

# National Appeal inaugurated: DENIS WINSTON'S INFLUENCE TO CONTINUE

'There are rare people who discover for us what we really want - men who are the servants of our deeper needs. Such a person was Denis Winston. The Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black, paid this tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Denis Winston, first Professor of Town and Country Planning at the University of Sydney, when he launched the national Denis Winston Appeal at a ceremony on 21 October.

At the same time he officially named after Denis Winston a small park in the middle of the extensive housing redevelopment being undertaken by the NSW Housing Commission at Woodloomooloo. Denis Winston Place, a green oasis on a site that used to contain industrial buildings and backyard sheds, is situated near the corner of Cathedral and Dowling Streets. On three sides attractively renovated houses of the Victorian era look down on it, while work continues on houses on the fourth side.

Designed around two large existing trees, it has been planted with jacarandas, robins and peppercorns and has as its visual focus a bronze sculpture by Margo Hinder.

The Deputy General Manager of the NSW Housing Commission, Mr Keith Gordon, told the guests at the ceremony, which was jointly organised by the Commission and the Denis Winston Memorial Committee, that the Woodloomooloo project had always excited Professor Winston's interest while he had served as an adviser to the Commission.

He announced that it had won a medal award from the Royal Australian Institute of Architects in the category of civic design.

In urging support for the appeal, Sir Hermann said that it was appropriate that steps be taken now, not only to recognise the sterling work of Professor Winston, but provide for a continuity and a continuation of the study, the research and the generation of new ideas for which he was responsible. 'In short', he said, 'a continuity of his influence in and through those who will now take up the running'.

Referring to the 'national significance' of Professor Winston, Sir Hermann said it was for this reason that an appeal had been launched on a national scale by the Memorial Committee which had been set up by the University's Planning Research Centre.

The Chairman of the Committee is Mr Maurice Edwards, and its members represent the Royal Australian Planning Institute, the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, the NSW Society of Sculptors, the University's Planning Research Centre and Department of Town and Country Planning, the School of Town and Country Planning at the University of New South Wales, the Australian National University, Macquarie University and the NSW Ethnic Council.

Patrons of the Appeal are Sir Hermann Black, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England, Professor Ronald Gates, Sir William Pittingill and Sir Frederick Deer.

In order to further Professor Winston's life work, the Committee has as its aims:

- To conduct an Australia-wide appeal for donations to the Fund, which was established by the Senate of the University on 7 October 1980;
- To establish a scholarship in civic art or town planning available to students and graduates of planning schools and to student members and members of the Royal Aus-



The Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black, launching the Denis Winston Memorial Appeal in Denis Winston Place, Woodloomooloo. Behind Sir Hermann is the sculpture by Margo Hinder.

tralian Institute of Architects, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and the NSW Society of Sculptors;

- To arrange for a memorial lecture to be given biennially in conjunction with the Royal Australian Planning Institute congress;
- To determine the substance that may be offered to the Department of Town and Country Planning and the Planning Research Centre within the University of Sydney and to similar organisations throughout Australia. Professor Winston, who died on 19 May 1980, having retired from the University in

1974, has been widely acclaimed for his tireless support for the improvement of towns and cities throughout the world and for the influence he had on generations of town planners who passed through his department. He was the first Chair of Town and Country Planning in Australia; he set up the Department Library, named after him, and established the Planning Research Centre to promote town planning research.

Enquiries about the Appeal should be addressed to the Planning Research Centre at the University, 692 3605. Donations are tax deductible. Cheques should be addressed to the Denis Winston Memorial. NP

## GRADUATES MAINTAIN GOOD EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Most of the University's 1981 first-degree graduates have been successful in finding full-time employment, and more are being employed in industry and commerce in 1981 than in previous years, says Mr Steve Rawling, Director of the University's Careers and Appointments Service (CAS).

He bases this information on results of the annual CAS employment survey of all new graduates. The survey results were included in the Annual Report of the Appointments Board which has just been released.

Fewer than 100 of the University's 3,000 1981 graduates were still seeking full-time employment by September, the survey showed, almost parallel with the results of last year's survey.

Of the 100 still looking for full-time work most were employed in casual or part-time jobs rather than being unemployed, says Mr Rawling.

The main survey was carried out in April. At that time about 250 graduates were still seeking full-time employment (slightly up on last year's figure of 186) but this number had more than halved in the follow-up survey in September to about 100, almost the same as last year's figure at this point of just under 100.

An important trend the survey reveals is the continuing decline of graduates entering teaching and teacher training. Since 1976 the proportion of graduates entering that sphere has dropped by more than half, from 24.6% to 10.1% this year.

Another noticeable feature of the survey was the reduction in the number of graduates

entering further studies. Instead, more graduates are choosing to enter full-time employment.

More of the University's engineers and geologists found jobs in industry after graduating than in previous years.

Other graduates took longer to find jobs, including those with degrees in education, social work, law and biological sciences. However, by September most of these were also employed.

Mr Rawling says with the demise of the Professional Employment Office of the Commonwealth Employment Service, CAS has become even more important as a major free employment service. Employers may call CAS on 692 3481 to discuss their requirements and to have their vacancies inserted in CAS bulletins. These are mailed to final year students and graduates registered with CAS.

CAS is particularly keen at present to hear of jobs for generalists (that is, students from any discipline prepared to take jobs not necessarily related to their areas of study) and for those majoring in biological sciences (such as biochemistry, microbiology and pharmacology). SC