Newton-John Award to Popular Radio Broadcaster

The Newcastle broadcaster, Mrs Marjorie Biggins, will be honoured by the University's graduate body, Convocation, with an award for outstanding 'innovation or creativity'.

The Newton-John Award, given annually in honour of the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Brin Newton-John, is made on the criteria of the originality, lasting value, aesthetic value or benefit to the community of the candidate's work.

Marjorie Biggins has made a significant contribution to the artistic and cultural life of the Hunter Region, not only through her work as a broadcaster with the ABC but also her participation in, and support of, the arts over many years.

As an Arts student at the then University College, Marjorie produced and directed the first Uni Reviews, highly popular entertainments which created one of the first meeting grounds for the University and the city of Newcastle.

Brin Newton-John, after whom the Award is named, played the title role in Andre Obey's Noah, the first production by the University Student Players, founded by Marjorie and her husband, Dennis.

Marjorie joined the ABC in Newcastle in 1962. She has been a newscaster, freelance producer and interviewer, producer and presenter of a weekly arts program and a book reviewer on NBN 3 television as well as ABC radio.

Mrs Biggins also served on the Council of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education, which became part of the University in 1989.

"Marjorie Biggins has been a true friend, not only of the University, but of the arts in this region," the Warden of Convocation, Mr Vic Levi, said.

"This award is, in a sense, only a token recognition of her efforts. The real testimony to her achievements within the community is in the number of friends and admirers she has gathered over the years."

"Convocation is very proud to have an opportunity to join those friends in recognizing her years of effort and achievement," he said.

Mrs Marjorie Biggins

'World Class Universities' - Coalition policy

A more market-driven university sector would be the outcome of the Federal Opposition's tax and spending proposals.

No institution would have a "God-given right" to survival if it failed to attract enough students, the Coalition spokesman on Education, Dr David Kemp, said in an interview following the release of the policy.

Dr Kemp said there would be more scope under a Coalition government for new institutions, private or public, to enter the market and for amalgamated universities to split into separate campuses. He described the existing structure of higher education as "almost eastern European".

An extension of the HECS concept, with new methods of payment; decentralization of the wage system for academics; and the possibility of academically qualified Australian residents paying full fees for places: these are the main elements of the Coalition's policy.

The exemption from the GST for education, widely publicised before the policy release on November 21, appears to consist of a zero rating for the goods and services provided by educational institutions, rather than an exemption for the goods and services purchased by institutions for educational purposes.

The abolition of other indirect taxes should reduce universities' costs, according to the proposals.

Detail of the proposals was not available when Bulletin went to press, but a number of subjects included could be identified from newspaper reports.

Austudy payments would be increased to allow for the once-only increase of 4.4 per cent in the CPI as-
Grant From National Heart Foundation

Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychology, Dr Christina Lee, is one of a team of researchers to receive a research grant of $68,100 from the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

The grant will support a project entitled, "Exercise and energy balance in middle-aged migrant women: The efficacy of a self-help programme".

Responsible investigator, Dr Wendy Brown, was the recipient of one of the first of the University of Newcastle's postdoctoral research fellowships for women returning to academic careers. She was appointed as Co-ordinator for Women's Health in the Hunter Centre for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion earlier this year.

"The project targets women from non-English speaking backgrounds throughout the Lower Hunter," the researchers explained.

"Women from European backgrounds have higher death rates from cardiovascular disease than other groups. Many of these women seem reluctant to make use of the educational and screening programs available and there is a need to provide specific programs which meet the particular concerns of this group."

The researchers will be evaluating the effects of a program of moderate exercise and dietary modification of women's physical health and general mood. The program itself will be tailored to meet the specific needs of groups from Greek, Italian, German, Polish and Yugoslavian extraction and will be run through existing social clubs.

"We believe that small changes in behaviour can have significant effects on quality of life, but it is important to be aware of the cultural aspects of dietary preferences and attitudes to exercise and to see the changes from the perspective of the people involved," they said.

Visit by Spanish Professor of Geology

Professor Covadonga Brime, an expert in the study of clays and micas by x-ray diffraction, is a visitor in the Department of Geology.

She obtained her BSc and PhD at the University of Oviedo, Spain, and has been a member of staff of that University since 1974. Recently, she relinquished the position of Head of Department, which she held for four years.

For the past ten years, Professor Brime has been studying the low grade metamorphic rocks of the Hercynian Massif of NW Spain. At this University, she will be working for twelve weeks with Associate Professor Robin Offer on a collaborative project funded by the Research Management Committee, investigating the metamorphism recorded in rocks from the Nambucca Block of the New England Fold Belt, north of Newcastle.

Professor Brime and Professor Offer, whose research interests overlap, first met at the University of Bristol in 1984 during the first International Meeting on Low Grade Metamorphism. Subsequently, at an inaugural meeting in Budapest, Hungary, in 1989, they became involved in IGCP Project 294 "Very Low Grade Metamorphism", which is sponsored by the International Geological Correlation Program, a cooperative enterprise of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and UNESCO. Participation in this project has led to visits to Switzerland, U.K. and Spain, examining areas affected by low grade metamorphism and attendance at the first IGCP 294 Conference in Manchester, U.K., as representatives of their respective countries. As a result of discussions at this conference in 1990, Professor Brime decided to spend study leave at the University of Newcastle.

Since her arrival, she has been working in the field with Professor Offer, collecting samples for the project and carrying out preliminary x-ray diffraction (XRD) analyses of specimens obtained on previous field trips. From XRD and electron microprobe analyses of the clays and micas in these rocks, they will determine the pressures and temperatures at which these minerals formed. With this information, they will propose a model for the geological development of the rocks in the Nambucca Block.
University makes the running in Workplace Change Course

A 13-week course which has been successfully conducted four times at the University is now the only one of its type still running in Australia and is enthusiastically supported by industry in the region.

The course, known as the Workplace Change Course is conducted by the Employability Studies Centre at the University under the directorship of Dr Duncan Macdonald, a senior lecturer in the Department of Economics and guided by Course Director, Mr Don Young, a veteran of 37 years experience in industry management.

It has been designed to directly assist the industry restructuring process by training combined teams of management and employee representatives in the practical skills and up-to-date knowledge they need to successfully establish and manage projects for change and reform in their own enterprise.

The course is project-based and it's focus is on a co-operative, joint approach to change at the workplace. Organisations which have taken part include Brambles Equipment, BHP High Carbon Wire Products, Commonwealth Steel Company Limited, Eraring Power Station, the Hunter Water Board, MSB - Hunter Port Authority, Newcastle Buses, Tubemakers of Australia, Incosteel Limited and Vale Point Power Station.

Lecturing staff are drawn from the University, TAFE and private consultancies. It has received endorsement from the Trades Hall Council, the Chamber of Manufactures and the Metal Trades Industry Association.

Why the need for change? Dr Macdonald says the need for change stems from the increased competitive pressures on industry and the increased pressure on government bodies to improve their performance.

"This change can't happen without considerable education and training and that's where this course has been invaluable," he said.

During the 13-week period of the course, three one-week residential components interspaced with two four-to-six week on-the-job periods, ensure that participants are sufficiently removed from their workplace to absorb the information and work on their projects.

"All participants in the courses have been very enthusiastic about what they have learnt. Not all their projects have been implemented in the way that they were originally envisaged, but all organisations that have been involved have been very pleased with the results of the course and with the new attitudes that both managers and shop floor workers have developed," Dr Macdonald said.

"In some cases we have had feedback on figures and exact amounts of improvement as a result of the course. In other cases it hasn't been quite as easy to measure. "And we've noticed that communication levels in the workplace have improved, most likely because of the new attitudes. "The projects have the endorsement of the unions as well as the employer and participants seek advice on them during the course. The project is extremely important as it gives focus and makes the course relevant to the peculiar needs of each industry," he said.

Not only has the success of the course pleased its organisers, but the involvement with local industry and the community is an important spin-off for the University.

"It makes people from the organisations more aware of what the University does," Dr Macdonald said.

The next course will be conducted during March, 1992. Enquiries can be made to Dr Macdonald on 215023 or Mr Young on 215495.

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Off to Study in England

Miss Kim Burwell studied at Newcastle Conservatorium of Music where her teacher was Carmel Lutton. After attaining the Diploma in Music she has since become a Fellow of the Trinity College, London, and an Honours graduate of the University of Durham.

Kim has served admirably as a member of the Academic as well as the Piano Staff of the University Conservatorium and has continued to study piano with the distinguished English teacher, Ronald Smith. She has given a number of recitals during her teaching career and has been acclaimed for both her performances and teaching abilities, a fact verified by her many friends among staff and students alike.

Kim has decided to undertake 12 months intensive study with Ronald Smith, at Kent in England, and is sure that this time with a teacher of such international renown will be of great benefit to her future. During this time she hopes to perform in England and Europe and to return to Newcastle in late 1992.

At morning tea in the Concert Hall Foyer of the University Conservatorium, Kim was farewelled with many thanks and best wishes for her studies and the hope that she will be back with us in the future.

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Run on Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards picturing items in the University's art collection are selling quickly.

The Art Advisory Committee, which produced the cards to raise money for art acquisitions, has sold all stocks of two kinds of Christmas cards.

The committee still has the following cards left: Margaret Olley's Interior, Walter Preston's Newcastle, Hunter's River, Francis Cabels Chaplin One (Georgetown), and Stanislaus Rapolet's Hermes.

The cards are printed on fine quality paper and make beautiful and unusual greeting cards for Christmas.

Selling for $2 each, $1.50 each for quantities of 10 to 30, and $1 each for quantities of more than 30; the cards can be bought from a Christmas Mochi, Ext 5115, or Mr Virginia Birt, Ext 6663.
**ATERB Medal to Engineer**

Recognition of an outstanding contribution in engineering has come the way of one academic at the University. The 1991 Australian Telecommunications and Electronics Board Medal has been awarded to Lecturer in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Dr Rick Middleton.

The award, consisting of a silver medal and a prize of $2,500, recognises outstanding contributions in the field of telecommunications and electronics by a young Australian. Such contributions can then be recognised by research papers, patents, commercial success and benefit to Australia.

It has been awarded jointly by the Australian Telecommunications and Electronics Board (ATERB) and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Dr Middleton received the medal from the ATERB Chairman, Mr Roger Smith, at the annual dinner of the Academy on October 15 at Parliament House.

Dr Middleton is distinguished for his contributions which range from advanced theory through to engineering practice. His theoretical contributions cover the areas of robotics, digital control design, adaptive signal processing and numerical analysis. These contributions have brought Mr Middleton international recognition and he is one of the very few Australians who have been selected as an Associate Editor of an IEEE Transactions Series. He is also the co-inventor of an entirely new approach to computer control systems and has published this approach in a recent book which promises to become the standard text in the field.

Dr Middleton's deep understanding of engineering design issues is well illustrated in his work on the satellite tracking system known as "ORBTRACK". This system combines advanced theoretical approaches and highly innovative algorithms and is the only system designed and manufactured in Australia for automatic tracking of satellites. Joint Australian partners in its development were the University of Western Australia, OTL and the Department of Defence.

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**Membership of Human Research Ethics Committee**

The Chair and five other members of the Committee have completed their present term of office and, as well, there is a vacancy on the Committee for a member with expertise and experience in ethics and social science research. Officers, whose term has expired but who are prepared to serve another two-year term, are as follows:

1. Layman Mr J Shepherd
2. Philosophy of Ethics
3. Educational Research
4. Health Sciences Research
5. Ms B Hart - Note (b)
6. Lawyer Mr J Cooper
7. Social Sciences Research Vacancy - Note (c)
8. Co-opted member (laywoman) Vacancy

Notes
(a) This member will also be asked to Chair the Education Research Ethics Committee.
(b) This member will also be asked to Chair the Health Research Ethics Committee.
(c) Nominations are sought, to Chair of HREC.

Any members of staff with an interest in being appointed to the HREC in positions 2, 3, 4 or 5 are invited to contact Professor Hooker in the Department of Philosophy no later than November 25, 1991.

In the absence of alternative nominations, it is proposed that the retiring members be invited to serve for a further term of two years.

Proposals for co-opted members should be given to the Chair of the Committee.

**Thiessen Medal Awarded**

On its recent plenary session in Porto Alegre, Brazil, the International Committee for Coal Petrology (ICCP) awarded the Thiessen Medal to Professor Claus F K Diesell from the University's Department of Geology for his "outstanding work on the formation and utilisation of coal, especially of Australian Gondwana coals".

The medal commemorates the work of Reinhart Thiessen who was a leading coal scientist in the United States during the first half of this century and one of the founding fathers of organic petrology. In keeping with its origin and purpose the medal has been cast from ground and reconstituted coal. It is awarded by the ICCP for excellence in the application of organic petrology to any field of coal-related research ranging from coal geology to fuel technology.

There is an interesting historical twist to the medal received by Professor Diesell. Because the number of Thiessen medallists is quite small (four or five at present) each recipient is commonly given a new medal. However, Professor Diesell's medal was originally awarded to his teacher and Ph.D. supervisor, the late Professor Marie-Therese Mackowsky. On her death in 1986 the medal was returned to the ICCP whose president considered it to be most appropriate that the same medal should be awarded to one of Mackowsky's former students and spiritual heirs.
Eminent Applied Mathematician Visits Computational Geomechanics Group

Professor Ian Collins, Professor and Head of the Department of Engineering Science at the University of Auckland, is presently visiting the computational geomechanics group in the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying.

Professor Collins is well-known in applied mechanics circles for his work on metal plasticity (which is concerned with the prediction of material behaviour in metal forming processes) and has recently broadened his attention to the study of geomaterial plasticity (which is concerned with the mechanical behaviour of soils and rocks). Prior to emigrating to New Zealand, Professor Collins was at the Universities of Manchester and Cambridge.

During his stay, he will be collaborating on a number of ARC-funded research projects with Drs Scott Sloan, David Smith, Hai-Sui Yu and Ali Assadi, of the computational geomechanics group.

Although Professor Collins has known Dr Sloan for a number of years, this is the first time that he has visited the University of Newcastle.

Following his visit, the groups at Auckland and Newcastle plan to establish closer links and further academic exchanges are already planned for 1992. His initial visit has been partially funded by a grant from the Research Management Committee.

Apart from his background in soil and metal plasticity problems, Professor Collins is also interested in the study of the flow of granular materials in hoppers. This theme is of major interest to the Bulk Solids Handling group in Mechanical Engineering which is headed by Professor Alan Roberts. A number of meetings have been arranged to try and explore the potential of applying plasticity theory to analyse granular flow in hoppers and silos.

A Froggy Holiday - All in the Cause of Research

One of the University’s lecturers is calling for volunteers for a most unusual project, but one that will give them the opportunity of a unique two-week holiday.

Lecturer in the Bachelor of Education (Science) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Assessment and Management) courses, Dr Michael Mahony, is planning two field research trips during which he plans to observe the mating habits and parental roles of the hip-pocket frog. This particular frog is only found in rainforest regions in northeast New South Wales and southeast Queensland.

Why the hip-pocket frog we say? Well this frog is a most bizarre creature because the male of the species carries his developing tadpoles in pockets on his hips. It is also the subject of an investigation on sex-role reversal and parental care in animals.

Dr Mahony says the research project will take place at the Mount Warning National Park near Murwillumbah and volunteers are invited to take part either from December 8 to December 21 or from December 29 to January 11.

He says the project, sponsored by the international environmental research agency, Earthwatch, will require volunteers to pay a fee to cover the cost of their food, accommodation and transport over either of the two-week periods.

He says that an expedition conducted last year attracted 12 people and already 10 people have signed up for this year’s expeditions including some from as far afield as America and England.

“This study is made all the more timely because of the alarming disappearance of frogs on a global scale, a phenomena noted especially in rainforest regions,” Dr Mahony says.

“In the great majority of animals the female cares for the offspring, a time and energy consuming job. Biologists argue that this makes females a limiting resource, a feature that has other consequence for mating. Thus males usually compete for females and females get to choose the most suitable mate.

“What makes the hip-pocket frog so interesting is that in this frog, the sex-roles have been reversed. In the hip-pocket frog, where the male does all the caring for the young, we have the opportunity to understand how important sex-roles are in determining social interactions and also its role in the process of evolution.

“Last summer, the teams observed for the first time, the complete mating sequence of this frog. These observations along with others including the social interactions among and between individual frogs provides the first evidence of the means by which male parental care evolved in the hip-pocket frog. Male parental care is rare in animals, especially in frogs, which are not known as particularly diligent parents.

“The hip-pocket frog is one of only two species of frog worldwide in which the male provides parental care of this kind,” he says.

Dr Mahony who has recently been appointed to academic staff, was previously a research scientist with the South Australian Museum. His particular area of expertise has been in native animal research.

He says the field expeditions provide a wonderful opportunity for people who are interested in ecology to take part in some unique research to understand a little better, our native fauna.

“It’s not a leisurely time in the ordinary sense of the word ‘holiday’ but it certainly is exhilarating. People work hard and they’re doing something for conservation at the same time,” Dr Mahony says.

For further details, Dr Mahony can be contacted at the School of Applied Science and Technology by telephoning 21 6014.

Alternatively, enquiries can be made by telephoning EARTHWATCH in Sydney on (02) 2901492 or (02) 2901022.
End-of-Year Exhibitions Display High Standard

The 1991 series of end-of-year student exhibitions have been one of the most popular on record with academic staff acclaiming the standard of work.

Exhibitions have been held in recent weeks by final year students in Architecture, Creative Arts and Crafts, Graduate Art, Communication Studies and Visual Arts, the series seeing the last exhibition by students in the Associate Diploma of Creative Arts and Craft as students now enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts).

All exhibitions drew large crowds to their official openings and great interest was shown by visitors during exhibition hours.

The exhibitions concluded last week when final year Communication Studies students staged 'BACS and Beyond' at the Newcastle Regional Museum and 88 Visual Arts students displayed their work in the University art buildings.

The Acting Director of the School of Art, Design and Architecture, Peter Singleton, said at the 'BACS and Beyond' opening that he was impressed by the professionalism of work and that he had no concerns about the positive effect the students would have on the communication industry.

Peter also gained a round of applause at the Visual Arts opening when he told the students that he believed they were "the best students from the best faculty from the best university in the Commonwealth."

"'88 Artists' was officially opened by the Member for Phillip, Jeannette McHugh, who currently chairs the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts and the inquiry into the motion picture industry in addition to being a member of the Select Committee on the Print Media. Ms McHugh was educated at Newcastle Girls' High School before moving into federal politics in 1983.

Remembering her early days in Newcastle she said she attended the laying of the foundation stone for the Cultural Centre and thinking that there was no culture in Newcastle "because people always leave Newcastle". "We were very, very wrong," said Ms McHugh.

You have been told that you are a top university in the area of visual arts and that is very important.... your skill and creativity gives us so much .... you are creating things that last .... you are creating memories that last .... tonight we are celebrating .... artistic endeavour is as important as anything else."

Child Care for the Summer Vacation

The Child Care Advisory Officer, Ms Vicki Petersen, has been compiling information on vacation care centres and activities for school-age children in the coming school holidays.

A list of vacation care centres with details such as fees and operating hours is available for the Newcastle, Maitland, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens and Cessnock areas. Most centres open for eight to nine hours each day and fees range from $2 to $6 per day. Very few require bookings in advance, although it is preferred.

For a complete listing of vacation care centres near you, ring Vicki on 21 6550.

For those interested in sending their child away on a camp for a week, Vicki also has a list of recreational camps offered for children over six in various age groups this summer.

They include seven-day Sport and Recreation programs at such venues as the Hawkesbury River, Myuna Bay, Morisset and Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. Rail travel is available and buses meet the trains at the nearest station to the camp. Costs are $121 all inclusive without transport and around $150 (or less) with transport.

Newcastle YMCA is holding two six-day camps for seven to 13 year olds from January 6 at Crangan Bay for $90 to $100.

Kiwi Ranch on Lake Munmorah offers a range of six-day camps costing from $85 to $90 for primary children and high-schoolers.

Kiwi Ranch is a non-denominational Christian camp and offers some Christian activities which seem to appeal whether or not the child is particularly Christian," Vicki says.

The Johnny Young Talent School, Gosford Branch, is offering a Summer Talent Camp for seven to 19 year olds at Myuna Bay from January 12 to 17 at $165 all inclusive.

Also there will be two Leyland Brothers Summer Bush Camps in the last two weeks of the holidays, with a fee of $150 which includes bus transport.

For $20 per day (discounts are available), your six to 14 year old child can participate in a Summer Discovery activity with the Hunter Technology Centre. Organised in conjunction with the University, Summer Discovery offers three weeks from January 6, of discovery about nature and the world with the emphasis on fun. Children can attend for half a day at half cost and there is a discounted weekly rate. Each day will have a theme - Wings of Fancy, Fossils, Not All Bugs are Insects, Watt a Shock and Ocean Discoveries are just a few.

All of the above are taking bookings now. For phone numbers and more information about ways to keep your child amused while you're at work this vacation, contact the Child Care Advisory Officer, Vicki Petersen, EEO Unit, Bowman Building. Telephone 21 6550.
Lecturer in Commerce Appointed

The military coup in Fiji in 1987, caused not only an upheaval in the personal life of one newly appointed lecturer, but also in his academic life as well.

Chris Patel, recently appointed as a Lecturer in Commerce, was Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Acting Head of the School of Business Studies at the Fiji School of Technology and also a part-time lecturer at the University of the South Pacific when the coup took place. He also acted as a consultant in financial accounting and management.

Chris comes to the University after time spent in Wollongong and New Zealand. He completed a Masters degree in Commerce with honours at the University of Wollongong, with a major in financial accounting, working as a tutor there at the same time. In 1990 he lectured at the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand in Wellington, his role to build a higher research profile for its Department of Accounting.

In June this year he was commissioned by the Ministry of Education of New Zealand to study the present financial reporting requirements for New Zealand schools with a view to recommending possible improvements in the system.

Chris is interested in Differential Reporting and while at the Open Polytechnic in New Zealand, worked closely with the New Zealand Society of Accountants on developing this topic in accounting.

Research he conducted in New Zealand established a very strong need for this.

New Geoscience Series

A major step forward in publicising the role of thermal analysis methods and techniques in the Geosciences was made last month by the publication of the book "Thermal Analysis in the Geosciences".

This has been edited jointly by Dr Slade St.J. Warne, formerly Associate Professor in the Department of Geology and Professor Werner Smykatz-Kloss of the Institute of Mineralogy at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany. This book, consisting of 17 separate chapters, has been written by internationally recognised experts in their areas of thermal analysis from 11 different countries including two from Newcastle, viz. Dr Warne and Dr Jules V Dubravski from the BHP Central Research Laboratories at Shortland.

The book, published by Springer-Verlag, is the first of a series to be prepared by the Geosciences Committee (chaired by Professor Smykatz-Kloss) of the International Confederation for Thermal Analysis. Each volume will be restricted to a detailed coverage of a specific topic and be contributed to by different sets of carefully selected invited experts.

In this way a state-of-the-art reference series for the Geosciences will be rapidly built up. The scheduled title for volume II is "The Thermal Analysis of Ceramics and Glasses".

Christmas Concert

This year's Christmas Concert by the University Choir will be presented in the Great Hall on Sunday, December 15, at 2.30 p.m.

The singers will be conducted by Peter Brock.

This year the choir will be joined by the talented group of Newcastle high school students, the Hunter Singers, with their musical director Kim Sutherland.

The Hunter Swingers will visit Seattle in the U.S. in the New Year to give concerts and take part in workshops as part of a cultural exchange programme.

At the Christmas Concert, members of the audience will be invited to join in the singing of well-known carols while the children will take to the stage for their particular contribution to the afternoon.

Tickets cost $7, $5 concession and $3 school children. Pre-school children are admitted for nothing.

Tickets can be obtained at the Civic Theatre, Latham's Garden City and Charlestown, the Union, MacDonald Brothers, Maitland and at the door.

Inquiries can be made on 632237 and 632774.

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40 Years of University Education

Tuesday, December 3, will mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of university education in Newcastle.

On that day, in 1951, a representative gathering assembled on the steps of the Technical College at Tighe's Hill to set in motion Newcastle technical College - later to become the present University of Newcastle.

The first University College was a branch of the (then) University of Technology, in Sydney (later to become the University of New South Wales).

The ceremonies began with a colourful procession from the Engineering Building to a dais in front of the Science Building.

Most of the dignitaries were in academic and ecclesiastical robes of green, scarlet, gold, purple and black trimmed with ermine.

Service officers in khaki and white provided a foil for the brighter colours.

The Premier, Mr McGirr, speaking at the opening of the College, said:

"Men from the workshops and factories of Newcastle will pass through the portals eventually to aid industry and Australia. It is fitting that Newcastle is the first city after Sydney to have a branch of the Technology University."

"Newcastle has long deserved University activity," the State Minister for Education, Mr Heffron, said. He had promised Newcastle University facilities as soon as there was evidence of sufficient and stable demand.

Mr Heffron said "the efforts of all those dedicated to higher education has been crowned not quite with success - for there is a lot to do before Newcastle has a university in full stature - but a very real start has been made."

Premier McGirr speaking at the opening of Newcastle University College on December 3, 1951.

Specators at the opening of Newcastle University College on December 3, 1951.

The Academic Procession at the start of the ceremony.

(An official history of the University of Newcastle has been written by Assoc Professor Don Wright, of the Department of History, and the book is due for release early in 1992.)
Visit to Art School

Pictured during a visit to the University is Professor Nguyen Thu (left) with lecturer in Fine Arts, Patrick Bernard. Professor Thu is the Director of the Institute of Fine Arts in Hanoi, Vietnam and during his visit to Australia, took time to visit the University’s Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture. He also visited the University of Western Sydney and art schools in Melbourne. and held an exhibition of his paintings in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Sydney. His watercolours, which depict rural life in Vietnam, are painted on silk and have a slightly impressionistic quality. Professor Thu said it was the first time that a visiting Vietnamese artist had exhibited in Australia. He told BULLETIN he had enjoyed his visit and was particularly honoured to be guest speaker at the Heads of Art Schools Conference held in Sydney.

Visit to Art School

After five visits to Australia, Professor Dana Williams (pictured) has finally made it to Newcastle. A professor of mathematics at Dartmouth College, Hanover in New Hampshire, he is visiting his colleague and friend, Professor Iain Raeburn, to continue a 10-year collaboration in mathematical research. During his three-month visit, he will be researching crossed products of C*-algebras as well as completing other projects and embarking on new ones. He said he and Professor Raeburn have written several papers together and have been published jointly in International mathematics journals. "I have found my research with Iain very rewarding and it has certainly helped my professional career," Professor Williams said. "This type of research not only builds a greater body of knowledge amongst mathematicians, but leads to advances in engineering, humanist studies and other areas." It also simply makes me a better teacher," he said. Whilst in Australia, Professor Williams plans to do lots of sightseeing and perhaps some diving.

Music Student Number One Tumbler

If motivation is the key which spurs most students on their path through university, then motivation with a capital M is what keeps one particular student going.

Peter Christie, 21, third year Bachelor of Music Education student, not only copes with his studies, but has also managed to snare a world title in the Olympic-approved sport, tumbling.

Peter won the Senior Men's World Champion title in Germany last year and a string of firsts at the Australian titles held in Bendigo in September.

His Australian titles for which he won gold medals include the National Open, Senior Mens' and Senior Mens' Open.

Peter said he trained intensively for four months for the competition but trains all year round, combining this with his piano and flute practise and university studies.

"It's a case of being motivated and I try to do the best I can," Peter said.

"I have to plan my day around my commitments. So far I seem to be managing," he said.

Peter said his trip to Germany was a highlight and has the Australian Institute of Sport, various fund-raising events and his parents to thank for the funds which made it possible.

His plans for the future? Peter would like to teach music, travel overseas and perhaps do a Masters degree in Music. This is just one facet of his life though. Are we going to see him in Barcelona? Maybe.
New Eligibility for Retired Lecturers Association

The Newcastle Retired Lecturers' Association (NRLA) has announced an extension of its membership to embrace former members of staff of the University and the Conservatorium of Music. The association was formed by some retired members of the staff of the former Newcastle Teachers' College in 1971 with the objects of maintaining social contact and continuing their interest in higher education.

An officer of NRLA said the body had flourished over the years and membership had grown as further retirements had occurred. He said that lunches were held four times a year and attendees had reached a total of 70 members, spouses and friends.

Membership of the association previously comprised academic staff and senior general staff who had retired from the former Teachers' College and its successors, the former Newcastle College of Advanced Education and the former Hunter Institute of Higher Education, or who had worked at these institutions and retired from somewhere else (usually the University of Newcastle).

The association's last meeting this year will be held on Wednesday, December 11. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, will be the guest. The meeting dates in 1992: March 11, June 10, September 9 and December 9.

The association is offering membership to former University and Conservatorium staff members. Those who are interested can obtain further information by telephoning the President, Dr Jesse Dyce on 52 2176 or the Secretary, Miss Joan Blatchford on 29 2945.

Graduate Management Association (GMA) - Hunter Committee

The Graduate Management Association is an organisation of people with post-graduate management qualifications (primarily Master of Business Administration) based in Sydney, but with membership from around Australia. It provides a professional network for MBA's and a forum for postgraduate management education.

Recently, a group of MBA graduates from the University of Newcastle formed the Hunter Committee of the GMA, to extend the activities and benefits of the GMA into the region.

The Hunter Committee is also seeking to establish strong ties with the University and be involved in its post-graduate programs. This may take such forms as participation in orientation and graduation functions, contribution of a student prize and being represented on the Board of Business Studies.

The executive of the new committee is:

- Harvey Knox (Convenor) Telephone 26 3147 (h) Suzanne Ryan (Secretary) Telephone 29 1842 (h) 21 5495 (w)
- Helen Parker (Membership) 21 5585 (w)

Representing the Hunter Committee in the University Liaison role is Swee Eng Chen who can be contacted for further information on 21 5780.

Australian-American Educational Foundation (Fulbright Commission)

The sixth Summer Workshop for the Development of Intercultural Coursework at Colleges and Universities will be held from July 15 - 24, 1992.

It will be held at the Institute of Culture and Communication, East-West Centre, Honolulu.

The purpose of the workshop is to assist University and College staff to develop course outlines in intercultural and international topics with a view to returning home and introducing the courses into their institution's curricula. The general areas within which courses can be developed, given the experience of the East-West Centre staff involved in the program, are the behavioural sciences, social sciences, language and culture and international management.

All applications should be received by the Institute no later than May 15, 1992.

Further information and registration forms are available from the Australian-American Educational Foundation by telephoning (06)2479331/2 or writing to Australian-American Educational Foundation (Fulbright Commission), G.P.O. Box 1559, Canberra. A.C.T. 2601

Summer Residence in Sydney

Warrane College, a residential college for men at the University of New South Wales, Kensington, Sydney, is offering Summer Residence from mid-November, 1991 to mid-February, 1992.

Summer Residence is ideal for those coming to Sydney on a vacation scholarship, working holiday, bridging course, conference or similar purpose.

The College will remain open all summer with full meal service and a program of sporting and cultural activities is being planned by College residents.

Weekly residence fees for the summer period are very reasonable and there are special student rates available for longer periods of stay during the summer.

For enquiries please contact David Curran at Warrane College, Post Office, Box 123, Kensington, 2033. Telephone (02) 662 6199 or Fax (02) 662 2992.

New Researcher

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Presentation to Medical Students

The pharmaceutical company, SmithKline Beecham, recently made a presentation of medical manuals to fourth year Bachelor of Medicine students. The manual which has been widely distributed to GPs throughout Australia is titled, "A Manual for Primary Health Care".

Our photo shows SmithKline representative, Ms Kathy Brian, Assoc. Professor Sandy Reid and Medical student, Jason Abbott.

University Hosts National Masonry Seminar

The Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying hosted a National Masonry Seminar recently which was the first of a series of annual seminars to be held in various locations throughout Australia.

The seminar was organised by a committee comprising Associate Professor Adrian Page from the University, together with Mr Max Granger, Executive Director of the Clay Brick and Paver Institute, Mr Alan Pearson, Executive Director of the Concrete Masonry Association of Australia and Mr George Nawar from the University of New South Wales with the assistance of Mrs Cherie Pilgrim from the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying.

The seminar was attended by more than 100 delegates comprising structural engineers, architects, TAFE teachers, building inspectors, builders and product manufacturers from various parts of Australia and New Zealand and addressed by various experts in the masonry field.

The aim of the seminar was to improve the general quality of masonry structure by considering the various aspects of masonry design and construction from the planning and design stage through to completion of the final structure.

The University was chosen as the venue for the first of these national seminars because of the expertise and experience of the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying in this field and the lessons learnt from the behaviour of masonry structures in the Newcastle earthquake.

Human Rights Day

on Thursday, December 12, 1991 commencing at 6 pm

The guest speaker will be the Hon. Justice Elizabeth Evatt

Justice Evatt has been President of the Law Reform Commission, Australia since January, 1988 and was Chief Judge, Family Court of Australia from 1976 to 1988. She is also the Chancellor of the University. In 1984 Justice Evatt became a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women which monitors the Convention in over 100 States and makes recommendations to the United Nations General Assembly.

VENUE: Main Lecture Theatre, David Maddison Building, Corner Watt and King Streets, Newcastle

ALL WELCOME!

LATER: Dinner at the Taj Indian Restaurant, Darby Street, Newcastle. 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

Dinner Cost: $15 members, $20 non-members.

Seats are limited, so book early.

RSVP: Dr Remesh Amar (telephone 69 2508)
Mr Tom Jones (telephone 43 2444)

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Folk Art Finds Favour

If you have paid a visit to the Convocation Shop lately, you might have been surprised to see the range of articles decorated with folk art painting.

Along with an extensive range of mementos of the University, the shop also carries a range of gift items which is expanding all the time.

Pictured right is Cheryl Grant, creator of the folk art objects which are proving very popular with shop patrons.

Cheryl, who completed a Diploma in Art in 1980, started painting a few terracotta pots for friends about a year ago and realised that there was a market for her work.

At the suggestion of another artistic lady, Maree Wisnowski, Graphic Designer for the Medical Communications Unit, Cheryl approached the University’s Convocation Officer, Margaret Wells, who recognised a great opportunity to introduce some exclusive gift lines to her merchandise.

The range includes those original decorated terracotta pots, chairs, stools, magazine racks, garden plaques, door stops, brooches and many other interesting items which would make superb gifts.

Cheryl says she loves this style of painting and finds it relaxing.

“It started out as a fun thing and now it is a labour of love,” Cheryl says.

Cheryl has exhibited in numerous exhibitions over the years and has won several art prizes with her work which features a strong element of realism. She was invited recently to submit several paintings to the ‘Collector’s Choice’ Exhibition, held annually at the von Bertouch Gallery, an exhibition which is a landmark in the Newcastle art scene.

If you are looking for an different gift that is sure to please, call in to the Convocation Shop located on the Lower Concourse of the Hunter Building.

Australian Organist Woos Canadians

"That isn't the kind of music that you'd normally hear on a university station here!"

Interviewing Michael Dudman for a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio program in Saint John, radio host, Gary Mittelholtz, expressed surprise that in Australia, recordings of organ music would be played on a university radio station.

In Canada, youth audiences are the target of university radio stations and the range of music is not as broad as that played on 2NUR.

Michael Dudman, Dean of the University’s Faculty of Music, replied that our university station has a mixture of things, including serious or classical music. He said that the music he was recording in Canada would be heard in Australia on his regular Sunday night program, Organ Music with Michael Dudman.

For nearly two years 2NUR has broadcast concerts by this leading Australian organist and thanks to the foresight of 2NUR’s Graham Wilson, listeners will hear many fine instruments played by Michael Dudman on his recent concert tour of the United States and Canada.

Michael's program included music by Bach, and some of the French Romantics as well as the first performances outside of Australia of a major work by Colin Brumby, "Captain Logan's Fancy", a set of variations on "Morton Bay". Canadian audiences were already familiar with the work's theme which is heard as "Brumby's Theme" in the film The Man From Snowy River.

Saint John is New Brunswick's largest city and

Michael told Gary how impressed he was that the province showed as much interest in organ music. "Very often it's the quality of instruments in a particular place that will engender a high level of activity and interest and certainly there's a very strong interest in organ playing and organ building."

In Saint John and St. Catherine’s (just near Niagara Falls) Michael Dudman recorded on instruments (including a delightful organ with four stops) by the Canadian organ builder, Fernand Letourneau and in San Francisco he recorded on instruments by the Schöpenhein Organ Company and a fine Skinner organ.

For details about the broadcasts on Sunday nights at 8 o'clock, see 2NUR's Program Guide or the Newcastle Herald. In making the recordings possible, 2NUR acknowledges the support of Air Canada and Qantas.
Around the Campus

Campus Clean-up
Almost Complete

A grounds refurbishment fund initiated by the University's Landscape Committee has allowed for a team of six people to clean up litter and accumulated earthquake repair debris in an exercise to restore the campus to its usual beauty.

The project which covers the whole 130 hectares of the campus including the nature reserve is well underway. The western side of the campus is completed with the workmen moving through to the eastern side.

Spokesperson for the Landscape Committee, University Architect, Philip Pollard, told BULLETIN that the campaign will be ongoing and is aimed at encouraging students, staff and visitors alike to be mindful of preserving and maintaining the campus environment.

"With the inevitable disruption of the grounds from the high levels of building and repair work taking place, it's perhaps easy to get complacent, but we all need to be aware of the importance of looking after the campus," Philip said.

"It's a documented fact that when there is rubbish lying around, people don't think twice about adding a little bit more.

"We can't allow this to happen and will be encouraging everyone to 'do their bit' for the campus.

"The campus grounds are an important aspect of the overall presentation of the University and now that we are recovering from considerable earthquake damage, it's timely to 'tidy up our backyard' at the same time.

"Once the backlog of rubbish has been cleared, the maintaining of the litter-free state of the campus will be much more manageable for the permanent gardening staff," he said.

Telematch - Fun and Games

The 'Telematch' held recently was a fantastic success with almost 200 overseas students taking part. Teams that participated included International House/Edwards Hall, the Korean Association, the Overseas Christian Fellowship, the English Language Centre and the Singapore Association.

For those people who don't know, 'Telematch' is...well...a mixture of fun and games and a great opportunity for anxious and study-weary students to let their hair down and forget about the serious side of Uni life.

Gamer included Three Legged Soccer, the Chair Race, the Egg Race, Tug-of-War and the Baby and Duck Walk, to name only a few.

Thanks must go to

Anwar, Yongsu, Wansoo and Puali for organisation, Mark Johnson from the Activities Office and John Hup for his sandwich-making abilities!

Overall winners for the event which was sponsored by the Universities Credit Union and the International Students' Office was the Singapore Association team.

Our photo shows the students involved in a 'very serious' tug-of-war.

Daryl Braithwaite - December 11 & 12

Does this effort rate for the "Guiness Book of Records"?

Well known member of staff, Assistant Bursar (Supply), Peter Myers, is a keen golfing competitor as most people around the campus would know.

Taking part in a stroke competition event recently, accompanied by several work colleagues, Peter played an 8 metre putt which finished one centimetre from the hole. It then took four strokes to get the ball in the hole, making 11 strokes in total for the hole.

The reason for the four puts from one centimetre is that Peter had artificially weighted his putter (quite legal) by placing 'blue tack' across the top of the head of the putter and this had unintentionally spread part way down the back of the head.

When he stepped up to tap the ball in the hole with the back of the putter, it stuck to the uncompromising and embarrassing golfing instrument and released itself each time the putter was moved backwards from the hole. In quick succession, four attempts were made at getting the ball in the hole before the ball actually released itself over the hole.

BULLETIN hears that Peter showed great restraint as those around him had difficulty hiding their enjoyment of the occasion.

Since playing the game at the Steelworks Golf Club, Peter unfortunately took sick and, when the BULLETIN went to press, was still off work. His University colleagues extend their best wishes to Peter for a quick recovery.

Graduation Dates - 1992

Next year's graduation ceremonies are to be held on the following dates:

Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2
Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9

Two ceremonies will be held on each of these days, commencing at 10 am and 2.30 pm. All ceremonies will be held in the Great Hall.
Advertisements

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Full-time or part-time work in computer analysis, programming or administration. Computer Science graduate with experience in the industry and reasonable typing skills. Please contact Alison on 49 8548 for more details.

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Three drawer IKEA drawer unit, solid white wood on castors (one of the drawers is suitable for A4 files). $100 or near offer. Please telephone 51 5219 mornings or after 6 pm.

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Radio controlled cabin cruiser, $40 electric motor, all new radio gear, new charger. The lot for $200. Please telephone Bob on Ext. 6257 or 87 2122 (after hours).

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For Sale
Two "Pacific Dreams" surfboards. 5'10" - $250, 5'11" $70. Please telephone 711061

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Accommodation Available
Non-smoker to share three-bedroom unit/townhouse in Merewether with two females. $67 per week. Please telephone 21 5647 (work) or 63 4507 (after hours).

Copyright Corner
Q. Since there is no registration of copyright, how can I prove I am the copyright owner?

A. You will only have to prove that you own copyright if your claim to copyright is disputed in court. If you own copyright as a result of being the author or creator of the material concerned, you would prove this by calling witnesses who know that you created the material and by producing your original drafts, manuscripts etc. Generally, your own statement will be sufficient. Although the standard copyright notice is not required for protection in Australia, it is advisable to place the notice on all copies as it acts as a warning that the work is protected and identifies the person claiming the rights. Copyright owners can write the notice on their work themselves - there is no formal procedure. The notice consists of the copyright symbol (shown above) followed by the name of the copyright owner and the year of the first publication, eg. Stanley Splodge 1991.

Letter to the Editor

The Editor, University of Newcastle Bulletin.
Dear Editor,
"Voice mail, dinosaurs and dodos"
It is annoying how many people, who are at the top end of the University, do not offer the voice mail facility to callers. If you reply to a request left on your voice mail by their secretaries and their office is vacant, for example, you have to phone back again and again until they return. Meanwhile, you can only reply, of course, during their working day.
Voice mail is a convenience for both the giver and receiver of a message. Some secretaries give a variety of irrational excuses for not using voice mail. "It's stupid", "It's annoying". "I can't understand how to use it" and "it just talks at you" are some of the most ridiculous ones. Others say "what does he need voice mail for when he has me". Pressed further, one executive said "it is an invasion of privacy" and his secretary said "he'll start to phone people without using me ... it's the first move to make me obsolete" - all of which are getting closer their real feelings. Reasoning that neither executives nor secretaries are there all day falls on deaf ears. "Phone back later!" is the flat reply.
If voice mail is to aid communication, to save time and to save money, shouldn't we be obliged to have it. Meanwhile, in spite of the convenience found by those who use it, we could all join the dinosaurs and disconnect from it as an invasion of privacy!

Dr Roger Coldwell, Department of Curriculum Studies.
Research Grants for 1991

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE FOR RESEARCH

A new 'Safety Implications of Research Projects' (Blue Safety Form) has been printed and distributed to all department heads and secretaries and should now be used. The new form is identified by the number, R2 10/91. Any blue safety form not bearing this number should be discarded.

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I was disturbed to read the report from the October Council in your issue of November 4. Council was apparently informed that "the Campus at Ourimbah must be preserved for the next few years as an outpost rather than an embryo university standing on its own". This absolute dichotomy does not reflect the thinking of those responsible for the draft planning proposals for the Central Coast Campus.

This Campus has been conceived since its inception in 1989 neither as a mere outpost of the University nor as an embryo developing towards autonomy. The Central Coast Campus is developing as a separate Campus of a multi-Campus University, offering programmes and staff complementary to those at the Callaghan Campus.

Your readers should be made aware that the budgetary problems referred to in the report have led to a freeze on new full-time staff positions on this Campus for 1992. This has led to a very large increase in the amount of time and expense consumed for travelling by staff from Callaghan to Central Coast Campus; and will create, despite the best intentions of the academic staff providing teaching here, a lower level of academic service than would have been possible, if the gradual development of the Campus had been allowed to proceed as planned.

I would also take issue with Mr Warren's concern that the development of the Campus at Ourimbah might disadvantage the work of the University. There is in my view no question of the Central Coast Campus diverting substantial growth from the Callaghan Campus. On the contrary, demographic and other considerations would indicate that the Federal Government is unlikely to fund substantial growth in the next 15 years at the University of Newcastle unless this growth occurs at the Central Coast Campus.

A properly developed Central Coast Campus will be a distinctive facility which will enhance the academic standing of this University as a whole. The value of Central Coast staff and students to Callaghan Campus-based operations have already been perceived by the two Departments which have full-time lecturers down here. But for the freeze imposed in 1992, Mr Warren's own Department of Education would have begun to reap these benefits as well. Instead, the courses in Education will have to be mounted entirely from Newcastle, with the aid of part-time employees. It is to be hoped that this less than satisfactory arrangement will be discontinued in 1993, and the orderly and planned development of this Campus be allowed to resume.

Michael Ewans