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The Instructional Resources Unit was established in July 1975 and incorporates the existing Photographic Services (Visual Aids) and Media Services (Language Laboratories).

Its primary objective is, with O.R.A.M., to provide facilities for increasing the effectiveness of teaching and learning by the production and provision of material appropriate to the particular needs of departments and research schools. The Unit also works in close cooperation with the Library in the acquisition, organisation and retrieval of non print material available to staff and students for revision, enrichment and, eventually, for self instructional purposes.

With the establishment of I.R.U., those functions of the Media Services section, not essential to the needs of the language departments, have been relocated and coordinated into new sound and television production facilities in the basement area of the Chifley Library. The nearly completed area allows full audio production, recording, editing and copying facilities and limited, but adequate, facilities for television (colour) production and processing.

In addition to routine work, I.R.U. has undertaken regular recording of lectures for various departments with tapes available the following morning in the Chifley Library; installations and rewiring have been completed in the Forestry Department, Copeland, Haydon Allen and Asian Studies Theatres; specialised CCTV equipment has been supplied for research projects in RSBS; and general audio visual advice has been given for installations with Life Sciences building, the Library, A.D. Hope building, Coombs Theatre and University House.

At present language and other courses are being copied for private study access and it is expected that 1,000 cassette programmes will be added to the Chifley Library collection by March 1976. Planning

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of video tape training segments is being undertaken for science departments and production will commence immediately the studio area is completed.

The laboratories, in the John Dedman building (European languages) and "I" block (Asian languages), and the Photographic Services section continue to offer services as in previous years.

Publications - NIL