

## H E B O U

Newsletter of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea.

Unfortunately, this edition of HEBOU will be a very short one, partly due to the urgency of the main topic, and partly due to the lack of contributions. Please, all members and others interested in the Society, send information on any language-related topics of interest to the Secretary of the Society for inclusion in future issues.

### 13TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE SOCIETY

The Congress this year will be held at UPNG, Port Moresby, on 21, 22, and (if necessary) 23 September. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES which is due to certain events earlier this year at both Universities.

Offers of papers so far received are as follows:

- M.A.K. Halliday - The Rhetoric of Conversation: interpersonal aspects of linguistic system.
- M. Ross - Vanimo Phonology : Sketch and Speculation.
- K. McElhanon - A fresh Look at Nabak Morphophonemics.
- Wietze Baron - (Topic only.) Abstractness in phonology.
- J. Lynch - Changes in Tok Pisin Morphology
- G. Reesink - Some typological features of Papuan Languages.
- R.S. Roosman - Speech Problems of English Speaking Students in learning Bahasa Indonesia.
- M. Smithies - (Probably.) Journalese Indonesian.
- J.Farr and R.Larsen - A Selective Word List in Ten Different Binandere Languages.
- R. Litteral - Anggor Referential Prominence.
- J. Davies - 'Tu' and 'Vous' Relations in Kobon.

Further offers of papers are of course most welcome, and all potential contributors or attendees should notify the Secretary of the Society, Mrs. Sue Holzknacht, Department of Language & Social Science, PNG University of Technology, Box 793, Lae.

Visitors to UPNG may care to note that, preceding the Linguistic Society congress is the 1979 Extraordinary Meeting of the Faculty of Education. Immediately following the Congress will be the 1979 Waigani Seminar; the topic for this year is "Urbanisation".

VISITORS, MOVEMENTS, ETC.

PNG recently had another visit from Tom Dutton (now back at ANU), who is continuing his research into the origin of Hiri Motu. Tom gave a paper to the Society on his research, although at this stage his findings are still tentative. He is hoping that library research in Sydney may help him clear up some problems.

Bernard Comrie also passed through PNG on his way to a semester's teaching at ANU. He gave a paper in Moresby entitled "Linguistics is about Languages", and then proceeded SILward to supervise a PhD candidate (John Davies) and to give a number of seminars at Ukarumpa.

UPNG Language Department has gained some new staff: Metone Wamma, a new Teaching Fellow in the English section, and Wendy Hurford, a tutor.

News from Hawaii indicates that Otto Nekitel will soon return to UPNG with an MA in Linguistics; Otto is also social secretary of the Linguistic Society of Hawaii, a position all who know him know that he will do extremely well in! Good reports are also coming from University of Queensland, where another UPNG Teaching Fellow, Thomas Tumun, is enrolled in a sociolinguistics MA under Bruce Rigsby.