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• **26/11 WA Special Libraries section.** Christmas wind-up meeting. La Salle College new library, Midland. Contact: Margaret Phillips, ph 08 9405 1300, mlarke@cygnus.uwa.edu.au.

Conference

• **9-12/11 Public Libraries section and Reference and Information Service section conference.** *Creating tomorrow today: can you imagine...* Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Kelly Flynn, Conference Secretariat, PO Box 1280, Milton 4064, ph 07 3369 0477, fx 07 3369 1512, pub97@sunray.im.com.au.

• **13-14/11 WA Public Libraries section.** *WA Public Librarian's study tour — following the PUBRAISS conference.* Proposal — various public libraries in and around Brisbane. Time/cost: TBA. Contact: Patricia Walker, ph 08 9399 0125, fx 08 9497 7014, armlib@inet.net.au or Duncan Furphy, ph 08 9411 3494, fx 08 9434 2577.

• **5-6/12 ALIA Distance Education Special Interest group National conference.** *Shifting Sands.* Wagga Campus Library, Charles Sturt Uni. Accommodation/costs will be kept to a minimum. Contact: Elizabeth Law, Secretary, Distance Education Special Interest Group, Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga Campus Library, ph (069) 332 130, fx (069) 222 900, elaw@csu.edu.au.

• **8-9/12 ALIA Information Literacy Taskforce National conference.** *Information Literacy — the professional issue.* Canberra Institute of Technology. Conference will explore Information Literacy as the foundation of accreditation processes, initial training and continuing education programs. Contact: Irene Duskatsch, ph 08 8302 6219, fx 08 8302 6699, irene.duskatsch@unisa.edu.au.

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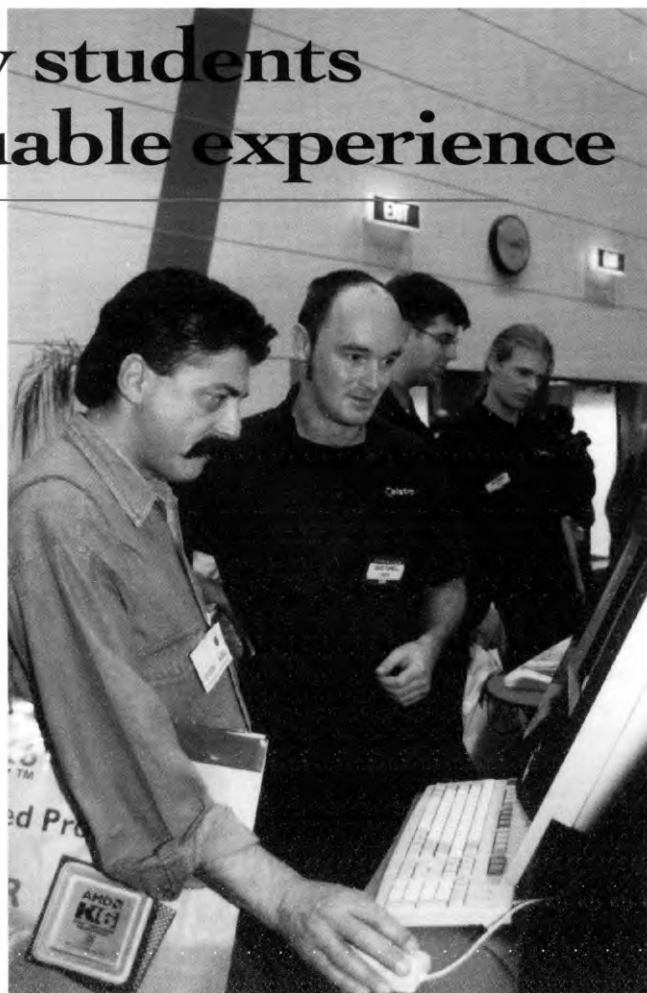
Library students get valuable experience

A group of Melbourne library students experienced the excitement of the Internet first hand, as part of the Telstra Big Pond exhibition at the Melbourne PC/IT 97. Over a dozen RMIT university library and information management students were recruited by the Internet Training Institute to work on the Telstra Big Pond stand at Melbourne's premier computing and information technology event.

Director of the Internet Training Institute, Richard Siegersma, said that library students have the research expertise and an understanding of users' information needs, which made them the first choice for the exhibition.

The students participated in a detailed information briefing by Telstra Big Pond staff before the show opened to the public. There they learned about Big Pond's range of Inter-

net services and on how to advise the diverse audience expected to attend the exhibition.



David Funnell and Luke Robbins at the Telstra Big Pond stand, Melbourne PC/IT show 97

Internet Training Institute

New South Wales Premier's Award nominee

Vivienne Sigley, vice-president of ALIA's Far North Coast New South Wales regional group, has been nominated by TAFE NSW for the Premier's Public Sector Awards.

Vivienne's nomination comes as a result of her role in the re-establishment of the Northern Inter-Library Co-operative System. This cross-sectoral co-operative had been in abeyance for a number of years but was reformed late in 1995. In 1996 Vivienne acted as the first co-ordinator, and the group

was re-vitalised. Amongst its achievements were the publication of a union serials list and list of members including resource-sharing information, both of which are soon to be published on the Internet.

The nomination recognises an achievement that makes a significant improvement to rural services in New South Wales. Judging of nominations took place early in October, with a presentation to Award recipients at the end of November.

Vivienne Sigley

