Uni to help overseas students 'arrive and survive'

An Office for Overseas Students will be established on the amalgamated University's campus to help full fee-paying students achieve their educational goals at the University.

Announcing the decision, the Deputy Principal of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education, Dr Les Eastcott, said it was hoped to have the new office functioning as soon as possible, perhaps by August.

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The University is presently advertising the position of Head of the Office of Overseas Students and offering a salary ranging from $45,929 to $48,183 a year. Applications will close on June 28.

Dr Eastcott said that in addition to the Head the staff of the office will include a Student Welfare Officer, an Administrative Officer and a Secretary.

He said the University was looking for a Head who had among his or her skills an ability to enhance the existing markets for full fee-paying overseas students, as well as to develop new markets.

Centres of the sort envisaged were common in the United States of America and the United Kingdom, and Australian universities were following suit with the aim of integrating the care of overseas students with their normal student programs.

The University felt that because they had to contribute full fees the students may feel they should be treated 'a bit differently from other students'. We will be looking at a range of services we can provide so they get the most out of their time at the University. These services will not be exclusive, however. Hopefully, they will be extended to enhance the quality of university life for all students,' he said.

The full fee-paying students were a great asset to the University, because they provided income which could be directed towards academic and other projects such as International House and the development of new infrastructure services for the benefit by all students of the University.

The Office of Overseas Students would help the overseas students to adjust to life in Australia starting at the initial stage of pre-departure briefings and airport reception to the stage of assisting with accommodation and getting to know fellow students.

It was anticipated that after a period of time the Office would be able to recruit up to 10 per cent of the University's enrolment. Dr Eastcott added that he and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Michael Carter, would ask Schools and Faculties to provide estimates of the number of full fee-paying students they could cater for.

Environmental achievement award

The Board of Environmental Studies is seeking nominations for its annual Environmental Achievement Award.

The award is given to a person, or organisation, from the Newcastle Hunter Region in recognition of achievement in an environmental area or a significant contribution to the quality of the environment.

The Board gives preference to individuals or groups who make a contribution on their own initiative, in their own time and for no financial reward.

The award will be presented at the Board's annual dinner on November 1 and will be a framed certificate, accompanied by a citation.

Nominations should be submitted by July 21 to the Secretary of the Board of Environmental Studies, C/- the Faculty of Engineering.
Wave of sympathy for Chinese students

The killing of students in Beijing by the Chinese Army on June 4 resulted in the University, students and members of staff pledging moral support, and offering assistance, to Chinese students studying at the University.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Carter, met with members of the Chinese Students' Association and expressed sympathy to them on behalf of the whole University community.

Professor Carter said the University fully supported the plea made to the Federal Government by the Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee, Professor Brian Wilson, to offer assistance on humanitarian grounds to students in financial and emotional need, to assist them in coping with immediate problems.

(The Chinese Students' Association is composed of 30-40 postgraduate students and visiting scholars from China.)

As a mark of respect, the University flag was flown at half-mast for three days until the conclusion of a memorial meeting held in Civic Park to mourn the students who were massacred in Beijing.

The speakers at the meeting included the President of the Chinese Students' Association, Mr Wu Go, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman John McNaughton, the Acting Vice-Chancellor, the President of the Students' Representative Council, Ms Alison Kinder and Lecturer in History, Mr Henry Chan, who co-ordinated some of the responses to the massacre in Beijing.

Professor Carter spoke of the many connections the University had with the Chinese people through delegations from Chinese universities and the great affection staff and students felt for its Chinese students in Newcastle.

He said China and the Chinese people had constantly survived crises and upheavals. 'No matter how dark the present hour, we can be confident that a finer future will unfold,' he said.

'Our Chinese students here today will assist in the re-building of their country. The skills, the learning, the scholarship which they acquire here in Newcastle will enable them to construct a happier homeland.'

Ms Kinder said: 'We mourn the loss of the Chinese students in Beijing because we admired their courage. We believe in what they stood for.

'We will never forget the actions of a cruel and merciless government - a government who, when forced with peaceful protest, by ordinary people whose only weapons were the banners of truth, was to turn them on with machine guns, with tanks.

'We have seen the Chinese Government murder its own people: We condemn the Chinese Government as murderers! We mourn the death of our fellow Chinese students!

'We hail the heroes of Beijing!

'Let the flame of freedom never die!'

Mr Chan told the meeting in the park:

'We must be vigilant in our protection of the democracy and the human rights we take for granted in this country.

'We should all strive to keep alive the flame of freedom and democracy which the courage and heroism of the Chinese students in Beijing have left in the hearts and minds of people in China and all over the world.'

Mr Chan said a petition directed to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, which condemned the use of military violence against unarmed supporters of the democracy movement in Beijing, was signed by 2,200 students from the University and the HIHE and more than 500 staff members.

In addition, a statement was signed by 620 people during the meeting in Civic Park.

Conference on the China crisis

Newsweek said the cold, heavy hand of military rule had clamped down on China, stifling the democracy movement and plunging its supporters into fear and sullen rebellion.

Deng Xiaoping's explanation of the June 4 massacre in Beijing was that it was caused by a very small number of people who wanted to set up a 'bourgeois' Republic. The day had been saved, he said, by China's great wall of iron and steel.

With a view to putting the China crisis in perspective, the Department of History held a conference at the University on July 14 (Bastille Day).

The guest speakers were two academics who recently returned to Australia from China—Dr Fred Telwes, Reader in Government at the University of Sydney, a specialist on the Chinese Communist Party and author of books on the party's leadership struggles, and Mr Geremie Barmé, of the Department of Far Eastern History at the Australian National University, a leading writer on literature of the Chinese democracy movement.

Dr Telwes was attached to the People's University in Beijing, whilst Mr Barmé resided in the city during the duration of the peace sit-ins in Tiananmen Square.

Both were closely associated with the students who belonged to the democracy movement.

Mr Henry Chan, Lecturer in History at this University, will address the conference on the historical background to the present upheaval.
Association's dinner on Bastille Day

A former Director of the Commission for the Future, Professor Ian Lowe, will be the guest speaker at the University Staff Association's 30th Anniversary Dinner on July 14 at 7.30 pm.

Professor Lowe, a distinguished broadcaster and witty speaker, is Director of the Science Policy Unit at Griffith University.

At the Staff Association's dinner, to be held in the Staff House, he will speak on 'Universities and the Future'.

The President of the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations, Professor Ralph Tall, will also be a guest at the dinner.

Staff Association President, Mr Robert Mackie, said the staff body was older than the autonomous University. He explained that the Newcastle University College Staff Association changed its name to the University of Newcastle Staff Association in 1959—five years before the commencement of the existing university.

He drew attention to the fact that July 14 was Bastille Day, on which the French Revolution was celebrated. This year was the 200th anniversary of the revolution. Accordingly, the Staff House caterer, Mr Dallas Gold, would provide French cuisine for the dinner.

The Staff Association has extended special invitations to Past Presidents to attend.

Tickets cost UNSA members $20 and guests $22. They are available from the Staff Association's office. The dinner has already been heavily booked.

Use notice boards please

Affixing notices to doors at the entrances to buildings and the walls of buildings on the campus is prohibited.

Re-affirming this University rule, the Buildings and Grounds Division explained that removing the adhesive left behind on the doors and walls generated additional work.

People who wish to put up notices should use the notice boards inside the buildings.

Mr Sandy Sanderson leaves the Staff House on June 30 to follow a new career path.

Sandy's departure will leave a gap in his wake. A smile never far from his face, he is admired because of his friendly and convivial approach to members and visitors.

For the last 10 years, while Club Manager, Mr Sanderson has spent most of every minute working in the bar, where he has combined the skills of sympathiser, humourist and adviser.

His formal duties include administration of the Staff House's operations and co-ordinating arrangements for functions.

Resignation of Staff House 'host'

At the annual general meeting, it has become a practice to thank Sandy for his contribution to the Staff House and to present him with a Christmas present.

He said he had made a lot of good friends at the University and he would miss them. He valued his happy relationship with the various caterers and members of staff.

'I've learnt a huge amount. For example, when I commenced duty in the Staff House, I thought there was only two varieties of wine — white and red,' he said.

The Bulletin is certain that Sandy will be glad if his friends and acquaintances drop in and say their farewells personally.
Looking for medals at Olympiad

Probably never before has a school student from the Hunter Valley been selected to represent Australia at an International Science Olympiad, but Gareth Williams, of Singleton High School, has gained that honour.

Gareth will be a member of a five-student team which will represent Australia at the International Physics Olympiad to be held in East Germany and Poland in July.

The International Chemistry Olympiad will be held simultaneously with the Physics Olympiad.

The International Olympiads are competitions for students who have not yet completed high school. Twenty-six nations are expected to send teams. Each student will sit for two five-hour examinations. Medals are awarded similar to those awarded in the Olympic Games.

Selection for the Australian teams began in March, 1988, and after a qualifying examination, 20 students were selected to attend training camps. The training camp in Physics was held at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

The final selection examinations, which would be at a standard slightly higher than first year at an Australian University, were held last March.

The Department of Physics has provided Gareth Williams with facilities in the Engineering/Science Building to assist him to train for the Physics Olympiad. He has travelled from Singleton once a week and worked on examination papers for past Olympiads to obtain practice for the competition. Mr Ron Roberts, who supervises the Physics Laboratory, and other staff have collaborated with Gareth.

Australia's other representatives to the Physics Olympiad are students from Brisbane Grammar, Knox Grammar in Sydney, The Friends School in Hobart and SCEGS in Sydney.

Before flying out of Australia on June 24 to take part in the competition, members of the team will meet the Chairman of the CSIRO, Mr Neville Wran, and be presented with special commemorative blazers.

They are expected to return to Australia late in July.

Australian participation in International Science Olympiads is organised by a committee in conjunction with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and the Australian Institute of Physics.
So, what makes a university different?

The Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee has today released a document, The Nature of a University, which outlines its views on the role and values of the university.

The document has been developed at a time when there is wide debate on the question of the characteristics of universities and is an attempt to describe the modern university.

The Executive Director of the AVCC, Mr Frank Hallibly, said that the document reaffirmed the constants in the role of the University — the commitment to the pursuit of knowledge through research and scholarship. It also stressed the international, independent nature of universities and the need for them to be protected through their own legislation.

‘At the same time, while the system is undergoing substantial restructuring, the fundamentals remain unchanged. Universities are about offering the best possible education to the widest group of people capable of undertaking higher study.

‘At a time when Australia faces economic and social uncertainty universities, both in terms of teaching and research, remain the best possible national and individual investment.’

The Information Office holds a copy of The Nature of a University should anyone care to borrow it.

Benefits for women in qualifications

The Women In the Workforce exhibition was timely because it demonstrated that women had succeeded in non-traditional fields, Emeritus Professor Beryl Nashar said.

However, she warned that encouragement must be given to girls and women to improve their opportunities for careers, especially by studying physics, chemistry and mathematics.

Speaking to guests at the official opening of the Women In the Workforce exhibition in the Hunter Technology Centre, Professor Nashar, a former Professor of Geology at this University, said that during the last two decades, great strides had been taken to improve the status of women in society. She was pleased that she was a part of that change.

‘Today, you hardly ever read about a “first” for women’, she said. ‘That’s good, because we are now accepted.’

Professor Nashar said some institutions were bending over backwards to help women gain qualifications.

She had often been taken to task for having said that women were to blame for more women not being in top positions. She stood by her statements, because, in her capacity of sitting on boards for the appointment of people to government positions, there had been very few applications from women over a long period.

Professor Nashar said she was now delighted to be able to say that more and more women applied for government positions and the salaries available to women were ‘very, very good’. In fact, she would shortly sit on a board for a position which provided a salary of $66,000.

A number of women had applied and their qualifications were very good.

The Business Planning Manager of BHP’s Rod and Bar Division, Dr Eileen Doyle, who holds BMath, MMath and PhD degrees in this University, said that 80 per cent of all jobs now required scientific and technological qualifications.

The exhibition subdivides into two main parts — A History For the Future: Women In Science and Technology and a photographic collection titled Women At Work In the Hunter. It is on display from 9 am to 4 pm until June 23.

The Liaison Officer for the University’s Equity Project, Ms Gail White, said the exhibition was organised for the purpose of raising awareness in the community of the need to change attitudes towards career options for women. She remarked that there was still a lot of work to be achieved within the school system.
Written records of the family up to 1938. A particularly interesting and valuable collection, as it contains letters written by Thomas Haydon to his relatives in Ireland between 1837 and 1847 and letters written to him from his relatives between 1837 and 1869. There are also letters written between Thomas and Peter Haydon (the latter preferring to pursue business interests in Sydney), as well as letters written to and from other members of the family up to 1938.

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Recently the Haydon Family Papers at Bloomfield near Mururundi gave permission for the Library to microfilm their collection of family papers which date back to the eighteenth thirties. One of the pioneer pastoral families of the Upper Hunter, the Haydons were free settlers of Irish origins. Although a Peter Haydon was the first of the family to arrive in New South Wales in the eighteen twenties and acquire land in the Upper Hunter, it was largely due to the efforts of his brother Thomas, who arrived in the eighteen thirties that Haydon holdings expanded. For a time much of present day Mururundi was known as Haydonton.

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Of interest, too, are letters written to and from members of the Haydon family and tenants while on active duty during World War I. Diaries and letterbooks of other members of the family are available as well as business letters, ledgers, balance sheets and other material relating to the operation of the Haydon properties.

Microfilming of this Collection has now been completed on some 27 rolls of microfilm which may be consulted in the Library. A synopsis of the Papers is available on request.

Auchmuty Library publication No. 8 entitled One Librarian's Point of View, part 2 of a collection of papers etc., by former University Librarian, Ted Flowers, has just been published. Some 16 papers are included, the majority of which have not been previously published.

A display of 12 fans depicting famous sights of Nagoya have been on display in the foyer of the Library from June 15. The fans are facsimile reprints of wood block prints of the Edo period and were purchased by the Japanese Department.

Chem-Bank

The Auchmuty Library now provides access to Chem-Bank, a major source of information on potentially dangerous chemicals. Three major databanks have been mounted on a single CD-ROM: RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health); CHRIS (Chemical Hazard Response Information System from the United States Department of Transportation); and OHMTADS (Oil and Hazardous Materials - Technical Assistance Data System from the US Environmental Protection Agency).

RTECS is a compendium of toxicity data for over 87,000 chemicals and 310,000 compound names. Chemicals are identified by prime name, synonym, RTECS accession number, CAS registry number, molecular formula and weight, or Wiswesser line notation. Toxic effects data accompanying bibliographic references are arranged under five categories: Skin and eye irritation, mutation, reproductive effects, tumorigenic and toxicity data. Information covers type of effects, organ system affected, route of administration, animal species and dose.

CHRIS contains detailed information to assist with emergency response, accident prevention and safety procedure design, the transport of hazardous chemicals. It covers over 1,000 key chemicals and is useful for preparing safety data sheets and safety program design and training. OHMTADS contains numerical data and interpretive comments facilitating rapid effective response to emergency oil spills.

For further Information about Chem-Bank or to arrange a search, contact Janet Brice, the Biomedical Librarian, at Extension 690.

Elizabeth Gulford & Jim Cleary

Changes to Head of Department list

Associate Professor A. Page is Acting Head of the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying from June 19 until July 22.

Dr R. Offer is Acting Head of the Department of Geology for the month of June.
Chinese academic's contribution to research in the Hunter Valley

An agrometeorologist from the Peoples' Republic of China, who is at the forefront of research in his area, has joined two academics in the Department of Geography for about a year.

Professor Huang Shou, Associate Professor at Zhejiang Agricultural University, Hangzhou, is bringing his expertise to bear on the investigations being carried out on climate in vineyards and orchards in the Hunter Valley.

Not only has Professor Shou published extensively on meteorological problems in orchards, but he is a Director of the Agrometeorological Society, the Forest Meteorological Society and the Geographical Society of China.

He has been awarded prizes by the Zhejiang Provincial and Central Chinese Governments and prizes for scientific research.

He teaches agrometeorology and agricultural microclimatology to undergraduate students at Zhejiang Agricultural University and fruit meteorology and fruit tree ecology to graduate students.

The objective of Professor Shou's visit to the Geography Department is to study with Dr Graeme McIntrye and Dr Howard Bridgman on radiation and water budgets in local vineyards. He believes that the collaboration for a year will be very successful and pleasant.


Published as a special issue of the journal Gerontology and Geriatrics Education (Volume 9, Nos 1/2) and simultaneously as a hardcover monograph, the book, in the author's own words, examines the notion of Death Education from several perspectives; indeed, he says, the subject is an excellent example of one inviting a multidisciplinary or inter-disciplinary approach.

'It is intended as an overview for anyone interested in any aspect of Death Education, and gathers together several of the more central perspectives in a single volume,' Dr Warren says.

'At the same time no innovation, no new development in education, should be accepted uncritically. Thus, an equally important aim of the work is to raise important questions that should challenge proponents of Death Education no matter what perspective is taken and in whatever sense the expression Death Education is understood.'

'The material in the volume is also highly pertinent to research and scholarship in relation to the general domain of death and dying phenomena,' the author writes.

The 212-page monograph has received favourable reviews. For example, Professor Franz Epting, of the University of Florida, contends that Dr Warren has made a significant contribution to research in death studies.

'The book will be useful in any number of fields outside of education. He has set a high standard for books in this field which must address both the heart and the mind,' Professor Epting said.

Death Education and Research: Critical Perspectives is available from the Co-operative Bookshop and sells for about $30.
Staff Development

Training Talkback

Safety Training Videos

As part of the on-going safety program, a pilot program commenced on Tuesday, May 30, with the screening of safety videos during the lunch period in the Theatre at the Auchmuty Library.

There were two sessions each day:
- Session 1 — 12.30 to 1 pm
- Session 2 — 1 to 1.30 pm.

The safety topics viewed were:
- May 30, Pay the Price — An excellent safety video on back injury prevention, done in a humorous way, modelled along the lines of the TV game show The Price is Right.
- June 1 — Slips, Trips and Falls. An informative video depicting the common causes of slip trip and fall type injuries in the workplace.

The next series of safety videos will be screened in early July, 1989.

These video screenings will be ongoing on a monthly basis, so keep a look out for these notices on your departmental notice boards and the Bulletin and remember in the interest of safety, bring along a friend.

Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Awareness and Prevention Workshop

Two-hour programmes are to be held on July 12 and 19 for all new computer/keyboard operators.

The programs are designed to assist computer/keyboard operators with the correct set-up and use of ergonomic furniture and computer equipment, the correct seating posture, pause gymnastics exercises, and common problems, which if not identified, could contribute to Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI).

Workshop 1 (July 12) will be for new secretarial/computer/key—boarding staff who have joined the University in the last 12 months.

Workshop 2 (July 19) will be for laboratory, clerical and library staff.

Ms Elizabeth Turner, Consulting Occupational Therapist, will be presenting the workshops, with a maximum of 15 participants each workshop.

Please contact me at the Staff Office at Extension 376 for further information and/or to register for a place.

Communication Skills and Assertiveness in the Workplace

Two one-day programs are to be held on July 3 and 17 for general staff. The programs are designed to assist participants to improve their communication skills and to acquire basic techniques of assertive behaviour.

The emphasis will be on active participation and group involvement in exercises. Common problems encountered in the working environment will be identified and ways of solving these problems, using improved communication and assertiveness, will be considered.

Workshop 1 (July 3) will be for secretarial/keyboard staff particularly those working on a one-to-one basis.

Workshop 2 (July 17) will be for junior laboratory, clerical and library staff.

Dr Monica Hayes will be presenting the workshops, with a maximum of 15 participants.

Please contact John Battard at Extension 376 for further information and/or to register for a place.

This is a Staff Development and Training initiative, co-ordinated through the Staff Office.

Update on Computer Training

Since my last talkback column in issue No. 8 of the Bulletin, I am pleased to announce that introductory courses on Microsoft Word (word processing) and Introduction to Personal Computers and MS DOS have been developed and have been running for the past month.

These courses run for three two-hour sessions and have been conducted in the Computing Room of the Auchmuty Library and the Computing Centre.

I have written to the heads of all departments, asking them to nominate members of staff who have a need for this training, and their response has been most encouraging.

To enable future courses to be arranged, please ensure your departmental head has included you on their formal request for training to the Staff Office.

The two members of staff who currently run these courses are currently updating their skills in Word Perfect Version 5.0 at MTE in Sydney. So that this program can be fully developed for presentation to staff.

J.C. Battard

Achievement for Professor Camm

Associate Professor Jack Camm, of the Department of Geography, is one of 10 Australian geographers who were recently awarded J.P. Thomson Medals by the Royal Geographical Society of Australia, Queensland Incorporated.

Professor Camm has achieved a high reputation in Queensland historical geography and is joint editor of the special Bicentennial series, Australians: An Historical Atlas.

He will travel to New Zealand soon at the invitation of the New Zealand Department of Interior to attend a conference during which he will be a keynote speaker and speak on the development of a New Zealand historical atlas.

The J.P. Thomson Medal is the Queensland Geographical Society’s highest award and commemorates the founder of the society. The Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell, Patron of the society, presented the 10 medals during a ceremony at the society’s new headquarters in Brisbane, Gregory Place.

The list of the J.P. Thomson Medalists is:

Gold Medalist, The Queensland Department of Geographic Information; Silver Medalist, Emeritus Professor Oscar H.K. Spate (Canberra), Emeritus Professor Peter Scott (Hobart) and Professor Bruce G. Thom (Sydney); Bronze Medalists, Mr and Mrs Reg Morrison (Bilgola Plateau), Associate Professor Philip Courtenay (Townsville), Associate Professor Camm (Newcastle), Dr Rod Gerber (Brisbane), Dr John McQuilton (Canberra), and Mr Bruce Goodrick (Canberra).
Authors blaze a new academic trail

A long-standing collaboration between two University of Newcastle academics in writing articles about the philosophy of sport has led to the production of a jointly authored book, which has now been accepted by a major international publisher.

Professor Ron Laura, Professor of Education and Chairman of the Sports Medicine and Health Education Committee of the Hunter Academy of Sport, has written extensively in the field of sport education, as well as in the more orthodox fields of philosophy of education and health education. His writing in these areas led to his being awarded the Gold Medal of Honour from UNESCO in 1988 for his "outstanding global contributions to health education and the Distinguished Medalion from the United States National Academy of Sports Medicine in 1989 for his "original contributions to the field of medicine in sport". His recent book on the philosophy of medicine, co-authored with Sandra Heaney, is shortly to appear with Harvard University Press.

His co-author in his most recent book, titled The Evolution of The Human Body As A Form of Art, is Professor Ken Dutton, Professor of French and Dean of Students. Although a relative newcomer to the field of sport education, Professor Dutton has spent part of every weekend over the course of the past few years researching and writing articles on the subject in collaboration with Professor Laura. One of their joint publications titled, Is Bodybuilding A Sport? has been translated into five languages and has stimulated a number of follow-up articles by other writers, as well as a formal proposal to the International Olympic Committee arguing for the incorporation of bodybuilding as an Olympic Sport. Another of their jointly published articles on the Human Body and Religion has received wide international acclaim for its "originality and scholarly insight" and has already been translated into French, German and Japanese.

The more recent enterprise of a jointly-authored book has grown out of this successful collaboration, and their aim has been to produce the first serious academic treatment of the aesthetic judgement of human physical development. Their work provides a systematic study of the socio-philosophical assumptions about the nature and purpose of the human body which have influenced the aesthetic judgements made about its form throughout the ages. The first part of the book is concerned to exhibit the various expressions of these influences as depicted in sculpture and painting, and (since the mid-nineteenth century) in photography. The second section deals with contemporary modes of presentation of the body as an object of aesthetic appraisal.

"In view of our deliberately academic treatment of the subject", says Professor Laura, "we were not particularly confident that publishers would find the manuscript to be of interest. We were thus delighted when the editorial board of Contemporary Press reported favourably on the manuscript, and especially when the publisher's marketing division was enthusiastic about its potential sales world-wide."

The authors have begun work on a centenary history of competitive weight training, due to be published in 1992. An introductory study, setting out the methodological issues that such a history raises, has recently been accepted by one of the leading academic journals in the field of sports history, Sporting Traditions, and is to appear later this year.

Student wins bursary

Lesley Evered, who is enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, has been awarded a Commonwealth Foundation Bursary to spend an elective period in a Commonwealth country. She will spend her elective in Tanzania.

The Commonwealth Foundation awarded 54 bursaries (total value, about 44,000 UK pounds) to senior medical students in 13 different Commonwealth countries.

Eight Australian students were awarded bursaries and Lesley Evered was the only successful candidate from this University.

The scheme is intended primarily to help visits to developing Commonwealth countries and is open to senior medical students throughout the Commonwealth.

The Lennox-Boyd Memorial Trust awarded seven bursaries (total value 6,000 UK pounds), to senior medical students in five different countries.

Two Australian students were awarded bursaries.
A taste of things to come

As the picture proves, annual Schools Visit Days are very popular to the point where lecture theatres are packed. Dr Kevin Bell, Head of the Department of Chemistry, lectures to Year 12 school students in the Basden Theatre. Approximately 5,000 students from schools in Newcastle, the Hunter Valley, Sydney, the Central Coast, the North Coast, the North West and the West had a preview of University life on June 5.

HECS information update

All enrolled students have completed a Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) Payment Options Form for Semester 1.

For contributing students, the payment option chosen on this form, that is, the up-front or the deferred payment option, will automatically remain for Semester Two and subsequent semesters unless the student changes his or her payment option by completing another HECS Payment Options Form.

Any contributing student who wishes to change his or her payment option for Semester Two should visit the HECS Office in Student Administration before August 24 to complete another Payment Options Form.

Students who were exempt from HECS in Semester One will also be exempt in Semester Two and do not need to complete another Payment Options Form.

All students who have chosen to pay up-front will be sent a request for payment of their HECS contribution for Semester Two in early August.

Students are reminded that their HECS liability for Semester Two will be assessed according to their programme on the Semester Two census date, that is, August 31, 1989.

In order to process changes to students' programmes by August 31, it is necessary for Variation of Programme Forms to be submitted by August 24. No guarantee can be given that forms submitted after August 24 will be processed by the census date.

A reduction in student load or complete withdrawal after August 24 will not reduce a student's HECS liability for Semester Two.

Any enquiries in relation to HECS should be directed to the HECS Office in Student Administration (Extension 711).

Take time out to reflect

Sister Mary Goldsworthy and Sister Faith Jones are organising a weekend retreat for interested staff. They say it will be an excellent opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with yourself, with your community and with God.

The retreat will start at 7.30 pm on Friday, July 28, and will continue until lunchtime on Sunday, July 30. It will be held at 'Anawim' at Wangi. All food and accommodation will be provided and, to cover the costs incurred, $20 per day will be requested.

If you are interested, could you please contact Mary, or Faith, by June 30 at the University, telephone 68 5204 and at the HIE, 68 7516.

Prior to the retreat a gathering will be arranged to formulate the directions the participants would like the time together to take. Everyone is welcome to come.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

A professor is one who professes a system of belief.

An academic professor is 'one who publicly teaches any science or branch of learning ... whose business is to lecture upon or instruct students in a particular branch of learning; as, a professor of theology or mathematics'. (Websters)

Being a professor is sufficient for being a Head of School; but being a Head of School is not sufficient for being a professor.

Lella Cumming, Philosophy (Research).

Workplace prevention and rehabilitation strategies and implementation

Is a conference organised by the Department of Community Programmes which is designed to tw

Two things:

Review the effectiveness of the National Guidelines and State legislation in preventing illness and injury in the workplace and review the effect in the area of rehabilitation of the New South Wales Workcover Legislation since its introduction in July, 1987 and, in particular, the changes which are to occur from July this year.

Enquiries should be directed to 68 5600 or 68 5522.

June 28, 9 am to 4.15 pm
VACANCIES

Word Processor Operator/Office Assistant/Typist — Department of Commerce (Position No. N76/89)

A competent person is required to carry out a range of duties including typing, filing, compiling documents for meetings and reports and answering enquiries from staff and students.

Essential: good typing skills and a knowledge of word processing.

Desirable: experience in operating an IBM PC or similar and associated word processing software.

Applications should indicate their current typing speed.

Commencing salary will be up to $361.13 per week for appointment as an Office Assistant/Typist and $355.06 per week for appointment as a Word Processor Operator.

For further information please contact Professor F. Clarke, Head of the Department of Commerce, telephone 68 5735.

Applications close June 19.

General Information — excellent conditions of employment apply. Superannuation is available.

Applications, quoting position number, should be addressed to the Staff Office, the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, 2308. Please include all details of all relevant information, qualifications, experience and previous employment. Applicants should include copies of recent references and the names and addresses of three referees from whom further information could be obtained.

Equality of employment opportunity is University policy.

Clerk (Temporary/Full-Time) — Bursar's Division (Position No. N77/89)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above position. The appointee will be responsible to the Finance Officer — Salaries Section. Duties will include processing salary appointments, variations, superannuation, contributions, payroll deductions, taxation and part-time returns together with reconciliation of various ledger accounts and preparation of monthly statutory payments.

The position is available from July 3 for a 12 month period.

Essential: sound payroll experience with a knowledge of computerised payroll systems.

Desirable: good communication skills, a knowledge of computerised ledger systems and superannuation reconciliations.

Commencing salary will be within the range of $471.90 per week to $548.81 per week depending on qualifications and experience.

Further information concerning these duties can be obtained by contacting Mr L.J. Caldwell, telephone 68 5352.

Applications close on June 19.

Graduate finds academic job

A former student of the University who graduated as a Master of Mathematics this year has a tutoring position at Monash University.

Mr Brett Davis was an undergraduate student at the University from 1978 to 1982, graduating BMath with Honours Class II, Division 1 in 1983.

In 1984 Mr Davis was awarded a Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarship to pursue a research degree at this University. He became a tutor at the University of New England in 1986.

From his undergraduate days, Mr Davis specialised in analysis. His research thesis in geometric functional analysis is entitled The differentiability of distance functions in normed linear spaces and gives a comprehensive account of recent worldwide research on analytic properties of distance functions, functions which are locally Lipschitz but not quite convex. The Pure Mathematical study extends such work on convex functions and is not only fascinating for its geometrical significance but also has considerable application in non-smooth techniques for optimisation.

After completing his thesis, Mr Davis gave a summary talk at the Centre for Mathematical Analysis in Canberra, which was published in the Centre's Proceedings.

Last February, Brett married Ms Thi Gia Tran Nguyen, who graduated as a BMath at this year's conferring of degrees ceremonies.

They live in Melbourne, where Brett recently enrolled at Monash as a doctoral student.

Tran is training for mathematics teaching.
Advertisements

For Sale

1983-84 Suzuki Carry van (green). Features include: vehicle load, clean, four seater, mechanically A1, very economical, 50,000 kms, registered until February 1990. Going overseas and asking $3,200 or near offer. Please telephone John Smart at Extention 680.

1981 Nissan Bluebird GX Features include: reliability, radio cassette and velour seats (registration NK957). Asking price: $5,500 or near offer. Please telephone Extension 404 or 59 6244.

Brother Super 7800 portable electric typewriter plus hard case in excellent condition. $80; Reclining rocking chair with extending footrest, green vinyl cover, very good condition. $85. Please telephone Extension 680.

1979 Chrysler Lancer. Features include: no rust, four new tyres, resprayed, registered until May, 1990 plus many extras. Asking price: $4,400 or near offer. Please telephone Extension 700 or 54 8512.

Light-weight sleeping bags, ideal for summer camping or as doonas, $10 each. Sundry other camping gear, furniture. Please telephone Extension 262 or 63 2960.

Matsushita 5 and a quarter inch 720kb floppy disk drive. Suit IBM PC and compatibles $100 or near offer; Casio FX 720P programmable calculator, complete with miniature thermal printer and portable mini-cassette recorder for program storage, $150 or near offer; Tandy TRS-80 model 111 computer. Twin disk drives, 48k RAM and Tandy's heavy duty line printer V. The line printer V is a parallel printer with 15" platten and works very well connected to either the TRS-80 or an IBM compatible, $500 or near offer; Marantz ST7000 AM/FM Stereo Tuner with gyrotouch tuning. Excellent long distance FM reception, $150 or near offer; Astor 'Kent' refrigerator — in good running condition, $200 or near offer. Please telephone Philip Greentree at Extension 692.

For Sale by Tender

Toshiba 1200 laptop computer. Features include: dual disk drive (2x700K), new condition, under warranty. Asking price: $1,650 or near offer.

For further information or inspection please contact Mr Ko Doelman, Department of Economics (telephone 68 5798).

Tenders must be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender for Computer' and should be addressed to the Purchasing Officer, the University of Newcastle, New South Wales, 2308.

Tenders close at 11.30 am on June 28.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Lost Property

Numerous pairs of spectacles, plus numerous pairs of dark glasses together with heaps of pencil cases. For all lost please telephone the Lost Property Office in the Great Hall (Extension 283).

Lost Property

Due to various staff members losing their spectacles, the Lost Property Office is again losing contact with many of them. As a result, it is hoped that those responsible can now be contacted. For all lost please telephone the Lost Property Office in the Great Hall (Extension 283).

US religious scholar to present 1989 Morpeth Lecture

The President of the American Academy of Religion, Professor Martin Marty, will be this year's Morpeth Lecturer.

Professor Marty will give the lecture in the Geography Lecture Theatre (R02) on July 5 at 8 pm. His topic is What Do Fundamentalists Fear.

The American Academy of Religion comprises 4,600 scholars of religion.

Born in 1928, Marty is the Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Modern Christianity at the University of Chicago, where he earned his PhD in 1956. Since 1963, he has taught in the Divinity School, the Committee on the History of Culture and the History Department.

Marty is also Senior Editor of the weekly, The Christian Century, editor of the fortnightly newsletter, Context, and co-editor of the quarterly, Church History.

He is president of the Park Ridge Centre — an Institute for the study of Health, Faith and Ethics.

He is Past President of both the American Society of Church History (1971) and the American Catholic Historical Association (1981).

The holder of 29 honorary doctorates, he is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and an elected member of the Society of American Historical Scholars and the American Antiquarian Society. He won the National Book Award for Righteous Empire in 1972.

He is the author of 40 books. Marty served 10 years in the pastorate after having been ordained as a Lutheran in 1952. He and his wife, Harriet, live in Riverside, Illinois; their family includes four sons, a daughter, two foster children and five grandchildren.

The Morpeth Lecture is open to all interested people. There is no charge for attendance.

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WINTER BALL
Saturday, July 29
7.30 for 8 pm

Germania Club
Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay

Entertainment includes music by Shandila and two dance show

Dress: semi-formal
Light supper available

$10 per person
Tickets are available from 2NUR or the Germania Club

Proceedings to the 2NUR Building Appeal

5 WEEKS TO BOOK FAIR, July 22 to 29