

LANDMARK BOOK FOR NLA

Dr Anne Summers, Head of the Office of the Status of Women, gave the National Library her collected papers of *Damned Whores and God's Police*, on November 5, the tenth anniversary of its publication.

'This gift is important to the Library's collections because Anne Summers' book was a milestone in 1975', Miss Catherine Santamaria, Director of Australian Studies at the National Library, said. 'The book gave us a description of Australian culture from a feminist viewpoint, with its twin images of women as sex objects and as society's moral guardians. As the United Nations' Decade of Women draws to a close, the book is still selling well. More than 40,000 copies later, it is widely used as a textbook in Australian high schools and universities.'

The research papers in the collection include Dr Summers' drafts of her work; the final manuscript, marked up by the Penguin editors; galley proofs and a bound proof copy; and a scrapbook of cuttings about the book's publication. Dr Summers' correspondence with her publishers, between 1971 and 1976,

is also included. Apart from the correspondence, which is closed, all the papers are available to readers in the Manuscript Reading Room of the Library, between 9.30am and 4.45pm, Monday to Friday.

In presenting the papers to the Library, Dr Summers said that she believed it was important for the papers to be available for research, because in the age of the word processor, drafts such as these would not exist any more. 'Taken together, the documents provide a dramatic illustration of how the book evolved and how it was crafted', Dr Summers said.

Dr Anne Summers is a former Walkley Award winner, one of the highest awards in Australian journalism, and was the Chief Political Correspondent for the *Australian Financial Review* at the Parliamentary Press Gallery in Canberra before taking up her present position in 1983. Asked how important the book was to her, Dr Summers said, simply, 'The book made me'. How she made the book will be a fascinating subject for researchers at the National Library in the future.

Keeping your family history intact

Paper Restoration is one of the new and interesting courses in the January 1986 Summer School run by the Programme Dept of the University of NSW Union.

It will cover the practical side of restoring works on paper, such as letters, birth certificates, loose documents, items pertaining to family history, etchings, lithographs etc.

Gillian Yatras, a freelance restorer, will conduct the course. She has worked for the NSW Parliamentary Archives, the NSW Archives and has restored thousands of documents pertaining to Australia's history including letters from the early 1800's, maps, plans etc.

The course will cover: a short introduction to paper conservation and history of paper; dry cleaning, removal of cellotape/previous repair materials, fumigation, washing documents, making of pastes and aqueous deacidification solutions, deacidification, repairing documents, traditional repairs, backing repairs, testing of PH papers, encapsulation of conserved items, simple boxes to retain the documents.

The course will be held in the Conservation Laboratory of the School of Librarianship UNSW, from January 6-10. (If demand is sufficient, more workshops will be organised for January 13-17 and 20-24.

For further information contact: Meredith Scott, Assistant Programmes Manager, The Programme Department, UNSW Union, P.O. Box 173, Kingsford 2032. Phone 663 2225 ext 274.

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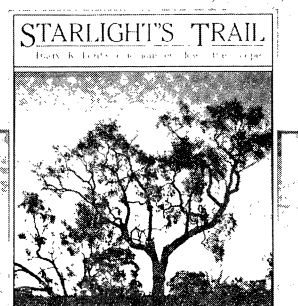


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