New school for Monash

Above: The course consultative committee for the Department of Librarianship, Archives and Records: (front) David Arnott, Don Schauder, John Rosenberg, Fay Nicholson, Rae Fankhauser; (middle) Tom Denison, Phillip Kent, Barbara Reed, June Anderson, Sabina Robertson, Derek Whitehead, Sue McKemmish, Sigrid McCausland; (back) Earl Gow, Graeme Johanson, Dennis Wheeler, Bronwen Parsons

Professor John Rosenberg, the dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University met 'industry' representatives for the first time recently to explain the merger between the Department of Librarianship, Archives and Records and another department, and the creation of a new school within the faculty — the School of Information Management and Systems.

The deputy head of the new School, Professor Don Schauder, explained the overlap of interests. He announced that Associate Professor Sue McKemmish had received federal funding to lead a team to determine metadata standards for managing and accessing information resources in a network. New subjects were described, including those relating to children, literacy and reading, and publishing electronically and in multimedia.

The introduction of delivery of courses by distance education moves ahead apace, in spite of telecommunications glitches in the early stages last July. As all of the School's curricula gradually become available for remote access, the diversity of student backgrounds increases.

Professor Schauder was congratulated on his election to the ALIA Board of Education. Much interest was shown in his involvement in the introduction of a new degree, the Bachelor of Multimedia, which began in March. The degree's contents typify the melding of informative, creative, technical and management elements that pervade many of the School's courses. ∎

Victorian libraries on the web

The LibLink project was launched earlier this year in Melbourne by Lorraine Elliott, MLA, parliamentary secretary to the premier. The launch was held to promote the project as a landmark in information technology in libraries, outstanding co-operation across sectors and the application of innovative technology. LibLink is the most functionally-rich union catalogue available in Victoria.

The project is directly in line with the Victorian Government's *Arts 21* goals and objectives, and was recently awarded an ALIA Award for Innovation during Australian Library Week.
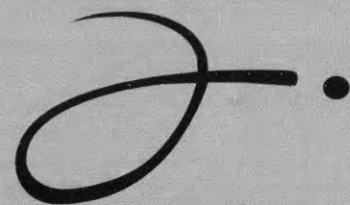
LibLink is a group of Victorian public libraries who have shared access to each member's catalogue using telnet for the past ten years. In October 1997 the Liblink consortium signed an agreement to use the GeoWeb software on a SUN Ultra 2 server. GeoWeb is the latest in Geac's DEOS2 line of Z39.50-based client-server applications that provides a gateway to access library catalogues via the Internet.

Members of the consortium are Casey-Cardina Library Corporation, Eastern Regional Libraries, Hume-Moonee Valley Regional Library Corporation, North Central Goldfields Library Corporation and RMIT University Libraries. Each library can be searched independently, or collectively using the virtual catalogue option. Search results can be e-mailed, saved to file or printed. ∎