The State Minister for Education, Mr Cavalier, has announced a Ministerial Committee to review higher education co-ordination arrangements in New South Wales.

In announcing the review, Mr Cavalier said that significant developments had taken place in the State's system of colleges of advanced education and universities since the Higher Education Board was established in 1976.

He said he now believed it was time to assess the effectiveness of the present structure.

"Colleges of advanced education have now matured both academically and administratively, new universities are in contemplation, colleges of TAFE are developing to their potential to contribute at the Associate Diploma level and problems of funding the growth needed to meet demand are increasing," said Mr Cavalier.

A committee of four has been appointed to assess the State's needs, review the functions and composition of the Higher Education Board and make recommendations on any desirable change to the statutory framework within which higher education operates.

The committee will be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, Professor L.M. Birt and will comprise the Professor of Sociology at Macquarie University, Professor R W Connell, the President of the N.S.W. Institute of Technology, Professor R D Guthrie and the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment and Member of the Higher Education Board, Ms A Ziller.

The committee is seeking submissions by January 26 and will report back to Mr Cavalier by February 28. Terms of reference are available from the College's Information & Publicity Office.
1987 APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS EXCEED PLACES

An estimated 25,000 candidates will miss out on places at the State's colleges of advanced education and universities this year.

The Universities and Colleges Admission Centre (UCAC) is processing more than 67,000 applications from school leavers and others who wish to enter tertiary education in 1987.

It's estimated that between 42,000 and 45,000 offers will be made by UCAC in the first and second round of offers of places.

The executive officer of UCAC, Graham Mayne said that the number of applications was increasing each year but that for 1987 there was a "large increase".

A total of 67,300 applications were received in 1986 (for entrance to higher education in 1987) which was well above the 59,124 applications received the previous year.

About 41,000 offers were made to the 59,000 applicants - leaving 18,000 applicants without offers last year.

Mr Mayne said that about 34,000 of those applicants for 1987 entry were HSC leavers. He said he did not know exactly how many offers would be made but it would be between the 42,000 and 45,000 mark.

He said the first round of offers would be mailed to students on January 29 and the second round would be mailed on February 11.

...and College figures

The College's Assistant Registrar (Academic), Greg Parkinson, says that applications lodged through the Universities and Colleges Admission Centre (UCAC) for courses offered this year by Newcastle C.A.E. are up by about 1300 on last year.

He said the increase reflected the growing number of people across Australia who were trying to enter tertiary education institutions.

"Applications through U.C.A.C. for the College total 10,864 which compares to 9565 in 1986," said Greg.

(COLLEGE COURSES)

"Despite the increased number of applications we will still face problems in some undergraduate courses such as Mathematics, Science and Nursing.

"The College has heavily promoted these three specialisation in the past few months and hopefully we will be able to start a class in Science, something which we could not do last year because of lack of numbers."

Greg said the Academic Secretariat was currently processing a "dummy run" on U.C.A.C. figures to see where shortfalls may occur when offers are made next week and in early February.

He said one course where the College may seek additional applications was in Home Economics because of a request by State education authorities to take the 1987 enrolment to 60. The College originally intended a 1987 intake of 40 students but this was increased by the extra 20 places because of the need to educate more Home Economics teachers for the State's schools.

Graduate Courses: Wide Publicity

In addition to looking at its undergraduate figures, the College is also embarking on publicity of courses that are designed to assist people in their jobs or to build upon initial qualifications.

Greg said vacancies existed in a number of Graduate courses which would be of interest to professional people or those who wanted to achieve higher levels of academic competence in their employment.

"The College is currently publicising and advertising through media outlets a number of vacancies which exist in Graduate courses," said Greg. "These include Art, Computer Education, Multicultural Studies and Social Administration.

"We are also seeking applicants for the new welfare degree known as the Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) but applicants must be holders of the College's Associate Diploma in Social Welfare.

"Another course in which we hope to have our first students this year is the Associate Diploma in Administrative Studies (Aboriginal). The course is still subject to final approval by the H.E.B. to run this year but we hope to enrol about 20 Aboriginal students."
The success of the College's advanced level art class in the Upper Hunter last year has prompted the institution to again offer the opportunity this year.

The Course Director of the Associate Diploma in Creative Arts and Crafts, Peter Singleton, conducted a painting and drawing specialisation class at Muswellbrook in 1986.

Nearly 20 students enrolled in the class from various areas in the Upper Hunter and Peter hopes to repeat the success again with a class expected to start in early March.

Peter will be conducting a number of Information Nights in the next few weeks. Venues will be Singleton, Scone, Muswellbrook and Merriwa for the Upper Hunter class while promotion will also be carried out in Maitland, Cessnock, Nelson Bay, Raymond Terrace and Lake Macquarie for the course to be conducted at the College.

"The College had long wanted to offer Upper Hunter residents the chance of enrolling in an advanced art course and last year's class proved that people wanted the opportunity," said Peter.

"Muswellbrook was chosen as the venue because of its strong art community and its central location. People no longer have to travel long distances and I'm sure that people will again see the advantage of studying 'at home'."

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MUSICA VIVA

The Musica Viva organisation has introduced reduced cost tickets for young people under 25 years of age to attend a number of concerts in Newcastle.

YOUTHPASS will enable purchasers to attend concerts of their choice without making a commitment well before concerts or make a large cash outlay.

Books of four YOUTHPASSES can be purchased from the Civic Theatre Box Office in Hunter Street, Newcastle.
The College has been successful in gaining grants totalling more than $32,000 to develop a computerised clothing manufacturing control and management information system.

The grants - $17,500 from the State Government and $15,000 from Rundles Pty. Ltd. - will enable the College to employ a research associate under the National Teaching Company Scheme to work at Rundle's Kotara and Newcastle premises.

The College applied last year for funding of two projects under the Teaching Company Scheme, the scheme being designed to forge links between companies and tertiary institutions.

The Commonwealth Department of Industry, Technology & Commerce announced last November that a $45,000 grant had been awarded to the College. The grant will allow the College to work with Carrington Slipways at Tomago to develop programmes to interface existing computer-aided design facilities with major production areas in the Company's ship construction section.

The project, which will facilitate the development of a fully computerised ship construction system of a type not established elsewhere in Australia, is planned to run for 2½ years.

The Carrington Slipways and Rundles proposals were submitted through the College's Centre for Development of Industrial Education. It was recommended that the Rundles project be discussed with N.S.W. Government authorities for funding with negotiations proving successful.

Project Manager for both the Carrington Slipways and Rundles undertakings, Roy Killen, said that Rundles was Newcastle's largest manufacturer of men's clothing.
"Under the project, a Research Associate will be employed for a twelve month period to develop a computerised system for co-ordinating the production of clothing," said Roy. "The Associate will also provide management information for cost centre analysis and other production control functions."

Roy said the project would be jointly supervised by Bundles’ Factory Manager, James Sutton, and College lecturer in Computing Studies, Ernie Jordan.

Industrial Training Projects

The Centre for Development of Industrial Education has also successfully tendered to offer a number of industrial training programmes this year.

Programmes in Report Writing and Advanced Presentation Skills will be made available twice during the year to staff of the Sulphide Corporation at Cockle Creek while the Company is also considering a number of other staff training proposals prepared by the College.

The training programmes, which will be conducted by members of the College’s Department of TAFE, will generate about $6,000 income for the C.D.I.E.

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'NEW LOOK'

Campus News comes to you this week with a new masthead after seven years since the first issue.

The 'new look' is part of a programme to bring more information to staff both informally and formally.

From next week a new internal news sheet titled 'STAFFNEWS' will be distributed every fortnight (in between distribution weeks of Campus News). The idea of STAFFNEWS is to bring to the notice of staff the various decisions and recommendations made by College committees and bodies. It will also include information from various sections of the College.

Whereas Campus News brings information to you in an informal manner, STAFFNEWS will relay the more formal information.

RESEARCH STUDY

IMPROVING RETENTION - YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12

Senior Lecturer in Education, Dr. Eric Manning has been investigating the reasons for the Hunter Region having the lowest proportion of Government school students completing secondary school in New South Wales.

Statistics for the Hunter Region have shown that out of every 100 students who enrol in Year 7, 32 are still at school in Year 12. This compares with an average of 42 students still at school in all other regions.

Dr. Manning said that the proportion of students who complete high school in Australia is considerably lower than in other countries that we compare ourselves with, and that there is a strong commitment from the Federal Government to attract more students towards completing their secondary education.

Four high schools are participating in the project - Cessnock, Broadmeadow, Lambton and Swansea - with students giving responses to a questionnaire called 'The Quality of School Life'. Issues such as self-concept, emotional satisfactions, relationship with teachers and future plans for employment and tertiary study are being investigated.

Dr. Manning said that the questionnaire served to remind students that they have important choices to make, and that he had enjoyed the opportunity of being able to discuss with students the wide range of vocationally-orientated courses available at College.

"The study attempts to determine what factors help to keep students at school, and ideally will present teachers and school administrators with some approaches for improving the retention of secondary students through the senior years," he said.

Dr. Manning’s research is funded by the College’s G.H. Duncan Research Fund and commenced early in 1986. In July last year he presented a paper on "Quality of Life as a Factor in Participation in Senior High School" at the 8th Asian Workshop on Child and Adolescent Development held in Singapore.

A comprehensive report on Dr. Manning’s study will be submitted to "The Australian Journal of Education" later this year.

Dr. Manning
NEW POLICY

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Academic Board has adopted a policy which encourages the participation in College courses of students with special needs.

The new policy reflects a commitment of the College to give students with special needs the same opportunity as all other students to follow their educational and vocational directions through participation in advanced education courses.

Chairperson of the Special Needs Committee, Phil Foreman, said that the new policy reflects changes in attitudes which recognise the right of people with disabilities to have the same access to the community's resources as people without disabilities.

"There was a time when flat feet prevented a person from becoming a teacher in the N.S.W. Department of Education," said Phil.

"There are now some very efficient and capable teachers working from wheelchairs. Similarly, people with severe visual and hearing impairments have gained outstanding results in tertiary courses."

Students with physical and sensory disabilities have already attended the College and steps have been taken to make as many areas as possible accessible by wheelchair.

Students with special needs will be expected to reach the same standard course objectives as all students. However, the way they demonstrate their proficiency may be different. For example, a student who is unable to write for physical or other reasons may complete an examination using a typewriter or a tape recorder.

The College's policy also covers students with a temporary impairment such as a broken arm and therefore the policy could apply at some stage to any College students.

The Special Needs Committee recently elected a core of three people - Phil Foreman, Nannette Bryant and Terry Lovat - who are available to assist with enquiries on special needs.

STAFF NEWS

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The College's new Deputy Principal, Dr Leslie Eastcott, takes up his position today.

Dr Eastcott was Deputy Principal of the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education and in charge of the Albury campus of the institution.

He has a Master of Education from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Education from the University of Newcastle.

The President of College Council, Mrs Margaret Bowman, in announcing Dr Eastcott's appointment, said he was an experienced educator with high academic and professional qualifications.

Mrs Bowman also said Dr Eastcott has a successful record as a senior administrator and innovator in higher education.

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COMPUTER CONFERENCE

The Australian Colleges of Advanced Education will hold its 18th Annual Computer Conference in Adelaide next August and is presently calling for papers.

The aim of the Conference is to examine the maturity of CAE computing after 18 years and papers are invited on any aspect of CAE research, teaching or administration.

Conference organisers are requesting notification by March 1 with submission of complete papers by June 7.

The South Australian Institute of Technology is hosting this year's conference and says topics for papers could include Resources for Courses, computing Courses for Teachers, Computer Centre Management, Computer-Aided Learning, Fourth-Generation Languages, Computer Graphics, Computer Networking, Design of Human Interfaces and even research projects in CAE's.

A pamphlet outlining the conference is available from the College's Information & Publicity Office.
STAFF TRAINING

QUEENSLAND SUMMER SCHOOL

Studio Craftsperson in Fibre Art/Textiles, Claire Cosh, recently attended one of the largest and most diverse cultural activities in Australia for people involved in visual and performing arts and crafts.

Claire was one of 700 people who attended the 13th Annual McGregor Summer School held at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education in Toowoomba, Queensland.

The School offered residential courses across a broad spectrum of visual and performing arts and crafts and tutors came from as far as England, Canada and Holland.

Claire enrolled in a two-week course given by practising artist Inga Hunter. "Dyed Fabric - Beyond the Mainstream" was for artists with advanced techniques in dyeing.

"The course was designed to pass on experimental techniques and Inga Hunter's approach was entirely creative," said Claire. "She was a very giving tutor with no reservations in imparting her own techniques in multi-media dyeing."

The dyeing course drew 29 fibre artists from all over Australia, New Guinea and the Torres Strait Islands and concluded with an exhibition of all work produced during the course.

"Claire described the Summer School as a "total creative experience" that has both expanded her technical knowledge and inspires her creative aspirations.

"The concentration of artists with similar interests in such a stimulating atmosphere was a rare and rewarding experience," she said.

NEW BUILDINGS

CHANGING CAMPUS FOR 1987

The face of the College campus is changing considerably with new buildings being constructed in various parts of the College grounds.

Projects already underway or near completion are extensions to the Student Union Building and also the Art Buildings, a new lecturers' block and the Aboriginal Education Centre.

Work has just started on extensions to the Special Education Centre while another major building development this year will be the construction of a two-storey Administration Building.

The Special Education extensions will enable the Centre to expand its present programmes and develop other innovative projects.

The extensions, costing $92,000 are being financed by a grant of $73,200 from the Commonwealth Department of Education, a donation of $9,250 from Firstchance (the Centre's parents and friends association) with the balance being provided by the College. The successful tenderer for the project is R.J. Black Pty. Ltd and the architects are Valentine and Dick.

Above: Workmen survey plans of the Special Education Centre extensions following completion of earthworks for the $92,000 project which is being funded by three bodies.
The Director of the Centre, Dr Phil Foreman, said that the extensions would provide additional teaching and therapy space for the Baby/Toddler Programme which assists very young children and their families.

The Centre has also been advised of funding totalling more than $150,000 to operate its Early Intervention Programmes in 1987. The Baby/Toddler Programme will receive $79,000, the Special Education Centre Preschool $44,000 and the Preschool Outreach Programme $27,000.

The funds will pay for the employment of six teachers working with children who have disabilities. The work will be carried out in the Centre, in regular preschools or in homes.

**Administration Building**

A two-storey Administration Building is currently in the planning stages with architects, Valentine and Dick, expected to complete plans in two to three months.

Properties Officer, Vern King, said that the building will adjoin the present Administration Section and will be connected to the main building by stairs on the ground floor.

He said the ground floor of the new building will house the Academic Secretariat and other administration offices while the top floor will be the Executive area.

The building will have external entrances on both floors and it is hoped to design the building in keeping with the distinctive architectural style of the main building.

Vern said that the Chairman of the Accommodation Sub-Committee, Graham Gilchrist, will issue a circular to all members of staff inviting comment on space utilisation of the areas which will be vacated.

The new building will be funded by the College and construction is expected to take about six months.

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1987 ENROLMENTS

The College expects to enrol nearly 3,900 students this year with a record 1,400 students entering their first year of tertiary studies.

The overall figure is about 330 more than last year and reflects new courses which are being offered for the first time by the College in 1987.

The new courses are a Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) which will enrol 60 part-time students, a Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) which will enrol 20 full-time students and an Associate Diploma in Administrative Studies (Aboriginal) which will also enrol 20 full-time students.

Deputy Registrar (Academic), Bob Weir, said that he was quite pleased with the enrolments and that most undergraduate courses filled after the first round of offers which were made on January 30.

He said second round offers were made last Friday to "top up" some Teacher Education courses but that overall fewer second round offers were made this year than in previous years.

"Two courses which are causing a little concern are the Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) and the Diploma in Medical Radiation Technology," said Bob.

"We are trying to attract 300 students into the nursing course this year and when second round offers were made on Friday we had just over 200 acceptances. This figure should increase with the second round and also when applications directly to the College are processed.

"The Higher Education Board has decided that people who want to train in Radiography should undertake a centralised course at Cumberland College of Health Sciences in Sydney."
ENROLMENTS

"Under arrangements with the H.E.B., students can enrol for the first year at this College and complete the final two years in Sydney. However, we hope to have our Diploma course fully approved this year to allow Newcastle students to continue their education in the city.

"Because of the current scheme we have only 11 students enrolled in Radiography for a target of 25," said Bob.

Meanwhile, the Administration Charge imposed by the Federal Government this year appears to have had little impact on undergraduate courses.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Centre processed more than 67,000 applications for 1987 entry but an estimated 25,000 candidates will not receive offers because there are not enough places available in N.S.W. Colleges and Universities.

Bob said two courses which appeared to be affected by the Administration Charge were the Graduate Diploma in Multicultural Studies and the Graduate Diploma in Social Administration. The two courses will not be offered this year because of insufficient applications, an apparent effect of the Charge.

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NEW DIRECTOR

POSITION HAS DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Improving services for students studying away from the campus and assisting staff to create greater variety through use of non-print facilities are two priorities of the new Director of Off-Campus Studies.

John Schiller was appointed last week as the new Director and sees his 'split position' as a challenge which has exciting possibilities.

As Director of Off-Campus Studies, John will be responsible for the co-ordination of all off-campus studies including the organisation and management of the College's External Studies Centre. In addition, he will be responsible for developing and facilitating the off-campus application of educational technology to all college students.

John said half of his workload will involve "off-campus studies" and half will involve "application of educational technology".

"My intention is to improve services for students - whether they be full-time, part-time or external - who study away from campus and also to have staff use the professional capabilities of sections such as the Instructional Media Unit," said John.

"I hope to assist lecturers in exploring the possibilities offered through educational technology and also to help full-time students understand the advantages of non-print facilities."

John was a lecturer with the College's Department of Professional Studies for 10 years before being appointed Director. He spent seven years as a Primary teacher in Alberta and also held positions as a Primary School Principal and Special Education teacher in Canada.

John, besides living in remote areas of Alberta, has also resided in remote areas of South Australia and is conversant with the problems faced by students who study away from campus.
NEW EQUIPMENT EXTENDS I.M.U. SERVICES.

The acquisition by the Instructional Media Unit of a Commodore Amigo computer will provide a range of high quality graphics functions for staff and students.

The Amigo is one of the latest computers on the market and is outstanding because of its capacity to perform animation, produce compact disc-quality sound and speech synthesis, in addition to its range of full colour graphics functions. It has a large memory and runs at nearly ten times the speed of a Macintosh.

Head of the I.M.U., Keith Davey, said that there has been an increasing need for high quality graphics in videos produced by the I.M.U., particularly for the departments involved in Nursing and Health Studies, Special Education, Music, Professional Studies and Physical Education.

"The Amiga will enable the I.M.U. to incorporate animated graphics of the same quality as seen on television commercials and promotions in College videotapes," said Keith.

"It will also make it possible for personal design of high quality graphics by lecturers for course work."

The computer has video output and input which allows it to read from any video source, such as a colour video camera, a video disc, video player or another computer. It is capable of tilting video frames, overlay, underlay, and joint animation which includes transformation from one object, shape or word into another.

Another feature, the 'frame grabber', to be purchased this year, can digitize an incoming image automatically. The scene can be recorded, digitized and modified with a graphics programme.

The Amiga's sound capabilities can simulate a wide variety of musical instruments to create multi-track recordings which can be used as copyright-free sound tracks for videos. A colour dot-matrix printer can produce all programmes in high quality black and white or colour printed form.

Keith said that the new equipment would also greatly increase the...

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I.M.U.

cope and quality of titles, and graphics for videos, slide tape programmes, coloured posters, displays, banners, overhead transparencies, lettering borders, cartoons, diagrammes and graphs.

Staff are invited to contact Keith if they are interested in making use of the new computer facility.

Above: An example of what the Amiga can do. A simulated 'Keith Davey' shows how lecturers can enhance their material.

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ORIENTEERING AT GLENROCK

The College Orienteering Club - known as the Bunyips - is looking for new members for its first run at Glenrock Lagoon this Wednesday afternoon (February 18).

A special introductory session for beginners will be held at 5 pm. and Kaye Thomas will be happy to help staff with any enquiries.

The run should take about an hour with the starting point being the Flaggy Creek Reserve.
RADIO SOUNDS

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

For something a little different, staff and students may like to tune in to Paul Fogo's music programme on Radio 2NUR-FM - 'Atmospheres'.

Paul, a lecturer in Film and video at this College, has his show going to air fortnightly on Monday nights between 11 pm and 1 am. It features ambient music - music which is pleasant listening but not intrusive.

Paul describes ambient sounds as those which exist in the environment and the term has been applied in the film and video industry to refer to environmental sounds which are recorded and used in the making of sound tracks.

He said the concept was developed in the late 1970's by Brian Eno who produced a series of albums titled 'Ambient Music'. The music was intended to be both worthy of serious listening and analysis or to be subconsciously listened to whilst engaged in other activities.

Paul says the music he plays on the show is generally instrumental, light, melodic and jazz orientated.

"'Atmospheres' provides music which is pleasant listening and can be used as background music while studying," Paul says. "It enhances the environment without being intrusive."

Paul has been a presenter for 2NUR-FM for nearly seven years, originally presenting a 'new wave' programme.

THE ARTS

SECOND EXHIBITION FOR NEW GALLERY

The successful opening of Newcastle Contemporary Gallery's new Wood Street premises is being followed by an exhibition by four artists who have close ties with the College.

On display is "Exhibition 2" which features the work of sculptor, Greig Campbell, and painter, Peter Gardiner, who completed their Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) degrees last year. Sharing the exhibition are 3rd year RAMA students, Nadea Aggio and Robert Bruce who were part-time students last year.

"Exhibition 2" will run until Sunday, March 2 and the four artists' work reflects strong individual styles and directions. Painter Robert Bruce said that the new gallery provides an outlet for out of the mainstream artists and is an alternative to commercial galleries.

"Funding from the Visual Arts Board covered the cost of fitting out the gallery and exhibitions are fully booked up until mid '88," said Robert.

"The central aim of the Contemporary Artists Group is to provide Hunter artists, no matter what style, a reason to keep working."

The group now consists of 115 members, many of whom are students, former students or lecturers of the College.

The Wood Street Gallery is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 1 pm and 6 pm.

ABOVE: Peter Gardiner (1) and Robert Bruce prepare for the exhibition which runs for the rest of this month.
ADDITIONAL GRANT FOR SLIPWAYS PROJECT

The College has received an additional grant under the National Teaching Company Scheme for the Carrington Slipways Project.

The funding now allows the College to employ two research associates to develop computer programmes to integrate Carrington Slipways computer aided drafting system with their numerically controlled manufacturing tooling and resource planning and control systems.

The project is planned to run for 2½ years and the Federal and State governments will meet half the salary costs of the research associates. They will also pay the administrative costs of the College.

Carrington Slipways will pay the other half of the salary of the associates, both of whom will be employed by the College. Total funding for the project will be approximately $165,000 - the two governments providing $45,000 each and Carrington Slipways $75,000.

The associates will be jointly supervised by the Senior Systems Analyst at Carrington Slipways, Peter Huish and a College lecturer in Computing Studies, Rudi Pertot. The Head of the College's Department of TAFE, Roy Killen, is Project Manager.

COLLEGE AGAIN SEEKS PREGNANT WOMEN

The highly successful pregnancy and birth study programme undertaken by nursing students of the College has aroused great interest in the field of nurse education across Australia and will run again this year.

The College is seeking the assistance of 180 women who will be giving birth between April and October to help nursing students in their studies.

Co-ordinator for the programme, Sue Outram, said that women who volunteered last year found the students' interest in the pregnancy was supportive and that it heightened their own awareness of the pregnancy.

Sue said she hoped to make contact with 50 women to participate in the programme by the start of lectures with another 130 mothers-to-be joining the programme later in the year.
College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, extends a warm welcome to new students of the College and to those who are returning to studies in 1987.

Dr Huxley says students will find some significant changes this year, these including the development of a four School structure, three courses being offered for the first time and new buildings on campus which will be completed through the year.

"The four School structure will allow further diversification by the College in its efforts to improve the range of course and vocational opportunities for Hunter Region students," said Dr Huxley.

"The College now has academic skills in Administration and Technology, Health Studies, Teacher Education and Visual and Performing Arts and its major aim is to offer courses which are relevant to the needs of society, particularly those of this Region.

"Part of this aim is for the College to achieve a position where it can maximise its potential and play a full role in providing tertiary education for people in the Hunter," he said.

The Principal said that at present people of the Hunter do not have access to the range of courses, the number of places per head of population nor the diversity of resources that other regions of the State have available to them. An important goal for the College was to convince those responsible for funding to rethink the present allocation of resources.

The College hopes to be able to avoid the situation where the children of Hunter citizens are forced
to go elsewhere for vocational and professional training," said Dr Huxley.

"There are serious gaps in the choices available to our young people and examples are the absence of courses in the fields of agriculture, science and business."

New courses offered this year are a Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing), a Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) and an Associate Diploma in Administrative Studies (Aboriginal). The nursing course has enrolled 60 registered nurses for part-time study while it is envisaged that 20 full-time students will enrol in the latter two courses.

Dr Huxley says he believes that community involvement in the College is of great importance and that the future will see these links become stronger.

"We want to hear from members of the community as we need to know what they want for themselves and for their children. We encourage them to express their views to us.

"I believe a period of evaluation and re-appraisal of priorities and goals will benefit tertiary education as it moved towards the 1990's.

"A stocktaking of what we have learned, what we have set in motion, and what is needed will help balance the aims of education with the needs of society," said Dr Huxley.

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TAI CHI AND STAFFFIT

Neil Wright will again conduct his Tai Chi classes this year with the first class starting today (March 2) in the P.E. Dance Studio.

A beginners session starts at midday with students from last year starting at 12.20 pm. Staff are asked to wear loose clothing and soft slippers.

Kaye Thomas is also interested to hear from staff about STAFFFIT and is looking for suggestions for a 1987 programme.

Kaye hopes to start STAFFFIT in the next few weeks.

NEW TEXTS

SERIES EDITED BY COLLEGE LECTURER

A series of textbooks written specifically for a new Higher School Certificate course and edited by Education lecturer, Terry Lovat, has recently been released and is expected to make a big impact in the field of Social Education.

The series, entitled "People, Culture and Change" consists of four texts - 'Coming of Age', 'Understanding Politics', 'Understanding Religion' and 'Communication across Cultures'.

The H.S.C. course, "Society and Culture" was introduced to secondary schools in 1985 and many schools are now offering the subject. The course is structured with a compulsory opening unit in Year 11 which is followed by a series of electives and concludes with a compulsory closing unit in Year 12.

Terry, who is co-ordinating a new strand in Religious Education for the College, has written the 'Understanding Religion' text.

Terry said that the school course until now had relied on existing reference material. The new series would provide a solid framework for teachers with reference material that was up-to-date and reflected modern ideas and social education.

The series has been described as a pioneering work which breaks new ground and also as a self-discovery series.

Terry has been a member of the syllabus committee since 1982 and was approached by Social Science Press to produce the texts. An Australia wide search was necessary to select authors to contribute to the series.

Another three books will be published in May for the series and an additional four texts will be printed next February.

The texts are on sale in the Co-op Bookshop and will also be available in the College Library.

Terry said that strong interest had been shown in the Religious Education strand and that lectures will commence in B15 at 5pm on Wednesday (March 14).

Terry Lovat - new series a tremendous personal challenge.
OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Commonwealth Department of Education is currently promoting a number of scholarships for study in overseas countries.

The governments of Austria, France, India, Norway, Italy, Greece and Hungary have scholarships available for the 1987-88 year and are accepting applications for the awards.

Details of the scholarships, some of which are for post-graduate study are available from the Students Services Section.

ENGLISH SPEAKING UNION SCHOLARSHIP

The N.S.W. Branch of the English Speaking Union is providing a $6,000 scholarship for study in overseas countries.

Applicants should be graduates and be 35 years of age or younger. Application forms are available from the Students Services Section.

BALLOT FOR ACADEMIC POSITIONS ON COUNCIL

Five members of Academic staff have nominated for the two Academic staff positions on College Council.

The nominees are Jim Cramp, Phil Foreman, Graham Gilchrist, Roy Killen and Alan Murphy.

A ballot is currently being conducted and papers are required to reach the Secretary of Council, Mr John Todd, by no later than midday on Friday, March 6. Voting can take place in the Principal's waiting room between 9.30 am. and 4.30 pm. on working days.

Full details of the ballot are on official College notice-boards.

MESSAGE TO NEW STAFF

New members of staff are reminded of the advantages of joining the Staff Association and the facilities provided by the body. Membership Secretary Anne Brown (Ext. 464) has details.
ART PRIZE
TWO SHARE $300 PRIZE

An anonymous donor has come forward for the third successive year with a prize for outstanding work in the College's Plant and Wildlife Illustration specialisation.

The $300 prize has been presented to Herbert Heinrich and Ted Galvin who completed their B.A.V.A degrees in 1984. Ted finished the Graduate Diploma in Art last year and Herbert, who is a part-time student, will finish the Graduate course this year.

The Head of the School of Visual and Performing Arts, Graham Gilchrist, expressed his thanks to the donor and said that both Ted and Herbert had promising careers ahead of them in the field of illustration.

Ted is working as an illustrator for the Newcastle Herald and is developing his particular field of interest in birds and mammals into an individual illustrative context. His style is being noted for characterisation and caricatures.

Herbert hopes to become a professional illustrator in the field of environmental education and has a particular interest in fungi. He has started a small business venture taking groups of people camping in National parks and wilderness areas and hopes to pass on his observation skills to those interested in environmental education.

Above: Herbert Heinrich (l) and Illustration lecturer, Chris Sanders, at the presentation of the $300 Prize.

S.R.C.
PROTEST ACTION DURING ENROLMENT

Members of the Student Representative Council have maintained a strong presence in the concourse during enrolment as a protest against the $250 Administration Charge.

President of the S.R.C., Scott Gardiner, said that the purpose of the protest action was to ease the financial burden imposed on students by the charge and to inform them of their right to be invoiced by the College.

Scott said that the S.R.C.'s action also enabled students to make a political statement on the introduction of the Administration Charge.

"The College has been asked to submit figures to a committee set up by Senator Susan Ryan to review the implementation of the Charge," said Scott.

"By having the charge invoiced students will help provide important statistical support which may help to have the charge reduced or withdrawn at the next budget."

Scott said he believed that the charge was discriminatory and would decrease participation in areas which the government has pledged its support.

"Although the charge is to be refunded under AUSTUDY, a large body of people just above the cut-off rate will be disadvantaged," said Scott.

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STUDENT NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHS IN SHOW EXHIBITION

Part of a travelling exhibition featuring photography by College students is currently on display at the 1987 Newcastle Show.

'Photo Signatures' has been seen in various galleries and venues in Eastern Australia and presents a wide variety of photographic techniques.

The Head of the Department of Visual Arts Communication, Ron Morrison, said 'Photo Signatures' was a non-competitive exhibition of photography for the Show and that most of the photographs were in black and white.

He said subjects ranged from studies of people to abstract compositions to the more traditional landscape photography.

** NEED HELP WITH ESSAY WRITING? **

Dennis King from the English and Languages Department will be available throughout the first Semester to help any student who is facing difficulty with essay writing.

Dennis can assist with basic English skills and is quite happy to talk to students on problems with essays. He can be contacted through the English Department Office on 'C' level or by ringing Ext. 349. His office is P1-4 in the portables.

Dennis will also conduct a poetry reading session at midday next Monday (March 9) in the Griffith Duncan Foyer. All students are invited to attend the session.

** NEW BUS ROUTE **

The Urban Transit Authority has introduced a new bus route to assist students travelling to College from the Charlestown area. Route 238 travels from Charlestown Shopping Centre via Charlestown Road through Garden Suburb and Cardiff Heights and then across New Lambton Heights to Jesmond and the University before arriving at the College.
A new company established by the College will extend the educational objectives of the institution into the community, foster College-based research and activity and also establish, maintain and develop contact with industry.

The name of the company is NEWCASTLE COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED but will be known as "HUNTERSEARCH".

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, said the company would be operational on a small scale in the next few months and fully operational in 1988.

He said the company had been established because of the tremendous amount of expertise of the staff and because of the need to improve links between tertiary institutions and industry/commerce sectors.

"The expertise we have is in both teaching and support staff and the best way of making that expertise available to the community is through a company designed for that purpose," said Dr Huxley.

"There has also been great interest on the part of governments and taxpayers to develop better relationships between industry and commerce on one hand and academic institutions on the other.

"The College sees itself as fulfilling part of that government aim by utilising the resources that it has available," he said.

Activities in which HUNTERSEARCH will be involved include short courses that are conducted as an educational extension, an entrepreneurial venture or on behalf of another organisation. The company will also interest itself in research projects of staff members and in consultancy and contracting projects.

Dr Huxley said there were a unique number of opportunities offered by the College and that the company reflected our recent diversification.
COMPUTERS

NEW COMPUTER NETWORK IMPROVES FACILITIES

The College's Computer Centre has recently acquired a PC-based network which will bring its facilities into line with the latest in computer technology.

The network includes 15 Apricot XEN-I computers and a file server. The computers are IBM-AT compatible and emulate all functions of an IBM, but are much faster.

Each work station can access information from any of the other work stations by using Local Area Network cards. The work stations do not require their own software but are able to access from the file server.

The master file server has a hard disc which allows all software to be available to any of the users and the system has available a number of computer languages which students can learn. These include Quick Basic, Old Basic and Turbo Pascal.

Computer Centre Staff member, John Bates, said that the main applications for the use of the computers would be for word processing, electronic spreadsheets, data bases and computer languages.

"Students in Maths and Computing are using the network to teach programming concepts such as structured programming and data base applications, whereas lecturers in Nursing are using the microcomputing laboratory as a computer awareness course," he said.

"TAFE students are using the computers for computer-based training and computer-assisted instruction," said John.

"The main benefits of the network are that each work station has access to all the programmes on the file server, and that lecturers can 'broadcast' a screen to their students or 'scan' the screens of individual work stations."

John said that the microcomputing network would give teachers a greater awareness of the possibilities that are open to them and that it would enable the College to provide better computer education for students.

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VOLVO AWARD

PRESENTATION IN ROME

A recently appointed lecturer in Science, Janet Macintosh, flies to Rome in May to receive a world recognised award for research into lower back pain.

Janet and her co-author, Dr Nick Bogduk, have been announced as winners of the Volvo Award and will be presented with their $US 7000 award at a four-day meeting of the International Society for Study of the Lumbar Spine.

The Swedish car company makes the award available each year in the categories of basic science, clinical science and biomechanics because of its high involvement in research and vehicle safety.

Janet said she and Dr Bogduk submitted their paper last October while she was working in Brisbane. Dr Bogduk is a reader in anatomy at Queensland University and Janet co-authored the paper as part of her PhD studies in anatomy.

"The research involved determining the detailed musculature of the lumbar spine in order to understand precisely how the spine moves under normal circumstances," said Janet.

"There's a great deal of research in industrial countries, particularly with the increases in levels of low back pain," said Janet. "But in Australia there has been little research."

Janet and Dr Bogduk thought they had a reasonable chance of success because they had been ranked highly in previous years but were still delighted when they received word of this year's award.

They will fly to Rome on May 24 and attend the international meeting during which their award will be presented for the basic science research category.

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For the first time in Australia an Off Air Taping Licence is allowing videotapes to be made of actual courses being broadcast on television.

ABC-TV and SBS-TV began broadcasting the following programmes earlier this month for LEARNING NETWORK and VIDEO LICENSING CENTRE.

**ABC** - 7 am to 8 am
- COURSE - 1. New Literacy: An Introduction to Computers (30 half-hour).
- Business of Management (26 half-hour).
- Business of Hospitality (8 half-hour).
- Basic D.C. Circuits (30 half-hour)

**SBS** - 3.30pm to 4pm
- COURSE - 1. Faces of Culture (26 half-hour).
- Health Problems of Early Greeks (9 half-hour).
- Marketing (26 half-hour).

Video tapes of these programmes are being kept in the non-print section of the College Library to enable lecturers to preview the tapes with a view to possible use in internal and external teaching.

Staff interested in the use of the videotapes should contact the Director of Off-Campus Studies, John Schiller or Audio Visual Librarian, Margaret Stewart, immediately as preview copies can only be retained for a short period.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE ANNIVERSARY**

The 10th Anniversary of the Special Education Centre gets into full swing this week with an 'Open Day' for staff and an Anniversary and Reunion Dinner.

The Open Day will be held tomorrow (Tuesday, March 17) and College staff are invited to inspect the Centre and have morning tea between 10 am and 11.30 am.

The Anniversary and Reunion Dinner will be held in the College Dining Hall this coming Friday evening, March 20, and the guest speaker will be the Minister for Education, Mr Rodney Cavalier.

Director of the Special Education Centre, Phil Foreman, said that there had been a great deal of interest shown in the Anniversary Dinner from the Hunter Region. Many former students who were now teaching throughout New South Wales would be attending the dinner.

"The dinner will enable people from various walks of life to be associated with the 10th Anniversary and the evening will be attended by the Foundation Director, Dr Peter O'Connor, who is lecturing in Canberra," said Phil.

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**AUDIO VISUAL**

**DO YOU WANT TO BE ON TELEVISION?**

Lecturers who would like to have their lectures videotaped or audio-taped should contact Keith Davey in L.M.U. or John Schiller in External Studies to discuss equipment and facilities that are available.

Rather than prepare full scale video productions with lights, make-up, a detailed script and a cast of thousands, Keith and John would like to assist any lecturer who would like to prepare a "hassle-free" videotape of a particular lecture, guest speakers, demonstration, group activity or series of lectures.

Facilities exist to easily "professionalise" a videotape by deleting unnecessary sections, adding titles, music and graphics so that a lecturer has resource material at hand. This material can be provided for students who may miss lectures or can be sent to students who are studying a similar module by external mode.

Lecturers are invited to discuss how easy and non-threatening videotape production can be with Keith who can be contacted on Ext. 628 or John on Ext. 429.

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**MU Extended Hours**

From Monday 9th March
the Instructional Media Unit
will be open from
0.30am to 9.00pm
Monday to Thursday
and 0.30am to 5.00pm Friday

Services offered:
* Equipment Loans
* Lecturer Support
* Borrow TV Replay Trolleys

Phone extn. 298
or call at IMU Loans Desk and Workshop at the
Lower Floor of the Library
SCULPTURE

MAJOR PROJECT FOR FORMER STUDENT

A former B.A.V.A. student of the College has just completed a major sculpture project in Maitland Park.

Mark Bunda, who completed his B.A.V.A. in 1983, has worked professionally as a sculptor since graduating from College and received funding from the Craft Board of the Australia Council for the Arts and from the N.S.W. Arts Council for the Maitland project.

The neo-Egyptian style sculpture is entitled "Conversation in the Park" and has a theme of communication amongst young people. The work is two metres high and four metres in length and is made of terracotta tiles to which colour has been applied with glazes and engobes. It is mounted on a brick wall which has been specially built to display the sculpture.

The completion of the project was marked by an opening ceremony in Maitland Park yesterday afternoon and was attended by representatives from many groups which assisted with the project.

"There has been tremendous commitment to the project by local industry," said Mark.

"The terracotta tiles were fired in the brickyards at Thornton and the brickyard's staff have been of great help. Management provided a studio for the project and assistance was also given by Maitland City Council and Maitland Arts Council," he said.

Mark started work on the sculpture project in July last year and has been assisted by Dutch sculptor, Rijna Malding. The two sculptors are now working together as a team and are known as the Dutch-Australian Ceramic Connection.

Mark and Rijna intend to return to Holland towards the end of March and expect to continue working in both Holland and Australia.

FUNDING

$8,000 CHEQUE FOR PRE-SCHOOL

The Minister for Youth and Community Services, John Aquilina, has approved an additional $8,010 grant towards the salary costs of running the Pre-School at the Special Education Centre.

The cheque was presented to the Director of the Special Education Centre, Dr Phil Foreman, by the Member for Waratah, Mr John Price, and brings total funding for the Pre-School in 1987 to $32,000.

Mr Price made representations on behalf of the Centre for increased funding and the matter was re-assessed by the Department of Youth and Community Services in January.

Mr Price said that he was happy the additional funds had been approved as 40 families were being assisted each week by the Pre-School.

Dr Foreman said the $32,000 in grants would go towards the salary costs of two teachers and an aide. He was thankful for Mr Price's representations which now allows the Pre-School to operate at its full potential.

Above: Dr Foreman (r) accepts the cheque to assist in Pre-School salary costs from Mr John Price. About 40 families are being assisted each week through the Centre's Pre-School.
APPLICATIONS INVITED

College students are being invited to apply for a $500 scholarship which is being offered by the Universities Credit Union.

The scholarship is open to full-time students in the second or later years of any undergraduate course and is tenable for one year.

Branch Manager of the Credit Union, Karen McIlvenie, said the scholarship was based on academic merit and previous studies at the College and that applicants must be members of the Universities Credit Union for more than one year.

"Students can also be a member of a family which has had an account with our Credit Union for more than 12 months," said Karen.

Applications for the 1987 Scholarship close on Friday, April 10 and these should be submitted to the Registrar through the front enquiry counter.

Karen is inviting first-year students to join the Credit Union now to be eligible for scholarships in 1988 and subsequent years. The College branch of the Credit Union is located on 'A' Level opposite the Cashier's office and is open every Tuesday and Thursday and every second Wednesday.

Applications are also being invited for the 1987 Japan Airlines Scholarship for study in Tokyo and for awards under the National Research Fellowships Scheme.

Application forms for both awards are available from the Student Services Office.

E.E.O. GRIEVANCE ADVISERS

Nominations are being accepted from staff and students who would like to train as E.E.O. Grievance Advisers.

The training programme is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 to Thursday, April 2 (3 days) and will be held in the Great Hall at Newcastle University. Further information is available by contacting the E.E.O. Unit staffmembers, Susan Eade on Extension 521 or Roxann B.Pattison on Extension 380.
PROTEST ACTION

The Students' Representative Council will continue its protest action against the $250 Administration Charge and is calling on students to take part in a national day of action in April.

S.R.C. President, Scott Gardiner, said the day of action was one of two steps in protesting against the Charge.

"Representatives from college and university campuses throughout New South Wales are to take part in a trip to Canberra to lobby against the proposed May mini budget and any possible increase in higher education fees," said Scott.

"The dates for the national day of action and the lobby trip will be publicised shortly and follow on from the successful protest we held at the college last Wednesday."

An estimated 1,500 students attended the rally as part of a State-wide campaign to protest against the Administration Charge and a possible increase to $500 which student leaders believe could lead to the introduction of full tertiary fees.

Scott said he was very pleased at the response of students and also with the remarks made by the College Principal, Dr Huxley and the Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Taylor.

Although Dr Huxley was unable to attend the rally, he said in a statement read to the students that the Charge would further reduce the numbers of students who were already under-represented at tertiary institutions.

Dr Huxley said that while the affluent would not be greatly affected, a wide band of people just above the cut-off point for financial assistance would find it increasingly difficult. There was no logic, justice or economic sense in singling out higher education as the only part of education for which the users should pay.
NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

20 NURSING STUDENTS RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

Twenty scholarships valued at $250 each have been presented to 2nd and 3rd year nursing students by the Principal Director of Nursing at Royal Newcastle Hospital, Miss Margaret Marks.

The scholarships have been made available by the Newcastle Regional Nurse Training Council which has co-ordinated nurse training in the Hunter Health Region since 1972. The Council winds up its activities later this year and decided to use its scholarship funds to assist nursing students at College.

Miss Marks said at the presentation of the scholarships that she was looking forward to the time when the College's nursing students came into the Region's hospitals. She said Nursing Directors were looking at the integration of College graduates to ensure a smooth transition into the nursing profession.

Scholarship recipients are Susan Brent, Sue Burchill, Deborah Butler, Marcie Corrigan, Kathleen Dunn, Alison Elbourne, Sharon Elham, Scott Ellercamp, Amanda Francis, Kerri Gill, Margaret Gleeson, Patricia King, Jocelyn Kriss, Maxene McVic, Catherine Moran, Melissa Picton, Petra Salna, Kate Simpson, Janelle Tully and Andrew Woolard.

Acting Head of the School of Health Studies, Mrs Faith Trent, said that selection of applicants was based on need and the likelihood of students completing the three year nursing course.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

A majority of the Executive of the Staff Association has been returned unopposed for the coming year.

The Annual General Meeting last week re-elected Bruce Cook as President, Keith Powell as Vice President, Sandra Jones as Secretary and David Heggart as Treasurer.

New faces on the Executive are Paul McGrath who replaces Scott Murray after Scott did not seek re-election and Cae Pattison as Membership Secretary following the retirement of Anne Brown.

Bruce said the past year saw a marked increase in membership and said the new Executive would continue to keep membership at a high level.

He said social functions conducted by the Association were well attended and that facilities in the Staff Room would be one of the major projects for 1987.

The A.G.M. voted to maintain fees for the coming year at the 1986 level of $2.50 per week.

MICROCOMPUTING EXHIBITION

Newcastle's Annual Microcomputing Exhibition, which is conducted by the College each year, will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 28, 29 and 30.

Organiser, Ernie Jordan, said an estimated 15,000 visitors attended last year and that he expected similar numbers again in May.

"The Exhibition is presented by the College in association with NBN Channel 3 and The Newcastle Star and we expect most of the local experts in the field of microcomputing to be involved in the event," said Ernie.

"The three days will allow College staff and especially students to become conversant with the latest developments in microcomputing hardware and software and it's an opportunity that should not be missed," he said.

Equipment on display will include laser printers and desktop publishing and the faster and more powerful computers which have recently come onto the market.

Above: Mrs Faith Trent, College Principal, Dr Doug Nuxley and Miss Margaret Marks with four of the recipients during the presentation.
PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF MACHINES

The Elna Sewing Centre has again come to the aid of the College’s Department of Home Economics with the presentation of two new machines for use by students.

Elna representative, Colin Mason, presented the Department with an Elna Jubilee sewing machine and an Elna overlocker which have been made available on a loan basis for 12 months.

The Elna Sewing Centre has provided two new machines each year for the past three years and this has added to the number of machines which are available to Home Economics students.

A Lecturer in Home Economics, Rae Gibbon, said the gesture by Elna was greatly appreciated and that the machines would be of benefit to students because of the large intake this year.

"Enrolments have increased from the planned initial intake of 40 students to 60 students and the sewing machine and overlocker are a great boost to the resources of the Home Economics Department," said Rae.

ABOVE: Trying out the new machines are (from left) Technical Assistant, Margaret Lazarevski, Elna Representative, Colin Mason, and first year Home Economics student, Anne Belcher.

PORTRAIT

PASTEL DONATED TO COLLEGE

A pastel portrait of a student who attended Newcastle Teachers’ College in 1952 has been donated to the College - ironically at the same time his daughter is attending Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

The portrait is of John Tassell whose daughter, Kylie, is currently in the second year of her B.Ed mathematics course.

The portrait has been donated by a well-known retired teacher, Miss Rachel Samuels. Miss Samuels, who was Headmistress of many Infants Schools in the Newcastle region, found the painting while moving residence.

Now in her eighties, Miss Samuels has always been a keen artist and has had a long association with the College. An annual Graduation Prize donated by the Hunter Region Sculpture Society is named after her and recognises the ‘Most Promising Student in Sculpture’.

John Tassell said he was surprised at the reappearance of the portrait. He began sitting for the portrait class at the then Hunter St. Art School in the early 1950’s to supplement his scholarship allowance following a suggestion from the Principal, Griff Duncan.

"My allowance was £3 a week and I paid £3 for board, so I desperately needed extra income," said John. "I sat for the portrait class twice a week over a six month period and was paid 4/- an hour - there could be a number of portraits of me but I am surprised this one has turned up again after 35 years."

John graduated from Newcastle Teachers College (now the C.A.E.) as a primary teacher and later completed a B.A. degree at Newcastle University. He is now an investment consultant in Sydney.

Left: John Tassell, who made a special trip to Newcastle, and his daughter Kylie pictured with the ‘discovered’ portrait.

John taught in primary schools for 7 years after leaving College and then became a High School Mathematics teacher for 9 years.
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residents and rm:lnagers of caravon parks.

"In addition to ongoing programmes, we have attempted several
pilot schemes which will come into operation this year," said Steph-
anie. "These include toy making workshops for parents, Swim Gym,
water confidence and resuscitation classes and the student partic-
ipation programme which involves students from Early Childhood,
Physical Education and Nursing."

Another new programme is a conversation group for parents and
their babies which aims to combat isolation. Mothers will be intro-
duced to a number of activities to promote wellbeing for themselves
and their babies, for example baby exercise and massage, exercise
for mothers and also crafts.

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van Leer

ANNUAL REPORT FOR HOLLAND

The van Leer Hunter Caravan Project has just produced its first
Annual Report and a copy is now being sent to the van Leer Foundation
which is based in The Hague, Holland.

The Annual Report, which covers 13 different sections, is being
accompanied by a video produced by the IMU which covers the pro-
ject's activities.

The Hunter Caravan Project aims to assist children and families in
caravan parks by improving young children's social, emotional and
physical skills. It also attempts to develop nutritional and health
inputs and to assist parents to work together in the parks by using
community, educational and health services.

The project employs five members and is operating in 10 regional
caravan parks and hopes to extend its services to the Upper Hunter
this year.

Long term programmes include playgym, an after-school programme,
vacation fun days and a school programme which provides remedial
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teaching for caravan park children while at school.

Project Director, Wendy Schiller, says a major aim of the project
is to develop resources to enable caravan park residents and commu-
unity bodies to manage by themselves, the services that are now
provided by the Caravan Project.

She said the project employs caravan park residents to supervise
after-school activities and aims to involve parents in the operation of
all programmes.

Base Co-ordinator, Stephanie Dash, said that the project was now
firmly established and has won the support and enthusiasm of both
residents and managers of caravan parks.

"I realise that some students are having trouble in making ends
meet and I would particularly like to hear from students who are
experiencing accommodation problems," said Carol.

"The Section has been able to assist students in the past and
students are welcome to come in and see us if they are facing
problems in settling in to their new accommodation," she said.

About 20 students have been assis-
ted by the Centre since the be-
inning of the semester in finding
part-time work and Carol suggests
that students should check the
noticeboard outside Student Services
or contact her personally if they
require assistance.

The Student Services Centre also
offers assistance through two
Counsellors and a Nursing Sister.
It offers a variety of services,
including a car pool system, and
students are more than welcome
to acquaint themselves with the
Section. Secretaries are Kay Dean
and Maree Hunt and they can be
contacted immediately inside the
doors of the Service.

Carol Sjostedt - eager to
assist College students.
AUSTUDY

Students are reminded that applications for AUSTUDY must be submitted by tomorrow (March 31) to ensure full year benefits are paid.

Applications and requests for information concerning AUSTUDY can be directed to Gary Khan who will be at the College tomorrow between 8:30 am and midday and again between 4 pm and 6 pm.

A second AUSTUDY representative, Alison White is available today at the University of Newcastle between 9 am and 5 pm for students who require urgent advice.

Applications submitted after tomorrow will normally only attract benefits from the date of receipt.

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CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

College students who are in the second, third or fourth year of their undergraduate studies are advised that applications for the 1987 Universities Credit Union Scholarship close on Friday, April 10.

The scholarship is open to full-time students and applicants must be members of the Credit Union for more than one year. The award is based on academic merit in previous years at the College and applications should be forwarded to the Registrar.

First year students are reminded that they should join the Credit Union now to be eligible for the 1988 Scholarship.

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HOME ECONOMICS SCHOLARSHIP

Home Economics students are being invited to lodge applications for the King and Amy O'Malley Trust Scholarships for 1988.

The scholarships include a $6,000 undergraduate category, an $8,000 postgraduate category and a category to attend a live-in course in Melbourne next January and February.

All applications must be submitted by May 30 and newspaper advertisements will appear on the first two Saturdays of April.

Home Economics students who are interested in the scholarships can obtain initial details from the Student Services Section of the College.
PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The President of the College Council, Mrs Margaret Bowman has been re-elected unopposed for her third consecutive term.

Members of Council at a special meeting last Thursday re-elected Mrs Bowman and also the Vice-President, Dr Elwin Currow, for his second consecutive term.

Dr Currow also was unopposed in the election for Vice-President. Mrs Bowman and Dr Currow will hold office for two years until March 31, 1989. Both are Ministerial appointees to the Council, Mrs Bowman being Deputy Principal at Wallsend High School and Dr Currow being the recently retired Chief Executive Officer of Royal Newcastle Hospital.

Newly elected members of the Council are Dr Allan Taylor as Praelector, Dr Philip Foreman and Mr Jim Cramp from Academic staff, Ms Judith Wallom from Non-academic staff and Ms Elizabeth Hyde and Mr Scott Gardiner from the Student body. Ms Wallom, Ms Hyde and Mr Gardiner have been re-elected to their positions.

The new members join Ministerial appointees, Mr Brian Adnum, Mr Alan Beard, Mr David Bradshaw, Professor Ken Dutton, Mr Gordon Gilroy, Mr Bernard Griffin and Ms Leonore Hughes on Council in addition to Graduate-elected members Brian Adamthwaite and Katherine Wiley. Miss Wiley was elected on Thursday to replace Ms Bev Henwood.

Council was informed on Thursday that Ministerial appointee, Mrs Marjorie Biggins, had tendered her resignation.

Mrs Margaret Bowman
HUNTERSEARCH
COMPANY COMMENCES OPERATIONS

Mr Roy Killen has taken up duties as the Chief Executive Officer of 'Huntersearch', the College's recently established research and development company. Roy's appointment took effect last Monday and this will allow the company to commence operations prior to the appointment of a full-time Manager.

'Huntersearch will take responsibility for the supervision of a number of current College projects, including the National Teaching Company Scheme projects at Rundies and Carrington Slipways and the training programmes being conducted for the Sulphide Corporation.

The major activities of the Company are expected to be:
- the conducting of short courses,
- research projects,
- consultancies and contracting,
- courses for overseas students.

Whilst the Company will have a separate legal identity to the College it will maintain a close relationship with the College. The activities of Huntersearch will be educational extensions of the College's present activities, not simply profit generating operations. However, it is intended that Huntersearch will become self-sufficient in a relatively short time.

Staff who have suggestions for establishing projects through 'Huntersearch' are encouraged to contact Roy Killen on 687476.

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ACADEMIC BOARD VACANCIES

Nominations are being called for two vacancies on Academic Board following the resignation of Bob Brown and the appointment of Bill Galvin as Acting Head of the Department of Mathematics and Computing Studies.

Nominations close at midday on Tuesday, April 21 and a ballot will be held until Wednesday, May 6 if more than two nominations are received.

Full details of the vacancies are available on official noticeboards.

ASBESTOS
NEW REPORT ON COLLEGE

An Occupational Hygienist and the Sydney Hospital Occupational Health and Safety Services have issued a report to the College following a survey of asbestos in the institution.

The report contains a number of recommendations, many of which are of a minor nature (eg. to patch some damaged sections of the ceiling to improve appearance) whilst other recommendations require more extensive work.

The major recommendations are:

1. The total removal of the asbestos from those sections of Stage One (Industrial Arts/Art Education area) of the College where it has been partially removed. The consultants are preparing a specification for this work and are obtaining estimates of the project cost. The College will then make a submission to the N.S.W. Higher Education Board and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission for allocation of funds.

2. The replacement of the recessed lights in the concourse and passageways with surface mounted light fittings. The lights will be fitted on a backing board which will be installed in the existing light aperture in such a way that a dust tight seal will be created to prevent any fibres from the overspray in the ceiling cavity entering the space below.

It has also been decided in some cases to go beyond the recommendations of the 'Asbestos Survey Report' and to progressively install false ceilings in all offices and classrooms where asbestos ceilings currently exist and where removal is unlikely during 1987 or 1988.

As part of the management process, the total area of asbestos ceilings will now be subjected to an annual inspection by the consultants and the Occupational Hygienist in order to detect any signs of deterioration to enable remedial action to be taken before these areas become a health hazard.

In accordance with the report an Asbestos Management Plan has been prepared. However, any such plan will not be effective unless all students and staff are aware of the presence of asbestos and take care to ensure that the asbestos material is not damaged.

In the event of accidental damage, the room should be evacuated, the door locked and the Properties Section immediately notified.
IMPROVING TEACHER EDUCATION

The increasing role of tertiary institutions in the area of in-service education was a major topic at a recent conference in Melbourne.

Dr Allan Taylor and Dr Jack Caldwell from the School of Teacher Education attended the conference at Melbourne C.A.E. which discussed a report on teacher education which was issued by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission and the Commonwealth Schools Commission.

Subjects on the agenda included the accreditation of in-school in-service courses by tertiary institutions and government priorities in education. Priorities included the education of girls, Multicultural education, Maths and Science education, Computer education, integration of handicapped students and Aboriginal education.

Dr Caldwell said that seven major colleges were designated in the report as centres for innovation, but that Newcastle C.A.E. presented the view that a wider range of involvement should be accepted.

He said that Newcastle C.A.E.'s retraining programme was seen as being in line with development in Diploma in Education courses and that a Discipline Review would be likely in Teacher Education. A proposal for Secondary Education students to gain their Bachelor of Education qualification over four consecutive years was also discussed at the conference.

Dr Caldwell said that representatives from most C.A.E.'s and universities in Australia attended the conference.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COOKING?

An outstanding exhibition of books from the British Council entitled 'Cookery, Food and Drink' is on display in the Audio-Visual room of the Library.

The comprehensive range of books are not for loan but are on display until the end of April.

RESEARCH PROJECT

The integration of children with disabilities into schools is the subject of a research project being partly co-ordinated by two lecturers from the Special Education Centre.

The project, sponsored by the N.S.W. Department of Education, the Spastic Centre, the Society for Crippled Children and the Downs Syndrome Programme at Macquarie University, has been funded for $85,000.

The Director of the Special Education Centre, Dr Phil Foreman and lecturer in Special Education, Dr Bob Conway, will be co-ordinating the research in the Newcastle Region for the project.

A total of $10,000 has been allocated to the Special Education Centre to employ Research Assistant, Mrs Pam McLean, for the research in Newcastle.

The expertise of the Special Education Centre will be combined with the resources of Macquarie and Wollongong Universities and Mitchell C.A.E. in the 20-week project which starts in second term.

SUMMIT WORKSHOP 1987

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, will chair one of the sessions in the 'Summit Workshop 1987' which will be held at the Newcastle City Hall on April 28 and May 5.

Dr Huxley will chair a workshop on "Training - International Trends and Experience" and also on "Post Secondary Training".

The Workshop will deal with training and development in the Hunter and its major aim is to provide a forum for decision makers, trainers and educators to exchange and explore ideas and developments with a view to better equipping an innovative and a dynamic community and workforce.

The Workshop will run from 9am to 5pm on both days.
NEW FACILITY

VIDEO PROJECTOR FOR THEATRE

The College has improved facilities in the Griffith Duncan Theatre by the installation of a large screen video projector for use in lectures, conferences and seminars.

New and increased requirements from various departments within the College, particularly those in Nursing and Health Studies, prompted the purchase of the projector to assist in lectures.

The Head of the Instructional Media Unit, Keith Davey, said that the projector is capable of replaying U-matic, Beta and VH SYSTEMS, and combines an audio cassette player and public address system on a trolley.

IMU staff members, Doug Kaiser and Phil Wright, have been responsible for setting up the new equipment with the help of College carpenter, Ron Allanson.

Keith said that the large screen will be helpful in the presentation of lecture material and that an attendant will be employed to prepare the equipment for lecturers.

ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

MINISTER MEETS STUDENT DELEGATION

The Commonwealth Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, said that the $250 Administration Charge was here to stay in the foreseeable future.

Senator Ryan told a delegation of N.S.W. tertiary students which recently met with her in Canberra that she was sympathetic to many of the issues which were raised concerning the Administration Charge.

She said a monitoring committee was looking at the effects of the Charge on different groups of students and that the Government would consider the committee's report as part of its Budget deliberations.

Senator Ryan said while the Government supported the principle of free public education, it also believed in equitably shared responsibilities.

"Students and parents should each accept some responsibility for students' education," she said.

"The government has a responsibility to help as well, particularly to help those most in need."

Senator Ryan said the meeting with the students lasted nearly two hours and was "very cordial."

She said she would continue to meet students as long as the meetings were conducted in a reasonable fashion.

She recognised students' rights to voice their views and protest.

"I am opposed, however, to intimidation and to damage to public property," said Senator Ryan. "It is wrong that public servants working hard in the student's interests were subjected to disruptive activities in the recent demonstration in Sydney."
LIBRARY TOURS

VISITORS FROM RIVERINA-MURRAY

The College has opened its doors to students enrolled in library courses to enable them to gain working knowledge of a wide variety of libraries and their services.

A group of 25 students from the School of Information Studies at River-Murray Institute of Higher Education who are studying librarianship has just toured our Library.

The College Librarian, Miss Joan Blatchford, said that the students used the visit to gain the opportunity to listen to and discuss library issues with senior professional library staff. The visit also enabled them to interact with fellow students to prepare a seminar paper on a particular aspect of the Library.

Meanwhile, about 1,000 first-year students have attended Library orientation sessions which are part of the 1987 Reader Education Programme.

The sessions, which are designed to acquaint students with the use of the Library, have proved popular and 25 groups from different courses have taken advantage of the service.

Although the beginning of the College year is a particularly busy time for Library staff, the orientation sessions are seen as essential. The aim of the sessions is to ensure that all students will become proficient users of the College Library.

Senior Librarian in Reference Services, Greg Anderson, said there were also ongoing sessions that make particular reference to Journal Indexes, a source of valuable recent information.

He said any student who wishes to arrange a tour of the Library can contact him on Extension 538.

Above: Riverina-Murray students during their Library tour.
A College lecturer in Visual Arts Communication, Allan Chawner has gained a grant through the Lake Macquarie City Council to research, photograph and then exhibit a comprehensive study of the people of Lake Macquarie.

The grant, which has been made available by the Bicentennial Committee, has been awarded to Allan in association with his wife, Carol Carter. The two will be busy for the next 18 months in preparing material before the exhibition goes on display during November 1988 at the Lake Macquarie Gallery and other venues.

The exhibition will comprise 40 panels, each measuring about 75 cms by 100 cms, and will include colour photographs, black and white photographs, videos, texts of interviews and background reference material to provide an insight of the subjects and their lives.

Allan said that subjects will be a mixture of single persons, family groups or organisations and will be portrayed as part of the ideology "of being intertwined with the lake".

He said subjects will have a say in how they wish to be portrayed and will have an active role in the project.

"The lake is an endless source of inspiration and is unique and where other projects have recorded the history or the scenery of the area, we hope to capture the people of the lake," said Allan.

The photographs and texts of the exhibition will include not only well known people, but also the individuals ......./cont.
The Traffic Authority of New South Wales is seeking to establish a 'Register of Consultants' of people interested in working with the human factor side of current and future traffic management and traffic safety research and development.

The Authority is inviting registration from academics and behavioural researchers who may be able to assist in the areas of traffic accident research, road engineering and environmental management, vehicle and equipment investigation, and human behaviour.

Staff who are interested in further information should contact Roy Killen to enable consultancies to be arranged through Huntersearch.

The College's Research Committee is also extending an invitation to members of staff to submit applications for funding of research projects from the G.H. Duncan Research Fund.

Applications close on May 31 and further details are obtainable from the Committee Secretary, Greg Parkinson.

BIG CROWDS EXPECTED FOR SESSIONS

The introduction of three sessions for the 1987 College Graduation Ceremony is proving very popular with graduating students.

Graduation Officer, Violet Roberts, said more than 1,000 people had indicated that they will be attending each of the three sessions, making this year's Ceremony one of the biggest in the College's history.

This year's Ceremony will be held on Friday evening, May 8 and on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, May 9. Art and Paramedical students will graduate on the Friday evening; TAFE, Special Education, Primary and Early Childhood students will graduate on the Saturday morning; and Secondary Teaching students will graduate on the Saturday afternoon.

Violet said a total of 800 students were eligible to be conferred with awards, including the first students in the Bachelor of Education (TAFE) and the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Computer Education) courses.

"The change to the three sessions from the previous two sessions is proving to be successful and students are coming from many parts of Australia to attend the Ceremony," said Violet.

"Guest speaker for the Saturday morning session will be the Director General of TAFE in N.S.W., Dr Allan Pattison and for Saturday afternoon the Director (Academic) of the South Australian College of Advanced Education, Ms Denise Bradley. The Friday evening speaker is still to be announced."

The 1987 Graduation Ball will be held this year at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club on the Sunday evening, May 10.

The S.R.C. is again organising the annual Ball and Tickets are $13 each. People who wish to attend should contact Activities Officer, Andrew Prentice on Extension 338.
A thesis which depicts the history of the Newcastle Jockey Club has won this year's "Newcastle City Council Local History Award" for original research by a College student.

The History staff of the College assessed research work submitted by students during the past year and selected the thesis of Helene O'Neill as the winner.

Helene has just completed her Diploma in Teaching (English/History) and the title of her thesis was 'The Sport of Kings: A History of Newcastle Jockey Club from Foundation to 1986'.

Helene will be graduating on Saturday week and will be presented with her $200 Local History Award during the Graduation Ceremony.

The thesis looks at the Newcastle Jockey Club from the time it was formed in 1863 to organise racing in Newcastle and to improve amenities at the Broadmeadow Racecourse.

Included in the thesis are the background of racing in Newcastle, the Club itself, 'Beautiful Broadmeadow', Horses, Jockeys, Owners and Trainers and also the Politics of Racing.

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EXTRA FUNDS FOR NEEDY STUDENTS

The Commonwealth Government is to provide a further $1 million to tertiary institutions for low interest loans and grants to students facing financial difficulties.

The funds will be provided under the Special Assistance to Students Scheme and is in addition to $4.5 million already allocated for 1987.

Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, said the additional money was being directed to tertiary institutions where the demand for funds had been greatest.

Senator Ryan said that about one third of tertiary students had either been exempted or compensated for the $250 Administration Charge but that some students were still facing difficulties in paying the Charge.
1987 Graduation

About 800 graduands were conferred with their academic awards when the College held its biggest Graduation Ceremony last Friday evening and Saturday.

More than 1,000 graduands, their relatives and friends attended each of the three sessions which were held as part of the 1987 Ceremony.

The College changed from its previous two-session Ceremony to three sessions because of the increasing number of graduating students and the resultant problems for College facilities.

A total of 260 students from the areas of Art, Multicultural Studies, Nurse Education, Computing Studies, Diagnostic Medical Radiography, Police Studies and Social Welfare were conferred with their awards last Friday evening. The guest speaker for the session was the Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Dr Peter Shergold.

The Saturday morning session was addressed by the Director-General of TAFE in New South Wales, Dr Allan Pattison and more than 230 students received awards in Special Education, Primary Education, Early Childhood Education and TAFE.

The guest speaker for the Saturday afternoon session was the Director: Academic for the South Australian College of Advanced Education, Ms Denise Bradley. More than 300 students graduated in Secondary Teaching specialisations and Computer Education.

Among the highlights of the 1987 Ceremony were the first eight students to be conferred with the Bachelor of Education (TAFE) award and the first 21 students to be conferred with the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Computer Education) award.

Staff members, Greg Bell and Kerrie Ryan, each received awards during the Ceremony. Greg, a Technical Assistant in Art Education, was conferred with his Bachelor of Education (Art Education) while
Kerrie, a Laboratory Craftsperson in Visual Arts Communication, was conferred with her Graduate Diploma in Art (Photography).

Jan Ferry, the daughter of College lecturers Muriel and Ron Haywood, had special reason to celebrate her Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood). In addition to receiving the College Certificate for the Diploma which was awarded on Grade Point Average, Jan was also announced as winner of the The Business and Professional Women's Club of Newcastle Prize which was awarded for 'Outstanding Final year Woman Student with regard to Citizenship, Scholarship and Leadership'.

Sisters-in-Law, Monica Skehan and Louise Skehan graduated in the same session on Saturday. Monica, who gained her Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies (Special Education) and also won the 'Firstchance' Prize, saw her sister-in-law graduate with the Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood).

The College also saw its first Bachelor of Education degree conferred on an Aboriginal student. Gail Garvey was conferred with the award in the Physical Education specialisation during the Saturday afternoon session.

The Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor, congratulates Gail Garvey on her award.

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STAFFING SERVICES - NEW ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

The College's new Assistant Registrar (Staffing Services), Dennis Knox, will be looking at work practice problems and job attitudes as he settles into his new position.

Dennis, who has wide experience in this field, hopes to use his expertise to assist the College as the number of staff continues to increase.

With a degree in Social Science, he worked as Human Resource Consultant with the Queensland Electricity Commission before coming to the College. He dealt with Workers Compensation, Sick Leave, Employee Systems Programmes such Rehabilitate and Health Programmes as well as other personnel issues.

He was involved with helping people cope with problems experienced at both work and externally with particular reference to absenteeism.

Previous to this, Dennis was employed by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations in Canberra and headed a nationwide team of researchers who provided a national information service for Personnel and Industrial Relations matters.

He is interested in becoming involved with the College's new Company, 'Huntersearch' where his consultancy experience is expected to be of value.

Dennis originally hails from Newcastle and attended high school at Belmont High.

He is married with two children and plans to settle at Belmont North.

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Dennis Knox - settling in.
**COLLEGE NEWS**

**NURSING AROUND THE GLOBE**

The College in association with the Central Northern Auxiliary of the NSW State Committee of the College of Nursing Australia will hold a special seminar at the College on Saturday week (May 23) which will look at nursing around the globe.

The Acting Head of the School of Health Studies, Faith Trent, will open the seminar which will be held in Lecture Theatre B15.

College lecturers, Janet Lay, Marilyn Pedder and Shirley Schulz, will be among those to deliver papers on the day. Janet will talk on a recent conference in Tasmania, Marilyn will deliver a paper on her recent experience in India while Shirley will discuss nursing practice in Europe and North America.

Another person to present a session is the Dean of the School of Nursing at Macarthur Institute of Higher Education, Betty Andersen. Betty was closely associated with the development and introduction of the basic nurse education course at this College and will speak on nursing in Bangladesh and global health.

Full details on the seminar are obtainable from Carole Camp on Ext 585.

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**COUNCIL RECONSTITUTES COMMITTEE**

College Council has reconstituted the Occupational Health and Safety Committee to allow a member of the Student body to become an observer.

The Council noted that under the present legislation there was no provision for membership by a representative of the S.R.C. because there was no contract of employment between students and the College.

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, has been requested to make representations to seek widening of the Occupational Health and Safety legislation to allow full Student membership of the Committee. On the basis of the representations the Committee now consists of four appointed members, four elected staff members and a Student member as an observer.

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**PROJECT PROPOSAL**

**SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL PROGRAMME**

The Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor and the Head of the Department of Professional Studies, Trevor Fullerton, have submitted a proposal for funding under the Projects of National Significance Programme.

The Programme is being administered by the Commonwealth Schools Commission and the College's project involves a collaborative approach to the provision of effective professional development of teachers.

Dr Taylor said the proposed project had three primary objectives. The first two are directed to the professional development of teachers as (a) implementers of curriculum change and (b) supervisors of and advisers to beginning teachers. The third objective provides the stimulus for formalised collaborative arrangements between teacher education institutions and schools. The aim is to provide extended and course integrated clinical teaching experience for final-year student teachers while providing low cost release for teachers to participate in professional development programmes.

The evaluation design for the project is based on testing the feasibility of achieving the state of objectives through a process of course modification for final-year teacher education students which places emphasis on extensive clinical teaching experience integrated with the course content.

The resulting reduced direct teaching load of colleague teachers is used to provide opportunities for structured staff development programmes designed to achieve the objectives.

Dr Taylor said the proposal was submitted in late April and that the project has been the subject of a successful feasibility study conducted by the Department of Professional Studies in Hunter Region Schools during 1985 and 1987.

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**STAFF LOUNGE FACILITIES**

People who use the facilities of the Staff lounge are requested to return any cups, saucers, mugs, teaspoons etc. as stocks have diminished considerably over recent months.
ENROLMENTS

MORE THAN 3,800 STUDENTS IN 1987

The College has a total of 3,865 students enrolled this year, which represents 3,187 Effective Full Time Students (EFTS).

Deputy Registrar (Academic), Bob Weir, said the April 30 figures have been submitted to the N.S.W. Higher Education Board and were above the estimated 3,074 EFTS which the College expected to enrol for 1987.

Bob said the figures represented full-time, part-time and external students and that it appeared the new Administration Charge had little significant effect on the overall enrolments of the College.

"The trend across the country is that part-time courses - and external courses to a lesser degree - have been the ones affected by the Charge," said Bob.

"However, we are talking about a moderate effect for this College and not a serious problem."

The College did not enrol students in two courses this year, mainly because of the Administration Charge which would have been imposed on the part-time students. The courses were the Graduate Diploma in Social Administration and the Graduate Diploma in Multicultural Studies.

Bob said the School of Teacher Education was "holding steady" in its enrolments while there had been moderate growth in the School of Visual and Performing Arts.

He said the School of Health Studies had shown substantial growth because of the introduction of the nursing courses.

Enrolments in the School of Administration and Technology, which was established this year, were static but are expected to increase with course developments.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

COLLEGE SEeks COMMENTS

The College is seeking comments from students on a proposal to offer all Secondary teaching specialisations as straight four year full-time Bachelor of Education courses.

The Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor, said his School was contemplating the provision of the four year courses and that a report would go to the next meeting of School Board on May 22.

Dr Taylor said that Art Education and Music Education were currently offered as four year full-time degrees and that although a model still had not been decided it was likely that the other specialisations would follow this pattern.

He said Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Physical Education and Science were offered on a three year Diploma in Teaching/four year Bachelor of Education model while English/History, Social Sciences and Mathematics were offered on an internal three year Diploma in Teaching model with the fourth year being completed by external study.

Students who wish to make comments on the proposal are asked to write a letter to the Secretary of the School Board of Teacher Education, Mrs Merry Wright. Letters can be left at the front enquiry counter.

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PREGNANT WOMEN REQUIRED FOR PROGRAMME

College nursing students are again seeking the assistance of pregnant women to help in their second year studies.

About 60 pregnant women are required between July and November to assist students in the 'Women and Infants' Health' programme.

People who like to register or require further information are asked to telephone the Department of Nursing and Health Studies on 687497.
VISIT TO A.I.S.

The College's fourth year Physical Education students will see some of the best sporting facilities Australia has to offer when they visit the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra later this month.

Four lecturers and 22 students will make the trip on May 25 and 26 so that they can experience first-hand the actual peak of sports performance assessment and undertake tours of the Sports Medicine and Remedial Clinic and other sections of the Institute.

Head of the Physical Education Department, Dr David Parsons, said that the students will gain "hands-on" experience and knowledge from five national coaches.

"It's the second time we've made the trip and we'll be involved in the sports of Swimming, Basketball, Netball, Tennis and Gymnastics," said Dr Parsons.

"The students will be videotaped by Garry Stacker of our I.M.U. as we found the videos from last year have been excellent support material for students."

DIARY DATE

A representative of the Northern Territory Department of Education will visit the College on May 27 to speak to students about teaching in remote areas.

Mr Bob Hale will speak to students in Lecture Theatre B15 between midday and 1pm on Wednesday, May 27 and his talk will include a video.

The talk is open to all students and further information can be gained from Student Advisory Officer, Carol Sjostedt, in the Student Services Section.
Computers

The College will be the focus later this week for microcomputing technology in Newcastle when the city's 4th Annual Microcomputing Exhibition is held in the entry foyer and main concourse.

The Exhibition, which has attracted 24 exhibitors, will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 28-30. It is being presented by the College in association with NBN Channel 3 and The Newcastle Star.

The foyer and concourse will be transformed into an exhibition area in which local companies will demonstrate the latest developments in microcomputing services.

This year's event will be officially opened at 2.30pm on Thursday by the Director of the Hunter Technology Development Centre, Mr Lionel Wisbey.

The organiser of the exhibition and also Lecturer in Computing Studies at the College, Ernie Jordan, said the event was now an established annual attraction with about 15,000 people attending last year.

"The exhibition is the premier display of microcomputing equipment and services in the Hunter and nearby regions," said Ernie.

"This week promises to be the biggest and most exciting to date with a record number of exhibitors displaying their products.

"The professional expertise in the Hunter and surrounding areas is second to none and the experts cont
The majority of companies participating in the Microcomputing Exhibition will be demonstrating programmes and systems to suit the needs of business as well as in the home. The systems will range from the very small to the large type used for planning, management and production in departments and companies.

Microcomputers on display will feature specialised application software that can suit the needs of the smallest to the largest user.

The Exhibition starts at midday on Thursday and runs until 9 pm and the day is being promoted as a 'business session' where the local business community can gain first-hand knowledge of computer systems that may suit their firm's particular application.

A number of high schools have accepted the invitation extended by the College to visit the Exhibition on Friday. Senior students who are studying computing will take advantage of the day to enhance their knowledge of microcomputing technology.

Public Invited Each Day

The Exhibition is open at all times to the general public with Saturday expected to be when the biggest crowds will take the opportunity to see the latest in microcomputing developments.

"The Exhibition offers the general public the chance to increase its awareness of computer services and also reflect the latest advancements reaching the market," said Ernie.

"Equipment on display will include a wide range of microcomputers, laser printers, desktop publishing, copiers, facsimiles and associated hardware and software.

"Staff and students are invited to take the opportunity to visit the various stands during what will be an extremely busy three days for the College," he said.

Daily hours will be: Thursday - Midday to 9 pm
Friday - 9am to 6 pm
Saturday - 9 am to 6 pm.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MORE THAN 1,000 PLACEMENTS IN JUNE

The College's Department of Professional Studies has organised the placement of more than 1,000 students from the School of Teacher Education for the 4-week Teaching Experience Practicum beginning next month.

Professional Studies lecturer, John Gill, said that Primary, Early Childhood and Secondary specialisation students would start their practicum on Tuesday, June 9 and finish on Friday, July 3.

About 750 students from nine areas of Secondary specialisation have been placed in every high school in the Hunter region and most non-government high schools.

"We are also using high schools on the Central Coast, Mid North Coast, North Coast, New England and Central North areas with a few placements in the Blue Mountains and Sydney Metropolitan area for our Secondary students," said John.

"Fifty five Early Childhood students are in specialised placements such as Activity Vans, Child Care Centres and Pre-Schools from Wyong through to Maitland while 234 Primary students will be carrying out their block in Hunter region and Central Coast schools," he said.

John said the organisation of the June Teaching Experience period was one of the most difficult experienced by the College because of a reduction in the number of schools available and the large number of students for placement.

College staff, in conjunction with co-operating teachers, will supervise students during the practicum with a co-ordinator from each Academic Department assisting in the Secondary specialisations.

John paid tribute to Anne Brown and the team effort in organising the June placements.
HEALTH & SAFETY

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The College's Occupational Health and Safety Committee has been reconstituted by College Council.

The Committee, which has eight members and an observer, met earlier this month and discussed working conditions and safety issues within the College.

The reconstituted Committee consists of the following members and observer:

Appointed Members: Nursing Sister - Shirley Andrews; Assistant Bursar(Propeties) - Vern King; Staffing Services representative - Mrs Beverley Richards; and Maintenance Section representative - Ron Allanson.

Elected Members: Lecturers' Association - Dr Kevin Morgan; Federation of College Academics - Bob Kucera; Miscellaneous Workers Union - Mrs Janet Payne; and Public Service Association - Jack Hicks.

Observer: Students' Representative Council - Scott Gardiner.

The functions of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee are:

(a) assist in the development of an appropriate recording system of accidents and hazardous situations in respect of the place of work.
(b) assist in the development of a safe working environment and safe systems of work at the place of work and assist in the formation of an occupational health and safety policy suitable for the place of work.
(c) monitor the measures taken to ensure the proper use, maintenance and, if necessary, replacement of equipment designed to protect employees (and students) from hazardous situations.
(d) make recommendations to the College as it thinks appropriate to ensure the health and safety of persons at the place of work.

If staff or students have any problems associated with health and safety issues they are invited to discuss them with the Committee.

FIRST AID

FIRST AID OFFICERS UPGRADE TRAINING

College staff members who were appointed as First Aid Officers in 1984 are to have their training upgraded to enable them to be re-appointed to their positions.

The Officers have indicated that they are willing to undertake the retraining to qualify for a current St. John's Ambulance Certificate in first aid.

Staff who will have their training upgraded are:

Art Departments - Arthur Tupman; Home Economics/Printery - Betty Leipner; Maintenance - Ron Allanson; Administration - Kay Dean; Cleaning - Maureen Rutley; and Caretaking - Peter Boyd.

The training of First Aid Officers involves the areas of emergency treatment, maintenance of records, redressing of minor injuries, recognition and reporting of health hazards, participation in safety programmes and the maintenance of first-aid boxes or first aid rooms. Safety precautions in the work environment and the prevention of repetitive strain injury are other topics covered in training.

The training programme results from the Occupational Health and Safety Act in NSW which requires employers to provide training for First Aid Officers and maintain fully equipped first aid boxes or a first aid room where applicable.

The layout of the College and operation hours between 5.30am and 9pm has necessitated the training of additional staff and three members of the Cleaning Section who will undertake the training course are Jean Buchan, Barbara Tynan and Helen Fenton.

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HOLIDAYING IN U.K.

The College's Nursing Sister, Shirley Andrews, is currently visiting relatives and re-newing old acquaintances in England.

Shirley will be back on duty on Monday, June 29 but until then her position is being held by Sister Kris Kelly who will be more than happy to talk to staff and students regarding any health problem.
SCHOOLS DAY

COLLEGE AND UNI ATTRACT 3,000 STUDENTS

The importance of giving high schools students the opportunity to gain a knowledge of "tertiary life" was reflected last Thursday when more than 3,000 students visited the College and the University of Newcastle.

It was the fifth Schools Visit Day the College and University had held in conjunction with each other and both institutions said the event had proved highly successful.

The Convenor of the College's Schools Visit Day Committee, Keith Powell, said high school students had travelled from as far as Coffs Harbour, Lismore, Armidale, Narrabri, Dubbo, the Blue Mountains and Sydney to visit the two institutions.

"The College has conducted surveys in previous years and found that senior high school students are highly influenced by visits to tertiary institutions and therefore the Schools Visit Day each year is very important," said Keith.

"School students who attended the College were very attentive and the programme organised for the day was a credit to the staff who assisted in presenting talks, distributing information and inviting the visiting students into their lectures."

ABOVE: Some of the 3,000 students from nearly 70 high schools and TAFE Colleges obtain information from information booths.

LAWN BOWLS

P.E. STUDENTS LEARN THE FINER POINTS

Third Year Physical Education students studying the module, Teaching of Games 3, will gain experience in the finer points of lawn bowls on Thursday (May 28).

Special tuition will be given to the 28 students when Mayfield West Bowling Club makes its facilities available for the exercise.

Lecturer in Physical Education, Kevin Laffey, said that lawn bowls was now gaining in popularity in high schools and that both male and female students were playing the game.

"The increasing popularity amongst high schools has resulted in inter-school competition and the interest is growing all the time," said Kevin.

"It will be important for our students to know how to coach secondary students in the art of lawn bowling and a wonderful opportunity for the Physical Education students to learn the etiquette and skills involved," he said.

Coaches for the day will be World Silver Medallist, Barry Salter, Secretary of the Mayfield West Club, Les Parrott, Vice President of the Newcastle District Bowls Association, Neil Davies and other 'A' grade bowlers who will make their time available on the day.

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MAY ECONOMIC STATEMENT: EDUCATION

The Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, says the May Economic Statement is expected to produce savings of $72.1 million on estimated expenditure in the Education Portfolio during 1987/88.

Senator Ryan said the Student Assistance Programme, AUSTUDY, would remain intact and that there would be no increase in the Administration Charge beyond indexation.

She said the main savings would be in reducing Commonwealth funds to States, streamlining operations of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission and Schools Commission, increasing the efficiency of higher education institutions and slowing down the rate of increase of AUSTUDY and related schemes.
SLOPPY JOES !!!!
The Association Shop in the Student Union Building has just received supplies of new style Sloppy Joes, tracksuit pants, sports shirts and also Liz Parkinson's Newcastle Sweatshirts.

The sloppy joes which have a College insignia sell for $15 each and are in a variety of colours and sizes. Two tone tracksuit pants are retailing for $19 while plain style are $15.

Sports shirts are selling for $9.50 and $6, Letterman jackets are $25 while the latest Liz Parkinson Newcastle Sweatshirts are $22, singlets $10 and T-shirts $10.

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SOUP FOR WINTER

A wider range of hot foods will be available from the Student Union Food Service this winter.

Students will be able to warm up with a cup of hot soup straight from the 'Frontier Kettle', while another bain marie has been purchased to provide more facilities for keeping food hot.

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NEW BAR MANAGER

The S.R.C. has appointed a new bar manager. He is Mark Johnson who will commence his duties today.

Mark, 28 of Cooks Hill is no stranger to the College as he gained his Diploma in Teaching (Primary) from here in 1981.

Besides casual teaching, Mark has gained bar experience while working at the Newcastle Workers' Club, a Newcastle hotel and Carrington Bowling Club.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of scholarships have been made available by the Commonwealth Government. Details are available from the Student Services Section of the College.
Students--National Body

The College's Students' Representative Council is keeping a close watch on the progress of the recently formed National Union of Students (NUS).

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**SEMINAR FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

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**HERDSA CONFERENCE**

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**ANY THOUGHTS?**

**CHILDRENS' TELEVISION STANDARDS**

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GRIEVANCE ADVISERS SELECTED

College Council has accepted recommendations from the Equal Employment Opportunity Unit that Grievance Advisers be appointed from members of staff and students to deal with alleged discrimination grievances.

The Anti-Discrimination Grievance Procedure was adopted to deal with these grievances and in accordance with the N.S.W. Anti-Discrimination legislation, include the following grounds for complaint: alleged discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, physical or intellectual impairment and homosexuality.

In addition, the Procedures cover discrimination on the grounds of religion and politics.

The College's grievance procedure is available to students and staff for the resolution of grievances on the specified grounds. It takes a conciliatory approach based on the use of internal Equal Opportunity Grievance Advisers as sources of information and referral.

Members of staff and students pictured below have been appointed as Equal Opportunity Grievance Advisers.

If any member of college staff or students feel that they need advice on any of the matters detailed, they are invited to seek advice from any of these people.

Copies of the College's Anti-Discrimination Grievance Procedure have been circulated throughout the College. If you haven't received a copy, or would like further information, please contact the E.E.O. Unit on 687390, 687521 or 685317. A brochure on the Procedures is currently being printed and will be circulated widely when available.

Alan Ackroyd
Maintenance 687528/212
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3D Visual Arts 687435
Jock Crawford
Nursing/Health St. 687590
Hair Crawford
Nursing/Health St. 687591
Pam Delbridge
Vis.Arts.Comm. 687547
Leeza Dobbie
Academic Sect. 687477
Susan Eade
Academic Secretariat 687271
Lyn Flanagan
Education 687548
John Gill
Professional Studies 687288
Sandra Jones
Purchasing 687420
Jenelle Langham
Nursing 687579
Ken Leveson
3D Visual Arts 687520
Liz Hyde
Nursing Student
Ronald Masterson
Maths Student
Jean McGarry 687482
Word Processing
Cassandra Shay
Library 687535
Margaret Stewart
Library 687265
FOR STAFF

MICROCOMPUTING OPPORTUNITY

An invitation has been issued by the Department of Mathematics and Computing Studies to staff who are interested in learning more about microcomputers.

The Department proposes to run two short courses to allow staff to familiarize themselves with both the Apricot XEN-1 lab and the Apple IIGS lab. The courses will be run over a four-week period from this week and each session will be of two hours duration.

The courses are intended for those who may have had some computer experience and would like an introduction to these new machines but novices who would like a 'gentle introduction' are welcome to attend.

Tutors for the courses will be Sue Robinson and Peter Summons and further information can be gained from Mathematics Department Secretary, Lorraine Locker, on Ext. 253.

FIRSTCHANCE FOR ANTIQUES

If you are interested in antiques or the historical aspects of our region and would like to support the College’s Special Education Centre, you might like to take part in a Champagne Preview of the Morpeth Antique Fair.

The Champagne Preview, which will be held on Friday, July 3 from 6pm to 9pm, has been organised to benefit the support group of the Special Education Centre, FIRSTCHANCE.

An admission charge of $5 provides champagne, refreshments and entry to the Fair with all proceeds of the evening going to Firstchance.

The evening will allow people who are interested in antiques the first choice of the many items offered for sale.

The Fair, which is being held for the 18th time, will take place in the Community Hall, High Street, Morpeth on Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5 and will be open from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

INFORMALLY

NORTHERN TERRITORY LITERARY AWARDS

Entries are invited for the Red Earth Poetry award and the Arafura Short Story award presented yearly by the Northern Territory Literary Awards.

The competition provides a unique opportunity for authors and poets to submit their work for inclusion in the event.

The four sections of the competition are:

1. RED EARTH POETRY AWARD (Open) - Prize: $1,000 and a medallion.
2. RED EARTH POETRY AWARD (Northern Territory residents only) - Prize: $500 and a medallion.
3. ARAFURA SHORT STORY AWARD (Open) - Prize: $1,000 and a medallion.
4. ARAFURA SHORT STORY AWARD (Northern Territory residents only) - Prize: $500 and a medallion.

Preference will be given to stories not exceeding 3,000 words and poems not exceeding 40 lines and each entry must be an original story/poem not previously published.

Entries must be submitted by 5pm on Tuesday, August 4, and will be announced on September 14.

Further information can be obtained at the College’s Information and Publicity Department.

AUSTRALIA AT THE CROSSROADS

Controversial author and speaker, Professor Geoffrey Blainey, will be the speaker at a special dinner function to be held at the City Hall on Friday, July 17.

The Zonta Club of Newcastle has issued an invitation to interested people to attend the dinner to hear Professor Blainey speak on the changing political, financial and social aspects of Australia.

Cost of the dinner is $38 per person and replies can be made to Ms Maureen Laverick, President of the Zonta Club, P.O. Box 51, Newcastle.
Lecturer in Science at the College, Kevin McDonald, has been very busy in recent weeks organising and promoting a special display at the Hunter Heritage Centre in Newcastle.

The display, which is a feature of the 1987 World Environment Day held last Friday, (June 5) can be viewed between 9am and 5pm until the end of this week.

The theme, 'Urban Spaces, People, Places', is the focus of the world Environment Day and is aimed at encouraging people to make the most of the cities and suburbs in which they live. In line with this theme, the Newcastle Harbour Foreshore Redevelopment, the Shortland Wetlands Centre and the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens are just some of the projects that have been highlighted in the display.

The World Environment Day is organised by the Heritage Centre in conjunction with the Association for Environmental (Hunter Branch) and is sponsored by the Federal Department of Arts, Heritage and the Environment.

Kevin, who is secretary of the Association, said that the Day was not only observed locally, but world wide. Even when the Day was over, the interest generated goes on for months afterwards.

"Themes have usually focused on the public's involvement in the environment, but this year's theme of 'Urban Spaces, People, Places', is designed to make people think about their urban environment, the advantages and disadvantages and how it can be enhanced and made more interesting," said Kevin.

A number of Newcastle schools have taken part in the project and have photographed streetscapes and other urban areas, mainly to find the interesting details of their environment and also to read details of the past and make predictions for the future.

"If we all think about our environment, we can appreciate the many beautiful spaces and try to create more," he said.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The winner of the Universities Credit Union Scholarship is third-year Science student, Linda Henderson.

Linda, who has an account with the Credit Union, was presented with her cheque recently by the Manager of the University Branch of the Credit Union, Debbie Wood.

The Scholarship, valued at $500, was presented for the first time last year and is provided by the Credit Union for students enrolled in undergraduate courses. Students must be members of the Credit Union for at least 12 months to be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, which is tenable in the second and later years of any undergraduate course.

The award of the Scholarship is primarily on the basis of academic merit and further details are available from the Credit Union.

Linda said she was thrilled to win the Scholarship and will use it to help with her education expenses. She is planning to complete her Bachelor degree and said she was really enjoying the Science course.

Having previously worked as a Laboratory Chemist in a number of Newcastle industrial concerns, Linda was prompted to study and become a Science teacher because of her interest in the subject.

Currently on Teaching Experience Practicum at San Clemente High, Linda said she finds teaching very different to her previous occupation and is looking forward to the challenge of teaching Science in high schools.

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Above: Linda (centre) being presented with her cheque by Debbie Wood while being congratulated by Deputy Registrar (Academic), Bob Weir.
**ART COMPETITION**

**Bi-centenary Art Competition**

The art fraternity in the College will be interested to know that the Master Builders Association of New South Wales is conducting a Bi-centenary Art Exhibition during February 1988 which will allow artists to submit works in a number of categories to compete for substantial prizes.

Entries are invited for the Exhibition which aims to:

a) promote the visual arts within the community,

b) acquire works of art for the Master Builders Association of N.S.W. Art Trust, and

c) support the Master Builders Association of N.S.W. adopted charity, The Royal Alexandra Childrens Hospital, Camperdown N.S.W. - Paediatric Liver Transplant Family Accommodation Fund.

The Exhibition will be conducted in the following sections:

**Open Section**

Oils, Acrylic or Mixed Media; Building, Building and Landscape, Historical Building - 1st Prize $26,000, Special Commendation $6,000.

**Water Colour Section**

Building, Building and Landscape, Historical Building - 1st Prize $6,000, Special Commendation $2,000.

Works must be the original work of the entrant and must have been completed in the 1986/87 period and must not have been exhibited in any previous exhibition.

An entry fee of $10 is applicable to the Exhibition and should accompany the entry form.

Entries should be forwarded to the Bi-centenary Art Competition, Master Builders Association of N.S.W., 52 Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge. N.S.W. 2037 and should arrive between January 4 and January 16, 1988.

Further details and entry forms are available from the College’s Information and Publicity Office or from the office of the Art School.

**POSTGRADUATE AWARD**

**Ceramic Award**

A special Post Graduate Art Award was presented last week at an Exhibition of student work in the College’s Art School.

The award, a $500 Open Gift Voucher, was presented to postgraduate Ceramic student, Mark Jones by the Head of the Department of 3D Visual Arts, Ken Leveson. Ken made the presentation on behalf of John Black from Hunter Valley Art Supplies.

Mark, whose work is currently on display, gained his Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) from the Sydney College of the Arts. He decided to do his post-graduate studies at N.C.A.E after attending a workshop at the College.

Mark’s work mainly centres around firing techniques such as Raku and low salt. He describes his work as thematic, dealing with peer groups and pecking orders.

Recently, Mark won the Muswellbrook Regional Gallery Ceramic Award and as well as being presented with $400, his work was purchased for the renowned Max Watters collection.

Mark, who was unaware of the award until the presentation last week, said he is aiming to establish himself as a Studio Ceramist and would like to produce functional as well as sculpture pieces.

"I am delighted to have won this award and it certainly gives me the incentive to pursue my current ideas for Ceramics. I would like to thank Hunter Valley Art Supplies," he said.

Ken Leveson said that Mark’s work had developed significantly since his undergraduate days and that it was very well thought out and executed.

"This is the biggest Ceramic Art Award other than the Walker Prize in Melbourne," said Ken.
STAFF NEWS

CTEC Report

Responses to the recently published report for the 1998-1990 triennium by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC) are currently being prepared by the Australian Vice Chancellors Committee and the Australian Committee of Directors and Principals.

The report has been welcomed by both College and University Staff Unions for its recommendation for an increase in student places over the next six years, growth proposals for higher demand for tertiary education and its call for more capital and equipment funds to cater for that demand.

It is envisaged that these recommendations will allow tertiary education institutions to meet the demand for higher education and create opportunities for a greater number of school leavers.

However, it may be some time before a Government response to the CTEC Report is received owing to the early Federal Election to be held on July 11.

A copy of the Report has been received by the College and is available in the College Library.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

The Newcastle Association for Educational Administration is seeking submissions relating to educational administration to be considered for an award of a 'Certificate of Honour'.

The N.A.E.A. will award the Certificate of Honour in recognition of outstanding achievement in education in the Hunter Region. The award will be for outstanding work in 1986/87.

The achievement might be:

a) In a thesis form/paper or similar production in an area of educational administration.

b) A work written by any candidate employed by the Education Commission or Catholic Education Authority in the Hunter.

c) A report on an innovative administrative procedure introduced into any government, non-government school etc., by a Hunter Region candidate.

Further enquiries to Mr. D. McLean on (049) 549 551.

COMPUTER SALE

Microcomputers for Sale

Members of College staff and students who are interested in computers are being invited to submit tenders for the sale of microcomputing equipment no longer needed by the College.

The equipment includes:

- 15 Apple II Computers
- 1 Apple IIC Computer
- 1 Apple Lisa incl. Hard Disk, Mouse and Software package
- 4 Apple Macintosh incl. Mouse

(The above computers include Monitors, Disk Drives, 16K RAM Card and some include various accessories.)

- 1 Apple Curvus Hard Disk
- 2 Multiplexors to suit Corvus Network and also a selection of cards

Assistance and further technical information can be obtained by telephoning John Bates in the College's Computer Centre on Extension 632.

The equipment will be available for inspection on Tuesday, July 7, in the College Computer Centre, Room A96, A Level, between 9am and 5pm.

Tenders forms will be available from the Computer Centre, the main Enquiry Counter and the Purchasing Department.

Tenders must be forwarded in a sealed envelope and marked: "TENDER FOR MICROCOMPUTING EQUIPMENT" and addressed to:

THE PURCHASING OFFICER
NEWCASTLE COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION
P.O. Box 84
WARATAH, N.S.W. 2298

Tenders close at 5pm on Friday, July 10 and should be placed in the "Tender Box" located at the College Enquiry Counter.

For further information, contact the College's Purchasing Officer, Mr Bob Richardson on Extension 232.
EDUCATION CENTRE

Wollotuka

Staff of the College’s Aboriginal Enclave are enjoying their new work environment in the recently completed Wollotuka Aboriginal Education Centre and are enthusiastic about its future.

The Centre will provide a focus for Aboriginal activities and culture in Newcastle and provide educational and cultural support for the growing number of Aboriginal students at the College.

It will serve as a resource centre for the students and provide an important service in the community.

Co-ordinator of the Wollotuka Aboriginal Education Centre, Lorraine Thomas said that at present there are 27 Aboriginal students studying at the College and it is estimated that by 1988 about 80 will be enrolled in College courses.

As well, a bridging course designed to help Aboriginal people who are considering tertiary study will commence in July and is expected to attract about 15 people.

The Centre, situated between the P.E. Gymnasium and the Student Union Building, comprises a large multi-purpose room, an Aboriginal library, tutorial rooms, a counselling room and an administrative and reception area. Extensive displays of Aboriginal cultural items are planned for the Centre and paintings by Aboriginal artists have been purchased. The date of the Official Opening will soon be announced.

Coincidentally......

During the moving exercise recently, the proceedings were watched with keen interest by Tania Bond, daughter of the Assistant Co-ordinator for the Centre, Noma.

Tania, who attends Raymond Terrace High, has been on work experience in the College’s Instructional Media Unit and as part of her duties, accompanied the College’s Photographer when he recorded the move.

Pictured right are Tania (l) and Noma Bond (r) tackling the task of moving office.

LECTURE

Greek Literature

People who are interested in Greek Literature and Multicultural Education are invited to a lecture to be held in the Library of Merewether High School, Chatham Road, Broadmeadow, on Friday, July 3 at 7pm.

The lecture, to be given by Senior Lecturer at the School of Communication and Liberal Studies at Mitchell C.A.E., Dr. George Kanarakis, will feature writers of Greek origin with particular emphasis on those from the Newcastle area.

Dr. Kanarakis, whose book ‘The Greek Literary Presence in Australia’ is currently being translated into English in time for the Bicentennial, will present biographical background information on the local writers and selected pieces of their literary work.

The evening to be conducted in both Greek and English promises to be educational as well as of literary interest.

Light refreshments will be served and admission is free.

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CANADIAN STUDIES AWARD

The Government of Canada has announced the 4th programme of Canadian Studies Faculty Enrichment Awards.

The awards are intended to enable Australian or New Zealand academics to devise and teach a new course in Canadian Studies or to introduce Canadian content (50%) into existing courses. The award will provide for return airfare to Canada and a contribution towards living and travel expenses in Canada.

Academics at Australian or New Zealand tertiary institutions holding a PhD or equivalent are eligible to apply for the award.

Applications must be received by July 15, 1987 (for decision by mid-October, 1987) or by January 31, 1988 (for decision by mid-March, 1988).

Complete details of the awards and application procedures are available from the College’s Information & Publicity Office.
Students from a variety of College courses are at present gaining valuable practical experience as the first Semester comes to a close.

Whilst students from the School of Teacher Education are involved with their 4-week Teaching Experience Practicum, the College's first year nursing students are embarking on a Clinical Practicum which will take them into six shopping centres around the Newcastle area.

The 272 nursing students will be conducting a health screening exercise which will give them the opportunity to meet the public and offer a service in the form of basic health assessment. The screening will take place from tomorrow (Tuesday, June 23) through to Thursday, July 2.

The Practicum will allow the students to put health assessment and communication skills introduced to them during Semester 1 into practice and will be considered in the final assessment of their year's work. The focus will be on health and what it means to people as well as the promotion and maintenance of health with a community emphasis.

Clinical Co-ordinator for the Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course, Margo Nancarrow, said that the students will be offering to record height, weight, blood pressure and pulse rates as well as providing information about health through pamphlets and publications. She said that staff from the Department of Nursing and Health Studies will be supervising the exercise.

Members of the public will be asked to fill in a questionnaire relating to their health which will help them identify a healthy lifestyle.

"It is anticipated that between 6,000 and 8,000 people will be screened during the exercise which has proved very popular with the public in previous years," said Margo.

The shopping centres involved in the exercise are Marketown, Jewellstown, Hilltop Plaza, Pender Place (Maitland), Lake Fair and Stockland Mall.

_Pictured right: Margo Nancarrow, co-ordinating clinical practicums for nursing students._
CONVOCATION TO MEET

About 1,200 people who have an association with the College are being invited to attend the inaugural meeting of Convocation on Saturday week, July 18.

The meeting will appoint a Chairperson and interim Steering Committee to develop a constitution for the organisation and also suggest activities that convocation might pursue and which members would be interested in participating.

In a letter to members of the College Convocation, the Registrar, Mr John Todd, said that it was expected that the Steering Committee would accept the task of reviewing suggestions of members and draw up a programme of activities for the next 12 months.

Mr Todd said the College was fully committed to the venture and encouraged all members to participate in order to ensure the successful establishment of a Convocation.

Convocation is the traditional name given to a formal body of graduates of, and others who are associated in or with, a college or a university. A convocation provides a formal mechanism of communication between the institution and these interested people. Under most by-laws, the Convocation may be approached by the parent institution for advice on specific matters, provide advice to the institution in its own right and also be a valuable means of support to the institution in achieving its community aims and objectives.

Eligible members of Convocation are members and past members of the College Council, graduates who have received a formal award from the College or its predecessors, full-time members of academic staff, full-time senior or graduate members of non-academic staff, eligible retired members of staff, and certain other categories approved by Council.

Graduates of the College have already been approached to register as members of Convocation while a memorandum has been issued to eligible members of staff. Eligible staff are automatically members of Convocation but those who do not wish to be placed on the Register of Members should notify Mr Todd in writing.
LEGAL RIGHTS SEMINARS

The Special Education Centre will be the venue on July 21 for a seminar on legal rights for families of children with an intellectual disability.

The seminar is being presented by the Intellectual Disability Rights Service and will commence at 7.30 pm on the Tuesday.

A second seminar dealing with legal rights for families and advocates of adults with an intellectual disability will be held in the No.3 Function Room of the Newcastle City Hall on Wednesday, July 22.

Topics covered during the two seminars will include Protecting Your Rights, Rights and Liabilities of Caregivers, Discrimination, Consumer Protection, Guardianship and Property Management, Wills, Sheltered Workshops and Residentials.

People who are interested in attending either seminar can obtain further information from Dr Phil Foreman at the Special Education Centre. Both seminars are open free to the public.

DAVID MADISON LECTURE

The inaugural David Maddison Lecture and Bioethics Conference will be held in Newcastle on October 12 & 13. The lecture will be delivered by the Director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University, Prof. Edmund Pellegrino in the Newcastle City Hall while the Conference venue will be the David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building at Royal Newcastle Hospital.

NEW POLICY ON SPECIAL NEEDS

College Council has adopted a new policy to assist current and future students with special needs.

Chairperson of the Special Needs Committee, Dr Phil Foreman, said the new policy was adopted by Council at its June meeting and that publications outlining the policy were being distributed to students.

"The policy is designed to provide equal opportunity for all students wishing to undertake study at this College and students with special needs can expect assistance and support during their course," said Phil.

"A policy is also being established to assist staff with disabilities in the hope of opening more employment opportunities."

A pamphlet for students with special needs has been printed by the College and this lists support services, support associations, information on the College, financial assistance and costs and also a map showing lifts, ramps, parking and toilets for the assistance of people with special needs.

Phil said students with special needs are defined as those who have a temporary or permanent impairment which has the potential to interfere with their capacity to benefit from College courses. The impairment may also not allow a student to properly exhibit his or her skills or abilities and/or to demonstrate ability to cope with the requirements of the vocation for which they are studying.

He said the new policy deals with recruitment, admission, evaluation, assistance and on-going change.

"A three-person core committee will meet from time to time to monitor the implementation of the policy, to make recommendations and to consider any problems," said Phil. "Any student or member of staff who would like a copy of the policy is invited to obtain one from me at the Special Education Centre."
COLLEGE SIGNPOSTING

A proposal to erect a directory at the front entrance of the College which will identify room number locations is currently under consideration by the Properties Section.

The issue of College signposting was raised by Academic Board following the recent School Visit Day during which about 3,500 senior high school students visited the College and/or the University of Newcastle.

The proposal under consideration includes the use of a series of signs at each direction 'choice-point' to indicate the route to be followed.

College Principal, Dr Huxley, has suggested that some additional general directories to assist persons entering the College through other than the main entrance may be appropriate.

HANDBOOKS OF GRANTS

The Graduate Careers Council of Australia has issued two books on awards for post-graduate study and grants for research in Australia and for awards for post-graduate study overseas.

The books contain comprehensive details of the numerous awards in Australia and overseas, including allowances, eligibility and contacts.

Secretary of the Griffith Duncan Research Fund, Greg Parkinson, has available a copy of each book and staff are invited to gain further information from Greg.

TEACHING ADULTS

A weekend discussion group aimed at 'teaching adults' will be held at the BandonGrove folk High School this coming weekend.

The discussion group is being organised by the Department of Community Programmes at the University of Newcastle and the fee is $46.

The weekend is aimed at people who teach or who are interested in teaching adults. Full details are available on 680401.

WORLD CONFERENCE IN WALES

Kath Reynolds from our Examination Section flies to the United Kingdom on July 17 to attend the World Conference of the Girls' Friendly Society in Wales.

Kath is one of a delegation of 20 from Australia who will attend the ten day conference in Swansea and Bangor. Main issues at the Conference will be the election of a World Chairperson for the GFS and also consideration of a World Project.

The GFS started in England about 100 years ago and Kath has been associated with the organisation since 1958. Wales will be her second World Conference after attending her first in Melbourne in 1972.

The United Kingdom trip will be significant for Kath as next year she becomes the Australian Chairperson of the GFS and will be responsible for leading the Australian delegation to the Sierra Leone World Conference in 1991.

Kath will be combining business with pleasure and will spend six weeks in Wales, England, Scotland and Holland.

RETURN FROM THE U.K.

College Nursing Sister, Shirley Andrews, is back on campus after spending seven weeks in Europe.

Shirley and her husband spent a month visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances in England after a short visit to the Greek Isles.

Sister Kris Kelly, who replaced Shirley while she was on leave, has passed on her thanks to staff and students for making her stay at the College enjoyable.

MICROCOMPUTERS FOR SALE

Staff and students interested in tendering for microcomputer equipment which is being sold by the College can inspect the equipment tomorrow (July 7) between 9 am and 5 pm in Room A96.

Tenders for the equipment must be lodged by 5 pm this coming Friday (July 10). Assistance and technical information can be obtained from John Bates on Ext. 632.
NEW CENTRE

CHEQUE HANDED OVER IN CEREMONY

A cheque for $250,000 has been presented to the College for the construction of the recently completed Aboriginal Education Centre.

Funds for the building have been provided by the State Government through its Bicentennial Council and among guests at the presentation ceremony were the Deputy Chairperson of the Council, Mrs Thelma McCarthy, and the Chairperson of the Council's Aboriginal Sub-committee, Mrs Joyce Clague.

Mrs Clague presented the cheque to a representative of the Aboriginal community in Newcastle, Noma Bond, who is also Assistant Co-ordinator of the College's Aboriginal Enclave.

The new centre will provide a focus for Aboriginal activities and culture in Newcastle and also provide educational and cultural support for the growing number of Aboriginal students at the College and the University of Newcastle.

About 80 Aboriginal students are expected to be enrolled in College courses next year and the official opening of the Education Centre is planned for next March.

Other guests at the presentation ceremony were the Deputy Director of the N.S.W. Bicentennial Council, Mr Ray Andrews, the Member for Waratah, Mr John Price, the President of the College Council, Mrs Margaret Bowman, College staff and students.

ABOVE: Noma Bond (standing left) receives the cheque from Mrs Joyce Clague during the presentation which was held in the Aboriginal Education Centre.

EXTERNAL STUDY

BUSY TIME FOR CENTRE

The current two week period is proving a busy time for our External Studies Centre with more than 400 teachers attending compulsory on-campus schools.

The teachers, both from the school education and TAFE sectors, are attending the College as part of their studies to up-grade existing qualifications or gain new awards.

About 90 students studying in the Industrial Arts, Industrial Education, TAFE and Alternate Mode specialisations attended the College last week and about 320 school teachers who are studying for their Bachelor of Education Degree are on campus this week.

The Director of Off-Campus Studies, John Schiller, said this week would prove busy with many facilities in use during the next five days.

"Our computer labs and the library will be used extensively this week while the Student Union Building is proving popular during breaks in lectures," said John.

"A special welcome will be given to students this morning by the Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Allan Taylor, while the Deputy Principal, Dr Les Eastcott, will also offer his comments during the welcome."
ART EXHIBITION

Members of staff are being invited to view the exhibition of two art students in the gallery space of the main art building.

Kathryn Coyle and Elizabeth Kearns have just finished the third year of their Visual Arts course and the exhibition is part of their assessment.

Kathryn is majoring in painting and drawing while Elizabeth has concentrated on printmaking.

The exhibition by the two students will be on view all this week.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE TO RISE

The annual membership fee of the Students' Association is to be increased for 1988 in line with movements in the Consumer Price Index.

Fees for 1988 will be:

- Full-time students: $143.00
- Part-time students: 71.50
- External students: 24.00

The new fees represent an increase of $13 for full-time students, $6.50 for part-time students, and $2 for external students.

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RHODES SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The selection committee for the 1988 Rhodes Scholarship is currently calling application from throughout Australia.

The scholarship is tenable at the University of Oxford from October next year and applications close on August 7 this year.

Candidates must be aged between 19 and 25 years of age and have achieved academic success. The scholarship is valued at 4,200 pounds sterling and fees are paid by the Scholarship Trust.

Full details of the scholarship are available from the College's Information & Publicity Office.

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N.C.A.E. to seek change

The College is approaching the NSW Minister for Education, Mr Rod Cavalier, to seek approval to change its name to the Hunter Institute of Higher Education.

The approach follows a special meeting of Council last Thursday which unanimously voted in favour of the name change. It is asking Mr Cavalier for the change to take effect from January 1st next year.

President of Council, Mrs Margaret Bowman, said the Council considered a small number of comments from staff and a paper from College Principal, Dr Huxley, before making its decision.

Mrs Bowman said the change in name would give the institution a broader regional base and stop the confusion of Newcastle College of Advanced Education being mistaken for other colleges within the area.

"We have had the situation for many years where Newcastle C.A.E. has not been clearly identifiable from other colleges, particularly TAFE colleges, and a broader regional identity could also improve our marketability," said Mrs Bowman.

'Local Community'

In his paper, Dr Huxley said that the College should emphasise that its 'local community' extends throughout the entire Hunter Valley. The economic, social and cultural cohesion of the region provided for a strong developmental and marketing focus for award courses and 'Huntersearch' activities.

Dr Huxley said two strong and growing colleges in New South Wales had changed their name and were now known as the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education and the Macarthur Institute of Higher Education. He said reduction in the number of titles and adoption of a title which permits differentiation from other titles were worthwhile objectives. These factors pointed to 'institute' and to 'higher education'.
The new Academic Structure which is based on four Schools and a proposal for 14 departments should take about six weeks to finalise.

The new structure was placed before College Council last Thursday which recognised the need for discussion and consultation before the make-up of the academic departments could be completed.

The Council approved the paper prepared by the Academic Structures Committee, including amendments made by Academic Board concerning the composition of the Board.

A diagram outlining the School and Departmental structure on which discussion and consultation will take place until about the end of August is printed on the opposite page.

Deputy Principal, Dr Les Eastcott, said initial allocation of staff to departments would be by staff choice moderated where necessary by discussion and negotiation with himself, the Structures Committee and Heads of School and Department.

He said Council decided last Thursday that final approval of allocation of staff would be within the normal delegation and that Academic Board would now prepare a Structures document describing the academic structure which would operate from January 1, 1988.

**Academic Board Composition**

The composition of Academic Board will be the first of three models proposed and this will reduce the present number of members from 44 down to 23.

The composition will be Principal, Deputy Principal, one Member of Council, Heads of School, one Principal Lecturer elected by and from the staff of each School, one Course Director elected by and from the staff of each School, one academic staff member who is neither a Principal Lecturer nor Course Director elected by and from the staff of each School and also one student from each School.

Council papers giving full details of the new Academic Structure are available in the College Library.

**NOTE:** Large boxes represent Schools and small boxes represent Departments.
LINGUISTICS CONFERENCE

The Assistant Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Jack Caldwell, and the Head of the Department of English and Languages, Dr Doug Absalom, will attend the 8th World Congress of Applied Linguistics in Sydney next month.

It's the first time the Congress has been held in the Southern Hemisphere and about 1000 linguists from all parts of the world will be in Sydney between August 16 and 21.

The conference is similar to the one at which Dr Absalom presented a paper in Sweden in 1981.

Plenary papers in Sydney will be given by:
* Wilga Rivers (Harvard Uni) on 'Interaction: the Key to Understanding'
* Michael Clyne (Monash Uni) on 'The Uniqueness of the Language Situation in Australia, its Research and Policy Implications'
* Braj Kachru (Uni of Illinois) on 'World Englishes and Applied Linguistics'
* Christopher Candlin (Macquarie Uni) on 'What Happens When Applied Linguistics Goes Critical'

Dr Absalom said section meetings representing 20 different aspects of applied linguistics will be organised in parallel sessions.

"Scientific Commissions from the Association Internationale de Linguistique Applique, the body organising the Congress, will also be meeting in Sydney," said Dr Absalom.

"The Commissions, comprising 18 aspects of applied linguistics, will meet in three sessions and will be convened by specialists from many countries.

"The Congress presents an excellent opportunity to be involved in up to date developments in linguistics and Jack and I are particularly looking forward to attending," added Dr Absalom.

TECHNICAL JOBS FOR WOMEN PROGRAMME

The Staffing Services Section is seeking interest from different sections of the College in a State Government initiative which provides technical job opportunities for women.

The Technical Jobs for Women Programme (TJW) has 330 positions to be allocated and filled in 1988 and submissions must be lodged by August 14 although College submissions to Staffing Services should not be later than the end of this month.

The programme offers employers the opportunity to address current and long term skill shortages through a planned and subsidised recruitment and training strategy.

Employer organisations are paid full subsidy of the first year's salary and related costs (including training in some cases) for the employment of women in non-traditional trade and technical positions. As a condition of the grant, employers must agree to retain the TJW recruits for the duration and remainder of their training. The basic criteria for funding is in technical, trades and administrative positions in the College where less than 30% of staff is female.

Staff who can identify possible TJW placements are asked to contact Assistant Registrar (Staffing Services), Dennis Knox, as soon as possible.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

College Counsellor, Hilary Barbour, will be running a Stress Management course for staff and students from later this month.

The course will be conducted in Room C102 at lunch times on Thursdays and/or Fridays from Thursday, July 30 through to August 20.

Topics will include: Identifying Sources of Stress; Identifying Symptoms of Stress; Setting Priorities; Relaxation Exercises; and Changing Perception of Stress.

Student Services Secretary, Kay Dean, on Ext 540 is registering names of people interested in the course and also preferred times.
GRADUATE STUDENT SAILS IN NOVEMBER

A Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) graduate who gained his 'major' in photography in 1985 will set sail for the Antarctic in November to retrace the footsteps of famous Australian pioneering photographer, Frank Hurley.

Richard Ferguson, who is now working in Sydney to save money for the six weeks trip, studied Hurley's pioneering efforts in the Antarctic for his own thesis.

Richard's project is being supported by the Mawson Institute for Antarctic Research which is attached to the University of Adelaide. A berth on the supply vessel, Nella Dan, and equipment is being supplied by the Antarctic Division of the Federal Department of Science.

"The trip is one of those once in a lifetime projects which people dream about," said Richard.

"Hurley used glass negatives when he documented Australia's pioneering Antarctic Expedition very early this century and in my project I'll be very specific on how Hurley went about his work and collected very valuable photographic evidence.

"I'll be leaving Hobart on November 26 and visiting Macquarie Island and also Commonwealth Bay, the site of the base for Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition in 1911," said an excited Richard.

Richard has closely examined Hurley's glass negatives over the past few years and will be using these as the major factor to visit the same areas as Hurley.

The Mawson Institute agreed to provide funds for Richard's project because of his knowledge of Hurley. Richard has to provide a comprehensive report to the Institute within three months of his return and eventually hopes to have material published during Australia's Bicentennial Year.

ANTARCTICA

JEWELLERY VALUATIONS THIS YEAR

The popular Antique Fair and Valuation day organised each year by the Firstchance organisation of the Special Education is to be held at the Newcastle City Hall on Saturday week, August 1.

The Fair is a fund raising exercise for the Special Education Centre and the event has grown in popularity each year since its inception in 1983.

The upsurge in interest in recent years in the purchase of antiques and the increasing knowledge of their investment value have been two key elements to the success of the Fair.

President of Firstchance, Phil Foreman, said that two valuers from the Sydney firm of P.L. Pickles will provide valuations on everything from silver and porcelain to paintings and furniture.

"The two Sydney valuers were busy the whole day last year and we've decided to add an extra valuer who will concentrate on jewellery items on Saturday week," said Phil.

"Joy McGeorge from Silver Sword Antiques is going to assist with jewellery valuations and we hope to unearth some interesting pieces like last year when an Aboriginal King Plate worth several thousand dollars was brought in by a customer," Phil added.

The Fair will be held in the Banquet Room of the City Hall between 10am and 5pm and valuations will cost $3 per item.

CONCERN ON ASSISTANCE CHANGES

Lecturer in Aboriginal Studies, John Heath, is concerned over Aboriginal student enrolments next year following changes to Aboriginal education assistance schemes such as ABSTUDY and ABSEC.

John believes the Federal Government's decision to means test payments could undo a lot of the good work that has been done in recent years to attract Aboriginal people into tertiary study.

New guidelines will almost certainly effect 1988 enrolments.
'AUSTRALIANISE'

The Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, has launched a report on Australian studies in the nation's tertiary institutions as part of the programme of events being developed by the Australian Bicentennial Authority.

In launching the report 'Windows on to Worlds', Senator Ryan said she hoped it would cause academics to change their approach.

She said the report set out comprehensively for the first time exactly where and how the Australian experience could be made to form part of tertiary studies.

The Minister said a review committee chaired by Dr Kay Daniels had suggested, which she supported, the notion that Australian studies should be an integral part of all studies in Australia. Australia should be at the centre of what is taught and learned in Australian education.

"I also concur with the Committee's view that a knowledge of and a capacity to teach about Australian experience are relevant criteria for academic appointments," said Senator Ryan.

Four Recommendations Highlighted

The Minister highlighted four recommendations of the report. These were:

* more university chairs in Australian studies
* the reprinting of Australian classics
* recognition to be given to production of teaching materials as an essential form of research
* support for the process of retraining academics to teach about Australia.

Senator Ryan said the report was part of the Government's broader effort to make Australia a more productive culture, a more creative country, a more thoughtful and skilful nation.

She said she hoped that the report 'will embarrass and stimulate those institutions and academics who have been guilty of neglect to change their approach.'

Specific recommendations from the report will be taken up in this year's Budget.
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

The new Head of School of Administration & Technology, Dr John Drinan plans to approach the region's industry and business communities to develop new and relevant courses.

Dr Drinan, who was formerly Principal of the C.B. Alexander ('Tocal') Agricultural College at Paterson, said he was very interested in seeing what the College could do for the communities.

"Whatever we do, it must be based on the needs of the Hunter Region and therefore we must find out what the needs of the region are," said Dr Drinan.

"I'll be talking to industry and business to see what the College can do in developing courses that are of benefit to both parties," he said.

Dr Drinan, 44, holds a Bachelor of Rural Science degree from the University of New England and a Doctor of Philosophy from Macquarie University. His background includes farming, working with the Department of Agriculture and seven years with Hawkesbury Agricultural College as Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Co-ordinator of an innovative degree course in agriculture.

Dr Drinan has a strong association with the land and resides on a family property between Singleton and Gresford which raises beef cattle.

The new Head of School is keen for staff to experiment with different and better ways of helping people to learn. He says that too often we can rely on lectures which are not necessarily the best method.
"There are also other methods such as case studies and small group learning and we should be using whatever methods are appropriate to what we are trying to do," said Dr Drinan.

"Overall, I think the educational potential is enormous from what I know of the Hunter Region and we need to promote a lot of awareness in areas which are not being serviced by education," he said.

New Principal Lecturer

Another new member of staff who has recently been appointed to the College's Department of Nursing and Health Studies as a Principal Lecturer is Margaret McInerney.

Margaret, who commenced duties two weeks ago, comes to the College from the Department of Nursing Studies at the Queensland Institute of Technology where she was involved with teaching post-registration diplomas.

As well as being Principal Lecturer, Margaret assumes the role of Course Director for the Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course.

Margaret's background covers both the teaching and administrative areas of nursing. She gained a Kellogg's Nursing Fellowship to study at Rochester in New York State where she completed a clinical and research based masters degree in nursing. She also has had an administrative role on the Board of Nursing Studies in Queensland.

Margaret said that her new position was exciting as the complexities and newness of the course presented many challenges in the nursing profession.

She said that the broader based system of nurse education places more emphasis on health promotion and education as well as maintaining the caring role.

"It's a very exciting time in the College's diversification and I am looking forward to being involved," said Margaret.

CONVOCATION

GOOD START FOR NEW BODY

The Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the College's new Convocation, Laurie Dicker, says the new body has taken a good and strong first step towards its goals.

He says a group of committed people have nominated their services for the Steering Committee and that he is looking towards a bright future for Convocation.

The inaugural meeting of Convocation was held late last month and Laurie Dicker, a graduate this year, from the College's Bachelor of Education (TAFE) course, was elected as Chairperson of a 15 member Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee met last week and has divided into sub-committees which will look at the areas of constitution and structural organisation, activities and fund raising and also publications, promotion and membership. The sub-committees will meet during the next two months and report their initial findings to the Steering Committee on September 23.

Mr Dicker said that a Convocation was the traditional name given to a formal body of graduates and others who are associated with the College and that membership was open to a number of categories, including many members of staff, eligible retired members of staff and current and past members of Council.

"The Steering Committee is open to suggestions from people not on the Committee because Convocation is working for everyone associated with the College," said Mr Dicker.

"One of the first activities which we have discussed is the Bicentennial and we are advising the College's Bicentennial Advisory Committee that we will co-operate in any of its planned celebrations," he said.

Staff or students who require further information on Convocation should contact the College's Information & Publicity Office.
NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The N.S.W. Minister for Education, Mr Rod Cavalier, has announced two ministerial appointees to the College Council.

They are a solicitor with a Newcastle legal firm, Mr Stephen Bray, and Ms Evelyn Barker who works for the Women's Housing Association and is the regional representative of the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

Mr Bray has been appointed to replace Mr Allan Brown who resigned because of work commitments while Ms Barker replaces Mr John Heath who has taken up a position as a lecturer in Aboriginal Studies at the College.

ARE YOU SAO-ING?

Educational lecturer, Neil Wright, has introduced a weight loss support group to the College to help those members of staff who would like to lose a little weight.

Known as S.A.O. (Staff Against Obesity), the group will:
1. be introduced to dietary information,
2. be made aware of the programmes and facilities for fitness etc. available at the College,
3. have a weekly weigh-in where weight would be monitored over time,
4. have regular testing of blood pressure, pulse, general condition etc., by College Nursing Sister, and
5. have the support of others in the group to keep on the programme.

Neil says that people who have attended weight loss programmes have found that group support and encouragement is the best method and that regular attendance on such a programme tends to promote greater and more consistent weight loss than irregular attendance.

A meeting of people who are interested in SAO will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at noon in Room A122. Full details may be obtained from Neil Wright on Ext 228.

INFORMALLY

VOTE OF THANKS

The Director of Off-Campus Studies for the College, John Schiller, has passed a vote of thanks to staff who participated in the recent on-campus school for external students.

More than 400 teachers from as far as Tenterfield, Woodenbong, Murwillumbah, Warialda, Cooma, Broken Hill, Bega, Moree, Cobar and Deniliquin in N.S.W.; Toowoomba, Mt Perry, Nerang, Daisy Hill, Cairns and Moura in Queensland; Woodend and Wodonga in Victoria; and the A.C.T., attended the school.

John said many of the facilities around the College were used during the two week period and that he would like to thank both academic and non-academic staff for their assistance.

SPRING GYM

The ever popular constructive play and gymnastics programme will begin its spring series in early September.

Classes for the series will include 'playgym', 'beginning gymnastics', 'music for fun' and 'drama'.

The programme will be conducted over eight Saturday mornings from September 5 to November 14 (excluding school holidays) and the fee will be $34.

Full details, including an enrolment form, are available from the Information Counter.

COMPUTERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

A visiting American special educator, psychologist and computer expert, Dr Charles Hedbring, will conduct a one day workshop on 'Computers in Special Education' at the Special Education Centre next week.

The workshop will run from 9am to 3pm on Wednesday, August 5 and the cost will be $12.50. Judy Cowley from the Centre on Ext 416 has full details.
CAREERS

IMPROVED SERVICE FOR STUDENTS

Students and graduates of the College will now have more access to specific knowledge and advice about careers following the appointment of a Student Advisory Officer (Careers).

The new officer is Brian Dunn who has wide experience in the field of careers advice after having worked in the management area of the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Industrial Relations for nearly ten years.

The new position has been created because of the increased demand on the Student Services Section for information and advice about employment and to maintain an effective relationship with potential employers of College students and graduates.

As well as assisting students and graduates to find suitable employment, the service will continue to provide employer information, career preparation for students and campus visits for employers.

Newcastle CARE is not new ground for Brian. He became a student and gained his Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) from here in 1983 and after gaining his Graduate Diploma in Education (Art Education), was employed by the NSW Department of Education as an Art Teacher at Willyama High School in Broken Hill.

Brian, who has lectured in sculpture, painting and drawing at various institutions on a part-time basis is also an established artist and has exhibited in Broken Hill, Armidale, Tamworth and Lismore.

He said that accurate and up-to-date information about careers was essential for students and graduates to be properly informed about employment opportunities that are available in their respective fields.

"I'm keen to talk to as many students from all the different courses in the College so that a comprehensive career service can be developed," said Brian.

BRIAN DUNN - CAREERS ADVICE

ACCOMMODATION

PLANS IN ACTION

Accommodation for College and University students may be increased thanks to the plans of a new company.

Newcastle International House Limited is a co-operative effort between the College and the University of Newcastle and has been established following the efforts of a steering committee over the past 12 months.

The plans are for a residential college of 40 one-bedroom units which will be gradually expanded to provide accommodation for 150 students. The areas bounded by the College entrance and Edwards Hall is envisaged as the site for the project.

A request has been made to the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission to make $500,000 available for the project, however a response to the request is not expected until the end of the year.

The company now has the task of raising funds as the Government monies will be paid on a dollar for dollar basis and is hoping to attract donations from Newcastle business and community groups.

A College representative on the Board of Directors, Carol Sjostedt, said that in keeping with the ideals of the International House movement, the accommodation would cater for both overseas and Australian students. It was seen as a perfect setting to foster a sense of community spirit and cultural exchange.

The Board has been appointed to administer the company and comprises nine members - three each from the College, the University and the community. Representatives of the College are the Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, Director of the Special Education Centre, Dr Phil Foreman and Carol Sjostedt who is the College's Student Advisory Officer.

Carol said that finding accommodation for students was a priority issue and that the Internation House would help accommodation services at both institutions.
COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students from the Communication Studies course are inviting senior high school students from the Hunter and Central Coast regions to a special information day in September to learn about the degree programme.

The students, through the Communications Students' Network, is writing to all high school Principals and Careers Advisors to inform them of the day which will be held on Sunday, September 20.

One of the organisers, Katrina Rendell, said that the Communication Studies course would enrol its fourth intake next year but that senior high school students appeared to know little about the programme.

She said the information day would consist of an informal question/answer forum where students would be able to interact with tertiary students to find out the differences in communication course offered by the different colleges and universities.

"There will be a lecturer and a student from each of the communication courses offered in New South Wales at the information day and the school students will benefit from these people," said Katrina.

The information day is part of the 3rd Annual Communications Students Conference which will be held at the College on September 18, 19 and 20.

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ASIAN LANGUAGE SPONSORSHIPS

College students are being invited to apply for 50 scholarships to study an Asian language as an adjunct to their major studies.

Qantas is offering the scholarships and says that successful applicants should be in their 1st or 2nd year of study and be strongly motivated towards a career in a commercial organisation. They will also need to have potential for employment by Qantas, as well as the capacity for future career development.

Each award will be up to the value of $1,000 to cover the cost of tuition at an approved institution, living expenses to a maximum of $500 and textbooks and other study materials.

Full details of the scholarships are available from the Student Services Section of the College.
NURSING OVERSEAS

Learning about providing health care in a totally different society will be the focus of interest for 11 third-year students enrolled in the College's Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) when they undertake an unusual elective in the near future.

The students will travel to Indonesia to take part in a five-week clinical practicum that will see them placed in four different community health settings.

Nursing lecturers, Sue Outram and Shirley Schulz, will accompany the students in a supervisory capacity, dividing their time over the five-week period. The students are Tristin Reynolds, Alison Wood, Jayne Robinson, Natalie Lott, Karen van Haren, Simone Merrell, Warren Denham, Karen Daishah, Lisa Anseline, Nicki Wallace and Andrew Woolard.

Sue said the students will visit the city of Bandung in Indonesia and surrounding rural areas. Their time will be divided equally between the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, the American health agency called CARE and community health workers in villages.

The group will leave Australia on September 22 and return on October 25.

Sue said that the students, having studied global health during the third year of their course, will experience first hand the conditions under which people in the Third World live and also health care in another country, its capacities and also the difficulties.

The emphasis of the trip will be on primary health care and cultural awareness.

To help acquaint them with the cultural differences of Indonesian society, the students are required to attend two compulsory weekend camps, the first of which took place last weekend. The camps
INDONESIA

will be conducted by lecturers in Education at Macarthur Institute of Higher Education, Colin Freestone, who has taken students from his institution to Indonesia.

Sue says the students will be in a totally different health care environment and that they will have to rely on their own resources. She hopes that this will broaden their understanding of their own capacities and provide an appreciation of the difficulties of health care in an underdeveloped country.

"This is the first time that any nursing students have gone to another country on a clinical practicum and we feel that the experience will be invaluable," said Sue.

"Other institutions who train nurses are now looking to duplicate our experience," she said.

The students are arranging fund raising activities to help with the expenses and plans are underway to promote these in the time leading up to their departure.

Some of the students travelling to Indonesia from left; Andrew Woolard, Warren Denham and Nicki Wallace with Nursing lecturer, Sue Outram.

BICENTENARY

'BACK TO COLLEGE' NEXT JULY

The Chairperson of the College's Bicentennial Advisory Committee, Kevin McDonald, wants staff and students to start thinking now about their involvement in College activities for next year.

Kevin said the start of the Bicentennial celebrations are only five months away and that the function planned by the Advisory Committee would require a lot of assistance from staff and students.

"The Committee has decided that there should be one major event at the College during 1988 in the name of the Bicentenary," said Kevin.

"What we have planned is a 'Back to College' weekend next July which will be given Bicentennial relevance through a tree planting ceremony and which will also coincide with 40 years of teacher education in the Hunter Valley.

"A major part of the weekend will be a display of photographs and other memorabilia with a major emphasis on teacher training over the 1949-1988 period," added Kevin.

The weekend will be organised along the lines of a Picnic Day with visitors being requested to bring their own picnic lunch as part of the festivities.

Kevin said it was important for staff and students to lend their support, especially in the way of memorabilia, photos and even student newspapers.

He said the College's Convocation and the Retired Lecturers' Association were supporting the weekend and that full details would be publicised in the months leading up to the event.

Above: Kevin McDonald pictured with College Librarian, Joan Blatchford display some of the College memorabilia.
PLAYGYM FOR THE YOUNG

Four different programmes are being offered in the 1987 Spring series of Constructive Play and Gymnastics being held at the College next month.

The Saturday morning activities have become one of the most popular of its type in Newcastle and Wendy Schiller, Judy Geggie, Lyn Thomas, Janice Allan and Kathy Rae will conduct the Spring series.

The four programmes on offer are 'Playgym', 'Beginning Gymnastics', 'Music for Fun' and 'Drama'. The programmes start on September 5 and run through until November 14 (excluding school holidays).

The fee for the eight week series is $34 with discounts for two or more children and enrolment forms are available at the Information counter.

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VOCA lIATIONAL EXCHANGE

The College's Student Services Section has received information which will assist students who want to work in the United Kingdom over the Christmas/New Year period. -

The Britain Australia Vocational Exchange organisation administers a reciprocal worker travel scheme for Australian, New Zealand and British students and has been operating for more than 20 years.

All BAVE jobs in Britain pay a minimum of £100 per week. Applications must be accompanied by an administrative fee of £10 and students who are subsequently offered a job placement will be charged an additional £40.

The BAVE scheme is also affiliated to 'Contact', an organisation that offers hospitality to visitors from Australia. Although BAVE and Contact work together, the Contact service is available to any young Australian visiting the U.K.

Full details, including application forms, are available from the Student Services Section.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A workshop on 'Computers in Special Education' conducted last week by visiting American special educator, psychologist and computer expert, Dr Charles Hedbring, proved to be a valuable experience for special education teachers.

Dr Hedbring spoke of the six aspects of computers in special education, these being assessment, communication, instruction, administration, research and recreation & entertainment.

He said that teachers could now make decisions regarding various aspects of computer hardware and software to make them most useful with developmentally delayed children.

"Computers in special education can be used as a communication and a teaching tool and can stimulate both the receptive and expressive aspects of the learning process," said Dr Hedbring.

"Teachers can gather a vast amount of information from computers for research purposes," he said.

As well as helping to streamline the administration process, Dr Hedbring said that computers can provide recreation and entertainment.

"It's nice to watch kids smiling and having fun when they are using computers," he said.

Other input devices can be used by special education teachers as alternatives to keyboard. These include the touchscreen, joystick, koala pad, mouse and the voice synthesiser.

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NEW LOCATION

College Chaplain, Sister Mary Goldsworthy has moved to a more centrally located office and will now be more accessible to students.

Her office is now located in the area between the College Cafeteria and the Properties Section which was previously occupied by the Aboriginal Enclave.

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Sculpture Material

Wood might seem like an unusual choice to some people but is being greeted with enthusiasm by the Department of Three Dimensional Visual Arts.

Two tons of angle iron in seven metre lengths has recently been donated to the department by the O.H.P. company to be used for sculptures by art students.

Head of the Department, Ken Lowson, said that Mr Rod Turner from O.H.P. was instrumental in providing the steel and that he hoped more supplies could be made available by the Company when required in the future.
NEW BUILDING

TENDERS CALLED

The College's new Administration Building is now a step closer with tenders for the building being called last week.

The two-storey building, designed by architects Valentine and Dick, is being constructed to ease the accommodation situation for administrative staff throughout the College.

Assistant Registrar (Properties), Vern King, said tenders close on September 1 and construction is expected to be completed during the first half of 1988.

He said the building will house senior management, the Administrative Secretariat, the Academic Secretariat and Staffing Services.

The building is of brick construction with banks of windows and has a barrel-vault skylight to allow natural light. It will also have an external ramp access for the disabled.

Vern said the building will have its own carpark and will be linked to the existing building via the area now occupied by Student Administration.

The architects are also replanning the layout of the existing administration area to enable other sections such as Student Administration and Finance and Salaries to relocate.

HOME ECONOMICS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Two first-year students enrolled in the College's Bachelor of Education (Home Economics) course have been presented with scholarships from the N.S.W. Cookery Teachers' Association.

The scholarships, valued at $400 for each year of the course, have been presented to Nicole Schonkala and Susan van der Kroft. They are awarded each year to eight commencing Home Economics students throughout the State who have achieved the highest aggregates in Home Science in the Higher School Certificate.

The Head of the Department of Home Economics, Ena Abell, said that the scholarships have an interesting history.

"Inaugurated in the late 1930's, the scholarship system was set up by a group of teachers to assist incoming students and prospective teachers of Home Economics," said Ena. "They compiled a book of recipes, the well-known and ever popular 'Commonsense Cookery Book', and the scholarships have been maintained through royalties from the book and have assisted many students over the years."

Nicole, from Kurmond near Richmond, and Susan, from Taree, both said that they were delighted to receive their scholarships as living away from home can prove a costly exercise.

"We need to supply ingredients, art materials, fabrics and other items for the course and the scholarship helps us to cope with these expenses," said Nicole and Susan.

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Right - Winners of the N.S.W. Cookery Teachers' Association Scholarships, Susan van der Kroft (1) and Nicole Schonkala, pleased to have received the scholarships.
APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR VARIOUS AWARDS

A number of organisations are seeking applications from both staff and students for different scholarships and awards that will be available in the next 12 months.

Listed below is a brief description of each scholarship etc and full details are available from the Student Services Section.

FULLBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available for study, research and lecturing in the United States between July, 1988 and June, 1989. Candidates are being sought in the Senior, Postdoctoral Fellow and Postgraduate student categories.

HARKNESS FELLOWSHIPS

Four Fellowships are available for study and travel in the United States for between 12 and 21 months. Applications close on Aug 31.

GOWARIE SCHOLARSHIP

Research scholarships ($4500) and Tertiary scholarships ($250) are available but candidates must be members of the Armed Forces who served in WWII or their direct lineal descendants.

PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION PRIZE

Entry is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students. The NSW Branch is offering a $200 prize for an essay on a specified topic in public health. The topic is printed on the information form and applications close on September 30. Essays must be 2000 words.

J.B.CHIFFLEY PRIZES

Three prizes of $1500, $1000 and $500 for the best essays written on the Australian Labor Party by undergraduate students are being offered. Essays must be about 5000 words and be lodged by Nov 1. Most interest is expected to be generated from students of history, government, political science and industrial relations.

ROBERTS EDUCATION FELLOWSHIPS

Sydney C.A.E. is making available three Fellowships valued at $6500 each. Applicants must be past or present students of Sydney C.A.E. or the Sydney Teachers' College. Applicants must indicate how their findings will benefit education in Australia.
INFORMATION NIGHTS

The first of the 1987 series of Information Nights to help people gain information about College courses will be held at the College this Wednesday night (September 2).

The nights have been organised as a result of the increasing number of enquiries regarding courses and will have special emphasis for mature age people.

Other nights in the series will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at the College and on Wednesday, September 16 at the Cultural Centre in High Street, Maitland and all nights begin at 7.30 pm.

The College's Deputy Registrar (Academic), Greg Parkinson said the three Information Nights would explain many issues affecting prospective students.

"The nights have been planned to discuss study commitment, to outline selection procedures, to discuss problems experienced by mature age students and also to explain the courses that will be offered in 1988," said Greg.

"A College counsellor will be attending the nights and I'm sure many prospective mature-age students will find the nights very pertinent and informative," he said.

Greg said that although special emphasis would be placed on the nights for mature age people, senior high school students would also be welcome to attend. He said the College had visited many careers markets and tertiary information days in the past few months but that any Year 12 students who wanted more information on any particular course could attend on any of the above three dates.

"Our first year enrolment this year was nearly 1640 students, more than 240 of whom were mature age, and we see the Information Nights as being very important in assisting people to seek vocational training opportunities in 1988," said Greg.
ENROLMENT

NEW PROCEDURES

Enrolment for 1988 will be conducted in three stages:

1) Programme Selection ('Pre-enrolment')

In September, continuing students will be sent a suggested programme of study for 1988 and will be asked to confirm or modify this programme. After this information is analysed some students may be asked to amend their programme if adequate numbers have not been reached in some modules.

Of course, students will be able to discuss their choices with their Programme Co-ordinators and make amendments after programme selection but it is expected that students will have a well-defined study programme prior to the commencement of 1988.

2) Fees Payment

Students will receive a 1988 Student Fees and Charges Notice with their examination results in December. They will be expected to either pay fees in full, apply for a student loan or provide evidence of exemption by a prescribed date which will be before the commencement of Semester 1 in 1988.

It is anticipated that a system allowing students to deposit fees directly into a College account at local branches of the Westpac Bank will be in operation. We hope this system will prove to be more convenient for students than the current system.

3) Enrolment Confirmation

The early programme selection and fees payment will mean that it will be possible to confirm students' enrolment status before the beginning of the semester. Students should note, however, that only those who have paid 1988 fees and charges and who are not otherwise indebted to the College will be considered to be enrolled students and only these students will appear on class lists and other current records in 1988.

It is hoped that the procedures outlined above will facilitate the enrolment process for both students and College administration.

Students who wish to obtain further information, or who wish to comment on the new procedures, are invited to contact Judy Wallom in the Student Administration Section.

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COLLEGE NEWS

NEW APPOINTMENT

The Equal Employment Opportunity Unit for the College and the University of Newcastle has a new Assistant Co-ordinator.

She is Roslyn Cameron who took up her appointment a few weeks ago after being Convocation Officer for the University.

Her interest in EEO issues comes from being Employment Development Officer for Maitland City Council before joining the University.

Roslyn succeeds John Girdwood who took up a position in Queensland and Sue Eade who held the position on a relief basis.

The EEO Unit is currently distributing pamphlets to all College staff on Sexual Harassment, Grievance Procedures and Non-discriminatory Language. The Unit can help staff in any of these areas.

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CHANGE FOR WESTPAC

A rationalisation of services by the Westpac Banking Corporation in Newcastle has resulted in the College changing its branch from Newcastle West to Hamilton.

Westpac has amalgamated its Bank Corner Branch and its 793 Hunter Street Branch and this new branch will be known as West End. The Newcastle West Branch has been converted to a Service Centre Branch.

The College Agency of Westpac is now being administered from the Hamilton Branch but little or no effect on the services offered to the College is envisaged.

Staff and students who operate accounts through the College agency will still be listed with 564 Hunter Street (Newcastle West Branch).
The College's Home Economics Department has been directing its attention to inservice seminars for the benefit of Home Economics teachers in high schools.

The Head of the Department, Ena Abell, recently attended a two-day seminar at Nyngan High School for Home Economics teachers from the western areas, where she delivered the keynote address.

Ena said that the seminar, entitled 'Professional Development for Effective Teaching in Home Economics', was extremely useful as it not only presented them with recent trends, classroom strategies and curriculum changes but established a vital network between the teachers.

"The seminar also covered multicultural perspectives with particular reference to Aboriginal students and promoted informal group work as well as formal classes," she said.

Fashion Design and Drawing

Another Home Economics lecturer, Rae Gibbon is involved in a slightly different type of inservice exercise.

Rae is conducting a series of lectures on Fashion Designing and Drawing for teachers from the Lake Macquarie and Central Coast areas.

The course, for two hours a week over six weeks is being held at Morisset High and is designed to help teachers develop their own skills, introduce new ideas and enable them to offer units in fashion designing in Years 11 and 12 for the Higher School Certificate.

Rae said that she was pleased to be able to pass on her knowledge and that the lectures were a follow up to a course she undertook in Paris in 1985.

"People are realising that they are able to develop the skills for fashion design and are better able to communicate ideas through illustration rather than verbally," she said.

Staff and students involved in the basic nurse education course will have a busy time in the next few months when three major projects are held on the campus.

Two of the projects relate to the future employment of our student nurses and the third will involve two simulated disasters. The projects are:

Nursing Career Market - this will be held in the concourse from midday on Friday, September 18 and involve about 25 hospitals, health institutions and professional nursing organisations.

The Market will give prospective employers the opportunity to distribute information to students who finish studies this year for their Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing).

Acceptances have so far been received from hospitals in Sydney, Tamworth, Dubbo, Canberra and Newcastle.

Nursing Seminar - the College is combining with the Central Northern Auxiliary of the NSW State Committee of the College of Nursing, Australia to conduct a seminar on October 15 which will have the theme "Smoothing the Way for '88".

A panel of guest speakers from the general, psychiatric and developmentally disabled nursing registrars in addition to a student representative will focus attention on the need for positive action in order to smooth the transition for students from College nursing courses into the workforce.

Simulated Disaster - Third Year students participating in the 'Trauma Nursing' Elective will conduct two simulated disaster exercises before Christmas.

The disasters will take place in the courtyard near the Richardson Wing and will involve students as 'victims' being treated at the site and then transported to the Practical Room (R103) for further treatment as if in an Accident and Emergency Department. Participating students will be assessed and College staff and other students are being requested to keep the area clear to avoid complicating the situation.
Home Economics students, Michelle Woodward and Karen Chesworth, have been awarded valuable scholarships from the King and Amy O'Malley Trust for Home Economics Scholarships.

The scholarships, valued at $6,000 for each academic year, are awarded to 30 Home Economics students throughout Australia, seven of those within New South Wales. They are given to students in Home Economics courses who are outstanding in their studies and display a commitment to the promotion of Home Economics generally.

Michelle, from Warratah, is in the third year of her course and has been successful in gaining the scholarship for the second time, having already received the award last year.

Karen, who travels from Dungog to attend College, is in the second year of the course and hopes to reapply for the award next year.

The scholarships were established in the 1950's (but not awarded until the 1970's) through the efforts of King and Amy O'Malley who were interested in promoting 'domestic science' and, having no descendants, left their considerable wealth for the purpose of 'strengthening Australian family life for the sake of the nation'.

Michelle and Karen said that the guidelines for selection were quite strict. Applicants were required to submit an essay and provide three referees reports based on character, personality, commitment to the furtherment of Home Economics and who want to make it their career. If selected through this criteria, an interview is then conducted by a panel to decide the winners.

"We are closely monitored throughout the course with exam results and contribution to both the course and College life being taken into account," said Michelle and Karen.

Michelle (pictured left) and Karen are planning to complete the fourth year of the course to gain the Bachelor of Education (Home Economics).
SPECIAL ED CONFERENCE

The Special Education Centre will host the 5th Conference of the NSW Early Intervention Association on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24.

The theme of the conference is 'Communication in Early Intervention' and guest speakers will include the Director of the Institute for Study of Learning Difficulties at the South Australian C.A.E., Dr Roger Rees, the Director of Sydney C.A.E.'s Institute of Early Childhood Studies, Dr Toni Cross and others.

Joan Maddison from our Special Education Centre has full details.

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CHILD CARE FETE

The College's Child Care Centre will hold its annual fete on Sunday, September 13 and is looking for support from staff and students.

The fete commences at 11am and will run until 3pm and will be held on the same day as the annual Wildflower Exhibition.

There's lots of stalls and fun for the kids, so put the date in your diary now!

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SATURDAY PLAYGYM

The Spring Series of 'Constructive Play and Gymnastics' starts this coming Saturday and a few places are still vacant.

Chris Byrne from the Department of English and Languages has enrolment forms and all details on the Series.

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APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS

The Students Services Section has received information on a number of 1988 scholarships and awards which are of interest to both staff and students.

Opportunities are available for study at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, the International Fellowship Programme, the Caltex Woman Graduate Business Award, Fulbright and other scholarships.
NEW BURSAR

One of the new faces around the College is actually an "old" face to many members of staff.

He is Don Foster who recently took up his position as the College Bursar.

Don was formerly the Assistant Registrar (Staffing Services) from August 1985 to November 1986 and of course is well known to most of the Academic and administrative staff on campus.

Between his two College "positions" he was the Registrar of the Newcastle Technical College and Regional Administration Officer for TAFE in the Hunter Region and before coming to Newcastle was the Secretary of the Orange Agricultural College.

He holds a Bachelor of Business, a Diploma in Tertiary Administration and is a certified practising accountant as well as being an associate of the Australian Society of Accountants.

Don said he was very pleased to be back at the College and sees his new position as a challenge.

He said he was particularly interested in the efficient utilisation of resources, especially the equitable distribution of those resources and also the concept of staff development.

"I am very keen to encourage staff to develop their potential and confidence within their positions and to develop an interaction of staff within the working environment," said Don.

Don takes over the reigns of the Bursar's Division from Manny Kallinicos who returned to Queensland recently after spending a number of years with the College.
NEW MODE
CHANGE IN STUDY PATTERN

The College has made major changes to the study pattern for students who enrol in four of our Secondary teaching specialisations next year.

Courses in English/History, Mathematics, Social Sciences and Science will run as four-year full-time study programmes in 1988 which represents a departure from previous years.

The students will graduate with their Bachelor of Education degree after four consecutive years of study and not have to gain initially their Diploma in Teaching and then study for their degree through external studies.

The Assistant Head of the School of Teacher Education, Dr Jack Caldwell, said the change in study pattern was a direct result of a Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission recommendation to centralise external study centres in Australia.

"The College will now be offering all of its Secondary teaching specialisations over four years of consecutive study as the four specialisations just mentioned will now join Art Education, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Music and Physical Education which are already offered in this way," said Dr Caldwell.

"The C.T.E.C. has been looking at the external study issue for a number of years and it is possible that one centre in each State will offer external study programmes in future years," he said.

Current English/History, Mathematics, Social Sciences and Science students gain their Diploma in Teaching after three years, complete one year of teaching experience and then have the option of studying by the external mode over two/three years for their degree.

Dr Caldwell said that one consequence of the change would be that external study programmes offered through the College for Secondary teachers to upgrade their Diploma in Teaching qualifications would have their last intake in 1990.

Meanwhile, the New South Wales Department of Education has advertised 'Teacher Education Cadetships' for students who will complete their final year of study in 1988 to alleviate teacher shortages in certain areas of the state.

NEW TEXTS
ADDITIONS TO SERIES

A Higher School Certificate subject which is growing in popularity has benefited by the release of two new books which will add to the series, 'People, Culture and Change'.

The series, edited by College lecturer in Education Terry Lovat, has been designed primarily as support material for the HSC subject, 'Society and Culture', but is also being used by Queensland and South Australian Social Science teachers and has recently made inroads into the New Zealand education system. Several of the books are also finding a place in the tertiary sector.

The books, 'Controlling our Future' by South Australian educator, Graham Speight, and 'Understanding Adolescence' co-authored by Terry with Richard Lomie and Susan Milner, have been recently released by Social Science Press and bring to six the number of titles so far in the series. The series will eventually total 11 books and should be completed by mid 1988.

Terry said the subject now has about 4,000 students studying it for the H.S.C and is rated as being amongst the top group of Higher School Certificate subjects.

He said increased interest was being shown to the extent that a network was being established for teachers in addition to conferences being held for teachers, Department of Education consultants and other interested people.

"A meeting is planned for later in the year for Hunter Valley, Central Coast and mid West teachers to discuss plans for ongoing sharing of resources and to examine the possibility of a 'Society and Culture' conference during 1988," said Terry.

The two new books are now in the College Library - together with others in the series, 'Coming of Age', 'Understanding Religion', 'Understanding Politics' and 'Communicating Across Cultures'.

Terry Lovat
NEW BUILDING

PROJECT TO START THIS WEEK

The Sandgate company of R.W. Black Pty Ltd has won the tender to build the College's new Administration building.

The two-storey building will be constructed at a cost of more than $304,000 and greatly alleviate the cramped accommodation space occupied by many of the College's administration sections.

The College's Properties Officer, Vern King, said R.W. Black would start construction this week on the building which will be built adjacent to the existing administration section.

He said completion date was about the middle of March next year.

The building will be of brick construction with banks of windows and a barrel-vaulted skylight to allow natural light. It will be linked to the main building through the existing Student Administration area and provide access for the disabled via an external ramp.

Vern said the top floor would accommodate Executive offices and support staff while the ground floor will house the Academic Secretariat, Administrative Secretariat and Staffing Services.

He said relocation of other administration areas into existing floorspace was now under consideration.

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NO PHOTOGRAPHS!

The number of photographs in this issue of 'Campus News' has been limited because of extensions currently being carried out to the College Printery.

The extensions are being undertaken to accommodate a new printing press and better utilisation of floorspace.

The two week project has resulted in a number of the Printery's regular services, such as plate making and GTO printing, being unavailable. Printery Supervisor, Graham Davidson, has requested staff to confer with him regarding requisitions as limited facilities for printing are still available.

EDUCATION CENTRE

Centre Open to Staff and Students

Two Open Days will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of next week (September 23 and 24) at the College's Aboriginal Education Centre.

The days, designed to promote cultural awareness, will feature a range of activities to both educate and entertain and will run from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Co-ordinator of the Centre, Lorraine Thomas, said that the days were a good opportunity for the Centre to promote itself within the College and to the community generally and to allow people to appreciate what the Centre is achieving and what it has to offer.

"There will be displays, videos, Aboriginal traditional dancers and stalls of both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and crafts," said Lorraine.

"On the Thursday at midday, we will have a didgeridoo player and a fashion parade featuring Aboriginal models and original designs of promising Aboriginal clothing designer, Mini Heath," she said.

Lorraine has issued an invitation to staff and students to visit the Centre on the days which promise to be both interesting and educational.

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NURSING CAREERS MARKET

Staff and students are reminded that about 30 hospitals, health institutions and professional nursing organisations will take part in a Nursing Careers Market in the main concourse of the College on Friday (Sept 18).

The Careers Market will run from midday and is designed to assist third year nursing students in gaining careers information.
PRACTICUM FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY HEALTH

Two final year students in the College's Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course will see the practical application of their interest in global and community health when they travel to South Australia next Saturday for a clinical practicum with a difference.

Liz Hyde and Heather Tannock will be visiting the north-western area of South Australia which is administered by the Naganamu Health Council, an organisation established to provide Aboriginal health care in the region.

Liz said that while she will be visiting the Aboriginal housing settlement of Ilukana, Heather will be based at Ernabella. They will then meet to complete the practicum at Yalgon, a tribal area and also self-declared alcohol-free zone.

They will work with Aboriginal health care workers, nursing staff and a medical team and will be involved with immunisation, health screening, first aid, well-baby clinics, mother's clinics and education programmes.

Supervision will be managed by phone contact, with health care workers at the centres reporting to lecturers here at the College.

Both students have had to obtain permits to enter into the area which forms part of the Pititiunjarra Tribal Lands.

"We will be going to the Aboriginal Health Organisation in Adelaide for initial briefing before travelling to the health centres," said Liz.

"We are both grateful for the support provided by nursing lecturers, Shirley Shultz and James Knight, who have been extremely helpful," she said.

Liz said that both she and Heather see the trip not only as a clinical practicum, but as an extension of their interest in Aboriginal affairs and community and women's health.

PUBLIC T.V.

HUNTER REGION MAKES ITS IMPACT

The concept of public television will have a major impact on the Hunter Region next Sunday thanks to the facilities of the College and S.B.S. television.

S.B.S., through its Sunday midday programme 'The Window', will televise a one-hour documentary which has been produced by the Hunter Region's Public Access Television Group, 'NewVision'.

The group includes a large number of College students in its membership, especially from the Communication Studies course, and about one third of the documentary is work produced by the students.

Terry Mahoney, who is in the second year of the Communication Studies course, said about 30 students were involved in the documentary and that the College assisted in the production by the use of its film and video facilities.

"The documentary shows what is available in the Hunter Region through community based groups and has been a joint exercise," said Terry.

"Groups such as the Cine Club, Printmakers Workshop, the Hunter Coal Industry, CYSS, Supernova and others have been involved and Meredith Productions sponsored the transfer to broadcast tape."

NewVision hopes that the programme will be a forerunner to a submission for a low-band television licence and funding for a community access studio.

The group hopes to present programmes covering local events and issues and act as an outlet for locally produced material. It aims to provide an alternative to the nationwide networked programmes of commercial television stations and also to provide a training ground to develop local talent.

Terry said a lot of time and effort has gone into 'The Window' programme and hopes everyone tunes in on Sunday (Sept 20 at midday) to see what public television will have to offer.
SPECIAL NEEDS

COLLEGE LIAISES TO HELP STUDENT

A student in the College's Bachelor of Education (Mathematics) programme has earned the support and admiration of her lecturers in the pursuit of her studies.

Mary Popal, who is in the third year of her B.Ed course suffers from a condition known as Macular Dystrophy which has affected her central vision. The condition became evident after the first year of her studies and Mary now relies mainly on peripheral vision.

Lecturers from the Maths Department have devised a number of methods to help Mary overcome her difficulties, particularly with regard to lecture material and computer aids.

In keeping with the College's policy for students with special needs, the lecturers pay continued attention to helping Mary in the form of enlarged notes, special arrangements for examinations and research into visual aids for the computer component of her course.

A number of visual aids have been made available to Mary through the efforts of lecturers, Bob Cater and Peter Summons. These include enlargement features on the computer screen, a programme called 'Votrax' which defines the keyboard and transfers it to a voice-track synthesiser and a Fresnel prism and lens. The two lecturers have liaised extensively with the Royal Blind Society's Rehabilitation Teacher, Margaret Brown and the Partially Sighted Unit at Hamilton College of TAFE.

Bob and Peter said that Mary has her own computer with a large print screen provided through the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service. The Royal Blind Society has also assisted with specialist services.

"Mary has shown the utmost dedication to pursue her studies, even though the obstacles to her success are considerable," said Bob and Peter.

"She has passed her practicums with outstanding success and although having vision difficulties, has the makings of an extremely competent teacher," they said.

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INTERNATIONAL MEET

The provision of early childhood services for children living in remote and scattered circumstances will be the major theme of an international seminar to be held at the College in November.

Representatives from nearly 30 countries will attend the seminar which has been organised by the College in association with the Bernard van Leer Foundation of Holland.

It’s the third time such a seminar has been held in the Eastern Hemisphere but the first time in Australia. The seminar will be officially opened by the Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, in the Newcastle City Hall of Friday, November 13 and run until Friday, November 20.

Newcastle has been selected as the venue for the seminar because the College and the van Leer Foundation are currently conducting a major project in the Hunter Region which involves families with young children living in caravan parks.

The Foundation awarded the College a $310,000 grant last year to examine the needs of families with young children living permanently in caravan parks. The three-year grant will also establish community-based services to meet the needs and assist in community development.

Organiser of the seminar and also Director of the Hunter Caravan Project Wendy Schiller, said that 40 van Leer Project Directors from 27 countries and the top executives of the van Leer Foundation would attend the seminar which has as its theme ‘Children at the Margin: a Challenge for Parents, Community and Professionals’.

Wendy said that other countries who were interested in van Leer Projects would also be represented during the seven days. One of the representatives would be the Deputy Minister for Education, Science and Culture of the Philippines, Ms. Minda Sutario.
The theme of the seminar reflects a series of concerns in Australasia relating to children who are not reached by general systems of early childhood education. This covers children living in remote and scattered circumstances, children living in the isolation of high-rise apartment blocks or in caravan parks and who do not have traditional forms of social support. It also covers children of minority groups who are outside the social mainstream.

The Van Leer Foundation's concern with developing new and more flexible ways of meeting such 'disadvantaged' groups, especially involving family and community members and professionals, is directly related to the theme.

Wendy said the purpose of the seminar was to assist in development of policy and to allow exchange of information about the operation of projects in different countries as well as other Foundation issues.

"The seminar itself will be held at the College but the representatives will undertake a study visit to the Hunter Caravan Project and this will allow participants to develop a practical understanding of some of the current challenges being faced in early childhood services in this country," said Wendy.

"The seminar is attracting world-wide attention and UNICEF and UNESCO will be represented in November in addition to countries such as the Philippines and Indonesia which do not have Van Leer Projects.

"Newcastle is fortunate in being asked to host the seminar as only nine have been held in the past 20 years. Participants will be flying from around the world to attend and the seven days will provide a full programme of discussions, visits and audio-visual presentations," she said.

The organising committee is still seeking sponsorship for the seminar and a number of local enterprises are being approached for support.

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LIBRARY NEWS

AUTOMATED CATALOGUE SYSTEM FOR LIBRARY

The College Library is making a significant change in the administration of its cataloguing system and is seeking the co-operation of all Library users during the implementation of the scheme.

Preparations are now underway for a new automated circulation system which is being introduced to provide a more convenient, fast and efficient service as well as to maintain more accurate records.

Senior Librarian (Technical Services), Robyn Emanuel and Senior Librarian (Reference Services), Greg Anderson said the on-line catalogue section of the two-part system was the same as the " Allecat" system currently in use at the University of Newcastle. Both it and the circulation component will be in full operation at the beginning of the 1988 academic year.

Robyn and Greg said the new system involves optical character recognition (OCR) labels being placed into books which are machine readable and will promote a streamlined form of circulation eliminating the need for loan cards. However, books will still be arranged on the shelves by the familiar Dewey Decimal Classification system.

Initially 12 on-line public access catalogue terminals (OPAC) will be located in the main reading room of the Library and as all new material automatically is entered onto the new system, the need for the card catalogue will cease.

"We are seeking the co-operation of academic and non-academic staff to return any books they have on loan so that the new system can be completed and fully operational in the most optimum time," said Robyn and Greg.

"Library staff are being rostered to tackle the task which involves inserting up to 120,000 labels in books. This represents about 90% of the Library's book collection," they said.
From time to time, 'Campus News' hears about the leisure activities or sporting achievement of College staff members.

The dirt track racing scene is of interest to many members of staff and Paul Fowle has enjoyed recent "behind the scenes" achievement in the sport.

Paul, from the Properties Section, notched up a series of successes at the recent New South Wales and Australian Motor Cycle Championships as a result of his hobby of tuning motor-bikes.

The annual New South Wales Motor Cycle Championships saw bikes that Paul had tuned win first, second, third and fifth prizes in the 250cc. section.

Following on from this success, a 500cc. Kawasaki bike that Paul had tuned competed in the Six-hour Dirt Track Endurance event held at Nepean. The bike led the race for the entire six hours, lapping the field after the first hour and winning the title from riders from all Eastern states.

Adding to these achievements, Paul tuned a bike ridden by Chris Watson from Cessnock, which won the Australian 250cc. Championship held at West Wyalong last week.

"It was the greatest thrill to win that race. The competition was fierce with 182 riders competing on the day," said Paul.

As always, things will go wrong. Paul said he had to rebuild the motor in the pits at half-time due to piston failure. He replaced the piston with a second-hand one carried "just for a spare" and experienced many anxious moments before the event was eventually won.

Paul has been involved in motor cycle racing for 33 years and his long experience with bikes was to his advantage in the recent championships.

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NEWCASTLE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The current political argument on tertiary education of academic theory meeting the needs of industry was one of the major points to come out of the Communications Students' Network conference which was held at the College earlier this month.

About 80 students and lecturing staff from institutions which offer communication courses attended the conference, the third of its type organised by the Network.

Two of the main organisers were third year Communication Studies students Katrina Rendell and Jim Williams while Nepean, Macarthur, Mitchell, NSWIT and Macquarie tertiary institutions were represented at the September 18, 19 and 20 conference.

The theme 'Bridging The Gap' was chosen because of the gaps that are perceived to exist between the structure of communication courses at different institutions; what is taught in communication courses and what is practiced in the media industry; and the expectations of people entering communication studies and the course structure of various institutions.

One of our Communication Studies lecturers who attended the conference, Bruce Wilson, said that the weekend was highly successful in the quality of the talkers, the question and answer sessions and the spread of students.

"The conference found that we must address ourselves as closely as possible to the needs of the industry and integrate academic theories with the practicalities of the communications industry generally," said Bruce.

"Our third year students are now also considering the concept of a 'showcase evening' at the end of the year in which the products of students will be shown to invited guests but particularly to media industry representatives," he said.

A student in the College BACS course, Anne-Maree Britton, was one of two prize winners during the conference. Her video on the youth entertainment centre, Shockwave Connection, was judged as one of the outstanding entries.
NURSING PRACTICUM

CAMP QUALITY

Four third-year students enrolled in the Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course are preparing to take part in a clinical practicum linked with a learning package entitled "Crisis, Loss and Change".

The practicum will take the students, Stephen Wendtman, Cathy Richards, Peter Brook and Louise Eno to 'Camp Quality', a holiday camp for children with life threatening cancers and terminal illnesses.

The camp provides a week of fun and fellowship for children who are very often isolated from their peer group either by long bouts of hospitalisation, or by their friends who often don't know how to deal with the illness.

The children are given the opportunity to participate in as many activities as possible. These include archery, canoeing, horse-riding, abseiling, music, crafts visits to interesting places and visits by various groups. Each child is assigned a companion for the duration of the camp.

It's the first time that student nurses have been involved with such a project and organisers are hopeful that their involvement will continue for the annual camp.

The camp will be held at Toowoomba Agricultural College at Paterson and will start next Saturday (October 3).

Clinical Co-ordinator, Margo McNamarra, said that the experience student nurses gain from the camp is aligned to the aims and objectives of the learning package.

"The students will be working with registered nurses from the Mater and Royal Newcastle Hospitals and it's an opportunity for our students to work with sick children in a non-institutional setting," said Margo.

The College's Instructional Media Unit will video some of the activities of the camp, particularly with reference to the students' interaction with the children.

STUDENTS

A third year Home Economics Student, Michelle Woodward, has been elected to a vacant student-elected position on the College Council.

Michelle takes over from Liz Hyde who resigned as she is finishing studies for her Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing).

Michelle's term of office is until March 31, 1989 or until implementation of provisions to the Colleges of Advanced Education (Amendment) Act.

Scott Gardiner holds the other position of student-elected member of Council and will serve in this capacity until the re-election of College Council in 1989.

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NATIONAL STUDENT ART PRIZE

Another of the College's Art students has enjoyed success this time in a national art prize.

Kim Wanleff, a third year Bachelor of arts (Visual Arts) student, recently exhibited one of her works in the 'National Student Art Prize' which gained her a 'highly commended' honour and $350 worth of acrylic paints.

The Art Prize is presented each year by the Mitchell College Union and aims to provide recognition and encouragement to visual arts students, provide competition and promote innovation and excellence in the visual arts.

Kim's work, an untitled figure study, was entered in the 'Works on Paper and Mixed Media' section and was acquired by the Exhibition for a national collection of student art works.

Kim, who is majoring in painting, said that her prize would be useful for her continuing studies. She hopes to continue at the College, going on the the Graduate Diploma in Art.

Kim's success follows on the awarding of the $500 Hunter Valley Art Supplies Prize to Mark Jones earlier this year. Mark won the post-graduate award for his ceramics work.
DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

The New South Wales Department of Education has advertised "Teacher Education Cadetships" for teacher education students who will complete their final year of study in 1988.

The cadetships have been introduced to alleviate teacher shortages in various areas of the state, namely Metropolitan West, Metropolitan South West, Riverina, North West and Western regions.

Applications need to be qualified to teach Mathematics, Science, Agriculture, French and German, Music, Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Social Sciences, English and History and Asian Languages.

Applications are also invited from Aboriginal teacher education students who in 1988 will be in their final or second last year of either a Primary or Secondary teacher education programme.

In addition, applications are invited from final year Primary teacher education students in 1988 for a limited number of cadetships. Appointments for these will be made to the Western parts of the State.

An allowance of $6,000 will be paid for the final year of study and $6,000 for each of the last two years in the case of Aboriginal students.

Employment in New south Wales Government schools will be guaranteed from the beginning of the 1988 school year.

Successful applicants will be required to sign a written undertaking to serve for a minimum of two years and will be accredited on a points system.

Applications should reach the Department of Education by Monday, October 12.

Further details of the cadetship and application forms are available from the College's Student Advisory Officer (Careers), Brian Dunn, who is located in the Student Services Section.
RADIOGRAPHY IN '88

The College is to make available 25 places next year in its Diploma in Applied Science (Medical Radiation Technology) following approval by the NSW Higher Education Board to offer the course in 1988.

The future of the course has been in doubt for several months following a decision by the HEB to centralise radiography training at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences in Sydney.

The HEB however has modified its original decision in line with the State Government's wishes that the opportunity to study radiography be available in Newcastle. As a result, the College's Diploma course will specialise in diagnostic medical radiography while the options of therapeutic radiography and nuclear medicine technology will be available at Cumberland.

College Principal, Dr. Doug Huxley, said the approval was a marvellous victory for the Hunter Valley community and that the College had fought for many months to keep the course in Newcastle.

He said the College had been offering an Associate Diploma in Radiography for nearly 10 years but that the course had been upgraded to the Diploma level to gain accreditation from Australian Institute of Radiographers.

The College is currently promoting the 1988 intake and the majority of 25 students is expected to come from Year 12 high school students. Careers Advisers in high schools are being informed this week that the course will be offered next year.

The Diploma course is a response to the increased professional demands being placed on allied health personnel responsible for medical organ imaging and is designed to provide greater career opportunities and flexibility in career pathways for graduates.
INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Scholarship Awarded for First Time

A scholarship established to promote and support Industrial Arts in the Hunter Region will be awarded to an Industrial Arts student for the first time during the next few weeks.

The scholarship, valued at $500, has been established by the Newcastle Branch of the Institute of Industrial Arts to promote and support Industrial Arts students and to recognise achievement in the field.

Initiated through the Institute by the Head of the College's Department of Industrial Arts, Dr. Kevin Morgan, the scholarship will be awarded to the student in the first year of the Industrial Arts degree who gained the highest aggregate in the subject from the previous year's Higher School Certificate.

The scholarship will only be available to students who have completed their Higher School Certificate in a Hunter Region High School and who commence study in the College's Industrial Arts course the following year.

"It's an opportunity for the Institute to recognise the achievements of Industrial Arts Students," said Kevin.

"The scholarship has been organised on a unique local basis and is particularly pleasing as it will help students from this area," he said.

The scholarship will be funded from a seminar which is co-hosted each year by the College and Institute for students studying Industrial Arts for the H.S.C. A levy of $2 per student was charged for the first time this year and will be a feature of future seminars to maintain the scholarship.

"In this way, the scholarship is contributed to by local students and their teachers for the benefit of a local student," said Kevin.

The College and the Institute conduct the seminar in the middle of each year and the scholarship will be promoted in high schools to make year 12 students aware of the award.

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CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Special Education Centre will be the venue later this month for the fifth Annual Conference of the NSW Early Intervention Association.

Co-ordinator of the conference is a teacher at the Centre, Joan Mackison, who said the theme of the programme would be "Communication in Early Intervention".

Joan said the conference would be held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 with participants coming from various parts of N.S.W.

The conference will comprise two lectures and seven workshops on each day with time for discussion at the end of both Friday and Saturday.

The guest speakers at the two lectures on Friday are the Director of the Institute for Study and Learning Difficulties at the South Australian CAE, Dr. Roger Rees, and well-known former ABC television and radio personality, Hugh McKay.

Dr. Rees is the author of five books in the field of Special Education and is the recipient of a number of research grants as well as being a lecturer at international conferences. Hugh McKay is now involved in The Centre for Communication Studies at Bathurst and his lecture topic will be "Communication".

The Saturday guest lecturers will be Director of the Institute of Early Childhood Studies at Sydney CAE, Dr. Toni Cross, and Dr. Rees.

Dr. Cross spent two years as a visiting research scholar in the School of Communications at Northwestern University in Illinois and also eight months as a visiting research fellow at the New School for Social Research in New York.

Dr. Cross will speak on "Mother/Child Interaction" while Dr. Rees will follow up his Friday lecture on "Early Intervention and the Development of Communication Skills".

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VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Final year students enrolled in the College's Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course have been given a special opportunity to gather knowledge and hone their skills in their particular area of interest in the nursing and health care profession.

The students have been able to choose their area of interest when embarking on their final clinical practicum before completion of their three-year course.

Some of the nursing areas which have provided the settings for the practicums are medical/surgical, mental health, pediatric, peri-operative, midwifery and trauma (accident and emergency).

Clinical Co-ordinator for the nursing course, Margo Nancarrow said that some of the students proposed their own areas of interest while others had followed up on suggestions made by lecturing staff.

She said it was an excellent opportunity for the students to gain more experience in their particular interest before joining the nursing profession next year.

"Some of the practicums were undertaken at our local hospitals while others were conducted at hospitals such as the Camperdown Childrens' Hospital and the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney," said Margo.

"Other practicums are still being undertaken farther afield in Indonesia, Vanuatu and Central Australia for the benefit of students interested in studying health care in disadvantaged regions," she said.

Diversity

The diversity of the practicums was demonstrated recently when a simulated disaster was conducted at the College.

"The disaster exercise was part of the trauma elective and was followed by hospital experience," said Margo.

Other areas covered in the clinical practicum exercise were residential care of the developmentally disabled, drug and alcohol abuse and palliative care.

Margo said that while the students were able to choose their own area of interest for the practicum, guidelines were applied so that the aims and objectives of the course were maintained.

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CESSNOCK SCHOLARSHIP

The Cessnock District Health Benefits Fund has again come to the assistance of local students enrolled in the Associate Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course by making available its second annual $1500 scholarship.

The Fund, in association with Cessnock District Hospital, decided in 1986 to make a scholarship available to Cessnock and district people who enrolled in the nursing course.

The inaugural winner of the scholarship was Diana Sinclair and the 1987 scholarship will be presented at a special ceremony at the Cessnock Hospital on Thursday (October 15).

This years winner is Amanda Cobby of Allandale Road, Cessnock who attended Cessnock High School before enrolling in the first year of the Associate Diploma course this year.

Amanda will receive $500 each year for the three years of her course and says she is thrilled at being named winner of the scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded on a means basis and the selection committee said it was impressed with Amanda's application.

"I'll be using the scholarship money to help in buying text books for the course and also in purchasing other materials," said Amanda.

"I've always been interested in health and I'm finding the Associate Diploma a very interesting course. I'm looking forward to the practical component which we will combine with theory study next year," she said.

Amanda will be presented with her scholarship by the Chairman of Cessnock Health Benefit Fund, Mr. Noel Mitchell, at 10.15 am on Thursday.
STUDENTS ELECT S.R.C. OFFICE BEARERS

Elections for office bearers on the College's Student Representative Council have resulted in all but one of the previous executive officers being re-elected for a second term.

Those elected for a second term of office are the President, Scott Gardiner, the Vice-President, Michelle Woodward and the Secretary, Richard Dibley. The new member of the line-up is Treasurer, Wes Randall who succeeds Philip Mackney, who held the office for two terms.

Students elected to other positions on the Council are Sports Officer, Philip Oke, Multicultural Officer, Steven Larks, Environment Officer, Ian Backhouse, Media Officer, Elizabeth Klaassens and Women's Affairs Officer, Vicki Oslund.

An election will be conducted this week for the Services Officer for which there are two nominations - Stephanie Roberts and Cecilia Di Felippa. Polling will be conducted in the Student Union Building today and tomorrow between 9.30 am and 5 pm. and on Wednesday and Thursday between 9.30 am and 6.15 pm.

Nominations are being called for the position of Education Officer as well as seven representatives from the School of Teacher Education, three from the School of Visual and Performing Arts, three from the School of Health Studies, two from the School of Administration and Technology and one from a recognised two-semester post-graduate course which can be from any of the four Schools. The nominations for all the above positions close this Wednesday, (October 14).

The Returning Officer for the elections, Paul Drinkwater said it was important that students nominate for the positions as it enabled them to have a voice in the running of the Student Representative Council.

He said that nomination forms were available from the Mezzanine Level of the Student Union Building and students are welcome to call at any time to collect them.

Students who require more information are invited to contact Paul at the Student Union Building.

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ART HAPPENINGS

'CREATIVE DRAWING'

Three artistic talents of some of the best College students in drawing are on display in a special exhibition at the Muswellbrook Art Gallery.

More than 30 works by 40 students in the Associate Diploma, BAVA and Graduate art courses are being shown in the 'Creative Drawing' Exhibition which runs until the end of this month.

Course Director for the BAVA, Garry Jones, said the exhibition was the first of its type to be displayed in Muswellbrook and that he hoped it would be the forerunner of an annual exhibition.

"Works on display include rapid sketches and studies to highly embellished works and the diversity of the mixed media reflects the attitudes of the students," said Garry.

"The exhibition, which has been curated by the Director of the Muswellbrook Art Gallery, Peter Gill, is presenting a slightly unique opportunity in that it allows our drawing students a chance to display their specialisation."

CELTLAN AND JONES

Two of the College's art lecturers, Frank Celtnan and Garry Jones, are in the middle of holding their own exhibition at the Newcastle Contemporary Gallery, in Wood Street, Newcastle.

The exhibition, which comprises painting and drawings, will be on view until next Sunday (Oct 18).

GOSFORD SHOOT

The management of the Imperial Centre in Gosford has congratulated the College's film and video students following the recent filming of a fashion parade at the centre.

The students covered the parade as a practical exercise within their curriculum and spent an afternoon in setting up lights and equipment for the evening show.

The management said it would have no hesitation in recommending the 'student team' to anyone who is interested in their services.
Statistics released by the Minister for Employment Services and Youth Affairs, Clyde Holding, show that the level of people's education is the key to their job prospects and job satisfaction.

The Minister said that research had shown that the more educations people had behind them, the more likely they were to find employment - particularly in the areas they preferred.

Mr. Holding was speaking at the release of a departmental publication entitled, "School Leavers" which gives statistical details on Australia's annual 250,000 school leavers.

"The better educated and more skilled the workforce, the better are our chances of successfully competing in the world economy," said Mr. Holding.

"Therefore, by staying in education or training longer, young people are at the same time serving both their own interests and those of the nation."

"School Leavers" points out that 88 per cent of people who commence work with a university or college degree find a job in their preferred occupation.

This compares with 78 per cent of people with a trade or technical certificate, 72 per cent of those who finish secondary school and 66 per cent of people who did not finish secondary school.

The unemployment rate also tends to significantly decrease as education levels rise.

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SCHOLARSHIPS ETC.

The Student Services section has received detailed information on a number of scholarships and research funds which are available in Australia or overseas.

Australian Institute of Sport, Swiss, Netherlands and Indonesian scholarships are among those available. Full details are available from the Student Services section.
'HUNTER INSTITUTE'

The President of College Council, Mrs Margaret Bowman, has welcomed the approval of N.S.W. Government for the College to change its name from the beginning of next year.

The name change was gazetted on Friday and the College will be known as the Hunter Institute of Higher Education from January 1, 1988.

Mrs Bowman said the change would allow the College to project a new image to the community and that preparations were already underway to implement the new name.

"The College has been contemplating a name change for more than a year and approached the Minister for Education, Mr Rod Cavallier, in July concerning the proposal," said Mrs Bowman.

"The College has been diversifying very rapidly in the past few years and the change from 'Newcastle College' to 'Hunter Institute' will enable attention to be focussed on a region rather than a city.

"The College has been heading towards a broader regional base and the new name will reflect this move," said Mrs Bowman.

The change to 'Hunter Institute' will coincide with the introduction of a new academic structure under Schools of Administration and Technology, Education and Humanities, Health and Visual and Performing Arts.

The change will also stop the confusion of many years of the College of Advanced Education being readily identifiable from other colleges, particularly those in TAFE, in the Newcastle area.

Mrs Bowman — name change reflects regional base
Trial At CAE

An innovative learning method using sophisticated videodisc technology coupled with computerised 'Expert Systems' software was being given its first field trial in Australia last week at the College.

The system, developed jointly by the Education Unit at Swinburne Institute of Technology in Melbourne and the College’s School of Health Studies, contains technological developments never used together in Australian education.

The field trials involved student nurses in the Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) last Wednesday while College staff were introduced to the system on Thursday.

Head of the Education Unit at Swinburne, Bernard Hawkins, described the main developments as being the use of natural language processing whereby students could ‘talk’ to the client on the videodisc using their own words and the incorporation of a software system called Intelligent Tutoring which is based on ‘Expert Systems’.

Above: First year nursing students (l-r) Julie Fajic, Judith Watson and Russell Menzies don the headphones to take part in the field trial for the new learning package.

Field Study

The computer system constantly examines the user’s inputs (and the data provided to the user by the videodisc client responses) and compares these to the procedures used by experienced nurses in the same situation.

Mr Hawkins said that based on this comparison, each user could access individualised tutorial information at any stage by simply pressing one function key.

“The program is designed to enable the user to practise two important skills in community health nursing, these being developing a helping relationship with the client and assessing the client’s problem,” said Mr Hawkins.

“The disc contains material on two different clients but the medical condition is incontinence in each case,” he said.

The field study revealed a number of small teaching problems but these were resolved almost immediately. Further development will now take place to perfect the software and plans are already being made to develop another disc package in the area of mental health education.

Staff from both Swinburne Institute and Newcastle CAE have been working on the learning method since the beginning of this year.

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Award for College Lecturer

A lecturer who has had a long involvement in environmental issues in New South Wales has gained a major award from the Association for Environmental Education (NSW).

Kevin McDonald (pictured right) is a lecturer in Science and gained the 1987 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Education at the Association’s 11th annual conference held recently in Sydney.

Kevin is well known in the Hunter Region and NSW for his long and dedicated work over many years.
ENROLMENT

RE-ENROLMENT AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

The College’s Student Administration Section has been extremely busy co-ordinating pre-enrolment for continuing students as well as preparing mechanisms for new enrolments.

Pre-enrolment forms have been mailed to re-enrolling students and will cover all courses offered by the College.

Assistant Registrar (Student Administration), Judy Wallow, said that a large proportion of forms have already been returned and that processing for re-enrolment starts today.

She said that re-enrolling students who haven’t returned their forms will be sent a reminder. However, if no response is received after that, the student will be recorded as being a discontinued student and would be required to reapply competitively for readmission.

Students will receive a Fees and Charges form with exam results and payment can be made through any branch of the Westpac Bank or through other Banks and financial institutions. Fees are required to be paid by Wednesday, January 27 and re-enrolment will not be confirmed until fees are received.

The Student Administration Section expects to produce accurate class lists for the first day of lectures on Monday, February 29, but students who have not paid fees will not appear or be considered as enrolled.

Commencing Students

Students enrolling at the College for the first time in 1988 will also come under the new enrolment system and will be required to pay their fees by Wednesday, February 17 next year.

Fee advices will be issued with either the offer of admission for College applications or when the College receives offer lists from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Centre.

In the case of late offers of enrolment, special arrangements will be made for students to pay their fees at the College branch of the Westpac Bank during Orientation Week which commences on Monday, February 22, 1988.

Sponsored students will be required to pay their fees on the due date and then seek re-imbursement from their sponsor.

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STUDENT NEWS

S.R.C. ELECTIONS

The Students’ Representative Council has announced the name of its Services Officer for 1988 in addition to a number of School representatives for next year.

The new Services Officer is Di Filippo and she joins Philip Oke as Sports Officer, Steven Larkins as Multicultural Officer, Ian Backhouse as Environment Officer, Elizabeth Klassen as Media Officer and Vicki Osland as Women's Affairs Officer.

An election is currently being held for Education Officer on the SRC and students can lodge their votes in the Agency Office of the Student Union Building between 9.30am and 5pm today and tomorrow and between 9.30am and 6.15pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

The School representatives are:

TEACHER EDUCATION - Simone Hassall, Donna Loveridge, Nicole Schoklala, James Hall, Steven Bowe and Anthony Johnson.

HEALTH STUDIES - Stephanie Roberts.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS - Terence Mahoney and Simon Alberry.

Nominations will be called again for one more representative from each of the Schools of Teacher Education and Visual and Performing Arts and two representatives from Administration and Technology as well as an additional two for Health Studies.

Nominations for the positions will close on October 30.

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BIG SALE

The Students' Association Shop is having a big sale to clear its current stock of N.C.A.E. clothing.

The clothing includes T-shirts and sweatshirts and all items have been reduced to cost.

The sale represents a great opportunity to purchase quality clothing at bargain prices.
NURSING PRACTICUM

INDONESIAN ELECTIVE

Eleven final year nursing students who undertook a nursing elective in Indonesia returned to Australia today after five weeks of a professionally and personally challenging experience.

The students were accompanied by nursing lecturers, Sue Outram and Shirley Schulz, and gained clinical experience in hospitals, community health centres (puskesmas) and health posts (posyandu) in rural and urban areas.

Shirley returned to Australia prior to the main group and said that in contrast to Australian health services, Indonesia focuses on health promotion and illness prevention.

"Health services in 1969 became part of the government's national development plan with control of communicable diseases, maternal and child health, immunization, rural water supply, improvement of nutritional status and provision of essential health care being identified as priorities," said Shirley.

"Basic to the health programme is the development of community health centres (puskesmas) in each suburb (kecamatan) servicing between 20,000 to 30,000 people.

"By using mobile units, the puskesmas and sub-puskesmas provide health care to remote areas. Community participation in health projects is actively encouraged.

"In most villages health posts (posyandu) have been established by the community, serviced by volunteers who have minimal health training and these centres provide health education (family planning, nutrition, immunization, sanitation) and treatment of children suffering from dehydration and diarrhoea," said Shirley.

These health posts are gradually being integrated into the health system and their services expanded. There are 28,000 posyandu's in West Java and the target for March, 1988 is 43,000, or one for every 100 children under the age of five years.

Above: Shirley Shulz (third from left) with some of the members of the Department of Health for West Java. The College students carried out their practicum in the Bandung area of West Java.

The College students gained the opportunity to observe and participate in the delivery of these services and will be talking about their experiences on Friday week (November 6) at midday in the Richardson wing. Students and staff are welcome to attend the talk.

Meanwhile, two nursing students are finishing another nursing practicum this week - this time in Central Australia.

Final year students Liz Hyde and Heather Tannock have been visiting the north western area of South Australia which is administered by the Naganamu Health Council, an organisation established to provide Aboriginal health care in the area.

The two students have been following their interest in global and community health for about six weeks and have been working with Aboriginal health care workers, nursing staff and a medical team.

SIMULATED DISASTER

Nursing students will take part in a simulated disaster this Friday (October 30) in the area of the Richardson Wing.

The last simulation was a success and staff and students are again asked to co-operate in keeping clear of the area from 10am to midday.
INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

The College's Student Advisory Officer (Careers), Brian Dunn, is at present compiling a library of information to assist students who will be graduating and preparing to embark on their careers.

The library, which will be situated in the Student Services Section, will be fully operational early next year.

It will contain comprehensive information about industries, commercial companies and other employment avenues so that graduating students can gain up-to-date information about potential employers and will cover all areas relevant to courses offered at the College.

Brian said that he envisaged the service would be welcomed by students who, having gained an interview, could then learn about their potential employer.

It's a service to be taken one step further when Brian attends a conference at the N.S.W. Institute of Technology next week (Tuesday, November 3). The conference has been organised for all tertiary careers officers throughout New South Wales to organise on a state basis the facility of employer visits to campuses.

Brian said the benefits would be two-way in that employer groups would gain knowledge of graduates and that tertiary institutions would learn what these groups would require from a graduate.

"Our careers service can function better by having dialogue with potential employers," said Brian.

"A programme has been devised to help students cope with interview situations and to improve their job seeking skills by making them aware of what is available.

"Because the College courses are vocationally oriented, it makes sense to gather as much career knowledge as possible," he added.

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Brian Dunn - setting up careers library.
BICENTENARY SURVEY

A survey by two College students on the attitudes, knowledge and expectations of next year's Bicentenary celebrations of residents in the Lower Hunter has produced some startling results.

The survey involved a random sampling of 100 residents in the Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Maitland and Cessnock areas and was conducted by final year Communication Studies students, Maree Roach and Alison Smith.

Maree and Alison have just released the findings of their September survey and both said they were quite surprised at some of the major findings, two being that many residents were ignorant about the Bicentenary and also apathetic towards the event.

"We conducted the survey over two Monday nights and decided on the Bicentenary because we thought it was very topical," said Maree and Alison.

"We are both undertaking a Research module as part of our final year studies and during the survey we made 187 telephone calls for 100 responses.

"The results surprised us and we are now sending a copy of our findings to the local Bicentennial Committee for their information," said the two students.

A summary of comments and conclusions are as follows:

* People generally rated their knowledge of Bicentenary plans as 'limited' (76%). This lack of awareness appears to be the reason behind the largely apathetic and ill-formed nature of respondents.

* Many people could not name any Bicentenary events without prompting (38%). Those that were best known were the First Fleet Re-enactment (38), the (now defunct) Sydney Birthday Cake (23), Tall Ships Australia (11) and World Expo '88 (8). The prominence of the events can be accounted for by high profile media coverage, due to their controversial nature in the first two cases, and an extensive advertising campaign in the latter.
For those surveyed, the local scene was as much a mystery. For example, only a very small number of people has any idea of Newcastle's allocation of Bicentenary funds (18%).

Two thirds of respondents had heard of the Australian Bicentennial Authority and a large proportion of those believed that such a co-ordinating body was necessary. However, opinion was evenly divided as to whether the Australian Bicentennial Authority was doing a good job. Many were not prepared to commit themselves for what appeared to be a fear of saying something against a government body.

Overwhelmingly, local people are not involved so far in the planning of events for the Bicentenary (88%) and many people claimed that they hadn't given the Bicentenary much thought.

People seemed unsure about the degree of consideration particular groups within the community had been given in the planning of activities and projects to date. Most felt that youth had been well catered for. Of the groups, the greatest amount of sympathy went to the elderly and the disabled and the least to Aborigines and migrants.

The majority of respondents described their attitude towards Bicentenary celebrations as one of 'mild interest' (48%) tending towards 'enthusiasm' (26%). But when asked to explain their attitude, many described negative aspects of the celebrations (such as the amount of money involved).

Maree and Alison are completing their studies for the Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies) award and Maree hopes to obtain employment in the research field while Alison is seeking employment in the area of photography.

Above: Maree Roach (left) and Alison Smith (right) - local survey surprising

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The College and the University of Newcastle is awaiting word on whether it has gained final approval from the Federal Government to build a $4 million joint computing and economics building.

Final funding recommendations by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission were tabled in Parliament last week by the Federal Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr John Dawkins.

The proposed building will be used by the College and the University to provide for increasing enrolments in computing, economics and commerce and will include a lecture theatre for 500 students.

The $4 million building is part of a total of $2624 million which has been put forward for higher education in Australia next year.

EXTERNAL STUDY - LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS

Next year will be the last opportunity Secondary teachers will have to commence an external study course offered by the College to upgrade their qualifications.

Priority will be given to Newcastle C.A.E. graduates and to teachers who have gained their Diploma qualification over three years of study.

The Director of Off-Campus Studies for the College, John Schiller, said that the College had been revising its study patterns and recent amendments mean that the only intake into external courses after next year would be for Early Childhood and Primary teachers.

He said that quotes would apply to 1988 intakes and the College was publicising the changes to as wide an audience as possible to inform Secondary teachers of the change.

Mr Schiller advised teachers of Art, English/History, Music, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education and Science who wanted to upgrade to Bachelor of Education level to make enquiries immediately. There will be no intake into the Social Science course.

The College is looking at an 'off-campus' mode of study for its Master of Industrial Education and B.Ed. (IAFE) courses.
FOURTEEN DEPARTMENTS FOR 1988

The College has finalised its academic restructure and in 1988 the institution will operate under a four-School, 14 department system.

The four Schools will be:

- Administration and Technology
- Education and Humanities
- Health
- Visual and Performing Arts

The School of Education and Humanities is the current School of Teacher Education while the School of Health is the current School of Health Studies. Administration and Technology and Visual and Performing Arts will remain unchanged.

Deputy Principal, Dr Les Eastcott, said the 23 existing academic departments had been reorganised into 14 departments with the School of Administration and Technology and the School of Health each being responsible for four departments. The School of Education and Humanities and the School of Visual and Performing Arts will each have three departments. (See schematic representation on following page).

Dr Eastcott said the four-School structure will allow further diversification by the College in its efforts to improve the range of courses and vocational opportunities for people in the Hunter Region and the rest of New South Wales.

He said eight Heads of Departments have been appointed and that they will take up their positions in January next year. The appointments are:

- Nursing and Health Studies - Ms Margaret McInerney
- Health Occupations - Ms Lyn Porritt
- Health Management - Mrs Faith Trent
- Pedagogy - Mr Trevor Fullerton
- Humanities - Dr Jack Caldwell
- Applied Science - Mr Terry Sheedy
- Information Technology & Quantitative Methods - Mr Bill Galvin
- Expressive Arts and Design - Dr Doug Absalom

National advertisements have appeared for most other Headships.

NOTE: Large boxes represent Schools and small boxes represent Departments.
MATHS COMPETITION

COLLEGE'S INVOLVEMENT IN MATHS COMPETITION

An air of anticipation prevailed at the Head Office of the Newcastle Permanent Building Society recently when the winners of the 1987 Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition were announced.

The competition, now in its seventh year is the brainchild of College Mathematics lecturer, Fred Bishop, who is assisted by a dedicated group of teachers from local primary schools who make up the competition committee.

Fred, who is the director of the Competition, said that it had grown rapidly since its inception in 1981 and that there was now 197 primary schools with more than 9,000 students participating.

He said that the Newcastle Permanent provided a lot of support to the organising committee and the success of the competition was the result of community spirit between the Society and Newcastle C.A.E.

Conducted for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6, the competition aims to foster the mathematics talents of youngsters in the Region as well as provide healthy competition.

"The students participating now exceed more than 80% of the total in the Hunter Region and this figure increases each year," said Fred.

The outright winner of this year's competition was Tony Ashcroft from Rathmines Public School. Second place went to David Thompson of The Junction Public School and third place was shared between Gavin Cassar of Tea Gardens and Ben Graham of Merewether Heights Public Schools.

The Year 5 section was won by Ian Wright of Bel Air Public School, with second place going to Duncan Mackay of New Lambton Public School and third place to Michael Kendall, also of New Lambton School.

The prizes in the form of certificates and savings accounts, were presented by the Managing Director of the Newcastle Permanent, Mr Frank Wotherspoon, who spoke of the importance of mathematics in our society.

Fred said that as a result of the competition, the top 100 candidates in the Year 5 division are invited to a Maths Camp held each year at Myuna Bay.

SCHOLARSHIP

PLANT AND WILDLIFE ILLUSTRATION SCHOLARSHIP

A College art student who specialises in the artistic representation of native flora and fauna has won the fourth Annual Plant and Wildlife Illustration Scholarship.

Anne Young, a student in the Graduate Diploma in Art course was presented with her scholarship last Wednesday by the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Bob Carr, at a ceremony held at the College.

The scholarship, valued at $1,500, is made available each year by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Patrons for students enrolled in the Plant and Wildlife Illustration specialisation of the course.

Anne's work was selected by a panel of judges from three other candidates who submitted entries covering illustration of the Wetlands, illustrations of the natural flora and fauna of the north-eastern alpine country and also of mangrove habitats.

The other candidates were Ian Grant, Belinda Ingram and Ruth van Rugg.

Anne, who graduated with her B.A.V.A. from this College in 1986, said that she was thrilled to win the scholarship and hoped that in some small way she was able to contribute to the preservation of the rainforest environment.

"Our natural resources such as rainforests are important and should be preserved for everyone to enjoy," said Anne.

Above: Winner of the scholarship, Anne Young discusses her work with the Minister for Planning and Environment, Mr Bob Carr.
AUSTUDY IN 1988

College students are being advised to lodge their 1988 AUSTUDY application forms as soon as possible after they receive their examination results this year.

The College's Student Advisory Officer (Welfare), Carol Sjostedt, says that an early lodgement will assist in receiving an early AUSTUDY payment in January next year.

"AUSTUDY officials are contacting tertiary institutions throughout Australia to advise students of early applications because of the increased number of new students next year," said Carol.

"An early application will assist AUSTUDY in the smoother processing of applications and re-enrolling students could receive their first 1988 AUSTUDY cheque in the mid-January/late February period if they get in early.

"The number of first year students who enroll next year will certainly add to AUSTUDY's workload and the later the application by current students, the later their benefits will be received," said Carol.

Students are advised to lodge an AUSTUDY application even if they think they are ineligible as there have been some changes to the scheme.

Any students who requires further advice should contact the AUSTUDY representative on campus, Gary Khan, between 4pm and 6pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Student Union Building. Gary's telephone number is 676149.

BOOK LAUNCH

A book which contains selected poems, prose and artworks of a Communication Studies students who passed away in January of cystic fibrosis will be launched in the lower foyer of the Griffith Duncan Theatre at 12.45 pm tomorrow.

Melinda Moore would have been in her third year and the title of the book 'A Furphy's At My Feet' is taken from one of Melinda's stories. Melinda's parents will attend the launch.
GRADUATE ART

One of the biggest art exhibitions in Newcastle gets under way this week when nearly a hundred College art students take part in the end-of-year exhibition.

The exhibition this year is broken into two parts, the first being by 22 students in the College's Graduate Diploma in Art course and the second part by 74 students in the Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts) course and the Bachelor of Education (Art) course.

The work on display will cover seven specialisations by the final year art students and more than 750 pieces of work will be on show.

The Graduate students will have their work on display this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (November 24-26) in the main art building. The Head of the School of Visual and Performing Arts, Graham Gilchrist, will officially open proceedings tomorrow at 7.30pm.

Course Director for the Graduate Diploma, Aldona O'Brien, said seven plant and wildlife illustration students, five painting, four printmaking, three sculpture, two ceramics and one photography student would each be exhibiting about 15 pieces of work.

"There are more large scale works across the board this year than in previous years and this is mainly because of this particular lot of students," said Aldona.

The simulated rain forest by illustration students, Anne Young and Herbert Heinrich, is certain to attract a lot of attention in one of the biggest graduate displays in many years.
"All work by the graduate students as with the BAVA and B.Ed (Art) students, will be assessed by lecturers to form part of the final mark for art students," said Aldona.

The second part of the overall exhibition by the Visual Arts and Art Education students will be known as 'Exhibition '87' and will open tomorrow week (December 2) and run until December 9.

Course Director for the BAVA, Garry Jones, said 76 students specialising in painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fibre art/textiles, photography and illustration would each have six works being assessed during the end-of-year exhibition.

"The Director of Muswellbrook Region Art Gallery, Peter Gill, will open 'Exhibition '87' at 8pm on Tuesday of next week," said Garry.

"The exhibition by the visual art and art education students is again very big this year and works will be on display in all the outer art buildings in addition to the main concourse."

Illustration lecturer, Chris Sanders with Anne Young and Herbert Heinrich who will be both exhibiting this week in the Graduate Diploma end-of-year exhibition.

**BICENTENARY WALK**

**BICENTENARY COASTAL WALKS**

Activities for Bicentenary celebrations are being organised at a furious pace at the present time, but one that is a little different has captured the imagination of a group of people keen to participate in the event in the week leading up to January 26.

College lecturer, Ken Scott, proposes to take a group of people on a coastal walk, leaving Nobby's Beach early on January 19 and finishing at the Sydney Harbour Bridge on the evening of January 25.

Ken has spent a lot of time and effort seeking out a walking route from Newcastle to Sydney to celebrate Australia's 200th birthday in a unique way.

The walk is being planned as an historical as well as a geographical event and takes into account Ken's vocation at the College as a lecturer in Social Sciences.

He has produced a booklet complete with maps and instructions outlining all the details and equipment necessary for the walk.

Ken said that although it was planned that approximately 200 kilometres would be covered for the entire walk, it was possible for people to join in for one or perhaps two days.

"It is planned to walk approximately 25 kms. per day, early morning and late afternoon, with a rest break in the middle of the day. Overnight accommodation has been arranged at surf clubs and camping grounds," said Ken.

"It's an opportunity to join in the Bicentenary celebrations in a way that is both different and enjoyable and if anyone would like to join the group, I would be happy to supply them with the details," he said.

Ken can be contacted on at the College from Wednesday on 687213 or at home on 549640. Alternatively, Jon Austin in the Social Sciences Department can give details on Ext 393.
CHAIRPERSON RE-ELECTED

The Chairperson of the College sub-branch of the Public Service Association, Bill Ford, has been re-elected unopposed for the next 12 months.

Bill was re-elected last week at the Annual General Meeting of the sub-branch and his Deputy for the forthcoming year will be Pam Delbridge.

The new secretary is Carol Sjostedt who takes over from Margaret Stewart. Margaret will retain her interest in the sub-branch by being one of the 10 members on the Executive Committee.

Other members of the Executive include Susan Eade, Judy Wallom, Nanette Bryant, Jack Hicks, Ron Hunter, Allan Ackroyd, Arthur Tupman and Colin Wilks.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT APPOINTED

College Principal, Dr Doug Huxley, has announced the appointment of Mr Tony Nicholas as the Head of the Department of Social Health and Welfare under the new academic structure.

Tony will take up his appointment on January 1 next year, the date the new academic structure comes into operation.

He will join eight other people who have been appointed to Headships from next January. They are:

- Nursing and Health Studies - Ms Margaret McInerney
- Health Occupations - Ms Lyn Porritt
- Health Management - Mrs Faith Trent
- Pedagogy - Mr Trevor Fullerton
- Humanities - Dr Jack Caldwell
- Applied Science - Mr Terry Sheedy
- Information Technology & Quantitative Methods - Mr Bill Galvin
- Expresive Arts and Design - Dr Doug Absalom.

OVERSEAS TRIP

FACT FINDING TOUR

Ascertaining the demand for courses at this College by Asian students will be the focus of attention for the College's Deputy Principal, Dr Les Eastcott, when he visits South East Asia this week.

Dr Eastcott leaves for the fact finding trip on Wednesday, (November 25) and his itinerary will include visits to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

His trip will involve discussions with government authorities, representatives of government agencies who control overseas study for tertiary students and representatives of educational institutions.

Dr Eastcott will be assisted by staff from the International Development Programme which is a facility established by the Australian Government to help Australian universities and colleges market their courses overseas.

The Deputy Principal said that it was envisaged that overseas students would come to study at this institution on a full fee paying basis and that they could be enrolled as early as 1989 in courses in each of the College's four Schools.

He said that it was important to gain as much information as possible about the needs of the prospective students, both academically and culturally.

An interesting point of discussion will be the possible establishment of a 'twinning arrangement' of study. This arrangement would allow the overseas student to study part of the course in their own country and part of the course at the College.
SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR COMES TO A CLOSE

More than 30 delegates from 13 countries flew home to different destinations around the world after participating in the very successful van Leer Seminar which was hosted by the College.

The seven day seminar, which was officially opened by the Governor General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, drew to a close on Friday after a busy schedule of business and discussion sessions.

The College hosted the seminar as it is the recipient of a $310,000 grant from the Bernard van Leer Foundation to conduct the Hunter Caravan Project. The project is being conducted over three years with the aim of improving the lifestyle of young families living in regional caravan parks.

Project Director and also organiser of the seminar, Wendy Schiller, paid tribute to the many people who assisted in the running of last week's programme.

Wendy said that it was too difficult to name people individually but that she wished to thank members of the 'Newcastle van Leer Team', the IMU, the Printery, the Cafeteria, Properties, Purchasing and Accounts for their great assistance.

The closing ceremony of the seminar was marked by a gift to the College by the Executive Director of the van Leer Foundation, Dr Willem Welling, to Principal, Dr Huxley.

COMMUNICATION STUDENTS TO VISIT BICENTENNIAL AUTHORITY

Considerable interest caused by a survey conducted by two College students in the final year of their Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies) course has resulted in an invitation to address the Australian Bicentennial Authority.

The survey conducted by Maree Roach and Alison Smith focused on the attitudes, knowledge and expectations relating to the coming Bicentennial celebrations of people living in the lower Hunter area.

Media articles on the survey attracted the attention of the Chairman of the Australian Bicentennial Authority, Mr Jim Kirk, who has invited Maree and Alison to visit the Authority's office in Sydney to present their report, discuss their findings and also show them the operations of the Authority.

The visit is planned for next Tuesday (December 1) and both Maree and Alison are looking forward to meeting Mr Kirk, which should prove interesting from both party's point of view.

"The invitation is a great opportunity to follow up on our research for the survey," said Maree and Alison.

"The Authority has a huge task in promoting such a complex and large scale event and we are very interested to see how they go about it," they said.

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PENALTY INCREASE

The Federal Government has introduced a Bill where people trying to 'rip off' student assistance schemes will face fines of $2,000 and/or 12 months gaol. The Government believes the current maximum penalty of $100 is no deterrent and that the new Bill will stop fraud and recover overpayments made under student schemes.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Two students in the first year of the College's Diploma in Applied Science (Nursing) course will be presented with scholarships at a special ceremony organised by Tomago Aluminium Pty. Limited tomorrow.

The students, Gregory Lord and Natalie Carr, will each be presented with a cheque for $500 by the Personnel and Employee Relations Manager of the Company, Mr Ian Prigg.

The scholarships, each to the value of $1,500 are paid in three $500 instalments and are awarded on a needs basis. They are available to first year students in the course who reside in the Port Stephens Shire.

First awarded in 1985 - the first year of the nursing course at the College - the scholarships have been an ongoing commitment of the company to assist students enrolled in the course with the expenses related to their tertiary studies.

The company interviewed applicants for the scholarship and made their selection after reviewing their submissions and gaining information on their progress in the course.

Administrative Assistant for the Diploma course, Maurice Chalmers, said that both Greg and Natalie had displayed a firm commitment to the principles of nursing.

"Tomago Aluminium has long been a supporter of the local community and the presentation of the scholarship is one way in which they have been helping young people," said Maurice.

"The company was one of the first in Newcastle to make available nursing scholarships for College students and Natalie and Greg are the latest of young people from the Port Stephens area to benefit from its generosity, he said."
MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE

Two years of planning by Bill Galvin and members of the Newcastle Mathematics Association will see a national conference with international speakers being held in Newcastle next month.

The conference, the 12th Biennial Conference of the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers will mainly be held at the University but also the College.

The Newcastle Mathematics Association is hosting the conference, an endorsed Bicentennial event, from January 11 to 15.

Bill is President of the Association and Convenor of the conference and says that the comprehensive programme will be of great interest to mathematics teachers at all levels in addition to students studying mathematics at College or University.

The conference has as its theme 'Mathematical Interfaces' and will be opened by the Minister for Science and Small Business, Barry Jones, whose address is entitled 'Mathematics, Computing and Australia's Future'.

One of the international speakers for the conference is Dr Henry Pollak who has extended his Australian itinerary to attend in January. Dr Pollak is a senior Fulbright scholar and is being
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hosted in Newcastle by the College. He recently retired after 35 years with Bell Communications Research in America but will deliver the Hanna Neumann Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, January 13.

Keynote Speakers

Other keynote speakers will be Dr Victor Miller who is sponsored by the IBM Company, Professor Thomas Romberg from the U.S.A., Malcolm Swan from the United Kingdom and Charles Lovitt and Doug Clarke who are Australian Mathematics consultants.

Sponsors for the conference are the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, IBM, the Australian American Education Foundation and Ansett and along with the keynote speeches, 54 papers will be presented at the conference which will include workshop/seminar sessions and discussion times.

Bill, who is Head of the College's Mathematics and Computing Department, said that a number of tourist and social activities have been planned for the conference participants. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit Newcastle tourist spots, the Hunter Valley vineyards and Lake Macquarie whilst attending the conference.

"Others involved in the planning of the conference are College mathematics lecturers, Harold Fryer, Bob Cater, Brian Joyce and Scott Murray as well as a number of University lecturers and regional high school teachers," said Bill.

"The conference will be a great opportunity for mathematics teachers to participate in a conference that will bring experts from around the world together."

"The conference theme, 'Mathematical Interfaces', illustrates the importance of mathematics in today's society and how mathematics can be applied to a number of issues," he said.

EXCHANGE VISIT

AMERICAN LECTURES TO BE 'TEST CASE'

As most people prepare to have a break over the Christmas period, one of the College's lecturers is busy finalising plans for study leave which involves a six month visit to America.

Muriel Baywood, a lecturer in Early Childhood, has been granted study leave to work at the Central Washington University in Ellensburg where she will lecture in 'English in the Elementary School' and in Children's Literature.

Muriel's husband, Ron, will also travel to America and will use some of his long service leave to write the fourth in his "Turtle" series of English texts for Secondary Schools. Ron is a lecturer in English at the College.

Muriel's visit will be undertaken on an exchange basis with a lecturer from Central Washington University, Dr Bill Floyd, who will lecture at the College.

The exchange was initiated by the Assistant Dean of Professional Studies at the University, Ron Fry, who spent 12 months at the College last year. When approached by Dr Floyd, Ron suggested Newcastle C.A.R. as a possible venue.

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Right - Muriel Baywood, who will be travelling to Washington to lecture for six months in an innovative exchange programme.
Muriel said that she will be looking at Early Childhood issues whilst she is in the United States and is looking forward to the experience of lecturing in Washington.

"Even though Ron and I have been to America before, we have never been to Washington. I'm an experience we are looking forward to even though we have to get out the winter woolies," said Muriel.

"I will be preparing a report on the visit as this is being used as a test case to make lecturing exchanges eligible for Staff Development Leave," she said.

The couple will leave Australia on January 1 with Muriel's lecturing duties commencing on January 4. Although there will not be a lot of time for sightseeing during the trip, the pair will try to see as much as possible before returning in July next year.

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FAREWELL FOR MONICA HAYES

EEO Co-ordinator, Monica Hayes, is leaving her position at the end of the year and a farewell function will be held on Friday week (December 19).

The venue will be the Common Room at the University Union and the $5 cost includes wine/juice and Hors d'oeuvres.

People wishing to attend should contact Roxann Pattison at the EEO Unit on ext. 380.

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GOLF DAY

Tomorrow is the last opportunity staff have to 'sign up' for the College Golf Day at the Newcastle Golf Club next Monday, December 14.

The event is an 'Ambrose' which allows people with all levels of skill to participate. The fee is $8 and names can be left with Neil McNaughton Ext 527/242 or David Parsons Ext. 354.

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VIDEO FOR OVER 60's

A new video which is designed to assist people in the over 60 years age group to tone up their muscles has just been released on the market by the College's research and development company, Huntersearch.

The 20 minute video features instructions by one of our lecturers in Nursing Studies, Janet Lay, and will help the over 60s age group maintain muscle tone for mobility and balance.

The video demonstrates a series of exercises which give elderly people the opportunity to safely engage in activities which will assist them to maintain an optimum range of movement and enhance their quality of life.

The 'Gerobics' video is available in either VHS or BETA and costs $30 plus $2 postage. Orders can be placed through Huntersearch by writing to the College or telephoning (049) 687667.

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SHORT COURSES FOR NURSES

A series of continuing education programmes for registered nurses is to be conducted throughout next year by Huntersearch.

The seven courses are each of 10 weeks and will cost participants $100 dollars. All courses will run from 5 pm to 8 pm. The courses are:

2. Neurological /Orthopaedic - starts Tuesday January 14,
3. Planning Care - starts Wednesday March 23.
5. Update in Microbiology & Its Application for Nurses - starts Wednesday June 1.

Full details are available from the Huntersearch office.
PROPOSALS SOUGHT FOR PROGRAMMES

Chairperson of the Community Programmes Committee, Doug Absalom, is advising that lecturers still have one or two days to submit proposals for next month's Summer School.

The School is an annual event conducted by Community Programmes and will be held in the week of January 18 - 22.

Doug says a variety of programmes have been offered in previous years and that he is seeking a diverse range of offerings for January.

"The Summer School has been very successful in the past and has helped to promote the College in the public sector," said Doug.

"The School gives lecturers the opportunity to teach material they would like to teach to a volunteer audience and so provides added stimulus and a refreshing change.

"Most programmes run for 5 days with 3 hour sessions on each day but alternative 2 or 3 day courses will be considered," added Doug.

Lecturer remuneration is about $25 per hour and any costs for equipment, materials etc. should be included in the proposal.

Doug would like lecturers to lodge any proposal almost immediately to allow adequate preparation time for the January Summer School.

Further details of the School can be obtained from Doug or Chris Byrne in the Department of English and Modern Languages on Ext 387.

LOGO

LATEST DESIGN

College lecturer in Industrial Arts, Barry Abelson, has designed yet another logo bringing to three the number of his designs officially in use.

The new design has been accepted for use as the official insignia for the forthcoming conference of the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers to be held in Newcastle next January.

Barry, who won a competition conducted by Newcastle University last year for a logo for the Master of Business and Administration course, has also designed a logo for the Hunter Medical Association. His logo for the January conference is printed below.

He was approached about 18 months ago by Bill Galvin and the committee of the Newcastle Mathematical Association to design the logo for the conference and came up with the design after a series of drafts were submitted to the Association.

Specifications for the logo included mathematical interfaces - hence the hexagon within the circle - a scene synonymous with Newcastle and also the Australian Bicentenary.

Barry said it was necessary for the design to appeal to overseas participants as well as being identifiable with Newcastle.

"I look upon the design work as a hobby. I am currently working on another design for a Newcastle group known as 'Hunter Self Add' and hope to have this finished in the near future," said Barry.

A REMINDER

Don't forget that College Calendars are now available from the Information and Publicity Office.
GOOD CROWDS AND HIGH STANDARDS

The high standard of the end of year art exhibition by Visual Art and Art Education students has attracted good crowds to 'Exhibition 87'.

Course Director for the BAVA, Garry Jones, said 74 students were exhibiting works this year compared to 96 last year but that all available space had been used.

"The standard of work on exhibition has been very high for the past two years and this has been across the board," said Garry.

"We have received good response from the public and there is still the opportunity to view the works of the students this week."

The exhibition is open to the public and staff today and tomorrow but will be dismantled on Wednesday.

Above: College student, Ron Bridges looks over the final year Art Exhibition which has attracted a lot of interest.
NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

The provision of courses to cover a wide range of health and welfare services will be one of the major objectives of the new Head of School of Health, Ms Jenny Graham.

Ms Graham took up her appointment this week after formerly being the Head of School of Occupational Therapy at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences in Victoria.

The School of Health in 1988 will offer courses in basic nursing, post-basic nursing, social welfare and possibly recreation and tourism. Its projected courses include degree studies in physiotherapy, occupational therapy and also nutrition and dietetics.

Ms Graham said it was important that her School serves the needs of the community in offering courses to cover a range of health care from health promotion and problem prevention strategies, to therapeutic intervention, rehabilitation and extended care. The focus will be on both hospital and community based service provision. The role of consumer participation will be emphasised.

"It's important that we design courses that respond to community needs in all these areas and at the present moment the nursing courses are developing well," said Ms Graham.

"There is considerable potential for development of courses in the social health and welfare field and we'll be further assessing community needs, while the personal health management area embracing such concerns as nutrition and leisure activities is potentially very exciting."

New Head of School - Ms Jenny Graham.
NEW STAFF

Ms Graham holds a Master of Science Education Degree, a Diploma in Occupational Theory and a Teacher's Diploma in the Theory and Practice of Speech. In her previous position she was responsible for degree and postgraduate courses in Occupational Therapy, Occupational Health and Gerontology and a variety of short courses including Family Therapy and the Feldenkrais Method. She was also a member of a multi-disciplinary team responsible for the joint development of a Master of Applied Science (Nursing) course by the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences and the Phillip Institute of Technology.

From 1978 - 1982 Ms Graham held a variety of sessional teaching and curriculum consultancy appointments whilst employed in senior management positions in the National Health Services in the United Kingdom, and prior to that a lectureship at Cumberland College of Health Sciences.

Ms Graham holds membership in a number of health related professional associations and has had published a number of major articles.

She intends to further develop the links with the community and the University of Newcastle in order to explore a range of trans-disciplinary educational ventures relevant to health care in the Hunter, including courses focusing on occupational health practice and legal and ethical issues in service delivery.

NEW PROPERTIES OFFICER

Another new face at the College is Trevor Mowbray as Assistant Registrar (Properties) who succeeds Vern King. The two are pictured below inspecting the new administration block shortly after Trevor's arrival last week.

Trevor has wide experience in construction and maintenance after 17 years with the Department of Housing (NSW) where he held the position of Senior Works Supervisor.

He sees his position as being challenging and is looking forward to the new initiatives of the College.

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NEW MANAGER

A wealth of experience in the marketing area is one of the main attributes that has been bought by Brian Freedman to the position of Manager of the College's research and development company.

Brian took up the position as Manager of Huntersearch last week and sees the company as a vehicle that will allow College staff to market their skills and abilities to the community.

He is no stranger to the entrepreneurial role. Brian's career before coming to the College was at the Hawthorn Institute of Education in Victoria as a management consultant. He was involved in consulting on training and management development, staff development and assisting government departments in implementing strategies for staff development.

His consultancy work saw him liaise extensively with organisations such as the Department of Water Resources, Australian Airlines and the Victorian Ambulance Service. He has also lectured to the Victorian Police Department in management skills.

Previously based in the U.K., Brian conducted his own consultancy business which created and developed a diverse range of new products. At the same time he was affiliated with the Manchester Business School and the Bradford University Management Centre.

Brian said that he is keen for Huntersearch to gain a higher profile in the community.

"Here is an ideal opportunity to sell the expertise of many different fields of the College to the marketplace," said Brian. "A lot of development still has to take place as Huntersearch is virtually in its 'birth stage' but a good grounding has been established by Roy Killen."

Brian is interested to meet all staff, both academic and non-academic, so that ideas can be developed through Huntersearch.
INFORMALLY

COLLEGE RE-UNION WEEKEND

The College is informing all of its graduates since 1949 of a giant re-union weekend in July next year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of teacher education in the Hunter Region.

The weekend, on July 2 and 3, is a Bicentennial event and six months of planning has already gone into the event.

Chairman of the College's Bicentennial Advisory Committee, Kevin McDonald, says it is important that all graduates are informed of the weekend.

"Many organisations associated with the College such as Convocation, the Retired Lecturers' Association, the Pioneer Group and the Students' Representative Council are involving themselves with the 40th birthday of teacher education," said Kevin.

"We had 181 students in our first intake in 1949 and next year we are expecting to top the 4000 mark so there have been plenty of students pass through the College," he added.

PREPARING FOR THE BICENTENARY

College students and staff have been invited to take part in a unique event to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary.

The Newcastle Region Maritime Museum has extended the invitation to take part in the Newcastle Bicentennial Harbour Regatta which will be held over Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31 next year.

Of particular interest to those who love all things nautical, the regatta offers an incredible range of activities, races, things to see, demonstrations and historical displays.

Organisers of the event say that participants are just as welcome competing in a canoe as in a yacht and see the regatta as a wonderful way to celebrate the commercial, recreational and historical aspects of our Harbour.

Entry is free and further details can be gained by telephoning the museum on 22588. Entry forms are available at the College's Information and Publicity Office.

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COLLEGE NEWS

AND THE WINNER WAS ....

Confusion reigned supreme during the annual College Golf Day at the Newcastle Golf Course last Monday.

Our roving golf reporter witnessed Bruce Cook tee-ing off from the women's tees in trying to upset his more fancied rivals while Pat Gallagher apparently decided that seven holes was enough before heading for the '19th'.

In other news of the day, Neil Wright won something called the 'Bradman Trophy' while Lyn Absalom found the heat of the day too much but fortunately fell into the arms of one Doug Absalom.

Our reporter couldn't find who took the most strokes over the 18 holes while he was inundated with candidates for the lowest score (Bruce Cook was disqualified by the Tournament Committee when it was found his handicap of 36 was really 4. The Committee was also concerned about Bruce continually playing off the women's tees!!!).

Overall, a good day was had by all with the 19th hole generally proving the most popular on the day. And the winners of the nine trophies on offer........ we might find out one day!

COLLEGE RESEARCH REPORTS

A publication on research carried out by staff and students in 1986 has recently been distributed to staff and interested parties.

It's the second time a research report has been printed by the College and the Research Committee now hopes to make this an annual event.

The 1986 Research Report has been edited by Eric Manning and included in the publication is all staff research presented at conferences or published during the year. Students' work was also included if it earned grades of distinction or high distinction.

Eric is now calling for staff members to provide details of research carried out this year for inclusion in the 1987 report.
WINNERS

INDUSTRIAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

The inaugural winner of a scholarship to promote and support Industrial Arts in the Hunter Region is First Year student, Cesare D'Amico.

The $500 scholarship was established by the Newcastle Branch of the Institute of Industrial Arts to promote and support Industrial Art students and the recognise achievement in the field.

Initiated through the Institute by the Head of the College's Department of Industrial Arts, Dr Kevin Morgan, the scholarship will be awarded annually to the student in the first year of the Industrial Arts degree who gained the highest aggregate in the subject from the previous year's Higher School Certificate.

The scholarship is only available to students who complete their Higher School Certificate in a Hunter Region High School and then enrol in the College's Industrial Arts Course.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

The Special Education Centre has received three grants totalling nearly $167,000 from the Minister for Youth and Community Services, Mr John Aquilina.

The grants will allow the continuation of three programmes at the Special Education Centre in 1988. The programmes are the Firstchance Baby/Toddler programme, the Pre-School programme and the Pre-School Outreach programme.

The individual grants are:

- Firstchance Baby/Toddler: $84,490
- Pre-School: $53,680
- Pre-School Outreach: $28,660

CARDS / POSTER

GIFT PACK OF SIX

The College's Research and Development Company, Huntersearch, has just started to market a set of greeting cards which are ideal for Christmas and for all occasions.

Each card depicts a rainforest bird from the Hunter Region and the set of six cards and envelopes retails for $6.

The artwork for the cards was painted by Graduate Diploma Arts students, Anne Young and Herbert Heinrich. They each painted three of the birds and their 'simulated rainforest' was one of the highlights of the recent Graduate Diploma in Art Exhibition.

The set of cards has already proved popular with members of staff and a set can be obtained from Huntersearch Secretary, Liz Dunstan.

A poster which complements the cards is also on sale in the Huntersearch office. The poster contains six panels which each represents a rainforest scene in the Hunter Region.

The cards and poster ($7) are well worth a look!

ABOVE: Huntersearch Secretary, Liz Dunstan, with the range of cards that will be complemented by a poster this week.
COMMUNICATIONS

INTERNSHIPS SOUGHT FOR STUDENTS

One of the major problems facing journalism educators in Australia these days is finding internships for students.

This was one of the major outcomes of a national conference on journalistic training recently attended by the Head of the Department of Visual Communications, Ron Morrison.

The conference was held in Melbourne and Ron attended because of his interest in Press photography and photo-journalism, which is a major strand of study in our Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies) course.

Ron said he outlined the College course to participants at the conference and found that the photo-journalism strand offered in Newcastle was unique in colleges of advanced education.

A follow-up conference will be held in Queensland next year to review some of the findings of the Melbourne conference.

Ron also this year had the opportunity to discuss our Communication Studies and other courses in England while on Staff Development Leave at the Richmond College in Sheffield.

The College is one of eight accredited journalistic and Press photo-journalism training institutions in England and only 12 new students are enrolled each year out of 800 to 900 applicants. The College also has a direct entry scheme where currently practising journalists attend twice a year for eight week 'blocks'.

Ron attended the College between April and August. The National Council for Training Journalists, which comprises publishers, proprietors, unions and governmental representatives, sets the syllabus and examinations.

The Press photo-journalism course which Ron attended focussed on photography, caption writing, law relating to press photography and feature page layout.

Ron Morrison - rewarding talks in England and Melbourne.