Amalgamation update at Senate

The Vice-Chancellor told Senate on February 22, that he expected to have discussions with the Minister for Education, Dr Terry Metherell, MLA, and the Parliamentary Draftsman soon about legislation necessary to achieve the amalgamation of the University and the Hunter Institute of Higher Education.

Professor Morgan said Dr Metherell said he was pleased to agree to the consultations.

The Vice-Chancellor reported on the proposals after informing Senate that State Cabinet, on February 21, had agreed to amalgamation between the University, the Hunter Institute and the Newcastle Branch of the New South Wales State Conservatorium of Music to become a new University of Newcastle, which would include a new campus at Ourimbah on the Central Coast.

Dr Metherell had told him that he expected to introduce draft legislation for the amalgamation of several universities and colleges in New South Wales into Parliament in the next fortnight.

The draftsman was in a position to be able to work with some speed and he (Professor Morgan) intended to avail himself of the opportunity to have discussions with him.

He said following a number of discussions in the last month it had been resolved that the University and the Hunter Institute should make separate submissions to Dr Metherell on the name and necessary legislation for the amalgamated University.

The University, in its advice, says, it is essential to build on the achievements and excellence that have been recognised in the reputations of the amalgamating institutions.

Newcastle is already identified in Australia and throughout the world as a centre for higher education. In particular, the University, recognised as an institution of the highest standards in scholarship and research, is accorded high regard nationally and internationally; in our local community, essential pride is taken in the standing of the University of Newcastle.

'This combination of identity and reputation should be preserved in the name of the University of Newcastle for the amalgamated University.

'Of similar importance to continuity of name is the continuity of the corporate identity of the University,' the University says in the submission. Preserving the name and identity of the University of Newcastle should be achieved by implementing the amalgamation proposals through amendment to the existing University of Newcastle Act, rather than by the introduction of a new Act.

'The ability to maintain standards of higher educational provision especially in a period of major change and development draws heavily on the structures and procedures which have been found by experience to provide the necessary checks and balances. The structure of the University Act reflects these needs.

'Accordingly,' Dr Metherell has been informed, 'the University believes that the appropriate name for the amalgamated University must be the University of Newcastle; and the preferred mode of achieving the necessary legislation should be by amendment to the existing University of Newcastle Act.'

Professor Morgan told Senate that the Hunter Institute had informed Dr Metherell that it was content to withdraw its request that the name of the amalgamated University be The University of Newcastle and the Hunter, but it insisted on a new Act being introduced.

He said apart from differing on how the enabling legislation should be prepared the University and the Institute had each offered identical advice on the principles of the legislation, including the definition of the functions, graduates, staff, students and governance of the University and the composition and powers of the Council and the Interim Council.

He said he was able to confirm that the Governors of the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music had advised Dr Metherell that they wished the Newcastle Branch to be amalgamated with the University. This approach was in line with Dr Metherell's own thinking.

Professor Morgan said the task force appointed by the Federal Minister for Education to report on amalgamations would come to the University in February 27. Mr Dawkins wanted advice from the group on whether to grant special assistance from the one per cent Reserve Fund.

The Vice-Chancellor said he, his administrative colleagues and
representatives of the Hunter Institute would request the task force to recommend that support be
given for such projects as footpaths,
roads, a new PABX switchboard and
a new computer, and argue that as
the two institutions had been
working hard on achieving
amalgamation they should be given
the facilities this year.

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**Library round-up**

This is the first of what we hope will
be a regular column from the Library
to keep the academic community up
to-date with a rapidly changing
information environment, in which
both old and new technologies will
have their place. There will be reports
on significant new acquisitions in a
variety of formats — from the
traditional book to CD-ROM and
interactive video. There will also be
an attempt to highlight the Library's
role as an information service
provided by highly skilled staff
dedicated to assisting with your
information problems. We would
be delighted to receive feedback on our
column and suggestions for future
topics we might cover.

**Orientation Program**

New students will be encouraged to
take a self-guided tour of the Library.
This was a great success in 1987 and
can once again be offered now that the
re-organisation of the collection is
complete. Copies will be available in
the Library entrance. An updated
tape-slide on Allecat — the
computerised catalogue — can be
viewed as part of the advertised
library tours, or by appointment
through the staff at the Help Desk in the
Library foyer. The tours taken by
library staff will be at 11 am, Noon,
1 and 2 pm daily during the first two
weeks of term and at 6, 7 and 8 pm on
the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday of those weeks. Further
instruction in the use of library
resources can be arranged by
contacting Jim Cleary at Extension
242.

**Medline on CD-ROM**

During 1989, Janet Brice will be
evaluating various versions of
Medline, the major medical indexing
service, on CD-ROM. The
Silverplatter version of the current
file will be available in the next few
weeks. There will be a booking system
and time limits on access. Another
interesting development in the
medical area is Reference Update, a
weekly service on a floppy disk
providing the tables of contents from
the current issues of more than 300
major journals in biology and
medicine. References can be retrieved
on any combination of authors, title
keywords and journal names. Relevant
citations can then be transferred in ASCII format to
Reference Manager, the companion
bibliographic file software or any
other database management software.
The price is under $300 per annum.
For further information, Janet can be
reached at Extension 690.

**Industrial Archive Acquisition**

One of Australia's most important
industrial archives — the Scottish
Australia Mining Company Archive
(1860+) — was recently acquired by the
Library. It is important for its
uniquely valuable historical data on
the economic and social history of
Australia's early mining industry.
The records were returned to the
Hunter Region by Sydney University
some 30 years after their removal to
Sydney. Archives staff in the Library
will be happy to arrange access to
the records for researchers.

**New Publication Launched**

On December 22, 1988, the latest title
to appear in the Auchmuty Library
Publications series was launched at the
University by the Acting Vice-
Chancellor, Professor M.P. Carter.
The work, Land Settlement and
Selection in the Belltrees Region,
Upper Hunter Valley, 1861-1901 was
written by Judy White and studies the
impact of free selection on the
Belltrees estate and its
neighbourhood. The book was based
on family and station records held at
Belltrees, particularly some 54,000
letters written by H.L. White, Manager
of Belltrees from 1885. In 1987 Judy
and Michael White gave permission
for the Auchmuty Library to micro-
film a large segment of the White
Family Papers starting with the H.L.
White letterbooks. A positive
microfilm copy is held in the Library.
Judy White's book is liberally
illustrated with maps and
photographs from the Belltrees
Collection.

**Land Settlement and Selection,**
No.7 in the Auchmuty Library
Publication Series, is available from
local bookshops for $15. This work
and an earlier one, *Diary of a Swiss
Settler in Australia* translated by Ken
Dutton and edited by Dennis Rowe
were published specifically to mark the
Bicentenary.

**Jim Cleary and Elizabeth Guilford**

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**German student wins scholarship to GDR**

David Scott, postgraduate student in
the German Section of the Department
of Modern Languages, has won a
very competitive scholarship to the
Herder Institut of the Karl-M. University, Leipzig.

Mr Scott will attend a course
for teachers and lecturers of German
from July 5 to 25. Only one
scholarship of this kind was offered in
Australia.

Mr Scott graduated in 1988
with Honours Class I in German.
He was the first candidate to be awarded a
University Medal in German since 1974.

He spent part of his fourth year
at the University of Erlaby
/Nürnberg, West Germany, on
DAAD scholarship, where he studied
mainly with Professor Ulrich
Fülleborn.

He received a Commonwealth
Postgraduate Research Award 5
years in fact, he was placed first in the order of merit. He is conducting
research into Elias Canetti's major
theoretical essay Masse und Machl.

Canetti was awarded the Nobel
Prize for literature in 1981.

Assoc. Professor F. Walla, Executive of the German Section, said
it was sheer coincidence that David,
who originally started a degree in
mathematics, ended up majoring in
German.

Because he was chosen to
represent, first, New South Wales, and
then Australia, in a soccer team
which went on to a tournament in
West Germany, David took an
interest in the German language.
Professor Walla said.

'He therefore, included Ger-
man in his mathematics program.
Later he transferred to the Faculty of
Arts. Soccer also played a role during
his stay in Erlagen. He joined the
University soccer team, but tore
ligaments in his knee and had to
Building has improved facilities

The new Engineering/Science building (ES) has been formally handed over to the University by the contractors and will be ready for use by the first day of first semester (February 27).

In the last five weeks, loose furniture, blackboards, lecture seating, carpets and other essential items were installed.

The four-storey building cost approximately $8 million.

The building will allow a reallocation of space in the various Science and Engineering buildings on the campus. After alterations were carried out, improved facilities will be available for teaching and research.

At the western end of the Engineering/Science Building, two large laboratories have been connected to house first year classes in Chemistry, Biological Sciences and Physics.

Levels II, III and IV of the building accommodate new facilities for the Faculty of Engineering.

The staff of the Department of Chemical Engineering are housed on Level III and Mechanical Engineering spreads over Levels III and IV.

A major feature of the building is the extensive computer facilities provided, including a room on Level II which will house 20 terminals and remain open after normal hours.

On Level IV, the facilities include a laboratory for Computer Science with up to 40 places and a room providing 16 stations for the CAD/CAM system.

Two stepped lecture theatres, with seating for 100 people and 82 people have been constructed on Level II, together with a number of classrooms holding 50 or 60 students.

Another feature is the astronomical observation platform on the roof, which the Surveying students will use.

The design provides toilet facilities for disabled people on each floor level which are accessible by use of the service lift and ramps at the front and rear entrances.

The building, which was constructed by Project Managers, Leighton Contractors Pty. Ltd., provides a total of 3,900 sq metres of additional floor space.

Laurie Henderson to retire

Mr Laurie Henderson will relinquish his position at the University (Cartographer in Geography) on February 28. He has decided to retire for health reasons.

Mr Henderson joined the University's staff in 1972.

With his artificial leg, and his beard, he was a friendly and well-known figure on the campus. He is an expert map-drawer and draughtsman, who was always willing to accommodate requests for his advice and skills.

Because Laurie was so obliging, he will be particularly missed by the Bulletin. We wish him a happy retirement.

The Department of Geography organised a farewell function in his honour.

Laurie's retirement will mainly be devoted to running his bush nursery on his property at Woodville and working part-time providing mapping and draughting services.

Room for visitor

Alan Wearne, Writer-in-Residence in First Semester, has been provided with an office in the English Department.

His office is Room 122 in the McMullin Building and his door is open to people who wish to meet him.
Expansion of car parking areas

While the University raced towards its First Semester, the Buildings and Grounds Division was busy constructing new parking areas with a total capacity of more than 130 cars.

No.2 carpark, near Mathematics, is being extended to provide an additional 70 parking spaces.

The work is associated with a long-range proposal to make No.2 carpark and the HIHE’s carpark into one large carpark.

Another carpark is under construction at the rear of the new Engineering/Science Building. In addition to areas for the use of staff and visitors, more than 60 general parking lots will become available.

Initially, the two new parking areas will be provided with gravel surfaces.

Filling for the projects originated at the sites of the proposed Computer Teaching Building, near Mathematics, and International House, near Edwards Hall.

When the Roads and Traffic Authority makes further progress on the construction of State Highway 23 alongside the University, additional filling will be taken to No.2 carpark.

Some parking arrangements at the Auchmuty Library have been changed.

The 15-minute parking bays located in the parking area near the footbridge which leads to Architecture have been transferred to the service road leading to the Library (opposite the Medical Sciences Building) to permit people to park while they are returning library books.

Thought about changing where you park?

Visitors to the Sydney Cricket Ground have their preferred seating areas.

Members of the University, it seems resemble them, because they have preferred parking areas on the campus.

The Buildings and Grounds Division report that the large carpark at Architecture (No.3) is not a preferred parking area for many people. A large portion is usually unoccupied, while the University’s other carparks are full.

This seems a curious state of affairs, because if you experiment and walk you will find that No.3 carpark is closer to the Library than Nos. 1 and 2 carparks.

You will assist many people who have to drive to the University by parking in No.3.

Do ‘EEO principles’ require that a position be advertised when it is reclassified from one classification to another?

Clearly, the general answer to this question is No. We have just been through a general staff re-classifications process which has seen some 29 staff successful, in some degree or other, in achieving higher grades and in some cases, new classifications. In one case, the re-classification involved both a significant increase in salary and a completely new classification within the University (that of ‘administrative assistant’).

As a result of that particular case, recommended by the Re-classification Committee with participation from the Staff Associations and the Staff Office, they will be taking early steps to attend to a number of similar cases within the Central Administration, associated with restructuring of units or a requirement to take on additional responsibilities.

In each such case, there is no question of advertising the position as there is a staff member already occupying the position being regraded or reclassified.

There is no vacancy, and the effect of advertising the reclassified position could be that the occupant could lose his/her position. That is clearly not the intention of equal opportunity legislation. It is only where there is a vacancy or an entirely new position that University’s EEO policies and requirements come into play.

I will continue to look to the EEO Co-ordinator, Susan Jones, to provide me with advice on the implementation of our EEO policies and the interpretation of ‘EEO principles’.

Facilities for Disabled People

Along with others ‘requisitioned’ for the purpose, I recently participated in a simulation of the difficulties faced by people with disabilities in getting around the City, visiting shops etc. This was an initiative taken by the Newcastle City Council Access Committee and promoted by Alderman (yes) Margaret Goumas.

A number of VIPs were placed in wheelchairs, issued with crutches and so on and required to experience, in small measure, the problems faced day-to-day by people with disabilities. I found it an unnerving experience to be

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manoeuvring a very hefty Sam Stewart up and down steps and ramps, but it did drive home some of the difficulties. I will be reporting to the Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity and asking the EEO Unit to consider a similar exercise within the University.

Diary of Events

Monday, February 27
Word Processing for University Students — designed especially to help liberal arts/humanities/social science students present their written assignments and to conserve research material. Conducted over eight evenings. Enquiries: Extension 522 or 604.

Monday, February 27, Noon - 2 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard during Fools Paradise. Admission: free.

7 to 11 pm

Tuesday, February 28, Noon - 2 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard (Jazz). Admission: free.

8 to 11 pm

Wednesday, March 1, 1 to 2 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard featuring the Footlouse Comedy Theatre. Admission: free.

6 to 11 pm
New Students’ Spit Roast and Rage (8 pm) featuring the Witchdoctors. Tickets: $3 and are available from the SRC Office plus there will be free entertainment in the Bar.

Thursday, March 2, 1 pm

First guest lecturer will be Stephen Varaday. Venue: V107 Mathematics.

Collaborative study with Indian visitor

An Indian aeronautical engineer and academic is visiting the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Assistant Professor Ekanatha Tulapurkara, from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras in India, is involved in collaborative research with this University’s Professor Robert Antonia.

He was attracted to the University of Newcastle by the active interest and numerous publications of Professor Antonia and Dr Bert Browne into transfer processes in turbulent shear flows.

He is presently on sabbatical leave and is working with Professor Antonia on improving models of turbulent flows using turbulence measurements which are made at this University. An effort will be made in the near future to incorporate into the models recent information on the organised motion of turbulent flows. It is hoped that the improved models will find their way into commercial computer codes.

Professor Tulapurkara said that following the termination of British rule in India in 1947, five Institutes of Technology were founded in the country. The Institute of Technology in Madras was established in 1959 with German collaboration, but is now self-sufficient.

The interest of young Indians in studying science and technology is very strong and his Institute was able to offer places to an average of only one in 30 applicants.

He took his previous sabbatical in France, working in the Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches de Toulouse, an Aero-Thermodynamics laboratory of ONERA, with Dr Jean Coustelx. He collaborated with French scientists on calculations of turbulent shear flows and also published in the area.

Professor Tulapurkara, who lives in Waratah West and cycles to and from the University, will shortly be joined by his wife, Sunith, and their son, Mohan, 12. Mrs Tulapurkara is a high school teacher in Madras.

WOMEN AND THE MEDIA
A Forum to celebrate International Women’s Day

THE SPEAKERS:
Wendy Bacon
Kristin Williamson
Julie McCrossin

Panel of local journalists will also discuss the media’s role in women’s affirmative action.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1989 at 7.00 p.m.
Main Lecture Theatre, David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building, Uni. King and Wall Streets, Newcastle

FOR WO’MEN’S DAY IN NSW.
Department of Community Programmes, University of Newcastle
Professor Vaughan Carr — New Professor of Psychiatry

According to Professor Carr he became interested in the modern treatment of schizophrenia as a Research Fellow at the Yale Psychiatric Institute, where he studied psychotherapy and rehabilitation as an alternative to reliance on drug treatment alone.

After taking up his appointment at the University of Adelaide in 1980 he initiated a research program with Dr Jo Wale, notably in developing biological models of schizophrenia which were tied very closely to the common manifestations of that illness.

He has been successful in identifying several strategies which people who suffer from schizophrenia can adopt to help them to cope with the illness.

He says the nature of the basic brain disorder which occurs in schizophrenia is not known. However, it is known from recent research that the illness involves some sort of disturbance in attention and the processing of information, especially that of perception. Our minds normally select certain features of the environment, or aspects of our own mental activity, for further processing, while screening out others. In schizophrenic patients, something appears to go wrong with this process, and as a result their experience of the world becomes distorted.

The exciting thing about Professor Carr's research is that, through the use of psychosocial therapy, schizophrenia sufferers may be able to learn how to control the manifestations of the illness themselves and to cope more successfully with it in their everyday life. These techniques could help to reduce some of the worries caused by the use of medication.

According to Professor Carr, a laboratory will be established within his Department at the Mater Hospital for the purpose of continuing scientific research into the disturbances in attention and the processing of information. Grants will be sought for the research, which will be done in collaboration with the Department of Psychology at the University and the Hunter Hospital in Watt Street, Newcastle. The techniques developed in the laboratory could also be useful in the understanding and treatment of a range of other mental disorders like depression and dementia.

Professor Carr has extended his research to studying schizophrenia in the Iban Culture in Sarawak compared with Australian Culture. He explains that field work being done in Sarawak by his collaborator, Dr Rob Barrett, a psychiatrist and anthropologist, is aimed at determining why the outcome of schizophrenia for people living in the Third World seems to be better than for people living in industrialised western societies. One reason may be that societies like Australia are less tolerant of schizophrenia and their culture more stressful.

Professor Carr says that a strong commitment to promoting an understanding of mental health and illnesses in the Hunter will be prominent among the interests of his Department.

Unfortunately, he is the only Professor of Psychiatry in Australia who does not have a clinical unit attached to a general hospital in his region. A proposal for a unit to be provided at Mater was raised about 10 years ago, but so far, it has never been realised.

He sees the establishment of the unit, including an in-patient ward, community care and a hospital, as a major priority at a time when the integration of general health and mental health services is recognised as providing considerable benefits in human and economic terms and when an estimated 30 per cent of the patients in general hospitals and primary care have diagnosable psychiatric conditions.

Lastly, he says he is very interested in having a Diploma in Community Mental Health established to cater for nurses, social workers, school counsellors, general practitioners and others who want to heighten their professional qualifications and better equip them to meet challenges presented by the clients with mental health problems.

Seminars

Wednesday March 8 to Tuesday, April 18 — Philosophy for the Future — Port Stephens Community Arts Discussion Group. Dr Ralph Robinson speaking on vital problems of the 20th century in relation to current thinking about morality, economics and politics. Enquiries: 81 3604.

Thursday, March 9, 2 pm Department of Philosophy seminar entitled The Techno-Structure of Society. Guest speaker: Professor Gernot Böhme (Institut für Philosophie, Technische Hochschule, Darmstadt, Germany). Venue: A110, McMullin Building.
Hints for women who return to the workforce

'I can't play golf or tennis.' So when I retired, I thought, 'what on earth will I do?'

Mildred Storer, who in 1988 took out a BA degree in this University at the age of 74, is among the women interviewed by the editors of a new publication, This Time Is Mine, just released by Australian Consolidated Press.

The book is a worthwhile collection of articles on women who decided to go back to work or study after years at home and includes a reference section providing information on mature-age jobs, application techniques, the services of the CES, special entry schemes for mature-age students and superannuation.

The Acting Director of the University's Department of Community Programmes, Mr John Collins, talks about the Open Foundation Course, which commenced last year with an enrolment of 570 people and graduated about 300.

This Time Is Mine sells for $9.95 and is available at supermarkets and newsagents.

The woman's back-to-work handbook

Team writing a report on Maori Rights

After receiving a massive pile of evidence on Maori land claims in New Zealand, the Waitangi Tribunal awaits a report from historical experts before making its recommendations.

Professor Alan Ward, Professor of History, is now applying his experience of the relationship between the Maori people and the Crown last century for the benefit of the Tribunal.

As researchers assisting the Waitangi Tribunal, Dr Michael Belgrave and Ms Deborah Montgomerie, have spent a week in the Department of History collaborating with Professor Ward, assessing some of the evidence and assisting him to write the report on claims relating to the South Island.

The Waitangi Tribunal comprises seven members, including four Maori persons, and is headed by the Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court, Judge Durie, of the Rangitane Tribe. The Deputy Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court, Judge Ashley McHugh, is heading the panel in respect of the South Island claims.

Since 1975 Maori tribes have been afforded the opportunity to put their grievances against the Crown to the Tribunal in respect of breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi, 1840, when Britain took possession of New Zealand.

At first they had no powers in respect of matters such as dubious land acquisitions which occurred before 1975. However, an amendment to the legislation passed in 1985 allowed the tribes to submit claims in connection with any action taken by the Crown since the Treaty of Waitangi was signed.

At the time of the coming of the British the majority of the land in the South Island of New Zealand was held by the Ngai Tahu tribe. The purchase from them of their land between 1844 and 1864 has been the subject of many grievances expressed by the Ngai Tahu Tribe ever since.

Professor Ward, who is a consultant for the Waitangi Tribunal, is recognised as the leading historical authority on British/Maori associations in the nineteenth century. Dr Belgrave explained that the Treaty of Waitangi had proven to be a major reference point for the Maori people in asserting their claims to land, on to unfulfilled promises in connection with land purchases.

The Waitangi Tribunal allowed them to argue that the Crown had acted contrary to the Treaty and, if it agreed, the Tribunal could put forward recommendations to the New Zealand Government.

Dr Belgrave said a report recently issued by the Tribunal had opened the way for the Maori people to become involved in commercial fishing in a major way, even to the limits of the 200-mile economic zone.

Dr Belgrave holds a PhD degree in History in Victoria University of Wellington.

Ms Montgomerie is a MA history graduate from the University of Auckland.
University's second winner

Economics and Commerce student, Ms Jane Henderson (left), won the 1989 Newcastle Show Miss Show Girl contest at Garden City Shopping Centre. Jane won a prize of a cruise of the South Pacific. She is with Ms Leesa Withers, who won the Miss Show Girl contest last year. Leesa is a Science student at the University.

Dear Sir,

In the past it has been a student’s right to appeal to the Vice-Chancellor concerning issues that arise from time-to-time during their student life. The office of the Dean of Students was created last year to take on board student grievances and make representations accordingly. Professor Dutton, the present Dean of Students, is, in our view, working admirably under difficult conditions.

We have cases where several students have written and received no reply after a period of up to nine months. The issues raised in this correspondence are not trivial and easily dismissed, and ought to be treated with urgency and respect. Nine months is a long time to await a reply regarding a student’s future.

This letter is by no means meant to embarrass the Vice-Chancellor, rather to inform students that as an avenue of appeal, writing to the Vice-Chancellor has proved, in the past, to be a fruitless effort.

Alison Kinder,
President,

Diary of Events

Thursday, March 2, 5pm to Midnight — Movie Marathon in the Common Room: Cane Toads, Fatal Attraction, Beetle Juice, Fry Freedom and Greetings Bodily Harm. Donation: 50 cents per movie.

Friday, March 3 — Orientation Ball — Saints & Sinners’ Entertainment provided by: The Generation, Soul Survivors and Jigs Up — plus more. Tickets: $9 for students and $11 guests and are on sale from the Secondhand Bookshop at the Back of the Stationery Shop. Limited Tickets — Don’t wait.

Tuesday, March 7 to Saturday, March 18, 8pm — Magic Afternoon — Drama Department Australian premiere of Wolfgang Bauer’s modern Australian classic.

Venue: Drama Studio. Entry is by donation. Enquiries: Extension 705.

Wednesday, March 8, Noon — German Feature film entitled, Clock im Hinterhaus, will be screened in Room A132 McMullen Building. Admission: free.

Wednesday March 8 to Wednesday, April 12 — Pleasures of Modern Poetry — presented by Dr Donald Moore in a series of six two-hour sessions. Enquiries: Extensions 600 or 522.

Green Room GREAT HALL
March 17 to 21
Benefits and problems

The public forum on The Greenhouse Effect: Climatic Change in the Hunter Region held at the University on February 17 elicited considerable interest throughout the Hunter Region. Organised by The Board of Environmental Studies and the Hunter Environmental Institute, the forum had 250 registrants.

The forum featured short talks by 18 speakers in a wide range of areas which may be influenced by the greenhouse effect.

For those who could not attend, the entire proceedings were videotaped, with the tapes available for sale.

For more information please contact Dr Howard Bridgman at Extension 654.

Use of Audio-Visual equipment in lecture theatres

CAVSU maintains the audio-visual material in 12 major lecture theatres around the campus. CAVSU does not lend equipment. If you require audio-visual items for teaching purposes in locations other than those listed below please contact Sheila Brown in the Auchmuty Library at Extension 606.

Demonstration of Equipment

If you are a new member of staff or just someone who needs a refresher course in the use of AV equipment, CAVSU staff will be available in Lecture Theatre B01 on Friday, March 3, between 2 and 3 pm to answer all your questions.

Breakdowns

Please report any unserviceable equipment as soon as possible to the CRRC at Extension 457.

Lecture Theatres for which CAVSU is responsible

- E01 — seating capacity, 262, 16mm projectors (two), O/H projectors (two), slide projector (one) plus video and electrophone.
- E01 — seating capacity, 220, 16mm projector (one) plus one slide projector.
- H01 — seating capacity, 250, 16mm projectors (two), O/H projectors (two) plus one slide projector.
- R02 (Geography) — seating capacity, 150, one 16mm projector, one slide projector plus video monitor.
- V01 — seating capacity, 120, one 16mm projector, one O/H projector plus one slide projector.
- V02 — seating capacity, 120, one 16mm projector, one O/H projector, one slide projector plus video to be installed (July 1989).
- V10 — seating capacity, 120, one 16mm projector, one O/H projector plus one slide projector.
- V101 — seating capacity, 120, one O/H projector plus one slide projector.
- V107 — seating capacity, 120, one O/H projector.
- Great Hall — one 16mm projector.
- Griffith Duncan Theatre — three 16mm projectors.
- Drama Theatre — one 16mm projector.

Women Employees’ Group

The Association of Women Employees at the University (AWEUN) will hold a general meeting on Friday, March 17, in the Group Room of the University Counselling Service, Courtyard Level, Library, at 12.30 pm.

All women employees are invited to attend to discuss current concerns for women in this institution and the role of AWEUN.
Management/Staff discussions

On January 30 a Management/Staff Associations Consultative Meeting was held, attended by Mr. L. Hennessy (Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Administration), Mr. M. Covill (Director, Staff Services), Ms S. Jones (EEO Co-ordinator) and representatives of the Public Service Association — Dr. D. Kay and Ms S. McDonald — and the Health and Research Employees' Association — Ms B. Wallis and Mr. J. Wiggers.

In connection with EEO and affirmative action matters, there was discussion about the Associations' objections to the University's policy of excluding applications from temporary/part-time employees for vacancies advertised internally.

Mr. Hennessy said that the policy will be reviewed and he will inform the next consultative meeting of the outcome of this.

Ms Jones agreed that the Affirmative Action Working Party would give high priority to affirmative action policy development and program planning in 1989.

The University has met a claim for reimbursement of additional child care expenses incurred as a result of University business and, thus, has accepted the principle involved in that case. Mr Covill informed the meeting that, nevertheless, claims involving circumstances other than child care will receive consideration based on the merits of individual cases.

It was agreed that there will be an extraordinary meeting of the relevant consultative meeting members to discuss future reclassification procedures.

A document concerning the effects of the four per cent Second Tier Agreement is to be circulated to association representatives.

Clerical/keyboard integration is to be discussed further at the next consultative meeting, when it is anticipated that letters sent by the Associations will have arrived.

Mr Covill informed the meeting that documents have been prepared to implement the new award provisions relating to computer operator gradings.

Community Programmes arranges forums

Activities organised by the Department of Community Programmes during March include forums on Women and the Media and Senior Citizens' Week.

The Women and the Media Forum, to be held in the David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building at Royal Newcastle Hospital on March 7 at 7:30 pm, will offer distinguished women journalists as guest speakers.

The forum aims to highlight the contribution made by women to the work of Press, radio and television, the opportunities available and the problems faced obtaining careers in the media.

Participants will include Wendy Bacon and Kristin Williamson, whose careers as journalists include experience with the defunct Times on Sunday, Julie McCrossin, who has worked for ABC Radio, and local women journalists.

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11/85 Diahatzu Charade and 1979 Chrysler Lancer — both vehicles are in excellent condition and must be sold this week. Asking prices: $7,800 or near offer and $4,800 or near offer respectively. Please telephone 54 8512 or Extension 700.

Arabia Ware Coffee Set — including small cups and saucers. two large coffee pot, milk jug, sugar bowl, six cups and saucers.

Extension 527 for individual

Large birdcage

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Emmaljunga pram in good condition. Please contact Jane at Extension 703.

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For Rent

Coastal ambience in three bedroom house with study overlooking Merewether Golf Course. This house is available from June, 1989 until January, 1990. The house would suit non-smoking second semester visitor. Please telephone Extension 671 or 735.

House Hunting Alaskans

An Alaskan graduate student couple are planning a four to six week stay in Australia between June and August. They are trying to locate a graduate student couple willing and able to swap residences to defray the cost of their visit. They are looking for a couple interested in living in Fairbanks, AK, for a month or so to experience Alaska and/or attend classes at the local university.

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Tribal art displays at University

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Staff Moves

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Resignation

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