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Walter Stone Memorial Award

When Walter Stone died in 1981 Hilarie Lind say, knowing his deep commitment to Austra lian writing, suggested that members of the Fellowship of Australian Writers should make a donation towards a Walter Stone Memoria 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 Fellow ship of Australian Writers in October 1984 For a biography of an Australian writer, it was won by Mrs Bernice Eastman who came fron Hobart to receive a prize of \$300. Her subject was the life and work of the late Nau Chauncy, the noted children's writer, who also lived and wrote in Tasmania. Mrs Eastman in now exploring the possibilities of having he book published. The judges of the competition were Colonel Alec Sheppard, Len For and Hilarie Lindsay.

The Fellowship of Australian Writers is con fident the Award will be ongoing; the amoun of the prize depending on the return from in vestment. The Fund is still open for contributions which may be sent to Jeff Hinde Treasurer, State Council of FAW, GPO Bo: 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 lates being formed at Bankstown. They were introduced by Walter Stone in 1975 when meeting in the city became more difficult owing the parking problems and a growing disinclination to use public transport at night. At the same time a State Council was established the co-ordinate Fellowship activities within the new format.

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School Co-operative Networks

The third in the TeleSLAQ II series of telecor ferences will take place on March 17. (Se Happenings.)

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

Responses to a survey sent to school Neworks 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 participar receives a pre-conference book containin readings and information about th conference.

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