

# TALKS BY

## TWO PHYSICAL EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

On 6 August '91, the School of Physical Education was visited by Mr Tom Cuddihy, Head of Department of Physical Education at the Kelvin Grove Campus of the Queensland University of Technology. Mr Cuddihy's Department had, as a result of the recent move towards a unified national system of tertiary education in Australia, gone through a similar process to that being experienced by the School of Physical Education on absorption into the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He therefore presented a seminar on "Moving From A Teacher Educational Institution to University: Reflection of An Australian Experience". In the seminar, Mr Cuddihy detailed the experiences of the Queensland University of Technology

outlining some of the benefits and some of the costs of the move. He concluded that for younger staff who were interested in writing and researching, the new arrangements offered a much more supportive and stimulating environment. He cautioned however that there seemed to be a cost in terms of diminishing lecturer-student relationship resulting from the lowering of contact time.

Another visitor, Dr Lewis McGill, Head of Physical Education in the Palmerston North College of Education in New Zealand, also visited the School of Physical Education in August and presented a seminar on the latest developments in physical education in New Zealand. He

introduced the new national curriculum guide entitled "A Guide For Success" which is based on the needs of students rather than topics.

Dr McGill also invoked some stimulating discussion concerning the merits and goals of the Kiwi Sport Programme aimed at increasing children's involvement in sport. He provided some interesting reflections on the appropriate relationship between such programmes and the physical education curriculum. In summary, Dr McGill's seminar provided staff with a most interesting update on developments in New Zealand as well as providing a forum for some lively professional debate.