Braithwaite - Don't Hold Back

One of Australia's top rock stars, Darryl Braithwaite, is coming to the aid of students with a disability at the University by donating part of his proceeds from two Newcastle concerts to a special benefit fund.

Braithwaite will perform at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12 as part of his Australian 'Don't Hold Back' tour.

The Australian veteran of the rock scene, who will be on tour to promote a new album, has agreed to donate $2 from every ticket sold to the benefit fund.

The fund, for which the Patron is the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, is being established by the University to raise monies for on-going needs of students with disabilities. Facilities required include motorised wheelchairs to help students traverse the 124 hectare main campus, braille computers for sight-impaired students and day-to-day needs of these special students.

The fund will be administered by the Committee for Students With A Disability and will be controlled as a working account of the University.

The Braithwaite concerts are being promoted by Peter Anderson of Rock City Promotions and tickets will be $29.90 for adults while a special concession price of $26.60 has been struck for students.

The Chairperson of the Committee for Students With A Disability, Marj Kibby, said it was possible that $6000 could be raised for the benefit fund because of Darryl Braithwaite's support of the students.

"The Civic Theatre can seat up to 1500 people and we hope to have the two concerts packed to the rafters," said Marj. "A lot of work has been done by Rock City in getting Darryl Braithwaite to come to Newcastle but he was most supportive when he heard that the University was trying to raise funds for students."

Rocky Mountain High

One visitor to the University smiles patiently when the name of the popular John Denver hit song, 'Rocky Mountain High', is mentioned, and with good reason.

Professor Charles Goeldner, Professor of Marketing at the University of Colorado, in Boulder, U.S.A., knows the Rocky Mountains well and has left his 'home town' to pay us a visit, lecture to market research students and speak at two significant conferences held in the Hunter.

Professor Goeldner was invited to speak at a luncheon presentation hosted jointly by the Department of Management of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce and the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. The subject of his presentation was "Tourism Marketing or Doing Time in a Tough Environment".

He was also invited to be the keynote speaker and a major contributor at a National Tourism Research Conference held at the Marina Resort at Nelson Bay. His subject, "Are Visitors Good for You?"

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"Tourism is the world's largest industry at the present time. According to 1987 data from Wharton Econometric Forecasting, there were 101 million people around the globe employed in the tourism industry at that time," Professor Goeldner said.

"The latest figures tell us that 112 million people now work in tourism, which generates $2.5 trillion in annual revenues and delivering no less than 5.5% of the world's gross national product," he said.

Professor Goeldner described Colorado as a 'great example of tourism promotion'. Between 20% and 50% of the population who live in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains in the western part of the state are reliant on the tourism industry for their livelihood and the 50 ski resorts in the area cater for 10 million skier visits each year. He said that these statistics accounted for 20% of the nation's skier visits.

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Strategic planning seminar for Council

Members of the University Council discussed a wide range of issues facing the University at a strategic planning seminar on September 23.

The seminar was organised following a decision by Council at its previous meeting that it should take a more active role in planning for the University's direction beyond the operational planning undertaken by the executive officers.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Morgan, said it was an opportune time, after amalgamation, for the University to take stock of where it is and how it is going to get there.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning), Dr Huxley, emphasised the iterative nature of the strategic planning process. Implementing elements of a plan always had an impact on the environment, requiring further analysis and reassessment of the strategic plan itself, he said.

Preparing an initial plan involved examining the external environment - including social, political and economic trends - and the internal strengths and weaknesses of the University.

Perhaps the most important area of analysis was the University's resources, particularly its human resources.

And the key to producing an effective plan was involvement, he said.

Mr Richard Owens said the process should be to identify the organisation's objectives (in the shortest form possible), and to analyse where the organisation stood in relation to those objectives. Then, the path from the present situation to the desired future would become clear.

The Chancellor, Justice Evatt, said the University seemed to have a number of competing policies to pursue, such as excellence in teaching and research, equity, and regional service.

The Dean of Medicine, Professor Hamilton, said these need not be seen as conflicting. For example, excellent research in occupational health and safety had been stimulated by the realities of the Hunter region.

Mr John Jobling, MLC, asked whether it would be possible for the University's Strategy Group to supply a set of the main questions confronting the University, in order to crystallise discussions.

He suggested these might be distributed widely, so that Council would be able to gauge a wide cross-section of views about where the University ought to be heading.

Dr Huxley agreed to provide a list of planning questions to the next Council meeting, in October, to help members decide how they would like to proceed.

Information for Members of Staff - Workers' Compensation

The current NSW Workcover Scheme provisions (effective from 31/3/90) - put at risk the compensation cover for many people injured on their way to or from work. It means that an employee who may be said to have contributed to his/her injury through being partly or wholly at fault is no longer covered under the Scheme.

In many cases of journey injury, some degree of fault can be attributed to the injured party. The provisions mean that a large percentage of journey claims may not now be covered by Workers' Compensation.

The major restrictions are as follows:

- The journey now commences and ends at the boundary of your place of abode and not the place of abode itself.
- Your right to journey compensation will be lost if the injury:
  - results from the fault of the worker; fault includes both negligence and tort, as well as failure to exercise reasonable care for the worker's own safety.
  - is deemed to have been caused by the worker being intoxicated by alcohol or drugs by his own hand.
  - is a result of a medical or other condition not contributed or caused by the journey.
  - results during a deviation from the normal journey or interruption to that journey for a reason unconnected with the worker's employment, unless the risk was not materially increased.

* The exclusion from journey compensation will not apply if the risk of injury was materially increased from a reason connected with employment, e.g. distance, time of day, method of travel, even if the injury results from the worker's "fault".

M.J. Covill, Staff Officer

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who have special requirements.

"All students are funded at the same level but the University realises that some of its students require just that little extra in assistance and that is one of the main reasons behind establishing the benefit fund.

'It's a great opportunity for us as a committee and I hope all students on the campus support the concert for what really is a special need," Marj said.

Tickets for the concerts go on sale on October 4 and will be available from the Civic Theatre.

Membership drawn from higher education

The Australasian Institute of Tertiary Education Administrators is a professional organisation with a membership drawn from all areas of administration in institutions and bodies associated with higher education.

AITEA's prime objective is to foster the professional development of tertiary education managers and administrators in a climate of fellowship.

It provides opportunities for specialised training for education managers and administrators, a meeting place for the exchange of ideas and experiences both through the expertise which it holds within its membership and by its encouragement of others to improve standards in the field of education management and administration.

AITEA is organised on an Australasian - wide basis, with a National Council as the governing body. In addition to administrators, academic staff whose duties or interests include management and administration are eligible for membership and are encouraged to join.

Membership is open to any person who at the time of application is occupying a position within tertiary education administration and is deemed to be suitable for membership as judged by the National Council or Branch Executive.

Further details about the organisation, up coming activities and applications for membership are available from Ms Jenny Hughes (Ext. 6527).
Computer engineer at Newcastle

Dr Simon Jones, a computer engineer of world standing, was recently a visitor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Dr Jones' contribution to computer systems engineering earned him the Brunel and Lyall Lectureship in 1989. This is an award given by the British Association for the Advancement of Science to an outstanding UK academic in engineering under the age of 40.

Dr Jones, born in Llanelli, South Wales, has held Visiting Lectureships at the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and the Technical University of Denmark.

At this University he is involved with Professor Heiko Schroder, Professor of Microelectronics, for five weeks on a number of investigations in the Centre of Industrial Control Science, including the design of a parallel computer system which will execute fractions of a second.

Dr Schroder, who has returned to Australia by his wife, Susan, has been provided with industry support, based variously in Canberra.

Professor Schroder's team of researchers is carrying out the image processing project in conjunction with the CSIRO's Division of Information Technology and the Australian Defence Force Academy (through the University of New South Wales). Funding of about $1.400,000 has been provided by the Industry Research and Development Board in Canberra.

In the UK Dr Jones has developed a high profile as a computer systems teacher and researcher and as a chartered engineer (he is a Member of the IEE).

He was educated at Hatfield Polytechnic and Brunel University; at the latter institution he gained a Master's and a PhD specialising in microelectronics and computer design.

For more than two years he was a Lecturer at the University of Wales, Bangor, and is presently a Senior Lecturer at the University of Nottingham.

Dr Jones and Professor Schroder, who pursue research in the same areas, met at the University of Aarhus last year. Dr Jones spoke as part of a course on high speed chips and Professor Schroder was an active participant.

Dr Jones said he was always interested in becoming involved in other people's computer projects. "If you do," he said "you get a different perspective on your own work."

Although he had no predetermined ideas about the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Centre of Industrial Control Science before he came to Australia, he has been very impressed, he said, by the quality and professionalism of the researchers in the organisations.

Dr Jones is not only working on the image processing machine but he is also applying his experience to such tasks as load balancing and computer systems.

TUNRA Makes Two Appointments

TUNRA has announced the appointment of Mr Ian Dick as manager of its Industrial Electronics Division and manager of Project Geraldton and Dr Lloyd Pilgrim its Photogrammetrist.

Previously Ian Dick was employed by the RAAF for more than 22 years — beginning as an instrument fitter on F111 and Mirage aircraft.

After completing a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in Queensland, he spent six years as an Electrical Engineering/Manager on F111 maintenance and F111 logistics support, based variously in Brisbane, Melbourne and Newcastle.

Before joining TUNRA, Mr Dick was employed as a Production Engineer in a Hunter firm manufacturing high voltage equipment.

He has a wide range of experience in management, supervision, quality systems, logistics, engineering (electrical, electronic, Instrument, control and avionics). Project Geraldton is a large-scale satellite-tracking project for the Department of Defence.

Dr Pilgrim, after graduating from this University with first class Honours in Surveying in 1987, took up a position with Associated Surveying.

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Photogrammetry, is the science of obtaining three-dimensional information (coordinates, contours, slopes, etc) from two two-dimensional images. The three dimensional information is obtained by techniques and procedures similar to those that result in human vision. Photogrammetry is used in many fields, such as architecture, medicine and mining.

Dr Pilgrim's role in TUNRA is to enhance the knowledge of, and the commercial interest in, photogrammetry, particularly from disciplines not normally associated with surveying.

"The University of Newcastle has a very strong background in photogrammetric research and instrument development which we hope to successfully market," he said.

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**Major Publishing Successes**

Major publishing successes have recently been achieved by two faculty members in the Department of Educational Studies.

Dr Jennifer Gore, a newly appointed Lecturer in Educational Studies, is soon to publish two academic books, both with the highly regarded New York and London publisher, Routledge Press.

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Her first book, *The Struggle for Pedagogies*, based on Dr Gore's Ph.D thesis completed last year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, draws on poststructural theory to provide both an overview of contemporary radical pedagogy discourses and a critique of those discourses for their 'duplicity in regimes of truth'.

Dr Gore makes use of the analyses of power and knowledge by French social philosopher, Michel Foucault, to explore the ways in which even these self proclaimed emancipatory discourses end up having repressive effects. She argues that these effects result in part from the historical location of institutionalised pedagogy within mechanisms of social and cultural regulation and from the 'will to truth' which characterises academic knowledge production.

The Struggle for Pedagogies aims to advance attempts at classroom practice which take into account the multiple relations of power operating in any teaching situation. Dr Gore concludes the book with a discussion of implications of her analysis for teacher education practice.

In a second project, Dr Gore, in conjunction with Dr Carmen Luke of James Cook University, has edited a volume titled *Feminisms and Critical Pedagogy*. The book brings together essays written by scholars in Australia, Britain, the United States and Canada, which adopt poststructuralist feminist standpoints in relation to critical pedagogy discourse. As well as Dr Gore's own chapter in the book which critically analyses notions of 'empowerment', she and Dr Luke provide an introductory chapter which examines the historical, intellectual and political emergence of the work included in the volume and a closing chapter which considers the specific conditions of academic work for women.

Both books are targeted at academic audiences, including postgraduate and senior undergraduate students and will be widely marketed in the fields of education, women's studies and philosophy.

**Dr Terry Lovat**

In addition, a new and revised edition of *Curriculum: Action on Reflection*, co-authored by Dr Lovat and Dr David Smith of Sydney University, has also been released by Social Science Press.

The revised edition was occasioned by the rapid selling out of the first edition in just nine months, and by the immensity of curriculum change currently being undertaken within the educational community.

Curriculum: Action on Reflection is currently a standard adopted text in the Curriculum programs of at least 10 Australian universities and is being used in similar programs in significant curricular research establishments overseas.

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**The University of Newcastle Union**

**Environment Officer**

The Union intends appointing on a scholarship-basis, a student of the University to fill the newly created position of Environment Officer, effective from the commencement of First Semester, 1992.

The successful appointee will work with the Union's Environment Committee and union staff to research and advise on environmental matters relevant to the Union's operations and to assist in implementing environmental policy.

The appointee will be responsible to the Executive Manager, Stan Barwick, and will be expected to contribute eight hours a week during each semester.

The appointment is for 1992 only and the position will be re-advertised in September, 1992, for a new appointment in 1993.

The Union will reimburse the appointee's H.E.C.S. payment at the end of each semester, on satisfactory appraisal of performance. The General Service Charge will be reimbursed on request, as will an amount of $120 per semester for textbooks relevant to the student's course.

The total value of the scholarship is approximately $2,500.

Applications for the position should be directed to:

The Executive Manager,
The University of Newcastle Union,
The University of Newcastle,
NSW 2308.

Or may be delivered to the Union Office on Level 5.

They should include personal details, a resume and an indication of the area in which the applicant feels that he or she may be able to assist the Union.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, November 1, 1991.

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**Membership of Convocation**

In the last issue of Bulletin, an article about Convocation stated that contributory membership subscriptions were $20 per year or $250 for life. Convocation wishes to clarify that contributory membership is open to only those people who are already members of Convocation and costs $25 per annum.

**1992 Asia-Pacific Microwave Conference**

To be held from August 11 - 13, 1992, at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Topics include microwave theory, technology, components, applications and design. Abstracts (one page) are due December 6, 1991, for photo-ready material (four pages) of selected papers are due May 8, 1992. An equipment exhibition is included.

General enquiries should be made to Dr D Sinnott, Microwave Radar Division, Defence Science and Technology Organization, Post Office Box 1650, Salisbury, SA 5108.
Alterations to State Highway 23

The Roads and Traffic Authority has notified the University that it is proposing to open the State Highway 23 and University Drive interchange South Bridge in the next few weeks. In anticipation of this they have given some consideration to some variations to line-marking and pedestrian movement.

The following are proposed:

1. The bus bays on the north and south carriageways will be delineated by line-marking.
2. Traffic proceeding eastward from the interchange to the University roundabout will be able to continue eastward from the left lane as well as the right lane.
3. A pedestrian refuge crossing will be marked at the eastern end of each bus bay.
4. The RTA has pointed out that "traffic free crossing of Rankin Drive (University Drive) can be achieved by the underpasses and cycle/footpath at the interchange."
5. Marking and other devices will also be used to prevent access to or from State Highway 23 via the ramps until further notice.

Members of the University are urged to exercise considerable caution if they make use of the Pedestrian Refuge Crossing. Pedestrians and cyclists should note that they share a single pathway and should keep in mind the dangers of using the underpasses at night.

D.R. Huxley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning)

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The Australian Directory of Academics

A new publication, The Australian Directory of Academics, lists details on the teaching, research and consultancy interests of more than 2,500 Australian academics, together with contact addresses and telephone numbers.

It provides a link between academics in Australia and the public and private sector organisations requiring their expertise for research and consultancy projects.

It is intended that the Directory will be updated on an annual basis.

Academics wishing to purchase a copy or wishing to be included in the next edition, should contact Mr Glyn Edwards, Universal Consultancy Services, PO Box 1140, Cofta Harbour, 2450, or phone (066) 52 7333, Fax (066) 51 2198.

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New Art Five

A beautifully illustrated book entitled 'New Art Five - Profiles in Contemporary Australian Art' which displays the work of 46 contemporary artists from all over the country, has featured the work of one of the University's Fine Arts lecturers, Ms Jutta Feddersen.

The book, which the fifth in an ongoing series, covers the fascinating and ever-varied directions of contemporary art and to be included is an honour indeed.

Jutta, who is widely recognised as a leading exponent of fibre/art sculpture, uses large-scale constructions to make her artistic statements. She is motivated by a concern for the sanctity of human life everywhere and in terms of aesthetics, conveys an elegance of form and use of light and shadow as part of her creative intent.

She has gained numerous national commissions, including major works for the Sydney Opera House and Westmead Hospital. She has held many individual exhibitions both in Australia and in Europe and is represented in the collections of the Art Gallery of Western Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria, Queensland Art Gallery and the Ballarat Art Gallery as well as in major corporate and institutional collections.

"It's a great thrill to be included in the book which recognises the work of contemporary artists and their achievements."

"A graduate of this University, John Turier is also included and is also featured on the front cover, so it's really a significant event for the Department of Fine Arts," Jutta said.

The artist's comment - My interest is in human beings: how they function, their sufferings, their basic need and their intellect have always interested me. Consequently these feelings play into my work.

Men have fought wars, conquered and lost, but today things are not that simple. Concern about our environment should affect everyone.

New Art Five - Profiles in Contemporary Australian Art. Edited by Nevill Drury and published by Craftsman House.
Hunter Region Schools Share in Environmental Awards

Schools from many parts of the Hunter Region have shared the honours in this year’s environmental awards conducted by the University’s Board of Environmental Studies.

The winners of the Hunter Region Schools Environmental Awards were announced to coincide with the University’s Open Day and also with Earth Week 1991.

Chairman of the Board, Kevin McDonald, said entries related to an environmental issue or concern or to some aspect of environmental enhancement and that the judging panel was pleased with the number of entries.

Categories and winning schools are:

(1) Whole School, with Community Involvement:
- Secondary Schools
  - First: Raymond Terrace High School
    - Full School Environmental Project Award: $500
  - Equal Second: Muswellbrook High School
    - Muscle Creek Environmental Improvement Award: $250
  - Equal Second: Cardiff High School
    - Environmental Area (with APEX) Award: $250

- Primary Schools
  - Equal First: Platzburg Public School
    - Grounds Improvement with Tree Planting Award: $300
  - Equal First: Pacific Palms Public School

- Development of School Nature Trail and Shade House Award: $500

- Equal Second: Gloucester Public School
  - Peace Park Rainforest Area Award: $200

- Equal Second: Cooranbong Community School
  - Heritage Gardens Award: $200

- Third: Nabiac Public School
  - Trees and Nature Trail Award: $150

(2) Single Class, or Groups Project:
- Secondary Schools
  - First: Gloucester High School
    - Solar Kiln to season timber Award: $150
  - Second: St Josephs College
    - Lochinvar: Coastal Dunes Project Award: $100

- Primary Schools
  - First: Lambton Public School
    - School Garden Club Award: $150
  - Second: Hillsborough Public School
    - Nature Reserve Areas Award: $100

The official announcement of the awards was made at The Wetlands Centre, Shortland.

Each school will receive a framed certificate to note the conferring of their award and presentations will be made at the various schools in the near future.

Mr McDonald said entries required the active involvement, planning, research, preparation and/or presentation by a group of students at their school or in the near vicinity.

“The intention was to encourage initiative, learning and thoughtful contribution rather than to limit the format in any way,” said Kevin.

Final entries included classroom project work, school grounds project work, appropriate community based or community related projects and even ideas which will protect the environment, encourage ‘environmentally friendly’ products, conserve energy or resources or recycle products for more economical use.

Kevin said judges looked at the originality of the project, reflection of young people’s concern for the environment (now and the future), the revealing of heightened environmental awareness and understanding and quality of presentation of the submission.

Companies and organisations such as BHP Rod and Bar Products Division, Cleanaway, Tomago Aluminium, the Hunter Valley Catchment Management Trust and the Hunter Environment Institute have contributed to the awards. The Commonwealth Bank was also active in the awards in making entry forms available through its branches.

Dr Chambers Honoured

A recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science degree in this University has received a prestigious award for his contribution to accounting education.

Dr Ray Chambers, who was born at Maryville and educated at Newcastle Boys’ High School, has been named Outstanding Accounting Educator of 1991, and elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame in the United States, by the American Accounting Association, regarded as the peak professional accounting body in the world.

Dr Chambers was the first Professor of Accounting in the University of Sydney and, from 1960 to his retirement in 1982, he built what has become known as the “Chambers School” of accounting thought.

When he was presented for admission to the honorary DSc degree in the Great Hall 1990, it was reported that 10 students taught by Dr Chambers held Chairs in Accounting in universities in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Grant for Recording Australian Music

Members of the Faculty of Music’s academic staff, Mr Robert Constable and Ms Elizabeth Holowell, have received a prestigious grant from the Australia Council. They will use the grant to make the first commercial recording of some neglected, but important, Australian violin and piano music.

Central to the project will be the first performance on record of the Sonata for Violin and Piano, by Margaret Sutherland. The sonata, written in 1935, has been ignored by performers for many years, despite the high quality of the music.

“In the 60’s and 70’s, when being a composer became fashionable, it was the younger generation of composers who were promoted. A few very fine older artists, such as Margaret Sutherland, were largely ignored,” Mr Constable said.

Margaret Sutherland, who died recently, wrote the sonata for violin and piano, in Europe, where she had been a pupil of English composer, Arnold Bax. Bax thought that this work “was the finest piece he had ever heard, written by a woman”.

Elizabeth Holowell and Robert Constable began their research into Australian music in 1938. They toured America in 1989 presenting lectures, masterclasses and recitals of new and older Australian music. The pioneering work has now been formally recognised by the Australia Council.

“We feel very fortunate, because this year the Australia Council funded only 14 of the 77 recording applications, and this, of course, covers all types of music. It means that our work is seen as very important to Australian music,” Ms Holowell said.
Newcastle - Great Potential for Conferences

Newcastle has great potential as a venue for conferences, according to Professor Jim Abbey, of the University of Nevada Las Vegas - and the University has some of the best conference facilities in the city.

From one point of view, this is unfortunate: the very best facilities in Newcastle cannot be promoted as year-round venues because they are not always available.

From the student's point of view, it could be considered fortunate: the reason for their regular unavailability is that they are being used for lectures.

Professor Abbey, who teaches in Hospitality Administration and Tourism, visited the University at the invitation of Mr Harold Richens, of the Department of Business.

He said the conference and convention market for a city like Newcastle could be very lucrative.

Cities in the USA such as Los Angeles and Chicago were capable of entertaining for enormous gatherings, as many as 40,000 attending some international conventions.

But conventions on that scale are rare indeed.

The cities gaining the greatest benefit tended to be those of the second rank, such as Albuquerque or Toledo, which hosted regional or Statewide events, Professor Abbey said.

These most commonly involved fewer than 500 delegates, but the frequency of such meetings meant business was booming in cities which positioned themselves in this market.

Newcastle - close to but separate from Sydney, by the ocean, surrounded by ideal areas for relaxation - was well placed to take a leading position in the Australian market for regional conferences.

The single thing conference organisers wanted most when choosing a destination was a large space where they could arrange a plenary session of delegates. The Griffith Duncan Theatre at the University was a perfect example, Professor Abbey said.

Organisers look for many other features, including up-to-date audio and visual equipment, accommodation, and access from other cities, but the rarest attribute - "the bottom line in conventions" - was the space.

Professor Abbey said that, with the University's facilities occupied for teaching during much of the year, Newcastle would have to look to building facilities as good elsewhere if it wanted to promote itself as a major, year-round convention destination.

But the professor said the use to which our facilities are being put is well worthwhile.

He praised the standards of the students he had met in his week in Newcastle as being beyond that he encountered normally. They seemed more willing to take part in discussions and quicker to grasp concepts involved in tourism.

Professor Abbey put down the difference to Newcastle's student-staff ratios, which were significantly lower than he found at American universities.

Lecturer Collects Award of Excellence

A Lecturer in Commerce, Mr Brian Gibson, has been awarded an Award of Excellence for a paper which he presented at the 36th World Conference for Small Business in Vienna.

More than 140 papers were submitted for possible presentation at the international conference. From these, nine were equally ranked for Awards of Excellence and Mr Gibson's paper was one of the nine.

Mr Gibson's paper dealt with interpreting financial information needs for decision making in small organisations.

The award winning papers were pre-selected by the Competitive Papers Committee of the Conference, consisting of 40 experts from all over the world. The committee was selected by the Awards of Excellence Committee as a subcommittee of the Competitive Papers Committee and confirmed by the Directors of the European Council for Small Business.

"I am delighted to have received the award," Mr Gibson said. "To have a paper acknowledged as being in the top echelon of papers presented at the most prestigious international conference of the small business research community was a great honour for me and also for the University.

"It was also particularly pleasing to receive such an award at the first world conference of the ICSB held outside of North America. The competition this time was truly international."

Mr Gibson summarised the content of his paper as follows:

"The paper was normative in style. In the same way that research in many of the social sciences has progressed in recent years, researchers in the small business area are presently searching for more rigorous frameworks to guide their research.

"The essence of the paper was to suggest that an interpretative economic framework based on the Austrian school of economic thought is most appropriate for the study of small firms.

"I was able to use examples from accounting research to support the arguments in the paper thus adding a multi disciplinary dimension. This was particularly pleasing as it is not always easy to find a receptive audience for research including both accounting and small business considerations," Mr Gibson said.

Mattara Music at "The Con"

Thursday, October 10 - 6 pm Robert Zechel (piano)
Contemporary music played at its best. Works by Southhope, Milhaud, Boyd, Peterson.
Music in Australia - Meet the Composer
Thursday, October 10 - 6 pm
From Brisbane we welcome Stephen Latch, composer-in-residence for the Australian Youth Orchestra.
Friday, October 11 - 8 pm
Garnet Lutton - Piano
A gifted and exquisite pianist in a very special recital to be followed by dinner.
Sunday Interlude Series
Sunday, October: 13 - 10 am, 1 pm and 4 pm.
Three concerts of great interest and vibrant youthful talent, as we present young musicians from throughout the Hunter Valley.

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Mrs Sandra Kent, winner of the Department of Community Programmes prize with Mr John Collins. Bachelor of Science student, David Porter, and James Daniel of Mayfield West Demonstration School with Open Day Co-ordinators for Geography, A/Professor Bob Loughran and Ms Susan Curtis.

Mr John Miner presents Mathew Baran of Edgeworth with the Coca Cola Management prize. Geology prize winners, Ryan Tranter of the Junction School and Mrs Hazel Ford of Birmingham Gardens.

Childrens' drawing competition

Here are the winners of the "What Newcastle looked like in the age of Dinosaurs" competition which was run by the Department of Geology on Open Day.

Ryan Tranter, aged 8 years of Merewether, winner of plastic blow-up dinosaur. Lisa Garfoot, aged 10 years of Elermore Vale, winner of balsa dinosaur construction kit.
Open Day '91 Prizes

Mr Terry O'Brien, of Maintain Axis Computers, presents Mr Martin Epstein, of Whitebridge, with the ASI personal computer and VGA monitor. Mr Epstein won at Open Day. As well as donating the 40Mb computer, Maintain Axis was a generous cash sponsor of Open Day 1991.

Mrs Elaine Davey, of Niagara Park, and her husband receive their tickets for a New Zealand holiday as winners of the Open Day "passport" competition from Mr Ray Notley, Manager of Jayes Travel. Mr and Mrs Davey collected the prize ten years to the day since they last visited New Zealand.

Mrs Claire Martin, of the Central Coast, winner of the Conservatorium of Music's major Open Day prize, receives her CDC CD player from Ms Karen Browne, of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, donor of the prize.

John Miner, of the Open Day Committee, with Miss Laura Innes, winner of the Newcastle AppleCentre prize at Open Day 1991, with her mother, Ms Vicki Innes, of East Maitland.

Mattara Open Days
"At the Con"

Wednesday, October 9 to Friday, October 11

A display of the work of the Faculty and Conservatorium of Music in the Concert Hall Foyer

Books, Instruments, Posters

Guided Tours of the Complex at 10 am and 2 pm (or by arrangement)

ENTRANCES - Cnr. Laman and Auckland Streets
Cnr. Gibson and Auckland Streets

CONTACT - Wayne Sheean (telephone 29 4133)
An international body which supports early childhood projects throughout the world has announced a third phase of funding for a project based in the Hunter Region.

The Bernard van Leer Foundation, which has its headquarters in The Hague, is to fund the University-based Hunter Caravan Project for another three years.

The Project Operations Manager for the van Leer Foundation, Mr Wim Monasso, said the Foundation decided to fund a third and final stage because of the importance of the work carried out by the Hunter Caravan Project in the past five years.

He made the announcement in Newcastle before a large audience at the presentation of the final report of Phase II of the Project.

The Hunter Caravan Project was established in 1986 to study the needs of families with young children living permanently in caravan parks. Since then it has set up a number of programs in caravan parks to improve the social, emotional and physical development of young children, some of these being playgroups, after school activities, home/school liaison and vacation and home visits.

It has also established 'offshoots' such as Homelink which assists parents of 'mobile' children to become more involved in the educational process of their children, and Homestart, which offers practical support and friendship to families with young children who may be experiencing difficulties due to a variety of reasons. Homelink and Homestart both operate on a network of volunteers.

The 1992-94 third stage of the Project, to be known as the National Advocacy and Dissemination Program, will aim to disseminate the operational model that has been developed during the five years of the project.

Project Director, Mrs Di James, said the project had come to be seen as an 'expert' on the needs of caravan park families in New South Wales as government departments and community services became increasingly aware of the problems associated with this form of low-cost housing and sought suitable solutions.

"The consultative work has increased our awareness of the critical need to disseminate nationally the operational model and also to advocate nationally the needs of caravan park families to ensure long term change occurs," Mrs James said.

Strategies for the next three years under the National Advocacy and Dissemination Program will include lobbying all levels of government, community groups and other bodies in each State to stimulate interest in the development of appropriate strategies when dealing with caravan park children and their families; workshops and seminars in each State to promote the operational model of the Hunter Caravan Project; the publication of articles concerning suitable long and short term strategies to use when working with caravan park communities; and seeking access for input into training programs for council administrators and town planners.

Mrs James said the Hunter Caravan Project had worked in more than 30 caravan parks since 1986 and its observation by team members was that no two caravan parks were the same.

"Some caravan park communities do not need an outside agent such as the Hunter Caravan Project because there already exists within the park community a mutually supportive environment," Mrs James said.

"Others however, are in great need of an outside catalyst to provide the necessary support and information to empower individuals as a first step on the community development continuum."

She said these variations in park client and atmosphere were influenced by a combination of locational and physical characteristics as well as many tangible factors such as management style and the self esteem and previous experience of residents.

"It is fruitful that the Hunter Caravan Park project has been able to work with caravan park communities during a sensitive and critical period of social and economic change in our society," she said.

"During this time the Australian dream of home ownership has become a diminishing concept as the demand for low cost housing increases.

"If the Government sees mobile home villages and caravan parks as a low cost housing option, it must ensure that this does not equate with a lowering of standards and the consequent diminishing of quality of lifestyle."

"The Hunter Caravan Project advocates that quality of lifestyle for these communities can be enhanced by provision of adequate on-site services and facilities, appropriate planning and the training of park management."

"..."
Evaluating the Outcome of the Undergraduate Medical Course

A workshop conducted by the University's Faculty of Medicine entitled 'Evaluating the Outcome of the Undergraduate Medical Course' benefited from the input of a special guest from Canada who is an international figure in the world of medical education.

Professor Christel Woodward, from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, was invited to address the two-day workshop held at the David Maddison Building in Newcastle which was designed to start a process of evaluation over the next few years, to elucidate any impact an innovative curriculum has on graduates in their day-to-day practice.

Professor Woodward has made very substantial contributions to medical literature and has devised many of the innovative programs for evaluating new medical schools which have been run in Canada.

The workshop posed many questions.

How does the Medical School, its philosophy and its curriculum influence the type of doctor produced? Are there characteristics, inculcated during the undergraduate course, that distinguish the products of any particular school? Can we separate the influences of selection criteria and education program from each other as determinants of performance in the "real world"?

Does the impact of the early postgraduate years outweigh that of the undergraduate course? Can we make sensible and reproducible measurements of physicians' performance so that educational outcome can be assessed?

Delegates came to the workshop from as far afield as Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, New Zealand and Burma.

Professor Woodward told Bulletin that the medical course at McMaster University and this university are very similar in direction although they are structured differently. The fact that Newcastle could gain from the experience of McMaster which has produced medical graduates for a longer time and in larger numbers was of vital importance. She said students enrolled in the medical course at McMaster were required to have a first degree and then complete the medical course over three years.

She commented on how the curriculum and selection methods at Newcastle are quite different from other Australian universities and that it is one of about 12 innovative medical programs in the world.

"Newcastle is a medical school to be learned from in the case of other schools developing their curriculum," Professor Woodward said.

Lifestyle workshops for Year 11

Six Year IV BEd (Physical education) students contributed to a senior seminar for Jesmond High School during August.

Conducted over two days at the City Hall, the workshops catered for the needs of 75 Year 11 students in respect of healthy lifestyle, goal setting, stress management, self esteem, career advice and community support programmes.

Fresh from Practice Teaching, the University's students conducted for the school students with the objective of increasing the effectiveness of study patterns.

They presented a Lifestyle Quiz on exercise, diet, drug use, stress management and personal safety, including sexual behaviour.

The need for Year 11 students to take responsible action in all aspects of their lives was stressed, because the health and study benefits were considerable.

An exercise circuit performed to 'rap' music highlighted the importance of regular exercise activity.

Mr Clive Maddocks, Principal of Jesmond High School, was extremely pleased with the professional and stimulating sessions run by Ms Sarah Charlton, Mr Mark Farrant, Mr Paul Rosenbaum, Mr Richard Rawlings, Mr Jeff Watt and Ms Alicia Williams.

Mr Maddocks is keen to create more opportunities for input by the University's Health and Physical Education students.

"This School has a number of objectives for its graduates, an awareness of the community in which their patients live and community services available, that they will be continuing learners, that they will critically evaluate new situations and the quality of new information and be prepared to adopt new methods where applicable," she said.

Professor Woodward told Bulletin that today's medical graduates need to be aware of not just the disease, but the patient and their circumstances. She said that this sensitivity to patients and their families, communication skills, an ability to work in teams, small groups and with other health workers were important issues that face medical educators.

She commented that Newcastle's selection procedure of taking into account the candidate's personal as well as academic qualities was a criteria that set this medical school amongst the leaders in providing medical education.
Industrial Arts Technology Presentation

Pictured at a presentation of awards and prizes for academic achievement in the Industrial Arts Technology degree are Mr Barry Abelsohn, Mr Jeremy Rennex, Mr Trevor Oakey, Mr Geoffrey Thick, Mr Peter Huish, Mr Simon Turner and Dr Jack Caldwell.

The awards are made each year by Mr Barry Abelsohn, Mr Jeremy Rennex, Mr Trevor Oakey, Mr Geoffrey Thick, Mr Peter Huish, Mr Simon Turner and Dr Jack Caldwell.

Winners of the awards are Simon Turner (1st year), Peter Huish (2nd year) and Geoffrey Thick (3rd year)

Teleconferencing reduces isolation

Students undertaking the new Masters in Early Childhood course via the external mode had an opportunity to meet their fellow students and their lecturers on Monday 9th September without leaving their homes in Western Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and various centres in NSW. Using Telecom’s new CONFERLINK service, the class spent 45 minutes talking to their lecturers and each other by telephone.

Traditionally, external students meet each other and their lecturers at on-campus lectures and workshops at least once per year. In many cases, this involves considerable expense for them in terms of travel and accommodation.

However, recent improvements in teleconferencing services provided by Telecom, coupled with newer loudspeaker telephones, have enabled small groups of people at one location to talk to individuals, or even small groups, anywhere there is a telephone. Dr John Schiller, Director of Off-campus Studies, said that use of newer communications technologies in this way will enable improved communication between students and lecturers at a distance. While speaking to classmates and lecturers on the phone is still not as effective as face-to-face contact, telephone calls reduce the isolation which is so much a part of being an external student.

John explained that during this pilot talkback session, the class was divided into two groups for the teleconference so that only 8 or 9 students were linked at one time. Course Director Dr Judy Cowley, with Dr Ray Killen, Jenny Allen, Dr Jim Miles and Dr Jenny Core participated in the talkback session, chaired by Dr John Schiller, through the use of a loudspeaker telephone in the External Studies Centre.

Although the conversations necessitated people identifying themselves by name each time they spoke, it only took a short time before the huge distances became transparent and it seemed as if participants were only a short distance apart. John was most enthusiastic about the first use of teleconferencing for external students. "The feedback from students and lecturers has been very positive" said John, "and the cost benefits of teleconferencing are considerable." Future teleconferences are being planned with other groups of external students.

Awards for Higher Degree Programs in 1992

* A total of 1,455 new awards will be available in 1992.
* Eligibility requirements include Australian citizenship or set residency conditions.
* The awards provide stipends, HECS exemption scholarships, and relocation and thesis allowances.
* Payments are tax-exempt and indexed annually.
* Successful applicants generally have high level Honours or equivalent results.

Australian Postgraduate Research Awards (APRAS's)
* 1,200 new awards
* For students undertaking research Masters or PhD degrees.
* The base stipend in 1991 is $13,504 p.a.
* Students with topics in priority areas nominated by their institution may receive a priority award of up to $17,427 (1991 rates).
* Applications for 1992 close on October 31, 1991

Australian Postgraduate Course Awards (APCAs)
* 165 new awards
* For students undertaking coursework Masters degrees.

University of Newcastle Postgraduate Research Scholarships
* Generally 12 scholarships are awarded annually.
* For students undertaking research Masters or PhD degrees.
* The stipend in 1991 is $15,504 p.a.
* Applications for 1992 close on October 31, 1991

Overseas Students

Overseas students (except for those from developing countries with access to the Equity and Merit Scholarship Scheme of the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau) may be able to apply for assistance in 1992 from either the
* Overseas Postgraduate Research Scholarship (OPRS); or
* Special Overseas Postgraduate Fund (SOPF).

Approximately 500 OPRS and 60 SOPF's will be made available by the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

Both programs meet overseas student fee costs for postgraduate students. No living allowances are provided under these programs, but students may receive additional funding from other sources.

* Applications for 1991 close on September 27, 1991

Australian Development Co-operation Scholarship Scheme (ADCSS)

The Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) has established a special one-off scholarship scheme for developing countries to apply to the 1992 intake of overseas students.

The scholarship will be tenable for up to two years and covers the cost of the course fee. No living allowance is provided.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students may apply. ADCSS scholarships will be available for students from eligible countries who are either commencing one or two year courses in 1992 or who are presently enrolled and who wish to complete their courses by the end of the academic year 1993.

* Applications for 1992 close on October 18, 1991

University of Newcastle Postgraduate Research Scholarships

* Generality 12 scholarships are awarded annually.

Erratum

Members of the University recently received a letter inviting them to contribute to the building appeal for the International House Common Room. In the letter recipients were informed that the University would publish the names of all donors in the Annual Report.

Unfortunately this was an error. The Annual Report publishes only details of donations over $250. Apologies for this error.

Noel Rutherford, Warden, International House.
Culinaire Delights

Whether it's a Fillet of Beef Xavier Leroux, a Pasticcio of Lamb with Chicken and Bacon; or an Amadeus Mousse Gateau, the preparation and presentation adds to the delicacy.

And if you're looking for that expertise in culinaire delight, you don't have to go further than the Shortland Student Union.

Three members of staff who prepare the meals at the Union have just taken top awards in the seventh Salon Culinaire organized by the Hunter District Association of Professional Cooks and Chefs.

Tracey Andrews was named Apprentice Chef of the Year in addition to winning a gold medal for her Xavier Leroux which was followed by an Apple Flan.

Executive Chef, Robert MacKinnon, won triple honours. A gold medal came in the gateau and torte open section for his Amadeus Mousse Gateau while a silver was awarded in the buffet platter section for his Crocodile with Warrigal Greens and Native Fruit Tartlet. Robert also was named winner of the gateau and torte section.

Chef, Michael Baxter, won silver in the buffet platter section for his Pasticcio of Lamb with Chicken and Bacon.

Chairman of the judging panel, Quentin Underhill, said 120 people from the Hunter Region and various parts of New South Wales contested the event. The number of contestants made it the biggest Salon Culinaire ever held while the standard was higher than last year.

Robert said that contestants had to attain a certain number of points to be awarded a medal in the various sections and that medals were not always awarded if the contestants had not met the required specifications.

The event was judged by internationally recognized people and they had a difficulty time in selecting winners," said Robert.

"Tracey, Michael and I entered four sections and picked up four medals which is a pleasing result for us."

What Mighty Conquests Rise From Trivial Things

Knowledgeable people, these library staff.

A team representing the Library cleaned up the opposition on September 6 to win the special trophy for staff awarded at the trivia night held by the University Challenge Club.

Led by Chris Dawson and Greg Heathcote, the Library team staved off challenges from the well-performed Psychology team and newcomers (ring-ins?) SRC.

More than 100 people attended the night in the Bar On The Hill and, at $5 a head, raised a record amount for the Smith Family.

Because the event was held the night before Open Day, student teams from Sydney, Wollongong, Macquarie, UTS and Newcastle took part, prior to their own "Campus Challenge" competition held over the two days of Open Day.

The Friday night competition was ominous, with a combined Sydney team - recruited progressively from the bar - winning overall. Sydney University was the ultimate winner of the more serious competition which ended on Sunday afternoon.

Newcastle's team beat Sydney in the heats but, because of the round robin structure of the competition, Sydney was able to come back, defeating UTS in the final. Enthusiasm fired by their success, Sydney is now planning to host a similar State-wide event next year.

Preparations for next year have already begun, with a team of academic staff - including Professors Frank Bates, Colin Keay and Norman Talbot - at work on the backbreaking task of writing the questions. The "Professor" team met the students three times before this year's competition, winning the final clash.

- The triumphant Librarians hold their trophy until the next competition, scheduled for October 25.

Admission is still $5 a head, with teams of up to eight. Staff teams should include at least three members from their area.

Staff with inquiries should call extension 6462 - or Greg and Chris in the Library: they seem to know nearly everything.

One Point Wins Grand Final

The University No. 1 Netball team has tasted victory by winning the A2 Grade Netball Grand Final held recently at National Park in Newcastle.

The game was a real 'cliff-hanger', with Uni coming from behind to equalise and score.

The players are Rose Marie Thombium, Liz Gallagher, Robyn Defore, Susan Moore, Melinda Campbell, Danielle Campbell, Mary Callanan, Vicki O'Connell, Kylie Ives, Kelly Rochford and Gina Hughes.
Wanted to Exchange
Three bedroom, centrally heated house in East Finchley, London, for a similar house in Newcastle for the period 19th December, 1991 to 19th January, 1992. Car exchange also possible if desired. Please telephone Mr F. Henderson on 63 5812 or 52 1022.

For Sale
Toyota Seca Twin Cam '86. Power steering, mag wheels. Good condition throughout. Urgent sale. $12,750. All offers considered. Please telephone Ext. 5204 or 51 6743 (after hours).

For Sale
Ikea student's desk. 2 x 4 drawers. White laminate, red handles (could be changed). Red matching chair. All in excellent condition - $100. Please telephone Ext. 5301.

Opportunities from the Department of Community Programmes
Environmental Geology
Tuesday evenings from October 15 (6 x 2 hour sessions) 7 pm to 9 pm. Venue Geology Laboratory, Room 308, Level 3, Science Building. Field Excursions Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 (10 am to 4 pm) Fee - $105 per person.

Environmental Geology Field Days Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24 Fee $40 per person.

Managing Stress in Your Life
Full-day workshop Tuesday, October 22 (9.30 am to 4 pm). Course Leader - Dr W. Jones. Venue - Mike Nelson Room, Upper Level, Shortland Union. Topics in this workshop include Mind and Body, Stress Management, Dealing with Worries, Mental and Physical Relaxation Techniques, Sleeplessness, Can the Mind Heal the Body, Approaches to Self Hypnosis. Fee $95 (lunch, morning and afternoon teas included).

Overcoming Depression One-day workshop, Friday, November 15 (9 am to 5 pm). Workshop Leader - Director of University Counselling Service, Mr Peter Bamford. Venue Counselling Rooms, Auchmunty Library. Fee $35 per person (lunch not included).


Enquiries about the above can be made by contacting the University's Department of Community Programmes on 21 5551 or 21 5558.

Department of Holistic Health Studies
Seminar
A Lexicon of Lunacy
Speaker: James Knight, Senior Lecturer, Department of Holistic Health Studies
Date: Monday, October 14 (12 - 1 pm)
Venue: R1-35 (Hunter Building)
Enquiries can be made by telephoning Mr Abdul Monaem on 21 6722 or 21 6328.

Copyright Corner
Q. Is the practice known as "time shifting", under which a television or radio program is copied simply in order to be shown to students at a more convenient time, acceptable?

A. Regrettably, this practice is no longer permissible under the amendments made to the Copyright Act in 1989 except in accordance with the University's prescribed procedures for copying broadcasts. The reason is that if a program is copied and shown to students, the statutory licence scheme will apply. It does not matter if the program is shown an hour, a day or a year later or whether it is shown once or any number of times: if it is shown to students it must be paid for. Questions of time convenience do not arise.

The argument of "preview" is not available because the sole purpose of the evaluation period is to decide whether the program is to be shown to students. Once the program has been shown to students, whether or not as the result of a conscious preview decision, then the formal records must be completed and the copy paid for even if the program is found to be of little or no use for the course.

First chance, the Parents and Friends of The University of Newcastle's Special Education Centre, invite you to a

CHARITY BALL
featuring the Allan Ward Showband
Venue: Shortland Students Union, The University of Newcastle
Date: Friday, November 8 - 8 pm to 1 am

Tickets: $40 per person available from the Special Education Centre (21 6275) includes initial drinks and supper

Full bar service

Lucky door prizes: Dinner for two at Marina Resort, Nelson Bay
Drawing of raffle: Weekend cruise on 'Lady Hawkesbury'

Gifts on entry

Dress:
Lounge Suit or Black Tie

Table bookings: Jim Wilson 675011 business hours

Bulletin
Research Grants for 1991
Information on the following grants is available from the Office for Research - Telephone 21 5305

Closing Date

+ Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation
Support for new industries, small industries and the rural industry in general through a broader based multi-industry research and development programme.

October 4, 1991

+ Australian Meat & Livestock R & D Corporation
Study Awards - Sabbatical type training for established professionals.

October 5, 1991

+ Criminology Research Council
Support for research projects which are likely to produce results of relevance for the prevention and control of crime throughout Australia.

October 8, 1991

+ Urban Water Research Association of Australia
Research relating to the provision of water supply, sewerage, drainage and industrial liquid waste services.

October 21, 1991

+ Rebecca L Cooper Medical Research Foundation
Research in the fields of Arthritis, schizophrenia, lung diseases (excluding cancer) and in the medical application of genetic research.

October 30, 1991

+ Canadian Studies Program
The Canada-Aust Institutional Research Award (CABIRA)
Faculty Research Award Program (FRP)
Faculty Enrichment Award Program (FEP)

October 21, 1991

+ Wool Research & Development Corporation New Research Grants
Textiles, raw wool marketing, production, wool harvesting & economics.

November 15, 1991

+ Fulbright - Australian - American Educational Foundation
For study, research, lecturing in the USA (Senior)

November 20, 1991

+ Japan Foundation Grant Programs
Various programs for Japanese studies.

November 20, 1991

+ Australian Academy of Science
Scientific exchanges with China - 1992/93

November 22, 1991

FELLOWSHIPS AND CONFERENCES
+ Australian Academy of Science
Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japan - Awards for Scientists 1992/93

October 25, 1991

+ DITAC International Conference Support Scheme
Holding in Australia of major international science & technology conferences.

October 28, 1991

+ Canadian Studies Program International Fellowships
For doctoral graduates in the natural sciences or engineering for up to two years.

November 22, 1991

+ Robert S McNamara Fellowships Program
To support postgraduate research in areas of economic development

December 10, 1991

Further information and relevant application forms are available from the Office for Research - telephone 21 5305.

Research Matters
The Department of Employment, Education & Training (DEET) has produced a "Guide to Commonwealth Competitive Research Funding Schemes, 1991". The Guide provides information of Commonwealth grants which are offered on a periodic basis and allocated on the basis of peer assessment processes. Its purpose is to provide a convenient reference to Commonwealth grants schemes to assist researchers, potential researchers, institutional administrators and other groups with an interest in research. A copy of the Guide is available for short-term loan from the Office of Research, telephone Extension 5305.

Also available from the Office for Research:
+ The National Teaching Company Scheme Program Evaluation Report 10.
+ Rural Industries Corporations - review of research and five year plans for RIRDC; the Egg Industry R & D Council; the Australian Wheat Council and the Meat Research Corporation; review of research for the Pig R & D Corporation, the Grains R & D Corporation and the Australian Wool R & D Corporation; Meat Research Corporation Project Guide 1990-91.
Firewalkers Will Have a Ball

Christine Mangala's new novel, The Firewalkers, will have a spectacular launch on Tuesday, October 8 - an Indian dinner complete with Indian dancers.

The novel is a romance about a young classical Indian dancer widowed after one month of her arranged marriage, who follows Hindu tradition and lives as though dead to the world, until the arrival of the Collector...

The novel is based on the author's memories of childhood in Tamil Nadu, and explores the clashes of the modern world with the ancient, and of Christian faith with the Hindu way of life.

As the characters progress through a world of religious festivals, family celebrations and rituals, Christine Mangala manages to recreate the sounds, sights and smells of southern India.

The book even contains recipes for the dishes the characters eat - which makes the unique style of the launch even more appropriate.

All proceeds from the gala dinner evening and from book sales at the launch will go to World Vision, through which Christine Mangala supports two Tamil children in a village south of Madras.

Tickets are $25 each; more information can be obtained from World Vision, P.O. Box 772, Charlestown (Telephone: 42 2288)

Ms Anna Manzoney, of NBN Television, will compere the evening, which includes a troupe of professional dancers from Sydney.

The Bishop of Newcastle, Rt Rev. Alfred Holland, will launch the novel. ***

Edwards Hall
University of Newcastle
Residential Staff Positions tenable during 1992

Edwards Hall provides accommodation for 285 men and women students of the University in an environment where social, cultural, sporting, academic and educational activities are encouraged. Some 210 students are accommodated in Burnett and Cutler Houses and dine centrally while the remaining 75 more senior students reside in five bedroom units within a number of self-catering houses.

The Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall invites applications from suitably qualified women or men for seven residential staff positions tenable during 1992. The positions are "after hours" in nature and are available at the following levels:

DEPUTY WARDEN (one position) and
SUBWARDEN (six positions)

One of the residential staff to be appointed for 1992 will be located in the self-catering units while the remaining six appointees will be located in Burnett and Cutler Houses.

Applicants should hold a degree or diploma, and:
(1) should be proceeding to a higher degree, or
(2) should be a member of the academic staff of the University, or
(3) should be engaged in the education profession.

However the Board reserves the right to appoint any other person it considers fit, to make appointments by invitation, or to make fewer appointments than there are vacancies. Residential staff positions are open to married or single, men or women. The staff accommodation provided is not suitable for an applicant with children.

Residential Staff provide academic and other assistance to members of the Hall in addition to performing a number of minor administrative tasks. The Deputy Warden provides major administrative assistance to the Warden in student matters.

The duties, terms and conditions of appointment, remuneration and residential fees of the Deputy Warden and of Subwardens may be obtained from the Warden to whom applications should be forwarded.

Applications should include a Curriculum Vitae and, in particular, details of previous experience of residential colleges.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1991

Non resident applicants will be given the opportunity of meeting the Committee of the Resident Members' Association prior to the Board making any appointments. It is expected that 1992 appointments will be announced early in December.

M.W. Blackmore
Warden.

Women Cricket Players Needed

The University Cricket Club is carrying out a search for women players. The object is to form a team to compete in this year's Inter-Varsity Contest.

University will be host to the contest, which involves most universities in Australia, in the period December 8 to 12. Men's and women's teams will compete.

Women students and staff interested in joining our team should get in touch with the Secretary of the Cricket Club, Mr Peter Tate, on 672782.

Seminars
Department of Statistics
October 16 Mr P Fahey Variations in case-fatality rates in NSW acute care hospitals
October 23 Mr C Shaw Control charts for length of stay in hospitals: some problems, solutions and areas for further investigation.
October 25 Professor R Evans Hidden Markov models for frequency line tracking.

All seminars take place on Wednesdays from 11 am to 12 noon in Room V111 of the Mathematics Building.