

SHOWPIECE FOR TAFE

SYDNEY Technical College Library, the central library of the NSW Department of Technical and Further Education, is at last to have a permanent home at the centre of the College's main Ultimo campus.

After 18 years in an old department store building, the library is due to move into a new purpose-built Library Resource Centre (LRC) in the latter half of 1982.

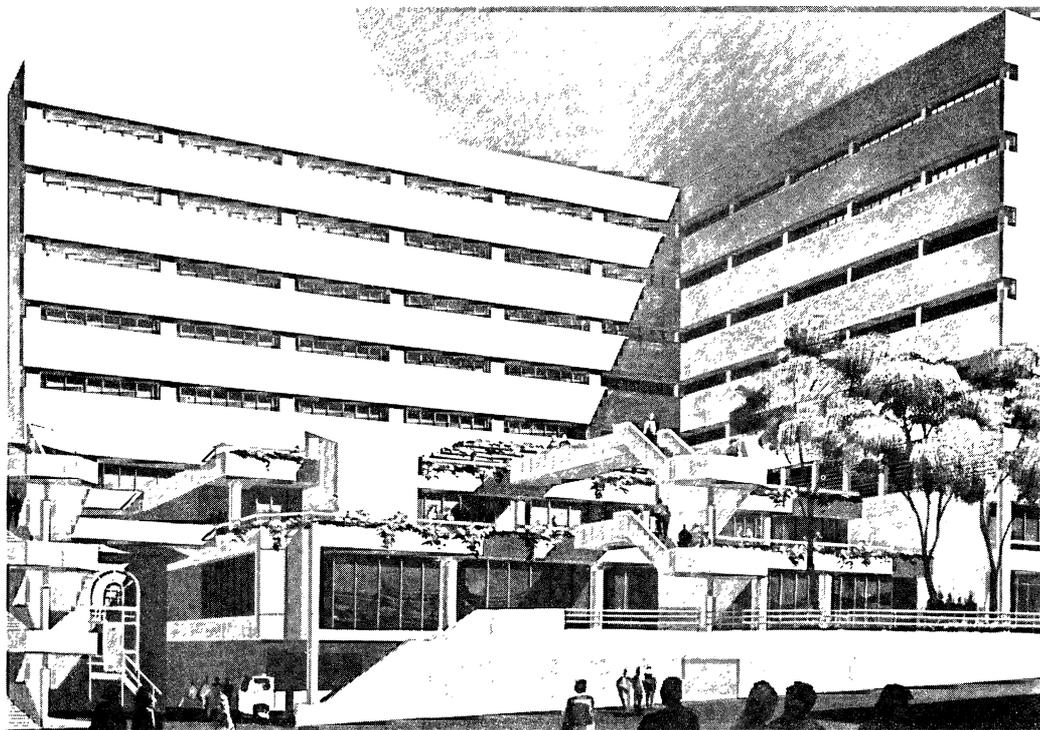
The picture shows the complete building which will be finished in two stages. The LRC occupies the first two and a half levels and is now under construction at a cost of \$6.5m. The upper teaching levels will be added later.

Sydney Technical College, with an enrolment of 37,384 (15,500 EFT), is by far the largest TAFE college in Australia. Its LRC serves not only the large campus population but also the 20,000 external students of the Department, and supplements the resources and services at 83 colleges throughout NSW. Planning for the new building had to take account of both the campus needs and the central role.

The LRC will have a gross floor area of 7000 square metres and will be fully air-conditioned and built for maximum flexibility in layout. It is designed to house a collection of 50,000 print volumes and 100,000 audiovisual items, and will have formal study seating for 550 readers as well as a number of informal reading areas and special purpose areas.

About 1000 square metres have been allocated for AV services, including powered carrels, music listening area, recording and viewing rooms and workrooms for minor production. The LRC will also include six seminar/conference rooms and four small group study rooms, as well as closed terraces and a roof garden.

The Library has a staff of 38 (17 professional, 13 para-professional and eight support staff) to provide service to the college students and teachers and to perform its functions as the central library of the TAFE network. Its main emphasis is on reader services, as the acquisition and cataloguing of materials is carried out centrally by the Division of Library Services.



Artist's impression of the new library/general studies building at Sydney Technical College.

To meet the diverse and special needs of students and teachers, and to promote their use of libraries, a detailed reader education program is carried out. Of particular interest to TAFE students is the AV collection, which is a major growth area in the library.

The collection at 31 October 1980, was 187,000 print volumes, 12,000 AV items and 3000 serial subscriptions. The allocation for 1981 was \$220,500.

Although it is the largest library in TAFE, Sydney Technical College is only one of the network of 52 TAFE libraries in NSW. The state-wide library network of the NSW Department of Technical and Further Education is administered centrally through the Department's Division of Library Services. The Division has an administrative unit which co-ordinates the Department's library services throughout the State.

The prime aim of the Department's 52 libraries is to make an effective contribution to all aspects of the Department's work. This includes administration, course development,

teacher education, teaching, learning, staff development and research.

The aim is also to make adequate provision for independent and self-paced learning, and to educate students in the efficient use of libraries and sources of information so that they are equipped to find information after completion of their college course.

TAFE is an expanding organisation, continually responding to community needs. In concert with this expansion there has been a dramatic growth in the number of TAFE libraries.

During the past five years, 17 new libraries have been established and there has been a 60 percent increase in the numbers of professional and para-professional staff. At present, TAFE library services has 245 employees of whom approximately 200 are librarians and library officers.

TAFE is the most diverse sector of post-secondary education, and its library services must continually respond to the changing learning/teaching needs of over a quarter of a million students and teachers in NSW.



NSW Department of Technical and Further Education

The Librarian Sydney Technical College

TAFE is an expanding organisation, continually responding to changing community needs.

We are looking for an appropriately qualified professional librarian, with leadership qualities and managerial ability at a senior level, to take charge of the largest TAFE college library in New South Wales. A new library is at present being built.

We need an enthusiastic, innovative thinker, with significant reader services experience. The Librarian, in collaboration with teachers and administrators, will be responsible for providing dynamic, relevant services to meet the diverse needs of the college learning/teaching programme.

This is a permanent position with further prospects for advancement. The commencing salary will be within a range of \$24,093 - \$25,893 according to experience. Superannuation is available from commencement of duty (subject to certain conditions).

Please write or ring us on (02) 219 9219 and we will send you information about this challenging managerial position. Applications are invited from both men and women. Consideration will be given to payment of fares for interstate applicants and a contribution towards removal expenses for a successful interstate applicant.

Completed applications are to be forwarded to the Recruitment Section, Department of Technical and Further Education, P.O. Box K638, Haymarket, 2000.

Applications close 5th June 1981.

GIFTS OF AUSTRALIAN BOOKS

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY of Australia is sending gifts of Australian books to a total value of \$50,000 to 21 libraries in the Southeast Asian and Indian and Pacific Ocean regions.

Funds for the purchase of the books were part of a Federal Budget allocation of \$100,000 for the placement of Australian books in developing national libraries of these regions and to contribute to co-operative library projects within the regions.

The gifts are intended to promote increased awareness of Australia while providing aid to the developing libraries.

Those receiving gifts of 100 to 400 books, ranging in value from \$500 to \$4000, are the leading libraries in Burma, Cook Islands, Fiji, Indonesia, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tahiti, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam and Western Samoa.