stifled

There's not much room for me to say anything this issue- there's just too much material for one edition!! So, instead of giving Sports Union Prez, John Fryer, a heart attack over the printing bill, I'm going to leave this month to speak for itself. (Stop cheering...)

Lindy Bums
Editor

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Editor’s Corner

tae kwon do - eca!

Newcastle Uni finished third, behind winners Wollongong, at the recent Tae Kwon Do ECG held at the University of NSW. The eight competitors from Newcastle taking part, however, obtained three first places and three seconds with Matt Freedman winning the Black Belt Heavy Weight Division, Donald McPhee the Blue Belt Feather Weight and Mark Dennis the Yellow Belt Heavy Weight. In addition, they placed second in the team demonstration. The ECG result qualified the team for the Australian University Games in Darwin, where they are currently engaged in extreme combat even as you read these words....

sports union goes global

The Sports Union can now be found on the information super-highway. Exec member, and a man obviously with time on his hands and moderns at this fingertips, Andrew Abbo, has begun to develop a World Wide Web page for the Sports Union. It can be found under the University of Newcastle's home page, or accessed directly via the URL http://www.newcastle.edu.au/assoc/su.

At this stage, the page contains information on clubs and recreational sport. Next year, Andrew hopes to have expanded this to include details such as aerobic timetables, social sport, facility hours, AUG and ECG results and club news. (Hang on, I thought that's what Back Page did!!)

yet more aerobic changes

As of 1st September, the weekly aerobic timetable looks something like this:

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tennis stars

Congrats to the University Women's Division 1 tennis team which recently won the Newcastle District Tennis Association Division 1 title - we think this is the first time in some 20 years Uni has won this competition. Under the leadership of Peta Chapman, the girls finished the season as minor premiers but were defeated in the major semi. They fought back through the final, however, eventually clinching the grand final, 5 sets to 2. The team is Peta Chapman, Jo Pansh, Donna Elphick and Margaret Moore.

The only other Uni team to make their grand final was the Men’s Veterans Division 2 team consisting of Peter Kleeman, Brian Heaton, Barry Hill, Bob Antonia, John Fryer and Adnan Daniel. The sad news is that this is the third year in a row that they have lost the grand final and the second that the same team has beaten them to the title. There must be some attraction in staying with the squad, though, as the team has been together for 17 years!!

baseballers shine

University is the new Newcastle first grade baseball champion after a courageous 10-9 grand final victory over defending titleholder Belmont at Uni Oval on 9th September. The guys fought back from a deficit of 9-7 at the bottom of the eighth inning to hit three runs in their final inning.

Relief pitcher, Andrew Daly was the hero for Uni, surviving enormous pressure to shut down Belmont's hitters in the final inning. Others who did well were relief pitcher, Michael Martin, Mick Carter and Stuart Adam.
blues dinner

The 1995 version of the Annual Blues Dinner was held at the University's Brennan Room on 25th August. As usual, the night was a major success, despite the fact that the Knights were losing to Cronulla on the television in the Godfrey Tanner Bar, next door. Congratulations must go, as always, to primary organiser, Lesley Woodhead, for her faultless administration of the event. Much to her severe embarrassment, though, Lesley found the spotlight on herself during the evening, with the Sports Union awarding her a, richly deserved, life membership.

The evening was also memorable for the number of blues and colours awarded - nine blues and seven colours - a record for one year. Blues were presented to:

Kristy Baxter - Netball
1991 - NSW team, Australian indoor team
1992 - Vice-captain, NSW indoor team, AUG merit team
1993 - Australian indoor team, ECG & AUG merit team
1994 - ECG & AUG merit team, member of Newcastle team which won AUG

Jocelyn Bell - Water Polo
1991 - Newcastle Rep team (winners of NSW country championships)
1992 - Newcastle Rep team, AUG merit team (w'polo)
1993 - "Female Swimmer of Meet" AUG
1994 - ECG & AUG merit teams

Shane Trotter - Orienteering/Rogaining
1989 - Aust rep in 19-20 age class
1990 - 2nd in 19-20 age class national short event
1991 - 2nd in Aust Night champs
1993 - Men's 21A Aust Orienteering champion
1993 - 1st in '93.'94 Summer Street Series
1994 - 1st in Illawara champs
1994 - 3rd Men's 21A, NSW Orienteer of Year series
1995 - 3rd, NSW team selection, silver medallists at Aust Orienteering champs
1995 - selection in Australian team for World University Orienteering champs

Roslyn Evers - Water Polo
1991-94 - member Central Newcastle team, winners of Country Club Championship
1993 - member AUG merit team
1994 - member ECG and AUG merit teams
1995 - NSW Open country team

Matthew Conway - Rugby Union
1993 - First XV, Uni Rugby Club
1994 - First XV, Uni Rugby Club

Martin Kelly - Judo
1991 - Junior NSW team
1992 - winner U/20 Aust titles, U20 NSW titles
1993 - NSW senior team member
1994 - NSW senior team champion & winner, Open NSW

Neva Bull - Hang Gliding
1993 - winner, women's section, Newcastle comp
1994 - member, Australian women's team at 4th World Championships in USA - placed 12th
1995 - 4th outright (men & women), NSW State titles

Rachael Buchanan - Netball
1989 - NSW U/19 team, Australian U/19 talent squad
1990 - Newcastle State Leage team, AUG team
1991 - NSW U/21 team, Newcastle State League team
1992 - Australian Open indoor team
1993 - member University team to win AUG

Keli Lane - Water Polo
1993 - AUG merit team
1994 - AUG merit team & Open NSW squad

Matthew Conway - Rugby Union
1993 - First XV, Uni Rugby Club
1994 - First XV, Uni Rugby Club

Martin Kelly - Judo
1991 - Junior NSW team
1992 - winner U/20 Aust titles & 2nd U20 NSW titles
1993 - member, Australian U/21 & Country U/21 teams
1994 - captain, Eastern Province U/21 side
1995 - member, Australian Uni team for World Student Games

Matthew Conway - Rugby Union
1993 - First XV, Uni Rugby Club
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Martin Kelly - Judo
1991 - Junior NSW team
1992 - winner U/20 Aust titles, U20 NSW titles
1993 - captain, Newcastle U/21 & Country U/21 teams
1994 - captain, Eastern Province U/21 side
1995 - member, Australian U/21 team against New Zealand and Western Samoa

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Colours were awarded to:

- Naomi Buchhorn - Women's Hockey Club
- Alan Duncan - Men's Soccer Club
- John Fryer - Cricket Club
- Simon Navin - Rugby League Club
- Paul Peterson - Mountaineering Club
- Darrel Sparke - University Sport
- Paul Wilson - University Sport

**SPORTS scholarships**

A couple of hours prior to the commencement of this year's Blues Dinner, the presentation of the 1995 sports scholarships took place in the Canberra Room of the Chancellery. Those receiving scholarships were:

- Peter Carson (Combined Degree Civil Engineering and Surveying) President, coach, manager and instructor of University of Newcastle Karate Club. Pete has competed in AUC titles, placing first in Black Belt Sparring.
- Peta Chapman (Bachelor of Education, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) A member of the University Tennis Club; competed in AUG 1994 and was selected as a member of the Australian University Tennis Team in the same year.
- Matthew Conway (Bachelor of Arts - Industrial Design) Halfback for the University Rugby Club; chosen to represent in the Australian Universities team in 1994, AIS Australian U/21 side and captained NSW Country U/21 team.
- Alison Dally (Bachelor of Health Science - Occupational Therapy) Plays in University Women's Hockey Club in A grade competition; represented NSW at U/18, U/21 and Open level; recently selected as a member of the Australian U/21 hockey squad.
- Malcolm Hamilton (Bachelor of Environmental Science) No. 1 tennis player for University Club at District level; also ECG and AUG team member.
- Martin Kelly (Bachelor of Science - Honours in Chemistry) Competitor for University in Kidokudo. Selected as member of Australian team for World Student Games (Japan 1995).

1994 Blues (left to right): Martin Kelly, Jocelyn Bell, Kirsty Baxter, Rachael Buchanan, Professor Raoul Morley (Vice-Chancellor), Keli Lane, Roslyn Eyers, Matthew Conway, Don Miller (representing Neva Bull), Shane Trotter

1994 Colours (left to right): Paul Wilson, Darrel Sparke, Alan Duncan, Chancellor Ric Charlton, Naomi Buchhorn, John Fryer, Paul Peterson, Mr Navin (representing his son, Simon, who is in England)

1994 Sportsperson-of-the-Year Award nominees (left to right): John McLymont, Don Millar (for Neva Bull), Matthew Conway, Keli Lane, Fiona Heslop (for sister, Elizabeth, who won the award for second year in succession), Chris Tola
hockey club continues domination

When I was just a fledgling newsletter editor, passing the time playing basketball for this illustrious institution of ours, the hockey club was the campus sporting group whose organisational and competitive prowess we all admired. And at the risk of severely dating myself, that was a long time ago. Well, as we are all aware, clubs ebb and flow, but to their credit, the men’s and women’s hockey clubs continue to flourish. And 1995 has been no exception...

The men finished their regular season as the dominant club in the competition. Of their six grades, they won the minor premiership in the top four grades. In addition, the second teams in 3rd and 4th grade both qualified for the semi-finals. Overall, of the nine teams entered in competition, the top seven made the semi-finals. Not surprisingly, they convincingly won the club championship for this year.

In the women, three teams made the semi-finals, including first grade, who qualified 3rd. This is quite an achievement because they were wooden spooners last year. Second grade narrowly missed out on a semi berth due to a disastrous start to the season, but those qualifying were heard heaving sighs of relief as the seconds had stormed home with a long winning streak.

Hockey grand final day is 23rd September and the men’s 1sts will play Wests, the 2nds play Souths while the 3rds take on Colts. The women’s club will be represented in the 6th grade grand final. Results next issue.

good luck

The Newcastle team taking part in this year’s Australian University Games will be well entrenched in their respective Games’ routines by the time you read this. The Games, which got underway on 25th, are being held in Darwin for the first time. And, despite the distance, Newcastle is being represented by 64 competitors over eight sports, all of whom qualified for competition by finishing 5th or better in their respective Eastern Conference championships.

Newcastle teams taking part are the men’s and women’s hockey, men’s soccer, women’s waterpolo, tae kwon do and netball while we have individuals competing in aerobics, athletics and cycling events. And, as far as medals are concerned, the word is that we have good chances in men’s soccer, tae kwon do and women’s waterpolo.

The arduous task of managing the squad lies with Sport and Rec staff members, Helene O’Neill and Tracy Rhodes, while the team captains are Ross Eyers (women’s waterpolo) and Michael Kmet (men’s soccer).