Colleagues in more ways than one

Professor Barbara Perkins and Professor George Perkins are colleagues in research as well as in the home.

They are academics at Eastern Michigan University in the United States and have arrived at the University to teach students in the Department of English for second semester.

Barbara and George Perkins can look back at careers as teachers and researchers in the same field — contemporary American literature. They are keen to use their visit to Australia to learn about the state of our contemporary literature.

How is it that two American Professors who are married to each other have been induced to come to Newcastle?

Whilst they were attending a scholarly conference in America a few years ago, they and Professor John Burrows and Dr Dianne Osland became friends. They were invited to take up Visiting Professor positions in this University. They accepted, but deferred their visit till now.

They can see similarities between their university and ours, even though Eastern Michigan University has 25,000 students and the University of Newcastle has 7,000.

'Like Newcastle, we have a lot of non-traditional (mature age) students and minority (disadvantaged) students. Ypsilanti, where our university is located, includes a large working class district, which has developed around a number of vehicle manufacturing plants, including General Motors. 'Like Newcastle, we have large components of part-time and first generation' students,' they said.

Eastern Michigan University (not to be confused with the huge University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor) is a comprehensive university made up of Schools of Business, Technology, Education, Arts and Sciences and Human Services.

The Perkiness are co-editors of the well-established Journal of Narrative Technique, co-authors of the text book Contemporary American Literature, 1945-1988, published by Random House, and co-authors, with Dr Phil Laininger, of a library reference book The Readers' Encyclopaedia of American Literature, which will be released in 1991.

Barbara intends to extend her personal interest in American women fiction writers to embrace the equivalent segment of Australian fiction, including Elizabeth Jolley and Kate Llewelyn. 'It may be true', she said, 'as it is in the
during their stay in Newcastle.

George has been editor of the teaching anthology, The American Tradition in Literature (McGraw-Hill publishers), for the last 20 years, and a new edition, the seventh, is in the press.

George commenced reading Peter Carey's Oscar and Lucinda before he left America. 'We want to enlighten ourselves about the writers who matter, and we may easily be persuaded to publish a special edition of Journal of Narrative Technique dealing with Australian writers', he said.

In addition to taking classes in the English Department, they will visit some other Australian universities. A former member of the UN's staff, Professor Tony Hassall, has invited them to visit James Cook University, Townsville, and this has presented them with an opportunity to travel along, and see, the east coast of Australia.

The two Professors Perkins are accompanied by their daughters, Suzanne and Alison.

Suzanne recently finished college in America and intends to study education at Harvard Graduate School. In Newcastle, she will read history and study acting.

Alison, who is a student at the University of Massachusetts, will spend the semester studying sociology and history at this University.

The Perkinses other daughter, Laura, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, is living in California. She plans to join her family in October.

Barbara is occupying Room 140, and George Room 122, in the English Department and are happy to meet members of the University during their stay in Newcastle.

Minister's procedure causes confusion says Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor has expressed the University's concern at the apparent confusion attending implementation of the Act amalgamating the University, the Hunter Institute and the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

Professor Morgan said the confusion did not arise from the processes of amalgamation of the institutions but from the procedure which the Minister for Education, Dr Metherell, had preferred to follow.

The three institutions had assumed that complete amalgamation would take effect on a specific date agreed for Implementation of the new Act', he said. 'The Minister wishes the implementation phased so that the three institutions and the amalgamated University will co-exist over a transitional period.

'This concept has, not surprisingly, produced complications over the responsibilities and authorities carried by the three institutions and their Councils through this interim period. The complications have been reflected in the communications received by the University over the last two weeks.'

In succession, Professor Morgan said, advice had been received from the Ministry of Education indicating that it was the Minister's intention to:

- Implement the new Act before repealing the existing Act, so that there would be co-existence in the Interim Council under the new Act and the Council under the 1964 Act.
- Give effect to this on July 1, a date subsequently postponed first to July 7 and now to 'early August'.
- Appoint the Interim Council in the first week in July and postponed successively to the middle of July and now to 'early in August'.

'The latest advice,' Professor Morgan said, 'indicates that commencement of the new Act will be in early August and appointment of the Interim Council will occur at about the same time. This will be followed by transfer of staff, students, assets and liabilities to the amalgamated University.'

'The Minister indicates his wish that this be completed "by October 1 at the latest",' he said.

Assistance for visually-impaired

The Vice-Chancellor has authorised the purchase of a device which assists visually impaired people to work in the Library.

The device, called a Kurzweil Reader, converts printed text in English to speech. In association with a Viewpoint Magnifier, which will also be bought by the University, the Reader permits visually impaired staff and students to have the same access to the same references that other students have access to.

Professor Morgan approved the expenditure of $22,000 from the Vice-Chancellor's Discretionary Fund on the reader and magnifier.

Members of Council were recently given a special presentation on the needs of people with visual disabilities by the EEO Unit.

The Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity had identified the Kurzweil machine as an item of equipment with the highest priority.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Michael Carter, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Mr Lance Hennessy, advised the Vice-Chancellor to approve the purchase, which they said, was justified as a new development designed to assist the small number of blind students to undertake courses and encourage other blind people to enrol for university study.

Browse and buy Thousands of Second-hand books The Book Fair July 22 to 29 Great Hall
Visit shows different systems

Dr Silvia Terzi's visit to the University of Newcastle illustrates the differences between the Italian academic credentialling system and our own.

Silvia holds a Laurea in the University of Rome and a Specialisation in the University of Naples and these are suitable academic qualifications to be called Doctor.

She is presently studying at the University of Rome for a postgraduate award titled a Dottorato di Ricerca (research doctor).

Dr Terzi's involvement in this advanced program of study and her success in being granted a scholarship, led to her taking up an appointment as Visiting Lecturer in Statistics.

The conditions of the Dottorato di Ricerca program entitle a student to further his or her research at an overseas university for six months.

When Dr Terzi considered institutions which fitted her particular discipline — time series analysis — she at first looked at universities in the United States and the United Kingdom. She discovered a book on time series analysis written by Senior Lecturer in Statistics, Dr Barry Quinn, and this prompted her to seek a visiting research position in the Department of Statistics.

Until next December Dr Terzi will carry out collaborative research with Dr Quinn and other academics and conduct some seminars on time series analysis, a discipline which has relevance with a number of areas such as economics, engineering and geophysics.

Unfortunately, the workload they will carry out will not allow Dr Terzi much opportunity to travel to many parts of Australia. Nonetheless, she will visit Canberra to do research at the Australian National University.

Rallies on North Coast organised

Students of this University have been urged to participate in protests against the proposed Cape Byron International Academy to be established at Broken Head, near Byron Bay.

The President of the Students' Representative Council, Ms Alison Kinder, said the Council had decided to join with some other student groups, including the New South Wales Branch of the National Union of Students and the University of New England SRC, to oppose the Cape Byron International Academy, which, in her opinion, would offer courses of a substandard nature. She said the academy would cost approximately $60 million and was planned for a 110 ha site, with two kms of beach.

Private companies had given the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education a contract to design courses for the academy and provide staff and student services.

She said student and academic groups opposed the academy, claiming it would be a private university, which would be formally affiliated with the University of New England after the amalgamation of the UNE and the NRCAE and would conduct activities more suitable for a tourist resort than a higher education institution. A further objection was based on the impact of the development on the natural state of the site.

Ms Kinder said the NUS had organised rallies as follows: at the NRCAE in Lismore, August 10; at Bond University on the Gold Coast August 11; and at Cape Byron International Academy site, August 12.

Buses would run from Sydney via the University and the UNE at Armidale to take students to the rallies, she said.

Information on the academy proposal and the action planned against its establishment was available for students to read in the SRC office.

Ms Di Anne Mackey, of the Cape Byron Protection Committee, would speak in the Auchmuty Room in the University Union on July 31 at 1 pm.

AUTONOMY DAY

- List of Events -

6:00 am  Early Openers at Cambridge Hotel.

6:00 am  Free books to first 100.

8:00 am  Billy Cart Heats begin.

8:30 am  Kegs on the Bridge.

Free to FRAT members.

10:15 am  Sausages Sizzle.

Dunkers showed out in the courtyard.

11:00 am  Iron Man Contest.

11:00 am  At The Fountain of Pain.

11:40 am  Billy Cart Derby Finals.

12:00 noon  The Bar Opens!

2:00 pm  Weeklong game of Murder

comes to its climax.

4:00 pm  The Goldards in the Bar.
Staff Association's Log of Claims Served on University

As the Bulletin was going to press, the Staff Association met and voted in favour of a log of claims relating to working conditions for academic staff of the amalgamated University.

The President of the Staff Association, Mr Robert Mackie, informed the meeting that the log of claims would be served on July 12.

Mr Mackie said one outcome of the State Government having passed legislation dissolving and incorporating the Hunter Institute of Higher Education and the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music into the University was the need for academic staff and general staff to prepare new logs of claims on the University.

He said logs of claims had already been served by the associations which covered academic employees of the HIHE — the Lecturers' Association and the Federation of College Academics.

Discussions on the proposed set of working conditions held between senior representatives of the University and the Hunter Institute and the academic unions had been reasonably amicable, Mr Mackie said.

Any fears that Hunter Institute academics would automatically transfer to higher salary scales were unfounded, he said. The Hunter Institute unions were arguing that some Lecturers transfer to Lecturer III, that Principal Lecturers transfer to the Associate Professor scale and Heads of Schools transfer to Professorial salaries.

The main matters in the log of claims referred to by Staff Association members included:

Tenure — all academic employees currently holding tenured positions shall retain such positions upon amalgamation. There shall be no redundancies as a result of amalgamation.

General Conditions — no academic employee shall suffer any loss of salary, accrued sick leave, accrued long service leave, other entitlements, including access to outside studies programs, or loss of academic standing as a result of amalgamation.

Transfer of employees — academic employees formerly employed in the HIHE and the Newcastle Conservatorium shall be appointed on University salary scales pursuant to the Australian Universities Academic and Related Staff (salaries) Award 1987 and shall be transferred to a salary point which is identical to their salary point within the University’s scale and pay structure, to the next highest point.

Reclassifications — all tutors, senior tutors, teaching fellows and senior teaching fellows of the former University shall be reclassified as Lecturers.

The titles pertaining to academic employees of the amalgamated institution shall be Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor.

Those academic employees of the former University of Newcastle, who currently hold the titles referred to above, shall continue to hold those titles.

Those academic employees of the Hunter Institute and the Newcastle Conservatorium who are currently classified as Lecturer III shall retain that title.

No new appointments shall be made at the level of Lecturer III in the amalgamated institution. Academic employees currently classified as Lecturer II shall be entitled to apply for promotion to Lecturer.

Academic employees of the Hunter Institute and the Newcastle Conservatorium who are currently classified as Principal Lecturer and/or Head of School hold titles not replicated in the University of Newcastle. Those academic employees currently so classified shall retain their title. No new appointments are to be made in the amalgamated institution at the level of Principal Lecturer or Head of School.

Principal Lecturers and/or Heads of Schools shall be eligible to apply in the normal way for promotion subject to the established criteria of the University.

Promotion — promotion shall be by merit and in accordance with accepted affirmative action and equal opportunity policies and practices of the University of Newcastle.

Staff Development — the amalgamated institution shall establish an academic employees' consultative committee with regard to anomalies that arise following amalgamation.

 Asked for an indication of the categories of union coverage after amalgamation, Mr Mackie said it was likely that the Staff Association would include the 50 members of the Federation of College Academics at the Hunter Institute. Increasing its membership to 350. The full number of the other academic union, the Lecturers' Association, was about 150 members.

LIBRARY ROUND-UP

Display

A display marking the bicentenary of the French Revolution has been set up in the Library adjacent to the Audio-visual area. The focus of the display is a series of beautiful elephant-sized folios of original architectural drawings of European classical architecture. The drawings were mostly made by young Australian architects visiting Europe in the inter-war period. They include drawings of St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Wren's London churches, Renaissance palazzi in Florence and great buildings of Paris.

The other donation is a collection of photographs taken between 1857 and the 1880s in Europe and Egypt and their subject matter is similar to the drawings mentioned above.

Both donations will be held in the Archives Section of the Library.

Jim Cleary
Elizabeth Gulford
Professor of English retires

The fourth Professor of English at the University of Newcastle, Professor John Burrows, will retire on August 4 after 13 years at the University.

Professor Burrows commenced duty at Easter, 1976 and was joined in 1977 by Professor David Frost. Their predecessors were the late Gus Cross, Clive Hart, and Tony Gibbs.

Over those 13 years, enrolments in English fell sharply after Teacher Education Scholarships were discontinued in 1978. During the 80s they have steadily recovered and the first year intake, once as low as 100, is almost 300.

The success of our graduates in many walks of life and a steady flow of honours and postgraduate degrees are particular cause for satisfactions, Professor Burrows says. 'The very high retention rates in English II and III are an encouraging sign for the future. In a Department like ours, the credit for those things must be shared by many of its past and present members.'

My chief research interests, when I came here from the University of Sydney were in 18th Century and Australian Literature. In recent years, the work I have been doing has benefited increasingly from computer assistance, in which I have had generous support from the University, from the Australian Research Grants Committee, and from colleagues here and overseas,' he said.

The first major outcome of this new line of research was the acclaimed book, *Computation Into Criticism: A Study of Jane Austen's Novels and an Experiment in Method*, published in 1987. Professor Burrows is currently working on another book — a computer-assisted study of changes in narrative style over three centuries.

His contributions to the life of the University are well-known. During his time at the University of Newcastle he was Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Head of the Department of English and served on practically every committee in the institution. He especially remembers his time as a member of Senate, as Chairman of the Outside Studies Committee, a member of many Chair Selection Committees and a member of the Planning and Resources Committee.

Professor Burrows held the Commonwealth Fellowship of St. John's College, Cambridge in 1979-80 and returned to the College on sabbatical leave in 1984. Last year he held the appointment of Visiting Research Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh.

Retirement for Professor Burrows will mean more time to attend to his research speciality. He will become the Director of the new Centre for Literary and Linguistic Computing.

He is looking forward to making a change in his day-to-day routine. 'I expect to have a reasonably workable load instead of running from teaching to research to administration and staying up all night to achieve this.'

'I look forward confidently to the future of the University. The most serious threat at present is that buoyant but underfunded enrollments will restrict its capacity for the innovative work without which all our universities will dwindle,' he said.

New centre to promote literary studies

The University proposes to establish a Centre for Literary and Linguistic Computing. Professor John Burrows, who is shortly to retire from his Chair of English in the University, is to be its first Director.

Over the last 10 years, with support from the Australian Research Committee and the University of Newcastle, Professor Burrows and his colleagues have developed new and valuable methods of computer-assisted textual analysis. In their present form, the methods yield clear and intelligible answers to a wide range of literary and non-literary questions. In the literary field, it is possible to show clear differences between the writings of different historical periods; between most male and most female writers; between the early and the later work of a given writer; and between the authentic work of given writers and those texts where someone else has revised, or has tried to imitate, their work. Both in and beyond the field of literature, it is possible to resolve problems of
plagiarism and other kinds of fraudulent writing.

Professor Burrows has given invited lectures in various other universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, and Yale and has presented papers at numerous major conferences. Since 1983, he has published a book and many articles on these matters. The book, whose subject is Jane Austen’s novels, was published by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, in 1987 and has had highly favourable reviews. One eminent English reviewer described it as ‘the most accomplished “close reading” to date of Jane Austen’s dialogue, and the most stylish book written on Austen since ... 1939’. Another described it as ‘a model of how to use statistics and of how to write about the conclusions with an elegance and penetration to rival those of its subject’. And a third saw it as pioneering a new field of literary study.

Apart from Professor Burrows, the team of contributors to the work of the Centre are Professor David Frost, Dr Hugh Craig, Dr Wayne McKenna, Mrs Alexis Antonia and Mrs Nicole Cox. The team is currently working on questions of narrative style in several major novelists; on the authorship of some celebrated Elizabethan plays, including Henry VIII, The Spanish Tragedy, and The Two Noble Kinsmen; on the evolution of James Joyce’s style; and on letter-writing as a measure of ‘non-literary language’.

Dr Craig is to give a paper at the MLA Conference in New York in December and Professor David Frost expects to give a paper at the annual Shakespeare conference at Stratford-on-Avon in July, 1990.

The team has undertaken some collaborative work with and answered many questions from scholars in other universities in Australia and abroad. It has reported successfully on each of the ‘forensic’ problems put to it in cases of plagiarism and the like.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, said the University was confident that the new Centre would win recognition for itself and add to the University’s growing reputation for excellence in research.

Gain for 2NUR from overseas study tour

The Manager of 2NUR is hoping his overseas study tour will pave the way for increased community funding for the University’s radio station, 2NUR, as well as many of the 84 other public radio stations in Australia.

Mr Brett Gleeson’s study tour lasted six weeks and was sponsored by Qantas and the University of Newcastle.

Mr Gleeson received the 1988 Qantas Award for Excellence in Public Broadcasting. He received a return air ticket to the United Kingdom and the United States.

Seeking to undertake a project which would benefit public broadcasting in Australia, Mr Gleeson visited many public radio stations, and professional and statutory bodies to learn about fund-raising techniques used to assist community and university broadcasters.

Fund-raising. Mr Gleeson said, is a critical area for public broadcasters, who have very limited access to the public purse and the advertising dollar.

‘I have obtained hundreds of fund-raising ideas and, hopefully, I can now return something worthwhile to 2NUR, in particular.’

As the Qantas Award is administered by the Public Broadcasting Association of Australia, he will report on his overseas tour to the Association and present a paper to the next conference of the PBAA in September.

In the immediate short-term Mr Gleeson borrowed an idea he obtained in the US to conduct an on-air auction on July 8. Two cruises, each for two people, on the Bass Strait vessel, Abel Tasman 1, were auctioned to the two highest bidders. This raised $870 for the 2NUR Building Appeal in just three hours.

In the long-term he proposes to look at implementing a direct marketing strategy aimed at lifting the value of subscriptions to the radio station.

‘I would also like to see 2NUR increase its income from listeners, in particular from radiothons. We hold radiothons every two years, whilst in the US this kind of fund-raiser is held generally two or three times a year. We raise about $10,000 — a similar community station to ours in the US raises $100,000.’

Mr Gleeson returned with heaps of valuable material on public broadcasting in the United States and the United Kingdom.

‘Last year, public broadcasting authorities in the US received $240 million from Congress and next year an extra $200 million has been asked for to provide a second satellite. By contrast public radio stations in...
Australia receive less than $3 million in Government funding.'

Mr Gleeson disclosed that in the US there were two categories of public broadcasting — national and community, comprising about one-third of the total number of radio stations, which is over 10,500.

National stations have as many as 30 members of staff, budgets ranging from $1.4 million and they broadcast a lot of news and current affairs.

'Funding for national radio is incentive-based, that is, every dollar given by private supporters earns 25 cents from Congress.'

The main difference between public and community stations was their ability in meeting certain operational qualifications in relation to their program format, staffing, and transmission power. For those stations which met the qualification, life was relatively easy.

Mr Gleeson said the small community stations, which had fewer staff and small budgets, depended on voluntary assistance and broadcast specialised programs, were very similar to what we know as public or community radio in Australia.

It seemed to him that public funding of broadcasting could be apportioned more equitably.

On his way to the United States, Mr Gleeson visited the Open University in Milton Keynes, just north of London. 'I was very keen to look at the way the Open University develops, finances, markets and delivers its courses. Many of the Open University course applications can be adopted, or modified, to be used here. I believe that there could be a strong case for 2NUR to develop course programs in conjunction with the Department of Community Programs and other departments. Programs based on professional updating, recreational, social or welfare issues also have a strong appeal.'

Coincidentally Mr Gleeson was very impressed with the services produced by the Open University's Visitors' Centre. Many of the features will be incorporated in the University of Newcastle's Visitors' Centre, which will be housed within 2NUR's proposed new building.

New Lecturer is home-grown

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While he and his family had personal reasons for coming back to Newcastle, Dr Michael Hannaford was also attracted by this University's high reputation as a research centre.

Dr Hannaford, who holds a BA/BE degree with Honours, a Diploma in Computer Science and a PhD degree in this University, has commenced his appointment as a Lecturer in Electrical Engineering.

He said he believed that the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was one of the best of its kind in Australia — if not the best. The establishment of a centre of excellence in microelectronics added to the magnetism of the University.

Dr Hannaford was born in Gosford, grew up in Newcastle and was a student at the old Newcastle Boys' High.

He worked in the Computing Centre at Newcastle Steel Works while his study at the University was sponsored by the BHP.

Between 1980 and 1985 he was a PhD degree student under the supervision of Dr David Blatt. His thesis dealt with program behaviour and memory management.

Dr Hannaford and his wife, Prue, were in the United States for four years. At Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, he held appointments as, first, Visiting Assistant Professor and, later, Assistant Professor, of Computer Science.

On the research side, Dr Hannaford is involved with operating systems, networking and distributed computing. He will teach classes in some of these disciplines.

Michael and Prue went to America as a couple and returned to Australia as a family. Meredith (two-and-a-half) and Stephen (10 months) being born while they were away.

Choir's concert on a grand scale

The University Choir is currently preparing for one of the most exciting ventures its 12-year history.

On August 26, in the Great Hall, the Choir will present Verdi's Requiem, with four of Australia's most prominent opera singers as soloists.

Myer Fredman, conductor for the Australian Opera, will conduct the performance. The soloists are all famous on the concert platform: Rita Hunter (soprano), Margreta Elkins (mezzo-soprano), Kenneth Collins (tenor) and Grant Dickson (bass). They are international singers with the very special ability and technical excellence required for a work of such beauty and genius.

The Verdi Requiem is regarded as one of the greatest works in the choral repertoire.

The concert will be presented on a grand scale, with an orchestra of 65 and a choir of 100. Preparations for the costly event have been under way for the past 12 months.

Tickets will soon be on sale at the Civic Theatre, Latham's Garden City, the University Union and MacDonald Bros., Maitland. They cost $16 (adults) and $10 (concession).

Change to meeting date

The final meeting on the Information Services Sub-Group will now be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 11 am in the old Council Room, McMullin Building.

Any interested staff are invited to return written comment to Dr David Kay of the Department of Biological Sciences by 5 pm on Friday, July 21 and/or to attend the final meeting of the Sub-Group.
The Drama Department’s stage presentation, Three Sisters, by Anton Chekhov, is running in the Drama Theatre for 10 nights, ending on July 22.

The Drama Department describes the play as ‘one of the supreme achievements of modern theatrical writing’. Chekhov examines the frustrating lives of three sisters, Olga, Masha and Irina, who live with their brother, Andrey, in a provincial town in Russia and yearn to return to Moscow.

The cast includes several outstanding Newcastle actors, including Robert Simm (Chebrykin) and Alan Bodenham (Kulygin). However, the majority of the main roles are taken by students or Drama Department staff, including Suzanne Adamson (Olga), Michaela Bolzan (Irina), Rebecca Brandon (Masha), David Berthold (Tusenbach), Barry O’Connor, (Vershinin), Phillip Brandle (Andrey), Patrice Wilson (Natasha).

The production is designed by Tom Bannerman, the lighting design is by Mark Carpenter and the direction is by Victor Emeljanow.

Seats ($8 and $5 concession) may be obtained by telephoning the Department at Extension 705.

Student accommodation — from the SRC

The Students’ Representative Council is pleased with the results of its efforts to have the plans of the proposed joint student accommodation blocks amended.

The President of the SRC, Ms Alison Kinder, said the students’ and Council’s concerns about the designs of the self-catering units had been addressed by the University.

The University Council has approved an expenditure of $4.1 million on the construction of new accommodation blocks housing 120 students and further units at International House accommodating 33 students. The complex has been jointly planned by the University and the Hunter Institute, with $1.8 million of the cost being provided by the Federal Government.

Ms Kinder said the students’ main concern was to provide residents of the buildings with a living environment which was quiet and conducive to study and allowed social intercourse.

The matters that had been resolved, she said, included an alternative kitchen layout, which provided a breakfast bar and additional bench space, a second refrigerator for every 10 residents, double-glazed sound-proofed and self-closing doors in halls, locks on the ground floor windows, exhaust fans in the laundry/bathroom, glass doors on the showers, drawers in the kitchen, adequate storage space and designated car parking space.

The SRC President said that the Student Accommodation Committee of the SRC would not be wound up.

"If the University is to provide student accommodation which will prove to be a success, and if revenue is to be derived from it, the residents, that is the users, should be involved in the detailed planning and the formulation of policy," she said.

(From left): Rebecca Brandon plays Masha, Suzanne Adamson plays Olga and Michaela Bolzan plays Irina in the Three Sisters.

The Drama Department at Extension 705.

She said the matters were resolved at a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. After considerable debate, the accommodation was approved. It was agreed that the Vice-Chancellor should not sign a contract unless the plans were satisfactory and it was agreed that further meetings would be held with the students to allay their concerns. The Vice-Chancellor also arranged for the plans to be re-examined by the University and Institute Joint Committee on Student Residential Accommodation.

On June 22, the Council, after considerable debate, voted 1 to 8 for the accommodation to go ahead subject to the technical matters raised by the students being resolved and a Project Committee being appointed to enable students to meet further with the Project Managers to discuss additional matters as they arise. The Project Committee comprises Mr M.E. Edmonds (Manager, Buildings and Grounds Division, Chair), Mr P. Oke (President of the HlHE’s SRC), Mr K. Gillman (Student Representative on the University Council), Ms M. George (Student Representative on the Institute’s Council) and Ms Kinder.

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Three new Vice-Chancellors

Professor Michael Osborne, Professor of Classical Studies and Head of the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Melbourne, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University.

The Vice-Chancellor designate of the University of Sydney is Professor Don McNicol, currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England.

Professor Fay Gale, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

Cyclists beware

The University has recently experienced a spate of thefts of bicycles.

A spokesman for the Patrol Staff said there was cause for people to make sure their bicycles were securely chained up before they left them.

The spokesman said security was a prime concern at present because of the theft of an average of two bicycles a night in the week ending July 14. Mayfield Police had been told about the thefts.

The Human Face of Modern Poetry

The Department of Community Programmes will present a follow-up to its successful study of modern poetry, The Pleasures of Modern Poetry.

The new study, The Human Face of Modern Poetry, will be held at Newcastle City Library on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to Noon beginning on August 9.

There will be close consideration of outstanding and interesting poets from the British Isles and Australia: Philip Larkin, Derek Mahon, Anne Stevenson, Peter Porter, Bruce Dawe, Jan Owen and Les A. Murray. The series will close with a tribute to the late T.H. Naisby, who was among many other things a tireless advocate for poetry in the Hunter Region.

Dr Donald Moore, who conducted the previous course, will present eight sessions, each lasting one-and-a-half hours.

Copies of the poems to be studied will be available at the lectures.

The cost is $35 and $25 concession.

Statuette from antiquity

Shown above inspecting the Tarantum the statuette which the University purchased at the recent Artworks From Antiquity Exhibition are (from left) Ms Lyn Charron, of Hamilton South, Professor Godfrey Tanner and Mr Maurice Bottaro.

The exhibition, which drew considerable public attention, was presented in the Green Room In the Great Hall by Re-Entombed Galleries and Galleries Pritif, of Sydney.

Professor Tanner performed the official opening.

Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds of the exhibition was directed towards the University's art acquisition fund.

The Tarantum statuette has been added to the University's Art Collection.

Exhibition for Francophiles

- Two students inspect the display marking the bicentenary of the French Revolution in the Library.
Implementation of the EEO/AA priorities paper

You will have read in the last Bulletin some details about the proposals of EEO and Affirmative Action contained in the paper entitled Priorities for Structural Change, endorsed by Council on June 22.

These are some of the proposals and the kind of action being taken now to implement them:

- Re-entry Fellowships: the University is funding two of these this year (they were advertised recently). A further four are proposed over the next two years, with Commonwealth Government funding or corporate sponsorship or University funding. The Project Officer will be asked to investigate these alternatives and prepare submission documents.

- A number of academic staff matters will be discussed with Professor Carter, who now assumes the role of Director of Affirmative Action (Academic). These include getting Senate approval of a Code of Selection of Academic Staff, and academic staff development.

- A meeting room for the use of Aboriginal staff and students is to be identified and outfitted in a central location. While Wollotuka at the Institute has excellent facilities, it is too far away for University staff or students to visit for a quick cup of coffee or even for lunch. The need for this room was identified by Aboriginal staff.

- Improved arrangements for the funding of building alterations and the purchase of specialised items of equipment for people with physical disabilities will be made through the Bursars Division, Buildings & Grounds Division and Finance and Planning Committee.

- Involvement of students and staff with disabilities in the planning of building modifications and new works, to identify any unnecessary barriers to people with disabilities, will be arranged with the Buildings & Grounds Division.

- A Register of Women, to identify all the women on the University's staff who are willing to serve on committees (both selection committee and other decision-making bodies) will be compiled and regularly updated.

- The provision of better child-care facilities will be explored, with the Vice Chancellor having been requested to report to Council with specific proposals within three months.

- Directors of Schools will be requested to set up an administrative policy committee with a membership representative of all groups of staff — academic and general — in the School. Such a committee would discuss issues relating to the administration of the School, would serve as an advisory and consultative forum for Directors, and would give staff, particularly general staff, a voice in the running of the School, in the aspects which affect them, which they may not have had to date.

- Accountability for EEO of Heads of Departments and Divisions will be emphasised, with requirements that each departmental annual report include a section on EEO. Heads of Department and Divisions will also be asked to indicate their need for, and willingness to attend, information sessions on EEO and Affirmative Action.

Obviously many of these things require the active involvement and co-operation of other people — EEO is not just the business of the EEO Unit. With enthusiasm and commitment from all staff, the University can make a significant progress towards achievement of the objectives of its EEO Management Plan.

Susan M. Jones,
EEO Co-ordinator

UNICEF-Australia Fellowships

The National Education Committee of UNICEF-Australia has developed a Fellowship Scheme to involve tertiary educators in the work of UNICEF during a study leave/professional leave program, or during retirement.

Applications to this scheme may be made under these categories: Individuals — study leave/professional experience program; Individuals — retirement; Institutional — institutions undertaking work on a project basis.

The aim of the scheme is to provide academic staff who are contemplating study leave, or who match one of the categories above, with the opportunity of undertaking research congruent with various UNICEF projects.

There is seen to be a mutal benefit, in that the work of UNICEF can be advanced from the contribution of Fellows, while the work of the Fellows and their Institutions can be enhanced through an association with UNICEF.

Expressions of interest are begin sought in several areas for 1990/91:

Preparation and promotion of educational materials on Development Education for schools; Development of educational materials to promote The State of the World's Children Report; Projects relating to International Literacy Year, 1990.

While these areas have been identified by UNICEF, Australia is interested in securing applications across a range of areas related to Development Education, where research or development proposals are congruent with UNICEF's interests and programs.

Expressions of interest for 1990 are now being sought (although those interested in 1991 may also wish to apply). Applications close on August 31.

Application forms can be obtained by telephoning Mr Ivan Beringer on (03) 650 1129.

Browse and buy
Thousands of Second-hand books
The Book Fair — July 22 to 29
University Great Hall
Farewell Recital.

Friday, July 21, 8 pm
Megan Prior (soprano) — Farewell Recital. Tickets: $10 and $7 concession.

Wednesday, July 26, 11.10 am
Robert Ampt (organ). Tickets: $2 and $1 concession.

Thursday, July 27, 1.10 pm
Vince Martinelli (classical guitar) — Farewell Recital. Mozart (Son), Bach, Walton and Torroba. Tickets: $7 and $4 concession.

Thursday, August 3, 7.30 pm
Anna-Marie Beljeman (piano) — Young Graduates Concerts. Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin, Peter Martin Studio. Tickets: $5 and $3 concession.

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University tennis championships

Westpac will sponsor the 1989 University Open Tennis Championships.

The championships will comprise men’s singles, men’s doubles, ladies’ singles, ladies’ doubles, mixed doubles and mixed doubles for handicapped players.

Play will be held at the University Tennis Complex on July 23, July 30 and August 6.

Entries should be submitted to the Squash Centre or the Sport and Recreation Office.

Enquiries can be made to the Tournament Director, Mr Chris Adamson (52 71200), or the Tournament Referee, Mr Ralph Volmari (66 2982).

Support for disabled students

The SRC President, Ms Alison Kinder, is looking at possible ways of improving the support being given to students with disabilities.

Ms Kinder said the University did not offer a scholarship for a disabled student. She estimated that to establish a self-perpetuating scholarship approximately $10,000 would have to be raised and invested.

'The SRC is looking at the possibility of holding a big fund-raiser, such as a fun run. If we decide to go ahead, we will be requesting the assistance and backing of the Sport and Recreation Office, other Departments, students and staff and Newcastle companies,' she said.

Ms Kinder said she was concerned about not only the financial barriers which troubled people with disabilities but also the physical barriers.

Her organisation had plans to raise money around Autonomy Day (July 21) to purchase special hand operated facilities to enable student Mr Ken Jolley to drive to the University. Mr Jolley, a student in Psychology, was seriously injured in a cycling accident with a semi-trailer in Newcastle West on March 21 and does not have adequate use of his legs.

Word Processor Operator/Office Assistant-Typist — Department of Modern Languages

The French Section of the Department of Modern Languages is seeking a competent person to carry out a range of office duties, including word processing, typing, filing, copying, keeping records and minutes, and answering enquiries from staff, students and the general public.

This is a fractional position, the appointee will be required to work four days a week.

Essential: Good typing skills and knowledge of word processing.

Desirable: A good working knowledge of the French language. Familiarity with Macintosh.

Commencing salary will be within the range $10.30 per hour to $11 per hour for appointment as a Word Processor Operator and $9.85 per hour to $10.31 per hour for appointment as an Office Assistant-Typist.

Applicants should indicate their current typing speed.

Further details may be obtained from the Head of the Department of Modern Languages (Dr B.R. Dawson), telephone 68 5358.

Applications close on July 24.

General Information: Excellent conditions of employment apply. Superannuation is available. Applications, quoting position number, should be addressed to the Staff Office. Please include all details of all relevant information, qualifications, experience and previous employment. Applicants should include copies of recent references or the names and addresses of three referees from whom further information could be obtained.

Equality of employment opportunity is University policy.

VACANCY

Students' union office established

The New South Wales Branch of the National Union of Students has established an office at 91 Enmore Road, Newtown, Sydney. The telephone number is (02) 55 06649.

Staff in the NUS office are able to provide students with information and co-ordinate combined campus activities.

Change of Head of Department Listing

Associate Professor R. Rose is Acting Head of the Department of Biological Sciences from July 12 to August 8.
Diary of Events

Thursday, July 20, Noon

1 pm
A preliminary meeting on Asthma Management (University Health Service) will be held with a view to conducting a course. This meeting is to arrange a convenient time for each session.

7.30 pm
Convocation general meeting in the Staff House.

Friday, July 21
Autonomy Day Celebrations
10 am to 5 pm
To mark the Bicentenary, a one-day conference on The French Revolution 1789: Cause for Celebration? will be held. Venue: Lecture Theatre V01. Enquiries: Extension 262.

Tuesday, July 25, Noon
Lunchtime concert featuring Pat Drummond in the Courtyard. Admission: Free.

Wednesday, July 26, Noon

6.30 to 9.30 pm

Thursday, July 27, Noon

1 pm

4 to 5 pm

Friday, July 28, 1 pm
Film Buffs’ Club.

Tuesday, August 1, Noon
Lunchtime concert featuring King's Cross (Sydney band) in the Courtyard. Admission: Free.

Wednesday, August 2, Noon

Advertisements

For Sale

Ladies 12 speed 27" bicycle, $150 or near offer. Piano — Cable 41", four years old, Italian provincial cabinet, perfect condition, $1,900 or near offer. 1981 Falcon XD (red with black interior). Features include: automatic, T-bar, air-conditioning, four speaker AM/FM stereo cassette player, tow ball, rear louvre and in excellent condition (LJG062). Asking price: $6,900 or near offer. Please telephone 82 8511 for any of the above.

Ford Cortina TF in immaculate condition (12 months registration) with new tyres. Absolutely nothing to spend. Asking price: $6,800 or near offer. Please telephone Jan at Extension 279 or 51 3644 after 5 pm.

1976 Honda Civic (beige with black interior). This car is more reliable and economical to run (HVA949). Asking price: $2,500 or near offer. Please telephone 63 2008. Owner is most anxious to sell as she is going overseas.

Home — North Lambton

Looking for your own private tutorial or study area? Here’s a home that has been designed with you in mind. Spacious two bedroom brick and tile home with huge 22 x 26' slate and timber room with small separate study. Beautiful block with carport and a garage that is converted into a studio with air-conditioning, sliding glass doors (comfortable enough to sleep in), Lovely pergola, barbecue area. Situated in an elevated position with plenty of open space around.

Only a hop, skip and jump (for the healthy academic) or a short few minutes car drive (for the not so) to the University. An inspection will open the door to a whole new lifestyle. Asking price: $132,000. Please telephone 67 2033.

Moving Sale

Bookshelves, 3x3', $15; Side cupboard (good condition), 16x29x54", $50; Single bed and mattress, $25; Double bed and mattress, $40; air mattress, $8; table 3x5", $20; Decks (2) $15 or $25 for the two; Fan heater, $20; Electrical oil heater (12 column), $70; Lawn mower (need repair), $20; Nikon camera (FM2), $130; Nikon camera (automatic, F35), $110; Nikon 43n 86mm zoom lense, $1; Nikon wide angle lense (28mm), $90 on each of these items. Please telephone Mr Chua at 51 7137 or Extension 509.

Found

Large amount of money. If you discover that you may be the owner please contact the Senior Patrol Attendant in the Great Hall at Extension 263.

Wanted — Loving Homes

Hi, we are three loveable, adorable, fat 'n sassy pussycats who are desperately seeking loving homes. We have been desexed, are extremely healthy and wonderful with children and we are about 12 months old. Our current owner, Howard Bridge, will be more than happy to give you good references. Please telephone 644 or 654.

Wanted to Exchange

Willing to exchange three bedroom fully furnished and centrally heated home in East Finchley, London, plus car (Volvo) for similar house and car in Newcastle for five weeks commencing December 17, 1989. Please telephone 63 5812 for further information.

Wanted to Buy

Large bird cage. Must be suitable for two budgies (Ned and Kelly). Please telephone Linda at Extension 328.