The College is again to host Newcastle's Annual Microcomputer Exhibition, this year's event to be held from Thursday, April 18 until the following Saturday, April 20.

An estimated 8,000 people attended the first Exhibition at the College last year and the initial success prompted an annual event.

The College will present the 2nd Exhibition in conjunction with NBN Channel 3 and The Newcastle Star.

The co-ordinator of the Exhibition is Computing Studies lecturer, Ernie Jordan. He said he expected between 20 and 30 companies to exhibit in April.

"We are expecting to draw microcomputer equipment and software companies from as far as Sydney, the Central Coast and also the Hunter Valley," said Ernie.

"The Exhibition is a community awareness event and our aim is to make as many members of the public as possible aware of the changing trends in the world of microcomputers."

"Channel 3 and The Newcastle Star will assist the College in promoting and publicising the Exhibition and we believe attendances will be above figures of last year," said Ernie.

Members of the public will be admitted free of charge during the three days of the Exhibition.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

SHORT COURSES PROVE POPULAR

The Summer Programme of Short Courses co-ordinated by John O'Donoghue has proved an enterprising experience for most of the participants.

John said the courses, most of which were held at the College last week, had been heavily booked and that reaction was excellent.

He said the new courses of Interpersonal Relations and Solar House Design attracted a lot of attention and that he believed these would be offered in future series of Community Programmes.

One of the most popular courses ever offered by the College, Breadmaking with Pauline Clark, is being held in two sessions because of the response. The first session is being held today and tomorrow with the second session on February 5 and 6.

ABOVE: The painting class conducted by Lindsay O'Reilly was designed to develop further the basic skills of budding artists.

NEW FACES FOR 1985

The start of 1985 has seen a number of new faces on the College campus.

The major influx has been in the area of Health and Nursing Studies where Ronald Sharkey has been employed as a Senior Lecturer and Mair Crawford and Carole Camp as Lecturers.

Senior Tutors in the same area are Kay Ball, Shirley Schulz, Robert Kucera and Susan Hillier.

A new Lecturer in Science is Bruce Cook.

New faces on the administrative scene include Roslyn Cribbs who is a Clerical Assistant with External Studies and also Sue Eade who is back with us as an Administrative Assistant after spending last year with the Technical College system.
GOOD RESPONSE TO SAFETY COURSE

An occupational health and safety course in which the College is co-operating with the National Safety Council of Australia has been fully subscribed.

The Diploma in Safety Management is being conducted at the College this year by the National Safety Council of Australia and has a 1985 enrolment of 30 students.

It's the first time the course has been offered in Newcastle and the National Safety Council will be using the facilities of the College and also the expertise of some lecturing staff to conduct the 36 week diploma course.

The Deputy Director of the Council, Mr. Laurie Nicholson, said that the response to the course had been most enthusiastic with students from many professions. These include managers, safety officers, occupational health nurses, chiropractors, accountants, insurance underwriters, personnel managers, sales and marketing managers, engineers, security officers and training officers.

The industries represented included underground and open-cut coal mining, steel, food-processing, transport, metals manufacturing, textiles, hospitals, gas, aluminium smelting, construction, explosives and industrial consulting.

Mr. Nicholson stated that the number of applicants reflected the need for a tertiary qualification course in the occupational health and safety profession in the Hunter Valley and Central Coast Regions. Such education was keenly sought by employers for their staff so that employers may effectively meet the stringent requirements of the recently gazetted N.S.W. Occupational Health and Safety Act.

SATURDAY GYM

FIRST OF 1985 SERIES

Early Childhood Lecturer, Wendy Schiller, will start up again next month her Saturday programme of playgym, gymnastics and creative activities for young children.

The programme, of six Saturday mornings from February 23 to March 30, is the first in a series for this year.

Wendy has been running the Saturday morning classes for the past few years but is starting them up again after being on study leave during 1984.

Wendy said the playgym, gymnastics and creative activities were devised to provide a sound basis for co-ordinated mental and physical development at a crucial stage of children's lives.

"Parents are encouraged to stay, to participate and to learn the types of play and exercise that are most valuable for their children and this has been one of the rewarding features of the programme," said Wendy.

The coming programme will be divided into age groups for 2-3 year olds, 3-4 year olds and 5-7 year olds and class numbers are limited to ensure close attention to each child’s activity and development.

Applications close on February 15 and at last report vacancies were filling quickly. Enrolment forms are available from the Department of Community Programmes at the University by telephoning 605600.

ORIENTATION CAMP

The Students' Association again this year will hold an Orientation Camp for first year students.

The camp will be held on campus from February 18 until February 21 and follows on from successful similar events in the previous two years.
NEW COMPUTER

TESTING THIS WEEK

The College's new computer is expected to be fully operational next week following test-runs this week.

The Prime 9750 model was installed last Friday and replaces the Prime 400 which has been in use for the past five years.

The Head of the Computer Centre, Dennis Redman, said the new computer would be used in conjunction with the existing Prime 2250.

"The new computer has three times the main memory capacity, three times the disc storage capacity and five times the power of the Prime 400," said Dennis.

"The 2250 remains for the College administrative systems while the 9750 will be used by staff and students and for future administrative systems.

"PASCAL, FORTRAN 77, COBOL 74, a full screen text editor and other facilities are now available to us," he said.

The main teaching laboratory will have 25 terminals connected to the main computer and Computer Centre staff numbers are being increased because of the expansion of the computing facility.

A new member of the computing staff is Cee Jones who starts at the College today. Cee has more than 20 years experience in the computer field, having previously worked at the B.M.P.

The installation of the College's new computer coincides with renovations to the Computer Centre. The Centre now has two computer laboratories and additional office space to assist both staff and students.

CONSTRUCTION

PROJECTS ON SCHEDULE

The asbestos removal programme in the Physical Education block is expected to be completed at the end of next week.

The programme is costing $240,000 and new ceilings are currently being erected in the block.

The asbestos removal is one of a number of projects currently underway on the campus. Major concrete pours will be held this week for Stage II of the Ceramics building and also for the Nursing Wing.

The Ceramics building is expected to be completed by the end of April and the Nursing Wing by the end of May.

The Accounts/Finance section is expected to move into its new office within the next week, thereby freeing Room A53 for tutorial purposes.

ABOVE: Workman install the new ceiling in the Dance Studio of the P.E. Block. The programme is expected to be completed by February 8.
SUPERANNUATION BOARD
NOMINATIONS

The State Superannuation Board is seeking nominations for the positions of a full-time elected member and a part-time elected member.

A candidate for election must be nominated by at least 30 contributors or pensioners and nominations close on Wednesday, March 13, 1985.

If more than one nomination is received for either of the positions a postal ballot will be conducted.

Staff interested in nominating for either position can obtain nomination forms from the Public Relations Office.

The Board also has prepared a brochure on the highlights of the annual report for the year ended June 30, 1984.

The brochure is designed to better inform members about the management and development of the Fund. Copies of the brochure are obtainable from the Cashier's Office.

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COURSE NAME CHANGE?

The College is seeking to change the name of one of its courses to move into line with community trends.

The College for the past two years has run an Associate Diploma in Automated Information Processing, which is largely concerned with the area of computing studies.

Head of the Department of Maths and Computing Studies, Dick Whitbread, said that many local people had been referring to the course as "computing studies."

"Because the title is becoming so popular the College has decided to have the course re-named the Associate Diploma in Computing Studies," said Dick.

"The College has written to the Higher Education Board seeking permission to adopt the local title and we are now waiting a reply.

"If the College is successful, students enrolling from 1985 onwards will graduate with an Associate Diploma in Computing Studies."
The Newcastle firm of Computer Technology has provided the College with a $500 endowment for students entering the second year of their Diploma of Computing Studies course.

The Head of the Department of Mathematics and Computing Studies, Dick Whitbread, and the Systems Manager for Computer Technology, Mr. John Baillie, first held discussions late last year on the implementation of the endowment.

The 1985 recipient is Traian Costovschi who was presented with a cheque for $500 last Friday.

Traian was selected from four final applicants on the basis of academic performance, communication skills and personal presentation. As part of the endowment Traian will be placed with Computer Technology for work experience in the second year of his course.

Mr. Whitbread said that the College was grateful to Computer Technology in supplying the endowment, the first of many which he hopes the College will be able to negotiate for students.

He said the assistance of Computer Technology would help the College in its attempt to produce a person suitable for employment in the computer industry at the end of their studies.

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Mr. Baillie said Computer Technology first had contact with the College when students were placed with the Company last year for work experience.

"We were impressed with the course and its aim and felt we would like to add encouragement for students," said Mr. Baillie.

"We believe that the introduction of academic studies will undoubtedly benefit the computer industry as a whole.

"Computer Technology is looking forward to a close association with the College and offers its congratulations to Traian in winning our endowment," he said.

Above: Winner of the $500 Endowment, Traian Costovschi demonstrates his computer skills to Dick Whitbread and Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley, after receiving his award.
The President of the Students' Association, Hugh Gordon, is inviting members of staff to participate in a number of functions during Orientation Week.

Hugh said the S.R.C. was trying to encourage more staff/student contact and that some of the Orientation activities were designed to be attractive to staff members.

"We hope that staff will take advantage of some of the free shows and also attend a student/staff barbeque that we have arranged," said Hugh.

The Orientation Programme is:

**Monday 25th February** - Midday in Cafeteria Court-yard.

**JAZZ STAR - JAMES MORRISON**

with a trio of his Sydney musician friends.
James is a virtuoso of the trombone, trumpet, saxaphone and will take your breath away with his music.

**Tuesday 26th February** - Midday in Student Union.

**CHARACTERS II**

Comedy Show: The best of Australia's women comedians direct from a rave success at the Sydney Trade Union Club.

**Wednesday 27th February** - Midday in big Courtyard.

Student/Staff B.B.Q. and Social. B.B.Q. steak/ sausages and drink only $2.00. Music by
**JASMINE + 1 (Conservatorium Jazz Band).** A fine chance for students and staff to get together at a social level at the start of the academic year.

**Wednesday 1st March** - 9.00 a.m. - Entrants for MURDER GAME - photographed.

2.00 p.m. - MURDER ENTRANTS pick up "victims".

A major function for the S.R.C. during the Orientation period is an Orientation Camp for first year students.

This year's Camp will be held at the College and starts at midday next Monday (February 18). It follows previous successful camps at Crangan Bay and Glenrock Lagoon.

The aim of the camp is to provide a friendly introduction to College life and also to enable new students to make friends for the first week of lectures.

The camp will run for four days and coincides with the enrolment of new students for 1985.

The School of Teacher of Education and the School of Visual & Performing Arts will enrol students next Monday and Tuesday. The School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies will enrol students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.
PROPOSAL TO ASSIST STUDENTS

The College's Student Advisory Officer, Bill Casey, is investigating the possibility of establishing National Student Housing Officers' Network for people working in the relevant area of Universities and C.A.E.'s.

The proposal follows a recent conference in Hobart in which the Network was raised as a main point of discussion.

Bill represented the College at the Australian and New Zealand Student Services Association Tri-Annual Conference which was held at the University of Tasmania.

He said the Conference discussed many problems which Student Services units were now facing. Workshops also formed a major part of the Conference and covered diverse areas such as facilities for disabled students, medical/welfare and housing.

Above: Bill and Kay Dean survey accommodation vacancies with casual Clerical Assistant, Joy Kelly.
SHOW HOLIDAY

The Newcastle Show Holiday this year will be on Friday March 1st.

The Show itself, which will have a 'Year of the Youth' flavour, will run from Wednesday February 27 until Sunday March 3 inclusive.

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KARATE

A group interested in Karate has booked the Dance Studio for practical sessions and is interested in enrolling members of staff and students.

The group practices each Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm and starts its 1985 season next Monday February 18.

The contact person is Mark Yoshinaga from B.H.P. Central Research Laboratories and he can be telephoned on 512444.

If you are interested you can also turn up next Monday evening.

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BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following members of staff who have had additions to their families in recent months:

Rhonda & Hayden Williamson (Home Economics)
A daughter, Kristen Lee, 6lbs 4oz.

Rosa & Serge Gagetti (Asst. Principal's Secretary).
A son, Christopher, 7lb 10oz.

Emanuel & Toni Kallinicos (Bursar)
A son, George, 6lb 3oz.

David & Sue Crook, (Personnel Officer)
A son, Matthew, 7lb 4oz.

John & Lee Brazier, (Properties) a daughter, Nicole, 7lb 15oz.

Grahame & Sue Davidson (Printery)
A daughter, Peta. Born late Friday.

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ACDP CONFERENCE

The College on July 30 and 31 will host a conference of the Australian Committee of Directors and Principals in Advanced Education Limited.
The introduction of three new courses, an intensive building programme, the selection of a new Principal and a C.T.E.C. review of higher education in the Region, will be some of the major features this year at the College, according to the Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley.

He said courses enrolling their first students this year are the Diploma of applied Science (Nursing), the Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies) and the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Computer Education). These new courses and new graduates were evidence of the continuing diversification of Newcastle C.A.E. in its attempts to serve the educational community.

The graduation ceremony this year will also see the graduation of the first intake of students in the Associate Diplomas of Police Studies and Computing Studies. Fittingly, the N.S.W. Commissioner of Police, Commissioner John Avery and the Managing Director of Microsoft Pty.Ltd., Ms. Linda Graham, will be guest speakers at the ceremonies.

Dr. Huxley, in welcoming new students to the College and welcoming back continuing students after their break, said he hoped that they would take full advantage of the facilities on the campus.

"I would like to encourage all
Principal’s Message

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students to participate in the activities of the Students’ Association and take an active part in its social, sporting and other clubs. Pursuit of academic excellence is expected and encouraged but I hope that students will aim to maintain a level of personal growth consistent with their academic and professional growth,” said Dr. Huxley.

“Through the combined efforts of students, College Council, the staff and the community, the College now has a Child Care Facility. I hope that students with young children will make use of its services.

“We were also successful in establishing an Aboriginal Enclave last year and this has proved to be of great benefit to students of Aboriginal background studying in courses across the College. These students are keen to welcome their fellow students and to discuss with them the fostering of racial harmony.”

Dr. Huxley said a number of major and minor building projects had been completed or were under construction to facilitate the expansion of the College and to accommodate the increased number of students.

Two new computing laboratories have been constructed for use from the beginning of this academic year. Major projects under construction are Stage II of the Ceramics Block which is expected to be completed by the end of April and the new Nursing Wing which has a completion date of late June.

“The selection of a new Principal will also have a big impact on the College, for both staff and students,” said Dr. Huxley.

“Advertisements have been placed nationally and internationally and we expect to hold interviews towards the end of June. We hope that the successful candidate will be able to take up the position no later than January, 1986.”

(The position of Principal fell vacant in October last year following the death of Dr. Eddie Richardson. The Council appointed Dr. Huxley as Principal and Mr. Ray Hodgins as Assistant Principal for the period until the new Principal is able to commence duty).

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Dr. Huxley said an issue of major importance to the future of the College was an impending review of higher education in the Hunter Region by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission. The Federal Government, in abandoning plans for an amalgamation of the College and the University in 1983, requested the C.T.E.C. to undertake a review in 1985.

“I expect the review to take place mid year and the Vice-Chancellor and I have written to the C.T.E.C. seeking a statement of its guidelines for the review,” said Dr. Huxley.

“We expect that the review will look at the needs of higher education in the Region and consider how best the College and the University might cooperate in maximising the application of their resources in meeting the educational needs of the Region, the Nation, and our international neighbours.

“I believe that the review will find that through the efforts of the joint committee of College Academic Board and University Senate, and the co-operation of academic staff, the two institutions have gone a long way towards achieving rational use of academic resources.”

Dr. Huxley said that he hoped that the two institutions would be in a position to report similar success in the areas of administration and physical resources by the time of the Review.

Dr. Huxley wished all students the best in achieving their academic goals and also welcomed many new members of staff. He said that he hoped that the teething problems associated with change and development would be minor and that all members of the College would continue to work together to make the College a happy place in which to work and learn.

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The Australian Council for Educational Research is seeking material for ‘The Australian Education Index’.

The Council is seeking educational material such as monographs, state-of-the-art reviews, conference papers, journal articles, bibliographies. The College’s Public Relations Office has full details.
STAFF ASSOCIATION NEWS

The President of the Staff Association, Keith Powell, is asking members of staff who are using the facilities of the Staff Lounge to ensure they belong to the Association.

Keith said the Association ran at a loss for 1984 and that this was partly due to a reduction of income from subscriptions.

"The facilities in the Staff Lounge are paid for by members of the Association and are not a free service offered by the College," he said.

The drop in subscription income is worrying, especially when our kitchen costs have increased substantially during 1984.

"The Association will have to consider a reduction in some services to contain costs or an increase in subscription rates to counter balance last year's expenditure," said Keith.

Subscriptions to the Staff Association are deducted directly from each fortnight's salary. Staff members who wish to join can obtain application forms from Staffing Services.

Keith said that the Annual General Meeting of the Staff Association would be held on Wednesday, March 6 at midday. The venue is B13.

A full report on 1984 activities and finances will be presented to the meeting.

Nominations are currently being called for the positions of President, Vice-President (2), Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations can be lodged with current Secretary, Carolyn Fardon.

All staff members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting and also an ordinary meeting which is expected to be held at the conclusion of the A.G.M.

Departmental Representatives on the Staff Association are asked to jot down the above date and consider their involvement for 1985.

Credit Union

The main office of the Universities Credit Union has moved to a new location in the Union Building at the University of Newcastle.

The need for more space reflects the considerable growth the Credit Union has experienced over the past 12 months.

Office Manager, Debbie Wood, said that the Credit Union could now offer members 24 hour access to their savings through Newcastle's first Credit Union Automated Teller Machines, "REDITELLER" at Jesmond. Another two REDITELLERS are planned for Charlestown and Newcastle city in the near future.

Debbie said the Credit Union had recently revised its loans programme to assist members with larger commitments and would be soon introducing Credit Union "VISA" cards.

The new office is open from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and the College branch from 11am to 2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Above: Debbie Wood (l.) and Tania Mahon settle into their new Credit Union office surroundings in the Union Building.
PORSTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Cape Hawke Community Hospital at Forster has supported the community-based scholarship plan to assist students enrolling in the new basic education course.

The Hospital has announced that it will provide a scholarship for local students enrolling in the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course this year.

The Hospital is one of a number of hospitals and companies that are providing scholarships for students who otherwise may not be able to complete the course because of financial difficulties.

The Hospital's announcement was made by the Administrator, Lorelei Drake, and the Director of Nursing, Jenny Robertson. It follows discussions with the Head of the School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies at the College, Dr. John Gay.

Mrs. Drake said that the scholarship requirements were for candidates to be from the Forster/Tuncurry area. If suitable candidates were not found from Forster/Tuncurry, the geographical area will be expanded to include the Manning District.

"The scholarship is valued at $1500 and this will be provided on the basis of $500 each year of the three year course to assist the student in buying uniforms, text books and necessary medical equipment," said Mrs. Drake.

Cape Hawke Hospital joins Lingard Hospital, Tomago Aluminium Co. Pty. Ltd., Cessnock District Hospital, Cessnock Hospital Graduate Nurses' Association and Cessnock Rotary Club in providing scholarships for nursing students. Further scholarships are expected to be announced during this year.

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Orientation

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Students and staff are reminded of the great range of activities the S.R.C. has organised for this week. The Orientation Programme is:

Monday 25th February - Midday in Cafeteria Courtyard

JAZZ STAR - JAMES MORRISON

Tuesday 26th February - Midday in Student Union.

CHARACTERS II - Comedy Show.

Wednesday 27th February - Midday in big courtyard.

STUDENT/STAFF B.B.Q. AND SOCIAL.
B.B.Q. STEAK/SAUSAGES & DRINK ONLY
$2.00 - MUSIC BY JASMINE & 1.

MARGARET ROADKNIGHT AND
SUE CRUIKSHANK IN "SISTERS OF GRANDEUR" - NEWCASTLE WORKERS CLUB.

Thursday 28th February - Midday in Union.

FREEWHEELS THEATRE present "ZORICA"

Thursday 6.00pm - GUIDED TOUR OF THE HISTORIC PUBS OF HUNTER STREET. STARTS AT GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL.

Friday 1st March - 9.00 Entrants for Murder Game.
2.00 Murder entrants pick up "victims".

New students to the College are reminded of the big range of materials, clothing and sports gear that is stocked by the Students' Shop. The shop offers discounts for all students on its range of supplies. The Student Union Building also houses a coffee shop which provides a variety of light refreshments and snacks. Make sure you pay a visit!
JETSET OPENS OFFICE

Jetset Student Travel is inviting staff and students to use the facilities of its new office in Newcastle.

The company is now operating on the second floor of the Union Building at Newcastle University following an increase in the amount of bookings by tertiary students in Newcastle.

A representative for Jetset Student Travel, Suzanne Gabriele, said the company offered travel services for College staff as well as students.

"Our Newcastle Office Manager, Debbie Hicks, can offer advice on domestic and overseas travel and there are a number of holiday packages available in 1985," said Suzanne.

"Staff members or students can contact Debbie at our office by telephoning 676322 and she shall be happy to help with enquiries."

Above: Suzanne Gabriele discusses with Public Relations Officer, Keith Powell, one of the most popular holiday destinations - Australia's 'Red Centre'
Newcastle C.A.E. is to receive $35,500 under the new Special Assistance to Students Programme announced by the Federal Government.

The programme will allow the College to make loans and grants directly to needy students to assist them with accommodation or for other purposes where the continuation of their studies is at risk.

The Federal Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, said that the new arrangements would assist students to live in the accommodation of their choice and would replace the scheme of direct subsidies to residential colleges, which was being phased out.

A total of $3.56M is being distributed under the programme in 1985.

The College's Student Advisory Officer, Bill Casey, has welcomed the new funding and said that loans or grants would be made available to students who demonstrated a genuine need, particularly those who require assistance for accommodation or for other circumstances where their continued study is in jeopardy. Cont'd...

Bill Casey
College News

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"The College will have to work within guidelines of the programme and will be accountable for the distribution of funds but overall we have considerable flexibility in determining the terms and conditions applied to loans and grants," said Bill.

"This year will be seen as a trial year for the programme and authorities will be reviewing the new arrangements during 1985 to determine if changes should be made for 1986 and 1987."

Assistance under the programme will be provided on a needs basis and it is expected that most of the financial assistance will be available in the form of loans. In exceptional circumstances, however, the payment of special grants will be considered.

Bill said students who are facing financial difficulty and who may not be able to continue their studies should contact him in the Student Services Section.

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NURSING POSITION

The Head of the Department of Nursing and Health Studies, Miss Dot Angell, has been appointed to the N.S.W. College of Nursing.

Dot's appointment became effective last Friday and is for a period of 3 years.

She is one of two nursing professionals from the Hunter Region who have been appointed to the College. The other person is the Director of Nursing at Royal Newcastle Hospital, Deidre Anderson, who has a strong link with Newcastle C.A.E. Deidre is the Chairman of the Liaison Committee between Directors of Nursing and our Department of Nursing and Health Studies staff.

Music

NEW KEYBOARD FACILITY

A new $8,000 keyboard laboratory has just been installed for the Music Department to enable Primary and Early Childhood students to learn basic keyboard skills.

Head of the Department, Margaret Lloyd, said the Roland Laboratory included 10 keyboards and a control panel which linked a lecturer with the whole group. The panel also enables a lecturer to talk to one or more students while the rest of the group continues to play.

Margaret said four music practice rooms on 'C' Level had been converted for the new facility. She said students could also be taught improvisation and keyboard harmonisation in addition to performance of traditional repertoire.

Margaret said other students in the College would be given the opportunity through their general elective strand to learn the keyboard. She said the laboratory was becoming very popular in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Above: Margaret Lloyd puts the laboratory through its paces with a group of students.
Staff

STAFFIT

Kaye Thomas from the P.E. Department this week is starting up her "STAFFIT" course for those who want to be trim, taut and terrific.

The cost for staff members is $20 for the semester but reduced rates are available if you can't attend all classes. The venue is the P.E. gym and the first class is today. The full programme is as follows:-

- Mondays: Aerobics at midday
- Tuesdays: General Fitness (exercises, circuits etc) at 1pm
- Wednesdays: Aerobics at midday
- Thursdays: General Fitness or Golf at midday

The course is open to everybody and fees can be paid to Kaye.

THINKING OF RETIREMENT?

If you are thinking of retiring in the next four years you should be planning now, according to the Head of the Department of Social Welfare, Dr. Ray Morland.

Ray is also the President of the Hunter Branch of the Council on the Ageing and is prepared to have one of the branch's financial investment advisers talk to interested people.

If you are interested, please contact Ray as soon as possible for a suitable date and venue to be arranged.

E.E.O. STRATEGY

The draft E.E.O. Survey will be distributed to staff from today. The draft is the result of the Questionnaire/Survey and Workshops conducted last year and the E.E.O. Unit is now seeking comments. Any comments should be slipped into the E.E.O. box in the Staff Common Room by Tuesday, April 2. The E.E.O. Unit is working towards a June deadline for publication of the Management Plan.

Meetings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The College is interested to hear from staff members who may wish to attend a conference entitled 'Women in Post-Secondary Education: Issues and Strategies 1975-1995'.

Assistant Principal, Ray Hodgins, said the conference would be held at the N.S.W. Institute of Technology in Sydney from Friday to Sunday, March 29-31.

He said transfer of duty could be granted for the Friday for staff members who wished to attend the conference. This would be subject to Section/Department Head approval.

E.E.O. Co-ordinator, Monica Hayes, will attend the conference on behalf of the College and University.

A sliding scale of fees is applicable for the conference which will contain workshops and papers on Access to Education, Unionism and EEO, Child Care, Women's Studies and a range of other issues.

Full details are available from the Assistant Principal's office.

ENGLISH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Head of the Department of English and Languages, Dr. Doug Absalom, was the guest speaker at last week's Annual General Meeting of the Hunter Valley Branch of English Teachers' Association.

Doug spoke on the recent report on the Senate Standing Committee on the Education and the Arts, which concerned national language policy and its implications for teachers. He gave some suggestions about the new Higher School Certificate school assessment procedures in oral English and also discussed the Three Unit option on Australian language.
REPORT

STUDY LEAVE

Ron and Muriel Haywood, both of whom recently returned from England after study leave, said their first reactions were to the Australian temperature.

They told a meeting of English staff that they arrived to be greeted with Australia’s hot weather after living in -15°C temperatures at York.

Ron taught at Shipley College near Bradford during November and December and described some of the ways Shipley staff went about teaching English for Specific Purposes.

Under one of the Thatcher schemes to retrain the unemployed youth of the Midlands, Shipley College offers young 17-25 year old Pakistanis courses as T.V. technicians. Simultaneously, they need to study the English needed for success in that specific field. Ron worked with one such class during his time at the College.

Ron told the English staff that one of his main concerns was the widespread lack of good quality software in language programmes for microcomputers, both for migrants learning English as second language, and for extending the language abilities of native speakers. He advocated joining the expertise of the language teachers within Newcastle C.A.E. to that of the programmers to produce much needed, and as yet unavailable software.

Muriel arranged a programme of visits through the British Council. She looked into the problem of training teachers for the changing early Childhood employment.

Doug Absalom

PLAYING FIELDS

SUGGESTIONS

The College Playing Fields Committee is inviting suggestions for the development of the present playing fields.

The Committee was established in 1974 and the development of the playing fields, both as teaching areas for the Department of Physical Education, and as student sports recreation facilities, remains the prime focus of attention of the committee. The natural beauty of the location must be preserved whenever this is possible.

The Committee was existed under the chairmanship of the Principal, but this has now been handed over to the Head of the Department of Physical Education, Dr. David Parsons. Committee members are Kevin McDonald, Hugh Gordon, Kaye Thomas, Jack Hicks, John Brazier and Kerry Thompson.

The Principal, Dr. Huxley, says it is envisaged the fields will be bordered with natural Australian shrubs; that jumping pits will be located strategically; that banks will be stabilized to contain erosion; that an outdoor sports pavilion accompanied by groundsman’s facilities will be planned; and that future developments will include lighting and some general expansion.

He said all of the developments, however, would not come quickly and the Committee would determine priorities for his consideration. Dr. Huxley has invited interested persons, both from staff and student groups, to contact members of the Committee with suggestions for the development of the playing fields.

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NEW COUNSELLOR

A new face in the Student Services Section of the College is part-time Counsellor, Hilary Barbour.

Hilary joined the Section last week and will be with us until the end of July.

She has been appointed by the College following six months leave being taken by our Senior Counsellor, Nanette Bryant.

Hilary, who has worked as a Student Counsellor at the Darwin Community College, will work limited hours Monday to Friday. She also has worked as a Vocational Counsellor for the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs and is looking forward to her stay at the College.

$5000 SCHOLARSHIP

The N.S.W. Branch of the English Speaking Union is calling applications for its 1985 Scholarship which is worth a maximum of $5,000.

The Scholarship is open to University Graduates who are 35 years of age or younger. Its aim is to assist graduates who wish to further their studies overseas.

Applications close on Friday April 19, and forms are available from the College's Public Relations Office.
Premier to open wing

The $300,000 first Stage of the new Nursing Wing is to be officially opened next month by the Premier of N.S.W., Mr. Neville Wran.

The opening will take place on Monday, April 22 at 2pm and will be preceded by an academic procession.

The Vice-President of Council and also State Member for Waratah, Mr. John Price, was instrumental in having the Premier open the first Stage of what eventually will be a $1M complex. The Minister for Education, Mr. Rod Cavalier, and the Minister for Health, Mr. Ron Mulock, are also being invited to the opening.

The Nursing Wing is to be known as the "Richardson Wing" in recognition of the late Principal of the College, Dr. Edward Richardson. Dr. Richardson was closely associated with the planning and introduction of the new Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course, for which the first students were enrolled this year.

Stage I of the Wing is being constructed by D.F. McCloy Pty. Ltd. It will comprise a clinical laboratory and two classrooms on the ground floor and a multi-purpose learning facility and two classrooms on the first floor.

Mr. Wran will attend a buffet luncheon at the College prior to the opening and inspection of the new building.
The new Executive of the Staff Association is seeking to change part of its Constitution to allow it more flexibility in providing services for members.

The Executive wants to establish a position of Assistant Secretary, to gain a representative from each Academic or Administrative Department/Section and also end its financial year each December. These proposed changes to its Constitution will be put forward to an extraordinary general meeting of the Staff Association this coming Wednesday (March 27) in the staff lounge at midday.

The new Executive is headed by Neil Wright as President, Bill Bruce and Keith Powell as Vice-Presidents, Anne Brown as Secretary and Marilyn Wagstaff as Treasurer. The Executive has already held one meeting and hopes to gain greater involvement and co-operation from members during 1985.

As a result, Wednesday's meeting will discuss a number of issues, among them being a proposed rise in subscription fees, the Association's debit balance and smoking in the staff lounge. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Above: (L to R) Jenny Lang, Marilyn Wagstaff, Neil Wright and Anne Brown discuss events for 1985. Jenny is assisting Anne in looking at current and new membership.

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A Sister who has been heavily involved with youth ministry and teaching for the past 20 years has been appointed as the Catholic Assistant Chaplain for the College and University of Newcastle.

Sister Mary Goldsworthy is assisting Father Peter Brock and will be on the College campus each Monday and Wednesday with Friday being a flexible day. She will share office space in Room A53 with the University Credit Union, the credit union operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sister Mary has a Diploma in Theology from Materdei in Sydney, a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Education) from Canberra CAE and a Master of Pastoral Studies from Loyola University in Chicago. She was able to study for her Master degree after winning a Rotary Vocational Scholarship for 1983-84.

"Singleton Rotary Club gave me the opportunity of gaining the Scholarship and it was a very rewarding experience to be able to study in America - both culturally and academically," she said.

"My study in Chicago included counselling, spiritual direction, faith and life developmental patterns, group process skills, adult processes of learning and religious education strategies and I am looking forward to working with staff and students of the College."

Sister Mary entered the Sisters of Mercy Convent in 1965 before teaching in Social Sciences and Humanities at St. Aloysius school at Hamilton for two years and St. Catherines school at Singleton for 14 years. She has been involved with youth ministry as an adjunct to her teaching career and believes her background will prove invaluable for her new full-time position.
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RADIO PROGRAMME

A segment on a radio programme two years ago has led to Early Childhood Lecturer, Wendy Schiller, being one of the main participants in the first week of a new National programme for ABC Radio.

The programme, 'Children Today', will be broadcast in the first week of April and is aimed at parents, teachers and the general public who deal with children in the 0-8 years age bracket.

'Children Today' will run from Monday to Thursday each week and Wendy has contributed to the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday programmes. The overall theme of the first week is 'Movement for Young Children' and Wendy's Tuesday segment will concentrate on Laban and Creative Dance. Wednesday will be on Cultural and Social Influences and Thursday on Body Awareness and Creative Expression.

Wendy said she did a segment for the ABC in 1983 on the Saturday morning programme for young children which is held in the College gymnasium. There was such a good response to the initial programme that the ABC approached Wendy to do the three-part series for April.

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MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A new Committee to discuss multicultural matters within the College is seeking nominations from staff members.

The Convenor of the Committee is Faith Trent and staff who wish to nominate to be a member should contact Bob Weir by this coming Friday.

The Higher Education Board has provided the College with a policy statement on multicultural matters and a copy of the statement is available from Bob in Room A203.

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Staff

HAVE YOU COMMENTED?

The Strategies section of the Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan has been circulated to College Departments and Sections and the E.E.O. Unit is now looking for constructive comments and suggestions.

More than 80% of College staff responded to the E.E.O. questionnaire and the Unit is hoping for a similar response to the Strategies document to ensure that the Management Plan will take account of the concerns of staff.

It is important that the views of College staff are known and fully understood before the final draft of the Management Plan is submitted to the College Council and the NSW Government for approval. Comments and suggestions must be received by April 2 in the return box in the staff lounge.

Staff who have not been able to obtain a copy of the Strategies document should contact the E.E.O. Unit in Room A132 or on Ext. 380.

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HAVE YOU VOTED?

Staff have only until midday tomorrow (March 26) to vote for their representatives on the new College Council.

The two academic positions and one non-academic position on the Council are being contested and staff can lodge their vote in the Staffing Services office.

Alan Murphy, Bob Rowe and Faith Trent are contesting the two academic positions, while Jannell Harkin and Bill Casey are contesting the non-academic position.

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POETRY READING (MARCH 5)

A poetry reading occurred. The guests included Roland Robinson, T.H.Neisby, Normand and Jean Talbot and J.B.Tomson. Some students and lecturers read their favourite works. One of the poems contained the lines "Nobody said apples for nearly a minute/ I thought I should die".

Denis King

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Informally

ART WORLD

Two of our Art lecturers, Gordon Rintoul and Peter Singleton, will be travelling to the Upper Hunter during the next few months to take part in two big art events.

Gordon is co-ordinating an Exhibition at the Muswellbrook Art Gallery in which will feature work by former staff and students on the topic of Industrial Images.

The Exhibition will run from April 4 for one month and feature work by Dallas Bray, Bergitte Hansen, Louise Manning, Therese Kenyon and Gordon himself.

The Exhibition will feature a variety of attitudes to industry and focuses on conflicts of viewpoints. Printmaking and paintings will comprise the exhibition and it's hoped that it will come to the College and travel to other parts of NSW.

Peter this year is the judge for the Scone Art Prize which will be held in the Scone Arts and Crafts Centre from May 11 to 18 inclusive.

Works will include traditional and contemporary pieces. The Art Prize is being held in conjunction with Scone Horse Week.

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CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

The first Annual General Meeting of the College's Child Care Association will be held in the Centre next Monday (April 1) at 7:30 p.m.

Association Secretary, Sandra Sirasch, says all parents and friends are invited to the meeting which will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and two parent representatives. These persons will then form a Management Committee to administer the Child Care Centre.

"The present Management Committee and the Director will be reporting to the meeting on decisions reached in 1984 and the projected directions for 1985," said Sandra.

Protest Meeting

FEES PROTEST

College students have embarked on a letter writing campaign to convince politicians to oppose the possible re-introduction of tertiary fees.

The President of the Students' Association, Hugh Gordon, said more than 500 staff/students attended a protest meeting last Wednesday and endorsed a motion strongly opposing the re-introduction of tuition fees for tertiary education.

Hugh said the meeting believed that tertiary education should be available to all members of society and that the re-introduction of fees would most disadvantage student members who recently gained access to tertiary education.

He said the meeting also endorsed the motion because any system of supplementary finance to disadvantaged groups in the past has been grossly inadequate and the Association has no faith in the present Labor Government to supply and maintain financial assistance to disadvantaged groups at a level adequate for subsistence.

Above: College Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley addresses last week's protest meeting after a speech by Hugh Gordon (L).
AMENDMENT TO VERIFICATION OF ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

Academic Board at its last meeting endorsed a recommendation to amend the verification of enrolment procedure.

In future, verification of enrolment forms will be sent to all students but only students whose enrolment details differ from those shown on the form are required to return the form indicating in writing the differences.

Where a student does not advise the College of changes in his/her enrolment the following penalties will apply:

A. Failure by Student to Notify Cessation of Study in a Module

Failure by a student to notify cessation of study in a module after the date set for withdrawal from a module will result in the student being awarded a "Fail" result (FF).

B. Failure by Student to Formally Enrol in a Module

Failure by a student to formally enrol in a module in which the student has been participating will result in the student being advised:

"Although you have participated in the module, no result shall be recorded for that module on your student record in the current semester or year (depending upon the normal duration of study for that module).

You will be required to formally enrol in the module in the following semester or year and a result will be recorded and notified at the end of that semester or year".

Students who feel aggrieved by the decisions that can be taken under the new guidelines shall continue to have the usual rights as set out in the Regulations concerning Student Appeals and Grievances.
The N.S.W. Minister for Education, Mr Rod Cavalier, has announced three new faces in the list of 13 members appointed to the new College Council.

The three are the Director of the Newcastle Region Art Gallery, David Bradshaw, a Mayfield solicitor, Alan Brown, and a Science teacher at St Pius X College, Bernard Griffin.

Members re-appointed from April 1st are:

- Brian Adnum - Public Accountant
- Alan Beard - Hunter Region Director of Education
- Marjorie Biggins - A.B.C. Current Affairs
- Margaret Bowman - Special Mistress at Swansea High School and Deputy Principal designate to Wallsend High School
- Dr Elwin Currow - Chief Executive Officer at Royal Newcastle Hospital
- Prof Ken Dutton - Vice-Principal at University of Newcastle
- Zeny Giles - Author and Councillor of the Schools Commission
- Gordon Gilroy - Principal of Newcastle Technical College and Regional Director of T.A.F.E.
- John Heath - Education Officer, Aboriginal Grants Scheme, Commonwealth Department of Education.
- Leonore Hughes - Deputy Director of Nursing, Royal Newcastle Hospital.
Exhibition

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Official Members of the Council are the Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley, the Assistant Principal, Ray Hodgins and the Head of the School of Teacher Education, (as Praelector) Dr. Allan Taylor.

Members elected by Academic Staff are Alan Murphy and Robert Rowe, while the member elected by non-academic staff is Bill Casey. The two members elected by the students are Hugh Gordon who is studying for his Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree and Richard Thomas who is enrolled in the Associate Diploma of Social Welfare course.

The Council will meet on Thursday, April 11 to elect a President and Vice-President and discuss a number of other matters. These include the possible election of College graduates to the Council and the constitution of a selection committee for the appointment of a new College Principal.

The first full meeting of Council will be held on April 18.

MICROCOMPUTING EXHIBITION

Organiser of the 2nd Annual Microcomputing Exhibition, Ernie Jordan, believes up to 10,000 people could visit this year's event.

The Exhibition is being sponsored by NBN Channel 3 and The Newcastle Star in association with the College and will run from Thursday, April 18 to Saturday, April 20.

Ernie says the latest in microcomputing technology will be on display in the College concourse and the upper level of the College cafeteria.

Daily hours will be 2pm - 9pm on Thursday, 9am - 9pm on Friday and 10am - 5pm on Saturday.

It is the second year the College has hosted the Exhibition.

T.A.F.E News

INTAKE FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

The College is currently enrolling up to 35 students in its new Bachelor of Education (TAFE) course following recent approval by the Higher Education Board for the course to run in 1985.

The Head of the T.A.F.E. Department, Roy Killen, said students must hold a Diploma in Teaching (TAFE) qualification to be eligible for the course. All students will study by the external mode over two years to gain their degree.

The B.Ed. course has four strands, these being Professional Studies, Educational Studies, General Studies and a project and students already enrolled come from many parts of N.S.W.

Roy said the introduction of the Degree course is one of many changes for the T.A.F.E. Department this year. A major review of the Dip. Teach and Dip. Ed. (TAFE) courses has resulted in T.A.F.E. teachers (both external and internal) now attending College on a full-time basis for 12 weeks to start their Diploma course.

The College Curriculum Centre at Tighes Hill is playing an important part in the courses and the teachers attend T.A.F.E. Colleges in the Newcastle area and also teach for four hours per week as part of their requirements.

In another development, Technical Instructors from the Williamtown R.A.A.F. Base will start a Dip. Teach (TAFE) course at the College in May. Fifteen Instructors will enrol and study over a three year period.

Roy said an increasing number of R.A.A.F. Instructors had been showing interest in the College's T.A.F.E. courses and subsequent discussions with the Education Officer at Williamtown led to the group starting the Diploma course next month.
FLU VACCINE TRIAL

Senior Lecturer from the Medical School at the University of Newcastle, Greg Tannock, is seeking 100 student volunteers from the College to take part in an influenza vaccine trial.

The trial, the third undertaken by Dr. Tannock, is open to male and non-pregnant females who are 18 yrs or older. Volunteers should also not have any allergies to eggs.

Dr. Tannock said volunteers would be paid $25 and that staff were also welcome to participate in the trial.

The trial involves three visits, these being on Wednesday April 17, Wednesday May 22 and Wednesday, June 12. The first visit involves a vaccination and a 10ml blood sample while the second visit involves a second vaccination. The third visit is for another 10ml blood sample and volunteers will receive a $25 cheque on completion of this visit.

The trial will take place in the Student Services section of the College and students or staff who wish to participate are asked to leave their name with the Section's Secretary, Kay Dean.

SUPERANNUATION FUND ELECTION

The State Superannuation Board is currently carrying out an election for two new members and ballot papers are now being distributed to all fund members at their work address.

Ballot papers are expected to reach members before April 17 and the poll closes at midday on Wednesday, May 15.

Completed voting material may be returned to the State Electoral Office through normal N.S.W. Government courier service channels (without a postage stamp being affixed) or through the post.
The new College Council has elected Mrs. Margaret Bowman as its President for the next two years.

Mrs. Bowman was elected unopposed on April 11, as was the new Vice-President of Council, Dr. Elwin Currow.

Mrs. Bowman is a Special Mistress at Swansea High School and was a member of the previous Council. She served the first two years as Vice-President of that Council and the last two years as President.

Dr. Currow is Chief Executive Officer at Royal Newcastle Hospital and was also a member of the previous Council.

The Council at its special meeting decided that two graduates from the College should be elected to sit on Council. Advertisements seeking expressions of interest from prospective candidates appeared in newspapers on the weekend.

Applications will close on May 31 and it is intended that a special meeting of Council will be held on June 6, to elect two graduate members from the nominees. The successful candidates will attend their first meeting on June 27.

Above: Mrs. Bowman – serving her second term as College President.
The past week has provided a number of highlights for our basic nurse education course, the latest being with the opening of the new Richardson Wing by the Premier of N.S.W., Mr. Neville Wran.

The past seven days has seen the announcement of the winners of inaugural scholarships established by the College in association with the community and the release of news of a possible mid-year intake by the College of nursing students.

Mr. Wran will officially open the Richardson Wing at 1.45pm today and students and staff are invited to the ceremony as no lectures will be held between 1pm and 3pm.

The Wing has been named in recognition of the late Principal of the College, Dr. Edward Richardson. Dr. Richardson was closely associated with the planning and introduction of the new Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course, for which the first students were enrolled this year.

The building being opened today has cost $300,000 and is the first Stage of a three Stage complex that will eventually cost $1M.

The Wing was constructed by D.P. McCloy Pty. Ltd. It comprises a clinical laboratory and two classrooms on the ground floor and a multi-purpose learning facility and two classrooms on the first floor.

Last Monday Tomago Aluminium Co. Pty. Ltd. presented scholarships to Michelle Smith of Raymond Terrace and Ruth Flynn of Hinton.

The scholarships, valued at $1500 each, were made available by Tomago Aluminium for residents from the Port Stephens Shire who enrol in the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course.

The company's Personnel Manager, Mr. Ian Prigg, said Tomago Aluminium was participating in the scholarship plan because they were conscious of the role of the nursing profession and of its contribution to the community.

"In the same manner, we are very conscious of our role in the community and see the scholarships as a vital link between the Company and the residents of the Port Stephens Shire," he said.

Scholarships

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Michelle said that she was delighted at receiving the scholarship and would like more scholarships to be established to help students. Ruth said she realised the bigger responsibility placed on parents to support their children who have entered tertiary institutions and both girls said they would use the funds for the purchase of uniforms, text books and other course items.

Other nursing scholarship winners announced last week were Jody Powell who was presented with the Cessnock District Hospital Scholarship on behalf of the people of Cessnock and also Lisa Bartz and Christine Hodder who shared a scholarship made available by Cape Hawke Community Hospital.

In another development College Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley, said concern over the current and future shortage of nurses has resulted in the College re-assessing its position regarding a mid-year intake of students.

Above: (L to R) Tomago Community Relations Officer, Sharon Howes, presents cheques to Michelle Smith & Ruth Flynn while Dr. Gay looks on.
"Representatives of the State Planning Group for Nurse Education have visited the College and informed us of the present situation and of their desire that the College give serious consideration to the provision of further opportunities for persons to begin their nursing education in 1985", said Dr. Huxley.

"Subsequent discussions involving the Head of the School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies, Dr. John Gay, the Course Director, Ms. Dot Angell, and the staff presently teaching in the course, has resulted in a decision seriously to investigate a mid-year intake and gauge the local demand.

"In order to offer a July intake we must know very soon how much interest there is in the community. We would like to ask people who may wish to take up nursing as a career to ring for an application form before 26th April, 1985.

"We will probably be able to provide places for 75 new students although it is unlikely that we will offer the additional intake unless there are at least 50 eligible applicants," Dr. Huxley said.

1985 GRADUATION CEREMONY

About 765 students will graduate during the 1985 College Graduation Ceremony to be held in the Griffith Duncan Theatre on Friday, May 3.

The Ceremony once again will be divided into two sessions with nearly 415 people graduating in the morning and more than 350 in the afternoon.

Students will graduate in five new awards, these being the Bachelor of Education (English/History), the Bachelor of Education (Maths), the Bachelor of Education (Social Sciences), the Associate Diploma in Computing Studies and the Associate Diploma in Police Studies.

The guest speakers are Linda Graham, Managing Director of Microsoft Pty. Ltd., (morning) and Commissioner of Police, N.S.W., Commissioner John Avery.

A new language scheme was introduced to first year students and members of the Hunter Reading Association in the Griffith Duncan Theatre last Tuesday.

Brenda Parkes and Judith Smith from Mt. Gravatt campus of Brisbane C.A.R. spoke about their new approach to an audience of about 200.

The presentation was organised by Don Matthews who is still getting used to his new title; his Doctorate was confirmed just before Easter. He says it is the best 'egg' he can ever remember.

CREDIT UNION

The Credit Union has increased its opening hours for the College branch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

College Office Manager, Karen McIlvennie, said the Branch would now be open between 10.30am and 2pm.

"The new hours are in response to requests by staff and because of the increasing membership of College staff and students," said Karen.

"There is a possibility that we may be opening on the Wednesday of pay week and negotiations are continuing on this aspect at present. We hope to make an announcement in the near future," she said.

SCHOOLS VISIT DAY

The College has changed its policy on an annual Open Day and will now hold a Schools Visit Day on Thursday, May 23.

More than 2,500 students are expected to visit the College on May 23 as all attention on the day will be given to providing information on College courses and facilities to students. Under the new policy, a Schools Visit Day will be held every May, a series of Information Nights every September/October and an Open Day on a 3 year basis.
Microcomputing

BIG CROWDS ATTEND EXHIBITION

The 2nd Annual Newcastle Microcomputing Exhibition was again a big success last week with large crowds coming to the College over the 2½ days of the display.

Companies from the Hunter Valley, Newcastle and Sydney exhibited the latest innovations in microcomputing software, hardware and accessories.

The Exhibition was presented by NBN and The Newcastle Star in association with the College and achieved its goal of making the community aware of what was happening in the world of microcomputers.

Exhibition organiser, Ernie Jordan, said he was pleased with the response to the Exhibition, both from exhibitors and the general public.

"Many people put in a lot of hours in making the Exhibition a success and I would like to thank all the College staff who have helped last week," said Ernie.

Road System

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

A new one-way traffic system will come into operation early next month for the roads leading to the entrance of the main building.

The new system will come into operation from Monday, May 6 and has been brought about as a safety measure on the recommendation of the College's Occupational Health & Safety Committee.

The map printed below indicates the direction of the one-way system and appropriate signs will be in position on the Monday.

Remember, the change is from Monday, May 6!

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Above: Ernie (L) discusses the success of the Exhibition with Public Relations Officer Keith Powell.
PRIZE FOR LECTURER

A visit to the Mildura Sculpture Triennial earlier this month provided a surprise for both one of the sculpture lecturers and an art student.

The Triennial is one of the leading sculpture festivals in Australia and lecturer, Vlase Nikoleski, took along a group of eight senior art students for a field project as part of their course.

The surprise came when a work entered by Vlase was announced as the winning entry in the Acquisition Prize. Vlase defeated more than 90 other sculptors with his work entitled 'The Rainbow', a cast bronze model incorporating stainless steel and feathers.

Art students were also allowed to enter the Prize and one of our third year Art students majoring in sculpture, Susan Morris, won praise from the judges for her work entitled 'Cloudburst' an installation of plastic bags and water.

Vlase said the ninth Triennial provided a wonderful opportunity for students to meet leading sculptors and talk to other students. He said our students participated in a sculpturescape in Mildura and gained immensely from the project.

ABOVE: Vlase Nikoleski and Susan Morris - happy with their success at the Mildura Sculpture Triennial.
Three new Bachelor of Education degrees and two new Associate Diplomas will be conferred for the first time tomorrow at the 1985 Graduation Ceremony.

The new Bachelor degrees are English/History, Mathematics and Social Sciences. The Associate Diplomas are in Computing Studies and Police Studies.

About 725 students will receive their academic awards tomorrow, more than 410 students graduating in the morning session (10am) and more than 310 students in the afternoon session (2.30pm).

The guest speakers for tomorrow's Ceremony are the Managing Director of Microsoft Pty. Ltd., Ms. Linda Graham and the Commissioner of Police in N.S.W., Commissioner John Avery.

Ms. Graham and Commissioner Avery, have been selected as guest speakers because of the first graduates of the Associate Diploma in Computing Studies course and the Associate Diploma in Police Studies course. Fifteen students will graduate in Computing Studies and 18 students will graduate in Police Studies.

Ms. Graham, as Managing Director of Microsoft Pty. Ltd., is responsible for the Australian subsidiary of the giant American Microsoft software house.

As one of the eight (and only female) board members of the lobby group, Australian Information Industries Association (AIIA), Ms. Graham is also a leading
Graduation

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spokesperson for the hightech industry.

Commissioner Avery was involved with the establishment of the Police Studies course at Newcastle C.A.E. more than four years ago and has continued a keen interest in the development of the programme.

Three new Prizes and two new Certificates will be presented tomorrow. The new prizes are the 'Computer Cellar Pty. Ltd. Prize' for the Outstanding Final Year Student in the Associate Diploma in Computing Studies course, the 'Pauline Clark Prize' for First in Food Science in the Bachelor of Education (Home Science/Textiles) and the 'Newcastle Police District Prize' for Best Grade Point Average Over the Four Years of the Associate Diploma in Police Studies course.

The respective recipients are Catherine Stanwell, Lynette Bryant and Lance Hopkins.

The new Certificates are 'Ethnic Community Councils Certificate' for Best Contribution to Community Service by a student in the Graduate Diploma in Multicultural Studies course and the College Certificate for the Graduate Diploma in Education (TAFE) course which is awarded for the Best Grade Point Average in the On-Campus Programme.

The recipients of these Certificates are Violeta Walsh and Ronald Lees.

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SCHOOLS VISIT DAY

About 2500 students are expected to visit the College on Thursday, May 23 for the annual Schools Visit Day.

The College is holding the event in conjunction with the University of Newcastle and most students are expected to take the opportunity to visit both institutions.

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College News

E.E.O. WORKING PARTIES

A major step in the development of the E.E.O. Management Plan for the College is currently being undertaken by Working Parties to the E.E.O. Advisory Committee.

The Parties are discussing and commenting on the strategies which were prepared by the E.E.O. Unit following the workshops and questionnaires of last year.

The reports of the Parties, including the comments by staff on the proposed strategies, will go to the Advisory Committee before formulation of the draft Management Plan to be presented to College Council.

The Chairpersons of the Working Parties are Jannell Harkin (Chapters 1 & 2: Recruitment and Selection, Appointment & Induction), Robyn Emanuel (Chapters 3 & 4: Information & Communication and Staff Training & Personal Development), David Crook (Chapter 5: Conditions of Service), and Bill Casey (Chapters 6,7 & 8: College Government, NSW Higher Education Sector & General Management).

The Parties are to report to the Advisory Committee by May 13 and comments by staff on the strategies are still welcome from staff.

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STAFF ASSOCIATION: NEW SUBSCRIPTION FEES

A review of membership and finances by the Staff Association has resulted in an increase of daily subscription fees. The fees will now be 50 cents per day for both full-time and part-time members of staff, or $2.50 per week.

The President of the Staff Association, Neil Wright, said the 10 cents per day increase would come into effect from Semester 11.

He said a rate of $10 per Semester was being introduced for staff who occasionally use the Staff Room or facilities. Neil said the rate was for staff who did not wish to be full members of the Staff Association but who wished to contribute to gifts, morning teas etc. He said the question of Associate Membership would be discussed in the near future.
ON-CAMPUS SCHOOL BUSIEST YET

The current On-Campus School for external study students is the biggest organised by the Department of External Studies.

A total of 61 Industrial Arts teachers started their two week 'school' this week but the College will see an influx of 550 additional teachers when the main part of the School gets underway next Monday.

The Director of External Studies, Bill Newling, said teachers upgrading their qualifications in Physical Education, Home Science/Textiles, Primary, Early Childhood, Mathematics, English/History, Social Sciences and Science will be attending next week.

"For the first time we also will be having TAFE teachers attending the School as part of their requirements for the Bachelor of Education (TAFE) award," said Bill.

"The School forms a very important part of the teachers' courses as it enables them to have contact with other students and also interaction with lecturers.

"The School is a compulsory component of the courses and teachers are attending from all parts of New South Wales. The 10 days for the Industrial Arts teachers and the five days for teachers in the other awards are based on intensive practical experience and the facilities of the College are being used extensively," Bill said.

The Industrial Arts teachers were welcomed to the College last Monday but another official opening will be held in the Griffith Duncan Theatre next Monday when the Principal, Dr Huxley, welcomes the additional 550 teachers.

A feature of the opening will be the presentation of the Newcastle City Council Local History Award for 1984. A B.Ed English/History External Study student, William Magee, won the Award while in the first year of his external course last year.

His thesis, entitled 'Muswellbrook, from rural village to town: historical highlights, 1830's - 1980's', won the $200 award. The Principal, Dr Huxley, will present Mr Magee with his award.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The provision of information on External Study courses to potential students is among the key objectives of a newly established Standing Committee on External Studies within the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission.

The Federal Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, in announcing the Committee said other key objectives would be to encourage the preparation and production of external studies course materials of the best possible quality and at minimal cost, and to investigate the impact of technology on distance education.

Senator Ryan said the Committee would be a significant means of improving the co-ordination of external studies throughout tertiary education in every part of Australia and in exploring alternative means of increasing participation at the tertiary level.

The Committee will focus on issues such as the use of new technologies for on-site as well as off campus education, the need to make adequate provision for the disadvantaged and co-operation between education and the media in the production of course materials.

The Special Commissioner of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission, Professor Richard Johnson, will chair the Committee, the members of which have been chosen on the basis of their widely based expertise and potential input.

Initial appointees are Vice-Chancellor, Deakin Uni, Prof. F.R. Jevons, Director, Extension Service, Uni, W.A., Dr. Maureen Smith, Head, Victorian TAFE Off-Campus Network, Mr. Jack Foks, Principal, College of External Studies, N.S.W., Ms Delia Craig, freelance writer and film maker, Ms Anne Deverson, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Eric Wilmot, Ministerial Consul, C' with Dept. of Ed. Mr. Dean Ashenden.
CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

The closing date for Staff Development Programme Leave Applications has been extended to Monday, May 13.

The extension is because of difficulties being experienced by some applicants in obtaining information required for inclusion in their applications.

The applications are for Leave proposed for 1986.

INVESTMENT SEMINAR

A Retirement Investment Seminar is to be held at the College later this month.

The Seminar has been arranged by the Head of the Social Welfare Dept., Dr. Ray Morland, in association with the Council of the Ageing.

Ray says the Seminar is a follow-up to an initial meeting in March and that it will be held in Room C08 on Wednesday, May 22 between midday and 1pm.

Staff interested in the Seminar are invited to contact Ray for further details.

NINTH STATE CONFERENCE

Science Lecturer, Kevin McDonald, has issued an invitation to staff to attend the 9th State Conference of the Association for Environmental Education.

The Conference is being held at the Tocal Agricultural College for four days (May 13-16) and Kevin is convenor of the event.

He said the theme of the Conference is ‘Education to resolve environmental controversy’ and that the aim is to outline the experiences of environmental educators in the Hunter Region through a selection of topical environmental issues.

"Participants will be invited to share in developing a methodology for dealing with controversial issues in an informed, perspective-taking manner, rather than the usual confrontationist stance which so often unproductively polarises community attitudes," he said.

Accommodation is available at Tocal College and a registration fee of $25 covers printed information, mailing and hire of minibuses.

Kevin has available programmes and registration forms. He can be contacted in Room C49 or telephone ext. 286.

CHEQUES PRESENTED

A total of 13 cheques representing $6,000 have been presented to Home Economics students as part of their scholarship from the Cookery Teachers’ Association.

The Association is responsible for the publication of the well-known Commonsense Cookery Book. It has established a scholarship fund from the sales of the book and presents scholarships each year to students at Newcastle, Sydney and Nepean C.A.E.s.

The local representative of the Association, Mrs. Molly Breaden, said the scholarships are worth $400 for each year of a student’s four year Home Economics degree course.

First year recipients this year are Donna Loveridge and Amanda Sault. Selection of winners is based on Home Economics students in State High Schools who intend to become Home Economics teachers and also on their aggregate in the H.S.C. Certificate.

Above: Mrs. Breaden presents cheques to Donna Loveridge & Amanda Sault while other scholarship holders look on.
Scholarships

1985 PRESENTATIONS

The last of the 1985 Nursing Scholarships established by the College in association with local hospitals, industries and community groups were presented this week to the recipients.

Lingard Hospital presented two scholarships on Monday to mature age students. Mrs Clair McEwan, a widow who recently moved from Tacoma to Tighes Hill and Mr Anthony Dobson, a father of two children from Mayfield each received the $1500 scholarships.

Mrs McEwan has three daughters and chose to study nursing to provide security for herself and her daughters. Mr Dobson's wife, Pauline, is a student nurse and he worked at the B.H.P. for 10 years before studying at Newcastle University for the past two years for an Arts degree.

The Lingard Scholarships were presented by the Acting Executive Director of the Hospital, Miss Rosemary Bruce. She said the hospital was very conscious of the vital role the public training had in ensuring a continuous flow of highly trained and capable nursing staff and that the scholarships were one way the hospital could contribute to nurse education in Newcastle.

A scholarship established by the People of Greater Cessnock through the Cessnock District Hospital has been awarded to Jodie Powell, of Cessnock.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors at the hospital, Mr Mitchell, presented the scholarship to Jodie yesterday.

Two students have shared a scholarship made available by the Cape Hawke Community Hospital at Forster. Lisa Bartz, of Pipers Bay and Christine Hodder, of Forster Keys, were the successful nursing students.

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T.E.A.S. TIMES
The College representative for T.E.A.S., Cecilia Mukherjee, has advised that she will now be at the Student Union Building on Mondays between 1pm and 6pm; on Tuesdays between 3.30pm and 5.30pm; and on Wednesdays between 9am and 2pm. Tel:676149.
U.S. position to Dr Gay

The Head of the School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies, Dr John Gay, is to return to America to take up a senior administrative position at a mid-Western University.

Dr Gay will commence duty in his new professorial position in August after leaving the College on July 12.

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, said Dr Gay had contributed significantly to the College and that his academic and administrative leadership had been appreciated.

"Dr Gay was responsible for a diverse area of education and his resignation has been accepted with regret," said Dr Huxley.

"He has promoted Newcastle CAE within Australia and overseas and I know his professional goals have included upward mobility."

Dr Gay was appointed in 1983 as a Head of School and took up duties in September that year.

Since his appointment Dr Gay has become well known and respected by hospital administrators in the Hunter (cont)
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because of his administration of the introduction of the basic nurse education course. The introduction required the need to gain the co-operation of hospitals in planning the clinical experience component of the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course and Dr. Gay was responsible in the initial stages for the contact between the College and the hospitals.

The Diploma course was one of the major tasks of Dr. Gay's School and as part of the introduction Dr. Gay initiated the establishment of a number of Hunter Region nursing scholarships.

He was responsible for re-developing the College's post-basic nurse education courses and has been involved in a proposal to upgrade the College's existing Associate Diploma in Social Welfare to a Bachelor degree level. He also streamlined the administrative functions of his School in his 20 months at the College.

Dr. Gay said today he was unable to release the name of the academic institution to which he was going because of American policy that institutions there should release full details. He expected these to be available in about one week.

Dr. Gay originally came from America, having held a senior academic position at South Australia College of Advanced Education before coming to Newcastle CAE.

"I feel my time in Newcastle has been a growth experience for both myself and the College," said Dr. Gay.

"I have been able to develop strong ties within the School and also have been able to present the College internationally via publications and addresses."

"I have mixed feelings about leaving Australia but have certainly enjoyed being involved in major developments such as the introduction of the basic nurse education course and the impact it has had on the Hunter region," Dr. Gay said.

Cultural Centre

SUBMISSIONS TO POLITICIANS

Discussions on funding of a free-standing Aboriginal Cultural Centre on campus will take place today and again next Monday during a number of meetings at the College.

The National Aboriginal Co-ordinator of the Australian Bicentennial Authority, Mr. Philip Morrissey will have a working luncheon at the College today with the Aboriginal Enclave Advisory Committee and College senior officers to discuss funding of the Centre.

The Federal Members for Newcastle, Shortland and Hunter, Messrs Allan Morris, Peter Morris and Eric Fitzgibbon respectively, will visit the College today at 4 p.m. They also will discuss with the Advisory Committee and College officers the possibility of Federal funding for the project.

In a submission to the Australian Bicentennial Committee for funding under the Bicentennial Celebration programme the College is seeking $225,000 to construct the Centre in order to provide support services to Aboriginal students at Newcastle CAE and the University of Newcastle.

Next Monday (June 3) the State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. George Paciullo, will attend a business luncheon to discuss State support for the Centre, which will include an Enclave.

Mr. Paciullo also will meet with the Advisory Committee and College officers to discuss the possibility of State monies being put towards the project.

The College's temporary Enclave has already been outgrown and by 1988 an estimated 100 Aboriginal students will be studying at the College and the University of Newcastle.
Scholarship

$500 SCHOLARSHIP NEXT YEAR
College students are to benefit from the close association between the Universities Credit Union Limited and the College in the form of a $500 scholarship.

The credit union is donating the annual scholarship for students enrolled in an undergraduate course at the College and the first will be made available in 1986.

The General Manager of the Universities Credit Union Limited, Brian Bennett, said the purpose of donating the scholarship was to reflect the continuing close association of the credit union and the Newcastle C.A.E.

Mr. Bennett said students normally must be members of the credit union for at least one year to be eligible to apply for the scholarship. However, the credit union this year is waiving the normal 12 month membership requirement because of the mid-year announcement of the inaugural scholarship. To be eligible to apply for next year's scholarship students must be members of the credit union for a minimum of six months.

Students whose family are credit union members at the College are also eligible to apply for the scholarship.

"The scholarship will be tenable in the second and later years of any undergraduate degree course at the College and the scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and previous studies at the College," said Mr. Bennett.

Students are now invited to join the credit union to be eligible for the award and membership application forms are available from the College branch of the credit union which is located in Room A89. The branch office is open every Tuesday and Thursday between 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students can also join the credit union at the main office which is located in the Union Building at the University of Newcastle.

College Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley, has welcomed the establishment of the scholarship and also the interest the Universities Credit Union has shown in College students.

He believed many students would take the opportunity of applying for the scholarship to help finance their tertiary studies.

The terms of the new scholarship are:

* one scholarship to the value of $500 tenable at Newcastle College of Advanced Education, commencing 1986;

* only members of more than one year's standing, or family of such members of the credit union shall be eligible to apply for the scholarship (six months for 1986 scholarship);

* the scholarship shall be tenable in the second and later years of any undergraduate degree course of the College;

* the award of the scholarship shall be based on academic merit in previous studies at the College, but no award shall be made in any one year if there is no applicant of sufficient merit;

* the scholarship shall be tenable for one year only but a scholarship holder may be eligible to be awarded the scholarship in a second and subsequent years;

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Application forms for the 1986 scholarship will be available late February/early March next year.

Students, once they are members of the credit union, are eligible to borrow funds immediately. The major requirements for borrowing are that students must have successfully completed one year of study and also arrange to have their TEAS payments lodged directly into their account.

College branch manager, Karen McIlvenie, has full details on loans.

Karen McIlvenie - ready to help students with loan information.

T.E.A.S. UPDATE

The recent federal mini-budget has resulted in a number of changes to the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme.

The TEAS representative for the College, Cecilia Mukherjee, says the fares allowance is no longer available to independent students, except if they are married and living away from their spouses.

Candidates for the independent allowance now must also make up two years of full-time work in the past three years instead of the previous five years.

Cecilia said the new requirements will come into effect from January 1st next year.

T.E.A.S.

TERTIARY FEES OPPOSED

The Students' Association has upheld its position in opposing the possible re-introduction of tertiary education fees.

The Association has sent telegrams to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs, Mr. Dawkins, the Minister for Finance, Mr. Walsh, the Federal Member for Newcastle, Mr. Allan Morris and the Federal Member for Shortland, Mr. Peter Morris. The telegrams stated that less than six weeks ago more than 1000 College students wrote to protest against the proposed re-introduction of tuition fees for tertiary education. The telegrams said that the students had not changed their minds.

A telegram to the Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, re-affirmed the students' stance and supported the Minister's stand against the re-introduction of fees.

The President of the SRC, Hugh Gordon, also met the Chairman of the Advanced Education Council, Dr Greg Ramsey, last week while AEC members were visiting the College.

Hugh said that in March this year a general meeting of students endorsed a motion which strongly opposed fees. He said College students hoped that the AEC would continue to recognise the importance of maintaining access to tertiary education which would be free of the burden of tuition fees.

Dr Ramsey said that the AEC also opposed the re-introduction of fees and had advised the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission of its stance.

The Students' Association also took the opportunity of presenting Dr Ramsey with information on the future development of the Student Union complex.

In discussions and a supporting letter to Dr Ramsey the Association said that the present Stage I had been financed by the Association from accumulated funds. In April this year a draft proposal for future development of facilities was presented to College Council.
CAREERS ADVISERS DAY AS FOLLOW-UP

The College will hold a special Careers Advisers Day later this year as a follow-up to last Thursday's successful Schools Visit Day.

The Careers Advisers Day will include an inspection of College facilities and also discussions on College course requirements and other information.

It will follow on last Thursday's event in which more than 2500 senior high school students from as far as Port Macquarie, Sydney and the Upper Hunter attended the College and the University of Newcastle.

Chairman of the College organising committee, Keith Powell, said the day allowed students to gain a valuable insight into the workings of a tertiary institution and also of career paths.

He thanked all members of staff who contributed to the success of the day and said the committee was very pleased at the number of students who attended the special course information lectures.

ABOVE: Sheila Proust assists Belmont High student, Jacqui Ellis, while Nicole Piper (Belmont) and Peter Vanderpoel (Francis Xavier) gather information.
New Principal

The new College Principal, Dr Douglas Huxley, does not see the College charging down a new path as a result of his appointment.

Dr Huxley accepted an offer of appointment to the position of Principal following a special meeting of College Council last Thursday evening.

The Council met to discuss a report from a Selection Committee after 16 applications were received from national and international advertisements. The Selection Committee had shortlisted three applicants but in its report stated that on enquiries and information it assessed Dr Huxley as being the outstanding candidate.

Dr Huxley was Assistant Principal at the time of the death in October last year of the Principal, Dr Edward Richardson. College Council subsequently appointed Dr Huxley to the Principal's position until the vacancy was filled.

Dr Huxley said on his appointment that he appreciated the vote of confidence and hoped to continue the good relationship that existed between himself and Council and between himself and staff and students.

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New Principal

He said his appointment would not lead to the College charging down a new path and that the institution was likely to continue operations has it had done in the past.

Dr Huxley said he believed it was a good idea to respond to the need in the Newcastle and Hunter Region to provide a more diverse range of opportunities in the business area.

"The proposal is to establish a School of Administration and Technical Studies but this move is still in the planning stage and depends on sufficient resources," said Dr Huxley.

"The proposed School is one way the College can respond to the need to provide that range of opportunities."

Dr Huxley was born in Gulgong and received education at Mendooran Central School and Dubbo High School. He attended Newcastle Teachers' College where he graduated in 1952 and then held a number of teaching positions in New South Wales.

In 1965 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New England and in 1967 obtained a Bachelor of Letters from the same University. In 1972 he was awarded the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Newcastle and in 1976 gained his Doctor of Philosophy from the same institution.

In 1969 Dr Huxley was appointed as a Lecturer in English at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education and in 1972 was promoted to Senior Lecturer. After extensive advertising nationally and overseas, Dr Huxley was successful in being appointed to the position of Assistant Principal in 1976.

He has maintained community interests, having been a film reviewer for the ABC in Newcastle, publishing papers and reports on television and the mass media and having a book on film-making published.

Last week the Minister for Health, Mr Mulock, appointed Dr Huxley to the Board of Directors of Royal Newcastle Hospital. Mr Mulock said that the appointment, which is effective until December, 1987, would be beneficial in developing a liaison between the hospital and College now that the two bodies are involved in nurse education.

Cultural Centre

PACIULLO SUPPORTS CENTRE

A submission for an Aboriginal Cultural Centre on campus has received the support of the N.S.W. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. George Paciullo.

Mr Paciullo visited the College last week and inspected the temporary Enclave and also the site of the proposed Centre near the Student Union Building. He also had a business luncheon with the Aboriginal Enclave Advisory Committee where the benefits of the Centre were outlined.

Mr. Paciullo said he would support through his own Ministry the Cultural Centre proposal, but could not guarantee State funds.

The College has lodged a submission with the Australian Bicentennial Committee for $225,000 to construct the Centre in order to provide support services for Aboriginal students at the College and the University of Newcastle.
CHANGE TO SCHOOL STRUCTURE

The Academic Structure of the School of Visual and Performing Arts has been amended to the following:

School Board, School of Visual & Performing Arts
Board of Studies in Visual Arts
  Course Committee in Creative Arts and Crafts
  Course Committee in Graduate Art Studies
  Course Committee in Visual Arts
Board of Studies and Course Committee in Communication Studies

HOTEL RATES

The new Crest Hotel in Sydney is offering special rates to College Staff under a 'Special Government and Public Service Rate'.

Staff wishing to have the special rate need mention that they are members of this College and toll free reservations may be made by ringing (008) 221805.

Rooms at the Hotel have recently been refurbished.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

A number of opportunities are currently being advertised for academic staff to study overseas.

Opportunities include the German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship, the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, ANZAC Scholarships and Hardness Fellowships.

Full details of the opportunities are available from the College's Public Relations Office. Most of the scholarships etc are applicable for 1986.

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Community Programmes

COMPUTING AND BAKING

The College is offering a mixed bag of courses for its winter series of community programmes which start later this month.

A total of five courses will be offered during the series, these ranging from microcomputing programming through to bread making and traditional chocolate making.

The Chairman of the Community Programmes Committee, John O'Donoghe, said he believed all courses would be popular because of their timing.

"The microcomputing programming course by David Condon, will be run in the evenings as we believe that this time slot will attract business people while the cooking classes by Pauline Clark will be on during the day," said John.

A brief rundown on the courses are:-

1. INTRODUCTION TO MICROCOMPUTING PROGRAMMING

   Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 p.m. June 19, 26 & July 3, 10 and 17.

2. BREADMAKING FOR THE BEGINNER

   A two-day course, Tuesday, July 2, & Wednesday, July 3.

3. ADVANCED YEAST DOUGH PRODUCTS

   A two day course, Thursday, July 4, & Friday July 5.

4. MAKING CROISSANTS

   A ½ day course Tuesday July 9, 12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
   Wednesday, July 10, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

5. TRADITIONAL CHOCOLATE MAKING

   (Fondant Centres and Chocolate Dipping)

   A four-day course Tuesday July 16, Wednesday July 17,
   Thursday July 18 and Friday July 19.
I.A Awards

AWARD PRESENTATION

A number of Industrial Arts awards which are made in conjunction with the College's Annual Graduation Ceremony were presented to students last week.

The awards are from the N.S.W. Institute of Industrial Arts and also the Newcastle branch of the Institute.

The Head of the School Teacher Education, Dr. Allan Taylor, presented the awards on behalf of the bodies to Geoffrey Williams for Year 3, Frank Argaet for Year 2 and Noel Cowan for Year 1. The awards were for 'General Proficiency' during 1984.

Another award was the John Anscombe Memorial Prize for the best carving, sculpture or construction in wood. This was presented to Ian Moorehead.

Art News

GRADUATE EXHIBITION

An exhibition of art work by graduate students is on display in Sydney as part of a promotion to show what tertiary art opportunities are available in Newcastle.

The display is the first of a two stage exhibition in which all graduate art specialisations offered at Newcastle CAE will be on show in Sydney.

The Co-ordinator of the exhibition, Art Lecturer, Gordon Rintoul, said the two stages are being held at the Sydney Art Institute.

"The current exhibition features selected works from our graduate students in painting, printmaking and sculpture", said Gordon.

"The second stage will be in September and this will include plant and wildlife illustration, ceramics, textiles and photography works."

Gordon said the major aim of the exhibition was to interest Sydney students in the opportunities offered by Newcastle CAE.

"There is a lack of awareness by Sydney students in what we can offer and by holding the exhibition we hope to attract people from Sydney who are interested in graduate art study," said Gordon.

In other graduate art news, two College students have been selected to submit work in an Australian wide competition which is promoting the movie 'Robbery Under Arms'.

The students, Paul Maher and Luke Beezley, are already working on paintings which depict the theme of the movie. The works will be sent to Adelaide later this year for judging.
STUDENTS FEES

The Student Association has gained approval from College Council to increase membership fees for 1986.

The fees which will be effective from the commencement of the 1986 academic year are as follows:

- $120 for full-time students
- $60 for part-time students
- $20 for external students

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YOUNG WRITERS' PROJECT

The International Youth Year National Secretariat, in conjunction with Penguin Books, the Literature Board of the Australia Council and the A.B.C. are currently promoting the Australian Young Writers' Project.

The Project is in the form of a national award and is open to everybody under the age of 25 to encourage them to write short stories, poems or scripts.

The three principal thrusts of I.Y.Y. are participation, development and peace and it is loosely around these three themes that entries should be focused.

Penguin Books will publish a selection of entries, A.B.C. Radio will adapt successful submissions into radio plays and A.B.C. Television will convert up to five stories into half hour television dramas.

Full details of the Young Writers' Project are available from Student Services.
Student for World Festival

A young College student is about to embark on the trip of her lifetime when she represents Australia at the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students in Russia next month.

Gail Garvey, a 22-year-old Aboriginal student in the fourth year of her Physical Education course, is one of fifty young Australians who will be flying to Moscow for the International Festival which will be held over four weeks from mid July.

At the time of publication of Campus News, Gail was busy raising $1,400 which was her financial commitment in being part of the Australian delegation.

"I applied to the National Preparatory Committee for the 12th World Festival but the process of selecting the Australian delegation was a long and difficult one as a number of criteria had to be applied," said Gail.

"Consequently, I was only informed less than 2 weeks ago that I had to raise the necessary $1,400 for air fares and accommodation and I am now seeking financial assistance from a number of sources.

Gail Garvey - hopefully off to Russia to represent Australia.
Russia Festival

"The Awabakal Co-operative and the Newcastle Festival Committee - the local representative body for the World Festival is helping to co-ordinate the appeal but we are running out of time," Gail said.

To raise funds Gail has approached many Newcastle business houses while the Awabakal Co-operative and the Students Association at the Newcastle CAE have offered their support.

The World Youth Festivals are organized by an International Preparatory Committee representing youth and students from nearly every country in the world. The Festivals have been held at different locations since their inception in 1947. Locations have included Prague, Berlin, Vienna, Helsinki, Havana and now Moscow.

Two Local People

Gail is one of two young Newcastle people who will represent the local area in Moscow. The second person is Kathy Roff, a Children's Services Development Officer with Newcastle Action for Childcare.

Gail was nominated by the Awabakal Aboriginal Co-operative to make the trip and Kathy was nominated by the Newcastle Trades Hall Council.

Australia will be represented by 50 young people from many walks of life and Gail is one of two Aboriginals in the delegation.

"The N.S.W. delegates will be meeting in Sydney in about two weeks to prepare our programme for Moscow and I hopefully will be speaking on the topics of education and racism," said Gail.

The Festival Programme will include the establishment of 15 centres with different themes which will operate during the Festival by way of seminars, informal discussions, talks, displays, films etc. These centres will include a centre for peace and disarmament, a centre for the rights of young women, a centre for the rights of working youth, and an international student centre. There will also be a significant cultural/sporting component to the Festival.

Minister's Visit

SUPPORT ON ISSUES

The Minister for Youth and Community Services and Housing, Mr Frank Walker, has given his support to College endeavours to expand the Child Care Unit and also to maintain the level of service for a programme at the Special Education Centre.

Mr Walker visited the College last Friday week to inspect the Multipurpose Centre and the Special Education Centre and to hold discussions with College authorities.

The Minister supported a College submission to extend the Child Care Unit from its present 25-places to 60-places but said he would wait until the College heard from the Federal Government before making a final commitment. The College has applied to the State Government for capital funds and to the Federal Government for recurrent funds to extend the Unit.

Mr Walker said he would give high priority in seeking funds from additional sources to maintain the level of service in the Early Childhood Intervention Programme for Pre-schoolers operated by the Special Education Centre. The programme is funded under grants and it could lose a teacher if additional funding is not forthcoming by September.

Above: Mr Frank Walker (r) visits the Special Education Centre with the Member for Waratah, Mr. John Price, and the Principal, Dr Huxley.
GRADUATE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

A special meeting of Council on June 13 elected two Graduate Members to finalise the Council membership.

The Council in April resolved to appoint two Graduate Members pending the implementation of the Colleges of Advanced Education Amending Legislation.

Advertisements appeared in a number of publications and seven nominations were received from Graduates of the College.

The successful nominees are Brian Adamthwaite who was awarded his Diploma in Teaching (Primary) in 1979 and his Diploma in Teacher Librarianship in 1982 and Bev Henwood who was awarded her Teacher's Certificate in 1961.

Brian Adamthwaite was a former President of the Students' Association and is currently teaching at Branxton Public School. Bev Henwood is a Community Social Worker with the Newcastle East Community Health Team and last year was a part-time lecturer for the College's Departments of Social Welfare and Education.

ACTING HEAD OF SCHOOL

The College is currently calling for applications from interested members of Staff for the position of Acting Head of School of the School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies.

The position will become available from July 15 following the resignation of Dr John Gay, who is returning to America.

Applications close this Friday (June 28) and further details of the vacancy are available on the Staff Lounge noticeboard.

NEW COLLEGE BROCHURE

A new 12-page colour brochure which focuses mainly on the College, its academic structure and admission requirements and procedures is currently being distributed to Careers Advisers and other target markets.

The brochure has been developed by the College's Advertising and Publicity Sub-committee. Graphic arts and layout were controlled by one of Newcastle's top graphic artists, Mike Eggleston, and the publication was printed by George Neader Pty. Ltd. at Hamilton.

The brochure outlines the College's history and development, courses offered within the three Schools, admission requirements and procedures and also a page on the attractions of the Hunter Valley.

Chairman of the Advertising and Publicity Sub-committee, Dr. John Gay, said copies had been distributed to staff but that extra copies were available from the Public Relations Office.

He said 10,000 copies of the brochure were printed and that they will be used extensively over the next few years to promote the College and its courses.

STAFF ASSOCIATION

The Staff Association has organised a social function at Thunderbolts Retreat for Friday night August 9.

Reservations have been made for 100 people and tickets are available from Anne Brown, Marilyn Wagstaff or Neil Wright at a cost of $16 each.

The Staff Association is hiring a bus to take people to and from the venue near the corner of John Renshaw Drive and Mimmi Road at Beresfield. Pre bookings can be made on the sheet in the Staff Lounge.
RAAF Students

CENTRE VISIT AS PART OF COURSE

The Special Education Centre became a learning facility last week for R.A.A.F. Instructors who are enrolled as students in the Diploma in Teaching (T.A.F.E.) course.

The instructors visited the Centre last Wednesday with lecturer, Wendy Harrison, as part of the educational psychology component of their course.

Chief Instructor, Ray Small, said the men were surprised at the expertise of the Centre and that they were able to see learning theories in action.

The Instructors are studying part-time over a three-year period for their Diploma qualification and the College hopes to develop a strong liaison with the Williamstown R.A.A.F. Base as a result of the initial intake of students.

The Instructors are responsible for R.A.A.F. personnel undertaking postgraduate level technical training and are looking at course development through computer-based training.

Above: TAFE lecturer Wendy Harrison, and Chief Instructor, Ray Small (Centre) visit the Junior Intervention Class with other RAAF instructors for part of their Diploma studies.

College News

ENRICHMENT DAY

About 350 Year 12 Home Economics students from Hunter Valley, Central Coast and Mid North Coast High Schools last week attended a special tuition day at the College to help in their preparation for the coming Higher School Certificate.

Known as an 'Enrichment Day' the programme was sponsored by the College and the Hunter Home Economics Teachers' Association for home science and textile students.

The Head of the Department of Home Economics at the College, Faith Trent, said the Enrichment Day had been held for the past three years and had proved a great success in assisting the Year 12 students.

"The day provided the opportunity for students who are sitting for the Higher School Certificate later this year a look at relevant topics from a broader viewpoint," said Faith.

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SCHOOL ARTS PAPER

The School of Visual and Performing Arts is to publish its own School Arts Newspaper and hopes to distribute its first edition in September/October.

The Head of the School, Graham Gilchrist, said a meeting was held last week of interested students and that they were now forming into groups to control different section of the newspaper.

"The newspaper will be of good reproduction and we will be distributing it outside the College as well as within," said Graham.

"The paper will contain creative material and we are now seeking contributions for the first edition."

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PAINT LABORATORY FIRST IN AUSTRALIA

A paint laboratory which is now fully operational in the Art Building and allows students to make and research all types of paints, printing inks and resins is the first of its type to be established on a CAE campus in Australia.

The laboratory is under the control of the Department of Two Dimensional Fine Art and it has turned out to be an efficient paint-making facility and teaching facility.

The laboratory has been established through the assistance of College demonstrator, Eugene Maxwell-Smith. Eugene has an extensive background in the plastics industry and as a B.A.V.A. student raised the question of the facility.

Since its establishment the laboratory has allowed students to be creative in the making of material. It has allowed research on individual problems and also given the opportunity for students to explore available materials.

Above: Eugene Maxwell-Smith measures dispersant for use in a cavitation mixer which forms part of the paint laboratory at the Art Building.
College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, believes representatives of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission are pleased with the spirit of cooperation between the College and the University of Newcastle.

Dr Huxley expressed his views following a visit to the College late last month by the Chairman of the Universities Council, Professor Dunbar, and the Chairman of the Advanced Education Council, Dr Ramsey.

Professor Dunbar and Dr Ramsey were representing the T.E.C. as part of a review that was announced in June 1983 by the Federal Minister for Education, Senator Ryan. The Minister two years ago announced that amalgamations of the respective universities and colleges of advanced education in Newcastle and Armidale would not proceed, but that the T.E.C. would review the situation in consultation with the institutions in mid 1985.

Professor Dunbar and Dr Ramsey held discussions over two days with College and University officers before holding similar discussions in Armidale. They then met with the Higher Education Board for its views on the two regions.

Dr Huxley said his impression from the Newcastle talks were that the two Chairmen were impressed that the College and the University were co-operating.

"They recognised that the two institutions have a lot more things in the pipeline that needs to be investigated, and that change is likely to be evolutionary rather than revolutionary," said Dr Huxley.
T.E.C REPORT

"I accept that it is not possible for Professor Dunbar and Dr Ramsey to give any specific idea of what will be contained in their report until it is submitted.

"Once the report is compiled it will go to the Tertiary Education Commission and that body will decide if it is ready to report to Senator Ryan," the Principal said.

In other news concerning the Principal’s office, Dr Huxley has been appointed to two education bodies.

Dr Huxley has been appointed to the Hunter District Council of Technical and Further Education for a term which expires on May 31, 1987. The Minister for Education, Mr Cavalier, made the appointment, stating that the Council was responsible for fostering the development of technical and further education within the Hunter District.

Mr Cavalier also appointed Dr Huxley to the NSW Education Commission, the body being responsible mainly for the running of Primary, Secondary and Technical and Further Education in the State. Dr Huxley has been an external member of one of its Standing Committees for the last two years.

NEW HOURS FOR CREDIT UNION BRANCH

The Universities Credit Union has increased the number of operating hours for its College Branch.

The Branch has grown considerably since it opened in 1983 and the recent introduction of new services such as VISA CARD and REDITELLER has contributed to the demand for extended hours.

Branch Manager, Karen McIlvenie, said the new hours were 10.30am to 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday and also every second Wednesday (pay day).

SPORT INSTITUTE

NEWCASTLE AS POSSIBLE BASE

Recent talks at the College have led to the possibility of a regional Institute of Sport being established in Newcastle.

The Director of the Australian Institute of Sport, John Cheffers, met with College, University and Government sporting body representatives last Friday week for the first round of discussions to explore the possibility of establishing a regional Institute.

The Head of the College's Physical Education Department, Dr David Parsons, said Dr Cheffers believed in a policy of decentralisation and was looking at using the facilities of the College, the University and the sporting community to initially establish a regional Institute.

"The Institute’s policy includes promotion of coaches and teachers, sports camps and research - also medical research - and our talks with Dr Cheffers were very rewarding," said David.

"Dr Cheffers has offered to destroy incidental expenses for a Newcastle steering committee and has invited a number of us to Canberra for the opening on July 22 of the Sports Medicine/Sports Science aspect of the national Institute."

Above: Dr John Cheffers during a break in talks with Professor of Human Physiology at Newcastle University, Saxon White, and the Head of our Physical Education Department, Dr David Parsons.
ON-CAMPUS SCHOOL FOR RETRAINING GROUP

The group of teachers who enrolled last year in a special course to help overcome the State's acute teacher shortage have attended their first on-campus school at College.

Newcastle C.A.E. was one College which assisted the Department of Education in planning a course which would overcome the shortage in Secondary Mathematics, Science and Industrial Arts.

The teachers who attended Newcastle studied full-time for the second semester last year and this is being followed by two years of study by the off-campus mode through the College's Department of External Studies.

A compulsory component of the off-campus mode is that the teachers must attend on-campus schools and the first of these was held late last month.

The Head of the Department of Industrial Arts, Dr Kevin Morgan, said the 14 Industrial Arts teachers had found the school very rewarding.

SPECIAL COURSE

He said the teachers while at College had studied in the areas of material science, drawing, engineering mechanics and other module areas.

Meanwhile, the Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor, said the College would again be co-operating with the Department of Education to run another special course in Semester II.

"The Department has already advertised for applications in the Mathematics, Science and Industrial Arts specialisations and a total of 66 people are expected to start at the end of July," said Dr Taylor.

"We hope to enrol 25 students in both the Mathematics and Science programmes and 16 students in Industrial Arts.

"As with the candidates last year, the students will study full-time for one semester and then continue in 1986 and 1987 through the off-campus mode," he said.

The Mathematics and Science programmes lead to a Diploma in Education qualification and candidates must have a first degree with a major in science or a major or minor in mathematics.

The Industrial Arts programme is a retraining conversion course for primary and secondary teachers and will lead to a Diploma in Teaching qualification.

Dr Taylor said the successful candidates would find the one semester full-time component an intensive period that integrates theory and practical teaching.

"The teachers will enter the work force next year but continue studying by the off-campus mode, a part of which stipulates that they must attend on-campus schools at the College during the two years," said Dr Taylor.

The Department of Education is sponsoring the course, including the provision of in-school tutorial support during the off-campus component.

Above: Three of the teachers who attended the on-campus school, (L to R) Peter Johnson, Dave Phillips and Roger Blake, work on a material science project as part of their practical component.
CREATIVE WRITING

SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY NEW EXPERIENCE

A five-week creative writing programme has proved a lot of fun and also provided encouragement for a group of young students at The Junction Demonstration School.

The programme was devised by College lecturer, Frances Nugent, and the Acting Principal of the school, Mrs Louise Moss, and incorporated ideas from the new writing curriculum which is expected to be introduced next year.

Frances said the group of students, whose ages range from 5 to 7, had been writing stories but also typing them on electric and manual typewriters and then illustrating their scripts.

"It's been a chance for children to experience different ways to write and the creative writing periods each week have provided them with encouragement," said Frances.

"They read each others stories, have written on any item, and shown a great interest in the programme," she said.

Above: Frances Nugent helps 'creative writing' pupils (L to R) Leah Ainsworth, Peter Lange and Kristy Gillies with some of their stories during the special programme.

ANTIQUE FAIR

COLD, SILVER, PORCELAIN AND THINGS

The increasingly popular Antique Fair and Valuation Day organised each year by Firstchance is to be held in the Banquet Room of the Newcastle City Hall on Saturday, July 27.

Thousands of people in the past two years have taken advantage of the valuation day to have family heirlooms valued by experts from Sydney.

Secretary of Firstchance, John Strickland, said a lot of people brought small items in to be valued but some of the larger pieces last year included a mantelpiece and a chest of drawers.

Firstchance is the parents and friends organisation of the Special Education Centre and their third fair and valuation day will run from 10am to 3pm on July 27.

John said valuers from the Sydney firm of P.L. Pickles and Company were very experienced in the valuation of all types of antiques and that valuations this year will cost $3 per item.

"The valuers are usually able to give information about the age and origin of antiques as well as the likely price they would bring at auction," said John. "They can also give advice about how to dispose of antiques."

An increased number of antique dealers will be selling at the fair this year and there will be a wider range of antiques and collectables for sale.

"There has been a recent upsurge of interest in the purchase of antiques and they are widely regarded as having investment value in addition to being nice to own," said John.

"The increased interest has led to the publication of a price guide to the purchase of antiques in Australia and this guide will be available for purchase at the fair," he said.

Entry to the fair is free to valuation customers and $1 per head for other people. Children will be admitted free of charge. Refreshments will be available and all proceeds will go to Firstchance.
STUDENT RAISES FUNDS

A young College student who has been chosen to represent Australia at the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students will fly out to Russia later this month after a successful, but hurried, fundraising campaign.

Gail Garvey, a 22-year-old Aboriginal student in the fourth year of her Physical Education course, is one of 50 young Australians who will attend the Festival in Moscow.

Gail raised $1400 in less than two weeks to be a member of the Australian body and passed on her sincere thanks to College staff and students who helped in the fund-raising.

BRIDGING COURSE TO ASSIST ABORIGINES

The College is to again run a bridging course to assist Aborigines who wish to enter a College course in 1986.

The course starts on July 29 and will run for 13 weeks and is designed to assist Aborigines who do not meet normal Higher School Certificate aggregate requirements or Mature Age entry requirements.

Under the programme, selected applicants will be given tuition to prepare them for entry to the College next year. The course includes 12 hours of lectures and tutorials each week and 6 hours of private tutoring by Aboriginal Education Office tutors each week.

'MERIT' CONFERENCE

A conference on defining merit will be held at Macquarie University in September.

The conference is being organised by the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment and Macquarie University and will run from 8.30 am. to 5 pm. on Friday, September 27.

The objective of the conference is to focus debate on the meaning of merit as it is currently used, and might be used in the future, to determine the criteria for selection and promotion in employment. John Girdwood from our E.E.O. Unit has full details.
NEW APPOINTMENT

One of the first aims of the new Acting Head of School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies, Mrs Faith Trent, will be to hold talks on growth areas for the School and also on problems which it might face.

Mrs Trent said she would then see what she could do in her position to facilitate the growth or to discuss and solve problems which might affect the running of the School.

Mrs Trent was appointed last week as Acting Head of School and will hold the position until the College makes a permanent appointment. She was formerly Head of the Department of Home Economics.

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, has welcomed Mrs Trent's appointment saying she is well known within academic circles and the community.

"Mrs Trent has been involved in national and regional projects and was Head of one of our Departments for nearly four years," said Dr Huxley.

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Faith Trent - a new challenge
Mrs Trent replaces Dr John Gay who has accepted an academic position in America.

She holds a Diploma in Teaching from Sydney Teachers' College, a Bachelor of Science from University of Sydney, a Master of Arts from Simon Fraser University in Canada and is currently completing a Master of Arts in Multicultural Studies at Macquarie University.

Mrs Trent is Chairperson of the Board of Management of the Hunter Region Migrant Resource Centre and Vice President of the Supernova organisation. She has been an evaluator of national projects with the Curriculum Development Centre and a developer of programmes and resources in areas of electoral education, functioning of the Constitution and High Court, poverty, family studies and multicultural studies.

During her employment at the College Mrs Trent has been involved to varying degrees in the multicultural studies, police studies, social welfare and post-basic nursing courses while she has an extensive background in the implementation and evaluation of curriculum development and home economics.

"In addition to talking to people within the College I am also very interested in getting out to the community as I believe this is an important part of my work," said Faith.

ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Following Mrs Trent's appointment, the Principal has appointed Mrs Ena Abell as Acting Head of the Department of Home Economics.

Mrs Abell will hold the position until the end of this year, the expiry date for the three-year terms of office for all Heads of Department.

Mrs Abell holds a Bachelor of Arts from New England University and has been a member of the Home Economics Department for many years.

Principal's Staff Meeting

The inaugural Staff Meeting called by the Principal will be held in Lecture Theatre B15 at midday today.

The Principal intends to hold the meeting at three-monthly intervals as a means of communication between staff and 'the administration'.

Two items on the agenda today are the recent visits by the Advanced Education Council and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Review Committee which is to report to the Commission on the extent of rationalisation of resources achieved by the College and the University.

The second item is the Academic Structure of the College and its possible re-organisation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ON THE JOB

Newcomers to the College may not know (and old-timers may have forgotten) that the College has an Occupational Health & Safety Committee.

This Committee has significant responsibilities under State Legislation - and responsibilities to you, the worker.

It is currently considering health and safety aspects of V.D.U.'s asbestos, first aid and fire arrangements, and various other safety and health matters at the workplace.

If you have an Occupational Health problem or query, if you know of a safety problem, or if you just want to know more about the Committee - what it does, who the members are, etc., please contact the Secretary, Richard Dash in Staffing Services (Ext 437)

THAT 20% PAY RISE..................

As Neil said, it's pretty unlikely this will happen but the night at Thunderbolt's Retreat is definitely on.... and that's Friday, Aug. 9.

We need 100 people so dig deep and come and enjoy yourselves.
Fees Issue

Principal Voices Opposition

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, has maintained his opposition to the possible re-introduction of tertiary education fees.

In May this year Dr Huxley spoke out against the recommendation by the Minister for Finance that fees should be introduced for tertiary students. He also expressed the same opinion when the College was visited by the Advanced Education Council in late May.

Senator Walsh again raised the fees issue earlier this month in proposing a new scheme which would combine a system of student loans with the re-introduction of tertiary fees.

Under the scheme every student would be obliged to pay fees while every student would have the right to receive an equivalent loan. Loans could be advanced to students by private financial institutions, with a Government guarantee.

Dr Huxley said Senator Walsh's proposal seemed to be based on the extraordinary logic that higher education was a luxury, somewhat like a boat that many people might like but don't need, and that it was only used to obtain a higher income than less well-educated people.

'It suggests that the Government believes higher education is a luxury, that it is not essential to you as a person to be educated beyond secondary school,' he said.

'By some strange sort of logic he is suggesting that education beyond a certain point is of no intrinsic value and that it is a commodity that you buy like a car. It is free in primary and secondary school and even at technical institutions but once you go to higher education it is a luxury that you must buy.'

Dr Huxley said that Senator Walsh's previous assertions that abolishing tertiary fees had not produced any social change was incorrect because the numbers of women and mature age students attending colleges and universities had increased dramatically since then. To re-introduce fees would severely disadvantage many such students, he said.

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Holiday Venue

Northern Rivers C.A.E at Lismore is again making available its on-campus accommodation for the coming Christmas/New Year period at reasonable rates.

Tweed Villas and The Cottages are situated in rustic settings and are only a 2-3 hours drive from the Gold Coast, or 40 minutes from Byron Bay.

Tweed Villas consists of 27 town houses (2 or 3 bedrooms) while The Cottages comprise two 3-bedroom Logan Units.

The accommodation is available from December 23 this year through to February 21 next year. A discount of 20% is available for bookings commencing on or after February 3.

Our Public Relations office has full details.

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Assistance for Authors

The Australian Society of Authors is trying to assist authors concerning the legal right of copyright owners (authors and/or publishers).

The Society has suggested that people who would like to know how the organisation can help them should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to - The CAL Representative

The Australian Society of Authors Ltd.

P.O. Box 450

WILSONS POINT NSW 2061

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Supernova Premiere

Jack Caldwell is trying to find all the friends he has to attend the premiere of 'A Naked Country' in an effort to raise funds for this year's Supernova Science Fair. The film will be shown at the Kensington Theatre on Wednesday, August 7. The $10 tickets include cheese and wine tasting at 7.30pm.
CHEMISTRY WEEK

COLLEGE AS VENUE FOR COMPETITION

Hunter Region High School students used the facilities of the College to take part for the first time in a National Chemistry Week Competition.

The original competition was organised by the Head of our Science Department, Terry Sheedy, High School teacher, Jeff Bromage and Dr Ellak von Nagy-Felsobuki from the University of Newcastle.

The titration competition involves analysis of an acetic acid solution using a standard solution of hydrochloric acid by titration of both acids with sodium hydroxide.

The winning team from the Hunter Region comprised three girls from Gateshead High and they will now take part in a more challenging exercise as part of the Australian Science Teachers' Association's "Australian Science in Schools Week" in October.

The girls each received $10 for their Regional win, as did the individual winner who came from West Wallsend High School.

Above: (L to R) Competition organisers, Ellak von Nagy-Felsobuki, Jeff Bromage and Terry Sheedy with the winning team from Gateshead High School.

RESEARCH

WHY DON'T THEY COME TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

The College expects to receive a report next month from the Hunter Valley Research Foundation on why a majority of high school leavers do not attend a college of advanced education or a university.

The Research Foundation was commissioned by the College and the University of Newcastle to carry out the research following a study which was recently released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The study revealed that the proportion of Australian final year high school students going into colleges or universities has been steadily declining since 1974. In 1974 a total of 54% of high school students began tertiary studies, but this dropped to 41.6% in 1983.

The Research Foundation is interviewing 600 randomly selected Year 11 and Year 12 students at government and non-government schools in the Hunter Region. It hopes to identify the factors which stop the high school leavers from attending tertiary institutions.

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INFLUENZA VACCINE TRIAL RESULTS

The results of the influenza vaccine trial that was carried out at the College and the University are now available for those students who took part.

Students who wish to know their results can find a brief report in the Student Services Section of the College.

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DON'T FORGET

The Antique Fair and Valuation Day organised each year by First-chance will be held this Saturday in the Banquet Room of the City Hall. Valuation this year will cost $3 per item and the event will run from 10am to 3pm. An increased number of antique dealers will also be selling their wares at the fair.
NEW PUBLICATION ON EXAM TECHNIQUE

A Western Australian author has just published a manual on exam technique which may be of interest to College students.

The manual, entitled "Exam Victory", has been written by Ian McAllister and its 17 chapters include the topics of exam tactics, exam secrets, multiple choice, essay techniques, choosing a study syllabus, reading, taking notes and memory.

Students or Staff who are interested in finding more about the manual can write to Mr McAllister at 48 Koombana Avenue, South Hedland, W.A. 6722.

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ART EXHIBITION BY FORMER STUDENT

A former Art student of the College, Neil Emmerson, currently has an exhibition of works on display at the Lake Macquarie Community Gallery.

Neil majored in printmaking and completed his Diploma in Art in 1983. Last year he undertook postgraduate studies in painting at the City Art Institute in Sydney and previous to Newcastle studied printmaking and painting at Warrnambool Institute of Advanced Education.

Neil is currently a demonstrator of Lithography at this College and his exhibition will be open until August 4.

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GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Goethe Institute of Munich has made available a number of language scholarships to enable students to undertake an extensive two-months course in West Germany.

The scholarships are available to students who have successfully completed a basic course in German and wish to improve their knowledge of the language. The course will run from Nov. 28 this year to February 1, 1986. Full details of the scholarships are available from the College's Public Relations office.
REPORT: 1 or 2 months yet

The Chairman of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission, Mr Hugh Hudson, has indicated that it may be another one or two months before the Commission receives a report on any possible amalgamation of the College and the University of Newcastle.

Mr Hudson made his comment in Newcastle last week amid media reports that an amalgamation could go ahead.

The Chairman was in Newcastle to inspect facilities at both the College and University and also to address the conference dinner of the Australian Committee of Directors and Principals in Advanced Education, which was hosted by the College.

Mr Hudson told the media that he did not believe the current government would support amalgamation and also that closer co-operation could be achieved without amalgamation.

College Principal, Dr Huxley, said he would take more notice of the statement by Mr Hudson than of rumours that were being circulated.

"One of the authors of the review report (Chairman of the Advanced Education Council, Dr Ramsey) and Mr Hudson were in company of College officials last week and neither indicated the possibility of amalgamation," said Dr Huxley.

The Federal Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, announced in June 1983 when she called off the amalgamation of the College and the University that a review would take place in mid-1985.

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Dr Ramsey and the Chairman of the Universities Council, Professor Dunbar visited the College and the University in late June as part of the review.

Dr Husley said following the visit that he believed Dr Ramsey and Professor Dunbar were pleased with the spirit of co-operation between the College and University.

He said at the same time that the two men recognised the two institutions had a lot of things in the pipeline that need to be investigated and that change was likely to be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

**REVIEW**

**PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**ENGAGEMENTS IN U.S.A. AND U.K.**

A Staff Development Leave Programme for the Head of the Professional Studies Department, Trevor Fullerton, has become somewhat of a lecture tour as well as a study tour.

Trevor has received a number of invitations from overseas academics to talk on work conducted by the Department of Professional Studies and will have a busy time in both America and the United Kingdom.

"People whom I am visiting and have heard of our work in Newcastle have asked me to speak to their staff while I'm in their area," said Trevor, who left for the U.S. last Friday.

The main purpose of Trevor's programme is to look at the development of protocol material in the U.S. in relation to teacher training. The most exciting and promising development in this field occurred in the mid-1970's but it lost momentum mainly because of lack of funds.

Trevor said a number of overseas institutions still have the system in operation and that he hopes to obtain material which will bring more reality to traditional delivery systems that operate in most teacher training institutions in Australia.

Another aim of Trevor's programme will be to look at practicum arrangements in overseas institutions, with particular emphasis being given to micro teaching.

Trevor will pay a special visit to Don Cruickshank at Ohio State University. Don conducted a reflective teaching workshop here last year.

The home leg of his leave will take Trevor to institutions in the U.K.

**ABOVE:** Chairman of ACDP, Jack Barker (second from left) and Secretary of ACDP, John Scutt, meet Newcastle media representatives during last week's successful meeting.

**Trevor Fullerton - to visit the USA and the UK in the next six months.**
DISTRIBUTION THIS WEEK

The E.E.O. Unit this week is distributing to all staff a brief summary of the Draft Management Plan in order to allow further opportunity for comment.

The summary is divided into two sections, the first containing an outline of the findings of the survey which was carried out last year and also the review of personnel practices. The second section contains the objectives developed to assist in the promotion of Equal Employment Opportunity in the College.

As mentioned, all members of staff should receive a copy of the summary and you are also invited to inspect the full document by contacting the E.E.O Unit on Ext 380.

Staff who do not receive a summary can collect a copy from the Unit in Room A132.

TERTIARY OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

The Commonwealth Department of Education is seeking applications for a vacancy for an Australian teacher to teach English as a Foreign Language in China.

An agreement between the Australian and Chinese governments has led to the tertiary appointment in Shanghai from September 1986 to July 1987.

Applications must be qualified and experienced in the teaching of English as a Foreign Language, preferably at tertiary level.

Full information and application forms are available from The Secretary, Department of Education (Australia/China Teacher Exchange), P.O. Box 826, Woden, ACT. 2606.

Applications for the vacancy close on September 27 this year.

COLLEGE EVENTS

ANTIQUE FAIR - GREAT SUCCESS

The third annual Antique Fair and Valuation Day proved such a great success that about $2500 is expected to be raised for the Special Education Centre.

The event was organised by Firstchance, the parent and friends charity group of the Centre, and drew big crowds to the City Hall last Saturday week.

Special Education lecturer, Phil Foreman, said so many people were seeking valuations that they had to stop entry shortly after 3.30 p.m. Values from the Sydney firm of P.L. Pickles were still there two hours later in giving valuations on a wide range of items.

Phil said the Antique Fair also proved very popular and that the 17 dealers were very happy with the day.

Some of the unusual items which came up for valuation included a Lithgow Plate which the valuers said was an important piece of Australiana and a Wedgewood bust of Byron.

URGENT!

Today is one of the last chances to buy a ticket for next Friday night's function which is being run by the Staff Association at Thunderbolts Retreat.

The night is open to staff members, their families and friends so get a party together and have a good night.

The catch is that all monies - $16 a ticket - must be paid no later than tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon. Tickets are available from Neil Wright, Marilyn Wagstaff or Anne Brown and the Association is looking to sell 100 tickets.

A bus may be provided to run from the College to Thunderbolts Retreat if it is warranted and Neil will give details in the next few days.
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

NEW FACILITY FOR COLLEGE

A number of College groups are expected to benefit from a new adventure playground which has recently been developed at the rear of the tennis courts.

The Head of the Physical Education Department, Dr David Parsons, said equipment originally purchased by his department forms the nucleus of the playground but that more items would be installed in the future.

"Students in the Early Childhood and the Primary programmes will make good use of the facility in their studies and I'm sure children from the Child Care Centre will find it an advantage," he said.

"There are eight items of tubular steel playground equipment at present and ground improvement funds have been used to erect a border of Kopper logs and also spread bark in the playground area.

"The playground has been turned into an attractive area and students and staff will find it an excellent facility," said Dr Parsons.

ABOVE: Physical Education students use some of the adventure playground equipment during a lecture last week.

LIBRARY

COMPUTING BOOKS ON DISPLAY

Students enrolled in either of the College's two computing studies courses or students who are studying a module which involves computers should view an exhibition of books currently on display in the College Library.

The British Council has made available to the College an exhibition of books on 'Computers and Their Applications' and it will be on view in the Audiovisual Reading Room of the Library during August.

Pictured below are Assistant Library Technician, Carolyn Jacobs, and Library Assistant for the Aboriginal Enclave, Karen Williams, preparing the exhibition which includes more than 100 books.

The exhibition is split into a number of sections and these include general computer studies, hardware, distributed networks, systems software, information systems and data processing, programming and programming languages, computer graphics and others.

The books are for use in the Library but not for loan purposes.
SCHOLARSHIP

CALTEX AWARD FOR WOMEN

Caltex Oil (Australia) Pty. Ltd. is again running its Women Graduate Scholarship Scheme for 1986 and is currently calling for applications for one National and six State Awards.

The National Award is valued at $44,000 and each State Award at $5,000. Each State winner automatically qualifies for selection for the National Award.

The National Award is to facilitate overseas graduate studies and the Scholarship will be for a maximum of two years tenable at a University or tertiary institution in Europe, the United Kingdom, America or Canada or an approved institution in any other country.

Conditions of eligibility for either the National or State Awards are:-

1. Women who are Australian citizens or who have resided in Australia continuously for seven years.

2. Be not in possession of a degree at the doctorate level from any recognised university or other tertiary institution.
   
   (a) completing in 1985, or have completed in 1984, a degree in an Australian university or other tertiary institution;
   
   (b) completing in 1985, or have completed in 1984, a diploma in an Australian university or other tertiary institution after having previously completed a degree in a university or other tertiary institution.

Applications close on September 27, with Miss A. Bryant, Secretary of the N.S.W. Selection Committee, The Caltex Woman Graduate of the Year Scholarship, The University of Sydney, N.S.W. 2006.

Full details are available from the College Public Relations Office.

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FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Australian-American Educational Foundation is inviting applications for its 1985 Fulbright Awards.

Information sheets on the Awards are pinned to the Staff Notice-Board and full details are available from the College Public Relations Office.
'Peace Senator' Jo Valentine is to be invited to address staff and students as a highlight to a special day to celebrate International Youth Year and international peace.

The College's I.Y.Y. Committee is organising activities for Wednesday, September 18, between 11 am and 1 pm.

Committee Chairperson, Jenny Gore, said lecturers would be asked to re-negotiate their 11am to midday lecture to allow all students to attend activities which will be centred on the cafeteria courtyard.

(It has been suggested that lecturers may like to re-schedule their 11am lecture from Wednesday to the common lunch hour on Monday. Midday to 1pm on Wednesday is a common lunch hour.)

Jenny said Senator Valentine was being invited because of her involvement in the peace movement and also because International Peace Day was on September 17.

In addition to Senator Valentine's proposed speech, the two hours will comprise a staff versus student trivial pursuit competition, a liturgy delivered by Sister Mary Goldsworthy, a barbeque, market stalls and other events being organised on international youth affairs," said Jenny.

"The idea of the activities is to bring staff and students together to recognise International Youth Year and also International Peace Day.

Staff or students who wish to contribute ideas for the day are invited to contact Jenny or members of the committee in Sister Mary Goldsworthy, Hugh Gordon, Bill Casey, Kerry Thompson or Keith Powell.
NURSING WING

FIVE MONTH PROJECT

Work has begun on Stage II of the Nursing Wing and a completion date has been set for just before Christmas.

The cost of the project is $388,000 and the builder is D.F. McCloy Pty. Ltd, the same company which constructed Stage I earlier this year.

Stage II will consist of three tutorial rooms, four offices and toilets on the first floor. A departmental office, 10 offices for academic staff, two store rooms and toilets will comprise the ground floor.

The Wing, known as the Richardson Wing in recognition of the late Principal of the College, Dr Eddie Richardson, will eventually comprise three Stages at an estimated cost of about $1.4M.

The Wing is being constructed to accommodate students in the new Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course.

Above: Stage II of the Richardson Wing begins to take shape adjacent to Stage I which was opened by Premier Wran this year.

SABBATICAL

STUDY OF TEACHER PREPARATION

An American academic who is on sabbatical leave at this College until June next year is studying the Australian education system and giving particular emphasis to teacher preparation.

Ron Frye, who is Assistant Dean and Director of Certification of the School of Professional Studies at Central Washington University, arrived with his family about three weeks ago.

He is interested in seeing if parts of the teacher preparation programme of this College could be implemented in the programme at Central Washington University.

Ron found his way to Newcastle after writing to a number of Australian institutions and receiving a positive response from the Head of our School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor.

"I felt that Newcastle CAE was representative and also had innovative ideas for teacher preparation," said Ron.

"I intend to be reading a lot and also asking a lot of questions about approaches to teacher education in Australia," he added.

Ron will be carrying out some lecturing for our Departments of TAFE and Industrial Arts while also doing some curriculum work for Industrial Arts.

Although based in Newcastle he will be studying the Australian education system and will be required to write a preliminary report within two weeks of his return to America. A full report must be lodged within three months.

RIGHT: Ron Frye - settling into Australia and the College.
COLLEGE NEWS

CATERING TRADE FAIR

Nationwide Food Service has issued an invitation to all Staff to attend their Catering trade Fair at the College on Friday week, August 30.

The Fair will be open between 3 pm and 7 pm and Nationwide will be setting up a barbecue (weather permitting) to handle the lunchtime trade. This will allow trade exhibits to be arranged in the Cafeteria area.

A major aim of the Fair is to ensure that Staff are aware of new products and to give their opinions of new lines that could be made available through the Cafeteria.

In other news, Nationwide today is introducing a better service to cater for Staff over the coming vacation period. This service is the result of a Staff survey and members are invited to comment on the range being offered.

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AUSTRALIAN WILDFLOWERS

The College will again be the venue for the Annual Exhibition of Australian Wildflowers presented by the Newcastle group of the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

The Exhibition which will be the 10th annual display, draws big crowds and organisers are expecting the same response on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15.

Displays and attractions will include cut flowers, ferns and orchids, a simulated garden, conservation, books, an audiovisual session on local plants and propagation, an art exhibition and a photographic display.

Admission will be $2 for adults and $1 for pensioners while children will be admitted free.

Exhibition hours on the Saturday will be from 11 am. to 5 pm. and on the Sunday from 10 am. to 5 pm.

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FOR STAFF

VIEWS SOUGHT ON SURVEY

The College occupational Health and Safety Committee is seeking the views of staff on the Asbestos Survey conducted earlier this year by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

Copies of the report of this survey are available for study, as are copies of the College report from 1984 which led to the survey.

Please contact the Secretary of the Committee if you wish to see either of these reports, or make known any views on this or any other safety or occupational health issue.

The Secretary is Richard Dash who can be located in Staffing Services.

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R.S.I. SEMINAR

A seminar on Repetitive Strain Injury is to be held from midday to 1 pm. on Wednesday August 21 in Lecture Theatre B13.

The seminar will include talks by a doctor and a physiotherapist and the viewing of a video.

If your work involves VDU's or other repetitive keyboard equipment, or you have an interest in this subject, this expert panel will provide valuable information on a controversial topic.

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GENERAL STAFF MEETING

A meeting of Staff will be held at midday today (August 19) to discuss the E.E.O. Management Plan for the College.

The meeting will be held in Lecture Theatre B 15 and follows the distribution of a summary of objectives of the Plan.
NEW AWARD SYSTEM

A recent visit by senior officers of the Royal Life Saving Society was the prelude to a special Seminar which will be held at Stockton Pool in October to explain the recently introduced swimming and life saving award system.

The Society's Education Consultant, Marilyn Styles, and its M.S.W. Branch Executive Director, Colin Barnes met with College staff and students to explain the scheme.

The Head of the Physical Education Department, Dr Dave Parsons, who is also the Newcastle Branch President of the Society, said the new system was being well received.

"The October Seminar will be conducted by Kevin Laffey and it will be open to all people in order to familiarise them with the syllabus," said Dave.

"The system, known as Swimming and Life Saving, is based on a credit award scheme and six books detailing all information are available for loan from our College Library," he said.

ABOVE: (L to R) Dave Parsons, Marilyn Styles and Colin Barnes during the recent College visit. The October seminar will be widely publicised to gain maximum attendance.

LOGO WINNER

CIRCLE AS DESIGN PATTERN

What started off as a bit of an interest has led to the winning of a logo competition for Industrial Arts lecturer, Barry Ableson.

The newly formed department of Management at the University of Newcastle began a search earlier this year for a logo and approached sections of the College to see if staff or students were interested in submitting entries.

Barry, who has drawn some graphics for the Marching Koalas band, drew a few drafts incorporating the letter 'M' and the University crest.

"I changed the design and based the logo on a circle pattern so that it could be used on a badge and other items," said Barry.

"The logo (right) depicts a symbolic worker on the left and a symbolic manager on the right. The arcs top and bottom form a visual link between the worker and manager and represent an exchange of ideas between the two.

"The University - its crest being in the middle of the logo - is the link through its management course," added Barry.

Quite a few entries were received in the competition and Barry received news late last month of his success.

His prize for the winning entry is a bookshop voucher and Barry expects to see the logo on letterheads in the near future.

Right: Barry Ableson - designer of winning logo.
CITY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

A demonstrator with the Department of Three Dimensional Visual Arts and also a Graduate Art student, Ernest Hew, has been selected as the City of Newcastle Artist-in-Residence for 1985.

Ernest, who has won several art awards in recent years, is a sculptor and has participated in several group exhibitions in Sydney and Newcastle.

The Artist-in-Residence scheme is to assist young graduates to establish themselves as practising artists within the community. The residency provides accommodation and studio space at Shepherd's Hill Cottage, The Terrace, a 32-week stipend and an allowance for materials.

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NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

University Co-operative Bookshop Limited is calling for nominations for the Election of Directors.

Two positions will be contested due to normal retirement by rotation as required under the Co-operative's rules.

Forms are available from the Secretary, Mr. C. Bain and should be lodged at the Registered office, 76-84 Bay Street, Broadway, 2007 by 2 pm. on Friday September 6, 1985.

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THUNDERBOLT'S RETREAT

The Staff Association would like to thank all those people who attended its Bush Dance at Thunderbolt's Retreat last Friday week.

The 80 people who attended had a great night, even though there was some sore bodies on the Saturday morning.

The next major Staff Association function is likely to be the annual Christmas Party about the end of November and the Association would like Staff to keep this in mind in order to have a good crowd.
HOUSING NETWORK

A suggestion nine months ago has led to the establishment of a national student housing association that will assist students to find accommodation during the holiday periods and also act as a national lobbying body on student housing issues.

One of the driving forces behind the new organisation is our Student Advisory Officer, Bill Casey, who has been co-ordinating a register of contacts in each state since January.

Bill attended the Australian and New Zealand Student Services Association (ANZSSA) Conference in Hobart last January and the idea was floated about a national student housing association.

"There was a lot of interest in the scheme and during the past nine months we have established the National Network of Student Housing Officers," said Bill.

"More than 30 student housing officers at tertiary institutions throughout Australia belong to the network and I'm co-ordinating the scheme from Newcastle."

The two main aims of the network are to share information and ideas on student housing and also to provide a co-ordinated national view on student housing issues to appropriate government bodies.
A specific function will be the pooling of information about rented houses and rooms available for sub-letting over vacation periods. Student who are travelling during the holidays will be able to contact a student housing officer to sub-let accommodation that local students are not using for that period.

Bill believes this will serve the dual purpose of providing accommodation inter-state for students on practicum or holidays as well as filling local accommodation to make it financially viable to maintain those places during vacation periods.

Victorian Success
A similar organisation in Victoria, the Student Housing Officers' Association (SHOA) has been operating successfully for the past two years but has had limited effectiveness in attempting to influence Commonwealth Government policies in crucial areas such as TEAS, funds for capital works in student housing and in participation and equity policies.

Bill said he believed that the new national network would have a more forceful voice in stating its opinion to Government bodies.

"We will be able to lobby student housing issues as a professional organisation and this is very important in this day and age," said Bill.

"The network is a service to students and we believe they will get the benefit from both our lobbying activities and the opportunity to sub-let their accommodation during holiday periods."

Newsletter
A newsletter, entitled Student Housing News, is being distributed throughout Australia this week to promote the aims of the network and also to gather information from all states.

Bill said the newsletter would be produced a number of times each year and that the flexible structure of the network would enable it to respond to policy issues when necessary.

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### COLLEGE STAFF

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS

Two new faces in our Staffing Services Section are Don Foster and Bev Richards.

Don has taken up the position of Assistant Registrar (Staffing Services) while Bev has been employed as an Administrative Assistant and will work in the areas of staff establishment, travel, workers compensation and also assist in recruitment.

Don was Secretary at Orange Agricultural College for more than seven years before coming to Newcastle and has wide experience in the operations of a tertiary institution.

Don is still settling into his new job but has had the opportunity of visiting a few departments and sections around the College.

"I hope to be getting around a lot more in the next few weeks to find who works where and also to gain a better knowledge of the layout of the College," said Don.

Bev also has wide experience in her field, having worked in the Staff Office of the University of Newcastle for the past four years.

Other recent appointments have been Dennis Donohoe as an Administrative Officer in the Academic Secretariat, Faye Date as a Clerical Assistant in External Studies, Lyn Corcoran who is replacing Lyn Alderman (maternity leave) and Chris Sullivan who is a temporary Clerical assistant for the Department of Three Dimensional Visual Arts.

**ABOVE: Don and Bev –settling into their new positions.**
FEELING FIT?

Kaye Thomas is again to run her popular STAFFIT programme from next week.

The 10-week programme starts next Monday (September 9) and will include a different activity over four days each week. The cost for the full programme is $20 but there is a reduction in rates if attendance is limited.

The venue each day will be the gym and the programme will be:

MONDAY: Midday - Aerobics or Tai Chi (with Neil Wright)
TUESDAY: 1 pm - General Fitness
WEDNESDAY: Midday - Badminton (with Ross Owen)
THURSDAY: 1 pm - General Fitness

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ENERGY CONSERVATION

Staff are requested to be aware of the need to conserve energy following a 15% increase in electricity consumption in the first six months of this year. Energy conservation can include turning off unnecessary lights and heaters, switching off facilities at the end of each day and making sure lights are turned off after lectures.

R.S.I. SEMINAR

The recent Seminar on Repetitive Strain Injury aroused considerable interest through a large audience.

The video screened at the Seminar 'RSI: Commonsense Approach' was informative and a copy is held in the University Library to enable further screenings.

Dr Bob Burke of the University Medical Service ran through the symptoms and other medical aspects of RSI while a physiotherapist specialising in Occupational Health and ergonomics, Elizabeth Turner, gave a comprehensive presentation which was illustrated with diagrams of equipment and posture and of the use of a chair and keyboard.

Questions involved issues such as the generality of repetitive work (ie. not confined to VDU's or other keyboards) and the optical aspects of VDU's.

Chairman of the Seminar, Kevin Morgan, has invited Staff members to contact the College's Occupational Health and Safety Committee if they are concerned about a health issue.

The Secretary of the Committee is Richard Dash who is currently located in the Staffing Services Section.

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

A sculpture exhibition by Staff and students at the College will go on display this week at the Maitland City Art Gallery.

The exhibition will run until September 29 and is one of the main exhibitions presented by the Gallery each year.

The Director of the Irving Sculpture Gallery in Sydney, Celia Winter-Irving, will officially open the exhibition this Wednesday (September 4) at 6 pm.

Brough House in Church Street, Maitland is the venue for the exhibition.
JEAN PAUL SARTRE ON FILM

The Head of our Department of Three Dimensional Visual Arts, Ken Leveson, is playing a leading role in a film currently under production by our Film and Video students.

Ken is playing the role of the father (Charles) in an adaption of the Jean Paul Sartre novel, 'The Room'. Other leading players are a Sydney actress, Marjorie Simpson, who plays the mother (Janet), third year sculpture student Edward Milan who plays the son-in-law (Peter) and first year communications studies student Nicki Boden who plays the daughter (Eve).

The man behind the film is Film and Video lecturer, Barry Shepherd and he has a team of about 12 students who are helping him shoot the 45 minute film.

"It's the first time we have attempted anything of this scale and one of the major aims is to show that making a film is a team effort," said Barry.

'THE ROOM'

"The film will also show that there is not just Swinburne or the Australian Film and Television School doing this sort of thing."

'The Room' is being shot on location in Sydney and Newcastle and one of the local venues was the well-known Grand Hotel in Bolton Street in the City. The Hotel was chosen because of its decor and the character of its staircase which will be used in parts of the film.

"The novel is a story about despair and the film has three parts," said Barry. "The first part is about the father and mother and their disappointment at the marriage of Eve and Peter. The second part is about the clash between the father and Eve and the third part shows how there is no resolving the affair - how the state of despair continues."

"We looked at a number of hotels before we selected the Grand and we recently shot for a full two days in Bolton Street," Barry said.

There is still a lot of work to be done on the film but Barry hopes to have the end product available for screening towards the end of October. One of the scenes will be shot at the College in the next few weeks.

The film started off as a second year BAVA project with assistance by first year Communications students. It's aroused a lot of interest among students and one of the initial problems was auditioning people for parts in the play.

Edward Milan is probably best known for his parts in College plays while Nicki Boden has also been involved in student productions. Ken Leveson has also been on the 'silver screen' before having taken part in a College production last year.

Barry said he intended to approach NBN 3 for viewing time while he also expected to contact the Australian Film Corporation for grants for further development of Film and Video within the College.

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Above: Barry Shepherd (centre) directs Edward Milan and Nicki Boden (seated left) during the shooting at the Grand Hotel in Bolton Street, Newcastle.
I.Y.Y. AND PEACE

The College will celebrate International Youth Year and also International Peace with a variety of events on Wednesday.

The College's I.Y.Y. Committee has been working over the past two months to organise the events which it hopes will be attractive to both the staff and students.

Committee Chairperson, Jenny Gore, said lecturers were being asked to renegotiate their 11 am. to midday lecture on Wednesday to allow students to attend the activities which will be centred on the Cafeteria courtyard.

"Activities have been centred on youth and on the peace issue and we hope that all members of staff and all students will take advantage of the programme on Wednesday," said Jenny.

"As a reminder of events, 1000 peace buttons and cards will be distributed at the entrances to the College on Wednesday morning.

"The buttons have been made from white clay by former Ceramics lecturer and now TAFE student, Barbara Pengelly and contain their own message on peace."
**I.Y.Y. DAY**

"The programme includes stalls, a market day, a guest speaker, a staff v students trivia match, a jazz band and also barbecue so we hope that everybody joins in the fun and helps us celebrate youth and peace," Jenny said.

Guest speaker on Wednesday will be Gillian Fisher from the New South Wales PANDA movement. Gillian has a degree in Visual Arts, was a Senate candidate in the last Federal elections and was one of the people who established PANDA.

In June she co-ordinated the Australian/Pacific Women's Peace Conference and in July was a member of the group which demonstrated at Pine Gap. Gillian has also written a book entitled, 'Australians for Peace'.

The Staff team for the trivia match includes the 'youthful' quartet of Anona Lovett (of front enqury counter fame), Doug Absalom, Faith Trent and Bill Casey. The latest word from the SRC is that the students are trying to counter the Lovett/Absalom/Trent/Casey strategy and were delaying the naming of their team until the last minute. To ensure impartiality College Principal, Doug Huxley will adjudicate the match.

The programme for the day will be:

11am. - 11.15 am. Conservatorium Jazz Band
11.15 - 11.35 Guest Speaker - Gillian Fisher
11.35 - Midday Jazz
Midday - 12.30 Trivial Pursuit Match - Staff v Students
12.30 - 1 pm. Jazz

The cost for the barbecue will be $2 and don't forget there'll be stalls and a market day. Students interested in the market day should contact the SRC.

Jenny said the I.Y.Y. Committee decided to celebrate youth and peace together because International Youth Year was spread across 1985 while International Peace Day will be tomorrow (Tuesday, September 17).

She said activities were being held on Wednesday at the College to take advantage of the common lunch hour.

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**MATTARA WIN**

**FIRST AWARD IN 10 YEARS**

A developing artistic talent paid dividends during the recent Mattara Festival for our casual employee in the Printery, Leone Jordan.

Leone has been working on a casual basis in the Printery for the past six years and unbeknown to most staff is also in the fourth year of her Associate Diploma in Creative Arts and Crafts.

She is majoring in painting and drawing in her final year and it is the painting aspect that has won her a major award in the Mattara Festival.

Leone was awarded first prize in the Senior Traditional Section of the Mattara Outdoor Art Exhibition. The section was judged by well-known Cooranbong artist, Morris Kennedy, and Leone received $500 for taking out first prize.

"The award was a complete surprise and a real shock as I have been entering the Exhibition for the past 10 years without any success," said Leone.

"My winning painting was a portrait of a young man done in acrylics and was one of three works I entered this year."

Another bonus for Leone was that her winning portrait was purchased while on display in Civic Park.

Leone said she had always been interested in painting and enrolled as a part-time student in the Associate Diploma course to develop her talents. She does not confine herself to portrait work but likes to paint a variety of subjects.

Leone Jordan - shocked at winning Mattara Art Prize.
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ROTARY EXCHANGE

The Rotary Club of Newcastle is seeking applicants from the College for a Group Study Exchange Tour to Alaska in mid-1986.

Candidates must be a young business or professional man between the ages of 25 and 35 inclusive who has been employed in a recognised business or profession.

The tour will be for 6-8 weeks during May/June/July 1986 and nominations close on September 30 this year. The College Information and Publicity Office has full details and nomination forms.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The Institute of International Education is currently publicising its 1986/87 International Fellowship Programme.

The programme is open to candidates for U.S. Master's degrees in all academic fields of study and also to candidates who are currently undertaking their PhD and would benefit from an academic year of non-degree graduate study or research in the United States.

The Australian-American Educational Foundation is co-ordinating the selection of an Australian for the fellowship and applications close on October 31 this year. The College Information and Publicity office has full details.

FOR SALE

House at Kotara Heights, $69,000. Large well-stocked level block with views to Nobbys and beyond. Contemporary style and air conditioned. Aluminium clad for easy maintenance. Three bedrooms, garage and carport, fruit trees and grape vines. Owner going overseas. Telephone 685438 during the day.

STAFF NEWS

NASERP VOTING

Voting is now open to elect a non-academic staff member to the Non-Academic Staff Establishment Review Panel.

At the close of nominations last week two people, Sandra Jones from Purchasing and Margaret Stewart from the Library, had nominated for the position.

Non-academic staff can lodge their vote in the Staffing Services office between 10 am. and 4 pm. on working days up until Thursday, September 26 (ballot closes midday on September 26).

PARKING

The Director of the Special Education Centre, Dr Jim Miles, is requesting staff to avoid using the parking spaces near the Centre because of problems some mothers are facing in dropping off or picking up developmentally delayed children.

Jim says that at times up to 20 mothers have to have access to the Centre and that although some special parking spaces are provided, the number is insufficient.

The main problem occurs in the morning as there is less demand by mothers for parking space after 2 pm.

SCULPTURE PRAISE

The current exhibition of sculpture works by College staff and students at the Maitland City Art Gallery has received wide praise from critics.

The exhibition combines work of lecturers, staff and 13 students from the School of Visual and Performing Arts and a large variety of materials have been used in the works on display.

Critic for the Newcastle Herald, Jill Stessell, said she hoped that many Newcastle people would make the effort to visit Maitland Art Gallery to view the exhibition, which she classed as important and exciting.

The exhibition runs until September 29.
NEW EXECUTIVE

The President of the Newcastle C.A.E. Sub-Branch of the Public Service Association, Bill Casey, has been returned for his second consecutive term. Secretary, Margaret Stewart, also will be serving her second consecutive term.


Richard Dash replaces Charlie Clements who did not seek re-election.

Bill said the two main items the Sub-Branch was currently discussing were the E.E.O. Management Plan and also the asbestos survey. He said P.S.A. members who wanted to comment on the above items were welcome to see him for discussion.

The next executive meeting of the College Sub-Branch will be this coming Thursday (September 19) in Room C 23 at midday. P.S.A. members who wish to have an item discussed should give notice in the next few days.

STUDENT NEWS

EXHIBITION SPACE

An informal exhibition space has been established on C level for students studying in the Visual Arts/Communications Studies areas.

The space is located between the Visual Arts Communication office and the walkway to C level and students interested in booking space should see Pam Delbridge in the VAC office.

The initial exhibition is photographic work by Andrew Brown and Richard Ferguson who are in the third year of their BAVA course. Andrew and Richard are both photographic major students.

Although the works are not finalised, it is hoped their display will create interest and discussion amongst other students and lead to exhibitions on an ongoing basis.

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The magazine is intended to be a quality production and representative of the School to both internal and external readers. A name is still being sought for the magazine - any ideas?
College students are being invited to become members of the Universities Credit Union Limited to be eligible for a $500 scholarship that will be available next year.

The invitation was made at the annual meeting of Newcastle members of the Credit Union last week. The Chairman of Directors, Mr. Tony McNamara, said there were now 911 Newcastle members of the Credit Union and that he hoped to see that number grow in future years.

He told the meeting there had been nearly a 29% increase in savings to $1.78M in the past year while loans had increased by nearly 33% to $1.99M.

The Credit Union has a branch which operates at the College every Tuesday and Thursday between 10.30 am. and 2 pm. and also every second Wednesday (pay week) between 11 am. and 1 pm. The branch is located in Room A 89 - near the Cashiers Office and is staffed by Karen McIlvenie.

The close association between the Credit Union and the College resulted in the announcement earlier this year that a $500 scholarship was being established by the Universities Credit Union Limited.

The scholarship, which will be an annual donation and made available for the first time in 1986, is for students enrolled in an undergraduate course at the College.

Under normal conditions, students have to be members of the Credit Union for 12 months to be eligible to apply for the scholarship. However, the period has been reduced to six months for the inaugural scholarship.

A number of conditions apply to the scholarship, such as the award of the scholarship being based on academic merit in previous studies at the College and the scholarship being tenable in the second and later years of any undergraduate degree course of the College.

Full details of the scholarship and of how to apply for membership of the Credit Union are available from Karen McIlvenie during branch operating hours.
STAGE III APPROVED

The College has received permission from the N.S.W. Higher Education Board to proceed with the construction of Stage III of the Nursing Wing, taking the total cost of the project to more than $1 million.

The Wing, known as the Richardson Wing after the late Principal of the College, Dr Eddie Richardson, is being built to accommodate students in the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course.

Stage I of the project was officially opened earlier this year by the Premier, Mr Wran, and students used the new facility for the first time at the beginning of Semester II.

The three Stages of the project are being built by D.F. McCloy Pty. Ltd. and workmen are well advanced with Stage II. The first floor slab has already been poured and the ground floor slab was poured at the weekend.

Stage II is expected to be completed by Christmas and the projected completion date for Stage III is early March next year.

Stage III will consist of five tutorial rooms, a lecture room with in-built facilities for a multi-purpose learning laboratory and ten academic staff offices which will accommodate 19 members. Formwork has already been erected for the third Stage.

The completion of Stage II will add three tutorial rooms, departmental and academic offices, storerooms and toilets to the initial Stage.

The project cost has been $300,000 for Stage I and will be $388,000 for Stage II and $373,000 for Stage III.
WORLD EXPERT AS GUEST SPEAKER

A world expert in the area of early childhood education will be the guest speaker at a special conference being organised by the College and the Hunter In-Service Council (Early Childhood) as a lead in to N.S.W. Children's Week.

The speaker is Dr Bernard Spodek, Professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois. He will deliver the keynote address at the conference on Saturday, October 12.

Conference Convenor, Wendy Schiller, herself a lecturer in Early Childhood at the College, said Dr Spodek was known throughout the world for his work and also for a survey he completed in 1983-4.

"His survey - in which Newcastle CAE took part - centred on a comparative study of early childhood services in America and in Australia," said Wendy.

"Dr Spodek's address will contain the study as its theme and many people in the Hunter are looking forward to attending the conference to hear him," added Wendy.

Children's Week in New South Wales will be held between October 19th and 26th and the Hunter conference for the past seven years has been a major local highlight of the Week.

This year's conference is entitled "Who Am I In The Eyes of Children?" and about 150 people are expected to attend from social welfare, pre-school, playgroup and parent organisations in addition to students from this College and the technical colleges.

The conference fee is $12 but full-time students can register for $7 and applications must be submitted before Friday (Oct 4).

Wendy said the format of this year's conference will be different to the strand-type structure of last year in that Saturday week's conference will look at the preparation of early childhood personnel.

"The conference will contain a seminar in the morning and another in the afternoon and a summary will be conducted to gather recommendations from participants," said Wendy.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

The conference programme will include a welcoming address by the Assistant Principal of the College before Dr Spodek's speech at 9.30a.m.

Comments on pre-service/in-service needs will be given at 10.40a.m. by the Director of Cessnock Multipurpose Centre, Leanne Hemson, and the Director of Wickham Kindergarten, Margaret Lewis.

The first seminar of the day, which deals with the changing needs of communities and implications of changes, will be chaired by Carmi Lang at 11.35a.m. The seminar will consist of a panel comprising of people who are involved in early childhood.

The second seminar will consist of three concurrent sessions at 2.30p.m. The sessions will be:

- How will I say that? - communicating with parents and agency teams
- Transition from pre-school to school - what do families, children, teachers need to know? What does local research indicate?
- Volunteers - fulfilling or frustrating?

Wendy suggested that members of staff may like to avail themselves of the excellent range of toys and books that will be on sale during the conference. She said the range would make excellent Christmas presents.

The local Branch of the Institute for Educational Research has been invited to Dr Spodek's keynote address which will be held in Lecture Theatre B15.

RIGHT: Wendy Schiller - busy organising one of the Hunter's major events as part of NSW Children's Week.
STAFF NEWS

SENIOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Applications are currently being called for five senior academic positions which will become available in January next year.

The positions are the Assistant Head of School of Teacher Education and the Heads of Department in English and Languages, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Music and Social Sciences.

The positions have normally been filled for a period of three years but the current revision of academic structure may affect the term of appointment.

Staff wishing to be considered for the above positions are requested to lodge a summarised Curriculum Vitae by Friday, October 25. Applications should be submitted to the Assistant Registrar (Staffing Services), Don Foster.

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PAGING SYSTEM

A new paging system has been installed which will assist in communicating with a number of staff members and also be a help in emergency situations.

Units have been issued to Sister Shirley Andrews (Nursing Sister), Nell Gundry (Supervising General Attendant), Peter Bartle (General Attendant), Paul Rowe (Attendant Patrol), Rick Adams (Attendant Caretaker Patrol), Fred McEnery (Maintenance Supervisor), Charlie Clements (Maintenance Officer/Fitter), Ivan Hanna (Storeman Driver), Peter Boyd (Caretaker).

If staff wish to relay messages they should contact the switchboard operator by dialling 9. The person being paged will be 'beeped' and will check with the switch for the message.

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FAREWELL

A farewell dinner for Carolyn Fardon will be held at Tattersalls Club this Friday, October 4. Tickets are $13 and available from Sheila Proust, Anona Lovett and Judy Wallom.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Our Chairman of Community Programmes, John O'Donoghue, is planning a Summer Programme for next January and is seeking submission from staff who would like to run a course.

The Programme will be conducted over five days from January 20 to 24 inclusive but there is a possibility that courses could be conducted in February.

John is looking for staff interested in running courses in the areas of arts and crafts, electronics (computing etc), welfare and practical subjects such as breadmaking, care of trees, photography etc.

Staff who are interested in conducting a course should see John as soon as possible.

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AEROBICS

The popularity of 'Staffit' has resulted in an extra class being added to the Wednesday timetable.

There is now enough members of staff interested in aerobics that an extra class will be run on Wednesdays between midday and 1pm. The class will be in addition to the Monday routine.

Staff interested in golf are also invited to join Dave Parsons on Tuesdays between midday and 1pm on the College Oval for some golfing instruction.

Kaye Thomas has all details and staff should see Kaye regarding times for all classes and fees.

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FOR ALL DODDERERS!

The first walk of the NCAE Dodderers High Blood Pressure Group Walking Club will be held this Sunday (October 6) starting at Dudley Beach carpark at 11am. Staff and their families are invited to try to walk to Glenrock and back. See Barbara Burke for full details.
John said it was now important to become familiar with the MUGEN computer and to establish the potential of the portable system.

He said CAL was being very seriously considered in the United Kingdom and that there was enormous potential in Australia for successful packages. John believes that it should be possible to develop and market CAL packages through C.D.I.E.

"CAL offers a number of advantages for personnel who are undergoing training. CAL, if it is used, does not rely on a timetabled approach to training as the computer package allows the individual to undertake the training when they are free of usual work-related duties.

John and Peter are both enthused at the potential of the MUGEN — which is IBM compatible — because of the possibility of matching it with a video disc. They hope to be able to demonstrate the MUGEN/video disc matching during Information Technology Week which will be held in late October.

"Peter, who has had a long association with the College and was an exhibitor at the Microcomputing Exhibition, recognised the advantages of CAL and also of the proposed project by the Centre for the development of Industrial Education.

"As a result, Peter has loaned to the College on an open-ended basis about $7000 worth of computer equipment for the Centre to begin its investigations." John said.

The package includes a MUGEN PC Portable computer with a 10 megabyte hard disc system, a keyboard and a colour display terminal.

Peter handed the equipment to the Principal of the College, Dr Doug Huxley, last week and said he was happy to be associated with the Centre in its investigative project.

Peter outlined the advantages of the MUGEN computer and how it could be used in a number of CAL projects.

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GOOD REPRESENTATION IN ART PRIZE

The National Student Art Prize conducted by the Mitchell College Union at Bathurst has attracted nearly 20 works by students from this College.

Nearly 220 entries from students attending tertiary art institutions throughout Australia are on display until this coming Sunday.

College entries were by: PRINTMAKING - Colin Lawson, David Collins, Shaw Hendry, Debra May, Robyn Barrett, Judy Evans, Katherine Hanley, Ian Miller, Dianne Barclay. WORKS ON PAPER - Edward Milan, Robyn Barrett and Sharon Tredinnick.

Students and staff have been invited to view works on display for the Art Prize. Viewing hours at the Mitchell Union Auditorium are 1pm to 7pm on weekdays and 1pm to 5pm on the weekend.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being called for again for the position of President of the Students' Representative Council.

Students who have paid their Students' Association fee are eligible to run for office and nominations close on Monday, October 14.

Nominations are also being called for officers of the S.R.C. and for representatives. Nominations close on Thursday and on October 14 for the respective categories and students are advised to see noticeboards for full details.

TRAVELPASS

The Student's Association now has available for purchase Newcastle Travelpass tickets. These can be purchased from the Commonwealth Bank Agency at the Union Building and both the Blue Travel Pass and the Red Travelpass are available.
Police survey project

A special research project undertaken by the College to investigate ways of improving tertiary education opportunities for members of the NSW Police Force is entering its final phase.

The College started on the project late last year following a grant of $9900 from the Criminology Research Council and hopes to have a preliminary report prepared by the end of this month.

The College's Education Research Officer, Eric Skuja, said the results were awaited by the National Police Research Unit and the N.S.W. Police Board which has established a committee to examine aspects of police education.

"There is a lot of interest in the three areas on which we concentrate on and a full report of the survey should be ready early next year," said Eric.

The three areas of concentration are:
(1) identifying factors affecting police participation rates in higher education,
(2) identifying any discrepancies between the educational needs of police officers and the curricula of tertiary courses available to them; and
(3) outlining the relationship between officers' educational attainments and their career aspirations.

Police officers enrolled in police study courses at Newcastle, Macarthur and Mitchell C.A.E.'s were among officers ranging from probationary constables to high ranking officers who were surveyed for the project.
CALL FOR RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

The Committee controlling the Griffith Duncan Research Fund is calling for applications from lecturing staff who are interested in undertaking a research project.

The Committee is named after the first Principal of the College and funds are provided by the College Council for research projects.

The Committee is meeting this Thursday, (October 17) and preliminary applications will be acceptable for the meeting.

Secretary of the Committee is Greg Parkinson and the Chairman is Dr Eric Manning. Further information is available from either of these people.

SPECIAL ROTARY NIGHT

A number of Rotary Clubs in Newcastle are combining to hold a special Vocational Ladies' Night at the College on Wednesday.

The Night will include a dinner and then visits to key areas of the College such as Special Education, the Art complex, the Library and the Computing Centre.

Guides will include Bill Newling (Adamstown), Bill Cook (Hamilton), Bob Conway (1983 Rotary Foundation Scholar) and Dennis Redman of the Computer Centre.

STAFF VACANCIES

Three positions are currently being advertised by the College, two of which applications close today.

The positions are those of Deputy Bursar, Cashier (limited term) and of a Lecturer in Media and Cultural Studies. Applications for the Deputy Bursar's position close on October 21 and for the other two positions today. Full details of the vacancies are available from Staffing Services.

NEW S.R.C. APPOINTMENT

The first priority of the Students' Association's new Activities Officer, Andrew Prentice, is to meet as many students as possible in order to find what activities they want on campus.

Andrew started his new job last week and has quietly been settling into both Newcastle and the College. He comes from Sydney where he has had a lot of work with the Department of Sport and Recreation.

"I am very interested in meeting students to find out what they want, what motivates them and how I can help them through my job," said Andrew.

"I know the areas of sport and recreation need to be looked at but there are many other areas of interest to students and I would like to hear from them as to their needs on campus."

Andrew is at present completing studies for his Associate Diploma in Recreation at Kuring-gai C.A.E. and will be travelling down to Sydney a few nights each week to attend lectures.

He hopes to use the benefits of his course in the new job and believes study in recreation leadership, programming, management, psychology and other subjects will be of advantage.

Andrew takes over the Activities Officer job from John Burne who has decided to set up his own business in the printing field.

RIGHT: Andrew Prentice - wants to meet students to gauge their needs.
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**1986 HERDSA CONFERENCE**

The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australia (HERDSA) is calling for papers to be delivered at its 1986 conference at the Australian National University in Canberra.

The conference entitled 'The Learner in Higher Education - A Forgotten Species?' will be held from May 9 to May 13, 1986 and the Society is interested to hear from people who would like to deliver a paper during the five-day conference.

The conference will focus on the learner at tertiary level with interest in both practical lessons for teachers and dissemination of relevant research findings.

Questions to be directly addressed at the conference include:

- What are the enduring effects of higher education?
- How can curricula be designed to reflect the learning needs of students?
- What influence has assessment on learning?
- How do students' characteristics affect their learning performance?
- What are the lessons for education for the professions?
- How to teach students to learn at the tertiary level?
- What are the different styles of learning and their implications for teaching practice?
- What is known about the impact of information technology on learning?

Research studies on these topics will be reported, experiences of tertiary teachers will be described; workshop sessions will be held; students will present their views in symposiums; keynote speakers will address major issues.

Academic staff who would like further details can contact:

**1986 HERDSA Conference**

Office for Research in Academic Methods, Australian National University, G.P.O. Box 4, CANBERRA. Telephone enquiries: (062) 494594

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**COLLEGE NEWS**

**STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Staff Association has booked into Newcastle Tattersalls Club on Wednesday, December 11 for this year's Christmas Party.

The cost is $19.50 per ticket with drinks being served at 7 pm. for dinner at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available from Anne Brown, Marilyn Waggstaff and Neil Wright. The Staff Association is accepting a deposit of $10 per ticket as this will give it some idea of numbers and also relieve the financial burden for members near Christmas.

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**FIRST CHANCE CONCERT**

The popular 'Children for Children' concert organised by First-chance to raise funds for the Special Education Centre will be held in early November.

The annual concert features some of Newcastle's brightest young talent and this year will be held in the Griffith Duncan Theatre on Saturday, November 2 from 7.30 pm.

The concert will feature Newcastle Conservatorium Children's Symphony Orchestra, Waratah Girls' Choir and the Blues by Five Jazz Combo. Compere will be NBN's Ray Dineen.

Tickets are $3 each (concession $2) and are available from the Special Education Centre and also at the door on the night.

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**AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The Australia Day Council is seeking nominations for the Australian of the Year and Young Australian of the Year Awards for 1986.

The Awards recognise the most outstanding contribution to the national community and are a feature of Australia Day Celebrations. The College Information and Publicity Section has full details and nomination forms for interested staff/students.
ART AWARD

Maitland Prize to C.A.E. Student

The 1986 Maitland Tertiary Student Art Award has been won by second year Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) student, Jenny Beatty.

Jenny's winning work, a felt wall piece based on ancient tents, was selected from nearly 140 entries by tertiary students in the Hunter Valley.

The curator of contemporary art from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Mr Bond, judged this year's award and also made the presentation to Jenny for her entry 'Khambull II'.

The art critic for the Newcastle Herald, Jill Stowell, said Jenny's felted patchwork "is apparently simple, but creates reverberations with its suggestions of Mongol tents and gigantic pelt".

It's the second year in a row that a student from the College's Department of Three-Dimensional Visual Arts has won the award. The 1985 winner was Ruth Hannett with a work in stone and wire.

Mr Bond also made four high commendations, these going to Pippa Robinson, Eileen Yeung, Richard Ferguson and Anne Pella. The four are all College students, Pippa, Eileen and Richard being in the BAVA course and Anne in the Graduate (Textiles) course.

The works will be on display in the Maitland City Art Gallery until Sunday Oct. 27.

S.R.C.

Nominations for President Still Open

The retiring President of the Students' Representative Council, Hugh Gordon, believes a lot of apathy has gone from the student body.

Hugh was commenting after a strong turn-out for the election of office bearers for the 1985-86 year.

"Things are slowly starting to build up and a lot of the apathy that was present in the student body a few years ago is starting to disappear," said Hugh.

"I am particularly pleased that most of the vacant positions for the coming year are filled but would like to remind students that a number of nominations are still open."

The nominations include those for the position of President and also for general representative positions. Nominations close next Monday, October 14 and interested students are asked to see noticeboards for official details.

Office bearers for 1985-86 are:

* Vice-President - Liz Hyde (Basic Nursing, First Year)
* Treasurer - Phillip Mackney (Industrial Arts, 2nd Year)
* Secretary - Tricia Anderson (B.A.V.A., 2nd Year)
* Officers - Education: Bradley Leonard (English/History, 1st Year), Services: Richard Sahm (B.A.V.A., 2nd Year), Environment: Scott Gardiner (Mathematics, 1st Year), Sports: Kym Rendall (Physical Education, 2nd Year).

Elections for the Media Officer and for Womens Affairs Officer closed last Friday.

The new office bearers will take over their positions after the Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association on Wednesday, November 6. The A.G.M. will be held in the Student Union Building from midday.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Students enrolled in the basic nurse education course will be involved in a health screen and information practicum exercise both at the College and the Stockland Centre at Jesmond early next month.

The students will be involved in four major activities at the two venues from Monday November 4 to the following Thursday. The activities will include a lifestyle questionnaire, conducting a range of health measurements such as pulse, blood pressure, height and weight, observing communications between nurse education staff and the public, and also answering questions on the nursing course.

Students will conduct the activities in association with lecturers at the College on the Monday and Wednesday and at Stockland Centre on the Tuesday and Thursday.

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL FRINGE

Organisers of the 1986 Adelaide Festival Fringe are seeking interest from final year Art students who may wish to be involved in the Fringe next February/March.

The Fringe is now an established part of the Adelaide Festival and gives people the opportunity to learn from and work with established performers.

Organisers are keen to contact final-year Art students as only 75 places are available and enrolment is on a first-come first-served basis. Participation costs for the three weeks of the Fringe is $120.

The Fringe will involve classes, workshops and performances in drama, clown, mask, dance, voice production, cabaret, music and other aspects of performance craft.

Full information on the Festival Fringe is available from Bev Lyall at the office in the main Art Building.
Minister to name winner

The N.S.W. Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Bob Carr, will pay a special visit to the College next week to present the second annual Wildlife Illustration Scholarship.

Mr Carr will be arriving next Tuesday morning (November 5) to announce the winner of the Scholarship at about 10.30 am. before viewing the works of students who applied for the $1,500 scholarship.

The Scholarship, made possible by a grant from the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Patrons, will be awarded to a Graduate student studying in the College's Plant and Wildlife Illustration specialisation.

The inaugural winner last year was Debbie Clark of Cooks Hill whose winning work included illustrations of frogs in the Shortland Wetlands.

The Head of the College's School of Visual and Performing Arts, Mr Graham Gilchrist, said applicants for the Scholarship had already been interviewed and that the winner would not be known until Mr Carr made the announcement next week.

"The Scholarship is open to all students in Australia and is designed to help the successful applicant with his or her studies in the one-hear full-time Graduate Art course at Newcastle C.A.E.," said Graham.

A feature of the Scholarship requirements is that the winning candidate must place his or her work on public exhibition for the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

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CENTRE IMPRESSES VISITOR

One of the world's leading identities in the field of learning difficulties and mental retardation believes the College's Special Education Centre is an ideal facility for research.

He is Professor J.P. Das of the University of Alberta in Canada. Professor Das is Professor of Education Psychology and also Director for Study of Mental Retardation at the University.

He visited the Special Education Centre last week after being invited to Australia under a grant scheme from Monash University.

Professor Das said a research component could easily be built into the Centre as it was an excellent facility and that staff would also be motivated by research.

"Staff at the Centre are very motivated and they should be stimulated by research otherwise they may not find the delivery of services too challenging," said Professor Das.

"Research is for now rather than developments which occurred 10 years ago - it's a good investment. I've found that feedback from research can be channelled to practical work and believe the

RESEARCH FACILITY?

Special Education Centre is in an ideal position to be a research facility," he said.

Professor Das, who is also visiting Newcastle and Wollongong Universities before flying to New Zealand on his way back to Canada, has indirect links with the Special Education Centre.

He was an examiner for Greg Robinson's doctorate thesis last year while Bob Conway was one of his students in Canada earlier this year.

Bob said Professor Das had many works published throughout the world and was responsible for the foundation for theory of information processing, an area of cognitive psychology.

"Greg's thesis concerned the reading aspect of the information processing model while my thesis related to assessment and remediation of the model," said Bob.

Doctorate Approved

Professor Das's visit came close on the heels of some good news for Bob. He learned last Friday week that Macquarie University had approved his doctorate.

"It was really good news and also a pleasure to show Professor Das the facilities that are available at Newcastle C.A.E.,” said Bob. "Professor Das was able to speak to staff and the Director of the Centre, Dr Jim Miles, and was impressed with what he saw."

The Professor said that most tertiary institutions in Canada do not have the facility of a Special Education Centre and therefore staff did not have the opportunity to work with children on campus.

He said most Special Education facilities were provided within the School system in Canada.

Left: The Director of the Special Education Centre, Dr Jim Miles and lecturers, Bob Conway and Greg Robinson, talk with Professor Das during his visit to the Centre last week. The Professor was impressed with the potential of the Centre as a research facility.
CHILD CARE FETE

Staff and students have been invited to attend the Child Care Centre's first fete this coming Saturday (November 2).

Director of the Centre, Debbie Quirk, said the fete had been organised by the Social Committee and that it would run from 10am to about 2pm.

"We'll have attractions like Donald Duck, pony rides, a fun castle, merry go-round and sausage sizzle so that it will be a good day for the children while parents should also be able to enjoy themselves," said Debbie.

"We would especially like staff and students to come along and support the Centre as proceeds will go towards buying outdoor equipment for the children."

COMMENTS ON PARKING

John Brazier from the Properties Section is seeking comments from staff on a proposal to alter staff parking for 1986.

It's proposed that staff carparking bays opposite the Child Care Centre will be transferred to the rear of the main College building. The transfer is aimed at simplifying the administration of the parking and traffic system.

The current student carparking area at the rear of the main building will be transferred to the main student carpark under the new proposal.

Staff who wish to comment on the proposal and who have not yet received a comment form can obtain a copy from John in the Properties Office.

STAFF CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Don't forget the Staff Association's Christmas Party at the Tattersall's Club on Wednesday, December 11. Bookings are open.
E. C. STUDY

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND U.S.

An American academic who is studying the preparation of Early Childhood teachers in a number of countries believes there is more emphasis in Australia on educational studies and methodology than in America.

Dr Bernard Spodek, who is Professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois, says American tertiary institutions which prepare Early Childhood teachers place heavy emphasis on liberal studies.

"One of the basic differences is that in America we have four year Bachelor of Education programmes whereas in Australia there is the three year Diploma in Teaching programme followed by the experience component and then further study for the Bachelor degree," said Dr Spodek.

"There are similar changes in focus - handicapped children, multiculturalism, the infants area, working with parents and education in multiple settings are areas which both countries are now focusing," he said.

Dr Spodek is in Australia for four months as a follow up to a survey he undertook in 1983-84. The survey involved a comparative look of early childhood services in America and Australia.

Newcastle CAE took part in the survey and his recent visit to the College is one of 20 he will be making to tertiary institutions involved in the study.

While in Newcastle he delivered the keynote address to the Hunter Region Children's Week Conference at the College and also met with staff and students.

Dr Spodek is also visiting institutions in Sydney, Canberra, South Australia and Queensland before leaving for a three-month study tour of China and a two-month study tour of Japan. He also hopes to visit tertiary institutions in Hong Kong, Taiwan and New Zealand before returning to Illinois.

Dr Spodek is regarded as a world expert in his field and has numerous publications to his credit. These include 'Mainstreaming Young Children', 'Foundations of Early Childhood', 'Exploring the Knowledge Base of Kindergarten Education', 'Making Program Choices' and an article on cognitive style and children's learning which was published this year in 'Current Topics in Early Childhood Education'.

In addition to being Professor of Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois, Dr Spodek is also Director of the College of Education Honours Program and visiting Professor to both Western Washington State University and the University of Wisconsin. He started his career as a teacher of nursery, kindergarten and primary grades at the Beth Hesed School in New York State.

Dr Spodek said he would be away from America for nearly a year as part of the follow up to the 1983-84 survey.

"I intend writing a report on what I have seen in the different countries I visit but what form that report will be I am not sure of at this stage," said Dr Spodek.

"The visit to Newcastle has been very interesting as I have found staff to be open and willing to share documents - I have a huge bundle to take home now!"

"I was able to sit in on discussions about your B.Ed Primary submission and found that quite informative.

"The Hunter conference was also very worthwhile and the 100 people who attended on the Saturday were very interested in what is happening both in their area and elsewhere in the world.

"I've been able to observe, learn and enjoy my time in Newcastle and would like to thank those people who assisted me while at the College," added Dr Spodek.

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CHINA STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Federal Department of Education is currently seeking applications from people who wish to study in China next year. The College's Information Office has full details.


NEWCASTLE VISIT


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The Students' Association officially opened its new bar with an informal function last Thursday.

S.R.C. President, Hugh Gordon, said the new facility was a welcome addition to the Student Union Building and hoped that both students and staff would be pleased with the full range of bar stocks available.

The extensions to the building were constructed by D.F. McCloy Pty Ltd and the Students' Association has a licence which enables the bar to operate between 11am and 10pm.

Hugh said the bar initially would be open to 10 pm on Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday and on demand on the Monday and Tuesday nights. He said lunches would also be available five days per week while the building would be promoted as a function venue.

The bar has on tap New, Old, Black and L.A. while other types of beer are available in cans.
NEW MASTERS COURSE

The College intends to offer a new Masters course next year, provided sufficient places and funding is made available by the N.S.W. Higher Education Board.

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, said he would like to see the Higher Education Board make available enough places to make the course economically viable for the College.

"The five places made available by the H.E.B. will go nowhere near meeting the considerable demand," said Dr Huxley.

"The College has been trying for a number of years to offer the course and it was successfully assessed only recently."

The Masters course is designed to provide a national resource of innovative teachers, consultants, advisers and teacher educators capable of raising the quality of industrial education in Australia by their participation, involvement and dynamism.

Dr Huxley said the course had already generated a lot of interest and that the College believed there would be many applications for the spaces available. The course would probably be offered in 1986 on an external basis thus requiring students to complete the course over four years.

The Principal said the study programme consists of five resource units of formal academic study and also a research thesis. Applications would be open to people with a Bachelors degree in Industrial Arts or TAFE, a Graduate Diploma in Industrial Arts or TAFE, an ASTC qualification in Manual Arts or a teaching qualification with a major study appropriate to industrial education. Candidates must also have a minimum of three years experience in the practice of industrial education.
$1500 SCHOLARSHIP

The winner of the 1985 Wildlife Illustration Scholarship plans to purchase a graphics desk and other equipment to assist her in remaining studies this year and also her career.

Lee Hewitt, 21, of Hamilton, was announced the winner last week by the State Member for Waratah, Mr John Price, who was standing in for the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Bob Carr.

Lee won the $1500 Scholarship donated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Patrons from Robyn Callyer and Ben Bayliss. The work of the three candidates is currently on display in the main concourse.

The announcement caught Lee by surprise but her work on marine life was widely applauded by by the crowd which attended the announcement. Robyn's work concentrated on the flora and fauna of mangroves and Ben's work focused on rainforests.

The Plant and Wildlife Illustration specialisation of the Graduate Diploma in Art course is gaining a national reputation and students are continually enrolling from interstate in the specialisation.

ILLUSTRATION

ABOVE: Lee Hewitt with Graham Gilchrist, who established the Scholarship with the Wildlife Service and Patrons, last week.

STAFFIT

OUR SLIMMER OF THE YEAR

For those Staff members who want to lose a few extra kilos, Chris Byrne has some handy hints.

Chris, who is the clerical assistant in the Department of English and Languages, has just lost 22 kilograms in weight and puts a major part of her success down to the College's 'Staffit' programme.

Chris has been a regular participant in the Staffit aerobic classes and the exercise, combined with a balanced diet, has led to her present weight of 54 kilograms.

Chris is a member of the Raymond Terrace branch of the Waratah Weight Watchers Association and recently was placed fifth in a 'Slimmer of the Year' contest after she lost her 22 kilos in 37 weeks. The contest winner lost 53.4 kilos in 12 months.

"I started attending Kaye Thomas's aerobic classes twice a week last year and after losing the weight I feel on top of the world," said Chris.

"I found the most important part in losing weight was a change in self concept.

"I had to change my whole outlook and have now reached my goal weight. I still work-out 40 minutes each night on a rebounder and combine this with a properly balanced diet," added Chris.

Right: Chris, feeling on top of the world, with her trophy for coming fifth in the N.S.W. contest. Forty clubs of the Waratah Association attended the recent State conference in Sydney.
REPORT MEETING

SENIOR OFFICERS TO MEET THIS WEEK

Senior officers of the College and the University of Newcastle will meet this week to discuss the tabling in Federal Parliament last week of the report of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission.

Volume 3 of the Report referred to the College and the University. The Minister for Education, Senator Ryan, said in Parliament that the Government accepted the Commission's advice that there would be benefits from joint planning arrangements by the College and University.

She also said that a recommendation for a combined funding allocation would be further considered when the Government had evaluated the effectiveness of joint planning arrangements for the 1988-90 triennium.

A comment on the Report is expected to be issued by the College and University after the meeting of senior officers.

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GOLFING'S PENULTIMATE!!

John Robson is again organising the annual Ambrose tournament at Newcastle Golf Club and it's on this Friday (November 15) with a 12.30 - 1.30 hit-off.

It's a great afternoon of sport - and laughter - and the cost is $7. If you want a meal later on, the full cost is $16.

Entries should go to Fred Bishop, Dick Whitbread, David Parsons or John Robson.

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SUMMER ACCOMMODATION

Warrane College, a men's residential college on the campus of the University of N.S.W., is offering concession rates for extended periods over the summer months. Accommodation is individual rooms serviced three times per week with 21 meals per week. Full details are available by telephoning reverse-free (02) 662 6199 or by writing to The Deputy Bursar Warrane College, P.O. Box 123, Kensington, N.S.W. 2033.

INFORMALLY

RADIOTHON '85

Newcastle's FM Radio Station, 2NUR-FM at the University of Newcastle will try and raise more than $10,000 in a Radiothon this coming weekend.

Station Manager, Anton Donker, said he was hoping many listeners would become subscribers during Radiothon '85, which would run from this Friday night (November 8) until the following Sunday afternoon.

Anton said 2NUR-FM was a non-profit operation and that if the station attracted 1,000 new subscribers it would reach the financial target.

Local business houses have donated about $5,000 worth of prizes and inducements for the Radiothon.

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CO-OPERATION FOR I.A. EXHIBITION

College Industrial Arts students and lecturers have been assisting the Newcastle branch of the Institute of Industrial Arts in staging this year's exhibition by Hunter Region High Schools.

The exhibition was held last week at Charlestown Square and College students assisted in the supervision of the display along with teachers from about 12 High Schools.

The exhibition consisted of works by Year 10 to Year 12 students and these were marked by our lecturers in order for the Newcastle branch of the Institute to present awards of merit and certificates of appreciation.

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STAFF FUNCTION

The Staff Association is to hold an informal end-of-term function at the Student Union Building on Wednesday, November 20. Festivities get under way at 4.30 pm. and facilities will be available for an evening meal.
GROSS MOTOR

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Twenty young children who attended a gross motor programme at the College for seven weeks have been rewarded with a Certificate of Merit for their efforts.

The children were from schools in the Newcastle Region and had significant gross motor problems. They were referred to Janice North at Special Education and Janice devised a programme in consultation with Leon Burwell of P.E.

The programme included assessment of problems by Physical Education students and then implementation of a gross motor programme to assist the children.

Janice said the recent programme was the latest during a period of four years and that certificates were presented to the children on the last day.

"The children had individual programmes prepared for them by our students and attended for one hour each Wednesday afternoon," said Janice. "It's been a rewarding experience for the children and also for our students to be involved in such an activity."

MUSIC AWARD

RECORDING TIME AS PRIZE

An interest in songwriting as paid major dividends for Linden Snape, a second year English/History student at the College.

Linden, in association with well-known Newcastle musician Dennis Butler, entered the recent 1985 Newcastle Music Awards and won the songwriting category for 'Best Ballad' with a song entitled 'Take My Heart With You'.

The couple won $500 worth of studio recording time at Newcastle's Studio 21, a prize which was sponsored by Rock City Promotions.

The Newcastle Star/Fannys 1985 Music Awards was the first contest entered by Linden and taking out the ballad section was quite a surprise.

"Dennis and I have written a number of songs and although we've recorded at home it's still an interest," said Linden.

"We did record 'Take My Heart With You', which was engineered by Mark Tinsen of Swann, and we would now like to send the song to a few well-known singers to see if they are interested."

The first verse of Linden and Dennis's winning ballad is:

Never in my life have I been torn from someone walking out, if only for a minute.
Tried so hard to build a love that's strong, a love that shines so bright, a love that lasts forever.

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RIGHT: LINDEN, WHO ALSO PLAYS THE PIANO, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO USING THE $500 WORTH OF RECORDING TIME.

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COMMUNITY EXERCISE AT JESMOND

Students from the mid-year intake of the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course last week took part in their first community health exercise.

More than 40 students attended Stockland Centre last Tuesday and Thursday to participate in an exercise which included a lifestyle questionnaire; measurements of shopper's pulse, blood pressure, height and weight; consultation on health information; and information on nursing courses offered by the College.

An organiser of the exercise, Kay Ball, said the aim of the exercise was to consolidate Semester 1 teaching and that the emphasis was the primary health care role in the community.

The students were supervised by lecturing staff at Jesmond and also at the College last Monday and Wednesday when they invited staff and students to participate in the exercise.

Kay said the exercise proved a worthy experience for students as it enables them to interact with the community and also allowed staff and students to be involved in some of the practical aspects of nursing.

ABOVE: Nursing students with the public at Jesmond last week
The Special Education Centre hopes to have fully operational by next February a tinted lens scheme to assist people with reading problems.

The scheme is the one which has gained wide national publicity through programmes like '60 Minutes' and on the ABC and which was developed by the American researcher, Helen Irlen.

The Centre has been granted a franchise for the scheme and Dr Greg Robinson will undergo training early next year with Helen Irlen in Sydney in order to establish the franchise in Newcastle.

The Director of the Centre, Dr Jim Miles, said the Centre was the only distributor outside of Sydney in New South Wales to be given a franchise for the Irlen lenses. Other centres will be in Canberra, Hobart and Adelaide.

"The granting of the franchise follows discussions with Dr Paul Whiting, the Director of the Evelyn McCloughan Children's Centre at the Sydney Insititute of Education," said Dr Miles.

"Dr Whiting travelled to the United States earlier this year and underwent training with Helen Irlen, who developed the scheme by using 130 tints to help people with visual-based reading problems such as dyslexia.

"Dr Whiting wanted non-commercial centres to be appointed as franchise outlets in order that the very detailed diagnostic and prescriptive Irlen procedure could be made available at a reasonable cost," he said.
Discussions have already been held with a number of Newcastle organisations to inform them of the project.

Dr Robinson said it was important that centres which become outlets have credibility and as a result only a few were being appointed throughout Australia.

"The tinted lenses won't cure the reading disability but will help a person who suffers a visual based reading problem in seeing the print more clearly," said Greg.

"The Special Education Centre will provide a full service which will include screening of persons, a full diagnostic session and prescription.

"The project will be fully monitored and researched to see what benefits will come to the people of Newcastle," he added.

Advanced publicity of the franchise has already generated interest from many people in the Hunter and nearby regions.

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**ART HAPPENING**

**EXHIBITION BY 100 STUDENTS**

The second stage of one of Newcastle's major art 'happenings' begins tomorrow night with the continuation of the Final Year Art Students Exhibition.

The opening session was last week when 17 students in the final year of their Associate Diploma in Creative Arts and Crafts course displayed ceramics, painting, photography and video works.

The second stage will be officially opened at 7.30 pm. tomorrow by Sydney ceramicist, Michael Keighery. It's the turn of 16 Graduate art students to exhibit their works in the Art building and Ceramics building.

The third and biggest stage will be next week when more than 70 students in the final year of their Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) and Bachelor of Education (Art Education) fill the entire Art complex and the main concourse with works from more than 10 specialisations.

The exhibition attracts large crowds and all works are assessed to contribute towards the students' final marks.

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**ABOVE:** Students view some of the works on display last week for the Associate Diploma. Sessions continue tomorrow.
VACATION CARE

The Child Care Centre is currently advertising vacation care that will be available during December and also next February.

Places will be available for children from 0 - 8 years of age and parents are asked to contact the Director of the Centre, Debbie Quirk, directly or by telephoning Ext. 489 or 676488.

BI-CENTENNIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A General Meeting of staff will be held on Wednesday week, December 4 to discuss whether or not the College should be involved in Bi-Centennial celebrations in 1988.

A Bi-Centennial Advisory Committee is already being established with the Principal, Dr Huxley, as Chairperson. Other members are Jennie Lang, Wendy Schiller, Kevin Laffey, Kevin McDonald, David Bradshaw (Council) and Bradley Leonard (student).

The Committee has already drawn up an interim set of aims and some suggestions will be put to the Staff Meeting for discussion.

The Meeting will be held in B13 at 10 am. on Wednesday week.

CO-OP BOOKSHOP

The Annual General Meeting of the University Co-operative Bookshop Limited will be held at Sydney University this Wednesday (November 27) at 5 pm.

The Bookshop is informing members that proxies must be lodged at the registered office in Bay Street, Broadway no later than 5 pm. tomorrow.

The balance sheet of the Co-operative as at August 31 this year has been available since mid-November.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Stephen Roberts Theatre of Sydney University.

INFORMALLY

MYALL LAKES CAMPSTE

The Management Committee of the Les Gibbs Field Study Centre on Boolambayte Creek at Myall Lakes is inviting staff and members of student clubs to use the centre over the coming summer vacation period.

The Centre has cooking facilities, utensils, a large shelter, toilets and beds are available so that a small group could sleep in the shelter and not necessarily need tents.

Boolambayte Creek is suitable for swimming, small boats and canoes and it's an easy walk down to Myall Lakes.

Staff or groups interested in a booking should contact the Manager, Dr Brian Conroy at Newcastle University on 685534 or the Secretary of the Department of Biological Sciences on 685566 for a list of facilities and more details. A nominal charge is made for the use of the facilities.

FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Australian Federation of the University of Women is appealing to Graduate communities and people involved directly in Education to establish a Fellowship fund of $100,000.

The aim of the fund is to provide fellowships to assist Australian women graduates to further their careers through advanced study or research. The Federation hopes to raise $100,000 so that the annual interest will be large enough to support one or more scholarships.

About $11,000 has already been raised and the Federation is now appealing to a wider sector of the community which has an awareness of the benefits of schemes which help to increase the expertise of women.

People who wish to donate to the fund can send cheques drawn in favour of the AFUW to the Treasurer, Mrs Anne Davis, Box 19, University of Adelaide, G.P.O. Box 498, ADELAIDE.SA.5001
NEW APPOINTMENTS

STAFF MEMBER FROM TASMANIA

The past few months have been a busy time for the Staffing Services Section with many new appointments and also members of staff successfully applying for vacancies.

One of the newest members of staff is Brian Kiel who last week took up the position of Recruitment Officer in Staffing Services.

Brian for the past 5½ years has worked in the Staff Office of the Tasmanian State Institute of Technology. He worked mainly in the recruitment field for the Institute but also has experience in Leave Records, statistical work and was secretary to a number of committees.

Other new appointments have been Anne Burtoft as Receptionist for the College's senior officers and Karen Wright as a Clerical Assistant in the Academic Secretariat.

Old faces in new jobs include Eric Skuja who has been successful in gaining the Assistant Registrar (Student Administration) position following the resignation of Carolyn Fardon.

Clerical Assistant appointments have been Sue Hoy in Music, Carolyn Kaiser in Physical Education, Chris Sullivan in Three Dimensional Visual Arts and Jill Pickering in Nursing and Health Studies.

Grahame Davidson takes up the position of Printery Supervisor early next month while Simone Kosky is working as a temporary Clerical Assistant in the Academic Secretariat.

ABOVE: Brian Kiel - settling into his new surroundings.

APPRECIATION

BOOK DONATION TO SCHOOL

The Department of English and Languages recently donated a parcel of books to The Junction Demonstration School in recognition of 36 years of association.

The school ceases to be a demonstration school in January next year, therefore ending a long and close friendship that has built up over three decades between the school and the College. The new demonstration school from next year will be Mayfield West Public School.

The Head of the Department of English and Languages, Doug Absalom, said the first English demonstration for College students was in 1949 and the last in October this year.

"Frances Nugent has a unique association with the school in that she was a College student for the first demonstration, later was a demonstration teacher at Cooks Hill and then was present at the final demonstration," said Doug.

Assistant Principal, Louise Moss, accepted the books on behalf of the school. The books, donated by Frances, Doug and Don Matthews, covered reading, drama variations and computers.

ABOVE: Principal, John Schaeffer with Doug Absalom, Louise Moss and Frances Nugent during the book presentation ceremony.
CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION

A general meeting of the Childcare Association will be held next Monday night (December 2) to fill a number of casual vacancies on the Management Committee.

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm at the Centre and the vacancies to be filled include Vice-President, Secretary and Parent Member.

A Christmas supper will be served after the meeting.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO PAUL ROWE

Paul Rowe from our Properties Section has again had a successful year in preparing racing bikes for some of Australia's top riders.

Bikes tuned and prepared by Paul recently took out a number of Australian titles at the national dirt track championships in Bendigo.

His bikes filled first to third places in the Junior 80cc title, first to fifth in the Junior 125cc title and also second place in the 125cc Open championship. Most of the successful riders came from the Newcastle area.

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COMPUTER CONFERENCE

The 17th Annual CAE Computer Education Conference is to be held in Darwin between July 7 and 11 next year.

The Chairman of the Conference, Felicity Lear, has sent out a call for papers under the four themes of Computer Studies, Computer Science, Computing for Non-Experts and Computing Administration.

The College's Information and Publicity Office has full details.
GRANTS FOR FILM TOUR

A part-time lecturer in Film and Video, Mark Titmarsh, has gained two grants to present Australian Super 8 Films at festivals in America and Canada early next year.

Mark has been granted $4,600 from the Australian Film Commission and $1,000 plus living expenses from the Brodsky and Treadway Foundation, an organisation involved in films. The grants will allow him to present 30 films by 20 makers at festivals in Ann Arbor near Detroit and in Montreal.

"The films are short experimental/short narrative and run for about 15 minutes each in covering a broad range of topics," said Mark.

"I'll be taking across five of my own films while the others are from practising film-makers in the eastern states of Australia. Some of the films were shown in the recent 'Perspecta' exhibition in Sydney but the next few weeks will see more films come to the completion stage," Mark added.

Mark will present the films in a four-week period from early February next year and is planning 'one-off' evenings in San Francisco, Boston and New York.

It's the second time Mark has gained grants to present Australian films overseas. The first occasion was in 1983 when he travelled to Europe under a similar Film Commission grant.
NEW GRADUATE COURSE FOR 1986

A course which aims to assist those involved in social administration in the community will take in its first students next year at the College.

The new Graduate Diploma in Social Administration is the second new course to start next year, the other being the Master of Education in Industrial Education.

The Graduate course has been developed by three institutions in a joint effort and is seen as providing an important educational opportunity for people who work within the framework of community development, welfare, health, justice and related systems.

This College joined with Mitchell CAE at Bathurst and Macarthur Institute of Higher Education in Sydney to develop the course which will require a minimum of two years of part-time study to complete.

The Acting Head of the School of Paramedical and Community Welfare Studies, Faith Trent, said recent government policy initiatives reflected a major emphasis on the provision of community based services providing an impetus for recruiting personnel from a variety of social science professional disciplines.

Creative Contribution

"It is becoming increasingly evident that the knowledge and skills acquired by social science undergraduates produce competency suited to direct human services," said Faith.

"However, that level is not sufficient to prepare those graduates for rapid changes involved in the organisation and management of human services. This new graduate course will extend initial studies and prepare students to contribute creatively to social administration practice and research."

The College will enrol 22 students in the course for 1986 and candidates must have completed a degree level course which contains substantial studies in an area that contribute to an understanding of Australian society. Applicants must also have had at least two years experience in a social services field.

NEW COURSE

Faith said the College was looking for applicants from government departments, voluntary agencies, community lawyers and people who have been involved in other areas of social administration.

She said Newcastle, Mitchell and Macarthur institutions developed the course after initial informal contact of academic staff. Newcastle and Macarthur will offer the course on a part-time internal basis while Mitchell will offer the programme through external study, thus building in a portability factor if Newcastle and Macarthur students are required to leave the districts.

"The course has a number of aims and among these are the enhancement of a student's effectiveness in problem analysis in social policy planning and administration," said Faith.

"Other aims are to give people involved in social service the delivery skills and knowledge to plan and administer human services to meet changing social needs. This involves gaining a repertoire of policies, strategies and evaluation techniques and the management of human services to meet changing social needs."

Above: Faith Trent, Course Director Larry Pohl and Head of the Social Welfare Department, Dr Ray Morland, discuss aspects of a new pamphlet which is being distributed to promote the Social Administration course.
OLD AND NEW COURSES FOR THE SUMMER OF '86

The College's Summer Programme of Short Courses in January and February presents a real pot pourri for the community.

Chairman of Community Programmes, John O'Donoghue, has put together a list of courses that will appeal to many people and has introduced some new tutors.

Among the new people are Liz Cuming, who lectures part-time in printmaking at this College and also Padstow TAFE College in Sydney.

Liz is well known in her field and earlier this year had an exhibition of her work at Bloomfields Gallery in Sydney. She will present two courses, in Screen Printing and in Etching, and although both are designed as introductory sessions, there is something there for the advanced student.

"The courses will appeal to artists or to people who know a little bit about painting and drawing and in Screen Printing I'll introduce participants to paper and gum stencils and also to printing techniques while in Etching we'll be looking at plate preparation, soft and hard ground techniques, aquatint and printing," said Liz.

Ten Non-Award Courses

Liz is one of seven people who will present ten non-award courses in the Summer Programme which runs from between January 20 to February 12. Costs vary from $12 to $75 depending on which course is undertaken.

In addition to Liz's two courses, others on offer are:
* 'Computers for Small Business' with David Condon. Multiplan, together with a data based filing system and graphic displays are introduced and implemented on the Apple Macintosh system.
* 'Word Processing' with David Condon. Writers, students and clerical workers can all benefit from this course, which is designed for beginners.
* 'Flora and Fauna of the Shortland Wetlands' with Kevin McDonald. The course will involve some short field trips to the Shortland Wetlands Centre and some practical work in the biology lab of the College.
* 'Pottery - Handbuilding' with Barbara Pengelly. This course will cover a wide variety of pottery making techniques and will involve design, decorative techniques, kiln packing and firing.
* 'Artists Acrylic Paint and Media' with Eugene Maxwell-Smith. Students will learn how to mix their own paint in this new course which is designed for practising artists, teachers and advanced art students.
* 'Breadmaking' with Pauline Clark. This basic breadmaking course consists of two full days of demonstrations and supervised practical work.
* 'Strudel Days' with Pauline Clark. Make authentic strudels with either sweet or savoury fillings in this course which is offered for the first time.
* 'Tapestry Weaving' with Lise Cruickshank. Suitable for beginners and for some students with tapestry weaving experience. The techniques of classical tapestry weaving will be taught, and design aspects covered.

College staff who wish to obtain a programme, which includes enrollment information, can collect a copy from the front enquiry counter.

Right: Liz Cuming at work in the printmaking section of the Art Building. Her two courses are expected to prove popular during the Summer Programme.
CHALLENGING PAPER WELL RECEIVED

The Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition has proved another success for Fred Bishop, the Competition Director.

Fred is the College appointee on the Hunter Region Mathematics Curriculum Committee and for the past five years has been associated with the competition which is sponsored by the Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

A total of 7,434 students from 170 Primary schools in the Hunter Region entered this year's competition and the major award winners were Lucian McElwain from Year 6 at New Lambton Primary and John Henriksen from Year 5 at Forster Primary.

Fred said the standard of this year's paper was regarded by schools as being more challenging than the previous four competitions, but that it was well received.

"The competition could not run without the assistance of the College in regard to word processing and administrative help and I would like to pass on my thanks to those who aided the organising sub-committee," said Fred.

POETRY PRIZE

The annual 'Banjo' Paterson Poetry Prize has again proved a successful venture for Len Garner from the Instructional Media Unit.

Len won the prize in 1983 and submitted four entries this year in the traditional verse section of the competition which is held at the small N.S.W. town of Binalong.

His entries took out second prize in this section and also received two commendations from the judges. The poems were written in 'Banjo' Paterson style and related to humorous events in the Australian bush.

NEW MAGAZINE FOR SCHOOL

The School of Visual and Performing Arts has just released the first issue of its new magazine, entitled 'Outlet'.

The magazine has been in the preparation stages for the past few months and contains material submitted by students enrolled in courses offered by the School.

The Head of the School, Graham Gilchrist said the collection of creative material was selected, collated and designed by students.

"'Outlet' was initiated to give students the opportunity to communicate with readers and to participate in the production of a publication," said Graham.

"I think readers will find the magazine thought-provoking and covering a broad spectrum of interests and I am already looking forward to the next issue in 1986," he said.

Graham said the magazine was released at a very busy time for art students because of the annual final year art students exhibition. He said the three stages of the exhibition had received wide praise because of the initiative shown by students in their work and also because of the diversity on view.

This is the last issue of Campus News for 1985. A Merry Xmas to all staff and the publication will re-appear early in 1986.
MESSAGES FROM 1974

Our Maintenance Supervisor, Fred McEnearney, has uncovered a 'time capsule' left by workmen who were employed on the College site in February 1974.

The 'capsule' is in the form of pencilled writing on the back of pieces of sandpaper and on cardboard.

Fred said the messages were found behind the bag storage area in the foyer of the library when renovations were made in recent weeks.

"The workmen would have been adding the finishing touches to the building before it was due to open and they probably would have left the messages while erecting the storage shelves," said Fred.

"The pieces of sandpaper and cardboard were discovered by Tom McGlynn and his workers while they pulling out the shelves and the messages show something of what was happening in 1974," he said.

If you are interested in what was happening in 1974, these were some of the subjects: Inflation, energy crisis, male chauvanism and President Nixon facing impeachment.

The messages also contained many names of workers "who swing hammers and hang off the end of saws" and who "painted the monolith".

The messages are dated February 19, 1974 and are printed on paper "owned by J.E. Everett & Co."

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