor Grant



Jeff Potter

THE BAKER and Taylor Grant of \$500, to enable a student of librarianship on information studies to attend the 1984 Brisbane conference, has been awarded to Jeff Potter.

Jeff is in his second year of study at the Western Australian Institute of Technology. In his reasons for wishing to attend the conference Jeff says:

Implicit in the theme of the conference, in my opinion, is the major issue facing librarians today: what benefits can we offer our users in a world where the library is not the only information source, and how are we going to inform our prospective users of these benefits. This is an issue that I am particularly interested in.

He also hopes to attend many of the sessions on computing and to discuss the use of OPACS (on-line public access catalogues) with other attendees of the conference.

The selection committee wishes to congratulate all applicants on their entries and to thank them for their participation.

The selection process was indeed difficult.

Jenny Adams
Executive Director

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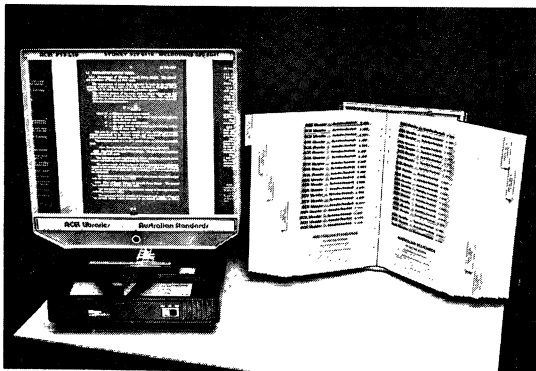
Shopfront — a community project

ONE OF the most innovative groups around is the Shopfront Theatre Co-operative for Young People.

Although primarily a theatre group, this group's activities extend to a number of community projects and give young people the opportunity of acquiring a diversity of skills. For the community at large, as well as presenting frequent evenings of enjoyable entertainment, from time to time they offer the chance to go behind the scenes and learn about play production, acting, film making, writing, etc from the experts. They've had two wonderful series of evenings with such people as David Williamson, John Bell, Robyn Nevin, Richard Wherrett, Gillian Weir — to name just a few! Just about now, Shopfront is putting on a production of Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, and they're also organising a visit from a member of the San Quentin group who are doing a season of Beckett's plays under the direction of Beckett himself.

Usually Shopfront's publicity material reaches the InCite office too late (because of the delay between our deadline and when the newsletter actually reaches YOU) for us to publicise their activities, but interested Sydneysiders can contact them for their regular bulletins: The Shopfront Theatre for Young People, 88 Carlton Parade, Carlton NSW 2218. (02) 588 3948.

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