

The University of Queensland and the Olympics

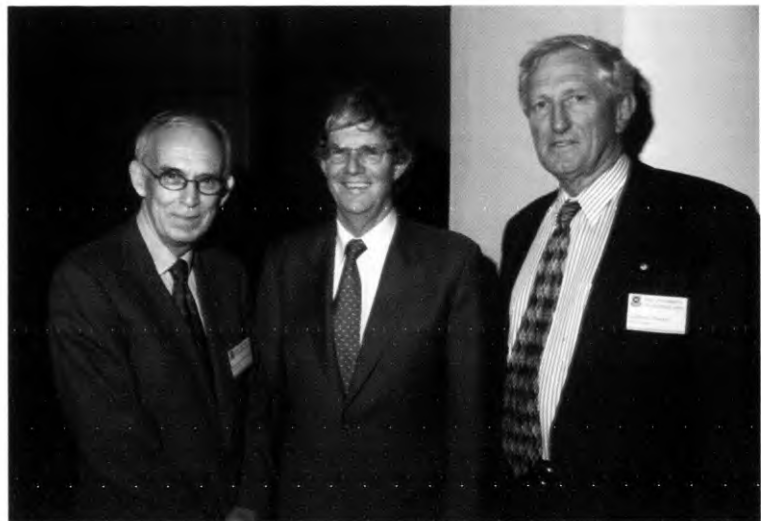
The University of Queensland Library, in conjunction with the Centre for Olympic Studies and the School of Human Movement Studies, paid homage to the Olympic ideal between 22 August and 31 October 2000 with an exhibition and a series of lunchtime speakers and videos.

'Sport has always been very much a part of life at the university,' said university librarian Janine Schmidt, 'and we wanted to recognise this. Our exhibition focused on several themes:

- University of Queensland Olympians;
- University of Queensland sports facilities;
- the Torch Relay;
- the Centre for Olympic Studies; and
- the library's Olympic collection — including the Avery Brundage (former IOC President) collection of Olympic papers.'

The exhibition was launched by Professor John Hay at a function on Tuesday 22 August. Olympians, Marlene Mathews and David Theile (University of Queensland graduate), were special guests.

The exhibition was complemented by a series of free lunchtime speakers and videos in the library.



At the opening of the University of Queensland and the Olympics exhibition were University Chancellor, Sir Llewellyn Edwards; University of Queensland vice-chancellor, Professor John Hay; and Olympian (and University of Queensland graduate) Dr David Theile

Director of the Centre for Olympic Studies, Dr Ian Jobling, was one of the key speakers and arranged the schedule according to the timing of the Olympics.

The lunchtime program included:

- *Where it all began: the Ancient Olympic Games.* Speaker: Professor Bob Milns, Department of Classics and Ancient History
- *The 1956 Olympics and IOC President Avery Brundage: how Mel-*

bourne nearly lost the Games. Speaker: Dr Ian Jobling, School of Human Movement Studies/ Director, Centre for Olympic Studies

- *Australians at the Olympics: a definitive history.* Video
- *Olympia: the film of the XI Olympic Games.* Video
- *The Melbourne Games.* Video
- *Chariots of Fire.* Video
- *Sydney 2000: a scientific analysis of Olympic athlete performances. How did they do it?* Speaker: Dr David Jenkins, School of Human Movement Studies
- *A beginner's guide to the Paralympics.* Speaker: Mr Sean Tweedy, School of Human Movement Studies (also official grader for Paralympics)
- *Olympics 2000: sports psychology, coaching and elite performance.* Speaker: Mr Cliff Mallett, School of Human Movement Studies
- *After the Olympics: a sociocultural analysis.* Speaker: Dr Murray Phillips, School of Human Movement Studies.

Transcripts of these talks are now available on the University library's olympic website at <http://www.library.uq.edu.au/olympics>. ■

Olympic posters on display, leading into the conference room

