Graduation 1991 - A Record Turnout

Nearly 2,400 graduands and their relatives made the University's 1991 Graduation Ceremonies a record affair when they attended the conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas in the Great Hall this month.

Eight ceremonies were held on Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4 and on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11 and nearly all sessions attracted a full attendance for the 1440-seat Great Hall.

The number of graduands (the title given to students before graduation) was about 200 more than the 1990 Graduation Ceremonies, the first year of the amalgamated University.

Six Honorary Degrees and six University Medals were presented during the ceremonies this year. The recipients of the Honorary Degrees were Mr Barry Flanagan (Doctor of Engineering), Mr Kevan Gosper (Doctor of Science), Mr Vince Millington (Master of Arts), Mr Roland Gladys McMahon - a Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Robinson (Doctor of Letters).

University Medals were presented to Tan Chye Hin (Architecture), Barry Hodges (Philosophy), Lindy Henderson (History), Bruce Tulloch (Psychology), Wayne Wolfgang (Electrical Engineering), June Roberts-Thompson (Biology).

Awards presented for the first time include the Master of Environmental Studies, the Master of Industrial Education, the Graduate Diploma in Welfare Law and the Associate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety.

Full details and photographs of the ceremonies held on May 3 and 4 are included in this edition of the Bulletin while articles and photographs of the May 10 and 11 ceremonies will be included in the next edition.

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Achievements in Business and Sport Recognised

One of Australia's most well-known athletes and businessmen was recognised by the University of Newcastle when he had an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science conferred on him at the Faculty of Economics and Commerce session of the recent Graduation Ceremony.

Mr Kevan Gosper, famous as an Olympic and Commonwealth Games medallist, is immediate Past-President of the Australian Olympic Committee, President of the Oceania National Olympic Committees and a Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee.

Mr Gosper has held the office of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Shell Group of Companies in Australia and has recently taken up a new appointment in London as Regional Co-ordinator, East and Australasia with Shell international.

He is also well-known to Novocastrians, as he completed his secondary education at the then Newcastle Boys' High and the Newcastle Teachers' College, a time when his athletic talents were also under notice.

In presenting him for admission to the Honorary Degree, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, Dr Winston Dunlop said it was a pleasure to honour such an outstanding citizen and one who has excelled in both the commercial and sporting arenas of the world.

Mr Kevan Gosper

Dr Dunlop presented Mr Gosper for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, which was conferred on him during the ceremony.

In delivering his occasional address to the graduands and their guests, Mr Gosper said it was indeed a great honour for him to accept the Honorary Degree as the occasion celebrated for him the continuous support and encouragement he has enjoyed from this city since his early school days and his first involvement in competitive sport. He said every visit to Newcastle brings to his mind the best memories.

He said an occasional address could be counted upon to offer advice and guidance for the way ahead.

"The fact of the matter is you have been getting plenty of advice until now and my experience is that it is not about to stop," said Mr Gosper.

"Right now I take more advice than at any previous time in my life - the main difference is I am a better listener. It has something to do with maturity, growing humility and improved concentration," he said.

He shared with his audience the simplest piece of advice he ever received as an athlete.

He said that as a 400 metres race is once around a circular track, the start and finish lines were at the same location.

"Just as he was about to go down on the blocks, his coach would mumble in a low voice "Get back as soon as you can." He then enlarged on this theme by telling the graduands that his principal theme for those who are about to "take their mark" in business life is 'competition in the market place'. He stressed the importance of 'keeping your eye on the big picture.'

"The big picture - it's another expression for the market place. The picture is as big as your vision; the market place can be local or global. You have to choose the dimensions," said Mr Gosper.

"There is the need to continue to build on your specific knowledge, your expertise, your own and the strengths of those around you. But performance, achievement, results, dividends, personal satisfaction in business, come from a constant awareness of the time and space through which you are moving. You can neither plan nor operate in a vacuum. Don't take your eye off the big picture, the real market place," he said.

He said success in business and sport, whether as an individual or as a member of a team, depends on how effectively you compete, how well you strive for a goal.

He stressed the importance of knowing the meaning of the word 'competition'.

"Competition is a word that has been much devalued and distorted, particularly outside the sporting world. Competition is actually a clean word. Whether we like it or not, we compete throughout our lives, as individuals, as communities, as businesses, as governments. The risk that comes from downplaying the role of competition is enormous. There is the possibility of too many spectators in the grandstand, and too few players on the field taking part in the game.

"Of course there is a negative side to competitiveness where it is divorced from ethical conduct. The lack of ethical conduct can also affect the viability of corporations. There are well-publicised examples today of companies and even governments which have fallen for having ignored ethics.

"But winning and competition do not deny, but often encourage, collective effort and helping one's fellows. Competition does not exclude compassion. It is important that this case for competitiveness is not lost," he said.

Mr Gosper said that another element - fair play - was also important.

"Fair play, sportsmanship, or, as one might say in professional and business life, ethical behaviour.

"These involve elements such as respect for order, self discipline, abiding by the rules of the game, at all times, according the umpire's decision. While these qualities are fundamental in sport, I have found that they apply equally to business life and will play an important role in the careers which you will pursue from today. To accept those elements and live by them is a personal decision, but the community is strengthened by that decision.

"As individuals we need goals to strive for, to motivate us to greater achievements, and we each need a set of ethics to abide by as we pursue these goals," he said.
Honorary Degree to Outstanding Citizen

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University was conferred on Mrs Paddy Rankin, who has played a key role in University affairs, in particular to the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs Rankin, was well known in Newcastle as Dr Kirton, the Director of the Child Guidance Clinic until her retirement in 1969, having previously been the Superintendent of Stockton and Watt Street Hospitals for a period of five years.

Mrs Rankin's aspirations for the establishment of a Medical School in Newcastle were translated into reality, when, in 1971, she was appointed a member of the Council of the University.

At her first meeting, the Council appointed Mrs Rankin, still as Dr Kirton, as one of the four members charged with preparation of a submission to the Australian Universities Commission for the establishment of a Medical School at Newcastle. Mrs Rankin also played a key role in the extensive and detailed work of the Selection Committees leading to the appointment of the first academic staff of the Faculty.

One of the chief characteristics of the Faculty of Medicine since its first intake of students in 1978 has been its concern to develop and implement effective processes for student selection. Mrs Rankin became a foundation member of the Faculty of Medicine Admissions Committee and continued to serve as a member until 1984. The creation of this thorough and extensive selection process, which enables criteria more sensitive to personal attributes and attainments to be added to examination statistics, owes much to the input and sustained contributions of Mrs Rankin and continues to the present day.

She was also active in the establishment of the first residential college on campus, Edwards Hall. As well, she served as the Council's nominee to the Board of Trustees of the Community Child Care Centre, Kiama, in its formative years.

Mrs Rankin continues to be interested in and active in the University life. She continues to work towards the establishment of a religious centre on the campus and is currently undertaking academic study in History.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, said it was fitting for the University to recognise the achievements of such an outstanding citizen of Newcastle and valued supporter of the University, and it gave him great pleasure to present Mrs Rankin for admission to the Honorary Degree.

Graduation Highlights

John Waring (right), who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), is congratulated by his father, Mr W. Waring, a long-standing member of the University Council.

Gordon Irving, who graduated with a Bachelor of Surveying (Honours) and also a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) (Honours), delivered the speech at the Ceremony on behalf of the graduates.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, Ruth Hennessy is congratulated by her father, Mr Lance Hennessy.

Katrina Logue, who graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce delivers a speech on behalf of the graduates during the Ceremony.
Honorary Doctorate to Distinguished Poet

Described as one of the most lyrical, original and resonant poets of the distinctive Australian environment, the recipient of an Honorary Degree at the Saturday morning, May 4 session of the 1991 Graduation Ceremony, delighted the audience with a recitation of his unique poetry.

Mr Roland Edward Robinson, was presented for admission for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, a fitting tribute to his distinguished career as a poet concerned with the Australian environment and landscape and Aboriginal culture.

In his speech introducing Mr Robinson, The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Assoc. Professor John Ramsland, said Mr Robinson sculpted each poem's unique form with a deep sense of place, in accord with the texture and character of its subject, searching always for fresh language that would bring all his senses alive on the page—sight, hearing, taste, smell and 'the great colour images of this land'.

Professor Ramsland said Mr Robinson was also a notable prose writer, particularly of the oral literary traditions of the Australian Aborigines. His books were widely used in schools, colleges and universities and was much appreciated by both Aborigines and the general reading public alike.

He said Mr Robinson's poems were the expression of strong lifelong friendships and a bonding of mutual trust with the Aboriginal men and women storytellers, as well as a passionate concern about the treatment of Aboriginal people by white society.

As well as his books, Roland Robinson has published his poetry and prose extensively in Australian journals and magazines since the 1930's and was a founding member of the Jindyworobak Club, launched in 1938, and formed for the furtherance of fresh distinctively Australian writing, particularly poetry.

"Throughout his life, Roland Robinson has generously supported the work of young Australian poets. He established the Lyrebird Writers Group and was, as well, a distinguished editor of Poetry Australia and President of the Poetry Society of Australia," said Professor Ramsland.

"He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 1984.

"He has had various occupations over a long nomadic lifetime, ranging from stockman, boundary rider, fettler, fencer and green keeper to ballet dancer for the Kirsova Ballet and ballet critic and book reviewer for the Sydney Morning Herald.

"He was at the very core of the poetic reawakening in the Second World War years in Australia - a reawakening that directed Australians unselfconsciously towards their own landscape. His poetry remains palpably a lyrical wander's voyage of discovery and communion," he said.

In accepting the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, Mr Roland Robinson told the assembled audience that stripped to the vanity of his attainment, verse and verse alone did he have to offer them.

He wished the graduands and young poets, "en-thos", the god within.

For our readers, BULLETIN has included two of the poems recited by Mr Robinson.

Because I Wakened

Because I wakened when the throng
of liquid throated birds made song
in the day, and once I heard
from blackened scub, an unknown bird
pour on the cold and coming night
his staunchless music, and the white
tea-tree petals often slipped
into the billy-can I dipped, I gave these things the
greater worth
and turned to wandering the earth,
and took for trade and tags of thyme
to justify myself to Time.

Hushed to Inaudible Sound

Hushed to inaudible sound the deepening rain
closed round me on those ridges where the road
had led me to hunger and darkness, and again
I heard its voice on leaves. I eased my load
against a rock and found the tea-tree flowering
out of the dark wet bush, and drew its spray
of close starred blossom over me with showering
of cold rain on my face. And when my way
led down through rocks, the fye-bird halted me
with those full rich repeated notes that sprang
out of the darkness and the sound of rain, and he
was silent then but, as I waited, sang
again. Past roots and rocks I went along
rich with that flowering, rich with repeated song.
University Medal Turns the Tables on Graduate’s Disability

Six years ago, suffering a long-term chronic disability with low back pain, one University graduate didn’t feel too confident about his future working life, especially as he had been retrenched and had no employment prospects.

Bruce Tulloch graduated on Saturday, May 4 with Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology, a University medal, and a positive view of the future, a far cry from being retrenched because of his back problem six years ago.

Bruce, 54, from the well-known Hunter winemaking family, had worked for the Cessnock City Council as an Engineering Assistant and also a labourer, when his constant pain prompted tests which revealed two fused disks in his back. Demoralised and with no foreseeable future, Bruce tried a number of sales jobs and sought help from a number of agencies, but not until a friend directed him to the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service did he think about studying at University.

Bruce said the Service assessed him on his interests and abilities and with vocational tests found that he was interested in people, particularly helping people and strongly recommended that he study psychology.

"The Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service got me started. They booked me into a back care program which helped to cope with the pain and not keep exacerbating it.

"At that stage I had been working as a labourer, and when they suggested to me that I try University, I was terrified. I didn’t want to. Unless they had really pushed me I wouldn’t have even tried," said Bruce.

"I lacked confidence. I didn’t think I could do it and was afraid to try.

"By half way through first year, I was working hard with the attitude that ‘Well, I’m probably going to fail.’ I took the attitude that I’ll try my hardest and when I fail they can’t say I didn’t try.

"Then when I started getting good marks and started to find philosophy and psychology in particular, so interesting, my studies really got underway.

"In hindsight, the back problem was really the jumping off point to my academic studies. If I hadn’t had this problem I probably never would have started University studies. The thought that anything good could possibly come out of it was inconceivable.

"You have to have a quiet confidence in yourself to say that, given time and sufficient opportunity, I can come out of this and maybe even improve my life. Even though I didn’t have the confidence initially, there were people prepared to support me, in particular my family and the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service," said Bruce.

Bruce is now working as a counsellor with the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service in Maitland and is largely involved in the sort of work that he benefitted from. His duties consist of helping and advising people who have disabilities who are unable to keep doing the job they are doing, on how to consider other options and to give assistance in making changes.

He now has plans to start studying for a PhD at the University, involving three more years of study. A far cry from the first hesitant steps as a nervous undergraduate.

Arts Medal Winner - Voyage of Discovery

Lindy Henderson, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) - Class 1 and recipient of the University Medal for Arts, responded on behalf of graduates at the Faculty of Arts session of the Ceremony. Ms Henderson likened University studies to a sea voyage: we are often unaware of what may lie ahead, but, it is a voyage of discovery nevertheless.

"Like the travellers we are, we have not brought to port just the snapshots taken in exotic places, but some greater understanding of the richness and variety of the human condition," she said.

"Whether we have pursued our studies in languages, the social sciences, literature, history or philosophy, it is the common link of humanity, of people over time and distance and in all their cultural diversity that bind us together as students and scholars in Arts.

"The University has developed in us too, the ability to think clearly and critically, to consider thoughtfully the difficult choices we all as humans are able to make, and to recognise that which is valuable and beautiful.

"The Arts Faculty is an important repository of our cultural values, as well as a testing ground for new ideas. It might be hard to measure its worth in dollars and cents, but its value must continue to be recognised if we are to live in a just and humane society."
No year in a University can ever be dull: no year should be eventful. The past year in the University of Newcastle has been no exception.

During the year the University has been familiar with its size, now some 13,500 students, and identifying structures within which its now wide activities can be exercised effectively. Chief amongst these is the new academic structure of eight Schools now containing 12 Faculties: these are the Faculties of Architecture; Art, Design and Communication; Arts; Economics and Commerce; Education; Engineering; Health Science; Medicine; Music; Nursing; Social Science; Science and Mathematics; and to these there will shortly be added the new Faculties of Information Sciences and Law.

The new academic structure provides a framework within which our work can sensibly be performed. It does not provide solutions to many of the problems which have become a familiar part of academic life. Most of these are subsumed in the level of funding provided for our operations. While our operating budget does continue to rise, now being some $100 million, this represents a diminution of the funding for each student of some 12% since 1983 and 6% since 1988.

A large part of this relative reduction in funding is carried by the academic and general staff, whose salaries have not kept pace with those paid elsewhere in the community, and whose work loads have significantly increased. It is good that the University is able to extend opportunities for education to increasing numbers of students. It is much less satisfactory that the ability of the academic and general staff to perform the teaching and research is impeded by constriction of resources. The Government takes proper pride in the achievement of wider access to Universities but it cannot be allowed to be content to pursue only that degree of deverness which can be obtained at discounted prices.

The importance of widening access to University education is well recognised. The University of Newcastle must play a central role in achieving this objective for the Region. It is an important characteristic of our regional role that some 85% of all University students from our Region attend the University of Newcastle. What is less gratifying is that the absolute number remains substantially less than it should to show parity with other regions attending Universities. The key to improving access to the University is the number of students who are able to remain in school to complete Year 12. In recent years the numbers retained in Hunter schools to Year 12 have shown substantial increases; in many cases doubling since 1985. The retention rate has now risen to 46%. While this is encouraging it remains well below the State average of 55% and the figure of 75% achieved in the A.C.T.

Unless we are prepared to accept that there are proportionately fewer students in the Hunter and Central Coast Regions able to benefit from University education and the consequent opportunities for personal satisfaction and achievement this is not a situation which can be permitted to be remedied over a period of years.

At a time when admission to Universities is becoming increasingly competitive and when higher entrance standards are needed across the whole University it was necessary to take a deliberate action to begin to remedy this situation. In 1990 the University took the initiative of establishing a special access scheme for students who had suffered educational disadvantage either through personal difficulties or through limitation on access to full educational provision. This Newstep program provides a preparatory year which equips these students to enter the full University degree or diploma programs at a level of preparation equivalent to those with the normal HSC attainments appropriate for University courses.

The Newstep program stands alongside the well established Open Foundation Course which similarly offers access to the University for more mature students who have not followed the conventional route. The Open Foundation Course, now in its seventeenth year, currently provides for 750 students who will, on the successful completion of their courses, be qualified for admission to this or other Universities.

The ability of the University to serve the needs of the community in the provision of access to education at a high level is an essential aspect of our wider duty. The role played by the University in the community is as significant for the University as for the community. But this is not a pattern of interaction which simply confers benefit on the community. The University enjoys explicit and substantial support from the community, and whereas it has a stake in the provision of higher education. Indeed it may be asked whether the Commonwealth Government is correct in believing that as taxpayers we all contribute through the Commonwealth to funding Universities and necessarily have a stake in the provision of education. Indeed it may be asked whether the Commonwealth Government is correct in believing that as taxpayers we all contribute through the Commonwealth to funding Universities and necessarily have a stake in the provision of higher education. Indeed it may be asked whether the Commonwealth Government is correct in believing that as taxpayers we would not be prepared to identify a higher priority for spending on education. As members of this regional community we can recall with pride that the establishment and growth of the University, from its early days as a University College to the formation of our new campus on the Central Coast, derive largely from the commitment of the community. The Great Hall of the University was built with funds collected to demonstrate the support of the local community for the University. It is fitting that this Great Hall is now decorated by the fine Hunter tapestry design by Mary Beeston and donated by the Friends of the University.

The contributions from the community to the University are significant for its well being. By this I do not mean simply the valuable individual and corporate benefactions which fund scholarships and chairs in which the University takes obvious pleasure. There are also the equally important donations of time, wisdom and expertise. A rapid survey of the University calendar identifies well over one hundred people who generously and freely contribute to the numerous regulatory and advisory committees which are essential to the complex operations of the University. There are few opportunities to express the appreciation of the University to those many people for their valuable support. I am pleased to take this opportunity of recording my indebtedness to all who contribute in this way to the University; the members of the University Council must be identified for particular thanks for the extensive and onerous burdens they willingly assume on behalf of the University.

At a time when the daily news is uniformly sombre and we become numbed by national and international disaster it is comforting that this University is able to rely on the commitment and respond to the high expectations of our community. The best tradition of a University should lie in the future. The University of Newcastle can look ahead with confidence.
Honorary Degree to Distinguished Australian Engineer

The first session of the 1991 Graduation Ceremony saw the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering conferred on one of Australia's leading engineers. The honour was bestowed because of his contributions to both his profession and to society.

Mr Barry Flanagan, the General Manager and Commissioner of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales, was presented for admission to the Honorary Degree by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Alan Roberts.

Professor Roberts said that Mr Flanagan, as well as being the chief executive of the Electricity Commission, is also Chairman of the Australian Electricity Supply Industry Research Board and Chairman of the Australian National Committee of the World Energy Council.

He said that Mr Flanagan has made a significant contribution in the management of technical aspects of power station design, maintenance and operations and has provided executive leadership in the introduction of a number of most significant and beneficial changes in the Electricity Commission. These changes include the introduction of maintenance shift work in power stations to replace an outmoded day work and overtime approach which has resulted in significant savings, both in terms of labour costs and also the effective maintenance and the resulting availability of generating plant.

"Under the leadership of Mr Flanagan, the Electricity Commission has undergone a major organisational change, resulting of cost reduction and productivity increases. A recent review has revealed that the Electricity Commission of New South Wales has doubled its labour productivity between 1983/84 and 1989/90, with further increases projected for coming years," said Professor Roberts.

Environmental Message

This Occasional Address to the graduands and their guests at the first session of the 1991 Graduation Ceremony, the Chairman of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales, Mr Barry Flanagan, thanked the University for the honour of receiving an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering and delivered a timely environmental warning to future engineers.

Mr Flanagan said that the Electricity Commission's plans to establish a laboratory complex within the University was proof of the success which co-operative efforts have already achieved. He said that the laboratory would become a recognised centre for excellence in research, particularly related to coal and associated matters.

He said that he hoped the laboratory would provide the mechanism by which value can be added to one of the principle exports of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley and indeed the principle export of Australia - coal.

"Despite world-wide criticism of coal as a fuel for power generation the facts are that it is still going to be used for the foreseeable future. However, there is a need for its effect on the environment to be minimised and I believe that the University of Newcastle/Electricity Commission laboratory should aim to lead the way in some of the new technologies that are being developed for efficiency and environmentally sensitive utilisation of coal," said Mr Flanagan.

He told graduands that their responsibilities would be dictated by professional ethics to which they will be bound as members of their profession.

"Pressures on the other hand will derive largely from what are often contradictory views on how you should exercise your skills to best meet the demands of the community. This is a very real dilemma facing professionals today. The community seems to be polarised about the question of development, on the one hand there is praise for improving living standards but on the other hand, condemnation for inflicting on the environment what is perceived by some as the seeds of future destruction.

"While much of the criticism for the damage to the environment is directed towards technology and technologists, it now has to be recognised that all of the professions who are represented at this graduation are involved in this particular aspect of development. In fact it is no longer the prerogative of the technologist to determine development but rather the economists and professionals in commercial life have a direct involvement in determining what is acceptable, sustainable development which will be the cornerstone of the future," he said.
University Medal winner, Wayne Wolfgang, who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) and winner of the Institution of Engineers Australia (Newcastle Division) Prize.

Proud parents - members of University staff, Mrs Jeannie Curran and Dr Bernie Curran with their daughter Penny who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

A Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on Mrs Marie Ramsland pictured with her husband, Prof John Ramsland (left) and Supervisor of her thesis, Prof. Ken Dutton.

Linda Pillidge B.E. (Elec Eng) (Hons), Katherine Holmes, B.E. (Chem Eng) (Hons) and Lisa Jenness, B.E. (Chem Eng) (Hons) celebrating after the ceremony.

Graduating Aviation students with the Head of the Aviation Department, Prof. Ross Telfer.

Staff members, Dr. Christina Offer and Prof. Robin Offer, with their daughter Ingrid, who graduated with a Diploma in Aviation Science.
University Medal winner, June Roberts-Thompson, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biology. June also spoke on behalf of the graduates at the ceremony.

(below) Bachelor of Science graduate, Annette Ellicott, is congratulated by her brother and mother after the ceremony.

(bottom) Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Engineering) graduate, Ajoy Ghosh, pictured with his sister (left) and a family friend.
First Graduates in Occupational Health & Safety

This year's Graduation Ceremony saw the first graduates in the Associate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety.

The course, which commenced in 1988 was specifically designed to meet the requirements of industry and the Workcover Authority of New South Wales.

The 29 graduands include 11 students from the on-campus part-time course and 18 inspectors from Workcover, who study by a special 'off-campus study' arrangement whereby lecturers travel to the Lemonerry Occupational Safety Centre to present the lecture program, alternated by on-campus schools several times a year. The inspectors have responsibility for Construction Safety, Dangerous Goods, Manual Handling Field Services, Education and Training as well as Management in different regions throughout New South Wales.

The local graduates are from the mining industries, local heavy industry, nursing and safety committee work and include safety officers, management and the workforce generally.

The Ceremony also saw the first major group to graduate from the Associate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety.

The 17 graduands include occupational health nurses from the electricity and other industries, therapists, a police officer, a TAFE teacher, Workcover inspectors, an Area Health Manager and a heavy industry safety officer.

The courses were formerly part of the School of Administration and Technology, however following amalgamation they are now the responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine.

Scholarships Available for Students Studying at Newcastle

Prevention Research Bursaries

Tenure: Any Australian University
Level of Study: Postgraduate
Discipline: For students who elect a topic for their theses or dissertations relevant to the prevention of drug and alcohol problems.
Value: Up to a maximum of $1,000
Specific Conditions: Send an abstract of up to 500 words summarising the aims of the project, methods to be employed and how the bursary would be spent. This should be accompanied by a letter of support from the person who will be supervising the research.
Closing Date: May 31, 1991
Contact: Associate Professor Tim Stockwell, Deputy Director, National Centre for Research into the Prevention of Drug Abuse, P.O. Box U1997, PERTH, W.A. 6000

Student Exchange Program - Buffalo State University College

Level of Study: Second, third or fourth year Undergraduate students
Discipline: Any courses offered by Buffalo State University
Specific Conditions: Program length is one or two semesters. Students are responsible for the costs of transportation, housing and health insurance.
Contact: Applications in writing to - Dr L.R. Eastcott, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Development) Hunter Administration Building University of Newcastle.
Enquiries: Julie Becker - telephone 21 6566

University Team to Research Assistance for People with Severe Disabilities

A research team from the Special Education Centre is trying to contact people who have a severe disability as part of its investigation into services currently provided for people with severe disabilities living in the Newcastle and Lower Hunter area.

The team is also attempting to contact people who care for those who have severe disabilities in its efforts to assess the support needs of people with severe disabilities.

The researchers, Ian Dempsey and Rick Frost, have gained funding from the Commonwealth Department of Community Services and Health for the project and wish to hear from as many people as possible.

Rick Frost said the investigation would result in a submission to establish a service or services for people with high support needs who presently are receiving little or no assistance from existing community services.

"The project team is seeking to survey or interview people in three main categories and we hope to have most of our contact work completed within the next few weeks," said Rick.

The team wishes to contact:

- people with a severe disability
- carers, advocates, friends or relatives of people with a severe disability; and/or
- community service providers who have and interest in people with a severe disability

Rick said the term 'severe disability' could relate to people who have intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural disabilities: people with chronic or severe illness; people with severe head or brain injury; or people with severe mental illness.

He said the research project resulted from approaches to the University from service providers who were concerned at the number of people with severe disabilities who were unable, for various reasons, to gain access to their service.

People who are interested in contacting Ian or Rick are invited to telephone the Special Education Centre on (02) 216282 or (02) 216287. Written information can be mailed to the Greater Newcastle Project, Special Education Centre, University of Newcastle, NSW 2308.

Art Freeway

From June 1 to June 22, 10 artists currently living in Newcastle will be exhibiting their sculptures, prints, paintings, drawings and photographs at the Jan Taylor Gallery, 43 Booth Street, Annandale, in Sydney's inner west.

The 10 artists are Greg Bell, Steve Giese, Mark Hinderaker, Garry Jones, Veneta Sieveling, Dallas Sym Choon, Margaret Turner, Maze Turner, Richard Tipping and Ross Woodrow. Each of them is, or has been, a part of what is now the Faculty of Art, Design and Communication at the University. Six are full-time lecturers in one of the three Departments in the Faculty, one used to be that, another is a graduate, one a post-graduate student and one a part-time worker in professional placement. That's about all there is in common, as their artistic development, styles, subjects and chosen media are completely individual.

What this show has to say about Newcastle is that it's a good place to mark and make. From Art City to the Art Freeway to the marketplace two hours south.

Curator of the Exhibition, Richard Tipping says there will be a grand opening on June 1.
Art Advisory Group - Recent Purchase

Following the successful launch of Professor David Frost's first novel "The Deed's Creature" and an exhibition in the Great Hall of paintings by Graham Cox and sculptures by Krysten Walker, the University Art Advisory Group has purchased a sculpture by Krysten Walker, titled "Musical Chairs".

Krysten's works appeared on the cover of the new novel by Professor Frost and attracted much comment and interest during the exhibition.

The sculpture consists of terracotta figures attached to a solid beech base measuring 45 x 20 cms, and was sculpted in early 1991.

The sculpture represents in simple terms, the game of life, likened to a game of musical chairs. The figures, chairs and various "hats" represent the different sorts of roles we take on according to our circumstances, occupations and obligations.

The Art Advisory Group felt the sculpture was a particularly appropriate addition to the University's task of educating people to fulfill different roles and obligations in society, and the many "hats" or "chairs" which the University structure provides.

While a decision has not yet been taken on where the sculpture will be displayed, it is most likely to initially be on view in the Auchmuty Library. Staff and students are invited to view "Musical Chairs" at their leisure.

Also, the University Art Advisory Group is arranging a number of events over the next few months, including an exhibition of the touring works of 1990 HSC students, "Art Express", and the Art Advisory Group's Annual Dinner. Details of these events will appear in future issues of BULLETIN.

Lunch with a Writer

This organisation, which has operated very successfully since 1984, provides for the community a visible face to the activities of the Friends of the University. Its chief purposes are in fact to provide pleasant occasions where "town and gown" can mix and to promote the work of a wide variety of writers. As it is not a fund-raising activity, costs are kept to a minimum, the Newcastle Herald giving us valuable assistance with publicity.

While earlier lunches were held at the University, at a sea-front restaurant, and then at the WEA, the most recent ones have been at the centrally located Billabong Room in the Lucky Country Hotel. The new committee felt it appropriate to bring some business back to the Central Business District in the post-earthquake period, and most patrons find it convenient.

There have been some well-known names among the guests - Blanche D'Alpuget, Thomas Keneally, Patrick Cook and Kate Llewellyn to mention a few - but we also hope to have helped on the careers of some who are not yet household words. Perhaps the one whose inclusion was the most surprising was Ray Milligan. His name seems to have rested entirely on that of his famous brother, Spike.

This year so far, we have been entertained by the charming Nick Enright, when his play Daylight Saving was being performed at the Playhouse. We are looking forward next to hearing Marion Halligan, who has published a novel, a collection of short stories and a book on cooking since she last came to speak to us in 1986. Like several of our other guests, she has a strong Newcastle connection.

As to our future plans we are not able to divulge our next possible coup, as the visit is not yet finalised, but we have had a positive response from Armidale-based Victor Kelleher, who may be our final guest for 1991.

Jean Talbot, 'Lunch with a Writer' Committee Member.

Challenges for University Staff Association

The University of Newcastle Staff Association has elected members of its executive for 1991.

The Executive is made up of:

- President: Bill Warren (Education) (Ext. 5917)
- Vice-President: John Rodger (Chemistry) (Ext. 5922)
- Hon. Secretary: Frank Bates (Law) (Ext. 5054)
- Treasurer: Norman Talbot (English) (Ext. 5173)
- Asst. Secretary: Eliaq von Nagy-Felsobuki (Chemistry) (Ext. 5482)
- Com'te Members: Ken Lee (Geography) (Ext. 5094), Kevin Bell (Chemistry) (Ext. 5471), John Rodger (Biological Sciences) (Ext. 5707), Kathy Robinson (Sociology) (Ext. 5922), Colin Keay (Physics) (Ext. 5451), L. Turner (UNSA Office) (Ext. 5596)

One major challenge for the University Staff Association in the near future will be clarified when the Supreme Court hands down its judgement on the National Wage Case Decision. Award Restructuring in the academic community is by no means a simple matter.

The presence of three academic unions on campus may at times seem more confusing than helpful. As the largest of these bodies, the Staff Association hopes to ensure that relationships between the various groups will become simpler during 1991. Particular local areas of friction such as the question of academic titles are, at least temporarily, part of the problem.

Individual "cases" which affect members of the academic staff will always require vigilance of the UNSA Executive. An obvious example is the case involving Associate Professor Don Parkes, where the future role of postgraduate supervisors has yet to be clarified by the University Council.

Norman Talbot, Hon. Secretary
Dear Editor,

Last Wednesday, 24 April, I was one of only three or four faculty members and perhaps ten other attendees to sit in the Great Hall and hear Michael Dudman provide a lunchtime organ recital. This recital is one of a regular lunchtime series now provided by the Conservatorium of Music. In any great university it would be widely attended and appreciated.

I understand that the series of public seminars of research held in 1990 was equally poorly attended. There has never been to my knowledge a public lecture series by faculty on matters of importance.

In this university the lack of a public culture means that students are at best only ever offered relatively private subject-bound models of excellence. Hooray to the Conservatorium for providing the public concert series!

C.A. Hooker, Department of Philosophy

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Letter to the Editor

The University will conduct OPEN DAY 1991 on the weekend of September 7 and 8.

It will be a University-wide expo of all the activities of the Shortland, Newcastle and Central Coast campuses.

The event is being developed and co-ordinated by Assoc. Professor Tim Roberts and the Central Organising Committee and Implementation Committee.

Professor Roberts said that the date of OPEN DAY 1991 had been chosen because it coincided with Engineering Week.

He said it would have a 'hands-on' theme to its displays and would provide the chance for people to visit the campus, many of whom may have never visited a University campus before.

"Open Day will be a grand chance for the University to introduce its face to potential students, to show them to its graduates and to highlight its contributions in research," said Professor Roberts.

"The two days will also allow people to see what goes on in a University, the range of courses that can be studied and the facilities and programs that all go to make up University services," he said.

Any comments or suggestions concerning OPEN DAY 1991 should be directed to Professor Tim Roberts (Extension 5630), Mr John Miner or Ms Linda Aulich at the Information and Public Relations Unit (Extensins 5642 or 6453).

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Letter to the Editor

Edwards Hall Residential Scholarship Scheme

Following generous donations from former residents in the last few years, the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall have decided to establish a scholarship fund, from which interest generated might be used to provide residential scholarships to academically able students resident in the Hall.

Two such scholarships have recently been awarded and each scholarship provides a one third fees reduction for the 38 week academic year, which amounts to $40 per week in the 1991 fee level.

The 1991 scholarship recipients are:

David Leonard
Faculty of Engineering
Julia Brotherton
Faculty of Medicine

The selection criteria for these residential scholarships are based on academic merit and the Board hopes to eventually provide one such scholarship for each faculty of the University. To this end the Board at a recent meeting agreed to inject further investment to this scholarship scheme to permit an additional two residential scholarships to be offered in 1992.

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Tune in to "Women on the Wireless" Radio Show

A new program has commenced on Radion 2NUR-FM called 'Women on the Wireless' which will be broadcast each Friday evening at 8 p.m.

"Women on the Wireless" will be focusing on women's issues, with particular reference to Newcastle and the surrounding areas. The first program was a recall of International Women's Day and how it was celebrated in Newcastle. Future programs include Women in the Arts; Successful Sportswomen; Women and Culture ... the list is endless.

At this stage, there is a group of about 10 people who are meeting each Monday night at 6 pm in Room A150 of the Hunter Building. This is for production, discussion, etc. etc.

If you have any ideas, contacts, or just want to pop in to see what's happening, you're more than welcome.

Further enquiries can be made by contacting Clare Britton from the Department of Communication and Media Arts on Ext. 6450.

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Applications Open for New Fellowship Program

As part of a scheme to aid staff development programs within Australian Universities, the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) made a grant in late 1990 to the University of Newcastle to help with a Fellowship Program in Science Teaching and Curriculum Research and Design Programs.

Under the Fellowship Program, the University will lend financial support to neophyte and junior academic staff wishing to attend conferences (Conference Fellowships), and to more senior academic staff who undertake medium-term placements at another tertiary institution (Innovative Placements).

The Conference Fellowships (22 per year) are designed to help with prohibitive cost factors such as travel and accommodation and aim to supplement the existing mechanisms of support already offered within Schools, Faculties and Departments. Through attendance at the conferences, successful applicants will be expected to take advantage of opportunities to liaise with academic counterparts, and attempt to establish collaborative links.

Each Conference Fellow will receive up to $1,800 to help cover accommodation, travelling and living expenses.

The Innovative Placement Program will offer financial support to members of academic staff for immersion in specific innovative practices at other institutions for a period of up to eight weeks. By lending such support to the placements, it is hoped to encourage and enhance interest in the development of innovative programs of study and practices with a view to the implementation of these at the University of Newcastle, the establishment of collaborative links and the development of individual skills.

Financial support will be granted to four innovative placement participants annually, with each participant receiving $7,500 to help cover accommodation, travelling and living expenses.

Heads of Department/Directors of School may wish to supplement the above amounts at their discretion. Salaries will continue to be paid by the University while staff replacement costs remain the responsibility of the participant's Department/Faculty.

Applications for Conference Fellowships and Innovative Placements are now open and will be allocated by the Fellowship Program Sub-committee, a working committee of the Interim Academic Staff Development Committee.

Information sheets about the Fellowship Program and application forms are available through Heads of Department. For extra copies and further information, contact Lisa Marshall, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Development) on 19 6570.

Applications for Conference Fellowships should be received no later than May 31.

Applications for Innovative Placements should be received no later than June 26.
Top Students in Economics and Commerce

A prize presentation ceremony for high achieving students, took place recently in the Faculty of Economics and Commerce.

The prizes were the C.J. Chandler Memorial Prize which was presented to Ms Simone Hallaran for the best performance by a part-time student in the first year. Ms Hallaran gained the maximum possible grade point average of four high distinctions for her first year of study.

Ms Fiona Neville was the winner of the Neal J. Dickinson Award for the best HSC performance by a student at this University while the Shell Prize in Economics and Commerce was won by Ms Jenny Blunden for the best performance by a full-time first year student.

Dean of the Faculty, Dr Winson Dunlop, presented the C.J. Chandler Memorial Prize and the Shell Prize while Mr Frank Hawkins from the Student Division, presented the Neal J. Dickinson Award.

Profile

"Art is for curious people."

That is what art lecturer, Victoria Phillip, says and probably she is right.

Victoria (right) lectures in drawing and also CIRT (colour, illustration, rendering and typography techniques) to students enrolled in illustration, the drawing component of the BAVA and Industrial Design students.

But what about people who think they can't draw?

"No problem," says Victoria. "Everyone can draw!"

"Drawing is about curiosity and it is the base of all art. It is good observation and looking at the truth of how something works combined with lateral thinking and creativity," says Victoria.

"There are lots of applications in everyday life for drawing and it is a part of so many facets of our society from science to health to communication, etc.

"It is important for a wide variety of students to learn visual communication and to appreciate the elements of design in our everyday lives. Our cars, furniture, clothes, the shape of the landscape, office design, industry, to name a few, are all designs of one sort or another. It's an appreciation of how people operate and how things work," she says.

This philosophy has paid off for Victoria, who in her travels around the world has been able to support herself through her art. She has travelled extensively 'just looking at things' and even found herself making butter sculptures for the Rolls Royce company at one point.

Victoria, who describes herself as a curious person, has also completed a millinery and dress design course and takes seriously her hobby of climbing and caving. She also collects spinning tops, kaleidoscopes and three-dimensional children's books.

She sums up her feeling for art, particularly drawing, by saying that "everything has a value and everything is a potential source for drawing".

"It's a quest for knowledge, a curiosity really, seeing how an object would look on paper," she says.

Pictured after the presentation ceremony are (from left to right) Ms Simone Hallaran, Ms Fiona Neville, Ms Jenny Blunden, Dr Winston Dunlop and Mr Frank Hawkins.

Uni Hosts Careers Advisers’ Dinner

The University hosted a careers adviser from Hunter Region high schools and representatives from tertiary institutions at a special dinner held in conjunction with the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Market earlier this month.

The dinner, held in the Southern Cross Lounge of the Shoreline Union, was arranged as part of the University's Schools Liaison Policy and allowed the careers advisers and tertiary representatives the chance to have informal discussions before the two-day career market in the Newcastle City Hall.

The University's Adviser for Prospective Students, Ms Sandra Box, said the tertiary representatives were given the opportunity to gather information on any new courses or revised information about their institutions.

Ms Box said the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Market was one of the most important events for the University because of the large number of Year 12 students and mature-age people who sought information on undergraduate offerings or opportunities such as the Open Foundation Course.

Sandra said staff from all faculties attended different sessions during the market to promote their courses and proposed programs for 1992.

"Great interest was shown in the proposed new courses and senior high school students from Newcastle high schools were amongst the first to be given the opportunity to gather information on the programs," said Sandra.

"Information on the proposed courses is just being released and the Newcastle market was one of the first major functions this year at which material was distributed."

The proposed courses for 1992 include:

* Diploma in Aboriginal Studies
* Bachelor of Building (by external study mode)
* Bachelor of Education (Design and Technology)
* Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental)
* Bachelor of Nursing
* Bachelor of Physiotherapy
Advertisements

For Sale
Digital VT100 and Bit Blitzer Modem plus all necessary leads, cables and manuals. Ideal for dialup access to Uni Vax Network (Wombat). The Lot $350 o.n.o. Contact Daylan Cameron on 71 2856

For Rent
Newly painted and carpeted three bedroom home with garage. Careful tenants required. Phone 43 7915 (after 6 p.m.)

Accommodation Sought
Two Kiwi postgraduate women currently minding academic's house, garden, cats, cars are seeking similar arrangement for second half of year (early July onwards). If you can help, please telephone Carol or Caroline on 69 4705 (after hours) or Department of Drama on 21 5001.

For Sale
Stereo component system - Hitachi 25W amplifier, Sony AM/FM tuner, Akai tape deck, Sharp speakers - $50 the lot. Osborne 1 computer with monitor, modem and software. Use as cheap word processor or remote terminal. $150. Contact Justin on Ext. 5957 or 69 2293 (a.h.)

For Sale
1984 Mitsubishi Pajero, SWB, Air conditioned, roof racks, tow bar, sunraysia wheels. Registered until December 1991. 116,000 km, very little off-road use and in very good condition. Urgent Sale $10,900 o.n.o. Telephone 26 4736.

For Sale
Technics AX5 Synthesizer Keyboard. Nearly new, $1,500. Phone Krogstad on 21 6189

For Sale
Datsun 200B, 1977 model. Runs well. Must sell as owner returning overseas. $4,500 o.n.o. Phone Krogstad on 21 6189.

For Sale

For Rent
Spacious family home at Valentine. Available July 1991 to July, 1992. Private bushland setting on the edge of Lake Macquarie. Features include open plan living areas, double garage, large inground concrete swimming pool, low maintenance landscaped grounds and outdoor entertaining areas. Phone Brian Williams on 21 6037 or Jenny Williams on 21 4928.

For Sale
Camera Equipment. Pentax ESII SLR camera body, Takumar 50mm/F4 lens with macro focus. Sigma 135mm/F1.8 telephoto lens. Sigma 70-230mm/F4.5 high power zoom lens with macro. Pentax 3-piece auto-extension tube set. National PE2002 automatic flash. All have cases. Will sell the lot for $250 or separately. All reasonable offers considered. Please telephone Leighton on Ext. 6117 or 43 9825 (a.h.)

Wanted to Buy
Anything old, interesting, unusual or highly treasured (e.g. lamps, pottery, crockery, glassware or silver). Please telephone 59 2319 after 6 p.m.

For Sale
Small P.A. Incl. Eton speakers and J400 power Amps. $3250 Ph 6460

For Sale
16 mm. Projector, Bell & Howell. Works well $250. Telephone Ext. 6777 or 55 8101 (a.h.)

For Sale
Hammond Organ. Collector's item in perfect working order with draw bars. $500. Telephone Ext. 6777 or 55 8101 (a.h.)

New South Wales Electricity Supply Industry

PROFESSIONAL TRAINEESHIPS

Electricity Supply Authorities in New South Wales have instituted a scheme designed to provide financial support and vocational training to undergraduate students in:

- Electrical Power Engineering
- Computing
- Human Resources
- Business Administration

The traineeship will provide:
(a) an allowance to the student of $2,000 per annum to assist in meeting course costs (e.g. fees, texts, etc.) and
(b) a payment of $300 per week for the time spent in vocational training with an Electricity County Council (minimum of 8 weeks).

Awarding of the traineeships will be made on a yearly basis.

To qualify for a traineeship, students will need to demonstrate the following:
1. enrolment in an appropriate degree course at a recognised tertiary institution.
2. satisfactory academic performance.
3. a willingness to engage in vocational training at a mutually agreed Electricity County Council during an appropriate semester break (minimum 8 weeks).
4. a potential suitability for permanent employment in the NSW electricity supply industry.

Applications need to be forwarded to the Electricity County Council covering the student's home address and should include the following details:
• the applicant's career objectives and any relevant work experience;
• the reasons for applying and any locational preference for vocational training; three references.

Applications close on May 24, 1991.

A listing of Electricity County Councils, contact persons and further enquiries can be made at the appropriate Electricity County Council or by contacting the Local Government Electricity Association, F85 Liverpool Street, Sydney. Telephone (02) 267 7088.

Handbook on Higher Education in the U.K. Available

The University has received a copy of Higher Education in the United Kingdom 1991-92, a handbook for students and their advisers, by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

The publication is prepared for the use by students who are thinking of going to the United Kingdom to study at a university or other institutions of higher education.

It is available for perusal in the Auchmuty Library.
Research Grants for 1991

Information on the following grants is available from the Office for Research - Telephone 21 3505

C U r r i c u l u m Q

• NH & MRC Equipment Grants
  For equipment costing in excess of $10,000
  May 20, 1991

• Multiple Sclerotic Society
  Projects grants: Fellowships and Seeding grants.
  May 22, 1991

• Hoechst Diabetes Research
  For Clinical and Educational Research and Animal in vitro studies
  and other basic research products.
  May 22, 1991

• National Heart Foundation
  Research in the area of cardiovascular health education
  June 5, 1991

• ARC Small Grants
  For research projects in all aspects of cancer
  June 18, 1991

• Australian Kidney Foundation
  Grants-in-Aid for Medical Research
  June 12, 1991

• Clive & Vera Ramaciotti Foundation
  Projects in the field of Medical Research
  June 18, 1991

• Australian Tobacco Research Foundation
  Research into the relationships in Australia between tobacco smoking
  and health and disease
  June 18, 1991

• The Wenkart Foundation
  Grants for clinical, biomedical and health related services
  June 18, 1991

• Arthritis Foundation of Australia
  Rheumatism Research & Professional Education applications for 1992 Awards.
  Fellowships/Scholarships/Grants
  June 18, 1991

• The Cancer Council Research Grants for 1992
  For research projects in all aspects of cancer
  June 18, 1991

• RV Franklin Ship Time
  Applications for Ship Time on the RV Franklin oceanographic
  research vessel (CSIRO Division of Oceanography).
  Co-operative Research Centres Program
  June 19, 1991

• Second round.
  Sandoz Foundation for Gerontological Research
  To promote clinical and scientific research concerned with the problems of aging.
  Australian Academy of Science
  July 19, 1991

• Rhone Poulenc Fellow-Grant for Scientific Visit to France - 1992
  Australian Academy of Science
  July 24, 1991

• DITAC International Science & Technology Program
  To assist Australian participation in international science and
  technology networks and collaborative research and development programs.
  Australian Academy of Science
  August 21, 1991

• Scientific exchanges with Japan - 1992/93
  The Sydney Lovibond Prize, National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre
  August 22, 1991

• Entries from young Australian scientists in the form of a 5000 word essay.
  Award of $1,000
  September 19, 1991

• DITAC Bilateral Science & Technology Program
  Support for international research collaboration on projects which contribute
  to Australia's Industrial, scientific or technological capabilities.
  The Australian Sports Medicine Federation Research Awards Scheme
  September 20, 1991

• Young Investigators Award, Medical Students Prize, Best Conference
  Paper Award & Best Journal Article.
  September 23, 1991

• Australian Academy of Science
  Postdoctoral Fellowships in the UK-Awards for Scientists -1992
  September 23, 1991

• NSW Cancer Council
  Travel Grants-in-Aid
  September 23, 1991

• NSW Cancer Council
  Awards for Postgraduate Education and Training in Oncology
  Australian Academy of Science
  October 25, 1991

• Australian Academy of Science
  Postdoctoral Fellowships in Japan - Awards for Scientists 1992/93
  November 22, 1991

• Australian Academy of Science
  Scientific exchanges with China - 1992/93
  No Closing Date

• National Campaign Against Drug Abuse
  No Closing Date

• DITAC International Science & Technology Travel Grants
  National Campaign Against Drug Abuse
  No Closing Date

• Apply at any time but at least 6 weeks prior to intended travel
  No Closing Date

• Education and Training Foundation
  No Closing Date

• BHP Community Trust
  No Closing Date

• RADGAC Dept of Community Services & Health
  No Closing Date

• Medical research and targeted research areas
  No Closing Date

• Research Management Committee Travel Grants
  No Closing Date

• Research Management Committee Research Visitors
  No Closing Date

• Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Aust.
  No Closing Date

• Telecom Research Funding
  No Closing Date

• Wellcome-Ramaciotti Research Travel Grants.

FELLOWSHIPS

• Australian Institute of Nuclear Science & Engineering (AINSE)
  Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
  May 24, 1991

• World Health organisation
  Fellowships for improving public health in Australia
  June 4, 1991

• Arthritis Foundation of Australia
  Rheumatology Research Awards tenable in USA, Canada and the U.K.
  June 18, 1991

• The Australian Academy of the Humanities
  Travelling fellowships for short-term study abroad
  June 19, 1991

• Sir Maurice Byers Fellowship
  August 21, 1991

• Australia's industrial, scientific or technological capabilities.
  Issues affecting Australian Police work
  August 28, 1991

• Nuffield Foundation Fellowship Awards
  Three month Fellowship in the U.K. - Curriculum development;
  teaching through Commonwealth themes, educational drama
  and performing arts.

Information on the following grants is contained in 'NEWS' on the VAXcluster. Further information and relevant application forms are available from the Office for Research - telephone 21 5305.

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News In Brief

The University was visited recently by academics from Thailand as part of an exchange study tour.

The group also visited other academic institutions before returning to Thailand.

More details in next BULLETIN.

The inaugural dinner of Evatt House, the newest residential complex on campus, was held recently. It promises to be the first in what is hoped to be a long tradition.

Four graduating students made a small piece of history when they had Diplomas of Teaching conferred on them on Saturday, May 11. The four, Elizabeth Antcliff, Jennifer Charters, Lyndal Bruggemann and Kim Davies, started kindergarten together and have enjoyed their school and University days together since that time.

From friendships started so long ago to identical teaching careers!

A mature-age student, Catriona Moore, has won one of ten $1,500 scholarships for young achievers studying tourism and hospitality in NSW.

Catriona, a Bachelor of Social Science student, was presented with the scholarship by the Minister for Tourism, Mr Garry West, in Sydney recently.

Mr Michael Sutton is Acting President of the Students' Representative Council following the resignation of Chris Toll.

An election will be held to decide on the new line-up of executive members.