20 years of University newspapers

The campus newsletter, the BULLETIN (previously UNIVERSITY NEWS), has turned 20.

The first UNIVERSITY NEWS was published in September, 1970 - five years after the University was established.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor in 1970, Professor Brin Newton-John, is believed to have come up with the idea for the University newspaper. He had set up a Staff-Student Consultative Committee and wanted to unbolt doors which blocked communications.

In Professor Newton-John’s own words, in his welcome on the front page of Volume 1:

"The University, though still small, has grown to the point where grape vines tend to get tangled. It is the purpose of this news sheet to distribute factual information about ourselves to ourselves. No amount of written communication can compensate for the lack of personal communication, but by providing maximum information on the workings of official University groups - Council, Senate, Faculty Boards, and, if they wish, the SRC, the Union Board and Sports Union, this news sheet should remove at least some of the obstacles of ignorance that impede the useful interchange of ideas.

"Among the cynics and the idealists, it will no doubt be held that this news sheet is an ‘Establishment’ project; to some extent, it is, since Council finances it. But I am content to leave to its readers to bring to notice any departure from objective reporting.

Newcastle University Sporting Awards

Blues winners - Mr Owen Droop, Mr Anthony Ekert, Mr Luke Mahony and Mr Paul Heanly, with Professor Morgan.

In recognition of their sporting abilities, four players from University clubs received Blues on September 14.

In addition, six administrators of clubs were awarded Colours in appreciation of their work for University sport.

The presentations were performed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, and a toast was made to the winners at the annual Blues Dinner in the Union.

Blues were presented to: Mr Owen Droop (hockey), Mr Anthony Ekert (rugby), Mr Paul Heanly (rugby) and Mr Luke Mahony (surfriding).

Colours were presented to: Mr Perry Clarke (rugby league), Mr Graham Cowan (rugby), Mr Stephen Hurley (mens' hockey), Mr John Lowry (cricket), Mr Donald Millar (kendo) and Mr Peter Tate (cricket).

"Read it, criticise it and support it with contributions".

The UNIVERSITY NEWS was initially aimed at just a campus readership, but (as the BULLETIN) it now also reaches an extensive outside audience by virtue of distribution to newspapers and radio and television stations.

The renamed campus newsletter, the BULLETIN, was launched in May 1988. UNIVERSITY NEWS was revamped, with quality paper and plenty of photographs, as UNINEWS, a quarterly magazine reporting on University achievements.

The BULLETIN continues in a healthy state serving the University as Professor Newton-John originally proposed.

Incidentally, since the first newspaper was published, campus activities have been reported in a total of 430 issues.
New Deputy Chancellor's bond with Uni

Dr Peter Hendry

Dr Peter Hendry's bond with the University of Newcastle has continued from his initial election to the Council in 1967 through to his interests in the Medical School and 2NUR and to his election on September 14 as the new Deputy Chancellor.

Dr Hendry succeeds Mr John Peschar, who held the position.

Dr Hendry said Mr Peschar had stepped down because he felt that the best interests of the University would be served by a Deputy Chancellor who had more experience than he had.

Relieved that the repercussions of shifts in government policy seem to have ended, Dr Hendry is anxious for the new Council to take a fresh approach and find ways to ensure that the University has a bright future.

"We have a new, streamlined Council, which is a combination of people with experience and new members who seem quite impressive," he told the BULLETIN.

"The biggest problem to be faced is money. The Commonwealth Government has not yet accepted that universities are its responsibility and should be made more financially secure."

"We must be more assertive in encouraging the Hunter's talent bank of students to see more clearly the directions in which Australia's future lies."

Stating that education began in schools, Dr Hendry suggested that the University do more in promotion to emphasise its various strengths.

"We are losing a lot of good students to commerce. This is shortsighted, given our achievements in engineering, science, medicine and several other fields. Our future does not lie in shuffling money.

"At the same time, the number of bright students who are studying in the humanities has fallen markedly and this is a tragedy.

"The Gulf Crisis is the kind of conflict that has happened many times before, indicating why students should study history.

"The environment can only be understood by learning geography and other subjects - so we must find ways of pointing students in the right direction."

A member of Council elected by convocation, Dr Hendry, also wants to see greater participation of graduates in University affairs.

"Students appreciate that they must have degrees to enter the professions, yet most of them forget the University after they have sat for their final examinations.

"It would be nice to see a rejuvenation of the old concept of being a university student - that is, learning while making friends, playing sport and taking part in campus life."

Dr Hendry has served on the Council continually since 1967, except for a term of office as President of the World Association of Societies of Pathology. As an appointee of the New South Wales Minister for Education, he was a member of the former Interim Council.

A graduate in medicine of the University of Sydney, Dr Hendry enlisted in the AIF in the Second World War and served in the 2/10 Australian Field Ambulance in Malaya and Thailand. He survived the hell of working on the Burma Railway and being imprisoned in Changi in Singapore.

He came to Newcastle in 1947 when he was appointed Clinical Pathologist and Supervisor of the Blood Bank at Royal Newcastle Hospital. He has never left Newcastle.

In 1985 he retired as a partner in a regional pathology practice which was based in Hamilton and covered an area stretching from Gosford to Coffs Harbour.

Appointed to Family Law advisory body

Professor Frank Bates

The University's Professor of Law, Professor Frank Bates, has been appointed by the Commonwealth Attorney-General, Mr Duffy, as a member of the Family Law Council. Mr Duffy said the Family Law Council performed a role of potentially great importance to the Australian community by monitoring the operation of, and making recommendations for improvements to, family law legislation and advising on the working of legal aid in relation to family law.

The Council is chaired by the Honourable H.C. Emery, Melbourne, a former Family Court judge.

Other members include the Director of the Legal Services Commission of South Australia, Lindy Powell, Justice Joseph Kay, of the Family Court, and Ms Jan Williams, of the Marriage Guidance Council of New South Wales.

The History Club

will hold its annual dinner in the Karat Thai Restaurant, Bolton Street, Newcastle, on October 12 at 6.30 pm

$12 per ticket (only 50 will be sold)

The Secretary of the History Department has tickets
Union was 'best time' of her life 
'I have made heaps of good friends and it's been the best time of my life.' Mrs Ada Staader said when retiring following 24 years' service to the Union.

Mrs Staader commenced working with the Union at Shortland in August, 1966, as a casual kitchen hand.

'Two women peeled seven bags of potatoes a day, a bag of pumpkins and a bag of carrots,' she said.

'The Union building was only partly completed and a caravan was used, opposite where the Commonwealth Bank now is, to sell bunches to the students. The flies and mosquitoes were dreadful.

'Some staff were moved from the Union at Tighes Hill to Shortland, the first Secretary/Manager being Mr Ivan Yin.'

At the time Mrs Staader was interviewed by the BULLETIN, she and Mrs Val Reid were working in the small cafeteria run by the Union in the University Conservatorium. She described the Union's services in 1966 by comparing them to the small cafeterias at the Conservatorium and the Central Coast Campus. 'That's just how we started off,' she said.

'It was drummed and drummed into our heads by Mr Vic Bridgewater and his successor, Mr Stan Barwick, that we worked for the students. When the University was smaller, we knew everybody and I made a lot of friends.'

Ada was a kitchen hand for only a couple of weeks before becoming a cook, and in 1974, being appointed an assistant supervisor. She and her fellow assistant supervisor, Mrs Freda Bartlett, who retired last year, were known as 'the fearsome twosome.'

When asked for her best memories, Mrs Staader reflected about the week-end work in the Union. 'I was the hostess for the weddings and we used to help to mind the children and look after the grannies. It was a beaut feeling when the brides gave you a hug and a kiss.'

Many of her friends will remember Ada for her sense of humour. She harked back to two strippers giving lunchtime performances in the Union. 'The staff were not supposed to be there, but the kids helped me up on the table so I could see.

'I said to one of the boys, "gee, she's wearing old fashioned shoes," and the boy replied, "who's looking at her shoes?"'

Mrs Staader lives in Sunset Boulevarde and explained that originally most of the Union staff came from the suburbs close to the University. 'This was because of the lack of public transport. We had to walk to and from work, often chasing away the rabbits.'

Ada's husband Max is retired and they are looking forward to spending more time working for the Lions Club and relaxing in their holiday house at Hawks Nest.

She is the mother of three daughters - Ann, Linda and Kathryn - and recalled the Union staff having made bets on the sex and weight of each of her six grandchildren, who include a set of twins.

A farewell function was held at West on August 31 and, at the Union Dinner on September 21, Ada was made an Honorary Life Member of the Union.

She said she was moved when the Chaplains, Sisters Mary and Faith and Brother Damien, arranged a retirement mass for her in the Chapel in the Temporary Buildings.

'Glasnost' brings jazz musicians
Glasnost is coming to the University. Well, nearly.

The analogy comes from the concert which will be given by the Jazznost Duo on October 13.

The duo comprises Russian jazz musicians, Alexander Fischer, and Daniel Kramer, who have been very successful at jazz festivals in the USSR, Germany, Czechoslovakia, France and India.

Fischer, a trumpeter and composer, and Kramer, a pianist and composer, are touring Australia assisted by the Cultural Relations Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The duo is performing with the Engine Room, a leading Australian modern jazz trio (Roger Frampton, piano; John Pochee, drums; and Nicki Parrott, bass).

The Engine Room toured the USSR last November at the invitation of the Soviet Jazz Federation.

Fischer and Kramer will make appearances in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle and Terrigal. Included in their Sydney itinerary are concerts at the Manly Jazz Festival and the University of New South Wales.

The concert at this University will be presented in the Southern Cross Lounge at 8pm.
Dear Sir,

The Vice-Chancellor's report on the new University entrance design worries me in one important respect. Mention is made of the bus stop. The old brick and concrete bus shelter was demolished by the road-builders on, I believe, the basis that it would be rebuilt at a more suitable location.

The proposed new location, between the roundabout above SH23 (i.e. the new twin bridges) and the University entrance roundabout, is now quite unsuitable on safety grounds. Times have changed. This year there are more than 300 bus trips daily providing service to the University, and they convey more than 1500 passengers to and from the amalgamated campus: 3000 passenger-trips per day. In the future we should be looking at two or three times that number.

Having the University bus stops on Rankin Drive requires that all of the passengers must cross Rankin Drive when either coming or going. The likely traffic volumes, speeds and poor sight-lines combine to make this a dangerous excursion for a pedestrian at the best of times. Buses stopping and starting in the short distance between the two roundabouts will not improve matters.

There is a good, highly convenient, practical solution available. Buses should be allowed to pick up and set down passengers on the grounds of the campus at stops on the ring-road near the No. 2 carpark and on the northern side of the Hunter carpark. I believe that Newcastle buses would be very interested in this solution, and could even contribute to the cost of the necessary link road between the two suggested bus stops. It would be a blunder to have an expensive bus shelter rebuilt on Rankin Drive when the money would be better spent on a more convenient shelter at a safer location on the campus grounds.

I note that Mr Tony Hanson, RMA Chairman, is negotiating to have a feasibility study of siting bus stops on campus and I wish him luck.

Colin Keay,
Physics Department

Dear Sir,

Some people may have felt that it was rather strange that you named the four men in the photograph recording M. Claude Ollier's visit to the University on August 17, but not the two women. They were Mlle Ariane Ollier on the left and Ms Vanessa Kragh, a first-year student, on the right.

Dear Sir,

In a letter printed in issue No. 13 of the University of Newcastle BULLETIN, Mr Jock McQualter, Secretary of the University of Newcastle Staff Association (UNSA) stated that the "University of Newcastle Staff Association (Unregistered) has been a division of UASA (NSW), a state registered union, which went out of existence in 1989".

Whilst the first part of this statement is correct the assertion that UASA (NSW) simply "went out of existence" is misleading. UASA (NSW) in fact amalgamated with FCA (NSW) to form the Academics' Union of New South Wales.

All members of UASA (NSW) at that time, including members of UNSA, became members of the Academics' Union. The Academics' Union of New South Wales is a state-registered union covering some 3000 members in both the former University and college sectors. The Academics' Union is supported by, and works in conjunction with, FAUSA, the federally-registered union of university academics.

Dr Glenn Albrecht,
for the Executive of the
Academics' Union

Dear Sir,

After receiving best wishes from, and being honoured by, many people, I say 'thank you' most sincerely to all those with whom I worked very happily, and all the students who were my friends, over the 24 years I was a member of staff of the Union.

Ada Staader

Dear Sir,

The siting of the new University Administration Building on the "Clayton's Reserve" (the nature reserve you have when you're not really having one: only an old signpost opposite Engineering marks the spot) is perhaps an appropriate time to raise the issue of the fate of the natural vegetation on the University campus. It might be thought appropriate that the nerve centre of the University should be built on a nature reserve as a symbol of the triumph of human endeavour over the natural bushland on campus, although degraded in parts by weed infestation, is something worth retaining and managing properly. The occurrence of natural bushland on campus is, after all, used as a selling point for the University. The spotted gum and ironbark eucalypt communities that occur naturally on the Shortland campus are poorly represented in our National Parks and other reserve systems, even though these eucalypt communities (i.e. the new twin bridges) and the grounds. Times have changed. He is this

John Clulow,
Biological Sciences.
Large crowds attend exhibition

The continuing impact of microcomputers in the office and at home resulted in large crowds attending the 7th Newcastle Microcomputing Exhibition at the University last week, according to the exhibition’s convenor, Mr John Dugas.

The 30 exhibitors were kept busy throughout the three days of the exhibition, especially as people were becoming more aware of the advantages of microcomputers.

Mr Dugas said one of the noticeable trends in the past few years was the awareness of young people of microcomputing hardware and software. This had mainly come about through computer programs in schools as part of the normal curriculum.

"The younger generation is 'growing up' with computers and it appears the older generation does not want to be left too far behind", Mr Dugas said.

"Many of the visitors at the exhibition were mums and dads who came along for a look because of their interest which obviously had been partly generated by their children. Many family groups were in attendance and often it was the son or daughter leading the way.

"Overall, the exhibition was very successful in its major aim of bringing the community what modern technology is doing in the form of microcomputers - and initial reports show that exhibitors were extremely pleased with the 1990 event," added Mr Dugas.

A series of free seminars arranged by one of the exhibitors were well attended, particularly by business people.

The winner of a computer system valued at $2,600 donated by Andor Systems of New Lambton was a Year 12 student at Waratah High School, Andrew Weatherstone, of Waratah, is undertaking computer studies for his HSC and has applied for a place in the University’s Bachelor of Computer Science course next year.

Mr Dugas passed on his appreciation to all who were involved in staging the exhibition and said it was a wonderful opportunity for the University to throw open its doors to the community.

International Vice-Presidency for Newcastle Professor

The International Test Commission (ITC) elected Emeritus Professor John Keats as its Vice-president at the general meeting held in Kyoto, Japan.

The Commission was first established in 1968 with a membership consisting of national psychological societies and established test constructors and users as affiliate members.

The goals of the Commission include the establishing and publicising of standards for the construction and use of psychological tests and conducting surveys of current practice.

It accomplishes these goals by publishing the ITC Bulletin and organising symposia at meetings of international bodies every two years.

Professor Keats, of the University’s Institute of Behavioural Sciences, has been a co-opted member of the Commission’s Council, for the past four years. The Council meets annually.


Professor Keats will become the President of ITC at the end of his term as Vice-President.

Record crowd expected

More than 1,000Novocastrians will combine to make an attempt on a world record on October 14. They will descend on Bar Beach to try to build the world’s longest-ever sand sculpture.

Money received from the sale of sections of the sculpture will be donated to the Hunter Life Education Centre at Glendale.

The world record attempt has been named Sandfest by the organisers - 35 Recreation and Tourism students from the University and members of the Life Be In It organisation.

The aim will be to build a sand sculpture longer than 5.84 kilometres. This is the current world record, according to the Guinness Book of Records. It was made in Great Yarmouth in England.

Sandfest will be a family fun day and will include the launch of the 1991 Life Be In It calendar, displays by environmental groups and fun activities for children in Cook’s Hill surf clubhouse. The 1,000-odd ‘sculptors’ will begin the record attempt at 10 am and, hopefully, reach a successful conclusion around lunchtime. They will use the sand to reproduce a rainbow serpent of Aboriginal traditions.

Groups and individuals can join in the attempt on the record by telephoning Mr Peter Brown, of the Department of Physical Health Science (68 7381 or 68 7556), for entry forms.
New Convocation formed

The formation meeting of the new Convocation of the University on September 20, adopted a new constitution for the graduates' body.

The meeting followed the amalgamation late last year of the Convocation bodies of the former University, the former Hunter Institute and the former Newcastle Branch of the State Conservatorium of Music.

The constitution provided for the election annually of a Deputy Warden. Mr Brian Adamthwaite and Dr Judith Cowley were nominated and Mr Adamthwaite was elected.

The rules also detailed the membership of Standing Committee of Convocation - the administrative body.

The following persons were elected to Standing Committee:

- Mr John Broughton
- Mr Laurie Dicker
- Mr Barry Beuzeville
- Mr Ron Yates
- Mr Graham Hardy
- Mr John Lambert
- Mr Ken Wiseman
- Alderman Doug Carley
- Ms Terry Smith

(all for two years), Mr Adamthwaite, Father James Bromley, Mr Ray Hodgins, Ms Jean McGarry, Mr Les Pennington, Ms Jill Scott and Ms Barbara Watson (all for one year).

The Warden of Convocation, Mr Vic Levi, was re-elected recently.

The persons elected to fill the four positions for members of Convocation on the Council are ex-officio members of Standing Committee. They are Dr Diana Day, Mr Trevor Waring, Dr Peter Hendry and Mr Levi.

One-day session of Fantasy and Sci-Fi

A Fantasy and Science Fiction Conference will be held in Theatre RO2 at the University on October 3.

Papers and panel discussions will illuminate J.R.R. Tolkien, medieval and "medieval" romances, law in space, Michael Ende, feminist SF and Fantasy, extrapolative SF, "Cordwainer Smith", time travel, alternative time-lines in history.

The conference has been organised by the Board of Studies in Language and Literature.

'GOORIE ART AND ARTIFACTS' and PUBLIC CORROBOREE

The Awabakal Aboriginal Co-operative, the University Art Advisory Group, and the University Wollotuka Aboriginal Education Centre present for display and sale an exhibition of work by Goorie artists and craftspersons, including objects, images, weapons and implements, in the GREAT HALL of the University of Newcastle from OCTOBER 12 to 16, 1 to 5 pm together with a PUBLIC CORROBOREE (perhaps the first of its kind), organised by the Aboriginal Men's Council, involving performers from all parts of New South Wales.

OCTOBER 12 at dusk in the grounds of the University Enquiries: 68 7713
In July, Professor Lois Bryson took up the Chair of Sociology. She told the BULLETIN she is looking forward to the opportunity to pursue her long-term interests in social policy matters and postgraduate education (particularly for women) and her general concern for vital tertiary education provided by institutions which communicate freely with and participate actively in the wider community. Professor Bryson speaks about these matters and the direction Sociology should take in the 1990s.

My current major research commitment involves an international assessment of the fate of the welfare state, in the light of upsurge of economic rationalist policies. I am also working with the Australian Institute of Family Studies on a national study of family well-being. My research interests over the years have been focussed on issues of equality and public policy. I intend to stick within this broad framework and it is one which will readily encompass a wide range of local issues.

As I settle in and get to know more about the region I am keen to research into issues of local relevance. Clearly there are changes to the Hunter economic base and these will prove fundamental in the long run. One issue I am particularly concerned to consider is the effects of such changes on the scope for employment for women. I was recently involved in a study in the mining town of Lithgow, of the retrenchment prospects for women who had been retrenched from a clothing factory. My long-term interest in women's situation, particularly in the area of employment will continue.

I also have a long-term commitment to a publicly engaged university which takes an active part in the affairs of the wider society of which it is a part. While sociology perhaps can be seen as having a special role to play here because of its focus on the systematic analysis of social issues, I believe that universities as a whole must be publicly engaged. Newcastle provides not only a delightful environment in which to be 'publicly engaged' but is also of a more congenial size than either Sydney or Melbourne the other cities in which I have worked as a sociologist.

I recently participated in the National Ideas Summit, the brain-child of Professor Donald Horne, Chair of the Australia Council, as part of the Council's contributions to swinging Australia around from a 'lucky' to a 'clever' country, to use Horne's terms. Out of this came a further seminar entitled 'Unlocking the Academies'. The general assumption of this forum was that one of the most effective ways of strengthening the general intellectual life in Australia would be to unlock the enormous cultural reserves now held in the universities. This is seen to involve not only carrying out relevant research (though certainly not to the exclusion of what is often referred to as basic research), but also communicating our findings and educating our students so that they are likewise effective communicators who will carry on the tradition.

I have already observed that the University of Newcastle seems rather less 'locked up' than some of the older larger universities. However, our national systems of appointment and promotions tend to encourage academics to talk to each other rather than including the wider population. We need to ensure that there is due recognition within academia of services to the wider community.

Development in postgraduate study are one way in which outreach to the community can be pursued. In 1991 the Department of Sociology will for the first time offer a Master's program by coursework. We anticipate that this will fill a gap, attracting those in the community who are interested to pursue intellectual development without necessarily wanting to take up an academic career.

I was involved in the establishment of a similar program at the University of New South Wales which has proved very successful. It is very popular with graduates so many of whom are keen to keep up-to-date and extend their education. Mature-age women graduates who have been out of the workforce are particularly keen to have the opportunity to refresh their knowledge, skills and confidence.

I am also keen to promote the development of the more traditional form of postgraduate study and particularly to encourage female students. It is something of a challenge to be only the fourth female professor ever to be appointed to the University and only the second with a current appointment. Not that the University of Newcastle is outstanding in its lack of women in higher positions. Research all around the world shows that the number of women decreases the high one goes up the tertiary education ladder. At the undergraduate at tertiary level today women make up more than half of the students. In New South Wales, by the PhD level only about one quarter of students are female.

If we are to overcome the sex imbalance at the top levels in higher education we must get more women into doctoral programs. Hopefully over the next few years we can develop the sort of encouragement to women academics and students that will ensure things change in the future. The University's equal opportunity and affirmative action programs can offer a lead in this process and I look forward to being involved in these, as I was in the past both at the University of New South Wales and during three years in which I worked in the Victorian Public Service.

The fact that my arrival at the University of Newcastle has coincided with amalgamation has offered a unique opportunity to develop explicitly the strong links that have always existed between sociology and social policy. The amalgamation has provided the impetus for the development of a new Faculty of Social Science, with a projected establishment date of January 1, 1991. This will involve the Department of Sociology together with the recently created department of Social Work as well as two new
departments focusing on welfare studies and leisure studies that will be established by staff from the former Hunter Institute.

Sociology's association with the Faculty of Arts will remain strong and we expect that most students will still study sociology as part of an Arts degree. The Bachelor of Social Science will, however, offer additional opportunities for students to develop special interests and skills. Although at this stage the proposed Faculty is quite small, I look forward to a range of future developments, particularly in the area of research, which will, I hope, not only extend the University's academic boundaries but also enhance its general responsiveness to the wider community. I am certainly looking forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to the 1990s in Newcastle.

Fraud

The Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee has approved national guidelines to prevent academic fraud, dealing with confidentiality, the retention of research data, publication of results, the role of supervisors, disclosure of potential conflicts of interests and the investigation of complaints.

The document ‘Guidelines on Responsible Practices in Research and Problems of Research Misconduct’ are being distributed to all institutions.

The AVCC is also seeking minor amendments to the Australian Universities Academic Staff Award. One change would allow an investigating committee to inform the publishers, funding agencies and other bodies that may be involved when an investigation is under way; the current Award provides that all proceedings must be held in camera and all matters treated as confidential.

In addition, the AVCC will be distributing shortly a revised version of its ‘Code of Practice for Maintaining and Monitoring Academic Quality and Standards in Higher Degrees’. The code has been reviewed in the light of dramatic changes in higher education in the past three years.

German expert advised two PhD students

A distinguished scholar in German, Professor Erika Tunner, visited the German Section of the Department of Modern Languages on September 18.

Professor Tunner, who is a Visiting Professor at the University of Queensland, discussed research projects with staff and graduate students and met a former PhD student whose dissertation she assessed as overseas examiner.

Professor Tunner lives in Paris and is Professor of German at the University of Lille.

She has written extensively on literature in German-speaking countries, with particular reference to women's issues, writers of the German Romantic Period and the works of Nobel Prize Winner, Elias Conetti.

At the request of Associate Professor Alfred Barthofer, she kindly agreed to see Mr David Scott and Ms Irene Hoetzer, who are presently working on PhD theses on Conetti's Crowls and Power and Feminist Stereotyping in Contemporary German and Austrian Literature respectively.

Prior to Professor Tunner's arrival in Australia, she attended a conference of the International Federation of University Teachers of German in Tokyo, where she chaired a major section. She was also elected a member of the Executive, representing French Germanistik.

Mr David Scott, Professor Erika Tunner, Assoc. Professor Alfred Barthofer and Mrs Irene Hoetzer

Accommodation Service

As part of the ongoing amalgamation process, the Accommodation Service operating from Student Services in the Hunter Building will close on October 12.

From this date, there will be only one Accommodation Service operating from Room T35 in the Temporary Buildings.

The Accommodation Officer, Ms Kath Dacey may be contacted by telephoneing 685 520.
Copyright warning

The recent court decision against the Ministry of Education in Western Australia provides a powerful reminder of the importance of copyright in regard to the preparation of educational materials, as well as a warning against infringing the Copyright Act as substantially amended in 1989.

According to Mr Lionel Farrell, Director of Legal Services and the University's Copyright Officer, the decision is a further sign of the times in which copyright is something to be bought and paid for in the same way as universities pay for paper or equipment or electricity.

The case in Western Australia arose out of the Ministry's Education Support Centre making and selling extensive reproductions of two Longman Titles. The reproductions were simplified "summaries" of various chapters of the two titles.

Although the Ministry of Education, like the University, holds a licence from the Copyright Agency Ltd (CAL) which allows copying of copyright material in education, the Ministry was liable, because -

(a) the amounts copied exceed the 10 percent allowed under the licence,
(b) the titles copied were readily available from book suppliers, and
(c) the reproductions were sold.

The Chief Executive Officer of CAL, collecting society from print Copyright owners, has commented:

"Educational institutions must realise that their right to copy under the CAL licence is a limited one. Any infringement of this limited licence will be viewed very seriously by CAL and copyright owners - both authors and publishers."

Footnote: The joint AVCC/ACDP Copyright Committee, of which our Vice Chancellor is Chair, has prepared a guide to the Copyright Act, as amended, for higher education institutions. It is expected this document will be available for distribution throughout the University any day now.

Benefits for women's sport from seminar

Sporting bodies in the Hunter will benefit from a proposal for greater public participation, following a successful Women In Sport seminar at the University.

More than 90 registrants from sports such as surf lifesaving, hockey, soccer, tennis, masters' swimming, netball, cricket, gymnastics and veterans' athletics enthusiastically debated issues specific to women.

Local sporting organisations were challenged by the Gateway To Participation theme to explore ways to create more opportunities for women of all ages to plan, administer or coach.

A recurring, sticking point relevant to Hunter residents was the alleged inadequate year-round provision of swimming pools for leisure, training and rehabilitation.

The seminar triggered a need for a media liaison officer to assist sporting organisations to attract women and maintain their interest and participation. A proposal has been made to the Australian Sports Commission.

Our photo shows some of the staff and students who organised the Women In Sport seminar:

Back row - Professor Saxon White (Medicine), Dr Christina Lee (Behavioural Science), and Mr Ken Clifford (the Hunter Academy of Sport); middle row - Ms Sandra Morgan (Health Education), Dr David Rowe (Visual Arts and Media Studies), Ms Kaye Thomas (Physical Education), Dr Wendy Brown and Ms Carolyn Clark (Medicine); bottom row - Ms Cathy Knowles, Ms Dale Ashman, Ms Alicia Williams, Ms Tara Ball and Ms Catriona Moore (Tourism and Recreation).

Organ Music with Michael Dudman on 2NUR

Sunday, October 7, 8 pm
Con Spirito - Thomas Arne

Sunday, October 14, 8 pm
Offertoire - Theodore Dubois

Sunday, October 21, 8 pm
Impromptu - Ludwig Krebs.
Wir glauben all an einen Gott, Schopfer - J.S. Bach.
Adagio and Allegro - G.F. Handel (Cuckoo and Nightingale).

Sunday, October 28, 8 pm
Fugue in C minor - Jean Jacques Charpentier.
Nun bitten wir den heil'ge Geist - Dietrich Buxelude. Prelude and Fugue in D
(four pieces - Leon Boellmann, Plainte, Musette, Canzona and Postlude).
Made the right decision about open day

Mr Scott Trevithick, receives his computer with 640K memory and 20Mb hard disk from the Vice-Chancellor, watched by Mr Terry O'Brien, a Director of Maintain Axis Computers, and Professor Alan Roberts.

Mr Scott Trevithick 18, an HSC student from Gosford High School, is pleased he decided to visit the University on September 9 to obtain advice on Engineering courses.

It was Engineering Open Day - the one day of the year the Faculty of Engineering invites the public to look behind the scenes in its four Departments - Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Surveying, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering.

Scott, his mother, Mrs Sandra Trevithick, and his girlfriend, Ms Sandra Williamson, accepted the invitation. While seeing the work done in the Faculty, Scott put in an entry in the competition for a personal computer. He won.

The computer, donated by Maintain Axis Computers of Lambton, should provide Scott with considerable help in his future studies.

He said he wanted to study Engineering after he completed the HSC this year. He had applied for entry to the University of Newcastle and had opted for electrical engineering or civil engineering. He hoped to obtain a cadetship at the BHP to allow him to work while he studied.

Scott said this University was his preferred choice because it was close to his home at Narara, allowing him to commute, and the University had an excellent reputation in engineering.

The Faculty of Engineering reported an official attendance at Open Day 1990 of 2,300 people - more than the number of visitors last year.

The Young Engineers’ Group of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, conducted a public food stall and barbecue. A small profit was made, despite the provision of a free barbecue in the evening for members of staff.

Some other statistical highlights of the day: 800 programmes were distributed and 600 balloons were provided to children.

Unfortunately, the Faculty’s banner that was erected at the entrance to the University was stolen and a new banner will be needed next year, at an estimated cost of $400.

The competition for the personal computer attracted approximately 200 entries. University sloppy joes were presented as consolation prizes and these were won by Ms Elizabeth Woods, of Nords Wharf, and Mr Tony Studdert, of Lambton.

Fireball sounds to be explained

What does a meteor scientist do when he believes he has solved the two-centuries old mystery of the sounds produced by fireballs?

In the case of Professor Colin Keay, Associate Professor of Physics, he went on an outside studies program and visited academies of sciences, research institutes and universities in seven countries.

He held discussions with scientists and accepted positions as a Visiting Professor.

Professor Keay, who was involved in electrophonic fireball research overseas from February to June this year, will give a seminar in the Department of Physics on October 18 at 1 pm.

He told the BULLETIN that when the first English convicts were landed in Australia it was quite possible that some of them might have previously seen and heard the Great Fireball of 1783 as it seared across the night sky over England and France.

That it was heard by many witnesses as it passed by was recognised as 'irreconcilable to all we know of philosophy' by Sir Charles Blagdon, then Secretary to the Royal Society, he said.

For almost two centuries no physically satisfactory explanation emerged. Meteor scientists therefore dismissed such observations as being of psychological origin and discarded them from the records of many major fireball events.

Professor Keay said his illustrated non-mathematical discourse would describe the investigation which finally solved the mystery: how a viable physical explanation was developed, how laboratory studies provided supporting evidence, how the subject suddenly became scientifically respectable, and now the positive proof eventually came to light, despite setbacks such as the Challenger Shuttle disaster.
Council

Justice Elizabeth Evatt was elected Chancellor of the University at the first meeting of the new Council on September 14.

With the Interim Council dissolved at the end of August and the new Council the University's governing body from September 1, it was necessary for a Chancellor to be elected again.

The system of Council committees was endorsed to ensure the machinery to govern the University is in place. Consideration of further matters was deferred until future meetings.

Dr Diana Day

Member of the University Council, Dr Diana Day, has been appointed to a new Federal research and development body.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, Mr John Kerin, has named Dr Day as one of the Board members of the Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation, which was formally established in July this year.

The Corporation is intended to provide leadership in research and development involving land, water and related, non-commercial, forestry and vegetation issues. It has responsibility for co-ordinating and funding these research and development activities.

The inaugural chair of the Corporation will be Dr Graeme Robertson, Commissioner of Soil Conservation in Western Australia. He is one of seven board members.

Dr Day, who was elected to Council by members of Convocation, is a senior policy analyst with the NSW Department of Water Resources.

In announcing the membership of the board, Mr Kerin noted Dr Day's 'strong background in research into water and environmental issues.'

Upper Hunter students research their area

Open Foundation Course students from the Upper Hunter have produced a valuable collection of research papers on the history of their region.

The publication, written in 1989, has been released by the Department of Community Programmes. The department administers the Open Foundation Course, the University's mature age matriculation programme.

The research papers originated in a research training exercise given to Open Foundation students in Muswellbrook by lecturer in Economic History, Mr Adrian Osmond.

Since then, the students researched a number of aspects of Upper Hunter history which had not previously been addressed. They obtained advice from well-known Upper Hunter historian, Mrs Nancy Gray, and the University Archivist, Mr Denis Rowe. As well as writing the narrative, they included several illustrations which are of considerable interest to readers.

Edited by Dr Bethia Penglase, Open Foundation Research Papers in Upper Hunter History, 1989, is available for $5.50 from the Department of Community Programmes.

Our picture shows Mr John Collins presenting a copy of the papers to the University librarian, Mr Linklater. With them are Mr Osmond, Dr Penglase and one of the former Open Foundation students, Ms Leonie Miller, of Muswellbrook, who is enrolled in the Faculty of Arts.

Relive Noel and Gertie's Friendship

The Hunter Valley Theatre Company's last play for 1990 is Noel and Gertie, a musical biography of Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence.

The show looks at the relationship Noel and Gertie shared on and off stage, relives their arguments and shares their moments of tears and laughter.

Hear your favourite Coward melodies; Someday I'll Find You, Don't Put Your Daughter on the Stage Mrs Worthington, Sail Away and many more.

Brendan Higgins will create the role of Noel Coward and his leading lady will be played by Sher Gull. Music will be arranged by Grant Ovenden.

Noel and Gertie will be directed by HVTC's resident director, Brent McGregor, and the Assistant Director will be Peter Ross. The production will be designed by Kym Barrett with lighting design by James Jablonski.

The season will run from October 10 to November 3 with some performances sold out.
Origami artist's visit to Uni

Mr Saburo Kase's visit to the University on September 11 was an important and exciting occasion for people interested in origami.

The celebrated origami artist, who is blind, attracted about 40 people for a demonstration of his skills.

They were also able to participate in a workshop and make a fox that said 'hello'.

While at the University Mr Kase was given an exposition on the speech and graphics system for the blind (NOMAD) invented by Associate Professor Don Parkes.

While in Newcastle, he visited Blackbutt Reserve to feel a koala so that he could make an animal shaped like a koala.

Design for entrance on display

As reported in the last BULLETIN the drawings prepared for the design for the new entrance to the University are displayed in the foyer of the Great Hall.

Members of the University are invited to view the drawings and, if they wish, make comments on the main elements of the design:

- The gateway, including the serpentine walls, the University pylon, the New bus stop, and the landscape.

Comments should be directed to Dr Doug Huxley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning).

2NUR Building Appeal includes the campus

A campus appeal will be launched soon for funds to supplement corporate donations to the 2NUR Building Appeal.

Donations totalling $227,000 have been received so far.

It is hoped that, with additional financial support, work on the new studios for 2NUR will be commenced next year.

The Chairman of the Board of directors of 2NUR, Dr Peter Hendry, said that despite the suspension of the appeal because of the earthquake the response since its launch in November, 1988, was very pleasing.

Dr Hendry announced that 2NUR had been fortunate to receive a donation of $50,000 from Mr Richard Owens.

Mr Owens' support had followed large donations from several organisations, including Newcastle City Council ($20,000), the Hunter Water Board ($10,000), Broadcasting Investments ($10,000) and Lake Macquarie City Council ($9,000).

Dr Hendry said that 2NUR was opened in 1978 as one of the first public broadcasting stations in Australia and had since established a reputation as one of the best. In the last five years it had collected nine national radio awards.

The excellence of the station's programming had been achieved despite difficulties associated with a limited funding base and borrowed and inconveniently sited premises.

Dr Hendry said that 2NUR was a key element in the University's links with the Hunter Community, in its continuing education programmes and in promoting the University's teaching and research.

The Station Manager, Mr Brett Gleeson, said the campus appeal would be directed at all staff and students of the University.

He said staff would receive requests to support the station from Dr Hendry and students would be asked by the Students' Representative Council to help. Letters from the Presidents of unions operating on the campus would be sent to staff to back-up the appeal.

"A lot of members of staff have indicated that they want to support 2NUR's appeal and suggested that they do it on a basis of regular deductions from their salaries," Mr Gleeson said.

The support of staff and students would be recognised and publicised in the station's programmes.

Mr Gleeson said the cost estimates for the new studio building were being reassessed following the earthquake and increases in costs since the appeal was first launched. A quantity survey had been done.

"The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, has been asked to give temporary financial support so that tenders for the construction of the building can be called as soon as possible".

The Council had reviewed the operations of 2NUR in 1984 and 1987 and the main finding was that the general demand for broadcasting services by the radio station as a community station was widespread and enthusiastic.

Mr Gleeson said the radio station did a great deal to lift the profile of the University in the Hunter region. It demystified the University for many people and made it less remote.

The BULLETIN, the University's newspaper, is the main outlet for news of major developments events on the campus.

The BULLETIN reaches the 14,000 students and staff that form the University community through 'drops' in bulk in key locations, as the Union, and staff boxes in schools, faculties, departments and units. It is also distributed outside the campus to newspapers, radio and television stations. We welcome our readers' contributions and their involvement so that the newspaper can be verbally stimulating and interesting, and a reflection of the free exchange of ideas and comment that is a vital element in the University system.

Stories and other items should be sent to Mr John Armstrong or Ms Linda Aurelius, C/- the Information and Public Relations Unit in the Hunter Building.

Please note that John's telephone number is 68 7581 (this differs from the one in the telephone directory). The fax number is: 676 921.
Hospital’s links with Handel and Hogarth

Professor John Ramsland, Associate Professor of Education, was the only Australian scholar to present an invited paper at the Charles University of Prague, Czechoslovakia, on the occasion of the 12th Session of the International Standing Conference for the History of Education last month.

Based largely on research completed in December, 1989 at the Foundling Hospital Museum archives and collection in Brunswick Square, London, the paper explored the Foundling Hospital’s relationship with the great composer George Frederick Handel and the London artist William Hogarth at the height of the eighteenth century English Enlightenment.

The Foundling Hospital was a residential institution and school for illegitimate children, founded in 1739 and closed in 1954.

Handel’s association with the child-rescue organisation lasted from the preparation of the first benefit concert for the hospital in 1749, which included his Fireworks Music and extracts from Solomon, until his death. Each subsequent year the composer presented a special Foundling Hospital version of his oratorio Messiah in the institution’s chapel to enthusiastic and packed audiences. To this day Messiah remains strongly identified with the Foundling Hospital and other appeals for charity.

Handel also composed the Foundling Hospital Anthem ‘Blessed are they that consider the poor’, which was also performed at the first concert.

Like Handel, William Hogarth was a governor of the Foundling Hospital. Hogarth encouraged and organised prominent English artists to donate works of art to the Hospital to decorate its bare walls and, through doing so, presented the first public exhibitions of contemporary English art there.

As well, he donated one of his best works, a large and magnificent oil portrait of the philanthropist, Thomas Coram, and designed both the institution’s coat of arms and the brown and red uniforms of its male and female inmates. His famous painting, ‘The March of the Guards to Finchley 1746’, still hangs in the Foundling Hospital Museum.

The artist and composer and the Foundling Hospital promoted one another for their mutual benefit in a very public and effective way. It was very much a matter of ‘enlightened self-interest’.

Professor Ramsland found the experience of presenting his paper in the historic Charles University to be greatly stimulating at a time of dramatic change in Czechoslovakia.

The University at Prague was the home of Johann Amos Comenius (1592-1670), the influential educational philosopher and theologian. Several other papers at the conference were studies of the educational work of Comenius.

Charles University of Prague dates from the fourteenth century, being the first university to be established in central Europe. It was soon to be followed by Krakow, Vienna, Heidelberg and Cologne. The old town square of Prague, a few paces from the University, displays outstanding seventeenth and eighteenth century examples of baroque architecture in its churches and other public buildings.
Increase in scholarships and benefits

Over the last 12 months, very significant changes have been made in the University's scholarships.

The number of scholarship schemes available and the range of benefits offered have been increased substantially.

New scholarship schemes for overseas full fee students have been established, prompted by the Federal Government's shift in focus of foreign educational aid from subsidised places to scholarships, and marked changes have occurred in Government funded postgraduate scholarships accompanied by an increased emphasis on industry-funded scholarships.

The University administers these postgraduate scholarships:

- HECS Scholarships for Postgraduate Study
- Australian Postgraduate Research Awards (APRA)
- APRA-Industry Awards
- The University of Newcastle Postgraduate Research Scholarships (UNRS)
- Industry and Research Grant Postgraduate Scholarships
- Overseas Postgraduate Research Scholarships (OPRS)
- Equity and Merit Scholarships

The award of scholarships is the responsibility of the Scholarships Committee.

Applicants for postgraduate scholarships are ranked in order of merit using a categorisation scheme which takes into account level of Honours, past academic record and previous research achievement.

Scholarships are then awarded from the top down, with APRA's going to the Australian candidates until the allocation is used up.

This results in most of the UNRS awards going to overseas students, with qualifications judged to be equivalent to Honours I.

The Scholarships Committee needs to take into account the ability of a Department to provide the resources to support a student wishing to work in a specific area. In any one year, this may lead to a Department not being able to receive students because of the lack of resources. Specific areas in a Department's research profile may be unable to accept a student. Any such decision will have to be made in consultation with the Head of Department.

Departments may indicate support for students from any resource at their disposal. This will include external research grants and Research Management Committee grants.

The Research Management Committee will ensure that all applications for grants which relate to the possible support of students will be processed prior to the Scholarships Committee determining awards in December. Such applications need to be placed at the usual time of the year for project grants (i.e. September 30 closing date). In exceptional circumstances late applications may be considered. The Research Management Committee will, of course, take into account approved strategies in determining the outcome of applications for a given grant.

In considering grants which indicate the intention to support students, the Research Management Committee is willing to determine the fundability of specific student-directed projects in advance, and to reserve funds, pending the selection decision by the Scholarships Committee and the enrolment of the student and commencement of the Scholarship.

The decision to support a project will be made on the excellence of the project, not on the availability of a good student likely to receive a scholarship offer.

Changes have also occurred in the provision of undergraduate scholarships.

The University, having increased the number of undergraduate scholarships offered through the establishment of the University Undergraduate HECS Scholarship Scheme, and through the establishment of a significant number of donated scholarships over a fairly diverse range of disciplines, plans to continue activity to increase the number of such Honours and undergraduate scholarships over the next few years. Undergraduate scholarships administered through this University will be the subject of an article in a future issue of the BULLETIN.

R.J. MacDonald
Chair, Scholarships Committee
G.M. Kellerman,
Dean for Research

Office For Research

Information on the following grants has been circulated to Heads of Relevant Departments and is contained in 'NEWS' on the VAXcluster. Further information and relevant application forms are available from the Office for Research - telephone 68 5302.

Granting Body
Closing Date (To Office for Research)

Grants with closing date
Research Management Committee
Project Grants September 30
Funds allocated from within the University.

ALS Motor Neurone Disease
October 3
Research into the cause and cure of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

NH&MRC Equipment Grants
October 17
Special funding for new or replacement equipment used in medical research

Waste Minimisation for Hazardous Waste
October 22
Waste minimisation and recycling of hazardous wastes.

The Canada Australia Bicentennial
Institutional Research Award (CABRA)
October 24
Canadian topics within the social sciences and the humanities, interdisciplinary studies, compar studies & Canada's bilateral relations.

Rebecca L Cooper Medical Research Foundation
October 31
Arthritis, diabetes, schizophrenia, lung diseases (excluding cancer) and medical applications of genetic research.

Wellcome Australia Medal & Award
November 7
Human health

ATERB(Aust. Telecommunication & Electronics Research Board)
November 20
Grants-in-Aid of Research.
Research Management Committee
Areas of Research Excellence
November 30
To lift the research profile of the University and enable researchers to attract large external research grants

Australia Council Aboriginal Arts, Community Cultural Depending on area of Development, Literature, Performing Arts, grant, between March Visual Arts/Craft and December.
Some areas have no closing date.

Cancer Council Travel Grants-in-Aid
March 21 and 20 September 20
To attend overseas conferences or institutions Each year.

Fellowships
Australian Academy of Science, Overseas Exchanges, United Kingdom September 26; Japan, October 29 and China November 26
Oulbright Awardsvary September to November for study, research and lecturing in the United States of America.

McNamara Fellowship, October 1
Postgraduate research in the areas of economic development.

Victoria University Postdoctoral Fellowships
October 1
Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Victoria University, Wellington.

Australian Meat and Livestock R&D Corp
October 22
Studentships; Junior Research Fellowships and Study Awards.

J Paul Getty Postdoctoral Fellowships
October 29
History of Art and the Humanities.

Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada
November 21
A limited number of international fellowships for tenure in Canadian Universities.

Canadian Studies, Faculty Enrichment Awards (FEA)
January 17, 1991
To assist academics in developing and teaching courses about Canada in their own discipline

Health issues research
Research into the health issues that are experienced by women of non-English speaking background in their role as carers of the mentally ill in Newcastle is being undertaken by two University lecturers.

The project, entitled 'Ethnic Women as Carers of the Mentally Ill: Health Implications', also plans to assess the utilisation of professional support services in the Newcastle area.

Principal Lecturer and Head of Nursing Studies, Ms Margaret McEniery, and a Sociology Lecturer with the Department of Social Health and Community Studies, Ms Inta Allegretti, have been successful in a joint application for a research grant from the University.

Research for the first stage of the project will be carried out by a team of trained interpreters and translators under the supervision of Ms McEniery and Ms Allegretti. Ms McEniery, also a nurse, has had extensive experience in women's health and mental health areas while Ms Allegretti has had extensive experience in the ethnic area and was the Ethnic Affairs Policy Coordinator for the Hunter Institute for three years up until amalgamation.

Stage I will be completed by December, 1991 and the findings from this stage will be utilized to develop education workshops for health and welfare professions. The workshops will assist the professional carers in understanding the needs of this group of lay carers.

Ms McEniery and Ms Allegretti say this will then form the basis of research for Stages II and III of the research project which will involve women carers from non-English speaking backgrounds in evaluating the effectiveness of the educational program.
Notes from the Office For Research

Research Grants Data Base

The research grants data-base on the VAX earlier BULLETIN foresbadowed, individual grant notices will no longer be circulated to Heads of Departments. Instead a summary of current grants will be circulated on a regular basis. Details data-base or obtained from the for Research, 68 Office of the grants may be found in the mail. The address, if you are on the request this information from the Office for Research via electronic mail. The address, if you are on the VAXcluster, is SDLMM, otherwise, SDLMM @ cc.nu.oz.au.

Form R1

The "Research Grant Applications: Supporting Statement" (Form R1) has recently been revised to include new DEET requirements, such as the Field of Research Classification. Copies of the new Form R1 have been circulated to all Heads of Departments. Copies of the DEET "Coding Scheme for the Field of Research Classification" were circulated to all Heads of Departments in July. The codes are also on the VAXcluster Research Grants Data-base.

Evaluation of the NERD&D Program

The Centre for Technology and Social Change at the University of Wollongong was commissioned by the Department of Primary Industries and Energy to evaluate the National Energy Research Development and Demonstration Program. A copy of the extensive evaluation report has been obtained by the Office for Research and is available for short term loan. Please contact the Office for Research, 68 5302, if you wish to borrow the report.

DITAC - Science and Technology in Korea

The Office for Research has received a copy of the DITAC Report of the Australian Science & Technology Delegation Visit to the Republic of Korea. Recommendations calling for a five year strategic plan to operate on two fronts (ie awareness raising and research collaboration) were accepted by the International Science and Technology Council. The report may be borrowed from the Office for Research, 68 5302.

Lyn McBriarty

1989 Book Fair set a new record

Reflecting on The Friends of the University's activities in the past year, the President, Mr Keith Barbour, said the 1989 Book Fair had been the group's most successful book fair so far.

One of the several events in an active year, the Book Fair had been the culmination of two-year's hard work, Mr Barbour said.

"Previously, I have spoken of a collective effort by so many people to bring this event to a successful fruition," he said. "The 1989 Book Fair was no exception. It was successful in raising the highest amount to date - $54,200.

"One can only express grateful appreciation for the dedication and the organisation of the ladies and gentlemen, who week-by-week had given up their time to make the Book Fair possible."

Teams of workers were now busy heading up the Book Fair scheduled to be held in 1991, guided by Mrs Pat Flowers and Mrs Bill Manning.

Mr Barbour said that on behalf of The Friends he had presented a cheque for $40,000 to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan. The cheque had been directed towards furnishings and computer facilities at International House.

"Discussions are proceeding with the University about applying the balance of the proceeds to other suitable projects."

The President mentioned that The Friends' other strong link with the community was the Lunch With A Writer series, which was successful and well-supported.

This year has seen a change of venue to the Billabong Restaurant in Crown Street, Newcastle, and it was an excellent choice.

He expressed his appreciation to the retiring Lunch With A Writer sub-committee for its hard work and enthusiasm. He welcomed the sub-committee's successors, who were working under the direction of Mrs Deirdre Myles.

Mr Barbour also expressed gratitude for the contributions made by Mr Ossie Field and Mrs Thelma Wright, who had resigned from The Friends.

The Committee of The Friends of the University comprises:
Ex-officio, Mr Ken Gordon; Auditor, Mr Justice Davies; President, Mr Barbour; Vice-President, Mr Vic Levi; Secretary, Mrs Beverly MacDonald; Assistant Secretary, Mrs Pat Flowers; Treasurer, Emeritus Professor Laurie Short; Publicity Officer, Mrs Roma Dorman; Committee, Mrs Rick Titze, Mrs Elvie Short, Mrs Hilary Morgan, Mrs Deirdre Myles, Mrs Jess Davis and Mrs Marion Watson; Bookfair Organiser, Mrs Del Manning.

Work Against Want proceeds

Community Aid Abroad (CAA) is running its annual Work Against Want campaign this month at University staff have been encouraged to offer their support.

The campaign asks Australians to donate a day's pay (or part of it) to assist some of the poorest people in the world.

CAA works with communities in 25 countries and with Australian Aborigines to improve living conditions and to provide support in the struggle to overcome poverty and injustice.

It seems University staff were very generous with their support last year.

Funds raised in the campaign will assist three CAA programs in particular a centre for grossly exploited women working in Sir Lanka's Free Trade Zones, environmental protection and restoration for the fishing grounds in southern Thailand and reforestation and alternative saw-milling programs in the Solomon Islands.

Staff interested in learning more about or registering for the campaign, should contact Ms Sheila Proust, of the School of Visual and Performing Arts (68 7241).

Ms Proust said:

"For people with limited free time, the Work Against Want is an excellent way of contributing to a worthwhile cause. In the past I have been very active in CAA activities, but work and a young family preclude such involvement now.

"The Work Against Want is a very simple but effective way of continuing my support for an organisation which works towards positive and permanent change in the Third World", Ms Proust said.
Our photo shows the participants getting away in the Campus Scamper.

**Academics' Union branch established**

The University of Newcastle Branch of the Academics' Union of New South Wales was activated at the first annual general meeting on July 26.

Mr David Arthur, the Returning Officer, announced that the following people who had been nominated for executive positions, had been elected: Dr Glenn Albrecht, President (68 7347); Mr John Gow, Secretary (68 7341); Dr David Rowe, Delegate to State Council (68 7335); Ms Helen MacAllan, Dr Santi Rosario, Mr James Knight and Ms Bethne Hart, Executive Members.

Members of the Academics' Union (New South Wales) at Newcastle are part of the largest state-registered tertiary education union in Australia (over 3,000 members).

The Academics' Union (New South Wales) was formed in 1989 by the amalgamation of two of the main academic - industrial bodies in New South Wales - the University Academic Staff Association of New South Wales (UASA) and the Federation of College Academics of New South Wales (FCA [NSW]).

There was overwhelming support in New South Wales for the establishment of the Academics' Union, as indicated by the results of a state-wide plebiscite held in 1988.

With the exception of Newcastle, branches of the Academics' Union in New South Wales have been formed consisting of both Staff Association members and ex-FCA members.

In Newcastle, the Staff Association (UNSA) has not supported the establishment of a branch of the Academics' Union and has withheld capitation fees. This has occurred, despite genuine attempts on the part of the ex-FCA members on campus to have an Academics' Union branch which represented all eligible members of staff in the new amalgamated University.

The Academics' Union has strong links with FAUSA and is its state affiliate.

The Academics' Union has a servicing agreement with FAUSA whereby, in return for a FAUSA subsidy, Academics' Union industrial and administrative staff service Academics' Union and FAUSA members in respect of all matters except Federal negotiations.

This means that, at present, only Academics' Union members at Newcastle have direct access to New South Wales-based industrial officers.

In addition, matters such as the industrial agreement between the University and the Academics' Union (New South Wales) are being negotiated for the best possible result for members by professional industrial officers.

FAUSA has delegated the co-ordination (state-wide) of industrial action related to Award Restructuring to the Sydney office of the Academics' Union.

The Newcastle Branch of the Academics' Union would welcome those who wish to be a part of the broader union movement in New South Wales and would like to see the local branch become truly representative of academic staff in the University.

Those who wish to join the Academics' Union and/or get further information can contact either the President, Dr Albrecht, or the Secretary, Mr Gow, at their telephones.

G. Albrecht,
Branch President

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**Keep fit event again popular**

The Campus Scamper on September 19, was again a popular keep fit activity for members of staff, with an estimated 130 people taking part.

There was a course for runners (5 kms) and a course for walkers (3 kms).

Mr Robert Mitcheson was the best in the runners’ division and Messrs Wayne Edden, Bob Kimberley and David Bissett won the team’s event.

Two draws were held. Successful in the runners’ draw were Sasha Taylor and Karen Jenkinson. Pam Armstrong, Bronwyn Nelson and B. Fraser won the walkers’ draw.
For Sale

Macintosh SE Computer 2Mb RAM/20Mb HD. Keyboard included, FHDD Drive: $3850. Epson 24 Pin LQ Printer with Mac-compatible 'ice cable' and Tractor included: $450. All hardly used, all brand new in April, '90, Software Too. Sell the lot: $4200. Ph. Brian 264 736.

Repro Superlite all alloy 10 speed lightweight men's bicycle, excellent condition, sell for $325. Ph. Brian 264 736.

Maza 808 76 Manual Sedan KUX717 12 months registration. Very tidy, economical and goes well. Moving and must sell $1490 o.n.o. Please telephone 831 024 (Peter) or 685 302 (Karen).

Telephone answering machine, top of the range, with remote control, $160; 6'x4' gal. trailer (as new) with new steel radials, $700; windsurfer grommet (one year-old), $600 and European funboard plus three sails, $600. Please telephone 68 5798.

Wanted to buy

Sideboards, chests of drawers, hallstands, washtubs, etc. Also china, porcelain, glassware, silver CASH BUYER WILL CALL!! Ph: 592319 after 6pm.

Word Processing done

Ms Lyn Ferguson, of 30 Frederick Street, Merewether, is available to prepare theses, reports, class notes and other manuscripts for staff and students. Lyn works with Wordperfect ver. 5.1. Her phone number is 635 284.

Invitation by Wests

Wests Leagues Club at New Lambton recently spent approximately $16 million on upgrading its facilities. Because it is close to the University, the Club has suggested that staff and students might like to inspect the new facilities, which include a new restaurant (Hobarts), a new health club and gymnasium and an executive inn providing motel accommodation and conference rooms. In the main auditorium, Wests will hold a series of dinner/dances and Christmas cabarets with guest artists until December 22.

To Give Away

Affectionate male tabby cat, soft gray, desexed, wormed, vaccinated, likes outdoors and is looking for a good home as owner is going overseas. Please telephone 52 9360.

University Challenge

University Challenge returns to campus in earnest in October, when Wollongong University will compete against teams from Newcastle.

This University will be sending teams to compete at the University of NSW and, one hopes, to the semi-finals of the competition at Macquarie and final at Sydney.

With the ABC not involved in a national program this year, despite the fact that the televised matches had an audience of up to a million people last year, it has been left to Universities themselves to organise a competition.

Five New South Wales-based institutions have formed their own competition: the Universities of Sydney, New South Wales, Macquarie, Wollongong and Newcastle.

Two teams from each are scheduled to compete in first-round competition, with the four highest point-scorers progressing to the semi-finals.

Newcastle's first match will be away to UNSW. The host University will set the date, but it must be between October 15 and 18. Wollongong will visit this campus the following week.

Semi-finals will be held between November 5 and 9, and the final on a date to be fixed between November 12 and 16.

Practice matches have been held in the Shortland Union Bar, with competitors coming from different age groups and different parts of campus - but, so far, predominantly from one gender. More women - and more men - are welcome to take part in the process of selecting two teams of four, plus reserves. Contact John Miner on 687 333 if you'd like to try.

There is also a $100 reward for any team of four who can defeat last year's representative team.

Uni host graduates' body

The University hosted the 24th annual meeting of the Australian University Graduate Conference (AUGC) between September 28 and 30.

The Convocations and graduate bodies of most of the 23 universities in Australia sent delegates and observers to the meeting.

There was a welcome in the Staff House on September 27 and formal sessions were held on the two subsequent days.

Workshops on public relations for university graduate bodies and recent developments in relation to the Council on Advancement and Support Education (CASE) were held on the Friday, followed by the AUGC Dinner, at which the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, was guest speaker.

On Saturday, reports were presented by AUGC executive members and representatives of universities, and papers on university issues were outlined.

Discussions were continued on the Sunday before the election of officers for the year 1990/91.

The social program for the AUGC meeting included a bus trip to Tyrrell's and Hungerford wineries and a dinner at Pokolbin.

organ tour of the US

Mr Michael Dudman, Dean of the Faculty of Music, recently returned from a concert tour of New England in the United States.

Mr Dudman played the organ in public engagements in several cities and places, including Boston, Baltimore, Methuen, Lowell, Jamaica Plain, Malden and Wobum.

He said one of his intentions had been to explore various historic organs in New England. He had used some in his concerts.

In addition, Mr Dudman taped material in the recording studios of Scott Kent in Boston. The tapes will be played in his regular Sunday night program on 2NUR.