GOOD REASONS TO PLAY CRICKET FOR UNI
by Andrew Harrison (UNCC Hon Sec)

The new District cricket season begins on the first weekend in October and the UNCC Sea-Dragons are preparing for a bumper season. Sydney team Mosman featuring Australian and NSW all-rounder Shane Lee, will be here for a weekend of trial matches on September 19 and 20.

As well as our top notch facilities, other advantages of playing cricket for Uni as a student include, the comparatively low cost to play grade cricket in the premier NDCA competition, the opportunity to receive a prestigious University Blue or a Club Scholarship, competition against other University sides in Eastern Conference and Australian University Games, and the chance to mix with graduates and professionals in fields in which you may be involved after completion of your degree. It is also a lot of fun.

Training is held on the turf practice wickets on Uni No.1 Oval, next to the Squash and Tennis Pavilion, on Saturday mornings from 10.00am and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm until dark. Specialist tips on how to improve your game are available from the club's Head Coach.

Students, or staff, wishing to join the club are invited to contact Alan Northey (President) on 4954 0720 or Andrew Baker (Treasurer) on 4957 0252 or Tim Plumridge (Student Liaison) on 4967 5159.

SOCCER: UNI WINS ARCTIC CUP
by Michael Kmet

The University Men's Soccer Team have been crowned Arctic Cup District Champions after an emphatic win over New Lambton at Darling Street Oval. Newcastle's own version of the English FA Cup saw over forty teams compete for $4000 in prize money.

University were convincing in their final and cruised to a 3-1 win. The game was decided in the first ten minutes when Club President and sharp shooter Dave Lewsam slotted two goals past the hapless New Lambton goalkeeper, including one through his legs. New Lambton came back to grab a goal early in the second half, but Norwegian import Magnus Svendsen put the issue beyond doubt soon after.

The team celebrated at their sponsor's establishment - The Prince of Wales Hotel.

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Club registration fees for the season are $20 Student and $30 Associate with $6-$8 weekly match fees depending on official umpires.

So if you want a hit before the Christmas break or even better, if you are staying in town during the Uni break, join the Sea-Dragons and see what the Men In White get up to.
After a postponement due to wet weather, the Annual Sports Union Campus Scamper was held on a sunny Wednesday 2 September, 1998. Over 200 people chose to either run a 5km circuit or walk a 3km track round the campus. Professor Godfrey Tanner blessed the race before Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian English sounded the hooter that sent the participants on their way from Uni No. 3 Oval.

Kyle Hughes, a swim instructor at The Forum, entered Uni No. 2 Oval only 17 minutes after the start to secure the titles of First Male Runner and First Staff Member. He was closely followed by Mal Roberts, then First Student Nickolai Reimer and First Collegiate Stuart Eddy from Evatt House.

Nicole Williams was the First Female Runner to reach the finish line in a time under 21 minutes.

The Campus Scamper would not have been a successful event without the support of the following organisations: Coca Cola - thanks for the Powerade, Onya Clothing, Ray Baartz Sports, Valentines Broadmeadow, Gerards Hamilton, University Mountaineering Club, University Mountain Bike Club, University Water Ski Club and University Men’s Soccer Club.

Thanks must also go to the University Security Officers for their marshalling of the traffic and ensuring the safety of our participants.
**THE RUGBY WRAP**

*by David Montgomery*

The University Rugby Club’s regular season ended for the Men’s teams on a rain-soaked double header weekend (8 & 9 August). The Women’s team continued on to a top three finish, assuring them of a semi-final place.

Inter-Col and Inter-Faculty series provided plenty of spirited, open and attractive rugby with all teams endeavouring to throw the ball around, in true University of Newcastle tradition.

For the Men’s teams it was a mixed season. While there were definite improvements in areas such as general fitness and defence in 1998, the fact that none of our four grades made it to the semi-finals also indicates that we are some way behind the Maitland, Singleton and Wanderers teams in some key areas.

Injuries and suspensions in key positions also hindered the success of the club - particularly in the midfield backs and the front and back rows. This meant that a few players who were “thrown in at the deep end” in Firsts, showed they were more than capable of competing successfully. Tom Elliott, breakaway and Luke Briggs, wing are two names to watch. All agree, however, that the club will be able to learn from this season and improve next year.

**TEDS IS TRIUMPHANT AND MEDICINE HOLDS ON**

In other Rugby news, Edwards Hall overcame a talented Evatt House side to take out a “Triple Crown” in the Inter-Collegiate Rugby Tournament. Crowd support throughout the tournament was outstanding - Inter-Col Rugby is definitely back with a vengeance.

Results:

- Evatt House v International House 28 - 7
- International House v Edwards Hall 10 - 17
- Edwards Hall v Evatt House 13 - 7

Lastly, but certainly not least in this Rugby round-up, is the result of the annual Medicine v Law Rugby Match. Medicine won 29 - 22, to square the Inter-Faculty series. This was a match of Bledisloe Cup proportions, with both sets of forwards throwing themselves at each other and with plenty of movement in the backs. Indeed, the game went almost try-for-try throughout until Law tired in the face of a fresher opposition. There is a suspicion that Law may ask for a limit to be placed on the number of substitutions in future. Standouts for Medicine were inspirational backrower Sam Scanlon and outside-centre Joe Fleming, both scoring tries. For Law you could not go past their captain and loose-head prop, Mick “Grunter” Addie - conspicuous in his black jumper - and back-rower Michael Burke, who has not lost his knack for scoring tries single-handedly. All in all it was a great day - gorgeous weather, excellent crowd support and a game played with passion and pride. Continue the tradition next year!

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**INTER-COLLEGIATE PRESENTATION NIGHT**

14 October 1998 - Godfrey Tanner Bar - 7.30pm

**UNI WOMEN FIGHT TO THE END**

The Women’s team started slowly in their competition, but with guidance from coach Ray Nelson (former Wildfires Colts coach), they achieved a major turn around - belting Southern Lakes, Maitland and Ourimbah on successive weekends. Indeed, were it not for the fact that three games were abandoned due to bad weather, the Uni girls may well have secured a top two spot.

Maitland took their revenge in the semi-final though, defeating Uni 39 - 14 at Cardiff Oval on 21 August. The final score was a fair reflection of the difference between the two teams on the day - Maitland had pace out wide, whereas Uni continually made breaks only for the movement to fall apart.

Unfortunately for Uni their bigger pack was disrupted by injuries (second row Margie King and hooker Stacey Cosgrove) which led to their set pieces, particularly the lineouts, losing the discipline that was a feature of their play in the latter half of the season. Try scorers were second-rower Christine Duncan (plus two conversions) and captain and five-eighth, Lindsay Corkie. Lock-forward Nicole Joannou and winger Nicole Highfield ran hard with the ball, while Lauren O’Donnell had another sterling game at fullback with some tremendous tackling. Although disappointed with the loss, the girls remain confident that with a season’s rugby behind them they will easily go a step further next season.
University's First grade Soccer team was pipped 3 - 2 by Westlakes in their Interdistrict First Division Grand.

Final held at Uni No. 1 Oval on Father's Day. Close to a thousand spectators attended the day and witnessed a free flowing and exciting game of soccer.

Uni took the lead late in the first half with a superbly taken free kick by Magnus Svendsen. It was from long range and Svendsen used all his skill to bend the ball over the wall of defenders and into the net.

Uni's chances took a blow in the first half with injuries forcing sweeper Jeff Regnis (dislocated elbow) and other star striker Dave Lawamin (ankle) from the field.

Westlakes hit back in the second half to level the score, but another brilliant Svendsen free kick, this time around the wall with the outside of his foot, put Uni ahead. Westlakes bounced back late in the game with goals, the second a penalty, to grab victory and the premiership.

Earlier in the day, Reserve grade added the Major Premiership to their Minor Premiership title with a hard fought 1 - 0 win over Bellbird. All in all a successful year for the Men's Soccer Club with Third Grade ending the season as Minor Premiers, to add to the successes of First and Reserve grades.

Newcastle University Karate Club members, Damon Smallman and Martin Philips have returned home after successfully competing in Toronto, Canada at the 6th International Chito-Ryu Karate Tournament.

The tournament, known as the Soke Cup, is held once every three years. Soke Sensei is the chief instructor and Shoman of the world Chito-Ryu Karate Association.

The 1998 Soke Cup attracted over 450 competitors from 16 nations. Australia's 21 member team returned with a best ever result of nearly 40 medals.

Damon won a gold medal for the Kyu grade individual kata and along with Martin, a silver in the Open Dojo team kata. Martin also won a bronze medal with the open team kata.

The Australian Indoor Soccer (5-a-side) Association invites students and staff to enter teams in a new competition to be held Thursday nights, from 7.00pm at The Forum.

Cost: $30 per team/game. Details from Gary Jackson, tel. (02) 4977 1350.

The Association coordinates many levels of competition, from club, and Northern representative matches, to State and National titles as well as Superleagues.

At the World Blind Sports Championships in Madrid (19th - 26th July), Evatt House resident and Psychology student, Sueanne Trindall performed with distinction. Trindall competed in the 100 metres sprint, bronze medal, the 200 metres sprints, 4th place and the long jump, 5th place. All of her results were personal bests.

At the World Championships there were approx 1200 competitors representing 72 countries in four sports, Goalball, Judo, Athletics and Swimming.

At its meeting on 26 August 1998 the Sports Union Committee confirmed constituent membership of the Surfriders Club following completion of 18 months on probation and granted probationary affiliation to the newly formed Mountain Biking Club. Unfortunately, following 12 months of inactivity the Badminton Club was disaffiliated.

**STOP PRESS RESULTS**

**TENNIS** - The valiant Vets 2 Mens Tennis team went down in a nail-biter to the minor premiers Toronto last Saturday. We lost a couple of vital tie-break sets!

**LEAGUE** - After a gritty determined effort, lost to Elemore Vale 18/14. Half time score was 14/4 EV's way, so our guys did good to get back within range.