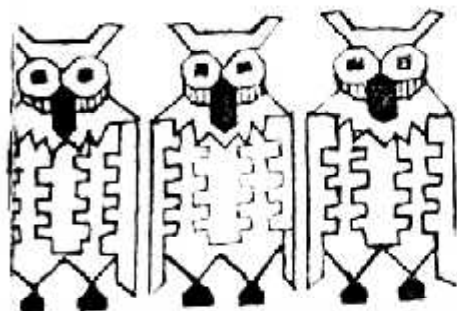


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Each time we bring out a NEWSLETTER we say 'Next time things will have quietened down'. But we are still bowling along at a hectic rate. Two more campuses formed, Monash and Ringwood, and there's Frankston in the offing. Monash has 14 courses under way and Ringwood had its first Steering Committee meeting on April 11. Registrations continue to flow in at all campuses and by the time you receive this our total membership will be around 1000!

Learning and Teaching Styles - A request to U3A Groups

There are as many different ways of learning as there are teaching and the U3A is exploring most of them.

Some groups have tutors who prepare the lessons in advance, others share this job. Some are self-directing and invent their own curriculum as they go, while others use prepared texts.

We want to collect information about all these different techniques so that all U3A members can choose and change their methods as desired. Could each class arrange for a member to note the major characteristics of their group learning practice and teaching technique and send these to Betty Jackson, U3A Hawthorn, 24 Wakefield Street.

Betty is in the office every Monday morning and would be delighted to talk with you in more detail about the kind of information we need.

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IT'S ALL GREAT FUN!!

To get an idea how courses were developing, the City and Hawthorn campuses distributed a short questionnaire at the end of March. Students and conveners were asked to give their first impressions, to detail problems, and to comment on their expectations and the future of U3A in Australia.

Generally, everyone was enthusiastic, commenting on the friendliness, informality and high standard of teaching. In fact, there seems to be much mutual appreciation between students and teachers, as can be seen from the small sample of quotes below. It was really too early in the year for many problems to have emerged - the most common reply was 'none' or complaints about 'time flying'.

However, there were many constructive comments on problems which may arise and these will be useful in future planning. Quite a few people said they would like ongoing courses and others were concerned about the supply of tutors.

Some early reactions:

"It is fun to seek and to learn with no pressure to perform in class or in an exam/test situation".

"Delighted with the capability, professionalism and attention of our instructor".

"I loved it all and am enjoying it immensely" (tutor).

"I enjoyed the fact that the tutor for Beginners German really started from the beginning".

"I felt rather nervous, but because of the friendly environment, I soon settled in and enjoy it immensely".

"The members of the class are first rate, intelligent and well informed. They discuss keenly and we have most enjoyable meetings" (tutor).

"I'm enjoying myself so much that I hope U3A is with us for a long time".

And quote to sum up the general feeling on the future:

"I feel very optimistic that we can expand and develop, and also contribute by filling a gap in the current study structure available to older people".

A CHECK LIST

Harry Birkest is developing a check list of house-keeping issues for new and existing groups - it will include everything from attendance lists and copying to group dynamics and evaluation. If you've got any strong feeling about items that should be included, please let him know by ringing 819 8824 or by calling at the Hawthorn office.

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U3A CITY CAMPUS

COURSES CURRENTLY RUNNING IN THE C.A.E. CITY CENTRE

<u>Languages:</u>	Beginners French	Beginners German
	Intermediate French	Intermediate German
	Advanced French	Advanced German
Herbs: their cultivation and use		Effective Investment Management
Genealogy		Classical Civilisations: the Greeks
Communication in Human Relations		An Approach to Literature
*Energy and its Management		Opera: its genesis and history
*Issues in Ageing		*Video Workshop

These are the courses which appeared with full descriptions in the March newsletter. Those with asterisks can still take new members. If there is one which interests you, phone the City Campus office (63 1793) for further information.

NEW COURSES AT THE U3A CITY CENTRE

AUSTRALIA AND WORLD EVENTS

Convenors: Don Graves; Myra Roper; Muriel Crabtree; Ted Weiss.

This composite course will include general and specific world affairs topics. In dealing with the question of foreign aid, the group will develop a general perspective on Australia and its international relations. Current affairs in specific regions will then follow: Africa, S.E. Asia; China; background briefings and discussions of current events.

Weekly on Tuesday afternoons, commencing 21st May in the C.A.E. City Centre. *late June*

EUROPEAN HISTORY

Convenor: Jim Tate

Europe's social patterns, political divisions and physical boundaries from the French Revolution to the modern age, including the dictatorships which led to the Second World War.

- * Italy - the revolutionary movements led by Mazzini and Garibaldi;
- * Germany - the federation of the separate states under Bismarck;
- * Russia - factors leading to, and flowing from the revolution of 1917;
- * Britain - the industrial revolution and empire.

Weekly on Thursday afternoons, commencing 16th May in the C.A.E. City Centre. *30th*

RELIGIONS OF ASIA

Convenor: Claire French

Claire will introduce the group to the religious thought of Asia - Buddhism and the philosophies of China. She will be going overseas in September, and on her return would like to follow up with a series on the History of Religions.

Weekly on Monday mornings, commencing 17th June, C.A.E. City Centre.

THE HISTORY OF EARLY CIVILISATION

Convenor: David Shaw

From the beginnings of civilisation to Mesopotamia under the Sumerians and Semites; then the rise of Egypt, through the Middle Kingdom to the Late Kingdom. Six sessions.

Weekly on Tuesday afternoons, commencing 16th June, C.A.E. City Centre.

POETRY AND SHORT-STORY READING

Convenor: Phelma Scott

This is a self-help group which has developed as an interim activity for some of those who wish to study literature later in the year. However, it is open to anyone interested in reading and discussion of poetry and short stories.

Weekly on Friday mornings, commencing 12th April, C.A.E. City Centre.

INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN

Convenor: Archemede Carbi

Have you studied Italian for two or three years? You have a grasp of grammar, but want to improve conversation and idiom? Archemede is a native Italian speaker, and will help you improve your conversational Italian.

Weekly on Monday afternoons from 17th June, C.A.E. City Centre.

AN APPRECIATION OF LITERATURE

Convenor: Avis Hart

Are you a keen reader, but want to get more out of what you read? This course will provide you with a general appreciation of literature, including poetry, drama, short stories and novels, ranging from the classics to contemporary writers. The course will be open-ended, and the group will help formulate the direction of the programme from the beginning.

Weekly on Thursday mornings from 30th May, C.A.E. City Centre.

COPING WITH STRESS: A QUIET HOLIDAY IN YOUR MIND

Convenor: Isobel Shaw

What is stress? How do you recognise it? What is 'good stress' and what is 'bad' stress? Techniques of coping with stress, including self-talk, postural techniques, affirmation, self-help management (choop, free and it really works!) Four sessions initially.

Weekly on Tuesday afternoons, commencing 16th July, C.A.E. City Centre.

PHILOSOPHY

Convenor: Thomas Timpson

A term of 'Philosophical Thought' will begin in mid-July, 1985. It is aimed to cover the origins of philosophical thought and the developments in the Renaissance and later periods. There will be an opportunity to produce class papers and to participate by group discussion.

Weekly on Thursday mornings, commencing 11th July in the CAE City Centre.

REPEAT COURSES

COMMUNICATION IN HUMAN RELATIONS
(repeat of current course)

Convenor: Nancy Morris

Nancy's first series is very successful and she is happy to repeat her class for those who may have missed out. It will be nine or ten sessions, and the purpose of the course is to help people develop communication skills in their daily lives.

There will be opportunities to -

- * increase your understanding of the communication process;
- * examine barriers to interpersonal communication;
- * develop your ability to convey information and feelings appropriately in a variety of situations;
- * develop self-confidence.

The course will be developed to meet the needs of the participants.

Weekly on Monday afternoons, commencing 17th June, C.A.E. Centre.
10 sessions.

AN APPROACH TO LITERATURE
(repeat of current course)

Convenor: Ken Bradshaw

Because of the high demand for this course, it will be repeated in July. The course will -

- * look at the use of language by writers;
- * follow the development of narrative form from the oral tradition;
- * look at specific authors;
- * examine English language in conjunction with readings of short stories and poems.

Workshops will follow on -

- * writing poetry; writing short stories; writing autobiography.

These may be forerunners of ongoing U3A classes.

Weekly on Monday afternoons commencing 8th July, C.A.E. City Centre.

U3A MEMBERSHIP IS \$10 A YEAR FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$15 FOR COUPLES

GENEALOGY
(repeat of current course)

Convenor: Des Farley

Starting with yourself - build up a portfolio from available living sources; then learn about checking of official records (where they are; what is available). Then there are secondary sources of information back to the time people arrived in Australia - and beyond. Excursions can be arranged to the Public Record Office at Laverton, libraries with historical records, and other places of interest.

Weekly on Monday afternoons from 1st July, C.A.E. City Centre.

VIDEO WORKSHOP
(repeat of current course)

Convenor: Arthur Turnbull

Start with script, through all technicalities to end up with a full-scale production relating to a subject the class can discuss and choose. Could be any script - story or documentary; the idea is that you will see an end result!

Weekly on Wednesday afternoons, commencing 3rd July in the CAS City Centre.

CITY NEWS

COMING SHORTLY: THE CITY CAMPUS BULLETIN

(or some such name) to keep you up to date with events, news and facilities at the U3A City Campus. This will be of particular interest to those registered or enrolled at the City Campus

Length of Courses

We are often asked about the length of courses, and these are difficult questions to answer. Some courses are short - the tutor can only manage a few sessions, or the subject is not a long-term one. However, for many of the courses, the group and tutor will decide between them how long the sessions can continue - some will last all year. The Opera and Classical Civilisations classes plan to continue indefinitely. Kerby is planned to be repeated in the spring. Literature and Human Relations have been listed above as repeat classes. They are very popular, and we hope this way to cater for the high demand.

As you can see, we aim to be flexible!

Tutors needed!

The U3A City Campus would love to hear from people interested in leading groups in psychology, Australian history and art appreciation. These courses are very heavily in demand.

U3A HAWTHORN CAMPUS

MINISTER OPENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

University of the Third Age members were very much in evidence at the opening of the Hawthorn Community Education Centre, from which Hawthorn U3A operates. Members were encouraged to hear the Minister for Education, Ian Cathie, state that "life-long learning had long been his personal philosophy". The U3A concept, he said, fitted in with the Government's own thinking and planning.

Asked what responsibility the Government would take for funding U3As, the Minister indicated that restraint in funding at all levels were the order of the day, and that really meant the Government would be looking to make better use of the resources already available.

Meanwhile, Hawthorn campus is getting itself sorted out. Margaret Drake has assumed responsibility for the registration of new members, recording their skills and the courses they would like to be involved in, as either a tutor or learner, and seeing that this information is followed up. Nan Brown is dealing with the arduous job of course timetabling and enrolments. Elsie and Harry Birkett have taken over the administration of the office and within a few days the improvement on the 'hit and miss' method we'd formerly applied was obvious! Jill FitzGibbon is convenor for the NEWSLETTER, while Ann Whyte still keeps an overview on the structures and implications for educational policy.

A major part of Harry and Elsie's job is organising the roster for telephone and typing and they've had a wonderful response, but we can't afford to become complacent. As well as manning the office for day-to-day jobs, we need people to record and analyse systems and feed-back from members. Trail blazing is fun, but constant adjustment and sensitivity to needs and problems is necessary.

EXISTING COURSES

Appreciation of Art This 12-week course finishes on 5th June.
Weekly on Wednesday afternoon at Swinburne College. Places available.
Convenor: Lorna Grover.

A second course will commence the afternoon of Monday, 17th June at the Hawthorn Campus. Book early to get a place.
Convenor: Sue Van Dorssen.

Practical Art Painting (oil, water colour), sketching, all styles taught.
Weekly on Thursday afternoons at R.S.L. Hall, Hawthorn.
Convenor: Marguerite Stark.
Ongoing, places available.

Anthropology (Social) Held weekly on Friday mornings at the Hawthorn Campus.
Ongoing, places available.
Convenor: Judy Lee.

Car Maintenance and Care A basic course to help you understand your car and tell when things are not working as they should. Current course almost finished. New course commences 31st May, places available.
Convenor: Thalby Reidy-Crofts.

Cell Biology, Genetic Engineering An advanced course aimed at helping us to understand what makes us tick. Weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Hawthorn Campus. Places available.

Convener: Claire Pullin.

Current Affairs (World) A weekly discussion group concentrating on current happenings in lands to the north of Australia. Held Tuesday mornings at the William Tresise Centre; ongoing. Course full.

Conveners: Gerald Noble, Jean Aitkenhead, Joyce Gray.

Economics This introductory course is held weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Hawthorn Campus. Ongoing, places available.

Convener: Frank Stuckey.

Gerontology and Geriatrics This general course takes a scientific look at a new biological phenomenon - our increasing life span. The current course ends 29th April. New course commences 3rd July, places available.

Convener: Elizabeth Turner.

Human Relations and Self-Development This fun course concentrates on freedom and self-expression. Weekly on Thursday afternoons at Hawthorn. Ongoing, places available.

Convener: Jean Smith.

Legal Lectures for Lawless Laymen This stimulating six-week series looks at the human face of the law. A repeat course commences on 4th July and will be held weekly on Thursday mornings at the William Tresise Centre. Enrol early, it is very popular.

Convener: Frank Maher.

Languages All ongoing, but in most cases it is not possible to take new students once a class is well under way.

Indonesian for Beginners Some places available.

Held weekly at Toorak on Tuesday afternoons

Convener: Betty Montgomery.

French Language Group (1) There are no places vacant in this advanced class

Convener: Jean Berah.

French Language Group (2) This advanced class is also full.

Convener: Marjorie Stuckey.

Beginners' French Group Some places available.

Conveners: Peg Kimberley, W. Zimmerman.

FINE CONCERTS AT THE JUNCTION

The Camberwell Music Society concert season commences at the end of April. There is a series on Saturday evenings and another on Wednesday mornings. Prices are reasonable and there are generous concessions.

Enquiries: Margaret Sharp 29 3935.

German for Beginners Some places available.
Held weekly on Monday mornings at the William Tresise Centre.
Convener: Ursula Gottschalk.

Italian Language Group Places available.
Held weekly on Wednesday afternoons at the William Tresise Centre.
Convener: Jean Berah.

Latin This beginners' course has a limited number of vacancies.
Held weekly on Wednesday mornings at Scotch College, Hawthorn
Convener: Helen Gordon.

Looking at Language A weekly course on writing and literature.
Wednesday afternoons and Monday mornings at the Hawthorn Campus.
Places available on Monday mornings. Ongoing.
Convener: Rae Alexander.

Musical Appreciation This course is for people desiring to build on knowledge already gained and developing areas of special interest.
Weekly on Friday afternoons at Hawthorn. Ongoing, places available.
Convener: Peg Kimberley.

Musical Theory and Appreciation This course looks at the structure and history of music. Weekly on Thursday afternoons at Hawthorn. Ongoing, places available.
Convener: Vin Houston.

Two courses to help you distinguish between fact and fiction when it comes to food advertising and articles on miracle diets:

Nutrition and Health (1) Held weekly on Tuesday mornings at the Hawthorn Campus and finishes on 4th June. Places available.
New course commences September. Convener: Grata Burman

Nutrition and Health (2) Held weekly on Wednesday mornings at the Hawthorn Campus. Ongoing, places vacant.
Convener: Rosemary Hepburn.

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME?

Would you like to assist in a unique learning programme for less mobile adults in Hawthorn?

Learning for the Less Mobile (L.L.M.), based at the Community Education Centre, is in need of volunteers to assist in the running of its courses. These are based in Hawthorn and include Armchair Travel, Current Affairs, Living and Learning, and General Discussion. Assistance is also needed with the production of the L.L.M. newsletter.

If you have some spare time and would like to assist, telephone Ann Skewes on 819 8824 or 818 7371, or call in personally to the Community Education Centre, 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn.

Piano Studies A beginners' course which is already full.
Convener: Ann Taylor.

Social Issues For those keen to learn more of the important social issues of our time, this course is held weekly on Wednesday afternoons at the Hawthorn Campus. Ongoing. Convener: Herbert Liffman.

NEW COURSES AT THE HAWTHORN CENTRE

AN INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Convenor: Vic Kennedy

This is a simple, 4-session course, designed for people who have had no contact with computers, but who would like to get some understanding of what these machines are, how they work and what they are used for. The course will emphasise 'hands-on' experience; participants will get a chance, in each session, to actually use a computer. No expertise in maths will be required, and the course will make only passing reference to maths (though we will be looking at 'number systems' and what numbers mean in the system we use in everyday life). Ample notes will be provided at each session.

Weekly on Thursday mornings at Vic's home in Hawthorn. The course will repeat. The first will commence on 30th May, the second on 11th July.

PHILOSOPHY

Group Leaders: Joan Drake (80 1715) and Shirley Barbour (80 4441)

This is a self-help group currently planning a study course. Members will explore topics, present to the rest of the group, and initiate discussion. The first one will probably be 'Personal Identity'; What is a person? What is the relationship between mind and body? and related topics. Other topics could be Greek Philosophy; Theory of Knowledge; Law and Society; Religion; Problems of Philosophy.

Fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at the Augustine Centre.

A HISTORY OF THE PENAL SYSTEM IN VICTORIA

Convener: Les Coleman

A series of ten lectures and discussions illustrating the growth of prisons generally over the centuries and, in particular, the prison system in Victoria, plus the changes, the roles, and the problems of managing 'yesterday's' prisons in the 1980s. The aim is to create a greater public awareness of one of the State of Victoria's public utilities.

Weekly on Wednesday afternoons, commencing 12th June, 1985, at the Augustine Centre.

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Group Leaders: Bernard Haugh (211 1439) Barbara Woodward (818 2973)

This is a self-help group which is currently studying 'Early Colonial Society 1788-1820s'. Members choose a particular aspect of the topic to study either singly or together and then present papers and/or discuss the results of their research.

Weekly on Wednesday mornings at the Augustine Centre.

GREEK HISTORY

Convener: Harrison Chapman

In general, this course will cover life and thought in Ancient Greece. It will be divided into three sections:

- * the period before the Fifth Century B.C. including the Mycenaean civilization and Homer, colonization, Corinth and Sparta, and the formative years of Athens;
- * the Fifth Century including the Persian wars, knowledge and entertainment, the defeat of Athens, and the history of the period as presented by Herodotus;
- * the events after the Fifth Century including Sparta and Thebes, the intellectual mood, the struggle for Greece, and new directions under Alexander and the influence of Aristotle and Diogenes.

Weekly on Wednesday afternoons, commencing 30th May, 1985 at the Augustine Centre.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE GROUP

Convener: Marita Chizuko

Mrs. Chizuko has taught Japanese in Japan and Australia and is willing to teach:

- (a) survival Japanese for travellers or four language skills for beginners including Kana and some characters;
- (b) a more advanced class aiming at HSC or reading a Japanese novel and discussion in Japanese.

A decision on the level of teaching will be made after enrolments are received or the first class.

Weekly on Thursday afternoons, commencing 30th May, 1985, at the Augustine Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY

Convener: Lenka Ter

This series of workshops will explore the different schools of psychology and their impact on society. The first session will examine Adlerian psychology and some of its applications. Other workshops look at behaviouristic psychology; humanistic psychology and its contribution to personal growth and helping skills; and transpersonal psychology, health and learning.

The first workshop will be held on the morning of 22nd May, 1985, at the Augustine Centre.

RELAXATION AND MEDITATION

Convener: Maria Heins

Both are easy to learn, says Maria. You will leave behind you:

- * nervousness
- * lack of concentration
- * forgetfulness.

You learn to control your aches and pains to a certain extent. We will do it together and gradually you do it on your own. It will enhance the quality of your life. You will become happier and healthier.

Weekly on Wednesday mornings, commencing 26th June, 1985, at the Augustine Centre.

BIOETHICS

Convener: John Balfour

This course deals with the ethical, social and legal aspects of biomedical advances. The topics to be discussed will include human reproductive technologies, such as in vitro fertilisation, embryo freezing, surrogate motherhood and the implications of being able to choose the sex of a child. The group will also discuss problems relating to the dying patients and talk about the terminal patient's right to refuse life prolonging medical intervention - passive and active euthanasia and the quality versus the sanctity of life issues. Other subjects for discussion could be the allocation of scarce medical resources and other related subjects. The format will be the open discussion of these subjects and our own attitudes to these matters.

Weekly on Wednesday mornings, commencing Wednesday, 29th May, 1985 at the Augustine Centre.

PROPOSED COURSE

CONTEMPORARY CHINA

There is a possibility that USA might be able to offer a course on contemporary China in conjunction with a tour to China. The idea has been put forward by Colin Campbell. He has suggested that lectures could be arranged from visiting Chinese Exchange teachers, and other with expertise in the area, and visualises a series of workshops dealing with the sound system of Mandarin Chinese, useful vocabulary, and general information about Chinese language and culture. It is suggested that the tour should concentrate on the Jiangsu Province, where the Yangtze River flows into the Yellow Sea, one of China's smallest, most densely populated and most economically developed areas.

At the moment this is no more than an idea and we would need to know more about time and costs before people could make a definite commitment. However, the Hawthorn Campus would like to hear from those members who would be interested.

U3A AT MONASH

Courses commenced at U3A Monash.

Public Speaking; British and Australian History; Eastern Philosophy; Literature 1 & 2; Creative Writing; Current Affairs; Craft; Archaeology; Computers; French and German.

Details of Courses about to commence.

Bergy - Solar and Others. Starting 24th July at 3.00pm, Room G23, Normanby House, 5 weeks. All interested persons please contact Iris Duncan, U3A Monash phone 541 2048, or leave message.

Musical Appreciation. The organisation of this very popular course of study has proved to be extremely difficult, so a meeting of all interested people is now being called in order to pool resources, contacts etc.

The place: Rotunda Theatre R3 Monash.
The date: Tuesday 14th May, 1985
The Time: 1.30pm.

As this is during the University vacation, parking will be available in the Free Car Park on right of main gate.

Inaugural Convener, Iris Duncan, phone 541 2048.

Simple Car Maintenance. Convener/Tutor, Ian Junor, phone 232 3145.

How to look after the simple items of maintenance which can make so much difference to the satisfaction, economy and safety you get from your car.

Weekly 10.00am to 11.30am Fridays. Six weeks course 24th May to 28th June at Normanby House, Room G23.

Please contact Convener to enrol, or for further details.

Social Ballroom Dancing. Convener/Tutor Ian Junor, phone 232 3145.

Recognised as one of the best and most enjoyable forms of gentle exercise, especially for the over 35's. Develop poise and grace of movement while meeting others in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Weekly 10.00am to 11.30am Wednesdays. Six weeks trial course 22nd May to 26th June at Glen Waverley. A fee of approximately \$4.00 per session will provide for hire of a good dance floor

Ring Convener to enrol or for further details.

Retirement and Ageing Issues. A meeting of all members interested in the problems and issues relating to ageing and retirement is to be held in Room 623 Normanby House at 11.00am Friday 17th May. Mrs. Ann Fulcher of the Victorian Council on the Ageing will be the speaker and a film will be shown. A further meeting, still to be arranged, will cover investment and finance, health and preventative medicine. All members interested in attending this meeting please leave a message with name and telephone number at the office, U3A Monash 541 2048.

Antiques. An introductory gathering has been arranged at the National Gallery for Tuesday 28th May 1985. A guided tour of the Decorative Art section, with general interest comments, will commence promptly at 11.00am. Tentative bookings for the U3A lecture room at Normanby House have been made for Wednesday 5th June, at 2.00pm, and thereafter at fortnightly intervals for five weeks. These arrangements can be confirmed or changed at our first meeting, when the programme and tutors can also be discussed. Mary Rowe, Convener, phone 763 7383.

Walking Groups. Mrs. Enid Sheehy is willing to convene a walking group - gentle exercise in congenial company in parks and gardens. Interested members should contact Mrs. Sheehy by telephoning her on 583 1154 (Home) or 541 2989 (Bus).

Ageism. Some members may be interested in an afternoon/evening seminar being conducted by the Monash Centre for Continuing Education in collaboration with the Human Rights Project, for Victoria's 150th anniversary.

Date:	Tuesday 28th May 1985
Venue:	Monash University
Registration:	\$30.00 (including dinner)
Contact:	541 3718

If the number of people wishing to undertake a course is too great, a second course may be arranged. Do not hesitate to contact the above number if you have an interest in the above course.

Aboriginal Affairs. The Aboriginal Studies group commenced on 26th April. This group is augmenting their activities by attending Aboriginal Studies lectures held in the lecture room Rotunda 6, Monash University between 1.00pm - 2.00pm on various days. For further information please contact the convener Joyce Ward phone 763 9262.

Courses hoped to commence shortly:

Alian, Russian, Psychology - Genealogy - Bible Studies -
 Social Studies - Tai Chi - Wines and Vineries - Astronomy -
 Alternative Medicine - Philosophy - Pottery.

If you are willing to help as a convener or instructor in one of
 the above or any other subject, please contact Iris Duncan, U3A
 Bonash, 541 2048 or leave a message.

Activities:

The Policy Committee is seeking assistance. They cannot do all
 the work and we know that there is a wealth of expertise among
 U3A members. Help is needed in the following:

Computer Owners who would be prepared to give some time to
 U3A may be able to put their computing skills to good use or
 improve their techniques. Contact, Stan Smith - 570 7292.

Room Booking: The U3A office is located in Normanby House
 Normanby Road, Clayton. One room is available for meetings
 of small groups. Conveners who wish to use the room should
 contact Mrs. Iris Duncan 541 2048.

Diversity Facilities: Some of the members of U3A consider
 that they have the same right as students of Monash University.
THIS IS NOT SO. U3A is an organisation using the facilities
 of the University through the good grace of the University.

Holiday with a Difference: There are still openings for
 'Further Education' being run by SCCC in conjunction with
 the University of Hawaii and the Hawaii International Hospit-
 ality Centre. Groups of adults will leave July 21, July 28, or
 August 4th, to live on campus. No background is required in any
 specific subject to understand and enjoy the courses offered.
 There are excursions and ample free time to make new friends.
 For the program SCCC is looking for people of all ages who want
 mental stimulation and physical adventure. For further information
 contact U3A office at Bonash or leave a message on the answering
 machine, 541 2048.

Notices-contd.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE. For those who are interested in Alternative Medicine, it is hoped initially to start a short course on Relaxation Techniques, to be held in the Mulgrave area. Please contact Mrs. J. Poll, 547 5553.

PSYCHOLOGY: We are extremely pleased to announce the start of a course in this very popular subject under a well qualified Psychologist/Teacher. The inaugural meeting will be held in the Rotunda Theatre R3 at 12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd May.

Please contact Iris Duncan 541 2048 if you are interested in this course.

ART CONVENERS: A meeting will be held in Room G23, Normanby House, at 10.00am on Friday 10th May. Please contact 428 7265.

Victorian Council on Ageing.

Victoria's 150th Anniversary Seminar. "You don't have to be old to have fun-but it helps "

Theme - Positive Approach to Living in Retirement. Wednesday 22nd May
At Victoria Hotel. Ring John Hart on 347 9199 for further details.

Life is not all work and no play; your committee will welcome any input leading to educational or pleasure outings. Who would like to organise a tour or a film day, perhaps a day at the Pokies? Please let us have your suggestions, drop us a line or phone in.

APOLOGIES: To the enquirer who was informed of the location of U3A Hawthorn it is Wakefield Street, which is in easy walking distance of Glenferrie Station.

ALSO people interested in Rational Thinking; the Psychology of Mathematics, Lateral Thinking and the Metaphor, please telephone 428 7265.

ASTRONOMY: The Astronomy Basic Course started on 15 April. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th. May at 7.45pm at a private home. New members please contact Beryl Stretton on 553 0583.

U3A AT RINGWOOD

An inaugural meeting held on 26th March, 1985, was addressed by Mr. Cliff Picton and Dr. Jack McDonnell. Approximately 120 people attended and to date 44 registrations forms have been received.

A group of people met on 11th April and an interim Executive Committee was formed consisting of:

Chairman - Judith Parker
Secretary - Ivy Noyes
Treasurer - Lesley Smith.

To analyse subjects of members' interests from their application forms, a sub-committee was formed of:

Maude Branchley
Yvonne Kaukas
Louise Ismail
Judith Parker.

Regular weekly meetings will be held to get study groups established as soon as possible.

LETTERS

NORTH AND WEST MISS OUT?

Dear Editor,

Could you tell me please, if it is correct that U3A is meant for older people, starting at 50?

I see there is a campus in the City, at Hawthorn and at Monash. Once again, the south and East of Melbourne scores, while the North and West miss out. If these areas need stimulating, or more help to get going, why not hold your public meetings there.

Margaret Gottstein,
Fitzroy.

U3A is aimed mainly at the older generation, but there is no lower age limit. The fact that classes are only held during the day does automatically exclude people who have daytime commitments and that really is the only barrier. Hawthorn campus has already arranged 10 places for young, unemployed people and if you look at the registration form, you will see there is an age category "under 50".

Regarding your second question, there would be no point in people from the Eastern suburbs going over to the North or West to set up a campus. Each area must set up its own, with local people and local back-up. It is a new idea for Australia and it is quite likely that many areas are sitting back, watching to see if it works, before attempting to establish their own campus. All this aside, the State Network Committee is very keen to support initiatives in the West and country Victoria. Negotiations are in progress to see how this might best be done.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE CAMPUS CONCERNED. THE ADDRESSES ARE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

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PLEASE NOTE: Although you may have registered in a particular subject, this does not mean you are enrolled. Please complete the form at the back of this newsletter, or phone the office of the campus putting on the course, so that you can be enrolled in a particular course.