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This month, we’re taking a close look at the performances of the 200-strong Newcastle contingent that contested the Australian University Games held in Wollongong from 25th to 30th September. The team finished 5th overall, a fantastic performance given that over 40 universities took part.

The correspondence has dropped off this month so you’re all either on holidays or too busy praying for more rain. Still, if you feel like putting pen to paper, you know where we are.

Lindy Burns
Editor

congratulations

... to Acting Facilities Manager, Bill Jones who was recently elected President of the Australian Soccer Referees Federation. Bill has served on the National Executive for 10 years (five as National Secretary and five as Vice-President). “While our role is to control and oversee soccer referees throughout Australia, I also hope to attract younger referees to the sport,” said Bill. “We have the expertise now at the top level and young referees have a great opportunity to learn from them and go on to become international linesmen.”

social sport

Two social touch football competitions have been running (sorry) on the Callaghan campus over the past few weeks; one on Tuesdays, the other on Wednesdays. For some reason, the Wednesday competition attracted 10 teams while Tuesdays could only field five! There must be something exciting about physical activity occurring exactly in the middle of the working week.

In the Tuesday comp., the first semi, scheduled for 25th October, will see Fubar play Unihogs and Syphilis Antidote take on G-spots. (Whoever said University people were inventive and creative creatures...?) The Wednesday grand finalists have been decided with two 2nd year PE sides (Final Fino and another side whose name could not even be revealed to me) destined to clash on 26th October.

The Absolutely Final Grand Final (Tuesday winner vs Wednesday winner) will be held on 2nd November at Ray Watt Oval commencing at noon. The traditional end of season BBQ will follow together with the presentations to various winners. All are welcome to attend.

world student games

The Australian University Sports Federation is now calling for nominations for medical personnel for the World Student Games to be held in Fukuoka in Japan from 23rd August to 3rd September, 1995. Further information can be obtained from Kylie McLean in the Sport and Rec Office on 21 5578. Nominations close on 18th November, 1994.
australian university games

The week in Wollongong revealed some surprises and some outstanding results for Newcastle competitors. In the end, the women's team outshone the men with many of their participants turning in best ever performances.

Gold medal winners included the netball team (backing up from their win last year), the baseball team, Phillip Bray in the men's road race and Martin Kelly in judo. (Martin also won silver in the men's javelin!) As (sort of) predicted in last month's edition, Melissa Bransgrove won the women's heptathlon as well as picking up a bronze in the high jump and finishing 4th in the 400m hurdles. In the swimming pool, Mark Whitton won gold in the 100m breaststroke while Peter Watts scored a bronze in both the 800m freestyle and 200m butterfly. Chris Stembeck won the heavyweight (Red) section of the Taekwondo competition with William Ellis and Don McPhee picking up bronze medals.

Silver medalists also included the women's waterpolo team (following on from their win in 1994) while bronze went to both the women's tennis and squash teams, as well as to Melissa Bransgrove in the 100m hurdles. To cap it off for the women, their touch football team came 4th.

Women's Hockey Team (left to right)
Back: Linda Hill, Deanna Condrik, Lisa Dally, Kathryn Stocker, Tiffany McKee, Sarah Taylor, Leanne Wallin, Andrew Dart (Coach)
Front: Fiona Lipsey, Dianne Bulgarini, Serena Keating, Livina Abbo, Natalie Hayen, Megan Lipsey

In defence of the men, the soccer team were very unlucky to miss out on the finals, being eliminated on a countback. Selection in the Australian University team went to the following competitors. (Please note that this is not a final listing of "green and gold" selections, and further additions will be forthcoming in next month's issue.)

Lisa Dally (Women's Hockey)
Kerrie Bradley (Women's Touch)
Donna Hollingsworth (Women's Touch)
Rachael Buchanan (Netball)
Martene Archer (Netball)
Kristie Baxter (Netball)
Damien Charman (Baseball)
Craig Wilson (Baseball)
Steve Bartlett (Baseball)
Melinda Wilson (Women's Squash)
Peta Chapman (Women's Tennis)
Mark Whitton (Swimming)
Dimity Taylor (Women's Basketball)
Phillip Bray (Cycling)
We'll leave the last word on this terrific event to the Manager of the team, Kylie McLean:

The Australian Student Games are over for another year (thank God, says the organisers) but with us the memories will always remain.

Wollongong had extremely big boots to fill after Queensland, but I'm sure if you ask most competitors it proved to be a successful week both on and off the field. Any losses made in the competitive arena were surely gained at the social functions.

As usual the pace leading up to the Games was quite hectic and often frantic especially with continual uniform problems and numerous students withdrawing. Fortunately the week went fairly smoothly with only a few obstacles to overcome. These were soon forgotten when we claimed another gold.

Australian University Games are continuing to grow and so does the organising of such. Having to organise a total of 230 competitors would have been an impossible administrative nightmare and would not have been possible without the assistance of the dedicated team managers who amongst other things had the tiresome task of chasing their teams for the dreaded payments. Many thanks for all your help.

Congratulations, Newcastle University on your fine performance. Let's go one (or two) better and go for the top 3 in Darwin next year!

Kylie McLean
Team Manager

1995 Interfaculty Sports Competition

Given the success of the Social Sport competition, the Sports Union is keen to implement an Interfaculty Competition next year. In order to determine the feasibility of conducting such a competition, they are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals (staff or students), departments or faculties who would enjoy such an activity.

Interfaculty sport allows staff and students from each department the opportunity to play competitive sport with members of their own faculty. Throughout the academic year, faculties would compete against each other in a large variety of sports; eg Medicine vs Engineering, or Law vs Art and Design. The faculty accumulating the greatest number of points becomes "Interfaculty Champion" and will be awarded the Perpetual Trophy. Sports will be contested in either a Round Robin or Knockout competition. Possible sports include (Summer) cricket, tennis, softball, Tug-o-war and even three-legged races. Winter sports could be volleyball, netball, soccer, hockey, 5km run and touch football.

The good news is that the competition would be totally organised by the Sport and Rec. Unit and all equipment, umpires, facilities etc would be our responsibility. So, if you believe that your faculty is better than the others, get out there and show them where it counts - on the sporting field. (Just ask our new Chancellor...) Further info available on 21 5578.

Australian University Surfing Championships

Even while the Uni Games were in full swing, surfers from sixteen universities were taking part in the Australian Uni Surfing Championships, hosted by the Australian College of Physical Education. The events were held around Sydney's northern beaches with Whale Beach and Long Reef the predominant venues.

It was generally agreed that the standard of both the competitive and free surfing displayed was excellent; perhaps the highest ever seen at any Surfing AUC (Australian Uni Championships).

Newcastle took out the Perpetual Team Trophy and finished 3rd overall in the Championships behind Wollongong and Griffith. The 13-member Newcastle team consisted of:

Adrian Odgers
Ben Audet
April Kerr
Chris Davis
Glenn Daley
Roland Chown
Brad Marmott
Ben Frawley
Edward Armitage
Isaac Day
Brendon Quin
Brad Doherty
Peter Doyle
**Sports Scholarships**

Are you a student with a distinguished sporting record? Are you currently enrolled at the University or do you intend to enrol next year? Do you know someone who fits this category? If so, then you should take some time to find out more about the University’s Sports Scholarships.

This University has a proud record of high profile sporting students: Anthony Ekert (Rugby Union), Leisl Tesch (Basketball), Alison and Megan Lippey (Hockey), Matthew Rodwell (Rugby League), Brad Maloney (Soccer) and Paul Dyson (Cricket) to name just a few, but on many occasions in the past these students have not played in their local competitions with a University club. The reasons for this can be varied; either the University doesn’t field a side at the A-grade or 1st division level, there may not even be a University club available to join in their specific sport, or they are keen to remain with the club that they played with as a junior.

Therefore, in order to improve the quality of University sporting teams and to also make sure that the student can cover any extra costs associated with playing with the University, the Sports Scholarships were established in 1994.

Initiated by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Raoul Mortley, the Scholarships also aim to establish a standard of excellence in the sporting arena to complement the University’s academic achievements. The Scholarships focus mainly, though not exclusively, on those team sports which have a high profile in Newcastle and the surrounding communities.

Scholarship holders, of which there are up to six each year, each receive $1,000 paid in two instalments. Selection is based on academic merit, demonstrated sporting ability and potential contribution to the sporting achievements of the University and all awardees must join the appropriate University sports club and represent the University at the local, district and national level.

The 1994 recipients included Shane Ambrose (hockey), Natalie Skelly (athletics) and Shane Trotter (orienteering), so if you would like to join this elite group please contact the University’s Scholarships Office on 21 6537. All applications for 1995 scholarships must be received by early March 1995.

**Club News**

Professor Saxon White is the new Club Patron of the Cricket Club. He replaces the retiring Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Carter. Still on cricket, 1st grade and 3rd grade enjoyed good wins over Stockton in the first round of the NIB competition. Martin Tinsley starred for the 1sts scoring 99 and taking 5 wickets in his match. Results from the Tom Locker Cup competition (now completed) were not as promising however, with Uni failing to score a victory in the series.

Congratulations to Uni Baseball Club player, Warren Holding, who is currently playing with the Hunter Eagles in the National Baseball League. While the main local season is in Summer recess, a few other Uni players are playing for Belmont in the Sydney Summer Competition. Never fear, they will suit up for Uni, come Winter.

The Taekwondo Club recently sent two of its members to compete in the Australian Hwa Rang Do Taekwondo Cup held at the Mount Pritchard Community Club in Sydney. The decision to do so was obviously an intelligent one as Donald McPhee won Gold in his Division with Karen McLelland winning Silver in hers.

After three Regattas so far this season, the Uni Boat Club is currently third (out of 13 Clubs) on the Central Districts rowing ladder. In addition to their achievements on the water, the Club also hosted a very successful first Regatta of the Season on Grahamstown Dam back in August. The second Regatta was held at Port Macquarie in September with the Hunter Valley Grammar School hosting the third last weekend (22nd & 23rd Oct) at the Walka Waterworks in Maitland.

**Still getting into shape**

All aerobic classes are held in the Auchmuty Sports Centre except for those marked "Hunter" which are held in the Hunter Gym.

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