



# CDU among top 100 unis

THE Territory's university has again featured on the list of best new universities.

Charles Darwin University was 77th in the *The Times*' top 100 third-level establishments under 50 years of age.

CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Barney Glover said it was the second time the university had featured in the two-year-old list.

"The challenge for CDU as a small regional university was to maintain the ranking in the competitive international system, so these rankings are particularly gratifying," he said.

"CDU continues to grow from strength to strength."



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## University model is released

By MANDY TAYLOR

The Alice Springs College of TAFE would become a campus of a Territory university under a model for higher education released by the Labor Party in the Legislative Assembly this week.

Under Labor's model the Darwin Institute of Technology and the University College would be merged, together with ASCOT and the Katherine College.

Labor's education spokesman, Mr Brian Ede, said the new multi-level, multi-campus, multi-purpose institution would be known as the University of the Northern Territory.

Mr Ede said the proposal met the Federal Government's Green Paper criteria for restructuring higher education.

"We envisage an institution which would include the whole area of technical and further education," he explained.

Mr Ede said ASCOT would continue its



• Brian Ede

range of trade-based courses while expanding to provide university courses and tutorial facilities for Central Australians.

The Menzies School of Health Research, the North Australian Research Unit and aspects of research carried out through the CSIRO and the Arid Zone Research Institute would also be merged into the new institution.

A school of trades would be incorporated into the university framework.

Mr Ede said he would discuss the proposal with the Federal Education Minister, Mr John Dawkins.

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## New plan to boost N.T. education

Mr. Justice Kriewaldt has agreed to chair a special committee to be set up which will assist in the development of higher education in the Territory.

The committee will consist of graduates in the various faculties likely to be of immediate concern and of persons qualified in advanced accountancy and economics.

The Acting-Administrator (Mr R. Marsh) said today there was increasing interest in adult education in the NT.

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A number of people anxious to pursue university, external university and advanced accountancy and other tertiary education.

An organisation was needed which could sponsor courses, undertake supervision of examinations and serve as an advisory committee on higher education.

This committee, Mr Marsh said, would also look into the trends towards the establishment of a university of the Northern Territory.

### MEETING SOON

It was expected that representative graduates and others with professional status would meet early in the new year.

Mr Justice Kriewaldt would be interested to hear, in the meantime, from anyone with ideas on the matter.

Mr Marsh said Mr Justice Kriewaldt's readiness to undertake the task was greatly appreciated.

It would eventually be regarded as the seed of the NT's future university.

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## GRADUATES IN BID FOR UNI. COLLEGE

The Graduates' Association of the Northern Territory has urged the immediate establishment of an interim council to advise and assist the Government in the planning of a university college in Darwin.

The association also said it strongly supported the proposal to begin detailed planning for the university, or a similar institution, immediately.

In a statement issued after the association's general meeting last week, the group said:

"We would like to point out that planning and construction of such a college could hardly be completed in less than six years, by which time the population of the Top End may be expected to be in the order of 120,000 — all of whom would benefit from the college.

"We also agree that there are some distinctive features of the Darwin area which should be taken into account in planning such a university college.

"These include the opportunities for training and research in a number of specialised topics, such as tropical medicine,

tropical agriculture, anthropology and the sociology of a multi-racial community.

"These subjects are not readily available elsewhere in Australia and would provide special attractions for some students from South-east Asian countries.

"And since Darwin provides administrative and technical services for the whole of the Northern Territory, the need for both teaching and research facilities is obviously higher than might be expected purely on a population basis.

### DISRUPTED

"Finally, many of us have personally been faced by the problems which arise when families are disrupted as children go south to attend university, or parents decide to seek a transfer rather than allow this disruption to occur."

The Minister for the Northern Territory, Mr Kep Enderby, proposed the university for Darwin several weeks ago.

Growing support for the proposal from most official Darwin associations has followed the announcement.

So far, the only statement opposing the immediate establishment of a university college has come from Mr Joseph Flint, principal of Darwin's new community college.

Mr Flint said he thinks the university concept is premature for Darwin at

this stage and would interfere with the early development of the community college.

## Booking for co

About one-third of the for Wednesday night's cians.

The internationally famous group, comprising Maureen Jones (piano), Barry Tuckwell (French horn), Brenton Langbein (violin), Ottavio Corti (viola) and Raffaele Altwegg (cello) will play at the Nightcliff high school's octagon theatre.

The five have collaborated in various groupings on many occasions over the years.

The trio Tuckwell-Jones-Langbein made a brilliant debut at the 1961 Edinburgh Festival with the first performance of a special commissioned work by the Australian composer, Don Banks.

Since then it has made regular tours throughout Europe, particularly in Germany and Italy.

Ottavio Corti and Raffaele Altwegg are associated on a regular basis with Brenton Langbein in the Die Kammermusiker which toured Australia with great success in 1966.

Miss Jones and Mr Tuckwell often appear as



MR FLINT

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## DARWIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE — OFFICIAL OPENING

### Prince Philip to open DCC

Tomorrow at 4 pm Prince Philip will open the Darwin Community College — Australia's first such institution.

The opening ceremony is to take place in the college plaza area near the theatre.

Guests are to be seated by 3.30 p.m.

The college principal, Mr Joe Flint, and the council chairman, Bishop Ken Mason, will then greet the Minister for Education, Mr Kim Beazley and Mrs Beazley and the NT Administrator, Mr Jock Nelson, and Mrs Nelson.

Mr Beazley will then present the Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam, and Mrs Whitlam to Mr Flint and Mr Mason.

At 3.50 p.m. Prince Philip and the Royal party will arrive and the Royal Marine Band will play the national anthem.

Mr Flint will then invite Prince Philip to open the college.

Following a brief ceremony, Prince Philip and the Royal party will leave the site to tour the academic block of the college.

At 4.25 p.m. the Royal party will leave the college to go to the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Members of the public will then be invited to tour the college.

The public is asked to park west of the college workshops and be in place near the plaza by 3.30 p.m. to view the opening.

### 2560 enrolled

After the first week of operation, the college had about 2560 students enrolled in classes.

This figure does not include the students who are receiving tutorial assistance for external studies through Queensland University.

About 2200 students are enrolled in the applied arts and continuing education program.

Another 110 students are taking courses in the technology and science

program and 150 are enrolled as tertiary and commerce students.

About 100 people are taking the college's teacher training course.

Many of the students are mothers who, through months of negotiations, have organised two college creches — one at Nightcliff and one in town.

### Student village

There is accommodation for 72 students available at the campus student village.

Both single and married students will be accommodated in single and double storey buildings.

Cost is about \$25 per week for full board. The students counsellor

will also be available to help students plan recreational and weekend activities.

Each student will have separate bed-sitting rooms and a balcony and share kitchen and bathroom facilities with one other student.

Laundry facilities are also available as is cafeteria service.



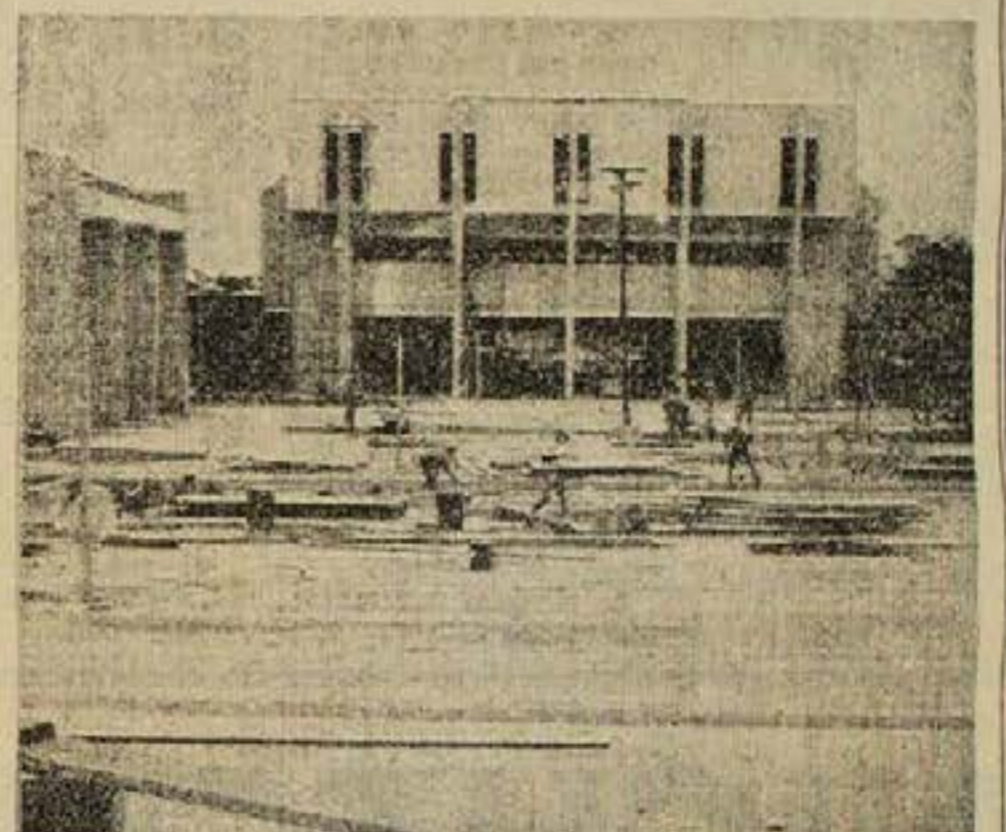
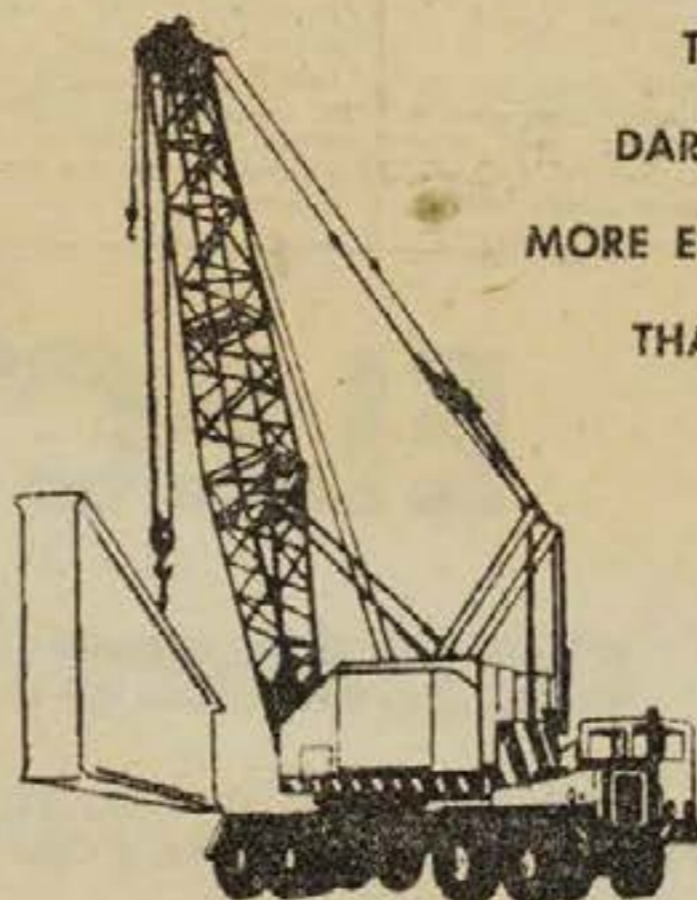
The Darwin Community College — its grand opening tomorrow is the culmination of years of negotiation.

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## DARWIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE — OFFICIAL OPENING

### Foresight and work rewarded

The Darwin Community College probably owes its existence to the foresight and hard work of three long-time Territorians.

They are Mr Ken Waters, who will continue to play a vital role as deputy chairman of the college council, Mrs Nan Giese, also a council member and Mr Ron Withnall.

It was Mr Withnall and Mr Waters who first approached the then Minister for Education, Mr Malcolm Fraser, about the need for Darwin children to be able to extend their education at a local institution.

After much thought and many meetings Mr Withnall, Mr Waters and Mrs Giese proposed the idea of a college which would encompass a wide range of courses in technical, cultural and academic areas.

In 1968 Mr Fraser commissioned the director of technical education in South Australia, Mr Max Bone, to investigate the situation.

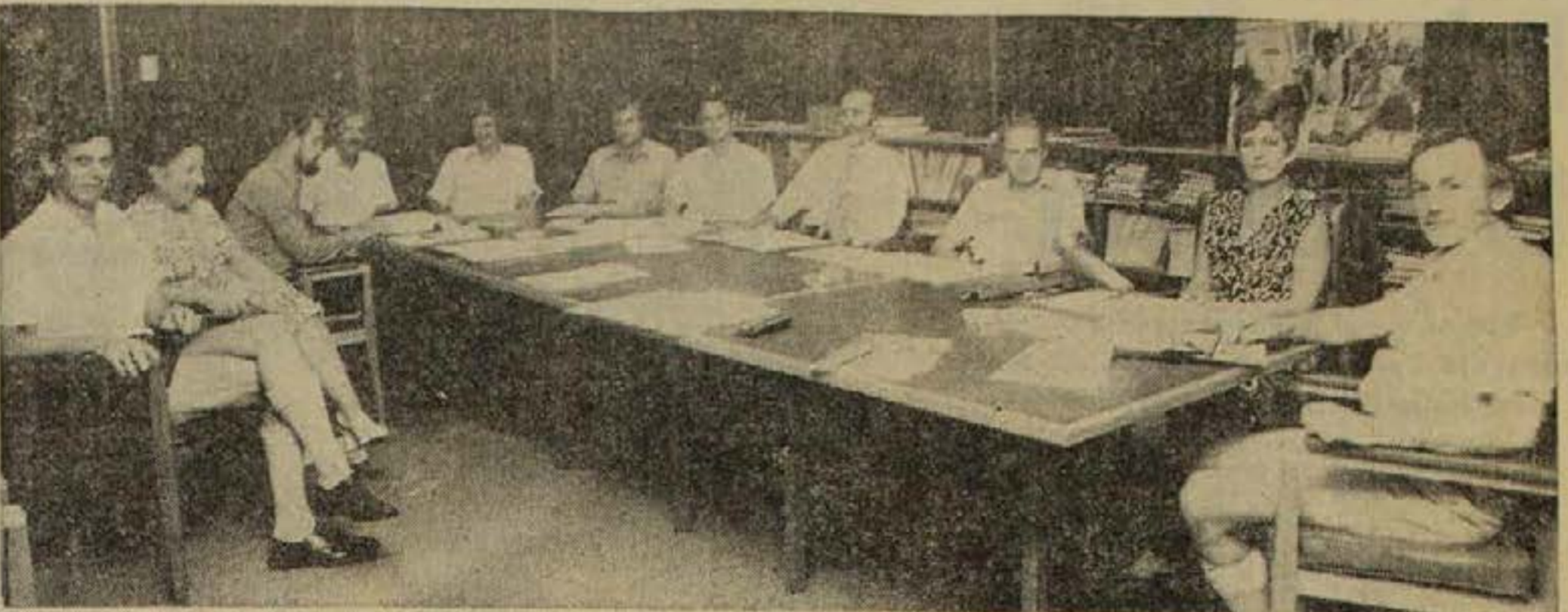


Mr Ken Waters, Deputy chairman of the college council and who, along with Ron Withnall and Nan Giese, first suggested the need for a Darwin community college.

In his report dated December 30, 1968, Mr Bone recommended the proposed college reflect the community's needs, both cultural and vocational.

In June the next year Mr Fraser asked the Government to approve in principle the establishment of a community college in Darwin.

A planning committee was set up with members



Appointed members of the college council meeting last month to select four additional members-at-large.

At far right is Dr Hedley Beare, who was acting chairman until Bishop Ken Mason was elected permanent chairman a few weeks ago.

representing education, welfare, apprentices, Aboriginal affairs, public works, the legislative council and the Darwin City Corporation.

Chairman was H. K. Coughlan and members were M. H. Bone, J. Gallacher, N. Giese, E. Izod, J. Long, W. H. Paterson, L. G. Redmond, R. C. Ward and K. Waters.

In its first report in August 1969 the committee recommended that \$4.5 million be spent on building, equipping and furnishing the college.

By 1971, after a further report, the planning committee became the interim college council with Dr Charles Ebert appointed chairman in 1972.

In the beginning of 1972 construction began on the college.

In September of the same year staff recruitment began when Mr Joseph Flint was appointed principal.

An in July of last year everything became official with the establishment of the Darwin Community College ordinance.

By the end of 1973 construction of the college was nearing completion, most staff had been recruited and the program planning was well under way.

For the next two years the college development will be in the hands of the new permanent college council led by Bishop Ken Mason as chairman.

Council members are Dr Hedley Beare, Mrs Nan Giese, Mr Ken Waters, Dr Ellen Stack, Mr Geoff James, Rever-

end Doug McKenzie, Mr Keith Pennel, Mrs Lenore Budd, Dr Mike Ridpath, Mr David Cameron, Mr

Max Bone, Reverend Gowan Armstrong, Mr Reg Lowry, temporary student representative, and Mr

Noel Longman, temporary staff representative, and Mr Joe Flint, college principal.

The focal point of the college buildings is the library.

It will eventually contain 100,000 books as well as a wide range of audio visual aids and equipment.

The library and other academic areas will be fully air conditioned.

It occupies the two floors above the cafeteria. Current provision is for the seating of 150 readers, including 24 audio visual carrels.

The current capacity of the building is 30,000 volumes, with the majority housed on the second floor.

### Library is focal Point

The lower floor includes a periodical room, discussion room, audio visual workroom, staff workroom and general services area.

Margaret Clinch, librarian, is a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney with a Diploma of Librarianship from the University of NSW.

She worked with the NSW state library including eight years in teachers' college libraries.

At the Mitchell Library she carried out historical research for readers and for a time was acting librarian of the NSW Supreme Court library.

She has also been a volunteer librarian in Papua New Guinea.

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## DARWIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE — OFFICIAL OPENING

# NEW COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FOR TERRITORY'S SPECIFIC NEEDS

What is a community college and what will it offer Darwin and the Territory?

The concept of a community college originated in the United States about the turn of the century.

There are now almost 1000 colleges in the country, ranging in size from small country town units to those in cities with 20,000 students.

They provide for post school needs catering for the trades as well as university credits.



Mr Joe Flint, principal of the college.

Many trade-related, technological and business courses are offered to students studying on a part-time or full-time basis.

The colleges have been called the "poor man's university" due to their low fee structure and the chance they present for entry to a degree course at a minimal cost.

A full-time credit course at these colleges usually lasts two years and ends with the award of an associate degree in a particular area.

This in itself is a terminal qualification but the two years' work is fully recognised for transfer and entry to a university at the third year level of a degree program.

The Darwin Community College will be fully orientated to the NT.

It will develop in its own way to provide for the needs of students and employers of the Territory.

It will operate in close co-operation with business and industry, social and public agencies to ensure curricula are up to date and relevant.

There are four main program areas being de-

veloped by the college.

The teacher training program this year involves an upgrading course for two-year train-



Bishop Ken Mason, chairman of the Community College council.

ed teachers and a program for Aboriginal teachers.

This year's tertiary and commerce program provides for the continuation of successful courses previously organised by the adult education centre. The program will be greatly expanded as the college grows.

Management and business techniques courses are designed to be not only practical but also innovative.

The range of commerce and commercial diploma and certificate courses is to be extended to provide facilities for qualification and promotion in as many commercial and government undertakings in the NT as possible.

The level of qualification available will range through the technician level to full professional status.

In the first years of the college operation, the applied arts and continuing education program will basically extend the scope of courses previously provided by the adult education centre.

A main future development in the cultural life of the Territory will be the establishment of the schools of art, music and drama within the college.

They will be integrated parts of the college but

also identifiable as schools within the college.

It is hoped the establishment of a school of music will lead to the development of an NT Conservatorium of music.

Courses to be offered in the technology and science program include most of the trade and sub-professional technical courses traditionally found in a technical college.

However, the range of

courses at the college will be wider to include sub-trade, and hobby classes, and, at the highest level, the early stages of professional engineering courses.

Sub-trade training for Aboriginals will be offered in the building and mechanical fields.

Depending on demand, adult classes will be offered in metal work, motor maintenance, welding, woodworking, radio

and TV and hobbies.

Trade training for apprentices will be centralised at the college and a wide range of courses will be offered on a block release basis.

This will allow all NT apprentices to benefit from the college facilities.

One of the most important courses being offered this year is a brick-laying course, designed to ease the shortage of bricklayers in the NT.

## College calendar

- Tomorrow, March 10 — official opening.
- April 12 — Good Friday.
- April 15 — Easter Monday.
- May 6 — May day.
- June 17 — Queen's birthday.
- July 5 — end of first semester.
- July 27 — Darwin Show.
- August 5 — second semester begins.
- August 15 — Picnic holiday.
- October — third division exams begin.
- November 20 — Public Exam Board leaving and matric exams begin.
- December 6 — second semester ends; exams end.

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## MUMS MEET THE PRINCE



Prince Philip officially opened the community college yesterday afternoon.

About 300 people watched him unveil a plaque which read: "The Darwin Community College was opened by His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, on 10th March, 1974."

A group of women outside the entrance to the college waved placards as the opening took place.

They were protesting at the absence of a creche in the college.

### Whitlam to help

The Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam, who also attended the opening, promised the mothers help.

The women told Prince Philip and Mr Whitlam they had been prevented from attending the college because they had nowhere to leave their children.

Earlier Mr Whitlam ate his first buffalo steak—and washed it down with a beer out of his personal stubby holder.

He was having lunch at the Darwin German Club before attending the opening of the college.

Mr Whitlam was presented with the stubby holder by the president of the club, Mr Karl Wolpers.

Mr Whitlam said that in the past he had been told he kept his glass of beer a little long, and it got rather warm.

"Now I have a Darwin souvenir to keep it cold and keep it for myself," he said.

Prince Philip pauses to talk to women protesting about lack of crèche facilities at the Darwin Community College yesterday after he performed the opening ceremony.

## PERKINS GIVES A WARNING

Part Aboriginal public servant, Charles Perkins last night said it was crisis time for Australia's Aborigines.

He said they faced the greatest time in their lives. If they did not grasp the opportunity to press their case in the next six months it would be lost.

And the Aborigines would be like the United States' Indians.

Mr Perkins made the comments while being interviewed on a Melbourne television program.

He said he could not comment on whether the gun carried by an Aboriginal in Canberra had been loaded during an incident 12 days ago at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

But he said the action by the Aboriginal in-

terms of a symbolic gesture was "a good thing."

He said similar things could occur again, "but Australia does not have to follow the United States in matters like this."

Mr Perkins claimed a group of politicians in Federal Parliament had abused the Aboriginal people inside and outside Parliament.

But he declined to name any politician, saying they named themselves by what they had said.

What did he think of the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Senator James Cavanagh?

"He's okay, he's right, he's sweet," said Mr Perkins.



Prince Philip unveils the plaque officially opening Darwin Community College. The Prime Minister Mr Gough Whitlam (left) and the college principal, Mr Joe Flint, are all smiles as the ceremony proceeds without a hitch.



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## The Territory's proposed university . . .

THE Bill which will give the Territory a university has been introduced to the Legislative Assembly, but the local academic community is worried about the type of institution that could spring up in the north.

Professor Bill Walker, commissioned by the Everingham Government to recommend on the establishment and governance of a Territory university, said the so-called Alaska model would be best suited here.

But Darwin Community College staff fear that planning vice-chancellor and former Department of Education Secretary, Dr Jim Eedle, wants to see the Alaska model "set aside" in favor of a "public monument".

Dr Eedle is reported to have said "the Alaska model gives me the creeps" at a DCC meeting.

Although the full text of Professor Walker's report has not been made public, it is understood it calls for a state-wide system encompassing a number of distinct centres dealing with one or more levels of post-secondary education.

Any of these centres could offer degree programs, but would not have to in order to be part of the state-wide university system.

### LEVELS

The suggested university would have two levels — normal degree courses and Technical and Further Education (TAFE).

Courses now offered by the DCC at the College of Advanced Education (CAE) level are moving toward degree standard.

The Alaska-type system headed by a senator and chancellor, would initially oversee three campuses — the university college of the NT (created out of the CAE section of the DCC) and the DCC's TAFE sector and the Community College of Central Australia, which would offer some elementary university courses and TAFE.

Each institution would have its own council and chief executive officer.

The report is believed to place great emphasis on the role of vice-chancellor, who would provide academic leadership, administrative capability and personal skills — and have several years university experience.

By FRED McCUE

College Staff Association President, Mr James Nichterlein, wants to see the philosophy and operating practices behind the unique open-entry institution continued within a university.

However, the association is worried this might not happen. Although the Walker Report has been seen by the Chief Minister Mr Everingham and Education Minister, Mr Robertson, no staff association member has seen it and they fear the recommendations have been "put aside."

Mr Nichterlein said there was already talk of the university being built at Palmerston, about 20km from Darwin. Such a decision could spell disaster, because if the buildings were to be constructed as part of an Alaskan model, they should be closer to the DCC's Casuarina campus. The DCC relies heavily on part-time students and any university would draw largely from this section of the community.

If the main body of the university initial student intake was forced to make a 40km trek two or three times a week it would "cripple" the institution at the time it was most vulnerable.

## Academics worried about the planning



• DR Jim Eedle (left) says things are going smoothly and the Minister, Mr Robertson maintains the review is not a threat to autonomy.

"They appear to be wedded to the notion of a public monument right down the track," Mr Nichterlein said.

Mr Nichterlein does not see the likelihood of the large number of students, who are currently educated in southern states, changing their present ways and attending tertiary education in the north.

"The potential for a disaster exists," he said. The spectre of an autonomy threat was raised early this month when Mr Everingham ordered a review of the college.

The recently completed review looked at the possibility of transferring the college's administrative clerical support staff

to the NT Public Service. The possibility of incorporating DCC policy planning section, in particular the technical and further education area, and the building program unit in the Education Department was also studied.

The board of review was conducted by the Public Service Commissioner's office and did not include a DCC representative.

### FEARS

Mr Nichterlein, said there are fears the review may be a taste of things to come at the university.

"If it's not clearly autonomous it's not credible," Mr Nichterlein said.

It was against this background that the Minister and the planning vice chancellor spoke out last week.

Neither would commit themselves as to the likely model.

Things are going to work smoothly, Dr Eedle said.

Dr Eedle did say Territory university should be just that and not a college of any other institution.

"Therefore it seems to me at this stage of our planning what we have to do is develop an approach that will result in an institution that has particular relevance to the Northern Territory but which will stand as a broad component of the national system of higher education," Dr Eedle said.

"When we looked initially at the Alaska model the intention was to try to find a system which would enable an efficient and reasonably economic system of higher education to be made available as widely as possible in the Northern Territory.

"It is, of course, impossible to simply transfer anybody else's system.

"I believe that it is essential we have the best possible co-ordination of our higher education in

the Territory but whether we dub that the Alaska model or whether we . . . it would certainly be a modified Alaska."

But the staff association's dream of an open entry institution does not look like coming to fruition.

"Well nothing has yet been decided on the courses, but what is true in Australia is that no university offers UG3 courses, some offer UG2's," he said.

Dr Eedle does not feel finding students will be a problem.

He also seems confident the essential quality post graduate students can be attracted to the Territory by the right courses and staff.

The Minister, Mr Robertson seems equally as confident about the future of a Territory university although the size of the university file on his desk indicates his own involvement has not been that great so far.

Mr Robertson believes there could be a problem of acceptance of the Alaska model by academics of Australia.

### QUALITY

Regardless of the model chosen the Minister also believes high quality people will be enticed to a Territory university.

Mr Robertson said the review of the college was not a threat to its autonomy or a precursor to what would happen to a university.

The review was simply an act of responsibility by the young NT Government aimed at assuring tax-payers money was not being wasted.

It was difficult to explain why DCC staff were worried about the review, he said.

Even if the review does not affect the college, the university will, and staff and students have accepted that, Mr Robertson said.



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## Murdoch — two views from the academic gallery

by ALISTAIR HEATLEY

**Our redoubtable Chief Minister is becoming very adept at pulling rabbits out of his hat.**

His announcement of Rupert Murdoch's acceptance of the position of interim (and, hopefully, the first substantive) Chancellor of the projected University of the Northern Territory is testament to Everingham's ability to produce the unexpected.

However much Murdoch may have been personally attracted to this bustling infant of the North, it is a tribute to Everingham's powers of persuasion that he convinced such a well-known, dynamic, and influential figure to participate in an enterprise which is, to say the least, uncertain.

Still, Murdoch does not usually back losers and his association with the university project will undoubtedly give it a greater chance of success. If ever there was any doubt about the sincerity of the Government's commitment to the university, then it should be dispelled by this appointment.

Although his influence can vary according to the personality and interests of the incumbent, in an established university a chancellor customarily fulfils largely formal ceremonial functions.

As an officer of a non-existent institution, Murdoch will be expected to play a much more positive role — to help sell the concept, to loosen the pursestrings of a Federal administration which is becoming notoriously miserly in its support of tertiary education, and to overcome academic opposition in the South.

With such a task, one wonders where he will find the time to manage his vast media empire and his transport interests!

As the 20th chancellor in Australia, K. R. Murdoch, M.A.(Oxon.) joins a select and illustrious group. Despite the contemporary dominance of Judges (11) and academics (57), there is ample precedent.

In fact, in the current group, there is already a newspaper publisher — Sir Theodore Bray at Griffith University. Thus, on the score of his education, his business interests, and his acknowledged reputation, his choice cannot be said to be unconventional. Yet, it is likely to be controversial.

Until recently, there was, however fragilely, a measure of bipartisan support for the Territory University (the Australian Democrats always excepted). But, as evidenced in the present Assembly sittings, party viewpoints have become increasingly divergent. Murdoch's appointment will serve to widen the breach; to the ALP he is anathema, the 'bete noire' of Australian politics.

The influence of his newspaper chain has been seen, in Labor circles, as a major contributing reason for the lack of electoral success by the ALP since 1974. In the Territory, his flagship, The NT News, has been lambasted by local Labor politicians alleging bias and distortion.

Given Labor's acute distaste of the man, his association with the university will be an additional element for disenchantment.

Despite the unfortunate political repercussions, the inclusion of Murdoch in the Territory's negotiating team is an imaginative and bold step which should expedite the university's establishment.

(Dr Heatley is lecturer in politics at Darwin Community College.)

by FRANK ALCORTA

**Surprise is a very mild word to describe my reaction to Rupert Murdoch's appointment to the Chancellorship of the NT University.**

During the last weeks a few names have been floated in our academic community.

They have ranged from Sir Mark Oliphant to Professor Kramer and Sir Philip Baxter, all eminently well qualified academics who would have brought with them a much needed mantle of respectability to our brand-new educational venture.

Murdoch was never mentioned. He has not in the past been noted for his interest in academic affairs and, in any case, he has always seemed too remote to worry about something like a university in the steamy north of Australia.

Three intriguing questions come to mind immediately. The first is, why Murdoch? The second is, why has he accepted the position? The third is, what kind of reception will the appointment have in the other 19 Australian universities?

The answer to the first question has to do, I think, with money.

So far there is little evidence that the Federal Government is enthusiastic about spending millions of dollars building and maintaining yet another university when there are two or three ailing institutions in the south whose fate is very much in doubt.

Murdoch's great ability is in finances and this is certainly going

to be needed to get the university here off the planning stage.

The answer to the second question is thoroughly compelling.

I shall have two guesses. One is that Murdoch, whatever the shade of his politics, is a man of undeniable vision. He has seen a great future in the Territory and wants to be associated with it in some significant form. The other reason may be that he, having achieved a superb financial empire, now wants the respectability of the academic gown. A kind of splendid menopausal twilight if you like.

The third question is not easy to answer. I suspect that there will be a few mild growls of scholarly rage at the appointment from some of the more staid, and declining, old universities.

But the growls are likely to be mingled with mute admiration at the coup. They know full well that one of the reasons for their decline into genteel poverty is that they have not had anyone quite like Murdoch at the top.

There are a number of ancillary issues that I do not have the room to expand but it is clear that with Murdoch and Eedle the Northern Territory is about to embark in a unique experiment which is risky, perilous, venturesome, and thoroughly exhilarating.

The appointment is controversial and will not be universally well received.

A predictable chorus of protest will be heard but, on this occasion, it should be ignored.

In our present stage of development what matters most is results and, in terms of the university, those are more likely to be achieved by Murdoch than by a more traditional, and largely symbolic, Chancellor.

(Mr Alcorta is lecturer in history at Darwin Community College.)

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## Private university plan for Territory



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The Territory's first university could be a private venture aimed at attracting students from South-East Asia as well as the NT.

A Perth-based company has approached the Tuxworth Government to set up a private university in the Territory.

The Chief Minister, Mr Ian Tuxworth, in a recent letter to the company, the Barrack House Group Pty Ltd, described the proposal as "imaginative and exciting."

In the letter, Mr Tuxworth pointed out Darwin's location put it in a good position to attract overseas students, particularly from South-East Asia.

### Banking

The Chief Minister also asked the group for a detailed submission of the university proposal.

Barrack House Group is a merchant banking company which has various interests including real estate.

It has also approached the Western Australian Government but WA Premier, Mr Brian Burke, is believed to

By LEONIE  
BIDDLE

have rejected the proposal on the grounds his State already was well served by a university and other tertiary institutions.

A company representative first approached the Territory Government in March this year, according to a government spokesman.

Mr Tuxworth and Education Minister, Mr Tom Harris, have said the Government was dedicated to getting a university for the Territory.

Both have indicated they are interested in the private venture particularly in view of the Federal Government's continued lack of support for a Territory university.

Company chairman, Mr Connor Horgan, is overseas and could not be contacted.

## Town open to the public

The small Arnhem Land community of Gunbalanya will be opened to the public on Saturday for a performance of the international travelling theatre group, Footsbarn.

The Northern Land Council will waive the usual driver's permit requirements between 12 noon and 6 pm for the group's performance of Circus Tosov at the community, formerly known as Oenpelli.

### Visitors

Visitors are expected from nearby Jabiru and Darwin, 350 km away.

NLC director, Mr John Ah Kit, said travellers would be subject to the normal con-

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## **NT to go it alone on uni**

By **LEONIE BIDDLE**  
**A Territory-funded  
university college  
will open in Darwin at  
the start of 1987.**

Students from South-East Asia paying fees in the order of \$10 000 a year each will help offset some of the costs to Territory tax payers.

Territory students also might have to pay for their university education here following Federal Government moves to reintroduce tertiary fees throughout Australia.

The university college is almost certain to be closely linked with the established Queensland University.

Territory Chief Minister, Mr Ian Tuxworth, announced the starting date in his opening address to the CLP annual conference in Katherine last night.

## **Pressing**

Mr Tuxworth said a university was one of the Territory's most pressing needs to redress the "brain drain" of students leaving to study interstate and the subsequent disruption to families.

The Government also faces an election in 1987 and believes a university college will be a definite vote catcher.

Federal reluctance to fund the university college until 1991 at the earliest, had forced the Government to go it alone, Mr Tuxworth said.

He admitted financing the university college would be difficult but said: "We must demonstrate to the rest of Australia that we need this facility and we have the will and the ability to make it viable."

A university college is seen as the first step towards a fully-fledged university first proposed in the Territory in the late 70s.

Land adjacent to University Avenue at Palmerston is proposed as the site of the Territory's

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## **NT goes alone**

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university anywhere between five and 20 years away.

Details of how the college will be financed, its location, numbers of students and courses have yet to be addressed.

Initially existing facilities in Darwin will be used. For example, the External Studies centre at Darwin Institute of Technology, Health Department laboratories or former school buildings.

Courses are likely to be concentrated on the arts and basic sciences.

University Planning Authority chairman, Dr Jim Eedle, is delighted at the news after five years of preparatory work.

He said the time frame in which to set up

the college would be tight but he was looking forward to the challenge.

He acknowledged there was concern at the DIT about the impact of a university college on its operation and status but said there would be close consultation with student and staff associations.

The object of the university college was not to disadvantage other Territory tertiary institutions, he said.

Asked what the college was likely to cost the Territory, Dr Eedle said it was impossible to tell at this stage but \$8000 a student a year was a starting point.

He said every other Australian university except for the ANU in Canberra had started as state-funded institutions.

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## University college opened

Interstate academics and journalists were at the Northern Territory University College's official opening today.

The Victorian Supreme Court judge and former chancellor of Melbourne's Deakin University, Justice Austin Asche, gave a welcoming speech, followed by one from the Queensland University vice-chancellor, Professor Brian Wilson.

The Queensland University has offered its courses to the new college and will monitor exams and advise in management areas.

The NT Education Minister, Mr Daryl Manzie, and the Chief Minister, Mr Steve Hatton, also gave speeches before the plaque was unveiled by the NT Administrator, Commodore Eric Johnston.

The university, remodelled from the old hospital at Larrakeyah, has attracted interstate and overseas lecturers.

There are also several students from Malaysia and Hong Kong among the more than 250 students enrolled.

More than 200 students will be studying for arts degrees and 51 are enrolled in the sciences.

The university is not recognised by Canberra because of the NT Government's refusal to build it on the Darwin Institute of Technology grounds.

Without that recognition, the university college students are not eligible for benefits such as AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY.

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## NORTHERN TERRITORY News

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### No room for both

THE Darwin Institute of Technology bid to become the NT University of Technology is a surprise move which might, just might, succeed.

If it does, the University College NT will cease to exist because there is no room here for two universities. Indeed, most people would argue there is no room for a university and an institute of advanced education in a city of Darwin's population.

The trigger for the DIT bid is the Federal Government's Green Paper on tertiary education released last year by the Education Minister, Mr John Dawkins.

The paper expressed dissatisfaction with the results of a \$3 billion annual expenditure by the Government in tertiary education. It said that one of the principal reasons for Australia's declining competitiveness was that the post-school education system does not produce people with qualifications and skills readily adaptable to rapid technological change.

It went on to propose radical changes, including sweeping away the artificial barriers of the previous binary system — universities and colleges of advanced education.

We have a classic example of those barriers in Darwin. The University College, fully funded by Territory taxpayers, is an offshoot of the Queensland University. The DIT is a mixed advanced and technical educational institution partly funded by Canberra and partly by the NT Government.

The situation has been crying for urgent solutions since the university opened its doors in 1986.

The logical thing is that there must be an amalgamation of advanced education and, probably, a large part of the technical and further education sector, into the one institution.

The Federal Government has made clear again and again that it will deny funds to the university college while the situation continues.

As a result the Territory is missing out on federal funding of \$14 million a year, money that the Government has to subtract from badly needed capital works.

### Intolerable

This is intolerable and the main reason why the DIT move must be welcome.

The argument against the DIT becoming the new NT University of Technology will be that we will lose the "credibility" provided by the Queensland University.

It is a fair argument but one that should not obscure the facts. They are that universities have the authority and power to establish their own courses without practically any restraints except financial.

Colleges of advanced education on the other hand have to go through a gruelling national accreditation process to gain acceptance, and funding, for their courses.

The reality — against the perception — of the situation is therefore that many university courses can in fact be inferior to CAE courses.

There is no doubt Mr Dawkins and his advisers have recognised this.

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# Hanrahan quiet on merge talk

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By **KERRY SHARP**

**The Education Minister, Mr Ray Hanrahan, has refused to quell speculation that four Territory-based tertiary institutions could be amalgamated.**

Mr Hanrahan has disclosed the NT Government is considering "four or five" options for the future of local tertiary education.

But he has refused to confirm or deny whether one is to amalgamate the Darwin Institute of Technology, the NT University College, the Menzies School of Health Research and the Australian National University's North Australian Research Unit.

Neither the NARU head, Dr Peter Loveday, nor the Menzies School head, Professor John

Matthews, could be contacted for comment today.

But an ANU source said any Territory amalgamation involving the federally-funded Canberra university's research unit was unlikely.

The Menzies School of Health Research is an NT Education Department institution attracting federal and Territory funding.

### Recommend

The NT Council of Advanced Education, which met to discuss the federal "green paper" on higher education last night, will recommend the DIT continue as a separate institution.

The council will recommend the DIT be renamed the Northern Territory University of Technology.

The chairman, Mrs Nancy Glese, said the council generally

supported the thrusts of the green paper.

She said the council would prepare a final statement of advice to the NT Government on a new higher education system.

The NT Government is seeking public comment and submissions on the structure of that system.

The Opposition Education spokesman, Mr Brian Ede, said NT University College students were uncertain about their futures and some were deciding whether to transfer interstate.

Mr Ede, who convened a students' meeting last night, said he would discuss the future of Territory tertiary education with the federal Education Minister, Mr John Dawkins, next week.

"It's clear the Territory Government's lack of an open public response to the green paper has generated worry and confusion," he said today.



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## Students concerned over merger

SIR, We, as students of the Bachelor of Applied Science degree course at the Darwin Institute of Technology, are concerned about the coming merger of the University of College of the Northern Territory and the DIT.

The merger is, as far as we know, viewed by the University College as an absorption of selected parts of the DIT rather than, as the Green Paper proposes, the amalgamation of two small institutions to give one larger, more cost-effective establishment.

The degree offered by the University College, an affiliation of Queensland University, is a pure science degree which is offered by all universities in this country.

We chose not to enrol in this degree course because it is just another pure science degree, and we understand that it has less flexibility than other pure science degrees.

We chose the DIT degree for two main reasons.

First it offers flexibility and a wider choice of options.

This flexibility carries over to the employment field where the structure of the degree allows a minor sequence in a second area of study and the option of an extra year in education.

All these options, we feel, make us eminently employable immediately after graduation.

Second it is vocationally oriented, having been produced not only by the academics of DIT but also by representatives of the major Northern Territory employment groups.

The DIT degree is an applied and vocational one, which we students look to for the greater opportunity of a more satisfying and fulfilling career than we might expect as graduates of a pure science degree.

It is heavily oriented towards the environmental studies (conservation, management, re-

habilitation and environmental quality control) which are vital for the improved quality of life for all Australians.

We see the strength of the DIT as being the close relationship between TAFE and Advanced Education with the interchange of ideas, equipment and staff with the opportunity for TAFE students to get advanced standing in the Bachelor of Applied Science.

If the merger proceeds as the working-party document of the University College has indicated, our subject options will decrease and our employment prospects will decline.

We would like a definite assurance that the Darwin Institute of Technology Bachelor of Applied Science degree course will be maintained as it not only fulfils the philosophy of the Green Paper but also offers us the reasonable hope of employment and a productive life.

Students, DIT, Darwin.

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## DIT seeks even merger role

**The Darwin Institute of Technology staff want proportional representation in the merger proceedings with the University College.**

The DIT council chairman, Mrs Nan Glese, will write to the Education Minister, Mr Tom Harris, voicing the staff concerns about the merger.

Almost the entire DIT staff turned up yesterday to a special meeting on the merger.

DIT staff-elected council member, Dr

Dean Patterson, said the staff, in the past month had become "increasingly nervous about the merger".

"Many feel it is not running as straight and true as they had hoped and dreamed in the early, heady days of the merger negotiations," Dr Patterson said.

Dr Patterson said he could not reveal the motions he took from the staff meeting to a meeting of the council last night, but said he was "amazed at the very strong sense of unity among the staff".

But DIT Student Association chairman, Ms Karen Jackson, who is also a member of the council, said the main issues in the staff motion were:

- Proportional representation on the five merger working parties.
- Staff, student and union representation in the higher education planning group.

Dr Patterson said a "wide range of concerns would be transferred to the minister by the council chairman, Mrs Glese".

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## **NT university opened today**

**The Northern Territory University — established on January 1 this year — was opened officially today.**

The opening ceremony took place at the university's Casuarina campus with addresses by university officials.

Speakers included the university's Vice Chancellor designate, Professor Malcolm Nairn, who is due to take up his position later this year.

# Get ready for Charles Darwin Uni

By **NIGEL ADLAM**

The Northern Territory University is expected to change its name to the Charles Darwin University.

The name change, foreshadowed by the *Northern Territory News* last week, was discussed at a meeting of the university's governing council last night.

Vice-chancellor Kenneth McKinnon refused to comment yesterday.

He is due to address staff today.

It is believed Professor McKinnon thinks rebranding the institution as Charles Darwin will enhance the university's image with the community.

The NTU is also expected to forge links with the Australian National University in Canberra and the Menzies School of Health.

The association with the ANU — Australia's most prestigious university — would boost the NTU's standing in academic circles.

Menzies is an internationally-renowned research centre based in Darwin.

It specialises in indigenous and tropical health.



## It's now Charles Darwin University

Vice-chancellor Professor Ken McKinnon, second from left, with Lawrence Stubbs, Rob Wolff, Justin Dezyva and Luo Mitchell, celebrate's yesterday's announcement. Picture: PATRINA MALONE

By CHRIS CARTER

The Northern Territory University will become Charles Darwin by the middle of this year, Chief Minister Clare Martin said yesterday.

And a new research centre will be part of the university.

The Institute of Advanced Studies will be made up of four research schools:

**HEALTH** including tropical and infectious diseases;

**RESOURCE** and ecosystem management, including wildlife conservation;

**ENERGY** and infrastructure, particularly overcoming problems in a tropical climate; and

**SOCIAL** policy and governance, including substance abuse.

The institute will be based at the university's Casuarina campus in Darwin.

The Charles Darwin University will be an amalgamation of NTU in Darwin and the Centralian College at Alice Springs.

It will have ties with the Menzies

School of Health, the Darwin-based medical research centre.

The university is being remodelled partly because of the poor reputation of the NTU in academic circles.

Ms Martin said the university would try to eliminate the need for students to go interstate or overseas for tertiary-level education.

"It is crucial that we make this investment in our young people so they have the option to undertake their tertiary studies or training right here," she said.

"We are still producing fine graduates here but we've had to do a restructure.

"The Territory is on the brink of some exciting new developments that will see it grow both economically and socially. The Charles Darwin University will play an important role in this development."

A 13-member council will run the university and Centralian College executive director Don Zoellner will become the TAFE pro vice-chancellor.

NT Government funding for the university has increased by \$1.5 million to \$6.5 million next financial year.





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**'I think the Territory is going places — it has got a good buzz about it'**

Professor Garnett ... foundation head of the new Charles Darwin University

## **Nuclear scientist to head university**

By **PAUL DYER**

The head of the controversial Lucas Heights nuclear reactor in Sydney will be the next Vice-Chancellor of the NT University.

The university announced yesterday internationally-renowned scientist Professor Helen Garnett will replace outgoing Vice-Chancellor Professor Ken McKinnon in mid-October.

Professor Garnett, 56, has been the chief executive of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation for more than nine years.

The organisation oversees the operations of the Lucas Height reactor.

Professor Garnett was instrumental in gaining extra funding for the \$300 million replacement research re-

actor, which is expected to be completed in 2005.

She is also a representative to the UN International Atomic Energy Agency.

Professor Garnett said she was excited by the prospect of being the foundation Vice-Chancellor of the new Charles Darwin University from 2004.

"I think the NT is going places — it has got a good buzz about it," she said.

Under Charles Darwin University, the institution will merge with the Centralian College at Alice Springs and Darwin's Menzies School of Health.

Professor Garnett said she would push for a greater focus on issues that directly affect the NT. "There is a lot of opportunity there to focus ... on tropical and desert studies and other issues of relevance to the Territory," she said.



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## CDU names vice-chancellor

CHARLES Darwin University has appointed a new vice-chancellor.

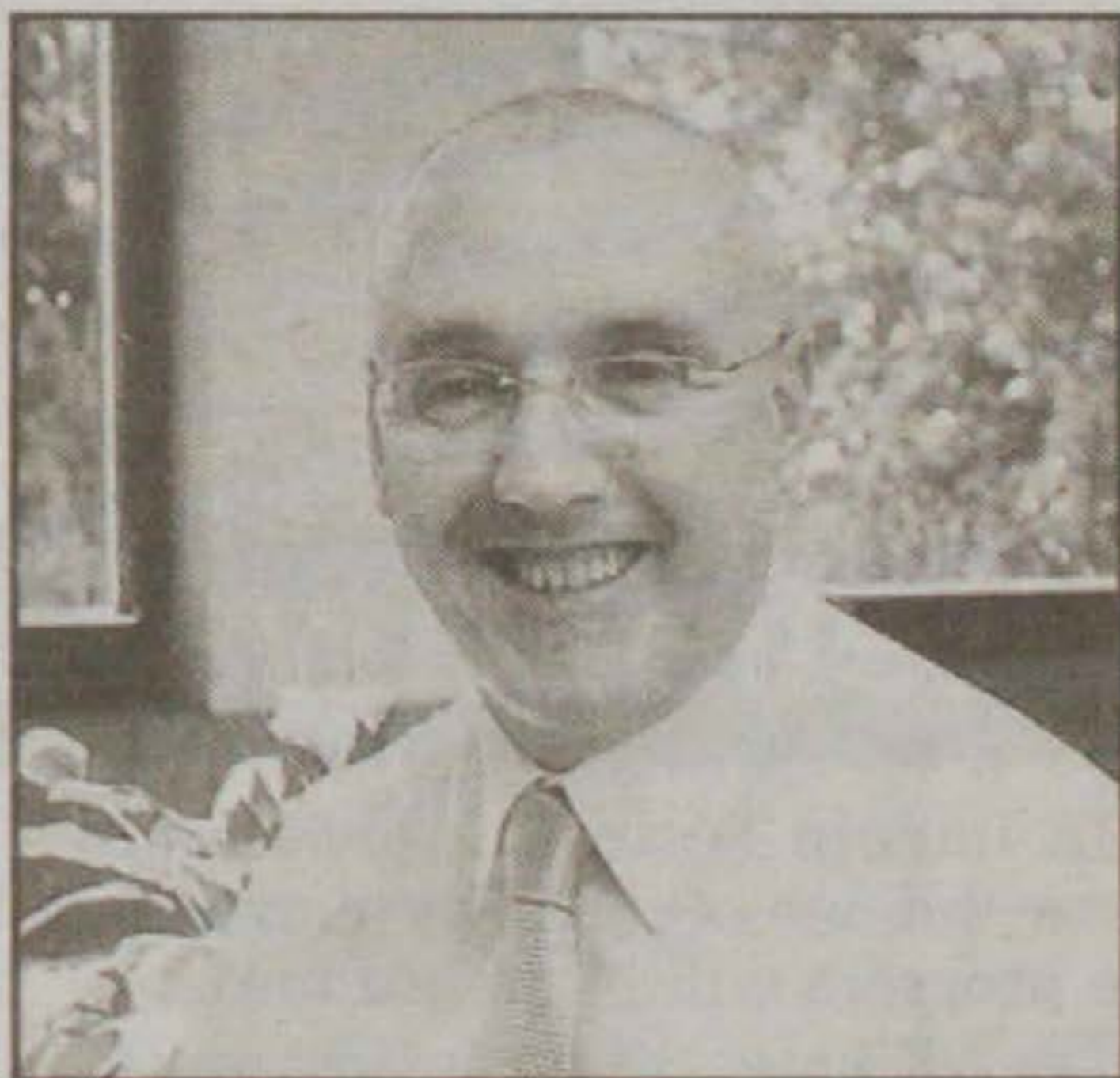
Professor Barney Glover (*pictured*) will replace Helen Garnett when she retires at the end of the year. He is deputy vice-chancellor at the University of Newcastle.

Charles Darwin council head Richard Ryan said Professor Glover was the "outstanding candidate" in a strong field of applicants.

"He will bring to CDU and to the Northern Territory a record of success in university management and leadership, particularly in research, intellectual property management, and capital development.

"With his experience as a teaching academic and a leader of high quality research, Professor Glover is highly qualified to spearhead the university's next stage of development."

The new vice-chancellor holds a



PhD in applied mathematics and has co-authored four texts in mathematics education. He also paid tribute to Professor Garnett.

"She has led CDU through its formative years to become the thriving institution that it is and in so doing has left a wonderful legacy and great opportunities for the future."



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## CDU sets a new Australian standard

**By EMILY WATKINS**

CHARLES Darwin University is setting a new standard for Australian universities with its latest appointment.

Darwin-born Steven Larkin will be the highest-ranking indigenous person in an Australian university when he takes up the position of pro vice-chancellor of indigenous leadership in January next year.

"I'm still somewhat overwhelmed," he said. "This appointment is history-making."

The position, which is intended to make the university's indigenous studies the best in the nation, is the first of its kind in Australia.

Mr Larkin will work to include indigenous perspectives into mainstream university business, build relationships with indigenous stakeholders and help to make CDU a leader in providing outcomes for indigenous students.

He said he hoped it would contribute to closing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, particularly in education.

"It's about saying the university is trying to ensure indigenous people have access to an education that equips them to deal with the world effectively," he said.

The position indicated CDU was embracing indigenous knowledge into a traditionally 'white' institution, Mr Larkin said. "You can never have enough knowledge," he said.

He said the position could encourage other Australian universities to incorporate indigenous knowledge into their curricula.

Mr Larkin, 48, grew up in Darwin and left in 1993 to work in Canberra.

He said he was looking forward to returning home.



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## CDU ranked in top five

CHARLES Darwin University has been ranked in the top five Australian research universities, a new report shows.

The Spain-based SCImago Institutions 2009 World Report has just published the first index of institutions that are active in research, and ranked CDU in the top five Australian universities.

CDU vice-chancellor Barney Glover said the university was thrilled with the result. "For a long time the university has been analysing our own performance ... and we have been doing quite well but this is the first time there's been a ranking to confirm that," he said.





## Thomas lands university head's job

CHARLES Darwin University has announced that a former Northern Territory Supreme Court Judge has been elected as new Chancellor.

Sally Thomas has replaced Richard Ryan, who retired at the end of last year after six years in the position.

Vice-Chancellor Barney Glover said Justice Thomas had a wealth of experience and skills in legal practice with excellent networks.

"Her strong leadership, coupled with

her extensive experience as a committed reformer and contributor to social justice both within Australia and beyond will bring a new perspective to CDU," Professor Glover said.

Ms Thomas previously held the position as deputy chancellor. "I'm immensely proud of what the council, academic and administrative staff have been able to achieve over the past six years, and look forward to further exciting initiatives," she said.



# CDU stays in top universities list

CHARLES Darwin University has maintained its position among the world's top 400 universities for the second year.

One of the youngest universities in Australia, CDU is ranked in the 351 to 400 category in the world, in the prestigious *The Times* Higher Education World University Rankings.

CDU is one of 19 Australian universities to make the list.

The rankings are based on data provided by Thomson-Reuters and employ 13 separate performance indicators, taking into consideration excellence in teaching, research and knowledge transfer.