Students' Association elections, 550 voters

Although the tally of voters was almost half last year's, the new officers of the Newcastle University Students' Association are still elated with the response to the elections for the 1990 executive.

This year about 550 students voted, compared with about 1,000 last year. (Last year's response was the best for many years.)

The voting was less than 10 per cent of the electorate, which is about the same as the average for elections held at all New South Wales universities, said Mr Martin Davies, the new President of the NUSA, and Ms Cherie Kennedy, the new Honorary Secretary.

'Students don't vote easily and a great deal depends on the campaigning,' they said. 'Last year, three student groups ran tickets and there were two independent candidates.

This year only seven candidates contested the three main executive positions — President, Secretary and Media Officer,' Mr Davies and Ms Kennedy said.

Their successful team ran the only ticket and they described themselves as not connected with any political party.

Mr Davies is an Arts II student who is the Faculty of Arts representative on the Students' Representative Council. He will succeed Ms Alison Kinder as President. Ms Kennedy is an Economics III student who has been active in both university and community affairs.

Mr Patrick Drake-Brockman, an Arts II student, is the new Media Officer. He will succeed Mr Patrick Drake-Brockman (Media Officer).
The President and Media Officer are full-time paid officers of the NUSA.

The new executive will assume office at the start of First Semester, 1990.

Other executive positions filled in the elections: Inter-campus Liaison Officer, Mr Steve Watkins; Treasurer, Mr John Griffiths; and Women's Officer, Ms Vanessa Bates.

Mr Davies and Ms Kennedy explained that the issues students attached most importance to were amalgamation and voluntary student unionism.

The revolt by the Council of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education is ridiculous and, consequently, amalgamation is again very contentious.

'Most students don't know what has been negotiated on their behalf and whether amalgamation will affect them. It is so confusing it is almost like a cloud hanging over their heads'.

They described the need to consult with students on a broader front in order to increase awareness of the importance of issues such as amalgamation as paramount.

With student apathy rife, they said, the possibilities of greater interaction through student social activities would be investigated by the executive.

Mr Davies and Ms Kennedy said students' representative bodies at New South Wales universities had again been forced to concern themselves with voluntary student unionism, which might be introduced by the State Government before Semester I, 1990.

'Voluntary student unionism is most undesirable, and if introduced would jeopardise a number of important student services.'

With less income being derived from student fees, the Union, the SRC and the Sports Union would be forced to rationalise their services. 'We can see students needing cards in order to be admitted to their own Union', they said.

Mr Davies said he would respond to the support given to him by the students by endeavouring to increase student awareness of the SRC and student participation in campus affairs.

Greater student literary input and stronger links with the students of the HIHE are the goals set for himself by the new Media Officer, Mr Drake-Brockman.

Mr Drake-Brockman said Ms Bates and Ms Downing had edited Opus commendably. He intended to go into university classes to emphasise the desirability of an increased number of students making contributions to the newspaper.

He had worked with students of the Visual Arts Department of the Hunter Institute and he planned to seek their assistance with the design and production of Opus.

'Because we will be amalgamating, we will be producing a paper to serve a total readership of approximately 14,000 students. It will hopefully form a bridge between the two "cultures".'

Not only did he want an augmentation of campus news - seen from the perspective of students - but he also proposed to feature articles on Newcastle for the benefit of new students who came from Sydney and who seemed to have little appreciation of this district.

The elections for the 1990 executive resulted:

President, Mr Davies, 355; Ms Larissa Trompf, 155; Mr Peter Fisher, 64; Informal, 5. Secretary, Ms Kennedy, 462 votes; Mr Fisher, 91; Informal, 14. Media Officer, Mr Drake-Brockman, 462 votes; Mr Fisher, 100; Informal, 16.

Justice Elizabeth Evatt, elected Chancellor

The Interim Council of the University is engaged in activities of great importance to higher education in the Hunter, according to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan. He was speaking on September 15 at the first meeting of the Interim Council, which is the governing body of the amalgamated University.

At the launch of the Interim Council, Professor Morgan was Chair because the new body had not elected a Chancellor.

Later in the meeting, Justice Elizabeth Evatt was unanimously elected Chancellor. She is expected to take up the position at the next meeting on September 29.

Professor Morgan spoke on the lengthy legislative process leading to the proclamation of the University of Newcastle Act and the establishment of the Interim Council, which he said, would be responsible for strategic policy matters rather than day-to-day management.

'We should work towards the achievement of academic excellence across the whole University,' he said.

'We should create an institution which reflects the aggregate parts but is greater than the parts.'

'Essentially, all the University should be seen in terms of academic achievement and ability to serve the students of the region, the State and the country as a whole.'

Among the Interim Council's specific responsibilities are supervision of the transfer of staff and assets, control of the governing bodies of the University, the Hunter Institute and Newcastle Conservatorium of Music, and the educational profile of the University.

Referring to the composition of the Council, Professor Morgan said he had received a number of expressions of proper concern at the absence of women members.

He stated that the Council possessed expertise in a wide range of areas.

Members served as individuals, not as members of other council. 'We are not delegates. We are members of the Interim Council established under the Act to govern the University.'

The Interim Council decided to advise the Minister that the existing institutions should be fully amalgamated under its control by October 31.
The Vice-Chancellor was asked to report to the next meeting on the progress made towards full amalgamation and was authorised to require the co-operation of all staff in the amalgamating institutions to enable discussions to proceed.

The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to convene a meeting with Mr R. Constable (Acting Principal of the Newcastle Conservatorium) and Dr L. Eastcott (Principal Pro Tem of the HIHE) to enable identification of an appropriate academic plan, which is to be reported to the next meeting of the Interim Council. He was authorised to require any staff to participate in discussions necessary for the proper preparation of an academic plan.

The Interim Council approved Chapters 1 to 5 of the proposed University’s By-laws. It will be necessary for the By-laws to be approved before action can be taken to establish the Academic Senate.

The Interim Council decided that the governing bodies of the existing institutions should conduct their normal business until it directed otherwise; that they and the chief executive officers should report to the Interim Council on their deliberations; and that any action on the decisions of the governing bodies is to be subject to endorsement by the Interim Council.

**Big Challenge now in Hobart**

When the Bulletin went to press, the University was competing in the finals of *University Challenge*.

The University of Newcastle team, and teams from eleven other universities, were contesting the TV matches in the ABC’s studios in Hobart. In spite of the pilots’ dispute, students in the teams had been transported from the four corners of Australia.

This is the first year a team from the University of Newcastle has made it into the finals, which were scheduled to be taped between September 21 and 29. The program will go to air in October.

The universities which made it into the finals, with the highest scores in qualifications rounds, are Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong, Queensland, Melbourne, Macquarie, Western Australia, Bond, Tasmania, Monash, Flinders and New South Wales.

The Newcastle University team comprises Mark Priest (BSc/Year I), Noel Leggett (BA/Year II), Jane O’Sullivan (MA), Darren Churchill (BSc/Year II) and reserve, David Donnelly (DipAvSc/Year I).

Vince Phelan (BA/Year II), a Sub-Warden at Edwards Hall, is the Team Manager.

The team has been involved in rigorous preparations for the finals, including taking part in mock *University Challenge* games and viewing *Sale of the Century* and *Masterquiz* on television.

*University Challenge* matches were played against teams of sub-wardens from Edwards Hall, students from St Francis Xavier College, Hamilton, professors of the University and students of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education.

University won all the ‘challenges’.

Incidentally, the scores for the professors ‘challenges’ were: Students 220 and 210, Professors 215 and 195.

The Vice-Chancellor gave members of the team morning tea on September 13 and extended his best wishes for their games in the televised finals.

**Record result for poetry prize**

This year’s Mattara Poetry Prize, the ninth, attracted an increased number of entries, namely around 1,500.

The Prize, which relates to prizes valued at $6,000, is sponsored by the Hunter Water Board (HWB), the Literature Board of the Australian Council and the University.

The Mattara anthology of entries will again be published this year.

The winners of the Prize will be announced in *The Newcastle Herald* on Saturday, September 30.

The prizes will be presented, and the anthology launched, on October 2 at 7.30 pm at the Von Bertouch Galleries, Laman Street, Cooks Hill. The event is open to the public.

The judges are Michael Wilding, Judith Rodriguez and Paul Kavanagh.

Dr Kavanagh, Senior Lecturer in English, said the entrants had submitted a total of approximately 6,000 poems, which arrived in the mail in a large number of boxes.

The Prize’s reputation means that we get very high quality entries but the entries this year seem to be even better than usual.

‘Australians normally hold back from dealing with ideas and concepts, but this year the poets are much more interested in aesthetics than before.’

‘Other literary awards tend to be judged according to people’s reputations. However, the Mattara Poetry Prize is evaluated anonymously, resulting in lesser knowns having the same chances as well-established poets,’ Dr Kavanagh said.
A special meeting of the Council was held on September 20. The Chancellor, Justice Elizabeth Evatt, said she had called the meeting following a request from members that the Council meets to consider recent events, including the proclamation of part of the new Act.

Judge Evatt said she had written to the New South Wales Minister for Education expressing her dismay at the appointment of all men as members of the Interim Council. She had made a number of attempts to get a reply to her representations but to no avail.

In a statement to the Council, the Vice-Chancellor said the announcement of the composition of the Interim Council produced a great deal of concern because no women were appointed. It also produced a number of curious statements on behalf of, and by, the Minister. Some of the statements had not been accurate.

The Minister had said that he appointed the members of the Interim Council on the advice of the three amalgamating institutions and he had not been given the names of any women from Newcastle.

The Vice-Chancellor said he had been in touch with the Minister's office but was not able to talk to the Minister. It was accepted by staff in the Minister's office that the statements had not been accurate. Despite repeated reminders, no correction of the statement had been issued by the Minister or his staff.

"What the Minister said was just not true," Professor Morgan said. "He received the names of several women in the confidential advice from me."

The letter which the Vice-Chancellor sent to the Minister was shown to members of the Council.

The Chancellor said the Council recognised that the names of some women had been forwarded to the Minister and that when appointments were made to the full Council of the amalgamated University there should be a more appropriate balance of men than women.

After the Vice-Chancellor reported on the matters dealt with by the Interim Council on September 15, the Council debated the date chosen by the Interim Council for the taking over of full responsibility for the amalgamated University — October 31.

Some members said they could not see the advantage of delaying the date a month.

Professor R. MacDonald said he was concerned that members of the University involved in the negotiations on amalgamation were being subjected to public criticism because they identified a particular concern for university standards.

Associate Professor C. Keay said he was concerned about certain advertisements and statements issued by members of the staff of the Hunter Institute. The people of Newcastle deserved a response from the University categorically rejecting the assertion that the University had little support for the Institute's values and courses.

The following motion was carried after lengthy discussion:

- The Council recognises that, with proclamation of the relevant legislation and naming of the Interim Council of the amalgamated University, amalgamation is now a fact.
- The Council (i) commends members of the University staff who have been involved in amalgamation negotiations with the Hunter Institute in particular for the progress that has been made towards amalgamation; (ii) requests the Interim Council to ensure that all members of the amalgamating institutions involved in the negotiations continue in the negotiations unhindered, and; (iii) commends the view of members of the University staff who have been involved in amalgamation negotiations that maintenance of academic standards and of the University educational profile is an essential part of such negotiations.
- The Council advises the Interim Council that full amalgamation should be implemented at the earliest possible date in October 1989.

Graduates give careers advice

The Careers Fair, a new venture by Convocation for the benefit of students, had an encouraging start.

On September 19, graduates of the University provided their time voluntarily to provide students with advice about career opportunities.

A guide providing the names of the graduates in attendance and how to obtain information on various careers was published by Convocation.

Our photograph shows the Warden of Convocation, Mr Vic Levi, discussing his experiences as a journalist with a group of interested students. Mr Levi said the fair had proved its usefulness as a service to students and he would propose a follow-up next year.
Our photograph shows Mr Ken Clifford, of the Hunter Academy (left), and Mr John Lowry, of the Cricket Club (right), with Robert Wellham.

University supports sporting excellence

On September 9 and 16 the University hosted a coaching clinic for 45 talented young cricketers from Newcastle and surrounding regions. The participants came from Government and non-Government schools, some from as far away as Aberdeen and Taree, as well as from local district cricket clubs.

The clinic is to be the precursor of several elite camps in other sports to be conducted by the University’s Sports Union in conjunction with the Hunter Academy of Sport. The organisers of the camps were in attendance to observe University facilities and the organisation of this clinic.

The initiative follows on several years of smaller cricket clinics organised by the University Cricket Club. The expanded scale and scope of the current coaching school was made possible by community support from sporting goods manufacturers, the local Cricket Association, schools and the Hunter Academy, whose President is Medicine’s Professor Saxon White. The popularity of the clinic is indicated by the need to restrict participation to selected cricketers and the length of the list of reserve trainees.

Coaching staff included international cricketers Rick Mc Cosker, Robert Holland and Greg Dyer. The coaching director was Robert Wellham, a graduate of this University, who holds advanced national coaching qualifications. According to players and their parents, the quality of coaching staff and resources utilised was of a high standard normally restricted to camps conducted by State Associations in the capital cities.

The success of the cooperative project should ensure that it will become an annual feature of the University’s support of community activities.

REVIEW

The Erpingham Camp by Joe Orton: Director Brendan Strahan: Drama Studio, September 12 to 23, 1989.

Well, no it wasn’t. Joe Orton’s name, these days, post Pick up Your Ears, is associated with gay male, violent, sexual goings-on. This play isn’t like that, and may well not stand the test of time, but that may not matter.

This production, from the very beginning, was fun. The Drama Studio space was commandeered by the redcoats, and from the moment the audience arrived it was organized with the desperate enthusiasm and laid-on jollity of these British holiday camp attendants. Hi-di-hi-hi! The warm-up act, Lance Hawkins, did an amateurishly good job as one would expect from a warm-up act — although I thought the choice of music here escaped even parody. Tie me kangaroo down, sport and Onward Christian Soldiers?

The major triumph of this production was the enthusiasm and energy put into it by the cast and production team. It was well put together and well done. Bill Keir as Erpingham was particularly Churchillian, arrogant, grotesque and revolting — a brave performance. Redcoat Riley (John Galagher) had a difficult role which he didn’t deal with in quite as an accomplished way as he did in Johan Johan. The accent was slightly confused, but his eyebrow manipulation and physical expression, in non-verbal sequences, was magnificent.

Taking the holiday camp setting, the play basically dealt with the conflict between two working class members of the audience, middle class camp organizers and the camp owner, Erpingham himself. This is the field of stereotypes. The working class is honest, crude, family oriented; the middle class educated, effete and pretentious. The camp collapses and is destroyed, Erpingham dies, and some kind of solidarity is achieved around his corpse. In terms of content it is hard to say where this piece is going. Its meaning is obscure and its message far from clear.

However, all in all, this production was good team work, with not particularly good material. The women weren’t strong, or rather the actors themselves were fine but the roles themselves not very good — but what would you expect? I think the program notes overstate the case for the contemporary relevance of this play. Class politics have changed and become much less clear-cut, but timeless relevance itself is a questionable criterion. M.M.

Amalgamation Cocktail Party

will be held in the Staff House on Wednesday, October 11, 5 to 7 pm

Members are invited to come along to meet and mingle with their new colleagues from the Hunter Institute and the Conservatorium, in the congenial and informal surroundings of the Staff House.

Aub Everett
Hon. Secretary
Dear Sir,

I refer to the articles in 'Admin Notes' (Bulletin, No.14 and No.15) written by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Mr Lance Hennessy. For the sake of your readers who by now must be tired of this very public argument, I shall keep my comments to a minimum. Simply, I represent the 285 students who reside at Edwards Hall, who could not leave this issue pass except for the way in which we have been labelled as 'rich' compared to others at the University. Everyone, especially Mr Hennessy, should know this is not the case.

The students of Edwards Hall fully support the unedited letter which the Deputy Vice-Chancellor’s comments, the residential staff were discharging their responsibilities to Edwards Hall and indeed the University, admirably.

Presumably, the part of the letter which the Deputy Vice-Chancellor found ‘offensive’ and which the Editor was persuaded to censor, alluded to the situation where Mr Hennessy was a senior official of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission when the Beswick Report was tendered to CTEC. One could reasonably assume that he should have read the report and, therefore, understood how ill-considered his remarks were.

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(The Editor excised a sentence from the end of the letter because, according to his definition, it was defamatory.)

Dear Sir,

Please allow me the opportunity of reaching other members of the university community on a subject close to my heart — getting away from it all. The only thing that stops me buying a few acres of rainforest to use as a retreat is the high cost involved. However, if three or four or even five others with similar inclinations could be found to share in the property, it would not be nearly so expensive, say from $10,000 to $20,000 per part-owner. If anyone else shares such a peculiar ambition, please ring extension 471.

John W Turner

Dear Sir,

Far from setting the record straight regarding misleading comments made by him in an article in 'Admin Notes' (Bulletin, No.14, August 28), Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Lance Hennessy, has responded to frank criticisms from the residential staff of Edwards Hall by continued innuendo.

We would suggest that in writing the letter (Bulletin, No.15, September 13) to factually correct the Deputy Vice-Chancellor’s comments, the residential staff were discharging their responsibilities to Edwards Hall, and indeed the University, admirably.

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(Editors' Note: Correspondence on this subject is now closed.)

Smoother traffic flow

- The State Highway 23 construction is being supervised by a graduate of this University. Mr Kevin Hays, shown with the new roundabout at the entrance to the University, graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1978 and outstanding results in Civil Engineering in 1983. More over the page
The new roundabout at the University's entrance in Rankin Drive was opened in September. Work on associated works will proceed until December.

The builders, the Roads and Traffic Authority, were able to maintain traffic flow in Rankin Drive, even though the route is very congested.

A temporary University roundabout provided for traffic movement between last January and September.

The new roundabout is associated with construction of a four-lane divided carriageway on the Newcastle Bypass, which is known as State Highway 23, between Newcastle Road, Jesmond, and Sandgate Road, Shortland.

The new highway separates through traffic from local traffic and pedestrians, and will improve community amenity, as well as the efficiency of the overall transport system.

Work on Rankin Drive is being carried out in three stages — a roundabout at the northern end of Blue Gum Road, the interchange with State Highway 23 and the University roundabout.

The interchange in Rankin Drive is in the form of an elevated roundabout, which comprises two bridges over the highway, earth retaining walls, loading and unloading ramps and pedestrian and bicycle path links. The work is in its early stages.

Injured cyclist given assistance

Mr Ken Jolly, of Muswellbrook, has received help from the Students’ Representative Council following a road accident which left him with severe back injuries.

The SRC was able to present Mr Jolly with $560. The money was raised at a social night in the Southern Cross Lounge. One source of funds was an auction of items donated by Newcastle companies.

Because he had to spend 16 weeks in Royal Newcastle Hospital and six weeks in a rehabilitation centre at Dubbo, he was forced to withdraw from his University course.

Mr Jolly has not yet recovered and he said the SRC's support would assist him to get further treatment for his back.

He planned to re-enrol in his degree studies next year.

Ken Jolly enrolled in Arts I at the start of this year. He was hospitalised after his bicycle was hit by the back wheels of a semi-trailer at the corner of Hunter Street and National Park Street in the city.

The Vice-President of Newcastle Cycleways Movement, Associate Professor Colin Keay, said the depressing aspect of Ken's accident was the fact that he had not been able to find a good map of the Newcastle cycle routes. A map had been out of print for some years, Professor Keay said.
University expands it horizons

The University now has a Central Coast connection.

A second campus has been opened on 80 hectares of land immediately east of Ourimbah Station.

As an inspection by the Bulletin showed, it is a very attractive site, combining low-lying creek flats and high wooded hills.

A rugby ground (the home of the Ourimbah All Blacks), a soccer field and several houses are on the property, which was purchased by the New South Wales Government for educational purposes during the Askin era.

The higher education facility is being developed jointly by the University and the Hunter Institute of Higher Education to cater for the growing demand for tertiary education by Central Coast residents.

The University, the Hunter Institute and the newly named Community College (WEA) are operating out of three demountable classrooms in Brush Road, Ourimbah, until permanent buildings can be provided. The Community College has its own office building, and an office has been opened in one of the adjacent houses for the University and Hunter Institute.

The Department of TAFE is expected to erect another temporary building in the early future and offer courses next year.

Part-time classes in the Bachelor of Business, the Master of Business Administration and the Associate Diploma of Police Studies began on July 10 and the University's Department of Education transferred its Bachelor and Master of Educational Studies courses from Gosford to the new campus soon after. Approximately 130 students are enrolled.

Students are able to make use of a limited library housed in another of the houses. A full-time library technician for the campus is about to be appointed. Until a third house is converted into a Union, students wanting food must drive to shops in Ourimbah. The conversion will be carried out this year.

A building six kms away, which can accommodate up to 30 people, with meals available, is available for weekend workshops and other short residential courses.

The new University campus is presently administered by Ms Julie Becker. Mrs Sandra Delaney, formerly Secretary in the Department of Modern Languages, is in charge of the office.

Professor Michael Ewans, Associate Professor of Drama, has been appointed permanent Manager and will take up his appointment on October 3.

To take responsibility for academic and physical planning, a Central Coast Campus Planning and Resources Committee has been set up by the University and the Hunter Institute.

The committee comprises the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor M. Carter, the Deputy Chairman of Senate, Professor R. MacDonald, Associate Professor J. Ransland, Mr W. Linklater, two representatives of the Academic Board of the Hunter Institute, Dr L. Eastcott, who has been responsible for the development of the new campus, and an administration representative.

When the Department of Education moved its classes from Gosford to the Ourimbah campus, 45 students in the Bachelor and Master of Educational Studies courses were re-located in the new buildings. There was a sense of excitement in being involved in getting the University's new campus underway.

The Central Coast Action Committee has for several years been committed to the establishment of a higher education facility on the Central Coast. The committee's association with the University led to the plan being realised.

The committee's Chairman Emeritus Professor Clif Ellyett, who lives nearby, said there was enormous interest in the courses being offered and student numbers should increase considerably next year, when a Bachelor of Arts course would be introduced and TAFE would offer instruction.

Professor Ellyett said the Ourimbah project had moved ahead at a very satisfying rate following the release of the site, the State Government and provision of $2.3 million in capital and recurrent funds by the Federal Government. The WEA's demountable buildings, worth $280,000, would be used by groups this year and next year.

He said the Central Coast Action Committee had established the Central Coast Tertiary Education Development Committee as a fund-raising sub-committee to
follow-up the promises of financial help received from the local community.

Last month Wyong Shire Council presented a cheque for $50,000 to the Vice-Chancellor as a special contribution to the development of Stage 1 of the new campus.

At an Information Night at Gosford RSL on September 20, Central Coast residents gained the latest information on the tertiary courses to be offered at the Ourimbah campus in 1990.

Professor Ellyett said it was anticipated that the new campus would be officially opened before the end of the year and the New South Wales Minister for Education, Dr Metherell, whose Government had provided the site, said recently he hoped he would be able to attend.

**Takes up challenge at Ourimbah**

Professor Michael Ewans, the Manager of the Central Coast Campus, came to the University from England in 1973 as Lecturer in Classics and became a Senior Lecturer in 1978.

He taught in the Department of Drama from its inception in 1975 and was appointed Head of the Drama Department on the departure of the Foundation Professor in 1981. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Drama in 1982.

His headship saw a marked growth in student numbers in the Department and the number of productions by professional guest directors, staff and students. His own new translations of the three plays of Aeschylus' Oresteia were premiered in research productions in the Drama Studio from 1983 to 1985.

Professor Ewans has been an active member of the Faculty of Arts, serving at various times on all its major committees. He has also been a member of the University's Outside Studies Programs Committee, and the Artistic Advisory Committee of the Australian Opera. He has been a member of the Drama Syllabus Committee of the Board of Secondary Education since its foundation.

He has published two books, the award-winning Janacek's Tragic Operas and Wagner and Aeschylus; the 'Ring' and the 'Orchestra', as well as numerous articles on Greek tragedy and modern opera. His most recent book, Georg Büchner's 'Woyzeck', translation and theatrical commentary, will be published by Peter Lang, New York later in 1989; and his latest article on the transformation of Patrick White's Voss into an opera by David Malouf and Richard Meale, will appear in the September issue of Meanjin.

**Establishment of the first gardens at the Central Coast campus has been accomplished by the WEA, which is sharing the accommodation. Photographs by courtesy of Peter Muller.**

Professor Ewans was a Visiting Professor in the Interdisciplinary University Professors Program of Boston University in 1986-87, and looks forward to bringing his range of academic and administrative skills to bear on the challenging task of developing the site and the programs for the University's new campus on the Central Coast.

**Director of the Office of the Aged**

Dr Anna Howe will present this year's Dick Gibson Memorial Lecture. The lecture is organised by the Australian Association of Gerontology, Hunter Valley Chapter, and the Department of Community Programmes, in association with the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr Howe was recently appointed Director of the Office of the Aged. She has held advisory positions to a number of key Commonwealth Committees investigating services for aged people in Australia, including the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure Inquiry into Home Care and Accommodation for the Aged and the Senate Select Committee Inquiry into Private Nursing Homes.

The Dick Gibson Lecture, which commemorates an innovative former regional Geriatrician, will be given in Lecture Theatre K202 in the Medical Sciences Building on October 4 at 8 pm.

Admission costs $5 and $2 for concession and includes supper.
First Open Day was encouraging

The Faculty of Engineering reported on a successful first Open Day on September 10.

The theme of the day was 'Engineering Is the Future' and an estimated 1,500 visitors saw a variety of high quality exhibitions and displays in the four Departments in the Faculty - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Surveying and Mechanical Engineering.

The visitors also made inspections of the new Engineering/Science Building.

People were waiting at 10 am for staff to open the buildings and by 11 o'clock the flow of arrivals at Open Day was continuous.

Throughout the day there were seminars on 'What is Engineering', 'Women in Engineering' and other topics and video displays. Attendances were very pleasing.

The level of interest in the information sessions, in which academics gave advice on HSC requirements and courses to potential students, was also high.

The visitors availed themselves of a service for buying food and refreshments which operated outdoors.

The winners of prizes in a family quiz:
First, Tain Barnard, of Nelson Bay; second, Mark Hancock, of Wallsend; and third, Sophie Dowling, of Bar Beach.
Looking forward to flying in Australia

Ms Irene Henley

A flight instructor from Winnipeg in Canada has swapped a good job and oversized winter flying gear for a research and teaching position at this University.

Ms Irene Henley sold her house and furniture in Winnipeg and moved to Australia so that she could study for a PhD at the Institute of Aviation. She said the Institute was unique outside the United States, because it offered non-university-based training.

In an interview with the Bulletin, Ms Henley pointed out that apart from enjoying the warmer weather she was pleased not to have to wear Arctic flying clothing, which had been issued to her in men's sizes. She is a rather small person.

After enrolling at this University to pursue her research in aviation education, Ms Henley accepted an appointment as a Lecturer in Aviation and had to make a return trip to Canada to get a visa. She is teaching practical aspects of flying, such as aircraft performance and navigation.

She is a French-Canadian and was born and raised on a farm in Northern Alberta in the proximity of the junction of the mighty Peace River and the Smoky River. She held two dreams: one was to become a teacher and the other was to learn to fly.

It was almost impossible to fly if you were a woman and there was also the expense', she said. 'So, I went to university and postponed flying for the time being'.

Ms Henley graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education degree and taught in Edmonton, before getting married and having two sons.

In 1969, she returned to the University of Alberta. She graduated with a Master of Arts degree in French literature and taught at the University of Alberta. She left the University to join the Canadian Government's Language Bureau, where she taught for three years.

Having finally paid off her university loans, Ms Henley learnt how to fly and obtained her flight instructor rating. At the Transport Canada Training Institute in Cornwall, Ontario, she directed transportation management courses.

She continued her studies in aviation and, in 1980, accepted her first full-time job as a flight instructor in Winnipeg. Later, she obtained endorsement as a Class I flight instructor and she was appointed test examiner by the Department of Transport.

Returning to Transport Canada, Ms Henley worked as a Flight Training Standards Inspector and in her spare time continued her academic studies at the University of Manitoba. In 1987 she obtained a Master of Education degree specialising in flight training. Her thesis was on the association between student pilot stress and flight instructor training.

Ms Henley is being supervised in her doctoral research into aviation education by Associate Professor Ross Telfer and Dr Sid Bourke.

She said she is enjoying the friendly people and the relaxed atmosphere on the UN campus. In fact, the University had everything she wanted, including proximity to Sydney. She said her sons were looking forward to visiting her at Christmas, when they would escape the cold in Canada.

Ms Henley has every intention of seeing other parts of Australia. She said she was fortunate to be qualified to hire a plane and be able to make cross-country flights as far as Perth and Darwin.

Visitors in October

Professor Hugh Clarke, Professor of Japanese Studies and Head of Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Sydney, will visit the University on 13 October.

Professor Clarke will deliver two lectures:
At 2 pm in Lecture Room ALG 29, he will give a lecture on Okinawa: Crossroads of East Asia. The lecture will deal with Okinawa as the 'missing link' that connects the east Asian cultures of China, Korea and Japan.
At 7.30 pm, in Lecture Room ALG 29, Professor Clarke will deliver a public lecture on Australia's Asian 'literacy' and Japanese 'Internationalisation', which will deal with the future of Asian studies with specific reference to Japanese studies in Australia.

The lectures have been arranged by the Standing Committee on Asian Studies and the Japanese Section of the Department of Modern Languages. All members of the university are invited to attend.

Enquiries: Extension 262 or Extension 363.

Professor Ann Kaplan, Professor of English and Director of the Humanities Institute at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, will be guest of the School of Humanities, the Standing Committee on Asian Studies, and the Department of English from October 15 to 17.

Professor Kaplan has written widely on feminism, women in film, film noir, television, the director Fritz Lang, and on post-modernism.

While at the University, Professor Kaplan will be the main speaker at lunch-hour forum of the School of Humanities to be held at 2 pm on October 16 in Lecture Room VO 2.

Professor Kaplan will give an address on Speaking Up for the Humanities: Perspectives for the 1990s. All members of the University are urged to attend this forum.

The forum will be chaired by Associate Professor John Ramsland, Director of the School of Humanities. Copies of the ACLS Report, Speaking for the Humanities, may be obtained by phoning Extension 219 (Department of English).

On October 17, at 2 pm in the Audio-Visual Theatre of the Auchmuty Library, Professor Kaplan will conduct a seminar Cross-Cultural Film Analysis: Feminist Perspectives on Contemporary Chinese Films.

Professor Kaplan will be accompanied by her husband, Professor Martin Hoffman, who will be the guest of the Department of Psychology.
New lecturer for Engineering

With a little help from Mount Isa Mines (MIM), the Department of Chemical Engineering has a new lecturer.

Mr Shaun Manning teaches fluid mechanics, introduction to chemical engineering and undergraduate laboratories; and will be lecturing at Newcastle for three years. The position was made possible when MIM agreed to market the Jameson Cell, developed by Professor Graeme Jameson. Professor Jameson agreed to act as a consultant for the company, with funds being generated for a new lecturer.

Mr Manning, who comes from Beresfield, is currently working on his PhD on the topic of two-phase mixing in stirred vessels, which involves detailed analysis of bubble generation mechanisms and impellar design. Although this is his first lecturing post, he was employed on a five year traineeship by the Alcan Smelter at Kurri Kurri.

According to Mr Manning, the team of engineers at the University department are very active, particularly in fine particles and bubble research. Chemical Engineering research can contribute to a more efficient minerals processing industry.

Besides his work at the University, Mr Manning plays pipes for the Royal Australian Corps of Transport. He hopes that his experience at Newcastle University will be a vehicle for possible overseas work.

The important collection of records known as the Irish Transportation Records is now available for use in the Auchmuty Library. This collection, which comprises 105 reels of microfilm and a computerised index on diskettes, was a Bicentenary gift from the Government and the people of Ireland. As approximately one-third of the convicts who were transported to the Australian colonies were of Irish origin, the gift of these unique records was a most appropriate one.

A selection of the most important records pertaining to the transportation of Irish convicts which were held in the Irish National Archives were microfilmed and a computerised index to the records chosen was produced with the support of IBM. The original set of microfilms and their index was lodged at the National Library of Australia, and provision made for the sale of copies of this 'kit' to other interested libraries.

There are seven main categories of records included on the microfilms, namely:

- The Transportation Registers 1836-1857, including some 20,000 men and women sentenced to death or transportation. Most of the convicts whose sentences were commuted to transportation were sent to Australia, but some were sent to penal establishments in Bermuda and Gibraltar.
- Prisoners Petitions and Cases, 1766-1836. This is a collection of petitions sent to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on behalf of convicts seeking commutation or remission of their sentence. These vary in detail, however, they are a most interesting group of papers as they shed much light on the family circumstances of the convicts.
- The State Prisoners Petitions, 1788-1799. These concern those convicted for involvement in the 1798 Rebellion.
- Convict Reference Files, 1835-1856, 1865-1868. This continues (2), and includes as well as petitions, summaries of evidence, judges reports etc. Details of 68 Fenians transported in 1868 are included in this segment.
- Free Settlers papers, 1828-1852. These papers relate to requests by male convicts for a free passage for their wife and children to join them. There are also petitions from wives, and a few letters from convicts describing life in the colonies.
- Male Convict Register, 1842-1847.
- Register of Convicts on Ships, 1851-1853.

The names and other details of convicts referred to in (1) to (5) are entered in the computer database. The index is designed to be searched by surname — either with exact spelling or with exact or similar spelling. In Option 2, a search on the surname Byrne, will also produce matches on the variation Beirne, Berne, Burne and Burn. Details such as name, age, county of trial, crime and sentence are available on the index. A reference on the index provides the link to original material on the microfilm.

The index is loaded onto a microcomputer which may be accessed by inquiring at the Reference Desk. The Microfilms are located at Microfilm No. 2241.

*Elizabeth Gilmour and Jim Cleary*
Balsa bridges constructed

Each year in the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying an innovative competition is held in which the students in mechanics and structures may obtain extra marks if they compete, and even more marks if they succeed.

Last year’s competition was for the construction of a bridge made out of spaghetti. This year it was for a balsawood bridge.

The bridge is mounted in a test frame and must sustain the load of a simulated vehicle crossing its decking. There is a sliding scale for the award of marks for the construction of successful balsa bridges. Maximum points are awarded for the lightest bridge which can sustain the load and other marks are awarded for bridges which are lighter than the average. All entrants receive some marks for their efforts.

The first prize in this year’s competition was an encouragement cheque to the value of $70 awarded to Mr Lachlan McKerrow, while the second and third prizes went to Mr Jason Harper ($40) and Mr Ashley Sutcliffe ($20) respectively.

The photograph shows from left Professor Rob Melchers congratulating Mr Sutcliffe (from Newcastle), Mr Harper (from Inverell) and Mr McKerrow (from Gunnedah). On the right of the photograph is Associate Professor John Fryer, Head of the Department.

Uni poll result

A referendum conducted by the Staff Association shows overwhelmingly that academic staff do not wish Principal Lecturers and Heads of School at the HIHE to be automatically transferred to the University as Associate Professors and Professors.

Voting on the question resulted: 164 in favour, and 27 against.

The President of the Staff Association, Mr Robert Mackie, said this meant that University staff wished criteria of research and publication to remain principal factors in the appointment of senior academics.

There can be no freeloaders on this issue and the University cannot afford to compromise its reputation for attracting high calibre staff, he said.

The staff also voted on the reclassification of junior staff at the HIHE and Conservatorium. They clearly supported the transfer of tenured Lecturer III staff to Lecturer. The voting was 111 to 79.

It is understood that there are only five tenured Lecturer III staff affected.

The referendum also agreed that tenured tutors and senior tutors at the University also be reclassified as lecturers. The vote here was 114 to 60.

Seventy per cent of the Staff Association’s members voted in the referendum.

Describing the vote as ‘most encouraging’, Mr Mackie said that it greatly strengthened the hand of the Staff Association in negotiations with the Administration over working conditions following amalgamation.

‘We believe the Administration of the University would be very foolish to ignore this clear and forceful expression of staff opinion’, he said.

Courses to improve knowledge and skills

The Department of Community Programmes will offer a large number of bridging courses early in 1990. Bridging courses are designed primarily for students who are about to enter tertiary institutions and who wish to improve their knowledge and skills in particular areas related to their chosen study programs.

Courses cover word processing, critical reasoning, Mandarin language, mathematics, library skills, biology, computing and essay writing and other topics.

Most courses are of 10 to 20 hours long, although a special crash course in Mandarin will run daily for four weeks in January.

Bridging course programs run in previous years by Community Programmes have enrolled significant numbers of students, most of whom have been grateful for the opportunity to correct deficiencies in their preparation for University studies.

In addition to the bridging course programs, a short seminar designed for students intending to move to Newcastle from other areas will be held. The seminar, at which parents will be most welcome, will advise students on how to finance their University studies, employment prospects, public transport and services and a host of other matters which should help ease their introduction to Newcastle and University life.

The 1990 bridging course program is open to all interested people, whether or not they intend to study at this University. Previous bridging programs have attracted people intending to study at other universities and even some not enrolled in any institution.

Further information is available from the Department of Community Programmes at Extension 522.
Senior Technical Officer (Grade 1) — Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Applications are invited for the above position.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science is involved with both teaching and research into a wide range of subjects in the general areas of electrical and electronic engineering and computing. The appointee to the position will be exposed to the latest in CAD facilities, hardware components and circuit design.

The successful applicant will undertake laboratory work, including maintenance and repair of laboratory equipment and ordering of electrical components, and will be involved with Printed Circuit Board layout, construction, assembly and testing.

Essential: An appropriate TAFE Certificate in the Electrical and/or Electronics field e.g. Electronics and Communications Certificate or qualifications considered equivalent and appropriate by the University.

Desirable: Applicants should be conversant with digital logic families and electronic components and have experience with microprocessor hardware and a willingness to learn CAD techniques.

Commencing salary will be within the range $21,013 per annum to $27,732 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further information contact Mr Fred Martinez, telephone 685 331, or Mr Len Sciaccia, telephone 685 762.

Applications close 29 September 29.

Technical Officer (Grade 1) — Department of Chemistry

Applications are invited for the above position. Duties will include the setting up of undergraduate physical chemistry experiments, the maintenance of the physical chemistry laboratory, and assisting with the development and testing of new experiments. The successful applicant will also learn to use items of major equipment as part of the research activities of the Department.

Essential: A TAFE Chemistry Certificate or qualifications considered equivalent and appropriate by the University.

Desirable: Qualifications in or a knowledge of electronics.

Commencing salary will be within the range of $21,013 per annum to $27,732 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further information contact the Head of Department, Dr K.H. Bell, telephone 685 426.

Applications close on September 29, 1989.

Computer Systems Officer, Grade 2/3 (fixed term) — ADP Unit

A person is required for the Administrative Data Processing Unit. Duties will include the setting up and maintenance of programs for the University's administration.

Essential: A degree or equivalent with a substantial component related to computing or other training, coupled with experience, which is acceptable to the University. Knowledge of COBOL, and relational database software.

Desirable: Experience with VAX in an on-line commercial application.

The position is available for a two year period from the date of appointment.

Commencing salary will be within one of the following ranges: Grade 2 $30,700 per annum — $35,060 per annum or Grade 3 $35,060 per annum or $38,605 per annum.

For appointment at Grade 3 a higher level of computing experience would be expected.

Further information about duties can be obtained from Mr S. Watson, telephone 685 714.

Applications close on September 29, 1989.

General Information: Excellent conditions of employment apply. Superannuation is available for all permanent positions.

Applications, quoting position number, should be addressed to the Staff Office, University of Newcastle, NSW. 2308. 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.

Applications are welcomed from both women and men, including aborigines, people with disabilities and people from non-English speaking backgrounds.
Re-enrolment 1990

Students who are enrolled in the following courses are required to collect their 1990 Re-enrolment Kit in accordance with the timetable outlined below.

Bachelor degrees (including honours), Combined degrees, Postgraduate coursework and Postgraduate diplomas.

The kit will be issued on the presentation of the 1989 Student Card.

**Timetable**

*Tuesday, October 24*
10.30 am to 2 pm and 4 to 6 pm, Godfrey Tanner Room — Faculty of Arts.

*Wednesday, October 25*
10.30 am to 2 pm and 4 to 6 pm, Godfrey Tanner Room — Faculty of Economics and Commerce and the Faculty of Education.

*Thursday, October 26*
10.30 am to 2 pm and 4 to 6 pm, Godfrey Tanner Room — Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Science and Mathematics.

*Friday, October 27*
10.30 am to 2 pm and 4 to 6 pm, *EA and Med* — Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Medicine.

*Years 1 and 2, 1989, Tutorial group mail.* Year 3, 1989, collect MSB Faculty Office, September 18 to October 6. Year 4, 1989, forms available on Thursday, November 2 at DMB. Year 5, 1989, collect from Thursday, November 2 at DMB.

After October 27 re-enrolment kits can be collected from the Student and Faculty Administration Office located in the McMullin Building between 10 am to 12.30 pm and 2 to 4.30 pm.

Re-enrolment kits will not be mailed.

Environmental toxicology talks

The Centre for Environmental Toxicology at the University of Technology, Sydney, is offering a seminar on sublethal and ecosystem-level impacts of environmentally hazardous chemicals.

The seminar will be held in the Centenary Lecture Theatre at Royal North Shore Hospital, Gore Hill, on October 13 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

The purpose of the seminar is to bring together chemists, toxicologists, ecologists and environmental scientists to discuss new developments in environmental toxicology in Australia.

The seminar is divided into four parts: sublethal effects in freshwater; ecosystem-level effects in freshwater; the impact of anti-fouling paints in coastal waters; and the impact of Sydney's sewage in coastal waters.

If you wish to attend the seminar, please register before September 29 by telephoning (02) 265 8960 or (02) 436 6205.

Roaring Horns give 2NUR their support

2NUR is offering a cassette of the music of the Roaring Horns, one of Newcastle's best-known Trad jazz bands. Proceeds will be directed to the appeal fund which will finance 2NUR's new studies.

The Roaring Horns recorded the one-hour cassette 'live' at Redhead Bowling Club, where it has attracted a large following for the last six years.

The band has a regular gig at Redhead on Saturdays between 3 and 6.30pm.

The members of the Roaring Horns are: Gary Sullivan (trumpeter), Blue Newton (trombone and vocals), Brian Goldsmith (soprano sax and vocals), Mal Hanson (drums, washboard and vocals), Jim Price (electric bass), Col Hanson (piano, tuba and vocals) and Arthur Wilson (banjo).

Gary Sullivan and Jim Price have been members of the band since it first blazed away at the Clarendon Hotel in 1981.

On the cassette the Roaring Horns play rousing versions of New Orleans standards, ballads and smooth vocals such as *Someone To Watch Over Me*.

Copies of the cassette cost $13 plus $2 postage.

For more details please telephone Extension 713.
Advertisements

For Sale

Three bedroom weatherboard and tile home featuring quality inclusions, dishwasher and air-conditioning, large outside entertainment and barbecue area plus inground pool (only 3 kilometres from the University, bus passes the door). Asking price: $135,000 or near offer. Please telephone 51 3356 or (065) 52 6121.

One Fact electronic pottery wheel, $500 or near offer; wide range of glaze materials, chemistry equipment and chemicals, one home made trolly (ideal for potters or chemists), best offers; one round solid timber table (needs refinishing), $80 or near offer; one portable typewriter, $20; three spoon racks (walnut finish, 2x36 spoons), $25 each or near offer plus $24 spoons, $20 or near offer. Please telephone 49 8548 evenings only.

Phelps Stereo in good general condition, but needs attention by electronics hobbyist. Only $20. Please telephone 51 5219 or Extensions 560 or 679 to arrange inspection.

Car Pool

Lady seeks car pool from Nelson Bay or Salamander to University daily or will pay for lift. Please telephone Margaret at Extension 358 or 82 0349 after hours.

University Womens' Group Annual Dinner

The group will be holding their annual dinner in the Staff House on Friday, October 13 at 7 pm. The Chancellor, Justice Elizabeth Evatt, AO, and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan and Mrs Hilary Morgan will be present. The guest speaker is Dr Marlene Norst, a former member of the German Department, who will speak on In Praise of Diversity. For further information please telephone 52 2176.

Music Making at the Con

Thursday, September 28, 8 pm
Australian Chamber Orchestra (III) — Dvorak, Greig and Vaughan Williams. $18 and $12 concession, $6 student rush or subscription $45 and $30 concession.

Thursday, October 5, 8.15 pm
Musica Viva (Carmina Quartet) — Haydn, Weber, Bartok and Beethoven. $18 and $9 concession.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1.10 pm
Robert Smith (organ) — Bach and Schubert. $2 and $1 concession.

Thursday, October 12, 1.10 pm
Manlio Antonino Berte (Italian pianist) — Brahms and Chopin. $2 and $1 concession.

Sunday, October 15, 8 pm
Shoey’s Aria Awards.

Monday, October 16, 8 pm
Shoey’s Aria Awards.

Tuesday, October 17, 8 pm
Shoey’s Aria Awards.

How to apply for training courses

Information regarding all training courses/workshops etc., will be publicised in the Bulletin, and displayed on departmental notice boards.

The University’s policy on equal opportunity and affirmative action provides that staff should have access to training and development opportunities regardless of sex, race, or physical disability.

To participate in training, please contact me at the Staff Office at Extension 202, to lodge your expression of interest. Please ensure you have discussed the training course/workshop with your Head of Department.

John Hattander,
Staff Development Coordinator

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Training Diary

Computer Courses:
Introduction to Macintosh Excel 1/89 Course — October 17 and 19 (three, two-hour sessions).
2/89 Course — October 31 and November 2 (three, two-hour sessions).
Advanced Macintosh, Microsoft Word — dates to be advised
Introduction to Microsoft Word — to be announced.
Advanced Word Perfect (Version 5) — to be announced.

Special Courses & Workshops

Selection Techniques Workshop 1/89 Workshop — October 10.
2/89 Workshop — October 11.
Counselling Skills Workshop 1/89 Workshop — October 18.
Stress Management Workshop 1/89 Workshop — October 20.
Occupational Health & Safety Workshop — Eye Safety, October 31 (2 hours).
Superannuation/Retirement Planning Workshop — to be announced.
Committee Skills Workshop — to be announced.

How to prepare yourself to be interviewed — to be announced.

Micro Teaching and Presentation Workshop — to be announced.

Occupational Health & Safety Workshops — Housekeeping in the Workplace and Office Safety — to be announced.

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Campus Bulletin

The next Bulletin is listed to appear on October 16.

The deadline for your contributions is October 6 at 5 pm. We are happy to receive news about campus activities, (seminars, concerts and other events), visitors, diary entries, advertisements, and Letters to the Editor. Contact John Armstrong or Linda Aurelius at Extension 328.