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Rough and ready - but students like it

"The ghetto" - that's what the residents call it. They point to the muddy slope where their temporary village gives way to the three-storey brick residence, Edwards Hall.

Despite the resemblance to a construction camp, University Village is in good shape and is even attracting students who want to give up accommodation in private homes in Newcastle.

The temporary student village was established by the University as alternative accommodation for students, mostly from far-flung parts of the State, who would not have been able to obtain housing in Newcastle because of the earthquake.

Of 197 beds provided in the Village, all over 180 are presently occupied.

"We are aiming at 80 per cent occupancy over the whole year", said the Administrator, Mr Terry Ryan.

Using the appellation "ghetto" is students' way of laughing off the prefabricated cabins, gravel paths and the need to wear gumboots in wet weather.

"Even though the facilities are quite basic and the site is primitive, the accommodation is comfortable and, in general terms, the students are perfectly happy here", Mr Ryan said.

It is not surprising that University Village is attracting a cult following.

Mr Ryan explained that the residents saw the earthquake as the reason why they have been able to come to University. "Most are from distant parts of New South Wales and from Southern Queensland", he said. "We have the odd one from Victoria, together with something like 35 overseas students. The common denominator is that they come from everywhere and virtually every discipline on offer in the newly amalgamated University, including the old Conservatorium, is represented on the site.



Part of University Village - on a dry day.

"Had the village not been established, most of them could not have come and, therefore they are very grateful for the opportunity. They have made the best of it to a point where they are enjoying living here immensely".

The tariff of \$45 per week is cheaper than Edwards Hall or International House as well as the figure for the as yet incomplete Evatt House.

For this amount a resident receives a room containing a bed, a mattress, blankets, pillow, a desk, a chair, a cupboard, an air-conditioner and a heater.

Mr Ryan described the equipment as "very, very basic" and said the students had decorated their room and brought in things like bean bags that made them more liveable.

The village includes a number of small common rooms, furnished with such home comforts as table tennis tables, a television set and comfortable chairs provided

by the students' neighbours in Edwards Hall and the University Union.

As the *BULLETIN* was obtaining this information, a large common room designed to act as a central focus for the village had just arrived.

The temporary status of the village is also reflected in the arrangements for meals.

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"We cannot allow them to cook in their rooms because of the Council's health regulations", Mr Ryan said. "We also have to be careful about the quantity of power we use.

"We really shouldn't use the word cooking to describe the catering arrangements.

"The students provide their own breakfasts and mainly obtain meals through a voucher system organised by the Union and which supplies \$4 meals for only \$3.25 during the week.

"The Union of the former Hunter Institute is assisting by opening for meals on Sundays".

There seems to be an ample supply of showers and toilets in the village and hot water, fridges, toasters, sandwich makers and microwave ovens have been provided in the common rooms.

Apart from meeting the need for accommodation at a time when normal housing was damaged in the earthquake, University Village had at least two special advantages, Mr Ryan said.

"First it is cheap to live here. The students who live in the suburbs have to pay transport and these costs can be saved by living here.

"Second, there is the mateship. Students want to come and live here because they have been told how much they will enjoy the place. They are accessible to all facilities on the campus and yet separate from them. So the beauty of the site is the closeness and the remoteness".

Mr Ryan said that after implementing a policy of providing emergency accommodation for first year country students the Village had also been opened up to overseas students. "We didn't just keep the groups separate - we mingled them right through the Village and now we are also getting some senior students".

At the outset the intake was mainly male. However, over the past month more and more women have been accommodated in the Village. Mr Ryan estimates that the ratio of males to females is probably 60-40.

There is a full-time secretary, Mrs Pam McEneaney, a full-time students' liaison clerk, Miss Natalie Downing, formerly media officer of the Students' Association, and a full-time handyman, Mr Michael Bedford, in the office. Mr John Birch is the part-time Business Manager.

The Administration includes the Deputy Administrator, Mr Bernardo Leon de La Barra, a PhD student from Chile who lives on site, along with 12 Residential Assistants, and deals with all after-hours and weekend problems that arise.



Mr Terry Ryan, Administrator of University's temporary student accommodation.

Mr Ryan, a Lecturer in Classics, admits to not regretting having been seconded to the Wardenship from an Outside Studies Program, although at times he has lived, he says, "in a state of panic". It has been a position which requires him to work much longer than just 9 to 5.

"A great deal of our time is spent talking to the students and sorting out their problems as well as the normal office demands".

Mr Ryan is positive that most of the Village students prefer the motel-type accommodation to the other forms of housing available at the University. They like the layout of the place and the informal lifestyle, even though their creature comforts are minimal.

"When it started out, some people thought the Village would be like a holding pen, where students merely waited for an opportunity to leave to take real accommodation. For some, this is still the case. But the trend is now in reverse. There are students who found accommodation outside now wanting to come and reside in the Village because it is a very happy place in which to live".

Scholarships offers above normal

The University of Newcastle has offered appreciably more postgraduate scholarships to top-quality students this year than normally.

The Deputy President of Academic Senate, Professor Ron MacDonald, said the University had offered a total of 44 (maybe 45) scholarships of various kinds.

"We would normally offer about 30 such awards, with the hope of filling about 28 places", Professor MacDonald said.

The details of the postgraduate scholarships offered are:

Eighteen Australian Postgraduate Research Awards (APRA), seven APRA (Industry) Awards, fifteen University of Newcastle Postgraduate Awards, and (maybe five) Overseas Postgraduate Research Awards (OPRAs).

Professor MacDonald referred to the APRA (Industry) Awards and commented that seven was a pleasing result as the total awarded in Australia was 60.

There was also a substantial number of scholarships funded from sources other than the Australian Research Council and the University, he added.

Staffit - a staff success

An innovative physical fitness program for members of staff has proved a resounding success since its introduction a few weeks ago.

The Co-ordinator of the Staffit program, Ms Kaye Thomas, says the response has been very good, with the low impact nature of the fitness routine proving popular with both young and old. There is no running or fancy clothes and participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes.

The low impact classes are conducted by qualified instructors each Tuesday and Thursday from 12.10 pm for 30 minutes. Weight training classes are also held on Tuesdays and Thursdays with aerobics offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The cost of each session is \$2 or \$25 per semester. Full details are available from Ms Thomas at 68 7394 or Ms Kathy Allan at 68 7492.

Eight honorary degrees to be awarded

Eight distinguished Australians will be awarded honorary degrees at the University's graduation ceremonies in the Great Hall on May 11, 12, 18 and 19.

A *DLitt honoris causa* will be awarded to Mrs Margaret Bowman, Principal of Wyong High School, President of the Council of the former Newcastle College of Advanced Education and a member of the former Council of the University. Mrs Bowman was educated at the old Newcastle Girls' High School. She is a graduate of the University of New England and was a member of the former Newcastle University College's second intake of Arts students when the UNE supervised the College's Arts course.

The degree of *DSc honoris causa* will be awarded to *Raymond Chambers*, retired Professor of Accounting at the University of Sydney, former National President of the Australian Society of Accountants, former President of the Australian Association of University Teachers of Accounting, former Chairman of the Accounting Standards Review Committee of New South Wales and former Chairman of the University Co-operative Bookshop. Mr Chambers was born at Maryville and educated at the old Newcastle Boys' High School.

The degree of *MA honoris causa* will be awarded to *Mr Warren Derkenne*, former President of the University Union, former Warden of Convocation and a member of the former Council of the University from 1966 to 1985. A solicitor, Mr Derkenne was educated at the old Newcastle Boys' High School and is a graduate of the University.

The degree of *DLitt honoris causa* is to be awarded to *Mr Edward Flowers*, former Deputy Librarian at Newcastle Region Library, former Shire Librarian at Lake Macquarie Library, Librarian at the former Newcastle University College and Librarian at the University from 1965 until 1988. Mr Flowers was educated at the old Newcastle Boys' High School.

The degree of *MD honoris causa* is to be awarded to *Dr Alan Hewson*, Visiting Medical Officer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Newcastle Mater Misericordiae Hospital and Newcastle Western Suburbs Hospital, Clinical Lecturer in Reproductive Medicine at the University, member of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, Secretary of the Council of the Royal Aus-

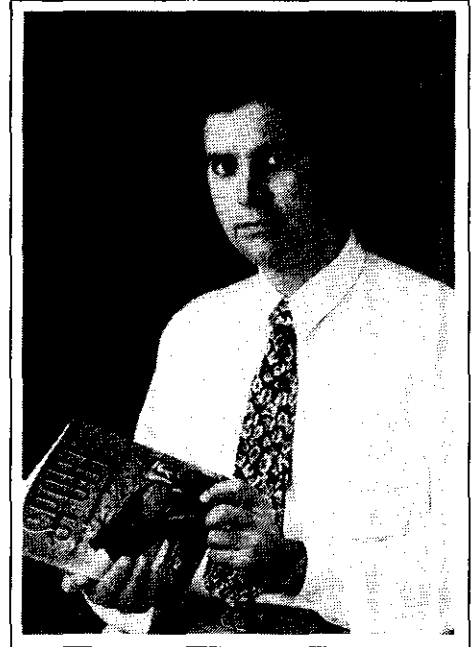
tralian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, recipient of the College's President's Medal and member of the Board of the Hunter Area Health Service and a former Chairman of the Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute.

The degree of *MLaws honoris causa* will be conferred upon *Mr John Miner*, OAM, who refereed more than 175 first grade rugby union games in Newcastle between 1950 and 1967, including four 'internationals'. Mr Miner is a Life Member and former President of the Newcastle Referees' Association and the New South Wales Referees' Association, a former President of the Newcastle Rugby Club and a former executive member of the New South Wales Rugby Union. A former Chairman of Appointment Board. He has been an optometrist in Newcastle since 1961 and ran an associated spectacle making business, John F. Miner, which incorporated four shops, for many years.

The degree of *DUniv honoris causa* is to be conferred upon *Professor Cyril Renwick*, AO, Visiting Professor of Political Economy at the University, Chairman of the Board of 2NUR, member of the New South Wales Local Government Grants Commission, Trustee of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, member of both the Council of the former Newcastle College of Advanced Education and the former Council of the University, first Head of the Department of Commerce at the Newcastle University College, and Chairman and Director of Research at the Hunter Valley Research Foundation from 1956 until 1985.

The degree of *DEng honoris causa* is to be awarded to *Mr Bruce Thomson*, AO, Chairman of the University's Institute of Coal Research, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maritime Services Board Hunter Ports Authority, Chairman of Port Waratah Coal Services Ltd., Director of the World Coal Institute, member of the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales, member of the Coal Industry Advisory Board to the International Energy Agency, member of the Australian Coal Marketing and Technology Council, member of the New South Wales State Development Council, former Chief Executive of Coal and Allied Industries Ltd., and former Chairman of the Australian Coal Association. He was educated at the old Newcastle Technical High School.

UN academic tours Yugoslavia



Dr David Rowe

Dr David Rowe, Lecturer in Media Studies, will visit Yugoslavia to present a paper at a seminar at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik.

The seminar will be part of a week-long course on research in journalism to be held from May 7 to 11.

Academics from the United States of America, Switzerland, Sweden, Canada, the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Norway, Finland, Yugoslavia and Australia will lead seminars and participate in informal workshops for advanced students.

The course is an annual gathering at the Inter-University Centre. This year's theme is Journalism as Popular Culture.

Dr Rowe, in a paper entitled *Muscles and Composition: Modes of Sports Writing*, will analyse the motives and strategies adopted by sports writers in their engagements.

He says the delineation of readerships on gender, race, national, regional and other lines is a key aspect of sports writing.

"It is impossible for sports writers to insulate sport from the social structure, although on occasions they will seek to represent sports as transcendent.

"More commonly, sport is treated as a mythologised arena in which crucial moral issues are addressed", he argues.

List of new academic developments

The University is to establish Chairs in Japanese and Aviation, appoint a Dean to develop the Law School and set-up a Centre for Environmental Management.

Moreover, the Education and Training Foundation of New South Wales has agreed to make a grant of \$171,000 to allow the Bachelor of Building degree to be extended into an external studies degree.

Following recommendations from the Planning and Resources Committee, Academic Senate, endorsed the new academic developments on March 28.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, reported that for some time the University had hoped the Japan Foundation would fund the Chair in Japanese. As the foundation had recently agreed to provide very substantial support, the Chair would be advertised forthwith.

Professor Morgan spoke to the *BULLETIN* of how the University was seen as a top centre for the teaching of Japanese and, therefore, able to justify support for the establishment of a Chair. He said the New South Wales Department of Education had funded Japanese courses for high school teachers for several years.

The Japan Foundation has invited the Vice-Chancellor to pay a visit to Japan this year to visit universities and study subjects such as science and technology parks.

Professor Morgan told Academic Senate that the establishment of a Chair in Aviation was also a long-standing proposal and it was important to fill it forthwith.

Associated with the establishment of a Law School was the provision of an appropriate academic framework in the University, he said.

Senate was asked by the Planning and Resources Committee to recommend to the Interim Council that a Faculty of Law be established with a Dean before the first students were enrolled in 1992.

It was proposed that the University advertise for an appointed Dean on a professional salary to establish the professional law degree program.

The Vice-Chancellor said the Department of Employment, Education and Training had been asked to approve funds for the establishment of a Centre for Environmental Management to embrace a wide range of University activities aimed at pro-

tecting the natural environment.

Most parts of the University were involved in environmental studies of one sort or another and, although the DEET had not agreed to provide money for the centre, there was a need for the University to take the initiative in the area.

Professor Morgan submitted that the University should try to find its own funds for the first stages of the Centre of Environmental Management, including the appointment of a person to identify the University's activities and co-ordinate them, whilst also obtaining advice from outside.

The Vice-Chancellor referred to the Education and Training Foundation's grant and explained that the Foundation was financed from revenue from the Payroll Tax. The Foundation's decision was very encouraging, he said, and anybody on the staff who had projects should not be modest about putting them forward.

Professor Barry Maitland, Professor of Architecture, told the *BULLETIN* that the Education and Training Foundation agreed to make the one-off grant because it was keen on stronger University/industry co-operation.

Asked about progress on the introduction of a Bachelor of Building degree next year, Professor Maitland said the Selection Committee had completed interviewing for the Chair of Professor of Building. Moreover, the construction of the building to house the teaching facilities was under-way.

He said the New South Wales Building Services Corporation, which provided \$658,000 in 1988 for the establishment of the BBuild. degree, had directed \$100,000 towards the second year course being offered externally.

The BSC believed substantial demand for the external part of the course would be exerted by people living in remote areas of the State. Furthermore, the corporation had a general policy of encouraging people in the building industry to upgrade their qualifications and improve their management skills.

He added that the course would concentrate on construction techniques, structural principles, management and contract law and estimating. The expected initial intake at first year level was 25 students.

PSA forwards candidate for Council poll



Ms Judith Wallom

Ms Judith Wallom, Assistant Registrar, has been preselected as the PSA nominee for election to the full Council of the amalgamated University.

Ms Wallom was preselected by PSA members at a meeting on March 14. She will be nominated for election by the general staff as their member of the Council.

Following the amalgamation of the University, the Hunter Institute of Higher Education and Newcastle Branch of the Conservatorium, members of the PSA divisions at the three former institutions agreed to a Departmental Committee becoming their governing body.

The committee comprises:

Ms Carolyn Sjostedt (Chair), Susan McDonald (Deputy Chair), Mr David Marr (Secretary), Mr Ron Hunter (Assistant Secretary), Mr Giles Martin (Minute Secretary), Mr Paul McKinnon, Ms Greta Davies, Ms Mary Stroud, Ms Joy Hoesli, Ms Kate Hutchinson, Mr Lionel Farrell, Ms Arien Petrovic, Ms Barbara McGhee, Ms Susan Eade, Ms Judith Wallom, Mr Arthur Tupman, Ms Teresa Dluzewska, Mr Robert Milan, Ms Barbara Burke and Ms Colleen Shipman (former Conservatorium).

The PSA has established an office in Room U1 in the Temporary Buildings. The office is staffed on week days from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Letters can be left in a mail box on the door.

The Departmental Committee has asked the University to provide a telephone extension when the new PABX telephone system is in operation.

A central mail box has also been sought.

Meetings of the committee are held in Room EF106 on Tuesdays at 12.15 pm. PSA members are welcome to attend.

ハイ！みなさん こんにちは Hi Everybody

A new arrival on the campus, Mrs Satoko Itoh Van Accken, has specialised in teaching Japanese for the last 14 years.

Before taking up her appointment as Lecturer in Japanese, Itoh was Head of the Japanese Section of the Aoyama Language Academy in Tokyo.

She is married to an American and has also taught Japanese at the University of Maryland, United States, and designed curriculum for the Nebraska Television Network.

After graduating from Keio University in Japan, she worked as a high school teacher. She then taught Japanese to foreigners for the ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Mrs Van Accken took an MA in Japanese As a Foreign Language at the University of Hawaii - Manoa in 1981.

She says that besides travelling she likes swimming and making pottery.

Mrs Van Accken is pictured with Mrs Trish Falanga, new Secretary in the Department of Modern Languages.

Mrs Falanga was a student of the University, graduating with a BA in French in 1985, after gaining nine high distinctions and several prizes in languages. She was an Open Foundation student in 1977.

Student Loans

As from April 18, loans for students in Faculties situated on the western side of the campus will be handled by the Student Services Division.

Students wishing to apply for a loan should contact Mrs A. Lang, Room T47 in the Temporary Buildings.

Students enrolled in Schools on the eastern side of the campus (formerly the Hunter Institute) should continue to contact the Student Services Office in the Hunter Building if applying for a loan.

This arrangement will continue until Student Loans are integrated in a single office to serve the student body as a whole.



Research Seminars

The Office for Research has arranged a series of seminars on general matters affecting the research program of the University.

The seminars will be held on Thursdays commencing at 12.30 pm on the dates indicated. All members of the University are invited to attend.

Further detailed information regarding the panel leaders and topics will be included in successive issues of the *BULLETIN*.

Date	Program Topic	Panel Leaders
April 19	University/CSIRO Collaborative Research Grants	Professor Graham Goodwin
May 1 *	Government Assistance for Research Development	Mr David Mitchell, Commonwealth Department of Industry, Technology & Commerce
May 3	Applying for ARC Small Grants	Professor Michael Carter, Professor Geoffrey Kellerman & Professor Ron MacDonald
May 17	Why many research proposals have too few subjects	Professor Annette Dobson, Ms Jo Bentley & Dr Don Munro
May 31	Informed Consent by Children and the Elderly	Dr Munro & Ms Bentley
June 14	The Ethics of Deception	Ms Bentley & Rev. Graham Lawrance
June 28	Applying for Research Management Committee Grants: Travel, Research Visitors, Research Projects	Professor Kellerman & Mr Peter Farley
August 9	Self surveillance under the Animal Research Act	Professor Ken Dutton & Dr Sue Crewther
Sept. 13	ARC/NH&MRC 'Big' Grants	Professors MacDonald, Dobson, Goodwin and Tony Smith

Time: 12.30 pm on Thursdays on the dates indicated.

Venue: Lecture Theatre V10, Mathematics Building (all seminars).

* Seminar for May 1 will commence at 2 pm



LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

There has been a growing morale problem among academics over the past two or three years, caused by a perception that we are unable to get on with the job we are supposed to be doing. So much time, effort, and money have been spent on issues like amalgamation, fees, credit transfer, surveys, and the like, that peripheral activities like research and teaching have tended to take a back seat.

The last straw has been the University Organisation Structure chart which has been circulating recently. In six pages of fine print, there is hardly a mention of any academic function. There are provisions for enrolling students and collecting fees, but no provision for teaching. (Perhaps this is the solution to the problem of overcrowding in lecture theatres!) Offices such as Dean, Head of Department, and School Director are nowhere to be found. Research administration is a recognised function, but research itself is not.

Are academic departments to be abolished? Or are they simply too insignificant to be worth mentioning?

It has been said that we are becoming a nation of middlemen; that administration is becoming a goal in itself, with no thought as to whether there will be any productive activity to administer. One function of a University ought to be to combat that trend, and not to abet it.

*Peter J. Moylan,
Associate Professor,
Department of Electrical Engineering and
Computer Science.*

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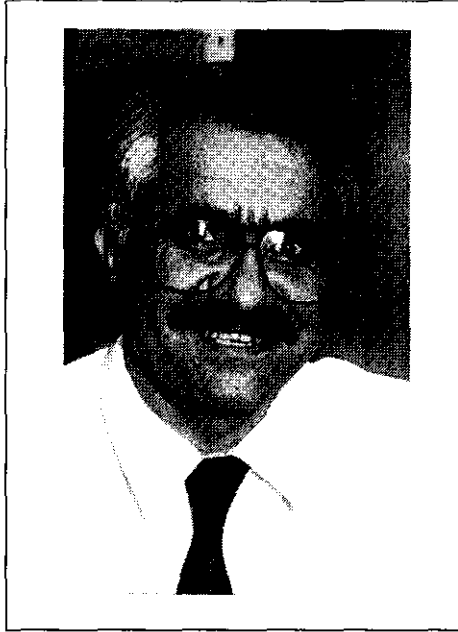
AWEUN, the Association of Women Employees at the University of Newcastle, was established to promote the interests of women in all areas of University employment and provide opportunities for them to meet.

The annual general meeting of AWEUN will be held on Friday, May 4, in Room ES305 (Engineering Science Building) at 12.30 pm.

The guest speaker will be Ms Suda Shenoy, Lecturer in the Department of Economics, who has recently returned from South Africa where she met with Mrs Winnie Mandela and women's groups.

You are welcome to bring your lunch. Orange juice is provided.

Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies and Research in Health and Welfare



Dr Morteza Honari

A new research facility within the School of Health is to foster a range of research activities and projects focusing on regional issues and developing links with a number of academic and international bodies

The Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies and Research in Health and Welfare established in 1989 aims to encourage research activities and projects that focus on health related issues in the Hunter Region and the development of quality of life indicators. It also envisages a national role in the fields of holistic health, human ecology and health impact assessment.

The Director of the Centre, Dr Morteza Honari, said that an exciting range of projects had already been initiated, as well as a series of fortnightly lectures on transdisciplinary health and welfare including public health problems, prevention, health promotion and policy formulation.

Dr Honari said that at present four researchers were associated with the Centre but expansion in the future would see more people involved.

He said that the Centre had two pri-

mary concerns: health issues of transdisciplinary nature in the Hunter Region, reflected in the Health Status in the Hunter Region project, which would take into account health, environment and socio-economic indicators in relation to the quality of life, and global health and international issues.

He said that the Centre would also work towards the establishment of an Australian branch of the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, CHEC-Australia, to co-ordinate relevant activities in South East Asia and the South Pacific, and to organise regional, national and international activities in association with the Council.

It was anticipated that the co-operative, multidisciplinary exchange of information and ideas encouraged by the Centre would assist in the achievement of national and state health goals.

In Dr Honari's own words: "Human conditions world-wide are changing in alarming ways at an alarming rate. Society's concern has been reflected during the past 50 years in a primary focus on global problems each decade.

"The 1950s was a decade of reconstruction and the beginning of social movements; the 1960s was a decade of technology with massive socio-political changes; the 1970s was known for popular awareness of the environment; and the 1980s is to be concerned in large measure with holistic health and well-being, now it is looking to a human ecological approach to solve many identified problems.

"After all, holistic health, as defined by the World Health Organisation is defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being: as such, it is inextricably linked to total social orders, policies and cultural values".

According to Ms Jenny Graham, Head of the School of Health, and the Centre's Co-Director, Dr Anthony Nicholas, the development of the Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies and Research in Health and Welfare would support the undergraduate and postgraduate course initiatives of the School, which had already placed holistic health and a human ecology approach at the core of curriculum.

It would provide a real model of multi-professional and transdisciplinary endeavour for health and social welfare and community development professionals of the future.

"Extravaganza" held in Drama Theatre



When the BULLETIN went to press, a multi-faceted production had commenced a season in the Drama Theatre. The Department of Drama, the Sound Construction Company and Dance Nouveau combined to present opera, ballet, mime and madrigals via *A Hand of Bridge*, *Points on Jazz* and *The Unicorn*, *the Gorgon* and *the Manticore*. Students are pictured rehearsing for the "extravaganza", due to conclude on April 21.

Education Action launched



Mr Stephen Crump, Co-editor of new journal

March saw the University launch *Education Action*, a new journal on educational research.

The journal is jointly published by the School of Education at this University and the School of Education at Charles Sturt University, Riverina. It seeks to provide an additional outlet for the publication of the research undertaken by lecturers at both this

University and Charles Sturt University, as well as invited and unsolicited papers, and to make the findings of that research accessible to those involved in teacher education at both the tertiary and systemic levels.

The journal was the outcome of prolonged deliberations by, and discussions among, lecturers in the Department of Educational Studies, their colleagues and students. A decision was made to produce a series of occasional papers which reflected the leading edge of current theory and practice, evident at conferences, but often delayed in the protracted process of gaining broader publicity. However, as monographs lack the necessary component of a refereed context it was decided to foster a fully developed journal. A seeding grant for the first issue was provided by the School of Education.

A number of distinguished scholars from universities around Australia accepted invitations from the Editors, Dr Stephen Crump (this University) and Dr Barry Cocklin (Charles Sturt University), to act as Editorial Consultants.

The Editorial Board at this University includes Dr Allan Taylor, Dr Terence Lovat, Mr W.E. Maley and Mr L.R. Killen. Dr Lovat used his wide expe-

rience in publishing and as an editor to organise copyright, an ISSN number and the establishment of "Education Action Associates". Mr Steve Dunkley, graphic artist, designed the front cover.

With this team effort, the first issue came off the press just in time for the start of the academic year. Reaction has been very favourable and the Business Manager receives a steady flow of requests for the journal.

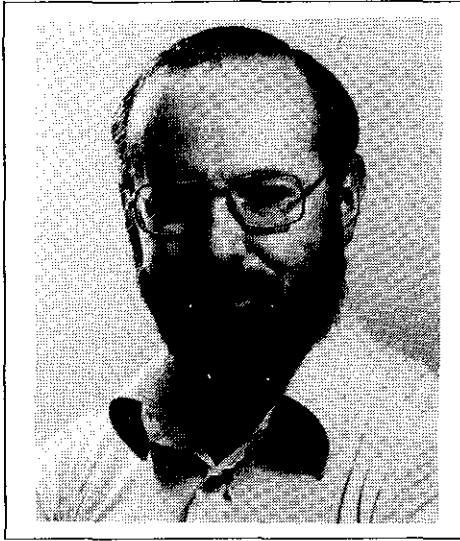
Issue Number 1 of *Education Action* provides a number of interesting articles which would be useful to staff and teacher education students. One of the articles was jointly written by a fourth year student and Dr B. Cocklin and is based on a paper which they presented to the AARE national conference in Adelaide last November.

The Editors say they hope future issues will include the work of a wide spectrum of lecturers, research students and external colleagues, as well as publishing reports on research-in-progress at this University.

Inspection copies are available from the Business Manager, C/- the Department of Educational Studies, Hunter Building.

Articles, book reviews and research reports are encouraged and subscription (the same address) is available for \$15 per volume (two issues per year).

Academics see problems to be faced



Dr Bill Warren



Professor Frank Bates

Fighting to preserve the University as a place of uncensored scholarship and eroding the air of suspicion resulting from amalgamation are among the broad issues which the University's Staff Association says it is facing this year.

According to the newly-elected President of the Association, Dr Bill Warren, he is looking forward to the next period in the history of the University, in which the worst fears concerning amalgamation will not materialise and the best hopes for the new institution will reach fruition.

"There is a need to continue to fight to preserve a concept of the University as a place of uncensored scholarship, research and teaching, in a national milieu dominated by instrumentalist obsessions in rela-

tion to education, and a rampant vocationalism".

Dr Warren, Senior Lecturer in Education, says there is a need to erode the prevailing air of suspicion that he believes is an inevitable result of the merger of two functionally different institutions - each with its own high level of talent and integrity in personnel at all levels.

He says there is a need to be vigilant in preserving the benefits that a long struggle for democratisation has brought to the operation of the old University institution and to extend the benefits across the entirety of the new, rather than have them lost in a press toward the currently fashionable "line management" and "corporate planning" styles of administration.

Lastly, he says, there is a need to become more competent in, and comfortable with, the process of formal arbitration of disputes.

"Academics have been slow to accept that they need representation in much the same way as do any waged and salaried workers", he says.

"Advantage needs to be taken of a system of arbitration in which each party stands as an equal before an experienced Commissioner or other arbitrator who is unmoved by status, or the threat of use of petulant or arbitrary power".

Other officers elected at the Staff Association's annual general meeting are:

Vice-President, Professor Frank Bates (Law), Secretary, Mr Jock McQualter (Education), Assistant Secretary, Mr Bob Berghout (Mathematics), Treasurer, Dr Ellak von Nagy-Felsobuki (Chemistry), Dr Howard Dick (Economics), Mr Robin Fischle (Music), and Ms Margaret Sampson (History).

Forthcoming seminars

Tuesday, April 24, 1 pm

Mathematics-type lunchtime seminar presented by Mr Iven Mareels. Venue: V111, Mathematics Building.

Thursday, April 26, 7.30 pm

Faculty of Education seminar entitled Restructuring Teacher Education. (One thing you can be sure of, teacher education will change - but in what direction? Both the Federal and State Governments have plans. This seminar should be of interest to all concerned with the future of Australian schooling. Speakers: Dr Sid Bourke and Dr Allan Taylor. Venue: Curriculum Resources Centre, Room W301, top floor, Behavioural Sciences Building.

Training courses in workplace reform

The University had been granted funding to run courses on workplace change, the former Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr Peter Morris, announced whilst visiting Tubemakers Pty. Ltd.

Mr Morris said more than \$200,000 had been granted to a consortium of three universities in New South Wales to assist them to conduct the courses in workplace reform.

"The courses on work change will be run at the University of Newcastle, the University of New South Wales, and the Centre for Work and Labour Market Studies at the University of Wollongong", he said.

"In the highly industrial centre of Newcastle, enterprise managers and unionists will have the chance to attend the courses".

"The courses offered will enable participants to receive proper training in workplace reform procedures.

"They will acquire the necessary knowledge and practical skills to take a leading role in planning and implementing workplace reforms.

"These skills on how to implement changes in the workplace are vital for the success of industries as we enter the 1990s.

"Workplace change will help businesses become more productive and efficient while providing a more satisfying work environment for employees.

"The Federal Government has allocated \$12 million this financial year to the Workplace Reform Program, administered by the Department of Industrial Relations, to help businesses implement reforms in the workplace.

"The Work Change Training Scheme is part of the broader Workplace Reform Program.

"The Scheme assists industries and others with training in workplace reform procedures and sponsors training which emphasises joint action by management and unionists so that real changes in their organisations can be achieved.

"The courses run by the consortium of universities will be funded from the Government's Work Change Training Scheme", Mr Morris said.

For further information please get in touch with Dr Duncan Macdonald, of the Department of Economics at the University, 68 5772.



(Left to Right) Dr Stephanie Brookman, Ms Evelyn Read, Sr Leanne Neoh and Sr Juliana Hazell.

Health Service open to students, staff, even visitors

All students and staff of the University, as well as visitors to the campus, are entitled to receive medical care from the University Health Service.

Moreover, the Health Service can be used as a source of information on health and health education.

All consultations are strictly confidential and appointments are necessary (except emergencies).

Come in, or telephone 68 5763 or 68 001 (Extension 763).

The Health Service bulk-bills Medicare directly for most consultations with a doctor. This means that you will need a Medicare card of your own, or the Medicare number on your family card should be recorded at the Health Service. Note that this system does not incur any cost to the patient, but you will be asked to sign a Medicare voucher after each consultation.

The Health Service is open during semester and recess. Our hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm (closed for lunch-hour during recess).

We are located on Level 1 (basement), University Union, west campus.

The Health Service is similar to a general doctor's surgery, although we have a special interest in the health needs of students.

Contraception (including the "morning after" pill), pregnancy tests, acne, sports injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, stress, quit smoking, poor nutrition and asthma management are some of the areas in which we are involved.

We are, however, happy to see you about any health matter which may concern you.

Our health education services include: education on a one-to-one basis, a wide range of free educational pamphlets, books and cassette tapes for loan, small group courses (depending on demand) on topics including asthma management, healthy lifestyle, contraception, quit smoking, stress management, exercise and fitness, women's health, how to lose weight and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Staff in the Health Service include:

Sports AGM

The annual general meeting of the Sports Union will be held in the Southern Cross Lounge in the Union on April 24 at 5.15 pm.

Elections will take place for the following positions on the Sports Union for 1990:

President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Forms for nomination of persons to the abovementioned positions may be obtained from the Sport & Recreation Department (located in the rear of the temporary building adjacent to the Economics Building).

Nominations must be seconded and accepted by the nominee.

The nominee, proposer and seconder for the positions must be Ordinary Members of the Sports Union and only Ordinary Members are permitted to vote at the AGM.

Nominations will be accepted at the Sport & Recreation Department until 5 pm on April 20.

University seeks a Warden for Evatt House

Members of the academic staff have been given the chance to express an interest in being appointed as Warden of Evatt House.

Evatt House is being developed by the University as an autonomous semi-collegiate residence governed by its own board, which will be responsible to the University Council for the good government and management of the House.

When the initial phase of development is completed later in 1990, the House will provide some 118 self-catering places, together with common rooms and a Deputy Warden's live-in flat.

The Warden will be responsible to the Board for the overall management, development and financial operation of the House, and for the general welfare of its residents. The provision of general educational guidance and leadership of the residents will be an important part of the Warden's responsibilities. On a day-to-day basis, the Warden will report to the Vice-Chancellor, through the Dean of Students in respect of House matters.

The appointment will be, at least in the first instance, on a part-time basis. The appointee will be expected to devote on average at least half of her/his time to the duties of Warden, the remainder being devoted to continuing duties in the appointee's academic discipline.

The Warden will be assisted by a Deputy Warden, senior residents and appropriate administrative staff.

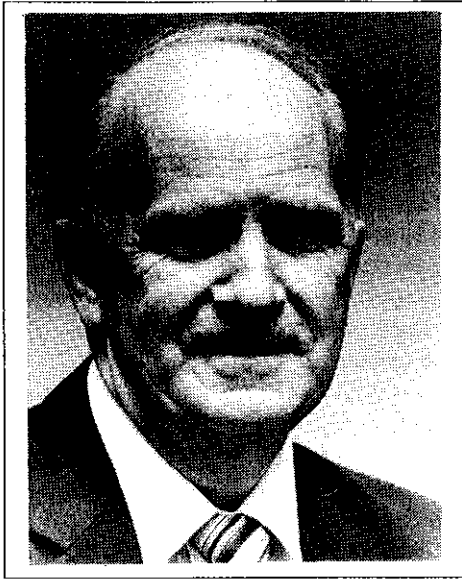
The person selected will be expected to have a continuing interest in the academic activities of his/her Faculty or School, relevant administrative experience and a commitment to the welfare of students.

The appointment will be for a period of three years, with the possibility of renewal and will be at Associate Professor salary on a pro-rata basis (0.5), paid by way of allowance.

Expressions of interest, including curriculum vitae, the names of three referees and other information relevant to the position should be forwarded to Professor K.R. Dutton, Pro Vice-Chancellor/Dean for Students, by April 20.

Further details are available from Professor K.R. Dutton.

Hunter industry promotes the study of mathematics



Professor Alan Roberts

tempted to meet this problem by directing their attention to mature students in order to entice them into engineering. However, this endeavour had been unproductive as these potential students invariably lacked the 3-unit mathematics prerequisite.

To address the problem at the school level, Mr Turner held discussions with the Principal of Raymond Terrace High School, Mr John Gralton, which resulted in Allco's 3-unit Mathematics sponsorship package.

In thanking Allco for providing this sponsorship, Professor Roberts commented that he hoped the results of this pilot scheme would encourage other co-operative ventures in senior studies at high schools. Initiatives like this would go a long way to ensuring the continuation of excellence in engineering and other disciplines which also required a sound foundation in mathematics.

Allco Steel has undertaken to sponsor a special mathematics learning package for students studying 3-unit mathematics in Raymond Terrace High School for 1990 and 1991 at a cost of \$10,000.

The package includes resource material such as extra text books, video-teaching cassettes, tutor assistance and encouragement awards. Initially Year 11 and 12 students will be supported by this sponsorship, and eventually it will be extended to include Year 10 students.

The Managing Director of Allco Steel, Mr Glen Turner, presented the first sponsorship cheque of \$5,000 at a special ceremony at the school on March 2.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Alan Roberts, the District Inspector of Schools, Mr Alan Mills, and the Senior Secondary Inspector of Schools for the Hunter, Mr John Penman, were among those who attended.

This initiative arose from a recent meeting of the University/Industry (Engineering) Liaison Committee which was attended by some 30 representatives of local industry who employ engineering graduates.

A major item of concern expressed at the meeting was the declining number of Australian students studying 3-unit mathematics, which is a prerequisite for studying engineering at the University. This loss in numbers was not only a concern for the University but also for future employers of the University's graduates.

Mr Turner noted that both industry and the Institution of Engineers had at-

Staff moves implemented

As part of the restructuring of administrative positions following amalgamation, some additional staff office relocations have been implemented. The details are:

Staff Office

Recruitment: Ms Helen Parr, Mr Robert Milan, Ms Sally Purcell and Ms Berry Notley. New location: Hunter Administration Building, first floor.

Other Staff Office staff remain in the ground floor, Hunter Building, relocated into offices behind the former Staff Office area.

Student Division

Postgraduate Studies & Scholarships Section: Ms Merryl Wright, Ms Arien Petrovic, Ms Jennifer Brown, Ms Julie Kuehn and Ms Donna Booth. New location: Hunter Administration Building, ground floor.

Admissions and Enrolments: Ms Judy Wallom and Ms Diane Williamson. New location: McMullin Building, Room G66.

Examinations: Mr Tom Reid and Ms Joanne Beveridge. New location: Hunter Building, Room A241.

Student Equity: Ms Gail White and Ms Anita van der Wal. New location: Portables, T43.

Secretariat Division

Convocation: Ms Nicolette Connon. New location: McMullin Building, G63A.

Council and General Administration: Mr Paul Welsh, Ms Joy Surowka, Ms Jeannie Curran, Ms Jill Scott, Ms Chris Wood and Ms Dena Bancroft. New location: McMullin Building, LG44, 45, 46 and 47.

Finance Division

Budgeting and Accounting: Ms Christina Murdoch. New location: McMullin Building, G59.

Academic gowns out of mothballs

The graduating season is about to begin at the University. Eight conferring of degrees ceremonies will be held between May 11 and May 19.

The *BULLETIN*, which is looking forward to covering Graduation 1990, wants to hear about graduands who have interesting stories to tell.

The names of those who are newsworthy because of their successful scholarship, their contribution to University or community affairs, or, whatever reason, can be given to the Information and Public Relations Unit, telephone 68 7328 and 68 7264.

The program for ceremonies for the conferring of degrees - combining the ceremonies for the old University and the former Hunter Institute for the first time - is:

Friday, May 11, 10 am

Faculty of Economics and Commerce and the School of Administration and Technology.

Friday, May 11, 2.30 pm

Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Science and Mathematics and the School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Saturday, May 12, 10 am

Faculty of Education and School of Health.

Saturday, May 12, 2.30 pm

School of Health.

Friday, May 18, 10 am

School of Education.

Friday, May 18, 2.30 pm

School of Education

Saturday, May 19, 10 am

School of Visual and Performing Arts and the Faculty of Engineering.

Saturday, May 19, 2.30 pm

Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Medicine.

Promotion week

The Hunter Building of the University will be the venue for a week-long promotion by the Hunter Caravan Project later this month.

The promotion, aimed at informing both the community and University staff and students of the work of the project, will run from Monday, April 23 to Friday, April 27, in the concourse and foyer of the Hunter Building.

Promotions and Development Officer for the Project, Ms Judi Geggie, said a full week of activities were planned, including a visit by Mrs Kathryn Greiner, the wife of the New South Wales Premier.

"The promotion will take in many aspects of our work and a number of organisations with which we have contact will be visiting the University during the week", Ms Geggie said.

"Activities will include book sales, video displays, sale of sloppy joes and T-shirts as a fund-raiser, display and orders for a playgroup survival kit and other general exhibitions".

The program includes:

- *Monday* - a display of murals by children depicting their images of life in a caravan park.
- *Tuesday* - a visit by Mrs Greiner and an extensive display and sale of children's books organised by The Book Garden. (Wednesday - Anzac Day public holiday)
- *Thursday* - visit by community groups which work in association with the project.
- *Friday* - film night at Boolaroo.
- *Saturday* - start of Playgym program. Bookings will be taken during the promotion.

Ms Geggie said that Mrs Greiner, in addition to visiting the University, will be presenting certificates at Charlestown to the third group of volunteers from the Home-Start Program. Mrs Greiner is the State Patron of Home-Start, an off-shoot of the Hunter Caravan Project which offers support, friendship and practical assistance to young families experiencing frustration and difficulties.

She hoped staff and students would take time to visit the various displays to become more accustomed to the work of the project which was initiated in 1986 to study the needs of families with young children living permanently in caravan parks. The project was established by the former Hunter Institute under a grant from the Bernard van Leer Foundation in Holland and initiatives to date include the setting up of playgroups and after-school, home/school liaison and vacation programs.

Concert series commences in Newcastle

A new concert series has commenced in the Newcastle Conservatorium Hall.

Titled Subscription Concerts 1990, the series of four varied concerts includes eminent Australian and overseas musicians performing a variety of classical music. The first concert was presented by the pianist, Mr Victor Sangiorgio.

Subscription Concerts have been presented in New South Wales for the past five years, with some financial assistance in 1988 and 1989 coming from the Arts Council of New South Wales. Subscription Concerts have taken over the role of the former ABC concerts.

Other concerts in the series will include Classics to Cabaret on June 22, with the New Zealand soprano, Ms Jennifer Moss, and the eminent clarinetist, Mr John Lennox.

The concert will have a lighthearted and sophisticated flavour, featuring music by composers as diverse as Handel, Schubert, Stravinsky, Ravel, Kurt Weill, Gershwin, Britten, Bolcom and Cole Porter.

In September the brilliant Australian pianist, Mr Michael Harvey, will play Liszt, Ravel, Scriabin, Brahms and Prokofiev.

The final concert for 1990 will present two young Australian instrumentalists, Mr Paul Goodchild (principal trumpet with the Sydney Symphony), and Mr Warwick Dunham (pipe organ/jazz piano), playing music by Handel, Purcell, Bach, Lohé, Charpentier, Bolling and Huboit.

Subscriptions for this concert series offer a 50 per cent saving, and there are discounts for pre-booking.

Subscriptions and single sales are now open at the Civic Theatre booking office.

Course to update GPs

The Second Short Course in Shared Obstetric Care to be held at the University on April 21 and 22 has drawn a good response from the medical profession.

The 40 places for registrants have been taken by general practitioners and other maternal and infant health professionals from an area stretching from Toukley to Coffs Harbour to Gunnedah.

The course is a follow-up to the course held in October, 1989.

The Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute (HPMI) aims to improve the quality of communication between GPs, obstetricians, midwives, paediatricians and health workers who are responsible for the care of pregnant women and their babies.

The program for the second course will provide 14 hours of interactive learning and four hours of supervised practical sessions for the participants. About 30 resource persons and GPs will be involved in presenting the various sessions in the Medical Sciences Building at the University.

A comprehensive 150-page manual, written by Hunter health workers, providing details of local resources for maternal and infant care, as well as practical advice, will be distributed to the course participants.

Dr Max Brinsmead (HPMI) said completion of the course would lead to a certificate of shared and obstetric care.

He said it was understood that the concept of the course would be emulated by the Royal Prince Alfred/King George V Hospital in Sydney.

Motorcycle ride - France to Russia

Young Australians aged 18 to 25 who have motorcycle licences have been given the chance to represent Australia in an international motorcycle adventure sponsored by BMW.

The expedition will commence on July 16 and conclude on August 4. It is being organised by UNESCO. The closing date for applications is April 30.

Anybody from the University interested in taking part can obtain further details and an application form from the Information and Public Relations Unit in the Hunter Building by telephoning 68 7328.

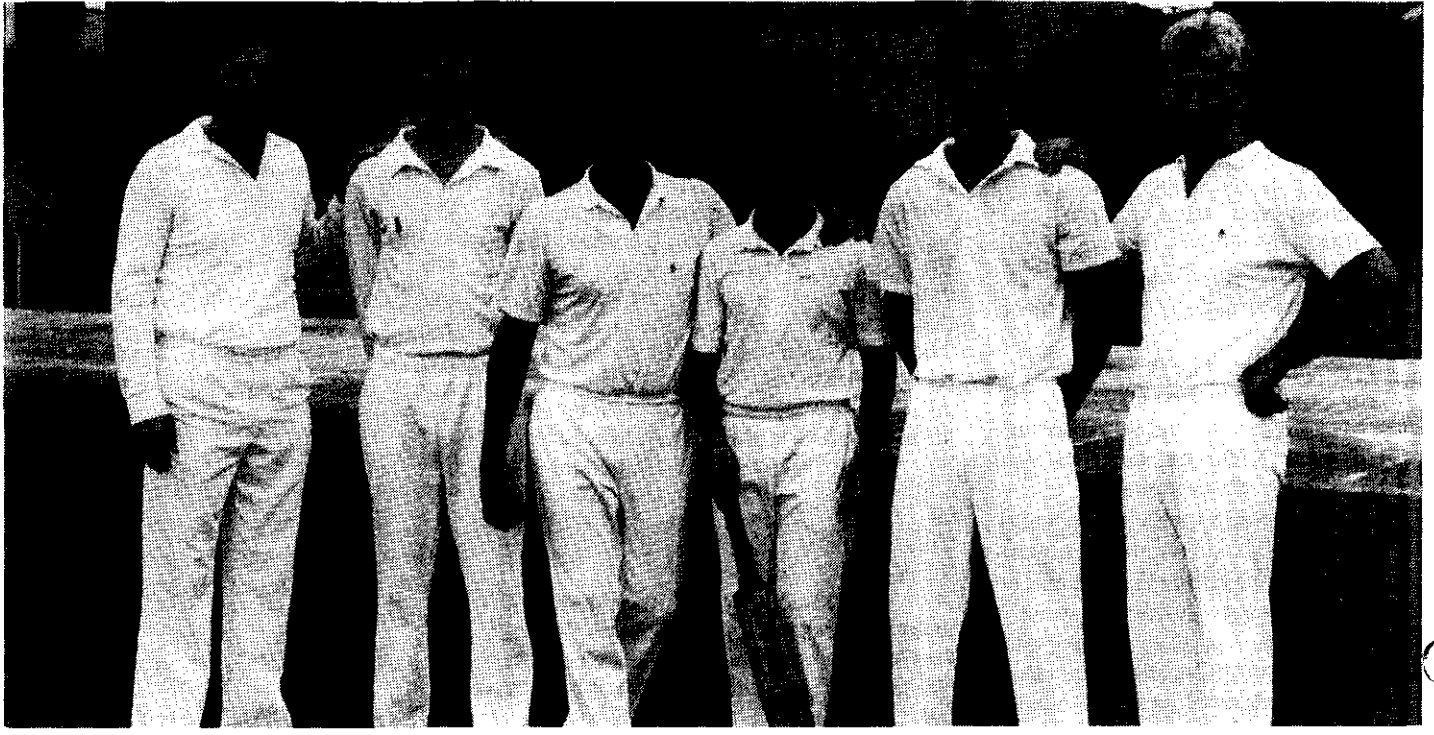
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Six members of University's fourth grade cricket team - Messrs John and Peter Fryer, Messrs Graham (Captain) and Robert Faraday with Messrs Jeremy and Allan Richardson. The team could be unique in the annals of University cricket because of the number of father and son links.

Family links help team to win

The last issue of the *BULLETIN* reported on University fourth grade team's victory in the district cricket premiership final on March 24 against Newcastle City.

However, space precluded an analysis of the exciting two-day match, played at Townson Oval.

University was sent in to bat on a wet wicket and lost three wickets for seven runs before Mr Peter Fryer and Mr Robert Faraday produced a dogged one-hour defence. Mr Faraday scored 27, his father, Graham, 16 and Mr Graham Mankelow 28.

There was an appreciable crowd at the match as all other district games had been washed out and Mr Robert Pinkevitch brought the crowd to its feet with a six. University's batting was concluded when it had made 141.

By tea on the second day Newcastle City had scored 71 for the loss of three wickets. Although the wicket had dried out, accurate University bowling had put a brake on the run rate.

The bowling had been shared by Mr Phil Bellamy, Mr David O'Brien, Mr Jeremy Richardson and Mr Graham Faraday, who bowled 39 overs, including 18 maid-

ens, from one end without a break.

Half-an-hour later Newcastle City was spinning because of the loss of three wickets - the three players were run out by Mr Allan Richardson. They declined further and, with nine wickets gone, had scored 121.

However, City's last batsman began to produce an array of shots, including a six onto the roof of the grandstand. City's score was getting very close to University's 141 with one over to go.

With three balls to go Mr Graham Faraday took a "classic catch" on the fence. City was 137 and, if the ball had passed over the fence for six, they would have won the final.

At a team barbecue at the Faradays after the game, the team's scorer, Mrs Margaret Fryer, was honoured for his contribution during the season.

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For Sale

Four rattan and chrome Brauer bar stools in excellent condition. Asking price: \$55 each or all four for \$200. Please telephone 68 5720.

Three-piece Pine Lounge suite (without cushions), \$70; Coffee Table, \$30; and Large Dog Basket (used once), \$15. Please telephone 49 8457.

1977 Datsun 200B (blue with beige interior). Features include: excellent mechanical condition, no rust, tow bar and roof racks (RBR515). This car is available from July 6. Asking price: \$2,500 or near offer. Please telephone 68 5594 or 71 3579.

Commodore 64 computer with inbuilt turbo ROM, dataset, joysticks, software and manuals. Asking price: \$350 or near offer. Please telephone Michael at 43 6618 evenings only.

Accommodation Required

Visiting physician with wife and two teenage children requires accommodation from June 27 until August 10. Please reply to Professor John Forbes, Department of Surgery, Hunter Academic Oncology Centre, Mater Misericordiae Hospital if you are able to assist.

Position Wanted - Typing

Ms Beryl Graham would like to type theses, assignments or occasional papers. Please telephone 48 9242.

The BULLETIN'S Slogan for April is:

"If you think research is unnecessary, try guesswork"