National Appeal inaugurated:
DENIS WINSTON’S INFLUENCE TO CONTINUE

There are few people who discuss for us what we really want — men who are the servants of our deepest needs. Such a person was Denis Winston. The Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black, paid this tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Denis Winston, the Professor of Town and Country Planning at the University of Sydney, when he launched the national Denis Winston Memorial Appeal at a ceremony on 22 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 Wolloomooloo, 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 white columns on houses on its fourth side. Designed around two large existing trees, it has been planted with jacarandas, redwoods and pepper-trees and has as its visual focus a mural by Mervyn Kohn.

The Deputy General Manager of the NSW Housing Commission, Mr Keith Gordon, said that the appeal, which was organised by the Commission and the Denis Winston Memorial Committee, that the Winston family had always supported Professor Winston’s interests while he had served as an adviser to the Housing Commission. It had been made possible by the late Professor Winston’s interest in housing and his wide experience in the field.

To arrange for a memorial lecture to be given biennially in conjunction with the Royal Australian Planning Institute conferences;

To determine the assistance that may be given 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 1983, having retired from the University in 1974, has been widely acclaimed for his lifelong work in the field of urban and regional planning.

Most of the University’s 1981 first-degree graduates have been successful in finding full-time employment, and many 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 Services (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.

Less 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 230 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 24.4% to 10.3% 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.

The Chancellor, Sir Hermann Black, launching the Denis Winston Memorial Appeal in Denis Winston Place, Wolloomooloo yesterday said Sir Hermann is the sculptor Ronald Evans.

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

To organise a national appeal for donations to the Fund, which was established by the Senate of the University on 7 October 1983.

To establish a scholarship in choral art or town planning available to students graduating in music or choral studies and to student members and members of the Royal Aust