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The Director, Prof. K. Reinhard, College of Fine Arts, Selwyn Street, Paddington, 2021.

Dear Ken,

Please find attached a letter regarding a number of major problems facing students from the 4D area. It would be appreciated if a meeting could be organised between Robin Hooper and yourself at the earliest possible convenience to discuss this matter further.

Any correspondence can be addressed through the Students Association Office.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. K. Reinhard,
Dean & Director College of Fine Arts,
Assoc. Prof. C. Jordan, Deputy Director
Mr. D. Barnes, College Secretary
Assoc. Prof. A. Hall, Head of School of
Media Arts.

To whom it may concern,

We the undersigned students of the College of Fine Arts, U.N.S.W. would like to convey our **deepest concern** regarding the state of the Video area within the school of Media arts as of the 29/7/91. The problems that need immediate attention are as follows:

- 1/ The video control room is in disrepair and is not likely to be available for use for a minimum of six weeks.
- 2/ The inadequate funding of the video area in relation to other departments. The media store cannot operate or successfully maintain equipment under the prevailing conditions.
- 3/ That under the present conditions it is impossible for Video majors to fulfil their subject requirements. It is a particular concern that third year video majors will not have completed work for their degree.

As a result of these problems inferior work, if work at all, will be produced. In addition, as this area has been developing a considerable public interest outside the college with screenings at the Opera house, AFI and the Harold Park Hotel, all this good work will be lost and the reputation of the college will suffer.

Thus the situation is unacceptable and we demand that the following points be seriously considered:

1/ The Video Control room be made operational as soon as possible. This will require the immediate purchasing and instalment of a vision mixer and other essential

equipment.

2/ That as a result of the impending loss of operational time, other facilities be made available to compensate so that work may continue or be commenced.

We believe we can organise access to facilities at Metro TV or U.N.S.W. Audio-Visual unit to fulfil our subject requirements but at a cost. This we are unable to meet ourselves.

3/ That funds be immediately injected into the Department so that once the equipment is installed it may be maintained in optimum condition. This may involve the employment of additional technical staff who are qualified to repair and maintain the equipment.

4/ That in future, spending of funding on equipment be more seriously considered in terms of immediate student needs. This could entail a meeting with students to determine what is most essential to operation.

5/ It should be recognised that to fulfil subject requirements access time outside class hours is desperately necessary for mixing, editing, photo work etc. Strong consideration should be given to Friday night and Saturday and Sunday access, especially to meet the bottleneck which these delays will cause. Security staff is only necessary as equipment would be booked out on Friday and students utilzing the area at these times would have adequate proficiency.

The student body is aware of the difficulties of funding, but it is a concern that we are not obtaining the highest possible level of education in respect to our HECS debt. And so it is expected that action will be taken in the immediate future to amend this unacceptable situation that has rendered the video and associated students unable to produce work.

Yours sincerely,

The students of College of Fine Arts, School of Media Arts.

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