

## CANBERRA COURSE RESURRECTS

### A letter to the Editor

Sir,

Thank you for publishing Miss Wheeler's obituary for our elective course in archives and manuscripts. It is gratifying to have such generous recognition of the course and of those who took part in its development and conduct. I hope it is not a case of *de mortuis nihil nisi bonum*, for there is a misunderstanding. Miss Wheeler gives the impression that the operation was successful but the patient died. That is not so. It is true that financial stringencies compelled us to withdraw the course, along with some other elective courses, in 1976. But we intend to offer it again, with the same limited objectives, in 1977 and subsequent years.

I wish I could add some encouraging noises about development of a graduate diploma programme in archives, but in the prevailing economic climate I cannot. Pressure from archivists would help.

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