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trance from La Trobe Street). (12/11; 10/12). Contact: Janette Gribble, ph 03 9669 9722, 03 9669 9722, alia@slv.vic.gov.au.

• **15-16/11 Vic CYSS section.** *Bridging the gap — a literary weekend.* Confirmed speakers: Maureen McCarthy, Margaret Clark, Michael Pryor, Louise Le-Nay. Old Castlemain Gaol, Bowden Street, Castlemain. \$205 ALIA members, \$230 non-members (accommodation and meals). Contact: Terry May, ph 03 9743 1168.

• **17/11 ALIA One Person Australian Libraries SIG (Vic).** *Informal meeting.* Cabrini Hospital Boardroom, 183 Wattleree Road, Malvern, 5:30pm. Contact: Judith Mahoney, ph 03 9508 1841, fx 03 9508 1791, before 4pm.

• **20/11 Vic UCRLS Year's end celebration and meeting.** *Electronic publications issues and decisions.* Speakers: Frank Prain of The Age, Tony Arthur, Melbourne Uni. La Trobe Uni, Borchardt Library, La Trobe Library Staff, Library Meeting Room. 6 for 6:30pm. RSVP to: Gay Butler, ph 03 9479 2924, G.Butler@latrobe.edu.au.

• **21/11 Vic RAISS.** *Christmas party.* Guest speaker: Professor Don Schauder. The Malthouse Theatre Complex, Sturt Street, Southbank, 6:30pm. \$5 RAISS members, \$10 non-RAISS. Contact: Kristine Valenta, ph 03 9479 5625, k.valenta@latrobe.edu.au.

• **21/11 Geelong Regional group.** *Christmas get together dinner.* Venue: River End Cafe, 337 Pakington Street, Newtown. Time: 7 for 7:30pm. Contact: Pete Macauley, ph 03 5227 8246, petem@deakin.edu.au. RSVP 14/11.

• **22/11 Vic Library Technicians section.** *Post-conference meeting, including a discussion on a variety of library issues.* Wimmera Institute of TAFE, Horsham Campus Auditorium, 4pm. Dinner: Olde Horsham restaurant, 7pm. *City members: seats still available on the mini-bus.* Contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 9669 9037, kerriek@slv.vic.gov.au. RSVP 17/11.

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University updates

University of New South Wales

The University of New South Wales School of Information, Library and Archive Studies (SILAS) celebrated five PhD's, six publications and a fresh curriculum in 1997.

Doctoral degrees

The Honourable Justice Jane Mathews presented five doctoral graduates with degrees this year. The new 'doctors' are: Rahmatollah Fatahi, Zahra Hoda Fotovat, David Lindley, Robert Pymm and Saeed Rezaei Sharifabadi.

Publishing efforts

The school's publishing activities during the last 12 months include:

- Professor of librarianship, Boyd Rayward's version of the papers and diaries of John Metcalfe, the school's first director. Entitled *Developing a profession of librarianship in Australia: travel diaries and other papers of John Wallace Metcalfe*, Professor Rayward's book was published by ALIA in Canberra earlier this year.
- Maureen Henninger's *Don't just surf: strategies for the Net* (Sydney: NSW Press, 1997) has received good reviews and, according to feedback, is becoming popular with Internet surfers.
- Paul McNally, a SILAS visiting fellow, authored *Multimedia information resources* (Melbourne: Macmillan Education, 1997).
- Nereida Cross, a professional officer at SILAS, has compiled *Asian resources: a directory of databases on Asia accessible in Australia* (Canberra: ALIA, 1996).
- Dr Peter Clayton produced *Implementation of organizational information: studies of academic and research libraries* (San Diego: Academic Press, 1997), which he based on his doctoral research at SILAS.
- SILAS's long-term interest and experience in Asia is represented in the Cambodia genocide databases created by Helen Jarvis and Nereida Cross (SILAS), Ben Kiernan and Craig Etcheson (Yale) and Youk Chhang (Cambodia).

New programs

SILAS also developed two new innovative distance management projects in 1997.

The first is a distance education program in audiovisual management. This program, which combines the resources of SILAS and the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) is the first program of its type at a tertiary level in Australia.

In August two subjects — the foundations of audiovisual management and the preservation of audiovisual collections — were offered for the first time. By March 1998 there will be a specialist disciplinary stream of four subjects:

- audiovisual management
- preservation and conservation of audiovisual materials
- advanced audiovisual management; and
- information services in the broadcast environment.

SILAS's second new distance education program, on the preservation and conservation of library and archive materials, is the result of co-operation between SILAS and Wendy Smith of the National Library of Australia. Ms Smith originally developed much of the course's content through a fellowship program administered by the International Federation of Library Associations.

University of Technology Sydney

Information studies

In 1998 a new Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies commences at UTS.

Students complete a study of a core of subjects in information and communications studies (including information organisation and retrieval) as well as elective subjects from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In their final year, students will complete a professional project, which will link theory with practice by allowing students to undertake a professional activity of their own design.

Also available is a combined degree which joins the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Studies with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. This five-year, full-time study option integrates Information Studies with a major study in the language and culture of another country.

Graduate study opportunities are also offered, including an Honours program, a graduate certificate in user documentation, a Master of Arts in information and a doctoral program.

For more information about the new degree, contact the University of Technology Sydney information service on telephone 02 9514 1222. ■