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Walter Stone Memorial Award

When Walter Stone died in 1981 Hilarie Lindsay, knowing his deep commitment to Australian writing, suggested that members of the Fellowship of Australian Writers should make a donation towards a Walter Stone Memorial Award instead of sending flowers to the funeral service.

Contributions were invested and with the interest received the first Award was presented at the annual book fair of the Fellowship of Australian Writers in October 1984. For a biography of an Australian writer, it was won by Mrs Bernice Eastman who came from Hobart to receive a prize of \$300. Her subject was the life and work of the late Nai Chauncy, the noted children's writer, who also lived and wrote in Tasmania. Mrs Eastman is now exploring the possibilities of having her book published. The judges of the competition were Colonel Alec Sheppard, Len Foster and Hilarie Lindsay.

The Fellowship of Australian Writers is confident the Award will be ongoing; the amount of the prize depending on the return from investment. The Fund is still open for contributions which may be sent to Jeff Hinde, Treasurer, State Council of FAW, GPO Box 3448, Sydney, 2001.

Hilarie Lindsay was made President of the FAW, in 1981 and has been most energetic in travelling to country centres to visit Regional Branches and set up new groups. Regional are also increasing in the suburbs, the latest being formed at Bankstown. They were introduced by Walter Stone in 1975 when meeting in the city became more difficult owing to parking problems and a growing disinclination to use public transport at night. At the same time a State Council was established to co-ordinate Fellowship activities within the new format.

Jean Stone

School Co-operative Networks

The third in the TeleSLAQ II series of teleconferences will take place on March 17. (See Happenings.)

In 1984 the Brisbane CAE, Dept. of Literarianism and Teaching Studies in conjunction with the School Library Association of Queensland ran an audio and a video teleconference for teacher-librarians, teachers and public librarians in Queensland. In this third program the conference will be extended to include Australian centres beyond Queensland.

Responses to a survey sent to school Networks form the basic organization for this teleconference. Three particular areas for discussion are:

- Communication between schools
- Aspects of isolation
- Future growth of school networks

Registration is free and each participant receives a pre-conference book containing readings and information about the conference.

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