Three institutions legally merged

As the Bulletin was going to press, it was expected that the Governor would give his assent to the Act providing for the amalgamation of the University, the HIHE and the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

The University of Newcastle amalgamation Bill had been passed by the Lower House of State Parliament and, finally, the Upper House on May 11, prior to Parliament going into recess.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan, said the Bill submitted to Parliament by the Minister for Education, Dr Metherell, which had incorporated a number of amendments following representations by the Council and campus groups, had not been changed.

Professor Morgan said Dr Metherell had agreed to look to the University for advice on the people whom he would appoint to serve on the Interim Council, which would govern the University until the establishment of the new Council. The University would give the Minister names.

Apart from the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Principal of the HIHE, the Principal of the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music and the Deputy Chairman of Senate, who were included in the Interim Council under the terms of the Act, people representing staff and students of the University, the HIHE and the Newcastle Conservatorium, as well as the community, would, it was understood, be appointed to the Interim Council.

(The Government has not heeded the Council's request that the Council of the amalgamated University contain 22 members, including four academic staff, two general staff and two student representatives.

The number on the Council will be 18, including staff representation of two academics and one general staff and student representation of one).

Graduations are very pleasant occasions — for the graduates who celebrate and their families and friends who give congratulations.

At the morning ceremony on May 13, Ms Alison Kinder, President of the Students' Representative Council, jumped with joy after receiving her BA degree. She was also celebrating her birthday.

OLD UNIVERSITY'S LAST GRADUATION

Degrees were conferred upon 838 people by the Chancellor, Justice Elizabeth Evatt, at four 1989 graduations in the Great Hall on May 12 and 13.

The new graduates were the last admitted to degrees by the old University of Newcastle, which is about to amalgamate with the Hunter Institute of Higher Education and the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music.

The new graduates received loud applause from members of their families, fellow graduates, University staff and friends and were personally congratulated by Judge Evatt.

Although the skies were black and threatening on May 13, rain held off for post-ceremony congratulations and picture-taking outside the Great Hall.

This year men and women were evenly balanced in the University Medals list. Ms Veronica Lunn (English), Ms Denise Goldsworthy (Metalurgy), Mr Christopher Wright (Classics) and Mr Malcolm Engel (Chemical Engineering) are medal recipients.

Five distinguished persons were admitted to Honorary Degrees.

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An honorary Doctor of Engineering degree was awarded to Dr Walter Hughes, CBE, in recognition of his long career as a professional engineer, company manager and executive in the ship building and railway industries.

Emeritus Professor Ian McStewart had an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree conferred upon him in recognition of his contribution to the University, the engineering profession, research in chemical engineering.

Professor Warren Hogan, Professor of Economics at the University of Sydney, was awarded a honorary degree of Doctor of Science for his contribution to scholarship and research in economics over many years, including the period in the 1960s in which he was a member of staff of this University.

Mr Ulric Burstain, Musical Director and Conductor of the Hunter Orchestra, was a recipient of a honorary Master of Arts degree for his work for education and the cultural life of the community.

An honorary Doctor of Science degree was presented to the Hon. Mr John Varnum, Regional Commissioner and Deputy President of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales and Chairman of the Hunter Area Health Service Board for his contribution to industry and commerce of Australia and the application of his skills for the benefit of the Hunter community.

The official total attendance for the dinner dances arranged by Convocation was in the Union on the Friday night and the Saturday night was 660 — compared with 590 last year. With Convocation member on the University Council, Mr John Broughton, extending welcomes on behalf of the Warden of Convocation, Mr Vic Levi, the nights were joyful conclusions to Graduation 1989.

Dr Hughes delivering the Occasional Address at the Architecture / Education / Engineering graduation, recalled his schooling in New Lambton and Maitland and his experiences at the University of Sydney in the 1930s. Later he became the first student from the Hunter to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

"My roots lie in Newcastle and Maitland," he said. "Imagine how conditions were when I was growing up. Electricity was pretty much unheard of. Telephones had winding handles and wall speakers were of a kind highly prized by collectors today. 'Radio was in its infancy and overseas travel was always made by sea.'

Dr Hughes said that developments which were never thought possible, particularly in the field of communications, had been witnessed during in his lifetime. "Presently, we have space probes, ultrasound imagery, laser technology and organ transplants.'

Addressing the new graduates directly, he said: 'While you will take away from the University the best available knowledge, you too, will have to face enormous changes before your careers have finished.' At the University, you have acquired a trained mind, which allows you to solve problems and make decisions. You now have the opportunity to develop further and cope with what lies ahead.'

Professor Hogan, who was Professor of Economics at the University when autonomy was achieved in 1965, said at the Economics and Commerce/Science and Mathematics graduation that the contributions of the University went well beyond Australia, whether one thought in terms of research and scholarship fostered here, or the careers of its graduates.

The success of the University over the past 25 years must cast doubt over the grounds offered for re-organising university education in this country," he said.

"The thrust for amalgamation for institutions is based upon a proposition that size is in most cases a necessary condition for educational effectiveness and financial efficiency. Yet, the lessons from the University would suggest otherwise. Surveys of student attitudes and experiences show how congenial is the educational environment in the University compared with larger ones around Australia." Professor Hogan said that in the large university many departments were in worlds of their own, having little interchange with other departments in their faculties, let alone across the university.

Thus, the claim advanced the recent White Paper that larger institutions offered the potential for significant educational advantages ran hollow.

At the ceremony for Arts graduates, the Minister for Family and Community Services, the Hon. Virginia Chadwick, MLC, remembered when she was an undergraduate at the University in the 1960s, when there was an emphasis on the Arts in Australian universities.

"Those were the days of University fees, when a lack of AUSTUDY and other kinds of assistance meant we went for scholarships — Commonwealth or Teachers." The latter avenue was more attractive, especially for women, Mrs Chadwick said.

"Why should a person still do Arts in this technocratic age?" she asked.

The Arts provide a repository of cultural values and put all collective and individual human endeavours into historical perspective.
The various disciplines of the humanities also instil logical thought processes, language skills, aesthetic appreciation and enhanced self-knowledge.'

Numbers in Australia's Arts Faculties remained high, Mrs Chadwick said. The figure in 1985 was 60,000 — almost twice that of Science.

She said that in the week of the graduations she had introduced a Bill into the Upper House of the State Parliament providing for amalgamation of institutions of higher learning in New South Wales. There was no need for trepidation or unease because of the Bill.

The University of Newcastle and the University of Technology, Sydney, will not become network universities.

In each case, partners have agreed that they will merge fully in order to create a new institution. The institution will take the name of the previous university.

'An interim Council will be proclaimed to ensure the new University Council is established within 12 months. Its role will be to bring together the components of the University.'

Mrs Chadwick said Dr Metherell's task was to ensure his Council appointments reflected a balance of the interests represented in the participating institutions and the community.

Speaking at the Medicine/Science and Mathematics ceremony, the Hon. Mr Varnum said that in several areas of community life Newcastle and the University had succeeded in establishing an agenda that had credibility and acceptance in the wider society beyond Newcastle.

The notion of creating our own agenda may be lost on many people ..., but it has a massive relevance to how this region and University develop and go forward into the future.

Today, the Hunter Region industrial relations community is not only a sophisticated innovator of new practices, it is a respected beacon to practitioners elsewhere in Australia,' Mr Varnum said.

'It is acknowledged as being at the forefront of consultative restructuring of industry. Its techniques are being copied and adapted in the capital cities and in national wage and restructuring negotiations and decisions.

The key to that success was our confidence in making our own agenda.'

Director wins scholarship to Germany

Mrs Gay Reeves, Director of the Language Laboratory, has won a prestigious scholarship to a Goethe-Institut Seminar in Augsburg in West Germany. The seminar, from July 18 to 29, will discuss the training and further education of teachers of German as a foreign language.

Mrs Reeves will attend the seminar with 24 scholars from 18 countries in Europe and North America. The Goethe-Institut will contribute substantially to the cost of the airfares and provide free accommodation in Augsburg.

In Augsburg, the international group will discuss aims, content and design of education and further education courses for teachers of German as a Second Language. Participants will present papers on teacher education and German curricula in the schools of their countries.

The seminar topic and discussions relate closely to Mrs Reeves' teaching and research interests, for she has lectured in teacher education in Modern Languages since 1960, firstly at the Newcastle Teachers' College and then from 1971 in the Department of Education. Her MA degree was awarded on the basis of her research study into factors influencing the study of German in the junior high schools, with particular reference to Newcastle.

Mrs Reeves is a former Honorary Director of the Deutscher Schulverein, which provides classes outside schools for people wishing to learn German.

Mrs Reeves has been the Director of the Language Laboratory since 1976. In this role she has been involved in many aspects of the study of foreign languages and of English as a second language (ESL). In 1978, as an educational consultant to the Red Cross she was responsible for inaugurating and teaching in an honorary capacity an English program to migrant mothers from Vietnam. This English program is still being conducted by the Red Cross in association with AMES but the migrants now come from a range of countries. In 1981 she was one of the founding members of the Hunter Adult Migrant Education Co-ordinating Committee (HAMECC) and was the founding president of the Hunter Association of Teachers of English as a Second Language.
Uni continued, but different

The Vice-Chancellor, who gave a report to every graduation, mentioned that the Bill giving effect to the amalgamation of the University, the Hunter Institute of Higher Education and the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music had passed through State Parliament on May 11.

"In the words of the Bill, this establishes the University of Newcastle as "a continuation of and the same legal entity as the (existing) University."

Yet, Professor Morgan said, "patently it will differ. At the stroke of a pen, the number of students will rise to 11,500; the range of academic courses and disciplines will be greater than in the past; and the aspirations of students will embrace wider objectives.

"This all represents a major opportunity for the University to make an increasing contribution to national and regional life.

"In doing so we need to recognise two clear duties. First, that we should continue to welcome the new challenges with new responses. The University has a deserved reputation for academic innovation. We must expect to exercise this in meeting the wider demands that will properly be made on the University in the years to come.

"Second, we must ensure that the hallmark of our work continues to be the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship and research. This will be individually a matter of professional pride and achievement for staff across the whole University; and for students the perception of excellence is an essential component of their education. We shall be clear that for this University the objective will be pervasive excellence and on this basis we can approach the future with confidence."

Professor Morgan spoke to the new graduates and their families about the Federal Government’s announcement of new measures to provide for expansion of scientific research in Australia.

"It is particularly good, because the Government has listened to the concerted advice from the universities and the research community that action of this sort needed to be taken. It reverses a trend both in funding and in accepting advice.

"There are, in fact, two generalisations I would optimistically want to make.

"First, that there is now some recognition that quality has to be paid for. There is a popular misconception that in universities it is intrinsically good to force down costs, to buy cheap and get more for less.

"As in most areas, and especially in universities, ultimately you get what you pay for.

"Universities exist to provide excellence — not always can we achieve it. I believe that taxpayers recognise this and are not opposed to supporting the highest standards for the future graduates", Professor Morgan said.

"Second, that the universities and research community do speak with knowledge and authority as expert opinion in these matters."

Staff Association’s campaign

As the Bulletin was going to press, the University’s Staff Association was finalising arrangements for its participation in an all-universities campaign against redundancy proposals.

The Association will be a partner with the Lecturers’ Association and the Federation of College Academics from the HiHE in the staging of a ‘no redundancy’ rally in the Courtyard between the McMullin Building and Lecture Theatre B01 on May 24 at 1 pm.

Union representatives who have been taking part in discussions on the redundancy proposals are expected to address the meeting to give progress reports.

The President of the Staff Association, Mr Robert Mackie, described the decision that universities could terminate the employment of any academic if he or she were surplus to requirements as the most immediate concern of academics nationally. Mr Mackie said the decision justified redundancy in very limited circumstances and the Arbitration Commission had ordered staff associations and universities to negotiate procedures to deal with retrenchment, redeployment and staff development.

The parties had held negotiations, unfortunately without much success, he said.

"The Vice-Chancellor has said often that he doesn’t favour a policy of redundancy. Nonetheless, should the Arbitration Commission be pressured by the Federal Government and the employers then universities could do exactly what they liked. In a sense the Vice-Chancellor’s reluctance would be overridden by events outside Newcastle.

"Under the 4 per cent wage agreement, provision was made for staff development. The Vice-Chancellor told us that he had a committee to organise it. However the committee has no money and we are not even sure if it has a proper brief," Mr Mackie said.

The rally will be held in Lecture Theatre B01 if there is wet weather.

Prize for work on the Press

The Australian Press Council has recently established a prize for the best honour thesis, or similar work, by a student enrolled in the Australian University or College of Advanced Education on a topic relating to aspects of freedom of speech and of the press.

Examples of appropriate topics include, but are by no means restricted to, the legal restraints on news reporting, contempt of court in relation to the Press and other Media and the constitutional protection of freedom of speech.

The recipient is to be chosen on the recommendation of a panel of judges and the prize will be awarded at a reception by the Council. It is anticipated that the prize will be awarded annually but, as is customary in these matters, the Council reserves the right to award a prize null.

The amount of the prize is at present $1,000.

Students who are undertaking theses or similar research work in these areas should submit a copy of such work to The Secretary, The Australian Press Council, 145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 2000 by November 30.

The Council would seek to encourage publication of the winning submission.

Guest Lecturer

Professor Howard Selsperlin, of Macquarie University, will lecture on Cultural Poetics vs Cultural Materialism in Room A132, on Wednesday, May 24, at 2 pm.
The AVCC met at the Flinders University of South Australia. This is a report of the main matters discussed at that meeting.

Admission of New Member
The Queensland University of Technology has been admitted as the 23rd member of the AVCC. A committee headed by Professor Laurie Nichol, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, and including Professor Keith Morgan, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle, visited QUT and reviewed its application. The committee said that QUT, formerly the Queensland Institute of Technology, met the standards set down for full membership of the AVCC. It said QUT compared favourably with other universities in respect of the quality of its undergraduate student intakes and programs and facilities. However, it indicated some concern over the limited record of staff qualifications, publications and postgraduate research.

Criteria for Membership
The AVCC is developing a comprehensive statement on the nature of a university and membership of the AVCC. The document includes a number of criteria, which the AVCC believes should be met for an institution to have university status: a number of performance indicators which can be used to test these criteria in a quantitative and qualitative way; and processes for developing new universities.

Overseas Students
The Federal Government's decision to phase out the subsidised program for overseas students from 1990 continues to cause significant problems for universities. The subsidised program will be replaced by a full scholarship program which will cover far fewer students but pay all their course and living costs. The phasing in of the new program in an orderly way which will not suddenly impact on institutional budgets is complicated and the Department of Employment, Education and Training has taken some time to develop a formula. Under the current proposal, institutions will be protected from any loss of funds for the next four years but after that will have to offset any losses from the abolition of the subsidised program by attracting more full-fee students.

Industry Training
The AVCC has called for an enlarged commitment to training on the part of industry. In response to the Federal Government's paper on skills training, the AVCC argued for an expansion of the training concept to cover university courses and postgraduate training. The document also emphasises the need for improved credit transfer arrangements between institutions and between special training courses and more formal courses.

Industrial Relations
The two employer groups representing higher education have agreed to merge to form a single body. The decision by the Australian Universities Industrial Association and the Australian Advanced Education Industrial Association means there could be a single body by early next year.

Academic Fraud
The AVCC has asked Professor David Caro, acting Vice-Chancellor of the Northern Territory University and former Vice-Chancellor of The University of Melbourne, to examine the issue of academic fraud. The issue was debated last year by the Executive of the AVCC, but was put on hold, with the AVCC arguing that the second-tier provisions relating to misconduct were an adequate mechanism for handling any cases of academic fraud. While the AVCC is still of this view, it believes that some analysis of the issues could be useful.

Educational Television
The AVCC will set up a task force to consider a number of options relating to educational television. Universities in New South Wales have carried out preliminary work on the possibilities of education interests becoming involved in a channel-sharing operation or securing a separate licence in the next decade. The need for universities to exploit television more effectively as an educational tool is increasing. A television capability could be used to develop industry training packages; develop packages for the off-shore market; conduct in-service training for teachers; develop more sophisticated distance education material; and for combining on and off-campus education for metropolitan students.

Professor to arrive on June 1
Professor Gordon Burns has informed the Vice-Chancellor that he intends to take up his appointment to the NBN Chair of Cancer Research on June 1.

The NBN Telethon Chair, support staff for Professor Burns and research facilities have been endowed by the NBN Telethon Trust and established within the University's Faculty of Medicine from monies contributed by the people of the Hunter Region to the 1983 and 1985 NBN Telethons.

Professor Burns will be in charge of a unit located alongside the Oncology Unit at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital at Waratah.

He will be responsible for carrying out and directing fundamental research into the ways in which cells become cancerous and then grow and spread.

Professor Burns is presently Assistant Director of Research and Chief Hospital Scientist in the Division of Human Immunology at the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science in Adelaide.

Newcastle Skeptics
Hunter Regional Branch

Annual General Meeting
on
Friday, May 26
at 7.30 pm
in the
Science Lecture Theatre E01 at the University.

After the agm and election of officers will be a public talk and discussion on

Shooting Down UFO's
by the current President, Professor Colin Keay.

The talk will deal with the natural phenomena which give rise to UFO reports and detail many cases where an explanation has emerged from careful investigation of otherwise baffling observations, often by sober witnesses.

Supper will be served following the discussion.
We all know that size is not everything and I am not seeking to stir up again the 'bigger is better' argument. The figures neverless demonstrate the full strength that accrues to the University with amalgamation, especially with the incorporation of the Conservatorium and the extension of the University's charter to the Central Coast.

L F Hennessy

Graduate's view of new University

'Ve do not want this institution to be run by politicians and their minions, with the freedom of staff, and students destroyed'.

One of the four spokespersons for the new graduates expressed his own concerns this way at the Arts conferring of degrees on May 13.

Mr Christopher Wright, BA with Honours Class I and the University Medal in Classical Studies, asked:

'What of the future of this University once we leave? In the current climate, who can really be sure?'

Via the University of Newcastle Act, 1964, this University became autonomous as of January 1, 1965, and it has remained autonomous from that day to this,' Mr Wright said.

'Now there is going to be a new University of Newcastle, with a new Act going through State Parliament just the other day.

'We do not want a single facet eliminated from the University's currently excellent range of educational opportunities. We do not want our standards compromised. We cannot be cowed by an economic tyranny.

'The fundamental purpose of a university is to foster knowledge in all of its forms. The world is becoming a deplorable place, if it is to be ruled by money alone.

'And, if these are not the thoughts of all the graduates, front of me, and almost all the staff behind me, then I would be very much surprised.'

Mr Wright said that 'off the soapbox' it seemed appropriate for him to mention a few of a graduate's feelings on the occasion of the ceremony: pride at completing one's studies; relief at completing one's studies; hope that the piece of paper would contribute to finding satisfying employment; gratitude for support from two sources, family and the staff of the University.

'And, there is a certain sadness at leaving university life and friends. On the other hand, graduation isn't always the end of a university career. For those who do leave, some friendships are made for life, and memories of the place remain,' he said.

Schools Visit Day — 1989

On June 5 approximately 5,000 Year 12 school students are expected to attend the annual Schools Visit Day.

This year's students represent schools from Newcastle, the Hunter Valley, Sydney, the Central Coast, the North Coast, the Northwest and the West.

This year a group from St Patrick's College, at Goulburn and a TAFE group from Gymea in Sydney will be included among the visitors.

The tally of students is expected to be a record.

The reasons for the greater participation in the Schools Visit Day are understood to be the enlargement of the area covered and the increased number of students being retained in Years 11 and 12.

Because of the greater popularity of the schools visits, lecture rooms on the campus have become packed in recent years.

The program for the 1989 visit shows a comprehensive offering of lectures, demonstrations, films, tours, workshops, etc. Included are 'live' workshops, which will be presented by the Department of Drama, and talks on admission to the University and how to become a school teacher.

The program is divided into 10 half-hour sessions. Consequently the students will be able to choose from a variety of University activities. The sessions begin at 9.10 am and finish at 3.30 pm.

Because of the introduction of the Federal Government's Higher Education Contribution Scheme, or Graduate Tax, the visitors will be offered a talk on the provisions of the scheme.

An information centre will operate in the Union. It will distribute study guides and give answers to the students' questions.
Shortland Wetlands Centre's links with universities

Assoc. Professor Max Maddock, Chairman of the Directors of the Shortland Wetlands Centre, has been told by the Vice-Chancellor that the University will donate $1,000 to the Wetlands Centre. In his letter, Professor Morgan said while the donation would be reviewed annually he hoped to maintain it 'at least in the immediate future'.

'The gesture is very much appreciated by the Board of Directors of the Centre', Professor Maddock said. 'It represents a further step in the consolidation of relationships established with the University and other higher education institutions.'

Professor Maddock provided the Bulletin with the following report on the Centre's links with universities:

'Set up in 1985 by the Hunter Wetlands Trust to promote conservation, education, research and passive recreation in wetlands, the Centre has continued to grow.

'The links with universities have involved the provision of resources for university courses and reciprocal assistance such as the surveying expertise provided by the Faculty of Engineering during the Centre's establishment phase.'

Professor Maddock, of the Faculty of Education, has been Chairman of the Board since its inception and last year took sabbatical leave at the Centre. The Director, Mr Brian Gilligan, has been elected as the 1989 Chairman of the University's Board of Environmental Studies.

Professor Maddock said:

'The Faculty of Education has included Environmental Education in its DipEd course since 1986 and, in 1988, introduced Environmental Education at the Master of Educational Studies level. Both these units use the Shortland Wetlands Centre as the class venue. The DipEd school-based "Problems in Teaching" unit for science students has also made use of the facilities and staff at the Centre.

In the first week of classes, the DipEd held its orientation barbecue at the Centre. This was followed by an introduction to the use of the Centre as a resource for carrying out environmental education across the total school curriculum. A number of students have taken up the option to carry out one of their four-week blocks of teaching practice in the Centre's school program.'

'Last year the Department of Biological Sciences conducted a field excursion by canoe to study the ecology of the Ironbank Creek system. The Centre is playing a role this year in the newly-introduced Master of Environmental Studies course. The construction of the library was funded by Tomago Aluminium and much of the shelving was contributed by the Auchmuty Library on long-term loan.'

Professor Maddock went on:

'The Hunter Institute has also made regular use of the Centre, particularly for courses in Applied Science, Art Education and Communication. Currently, an exhibition of wildlife illustration work by third year illustration students from the Institute is on show in the downstairs gallery.

'Links with other universities have included support for an honours thesis study by a University of New England Geography student, a PhD study within the egret project by a student from Macquarie University and field study excursions by the University of New England and the University of New South Wales. In 1986, 1987 and 1988, students from Bellot College, in Wisconsin, United States of America, have undertaken field placement programs as part of their undergraduate degree studies.

'The Centre has conducted a series of monthly lunchtime public seminars on a range of wetland research issues. The seminar on June 7 is on waste water treatment, using wetlands, by Shane Tren-

The Critical Theory Group presents ... The Tyranny of Difference

A symposium on the representation of gender in Australian Culture.

Speakers include Professor Joan Kirkby (Macquarie University), Professor John Burrows, Dr Marea Mitchell, Dr Imre Salusinszky and Sonya Celtian (Artist and Education Officer, Newcastle Region Art Gallery).

1 to 5 pm

Friday, June 2.

Film Theatre,

Auchmuty Library.
Mr Rhiett Cleal, Bachelor of Metallurgy graduate, is well-known for his successes as a member of the University's Golf Club.

The Great Hall provides room for many people to attend graduations. Dr Mohammed Alauddin, who graduated with a PhD degree in Economics took the opportunity to invite his family and a close friend (from left): Richa, his daughter, Ruba, his wife, J.R. Gupta, a friend, Farrana and Mimi, his daughters. Alauddin is now a Lecturer at the University of Melbourne.

With more than 70 higher degrees awarded in a range of fields, the Master of Surveying degree conferred upon Mr Brian Donnelly was significant. Mr Donnelly is the first recipient of the degree. Mr Donnelly is employed by the School of Surveying at the University of New South Wales. He chose to do his thesis in the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying under the supervision of Assoc. Professor John Fryer for the reason (pictured at left with him) the expertise available at the University in the field of close-range photogrammetry and analytical stereo-plotters is recognised worldwide.

Mr Ted Miller is demonstrating his keen interest in Epic Poetry by obtaining several distinctions in the field. Previously he was awarded double honours (in Classical Studies and English). At the morning graduation on May 13, he received an MA degree. He is presently enrolled for a Doctorate.
Ms Jane Suggit, Bachelor of Science, was pleased her mother, Mrs Suggit, a member of the University's staff, was on hand to see her graduate.

Above right — Dr Charles Penglase, wrote a thesis and who carried out research in Classics, graduated with a Doctorate. His mother, Dr Bethia Penglase, a member of the University's staff, helped to make the day a family celebration.

At right — Mr Malcolm Engel, one of the four people to receive University Medals, was congratulated by his father, Assoc. Professor Brian Engel, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Mathematics. Malcolm received a Bachelor of Engineering degree with Honours Class I in Chemical Engineering.

(Right) It is unusual for people to return specially from overseas to receive degrees. Ms Tamara Raanan had her BA conferred, although she is studying Japanese IV at Kumamoto University in Japan, and was photographed with her parents and the Head of the Japanese Section, Assoc. Professor K. Ono.
Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

The Executive of the UNSA feels that some of the comments of Mr. Lance Hennessy in Bulletin 6, defending the increase in administrative staff numbers might be directed towards the Association, so we feel constrained to reply.

UNSA is certainly not responsible for any rumour that administrative staff numbers are increasing faster than academic staff numbers, nor has it been trying to prove in any forum that the administration is being generally ‘ushered up’, to use Mr Hennessy’s word.

In the recent Staff Association meeting, which passed a unanimous motion of no-confidence in the Vice-Chancellor, reference was certainly made to the advertisement for a Project Officer at $30,000 to assist Mr Hennessy to write submissions for Canberra. The argument then was that it was passing strange to advertise such a position when Faculties were being told to shed staff and save money to balance the University budget, and when the University Administration was facing amalgamation with a separate tier of administration at HiHE, which might just as easily do the job Mr Hennessy sought.

That point bears on one of Mr Hennessy’s own questions: what will the University do to improve the resources required for essential administrative purposes? Surely the answer is that the University will use the resources available to it in the consolidated institution as efficiently as possible to avoid empire building in the bureaucratic model. Effective administrations are not necessarily big. They should be hungry to serve (as indeed academics should be) and sensitive to the collegiate atmosphere of a university.

Amalgamated bureaucracies have the knack of becoming bigger than the combined previous bureaucracies. Perceptions of what is going on are crucial. At this point academic staff are not convinced that distinctions between academics and administrators in a university are false, as Mr Hennessy would have us believe. Too much has been imposed without respect for informed objections and without the attempt to involve staff at all levels in the process of change.

J.W. McQua1ter,
Hon. Secretary,
University of Newcastle Staff Association.

Dear Sir,

Consider these recent events:
• full houses in the Drama Studio, with even the standing room packed on the last two nights, great performances by student actors of a macabre drama from the turn of the century whose chief burden is to show that all human life is wretched and pitiable. Their mood is a hushed, intent concentration, broken only for laughter at the few moments of bitter humour which Strindberg ironically juxtaposes to the extraordinary events of his play. And congratulations pour in from all sides to the director, who is, by the way, the first student to produce a show in the Drama Studio since 1985.
• a professional director from Sydney, visiting Newcastle to work with the HVTC, declares the show to be the best student production he has ever seen.
• the Assoc. Professor of Drama, who specialises in research on and teaching of Expressionism (the dramatic movement which was pioneered in this play) and lectures every year on Strindberg, supervises the production and finds the commitment and dedication of both cast and crew quite extraordinary, even by the high standards which the Department has set itself.
• They have palpably demonstrated an understanding of Strindberg’s intentions, and of an acting style and production concept whereby these might be brought home to a modern audience.
• even the critic of the Newcastle Herald, who by his own admission is unsympathetic to this style of drama, commends the production in a favourable review.

Then we come to Ms Nesmith. Where our performers have a right to expect insight from a reviewer, she offers patronising kindness. Where your readers have a right to expect understanding both of a playwright and of a dramatic style, her few comments on this production show that in the case of Strindberg’s The Ghost Sonata she has neither.

I would expect the quality of reviewing in a University’s house journal to be higher than that of the city newspapers, not lower. I would expect a campus reviewer to have a broad knowledge of, and sympathy with, the main styles of serious drama and with modern production techniques. I would expect to be able to encourage students in a University Drama Department to experiment at or near the frontiers of the discipline, in the knowledge that where the final product deserves criticism, this criticism will be made with understanding of what they are trying to do, and is helpful and constructive.

I believe these are reasonable expectations. I do not believe that your present theatre critic satisfies them.

Michael Evans,
Drama Department.

Appointed to Psychology professorships

Two graduates of this University were recently appointed to Psychology professorships at other universities.

They are Professor Graeme Halford — at the University of Queensland — and Foundation Professor Wan Rafael Abdullah Rahman — at the National University of Malaysia.

Professor Halford obtained his PhD from this University in 1989. He has continued his research contact with this University since he left in 1972. He was recently elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in recognition of his research contributions mainly in the related fields, of cognitive processes and cognitive development.

Professor Wan Rafael Abdul Rahman completed his BSc(Hons) and MSc in 1972 and, later, his doctorate in the United Kingdom. He has also continued to collaborate with Professors Daphne and John Keats in studies in cross-cultural psychology.

Last February Professor Wan Rafael Abdul Rahman organised a national seminar to mark the formation of the Malaysian Psychological Association. The two Professors Keats attended this seminar by invitation and contributed papers. Further collaborative research is planned for the near future.
Interactive Videodiscs

On May 8, Mr Bill Linklater launched a new technology in the Auchmuty Library, with a demonstration of interactive video for the Library Committee.

The laser based technology encompasses the use of a digital videodisc containing moving and still images with overlay of text and graphics, connected to an intelligent monitor and a microcomputer.

Sound, colour and full motion are stored on the videodisc in analog format and digital data encoded for use with the microcomputer. One of the major applications for such a mixed media is education and training.

Systems (Systems LINKing people with technology) has been a driving force behind the introduction of optical disc based technology into the Australian market over the last five years. The Auchmuty Library has purchased their Consult Learning Centre courseware, consisting of videodiscs and manuals that provide instruction, testing, remediation and evaluation. The following packages are available:

- Introduction to the IBM PC
- Wordperfect — a six to eight hour course on word processing and how it is applied through this popular and versatile word processing software ...
- Dbase III Plus — a four to six hour course on Dbase III ...
- Lotus 1-2-3 (Release Two) — eight to 12 hours of spreadsheet set up, data entry and edits, mathematical computations, and macros.

The major advantages of interactive videodisc include:
- Students can learn at their own pace.
- As an interactive program, it is superior as a training tool to videotape which is essentially passive.
- Immediate feedback is provided.
- It is a tension-free learning environment.
- Branches allow the student to take alternative routes through the same program.
- Frame by frame advance is possible at the student’s own speed.
- The interactive process accommodates all students.
- Rapid random access provides superior retrieval to videotape.
- Unlike a classroom situation, steps can be retraced.
- It can be easily integrated into the student’s program and is always available for revision.
- After the initial capital outlay the videodisc has an indefinite life as no wear is incurred in the laser playback.

If you wish to use the videodisc packages or want information about other available courseware, please contact Ms Sheila Brown in the Audio-Visual Section of the Library at Extension 605.

Jim Cleary and Elizabeth Guilford

Science statement is first step, not solution

Australian university chiefs welcomed the Federal Government's statement on science and technology made on May 9, but warned that it must not become complacent about the state of Australian science.

The Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, Professor Brian Wilson, said the statement must be seen as the first step in a long-term strengthening of scientific and technological research and development, not the solution.

'Australia is at the crossroads in science', he said. 'The Government has provided some important guide-posts in terms of policy and general support but the journey is just beginning and could easily be aborted unless the Government maintains its momentum.'

Professor Wilson said that the statement represented a significant commitment by the Government and the universities recognised that, as the total package for industry, universities, NHMRC and CSIRO, it was an attempt to develop a co-ordinated approach to Australia's research effort.

The decision to extend the 150 per cent R&D tax concession was particularly welcomed by the involvement of higher education with industry being developed effectively.

Professor Wilson said: 'Late last year, the universities called for a new alliance between industry, government and higher education to take the nation's research effort forward, and today's statement is the start of that process.

'However, the fact remains that universities and colleges — where the bulk of the nation's research is conducted — have received less than half the funds recommended by the independent Smith Committee. The committee called for an extra $281 million over three years: the system will get $138.4 million.

'The Government has got it pretty right in terms of policy and personnel — the commitment to set up an EPAC-style advisory council and the big improvements in postgraduate stipends are very welcome. But direct funding to support research efforts at the coal face is about 60 per cent of what Smith recommended over the next three years.'

Other key points made by the AVCC chief included:

- The AVCC would continue to press the Government to accept the Smith call to improve the career paths for young scientists through a system of career fellowships. The job prospects for young researchers remains a crucially important area for Australia', Professor Wilson said. 'The Government's failure to bit the bullet in this area is one of the more disappointing aspects of the statement. The need for action is crucial if we want to stop the brain drain and accelerate the entry of top students into postgraduate study.'

- The AVCC would continue to press for the removal of the 'graduate tax' for all postgraduate research students and honours students. Professor Wilson said that the increase in the stipends for postgraduates was excellent news but the Higher Education Contribution Scheme remained a deterrent for young people, and should be removed.
**Strong demand for higher education**

In a recent Bulletin we reported in a 'stop press' news item that the Task Force on Amalgamations had recommended that $12.1 million be provided for the restructuring of the amalgamated University.

The Task Force reported on the proposal in the following terms:

'A new university, the University of Newcastle, is to be formed by amalgamation of the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Institute of Higher Education. The University will serve the Hunter and Central Coast Regions of New South Wales.

The University is a medium sized institution situated at Shortland, 12 kilometres west of Newcastle. In 1988 the University had a student load of 5,128 EFTSUs which was concentrated in the areas of business, humanities/social sciences, science and engineering. It also has a Faculty of Medicine with 369 EFTSUs in 1988. The University has grown from 3,670 EFTSUs in 1983 and has substantial potential for further growth.

The Hunter Institute of Higher Education is located on a site immediately adjacent to the University of Newcastle. The Institute's student load (3,395 EFTSUs in 1988) is divided evenly across the disciplines of education, health sciences, humanities/social sciences and visual and performing arts. Nearly 40 per cent of its load is at the sub-degree level. It has very few higher degree students. It also has recorded strong growth, up from about 2,100 EFTSUs in 1983.

The two institutions have agreed to amalgamate and signed a Heads of Agreement in September, 1988. Progress towards amalgamation is proceeding well and will take effect, at the latest, from January 1, 1990. The new University will have a combined student load of about 8,500 EFTSUs and a comprehensive and well balanced academic profile.

Consistent with its charter to meet the higher education needs of the Hunter Region and the Central Coast, the University of Newcastle is now offering the first year of selected courses at Ourimbah on the Central Coast, which is the geographical centre for a population of around 250,000 people. The University reports strong demand for higher education courses in the region and it has submitted a proposal to establish the first stage of a campus at Ourimbah.

The two institutions welcomed the State Government's decision to include the Newcastle branch of the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music in the new University. The Hunter Institute has been involved in teaching students enrolled at the Newcastle Conservatorium for many years.

An amount of $12.1 million is recommended for the amalgamated institutions. This amount comprises $0.9 million from the National Priority (Reserve) Fund, $1 million for early retirement and $10.2 million for capital projects.

The proposed capital program includes provision for a new Science Building to provide specialised facilities for science teaching to accommodate enrolment growth in this area.

A new Administration Building will be provided to enable the amalgamated institution to consolidate its administrative operations. The building will free up needed teaching space on each campus which is now occupied by the dispersed administrative activities.

Also included in the proposed capital program is a new link road to facilitate access between the two campuses and provision for new teaching accommodation on the Central Coast at Ourimbah.

### THREE COURSE SMORGASBORD

**Thursdays (during term time)**

**between**

**11.30 am and 2 pm in the Southern Cross Lounge.**

**Cost:** $7.50

**Menu includes:**

- Homestyle soup of the day
- Hot dish of the Day
- Variety of cold meats
- Rice
- Variety of Salads
- Breads
- Sweet of the Day
- Tea/Coffee

**No bookings necessary.**

However, should you wish to reserve a table, please telephone Extension 442.

**Work experience very rewarding**

Hi, I'm Lisa Zucca. I came from Irrawang High School (where's that?) at Raymond Terrace for one week of work experience in journalism at the Information Unit of the University of Newcastle from May 1 to 5.

The aim of work experience, which is a two-week program in most schools, is to give Year 10 students first-hand experience in just about any job imaginable. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to participate in work experience at this University.

I think that work experience is a great way of helping young people decide which careers they would like to follow in future years. I have not only learnt a great deal about journalism, but also about the amount of work and time which goes into the production of the University's two newspapers.

All the staff and everyone else whom I met were great!!!

Among the highlights were my tour of 2NUR-FM and the printery.

The week I spent in the Information Unit helped me to decide that I definitely want to be a journalist.

I would like to thank Linda Aurelius, John Armstrong and everybody else I met. They gave me a week to remember!!!
Staff Association's concern about two issues

The Staff Association met as the Bulletin was going to press and voted to propose how the Interim Council of the amalgamated University should be composed and to serve a log of claims on the University to maintain current titles and salaries for academic staff.

The main resolutions that emerged from the special meeting:
- The Association communicate to the Minister for Education, Dr Metherell, and the Vice-Chancellor its belief that the 15 members of the Interim Council appointed by Dr Metherell should be composed as follows — eight members representing the University Council, five representing the HIHE Council and two representing the Newcastle Conservatorium of Music Committee — and the University Council statement should be composed as follows — one academic staff, one general staff, one student, one Professor, two appointed by the Minister and two Convocation.
- The association insist that academic staff members of the consolidated University shall maintain their current titles and shall not experience any loss in working conditions, salary or status. UASA (NSW), in consultation with the Staff Association, shall serve a log of claims on the Vice-Chancellor to this effect.
- The association advises that the title of Professor is one attached to a teaching and research position and is not one to be attached to a ranking in administration. This principle should be reflected in the amalgamated University by not titling Heads of Schools from the HIHE as Professors and by removing the title from those Professors who move from teaching and research occupations to full-time administration.

The President, Mr Robert Mackie, said the association had made an enormous effort to improve democratic representation on the Council of the amalgamated university and the Interim Council. The latter would govern the University for one year after the commencement of the new Act and would have a wide remit in connection with the current University, the HIHE and the Conservatorium, including preparing new by-laws.

In lobbying all parties represented in State Parliament, the association had proposed 13 amendments to introduce more democratic elements into the legislation, Mr Mackie said.

They were not to be, and the draft bill, which we condemned because of its defects, was passed by Parliament virtually unchanged, after the Labor Party backed down.

Introducing discussion on the integration of salaries and positions for the University and the HIHE, the President said a teachers for the remainder of the course, which will take place one day per month over the next six months. Mrs Deirdre Hettmeyer and Mrs Sue Gibson, both qualified Aboriginal teachers, will be presenting the study skills component of the course.

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"Multiple Sclerosis Research grants available

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Australia has invited applications for the following:
- Grants for approved clinical, laboratory-based, epidemiological or rehabilitative studies.
- Training Fellowships.
- Grants for equipment for use in research relevant to multiple sclerosis.

The closing date for applications is July 31.
The Society has also invited applications for postgraduate research scholarships.
The scholarships are awarded to registered medical or dental graduates, science graduates or health professionals for training in research relevant to multiple sclerosis and applicants are required to enrol for a higher degree.
The closing date for applications is August 31.

Information and application details are available from: Mrs Brenda Bradley, Research Coordinator (NMSSA) Neurology Department, Royal Adelaide Hospital, North Terrace, Adelaide S.A. 5000. Telephone 08-232 0275.

REVIEW

When I Was A Girl I Used To Scream And Shout by Sharman MacDonald, begins with what is throughout the play to remain a rather unconvincing and unresolved portrayal of the relationship of Fiona McBrudle and her mother. The two are reunited for a quiet weekend at the beach resort of Fiona's childhood and adolescence. Here, with the arrival of her childhood friend, Varr, memories are evoked and presented in a series of vignettes. The result is, in the main, an immensely funny and relentlessly unabashed portrayal of the child's and adolescent's comic and at times sad explorations and misconceptions of their own and adult sexuality and the world into which they gradually move.

There is of course a serious side to the play — essentially that of the relationship of mother and daughter struggling to overcome their separate and yet very much related sense of guilt and blame. Unfortunately this has insufficient power and so fails to hold the audience's interest as it is against the outrageous and hilarious antics of the young friends.

Nevertheless there is much to recommend the play. Whenever it slows and becomes bogged-down in self-conscious monologues expressed by a mother to an inattentive and incomprehending daughter (and perhaps audience), or to an unconcerned and purportedly non-existing god, there is the sudden intrusion of Varr (Celia Ireland) or Ewan (Dean Watson) and the pace picks up again along with the laughter.

It is in these encounters that the play takes risks as it hits out somewhat wildly at a number of areas of anger or fear or expectation. These leave behind the rather too precious and almost didactic monologues on adolescence and parenting.

On the subject of sudden intrusions and changes of mood and pace there were, in the second act, a number of abrupt and inexplicable outbursts on what could be described as a variety of social and women's issues. A few such unsustained, albeit witty, backhander about nuclear power and the trendy nature of some student protestors read like a playwright's quick checklist of universal themes and concerns. Varr's heartfelt and gutsy words on the predatory nature of marriage and offspring were an exception. Her performance (consistently powerful) coupled with a greater strength in the text itself made this section the saving grace of the second half and constituted one of the very few serious moments of the play that worked.

Judith Hodinnott's set captures well the concrete and grey of a Scottish beach and the director, Christopher Williams has the actors move comfortably and uses the space well enough, although the promenade cried out to be used for more than just the frequent and dubious exhausting exits of characters. Also the actors seemed to forget the existence of an ocean ahead of them for it was disconcertingly absent from their stares towards the distance, and indeed from the dialogue itself.

Helen Mutkins gave a convincing performance as Fiona McBrudle — quite a demanding role as the tabula rasa upon which her circumstances and those of the characters around her made their mark. She was able to work well with Celia Ireland and Dean Watson, retaining the deliberately blurred outline of a character with no sense of its own identity.

Without a doubt the most impressive performance came from Celia Ireland whose portrayal of Varr was energetic and endearing as she moved from comic childhood to worn-out womanhood. She gave substance and touches of subtlety to a role which could so easily have remained merely a comic stereotype.

As is often the case, Australian actors do not all fare well with British accents but this was not a significant obstacle to enjoyment.

by: Jane O'Sullivan

Stage props needed

The Department of Drama is mounting a production of Chekhov's Three Sisters, to open on Tuesday, July 11.

We urgently seek a number of late 19th century pieces of furniture, for example, a wardrobe, a chaise lounge, armchairs and occasional tables.

Please help make this a sumptuous production by telephoning Extension 705.

Philosophy Club Seminars

Second semester dates: July 18, August 8 and 29, September 19 and October 17.

Venue: Godfrey Tanner Room, University Union.

Time: 1 pm

For further information please contact either the Secretary or the President of the Philosophy Club, C/- the University of Newcastle.
Advertisements

For Sale

1979 Moke Californian (white, blue top). Features include: new paint job, AM/FM radio cassette, mechanically sound, registered until October, 1989 (MIS817), is reliable and has a secure lockable compartment in the rear. Owner is anxious to sell as she is going overseas. Asking price: $3,900 or reasonable offer. Please telephone Vicki at 26 4510.

Lounge Sofa Bed in excellent condition (will make into double bed). Asking price: $60. Please telephone 58 1268.

1981 Pulsar sedan (white with fawn interior) in superb mechanical condition. Features include: new paint job, air-conditioning. 5 speed manual, AM/FM radio cassette, registered until February, 1990 (KZT808). Owner is anxious to sell by May 29 as she is going overseas. Asking price: $7,000 or reasonable offer. Please telephone Vicki at 26 4510.

1982 Mitsubishi L300 Cambervan. Features include: six-seater, air-conditioning, full conversion, excellent condition. Owner must sell due to overseas study leave. Asking price: $11,900. Please telephone 46 7064 or Extension 283.

Lost Property

The Patrol Office in the Great Hall are holding the following lost items:

1. Pen and Pencil set with the engraved words 'Happy 18th Birthday'; one set of drawing instruments; numerous pencil cases and one calculator.

Please contact Terry West at Extension 283.

For Rental

Four bedroom home with bushland setting in Valentine (looking out over Lake Macquarie). Features include: large deck, screened room, lounge/dining room, family room, study, two bathrooms and lock-up garage. Available for one year from June 25, 1989 until June 25, 1990. Rental: $250 per week (owner on study leave). Please telephone 46 7064 or Extension 230.

Accommodation Available

Wanted a female to share luxuriously furnished two bedroom unit in Cooks Hill (balconies have fantastic views). Would suit clean, quite, non-smoker. Rental: $75 per week plus expenses and bond of $200. Please telephone Francis Wong at 67 1386, Extension 332 or 29 3915 after hours.

International Affairs

The next meeting of the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs will be held at the Staff House on June 9, preceded by a buffet dinner at 6 for 6.30 pm.

The speaker will be Dr Richard Higgott, Director of the national office of the AIIA in Canberra. He will speak on Australian Foreign Economic Relations: Impact of Europe, 1992 and the Current GATT Round.

Dr Higgott, a graduate of the London School of Economics and the University of Birmingham, came to Australia in 1974. He was seconded from the University of Western Australia in 1986 to serve as an Assoc. Professor of International Relations at the Australian National University and later Director of the Institute.

Changes to Head of Department List

Discipline of Medical Biochemistry — Assoc. Professor P. Dunkley is Head of the Discipline and Professor G. Kellerman. Faculty of Science and Mathematics — Dean is Professor B. Engcl.

Information Unit — Head is Mr J. Armstrong.

X-Ray Centre — Head is Dr D.D. Todd.

International House — Acting Manager is Mr J. Birch (until further notice).

Discipline of Paediatrics — Acting Head is Dr R.L. Barry (until July 31, 1989).

Civil Engineering and Surveying — Head is Assoc. Professor J.G. Fryer.

VACANCY

Internal Advertisement

Word Processor Operator/Office Assistant—Typist — Central Coast

Campus, Ourimbah (Position No. N66/89)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified existing members of staff for the above position. The appointee will be responsible to the Campus Manager/Program Coordinator for a range of office duties including typing, word processing, limited computerised data entry, dealing with student and general enquiries and liaison where appropriate, with officers of other campuses.

Essential: Good typing skills. Good general office experience. The ability to communicate easily with the public, students and staff members. The ability to work with minimal supervision and to exhibit initiative.

Desirable: Experience with word processing, in particular, Wordperfect or IBM. A knowledge of computer data entry. Experience in working in a higher education environment.

Commencing salary will be up to $391.66 per week depending on qualifications and experience.

Applicants should indicate their current typing speed.

For further information please contact Dr L. Eastcott, telephone (049) 687 311.

Applications close on June 2, 1989.

General Information — applications, quoting position number, should be lodged with the Staff Office, University of Newcastle and should include all relevant information.

Equality of employment opportunity is University policy.

Union by-election

Due to insufficient nominations, a by-election for two members of the Board of Management of the Union will be held.

Nominations have been invited from students.

Nominations opened on May 8 and will close on May 25.

Nomination forms are available from the Union Office.

Voting will take place from May 29 to June 2.
Diary of Events

**Tuesday, May 23, 1 pm**

**Wednesday, May 24, 1 pm**
Sydney Conservatorium Chorale — Four centuries of music from Madrigals to Pop. $2 and $1 concession.

**Thursday, May 25, 11 am**
Department of History seminar entitled *Australian Labour and Social History, Past and Present*. Guest speaker: Professor Robin Gollan (retired from ANU). Venue: History Common Room.

**Monday, May 29, 11 am**
Department of History seminar entitled *The Witch Doctors in the Bar*. Admission, free.

**Monday, May 29, 11 am**
Informal Lunchtime Mathematics-type seminar entitled *Some Problems in the Water Supply Industry*. Speaker: Dr Viswanathan.

**Tuesday, May 30, Noon**
Entertainment in the Bar featuring Bruce Mathiske (guitarist extraordinary) in the Bar. Admission, free.

**1 pm**
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**Wednesday, May 31, Noon**

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**Thursday, June 1, Noon**
University of Tasmania

The University will be celebrating its centenary in February 1990. A brochure about the centenary has recently been posted to all graduates whose addresses are known. Tasmanian graduates who have not received the brochure are asked to contact the Centenary Office, University of Tasmania, Box 252C, GPO, Tasmania, 7001.