

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

School of General Studies

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

Annual Report - 1963

Introduction

The number of courses offered by the department in 1963 increased to 42 and enrolments increased to 1,280. The provision of more of the longer courses and higher enrolments in these is a desirable trend in the department's programme, and must be offset against a slight apparent decrease in the Canberra enrolments. The summary and comparisons made with previous years which appears at the end of the section on enrolments indicates clearly the growth of the department's work. In view of this growth the provision of extra assistance for the Resident Tutor in 1964 is timely.

1. Programme and Curriculum

The following courses were offered during 1963:

German (1st year A) - Mrs. Ruth Arndt	35 lectures
German (1st year B) - Mrs. Erika Langman	30 lectures
German (2nd year) - Mrs. Ruth Arndt	33 lectures
Italian (1st year A) - Signor G. Verlato	30 lectures
Italian (1st year B) - Signor G. Verlato	30 lectures
Italian (2nd year) - Signor G. Verlato	30 lectures
Russian (1st year A) - Mr. M. Freiberg	30 lectures
Russian (1st year B) - Mrs. Natalie Staples	23 lectures
Spanish (1st year A) - Mr. J. M. Sangiau	30 lectures
Spanish (1st year B) - Mr. J. M. Sangiau	30 lectures
Japanese (1st year) - Mr. H. Mukai	25 lectures
"Japan To-day" - Associate Professor J. I. Ackroyd, Mr. H. Mukai and Dr. R. L. Backus	11 lectures

The following courses, each lasting a single term, were offered in addition to those above:

First Term

Giants of Modern Art - Mrs. Nancy Parker	10 lectures
Better English Composition - Mrs. Nancy Norman	10 lectures
Child Development - Dr. Helen F. Barnes	10 lectures
Creative Writing - Mr. M. Wasson	10 lectures
French Reading - Mr. J. A. Grieve	10 lectures
Contemporary India - Mrs. Darshan Krishna	10 lectures
Music of J. S. Bach - Mr. Wilfrid Holland	10 lectures
Roman Life and Literature - Mr. K. C. Masterman	10 lectures

Second Term

Child Development - Dr. Helen F. Barnes	10 lectures
Creative Writing - Mr. M. Wasson	10 lectures
French Reading - Mr. J. A. Grieve	10 lectures
Greatness of the Greeks - Mr. K. C. Masterman	10 lectures
Music for the Orchestra - Mr. Wilfrid Holland	10 lectures

Third Term

The Alphabet of Art - Mrs. Nancy Parker	10 lectures
Recent Trends in Australian Government and Politics - Dr. Colin Hughes	10 lectures
The Child and His World - Dr. Helen F. Barnes	10 lectures
Creative Writing - Mr. M. Wasson	10 lectures
French Reading - Mr. J. A. Grieve	10 lectures
Introduction to Greek Theatre - Mr. K. C. Masterman	7 lectures
The Shape of Europe - Professor B. D. Beddie, Professor G. Sawyer, Professor J.D.B. Miller, Dr. B.D. Graham and Mr. A.L. Burns	12 lectures

The following course, lasting two terms, was also offered:

First and Second Terms

New Testament Greek - Mr. E. Burge - 18 lectures (of 1½ hours each)

Southern Tablelands Regional Courses

Yass	- Music	- Mr. Wilfrid Holland	10 lectures
Island Band	- South-East Asia	- B. H. Crew	8 lectures
		Public lecture	1
Cooma	- Music	- Mr. Wilfrid Holland	10 lectures
	- South-East Asia	- B. H. Crew	10 lectures
	- Music	- Mr. Wilfrid Holland	10 lectures
	- Philosophy Group	- Dr. R. Sykes	8 lectures
		Group meetings	20

W.E.A. Classes

- German A	- Dr. Olah	20 lectures
- German B	- Mrs. Beauchamp	20 lectures
- Stock Exchange Investment	- Mr. J. Valder (Week-end Schools)	2

2. Research

I have carried out research on some aspects of early settlement north of Sydney and the Middle District of New South Wales and have commenced a study of some aspects of the development of South-East Asia.

3. Enrolments

Canberra - The enrolments at Canberra were:

German (1st year A)	...	44
German (1st year B)	...	35
German (2nd year)	...	25
Italian (1st year A)	...	31
Italian (1st year B)	...	18
Italian (2nd year)	...	20
Russian (1st year A)	...	16
Russian (1st year B)	...	18
Spanish (1st year A)	...	34
Spanish (1st year B)	...	24
Japanese (1st year)	...	43
"Japan To-day"	...	46
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Single Term courses

First Term:

Giants of Modern Art	...	64
Better English Composition	...	32
Child Development	...	28
Creative Writing	...	23
French Reading	...	24
Contemporary India	...	36
Music of J. S. Bach	...	16
Roman Life and Literature	...	23
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Second Term

Child Development	...	21
Creative Writing	...	26
French Reading	...	17
The Greatness of the Greeks	...	22
Music for the Orchestra	...	37
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Third Term

The Alphabet of Art	...	58
Recent Trends in Australian Government and Politics	...	30
The Child and His World	...	24
Creative Writing	...	23
French Reading	...	13
An Introduction to the Greek Theatre		16
The Shape of Europe	...	36
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First and Second Terms

New Testament Greek	...	24
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Total enrolments for 1963	=	947 (1,054 for 1962)
Total number of courses for 1963	=	33 (34 for 1962)

Southern Tablelands Region

Yass	- Enrolments Music	13
Island Bend	- Enrolments South-East Asia	12
	Public lecture	30
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Cooma	- Enrolments Music	54
	South-East Asia	45
	Music	35
	Philosophy	20
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	W.E.A. Classes - Enrolments German A	26
	German B	34
	Stock Exchange Investment	64
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Southern Tablelands Region Enrolments	=	333 (194 in 1962)
Total courses	=	9 (4 in 1962)

Summary

Canberra	...	33 courses	...	947 enrolments
Southern Tablelands Region	...	9 courses	...	333 enrolments
Total	...	42 courses	...	1,280 enrolments

Comparison with previous years

1959	...	10 courses	...	351 enrolments
1960	...	17 courses	...	381 enrolments
1961	...	34 courses	...	898 enrolments
1962	...	38 courses	...	1,148 enrolments
1963	...	42 courses	...	1,280 enrolments

Comparison of First Term Enrolments

1962	...	15 courses	518 enrolments
1963	...	21 courses	586 enrolments

4. Membership

I am President of the New Education Fellowship (A.C.T. Section), a Council member of the Arts Council of Australia (A.C.T. Division) and a member of the Australian Association of Adult Education. I am also a member of the Charles Strong Memorial Trust and the International Congress of University Adult Education.

5. Developments in Adult Education

The Currie Report

The most significant development in 1963 was the adoption of the Report on Extra-Mural Activities by the committee set up under the chairmanship of Sir George Currie. The report recommended withdrawal of the university from regional responsibilities, assumption of responsibility for adult education activities with national aspects and engagement in television and radio activities. It set out a time-table of staff appointments to make possible the carrying out of these recommendations and indicated the extent of the financial provision needed to make these developments possible. This time-table has been modified in view of the university's financial commitments in the present triennium but it will be put into effect from the middle of 1965. Development of this department on the lines suggested by the report will have an important effect on the development of adult education not only in Canberra but also throughout Australia.

Cooma W.E.A. Committee

During the year the W.E.A. Committee at Cooma, with advice and assistance from the Resident Tutor, undertook the responsibility of organizing some activities. Two courses of lectures and two linked week-end schools were arranged by the committee. Enrolments were very satisfactory and both courses and schools were conducted successfully. This development marks an important stage in the growth of the committee and will assume added importance when the department withdraws from the Southern Tablelands Region.

Publications

Original work by members of the Creative Writing classes was of a high enough standard to suggest the possibility of publication. A production committee was set up from class members and a selection of stories, plays and poems is now almost ready for publication by the department. I hope to make this an annual publication by the department with commercial publication as a possibility later.

One of the lecturers for this department, Mr. M. J. Wasson, has had his course of lectures on English accepted for publication and it is expected that this book will appear soon. I have also suggested to another lecturer, Mr. E. L. Burge, that his course on New Testament Greek might be published and he has been reviewing his lecture notes in the light of possible publication. I think it is important that, wherever suitable material exists arising from the work of the department, publication should be encouraged in whatever form suggests itself as being appropriate.

Australian and International Associations

The Australian Association of Adult Education held its annual conference at Warburton in Victoria during August. The effect of the Australian Association on the development of adult education is proving beneficial and should increase in importance as the association grows and brings its influence to bear. The association has made possible the holding of an Australian-Asian Seminar in January, 1964, on "The Role of Schools and Universities in Adult Education". This will be held in Sydney and will be attended by educationists from South-East Asia, Australia and New Zealand and by members of the executive committee of the

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International Congress of University Adult Education from Central America, U.S.A., Canada and the United Kingdom. I have been invited to attend this seminar, which will be held under the auspices of Unesco. The Australian National University is playing a significant role in South-East Asia already and it would be appropriate for it to play some part in the development of adult education in that Region in view of the university's resources and the importance of adult education to the area.

Charles Strong Memorial Trust

I have accepted an invitation to become a member of the Charles Strong (Australian Church) Memorial Trust. This trust arranges a tour every two or three years by a lecturer dealing with some aspect of Asian religious thought.

6. Future Developments

Future developments will be determined to a great extent by the recommendations of the Currie Report, but the appointment of a Departmental Assistant and provision for some extra clerical and typing assistance should help to overcome some of the difficulties which have been hampering the work of the department.

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