

HAWTHORN CAMPUS NOTES XI

NOVEMBER 1987

INTERIM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A commitment to educational programmes for the older age group is part of the future planning at Swinburne College. Speaking at the interim Annual General Meeting, Rob Carmichael, Senior Curriculum Development Officer at Swinburne, said courses for welfare care-givers for this age group are already in place; Swinburne has also applied for recurrent funding for the co-ordinator (Judith Elsworth) at 24 Wakefield Street, and they see the College as continuing to supply resources and curriculum expertise for U3A as an ongoing part of the College's role in the wider community.

Speaking of the need to gear general educational programmes towards research and development, Mr Carmichael said that by the year 2000 60% of Australia's workforce would be employed in information technology systems and what could be described as human services such as communication, banking and insurance, many of which involve the use of modern technology. Organisations will need to be prepared to take risks, to be innovative, and skilled in industrial relations.

Although public sector spending on Education and Training is at an acceptable level compared with other Western countries, Australia is way behind in private sector spending in this field. With this scenario, Mr Carmichael believes that more changes for post compulsory education are inevitable if we are going to redress the imbalance. This would lead to greater accountability for the education dollar; more competition from the private sector and fee for service charges.

On the more positive side, efforts are being made to develop a continuum between secondary and tertiary education. To achieve this education and training will need to be tackled in a co-operative fashion, and moves are underway to develop a system whereby completed studies would be acknowledged as convertible; that is, credits would be carried from secondary to tertiary study (including TAFE). Swinburne is already talking to local secondary schools in an attempt to arrange ways in which students can gain credits, and in which courses can complement each other through cross sectoral programmes.

Meanwhile, Mr Carmichael sees tension developing in the education system between the need to be flexible and adaptable and the need to pick up on basic skills like spelling and maths. This is especially a problem for TAFE colleges which overlap at secondary and tertiary levels. Mr John Stevenson, Development of Curriculum, Queensland TAFE, delivered a paper to the University of New England in May in which he said "our social and economic context is demanding enduring solutions, not constrained by rigid inter-institutional or inter-sectoral boundaries and associated boundary disputes. Tampering with the fringes of our enduring enterprises will not necessarily generate the types of qualitative changes which are required in a changing world."

Mr Carmichael believes the U3A/Hawthorn Community Education/Swinburne project is a good example of the sort of co-operation needed.

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN GENERATIONS

Would you like an opportunity to make a contribution to the life of a child?

At the recent general meeting some interest was shown in bridging the gap which can exist between youngsters and older members of the community. Discussions with the School Community Development Officer have opened some possibilities for 1988. Some U3A members have already expressed interest and others are invited to register theirs in the following:-

Story Telling to very young children. This would involve approximately 1 hour per month at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn.

Recounting History Discussions with students about times past.

This would be an occasional commitment at times arranged with schools.

Listeners Scheme Having a person who listens to reading and acts as a sounding board for discussion can be a real help to a slow learner.

This would involve a regular weekly commitment of 1 hour during the school term, at 25 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn.

U3A contributes to community awareness of the positive role older people play in society, while learning as a life long activity is also promoted. It is unfortunate that, in our rapidly changing society, younger and older people do not always have the benefit of each others' company or view of the world. Participation in these programmes can be a rewarding experience for both young and old. Contact: Judith Elsworth 819 8824

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Your Committee feels that, as well as enjoying your intellectual pursuits, you may care to take part in some recreational activity, whereby you could mix with members from other groups. So that we could make an assessment of what you would like to do most, could you please fill in the form below, and post it in to the office or hand it in to the office.

Perhaps as a start, we could organise some "basket picnics" where each person provides their own lunch, and we could go to such places as Ripponlea, Como, Botanic Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens, and other refreshing places. The idea of having a "strollers" group is another possibility, where people can go for a short tram or train journey, then a walk through a park, or even light exercises in the fresh air (what about a swim down the beach or bird watching?). Another idea for evening outings is a dine-out group, or by day, a luncheon group. We could have a travel group to discuss previous travel, and perhaps plan future trips together.

Many people are fond of card games - solo, bridge, and would welcome a regular day or evening meeting with friends at a central location.

The ideal situation would be to have central venues where both public transport and/or car pools are available. Many members have no private transport, and this is vital in considering planned outings. Perhaps we could organise a collective pool of drivers, with some recompense towards petrol. If there were large numbers for a trip, we could then hire a bus-line driver (this becomes expensive - roughly \$15 a day trip).

These are but a few ideas to get your minds working around what you would prefer in the way of social outings. It is great to have business and annual meetings, but even at lesson times, we rarely have an opportunity to further a friendship with someone whose company we enjoy, and after all, this is what life is all about ... ENJOYMENT!

May we ask for your comments.

Please detach this form, complete, and send to U3A Hawthorn.

- I would like:
1. Bus trips
 2. Basket picnics
 3. Dine-outs
 4. Theatre trips
 5. Strolling outings
 6. Card afternoons or evenings
 7. Other suggestions
 8. Please submit your name if you would be willing to help organising any of these outings as a convenor, or assisting on a Social Committee.

Connie Anthony

REFERENCE LIBRARY

You will be pleased to hear that your Committee granted \$50 to commence a Reference Library for members at U3A Hawthorn. This will enable you to browse, research and check information. We have purchased a modern Oxford dictionary, a Thesaurus, a set of encyclopedia (not modern, but quite basic) and various other (secondhand) useful material. We feel this is only an embryo of a very wide scope of reference books, and certainly hope to buy more. We would certainly be glad of donations of either cash or suitable reference material to this end.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE BOOKS ARE NOT FOR BORROWING, AND MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM 24 WAKEFIELD STREET.

CALLING ALL TRAVELLERS !

In March/April 1988 we propose to conduct an 'Armchair Travel' Course for Learning for the Less Mobile. The format will be a talk with slides, photographs and souvenirs etc. by way of illustration. These sessions are always of considerable interest to those for whom travel to exotic places is no longer possible. Transport is arranged free for housebound residents of Hawthorn and suitable arrangements, at minimal expense, can be made for those in nearby municipalities.

We are currently looking for U3A travellers, who would be available to be guest speakers, for a single session each, during the course. HCEC staff and volunteers will make all necessary arrangements and be present at all sessions. Venue, exact times and dates are to be decided.

If you have a love of travel, enjoy passing on your experiences to others (especially those who find it difficult to get out and about) and may have an afternoon to spare during March/April next year) please ring me at the Centre on 819 8824.

Judith Elsworth, Adult Education Officer.



CHINA - U3A "Sister-State Cultural Exchange" Visit

Colin McCallum visited Nanjing, Jiangsu, in September and discussed with Madam Fang Fu, Director, Jiangsu International Cultural Exchange Centre, and Shao Xi Ping, Vice-Secretary, General Chinese People's Friendship Association with Foreign Countries, the proposal for a visit of U3A members, mentioned in our last Campus Notes, also the Newsletter. Both leaders were very enthusiastic and have undertaken to conjointly host and organise a programme of cultural exchanges, activities and short visits within Jiangsu Province. As a result, a visit to Jiangsu Province has been arranged from April 21 to May 12 (22 days) for a group of 25 people.

Travel dates: Melbourne to HongKong - April 20
 HongKong to Nanjing - April 21
 Return: Nanjing to HongKong - May 12 (Thurs.)
 HongKong to Melbourne - May 14 (Sat.)
 Arrive Melbourne - May 15 (Sunday)

Approximate Return Air Fare \$1,250 (Australian)

Costs: Jiangsu 22 days (all transport, food and hotel
 accommodation covered)
 \$80 - \$100 per day = \$1,760 - \$2,200.
 Three nights in HongKong approx. \$250.
 Approximate overall cost: \$3,250 - \$3,700.

The Programme will be highly flexible so that individuals may determine their own level of involvement in physical activities and in cultural exchange workshops. The costs within Jiangsu may be reduced in recognition of the extent to which the group are able to provide a genuine cultural exchange, hence the open-ended figures of \$80 - \$100 per day. U3A members who are interested in joining the visit should advise the Hawthorn Campus, 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn 3122 (819 8824) as soon as possible, indicating their special interest and whether they would like to lead a discussion group.

NEW COURSE

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & THE PURPOSE OF LIFE Convener: Trevor Moffat

This is a basic course covering the general areas of each subject in everyday language. The sessions shall attempt to maintain a balance of structured and workshop approaches and, where possible, use videos or films to stimulate discussion. The course will centre on three fundamental questions:

1. How does it happen?
2. Why does it happen?
3. What is its purpose?

The course will not be commencing until 1988, details of time and venue will not be available before then.

CURRENT COURSES

N.B. Some of these courses may be full at present, but please place your name on the waiting list for the desired course and we will advise you as soon as a vacancy becomes available.

ANTHROPOLOGY Convener: Judy Lee

A course covering Chinese, Indian and Mexican peasant societies, and Australian Aborigines from settlement to the present time.
Friday morning, Wakefield Street.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen

An on-going course embracing the major arts (architecture, painting and sculpture) of Western Europe. In 1988 we will be covering the period from the Renaissance to the Baroque.
Monday afternoon, Wakefield Street.

ARTS OF ASIA Convener: Ernestine Lobb

This course will concentrate on selected arts of China, Japan and India, such as porcelain, miniature paintings and netsuka.
Wednesday morning, 4A Dalny Street, Malvern.

ART - MODERN PRACTICAL Convener: Margaret Drake

A self-help group doing painting and sketching.
Thursday afternoon, Hawthorn Artists' Society.

CAR MAINTENANCE Convener: Thalby Reidy-crofts

A course to help you understand how your car works, how to carry out quick and easy maintenance procedures and how you can tell when things are not working as they should; run in conjunction with M.L.C.
Particulars available from the office at Wakefield Street.

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

A 5-week course to give you an insight into computers including the language used in this field and an opportunity for "hands-on" experience.
Wednesday morning, 89 Power Street, Hawthorn.

CONTRACT BRIDGE Convener: William Zimmerman

An introduction to this fascinating game. It is necessary for there to be at least twelve students to make the course viable.
Wednesday afternoon, William Tresise Centre.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Bernard Haugh

Current affairs around the world and how they may affect Australia. Class members determine the topics they wish to discuss and participate in collecting information.
Thursday morning, William Tresise Centre.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH EAST ASIA Conveners: Gerald Noble & Jean Aikenhead

This discussion group concentrates on the background to current happenings in lands to the north of Australia with some lectures on historical development and occasional guest speakers.
Tuesday morning, William Tresise Centre.

ECONOMICS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE Convener: George Charles

This discussion group will emphasise the natural economic forces which influence day-to-day living and current affairs. Its aim is to create a greater awareness of the world about us.
Thursday afternoon, William Tresise Centre.

GENEALOGY Convener: Marjorie Stone

Are you interested in tracing your origins? If so, then this beginners workshop in genealogy would be a good place to start.
Tuesday afternoon, Hawthorn Recreation Centre.

HISTORY - AUSTRALIAN Convener: Gordon Wilson

A look at some aspects of the social and cultural history of Australia. Topics treated will depend on students' interests and will be drawn from The Foundations pre-1850, Immigration, Education, the Legacy of Gold, "the Legend of the Nineties", the Federal Movement, Major Developments 1900 - 1940.

LANGUAGES

<u>French (Intermediate)</u>	- William Zimmerman
<u>French Conversation</u>	- Nazli Wilhelm
<u>German</u>	- Ursula Gottschalk
<u>Italian</u>	- Maurice Berah
<u>Japanese (Beginners)</u>	- Joyce Berdy
<u>Japanese (1st & 2nd year)</u>	- Geoff Matenson
<u>Latin</u>	- Helen Gordon

There are still a limited number of vacancies in some of the language courses, so please apply to the office for further particulars.

LITERARY STUDIES - Levels I & II Convener: Connie Anthony

These courses explore our literary heritage of Australian authors and notable poets - then possibly take a glance at world literature. This will encompass the ancient Greeks, French and great English authors and poets. Following this, some of the outstanding contributions of modern American authors and playwrights will be examined.
Tuesday morning, Wakefield Street.

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

This course looks at the structure and history of music in opera, dance, chamber, vocal, choral and other areas.
Tuesday afternoon, Hawthorn Community House.

NEW PHYSICS & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Fred Rosedale

A workshop-type course in non-technical, plain language about the magic of modern physics. Understanding new physics is a foretaste of a completely new form of human intellectual endeavour.
Let us set aside old assumptions and look at problems freshly.
Let us try to seek more than just information; let us seek meaning.
Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, Wakefield Street.

NUTRITION & HEALTH Convener: Greta Burman

In today's society, we are continually subjected to enticing food advertisements and articles on miracle diets. This popular course is designed to help you distinguish between fact and fiction, their relevance to health and the prevention of illness.

Tuesday morning, Wakefield Street

NUTRITION Convener: Rosemary Hepburn

Explore food, its functions and the inter-relationships between nutrients and practical issues related to sensible eating.

Thursday afternoon, William Tresise Centre.

PHILOSOPHY Convener: Joan Drake

This is a self-help group. Members will explore topics, present to the rest of the group, and initiate discussion.

Fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at the Augustine Centre.

PIANO STUDIES I & II Convener: Ann Taylor

For people who have never learnt the piano before, and may now have the time to explore and practice.

Monday mornings at Hawthorn.

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

A course offering a mixture of philosophy, psychology and sociology. A simple yet comprehensive guide to the types of psychologies and therapies now available from both Western and Eastern societies.

Friday morning, William Tresise Centre.

SOCIAL ETHICS Convener: John Balfour

We shall be discussing some of the ethical problems which have emerged as a consequence of modern technology. These include in vitro fertilization, allocation of scarce medical resources, voluntary euthanasia and so forth. We shall also discuss some of the fundamental problems of ethics and how we make decisions on ethical issues.

Wednesday mornings, commencing March, venue to be advised later.

SOCIAL ISSUES Convener: Herbert Liffman

Studies range from multi-culturalism through racism to children and the law, the Family Court and victims of crime, in considering the important social issues of our time. Bio-ethics, the problems of adoption (national and international), abortion and euthanasia also come under scrutiny.

Wednesday afternoon, Hawthorn Recreation Centre.

LIFE WRITING CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Now that you have had a chance to read "Recollections", you must be aware that the L.W.C.C. serves an invaluable purpose for those who are isolated and housebound. Establishing writing relationships enables these people to believe their life still has value in spite of their isolation. Would you not agree that this program is deserving of all the encouragement and administrative support that it necessitates? There is only one problem - I can't do it alone!! Copies of Recollections are available free of charge to any U3A members. For further information on how you could help to meet these needs, please contact me at Wakefield Street (819 5771). I would be most appreciative of the opportunity to meet with any U3A member interested in the program.

Marie Briffa
Co-Ordinator of the Correspondence Course.

SUMMER SAMPLES"TALK TO THE WORLD" THROUGH AMATEUR RADIO Convener: Rob Carmichael

Through amateur radio you may "talk to the world" and make many overseas friends, some of whom you may meet if you travel. Language is no problem as English is mostly used in amateur transmissions around the world. Rob will give a non-technical talk on the interesting and exciting things which are available to amateur radio operators in this day and age and demonstrate some of the necessary equipment.

Friday, 15th January, 1988, at Wakefield Street, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This includes a break for refreshments so bring your lunch, tea and coffee will be available.

AN INTRODUCTION TO HANDLOOM WEAVING Convener: Annemarie Pincus

Day 1 Thursday, 21st January, 1988 at 11 a.m.

Viewing of collected pieces from around the world with an explanation of the technique and demonstration on the looms. Annemarie will also show her "functional" work (shawls, rugs, cushions, mats and garments) and allow eager participants to try their hand at shuttlepushing.

Day 2 Thursday, 28th January, 1988 at 11 a.m.

"Weaving as an Art Form" - This will include Miniatures, Wallhangings, books and a puppet show.

Venue: Handweaving Studio, 551 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell. Parking in street. (On No 75 Burwood tram route, between stops 54 and 55).

THE MEANING OF LIFE AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE Convener: John Balfour

Now that we have reached the 'third age', let us discuss what we believe the 'meaning of life' is to us. How does that knowledge contribute to the 'quality' of our lives?

Tuesday, 12th January, 1988 at 11 a.m.

MYTHOLOGIES ANCIENT AND MODERN Convener: John Balfour

Myths and dreams communicate in a way that has been described as the 'forgotten language'. We will discuss how their symbols and metaphors can enrich our lives.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1988 at 11 a.m.

WRITING FOR FUN Convener: Rae Alexander

In this workshop we will talk a little about prose, poetry and the use of language. Participants can write individual pieces on selected topics or bring some written work. Later we will have a group discussion about expressing ourselves and understanding and enjoying some established works.

Monday, 1st February, 1988 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This includes a break for refreshments so bring your lunch, tea and coffee will be available.

You are cordially invited to attend

Poetry in the Round

One of three readings of poetry and prose organised by the Hawthorn Community House with a cultural grant from the Hawthorn City Council.

Thursday, November 26th, 1987

10 - 11.30 a.m.

Large Room

24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn.

Cost: \$2 towards furthering the activity. Refreshments included.

R.S.V.P.: 819 8824 before November 19.

U3A HAWTHORN SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988

Subscriptions are due on January 1st, 1988. Since the office is closed between December 18th and January 11th, it would help if you could pay this as soon as possible.

There has in the past been some misunderstanding of the fact that each Campus is responsible for their own financial management - in short there is no common fund for U3A as a whole. Therefore, if you are a member at Hawthorn, you should pay at Hawthorn unless you have some particular reason for wanting to change to another Campus.

NAME(Please Print)

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Enclosed is my/our subscription for U3A Hawthorn (£15 single, £25 double)

Signed

N.B. If you do not intend to renew, please let us know.