

## ***EDITORIAL***

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The purpose of *Arts* is to print work of scholarly interest to members of the Arts Association and to the wider academic community. Papers for consideration are welcomed. *Arts* also publishes the inaugural lectures of those appointed to Chairs in the Faculty. It is still a matter of regret that in recent years some inaugurals have not been delivered or have not been made available for publication.

We welcome Professor Gavin Brown as Vice Chancellor. From his recent and warmly received inaugural address, *2000 and Beyond —the University of the Future*, one remark (taken out of context) stands out: 'I like the figure of the academic as fool or trickster. A really good court jester risks his neck on a daily basis and a really wise monarch pays him well'. That holds out hope for the Faculty.

We welcome also, if belatedly, Professor Richard Johnstone as Pro-Vice Chancellor for Arts and Humanities (and look forward to his inaugural). We congratulate Professor Bettina Cass on her appointment as Dean of Arts.

Professor G. A. (Gerry) Wilkes is to retire at the end of 1996. His association with the Faculty of Arts, from student to Head of Department, spans half a century. He has held both the Chair of Australian Literature and the Challis Chair of English Literature. He has served the 'olive groves of Academe' in many capacities. We wish him health and happiness.

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