

# BAUDY BITS... COLUMN OF ONLINE NEWS

**T**HE Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau is now represented in Australia by the CSIRO. George Levick (CSIRO, Melbourne) will conduct training sessions on request, and CAB documentation is available from CSIRO Central Information, Library and Editorial Section. Further enquiries should be directed to George Levick, (03) 419 1333.

Two training courses were conducted during February for new AUSINET participants.

At a course arranged by the NSW Branch of the LAA's Information Science Section, 12 AUSINET operators from 10 participating institutions in NSW were trained at a three-day course 13-15 February. Co-ordinators and tutors for the course came from the State Library of NSW, The University of Sydney, the University of NSW and the National Library of Australia.

AUSINET intends to use computer-assisted instruction to supplement AUSINET training in the future, and a suite of learning packages on various aspects of AUSINET will be written later this year. For information and bookings for AUSINET training courses, please contact Robert Boot, ANSOL, National Library of Australia.

There are several new databases available on AUSINET - ISI's Arts and Humanities Citation Index covering 1979 material has been available since October 1979. ACI expect to mount the LASORS (Literature Analysis System - Office of Road Safety) database on a trial basis shortly, and the AESIS (Australian Earth Sciences Information Service) database will follow.

AUSINET users are now able to search databases offline through the . . . SEARCH-OFF command. This allows a profile to be entered online during the day, to be saved and then processed that evening against a database not available during normal operating hours that day.

Another enhancement to AUSINET has been the introduction of the . . . SPEC command which allows users to input their individual print specification for each database. Dial-up users are now accessing AUSINET through MICOM, an 'intelligent port selector' which controls and co-ordinates terminal access to the computer facility. MICOM has message-switching capacity and ACI will pursue this aspect with Telecom.

The *AUSINET user manual* is now available from the National Library of Australia. Documentation for both ATMS and GDE, and guides for APAIS and SSCI databases are packaged in three ring binders. The documentation for STAIRS (which will be published mid-year) and other database guides will be sent as they become available to all purchasers of the manual. The manual is available for \$14.00 (including postage) from Sales and Subscription Unit National Library of Australia.

In a recent column there was a list some of the database vendors who had responded to the NSW Online Users Group's call for help. Since then, some more information has been received:

Lesle Symes, representing the Institute for Scientific Information, sent a copy of their invaluable *User's Guide to Online Searching of Scisearch and Social Scisearch*. She also men-

tioned that in addition to this there are lists of publications covered in the ISI databases, descriptive literature and slides on the structure and use of the hard copy versions of the various indexes.

Mrs Symes can be contacted for further information at F.S. Symes Pty Ltd, PO Box 581, Brookvale 2100. Telephone (02) 938 2722.

A letter and some informative material has been received from RAPRA - The International Technical Centre for Rubbers and Plastics. They call for user reaction to the online file, and anyone with comments or questions should contact Jayne Bayley, c/o the Centre, Shawbury, Shrewsbury, Salop SY4 4NR, England.

Apologies due: In 'Baudy Bits' recently it was noted that Elizabeth Arden has replaced Tonia Walker as the President of the Qld Online Users Group. Tonia was the Editor of the Newsletter, but Pat Bourke of the National Safety Council was the President and indeed the founder of the group. Apologies to Pat, and commendations for her considerable efforts.

Contributions to this column should be sent to Katie Blake, PO Box J36, Brickfield Hill, NSW 2000, (02) 26 6344.

## NUCAV

SWINBURNE College of Technology has produced a COM-fiche catalogue entitled *National Union Catalogue of Audiovisual Materials*. The catalogue (two editions per year, March and September) edited by Deborah Whithear, has over 8000 entries, listing AV material held and produced by TAFE colleges in Australia. From September this year a separate listing of AV materials produced in universities and CAEs will be included.

Swinburne has been funded for one year to produce *NUCAV* after which time it will be necessary for the catalogue to become self-supporting through subscriptions. If insufficient subscriptions are received the two editions in 1980 will be the last editions.

Orders should be accompanied by a cheque for \$75 and sent to the Editor, *NUCAV*, The Library, Swinburne College of Technology, John Street, Hawthorn, Vic 3122.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for reciprocal borrowing by students of the Wollongong Institute of Education, the Wollongong College of TAFE and the University of Wollongong, NSW.

The scheme will enable greater sharing of total resources at the tertiary level. It is being held on a trial basis throughout 1980.

If you would like more information about the scheme contact J. Hazell, University Librarian, University of Wollongong, PO Box 1144, Wollongong, 2500 (042) 29 7311.

THE subscription agency F.W. Faxon, Massachusetts, US, has acquired another North American subscription agency, Stechert Macmillan. The merger became effective on 17 March.

Faxon now assumes full responsibility for the servicing of all Stechert periodicals, standing orders, and continuations.

## School of Librarianship to remain in Hobart

**F**EARS THAT the School of Librarianship at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education would be transferred to the Newnham campus at Launceston were put to rest by a recent decision of the Tasmanian Council of Advanced Education and the Tertiary Education Commission of Tasmania.

On 30 April 1980 the Council agreed to the transfer of the School to the University of Tasmania. This decision was endorsed by the Commission on the same day.

The LAA had made strong representations to the Minister, Mr Holgate, that the School should remain in Hobart. In doing so, it added to opinions expressed by staff at the School, who believed moving it to Launceston would seriously jeopardise the future of courses offered by the School.

## LOCK in... take HEED...

Lockheed Dialog Training Sessions are coming to town

The sessions, organised by Insearch DIAL Services, will be held in the following cities in Australia and New Zealand in the coming months:

Date	City	Session
<b>July</b>		
7-18	Melbourne	System seminar System refresher Sci-Tech Biomedical
10-11	Sydney	System seminar
15-16	Sydney	System seminar
17	Sydney	System refresher
17	Sydney	Business
18	Sydney	Biomedical

### August (Dates to be decided)

Date	City	Session
	Perth	
4	Canberra	Chemical
5	Canberra	Business
5	Canberra	Social Sciences
6-7	Canberra	System seminar
8	Canberra	System refresher
8	Canberra	Sci-Tech

### New Zealand in September

For more information about the Melbourne and Perth sessions contact Sandra Sawicki, c/o Technisearch, 1st Floor, Kay House, 449 Swanston Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000, phone (03) 341 2531. For details about Sydney, Canberra and New Zealand sessions contact Katie Blake, PO Box J36, Brickfield HILL, NSW 2000, phone (02) 26 6344.