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In his first address to staff and students (the occasion was a NUSA Forum) the new Vice-Chancellor left his audience in no doubt as to how he felt about the cuts to the higher education sector.

"The Higher Education Budget Statement of 9 August from Senator Vanstone represents a major setback for the University of Newcastle and an ongoing liability for the Coalition Government," he said.

Addressing a crowd around the courtyard fountain on the Callaghan campus, Professor Holmes went on to outline just what the cuts would mean to the University as a whole and how they would affect both current and future students studying here.

"For the higher education sector overall, 1997 funding will be 1% below the level of funds previously announced. A further reduction of 3% will be applied in 1998, and another 1% reduction in 1999. The ongoing impact from 1995 will be 4.9%, including impacts on operating grants, capital roll-in and research quantum," he said.

The introduction of the three-year freeze targets cut of $21.5M in 1997; $118.5M in 1997/98; and $215.5M in 1998/99.

"As you can see, these are huge reductions and the impacts felt by Australian universities will be very significant," Professor Holmes told the crowd that the Government had disbanded discretionary funding through the former Quality Assurance Program and the National Priority (Reserve) Fund and that this action meant a reduction in expenditure of $84.5M for 1996/97 with an ongoing reduction of $54.3M.

"A different approach to Quality Assurance and Staff Development has been introduced and a new grants scheme has been set up, operated by a Committee for University Teaching and Staff Development with a very much reduced commitment of $20M over the next three years. Again, a major saving has been achieved in the area of supporting teaching and staff development," he said.

Professor Holmes went on to say that the other major impacts of the Budget would be on students, particularly the major increases of HECS charges and the introduction of the three bands.

The new rates, he said, apply to new commencing students as of 1 January, 1997.

"The definition of 'new commencing' relates to a student who is commencing a specific course at a specific university for the first time. In other words, if you change courses and/or university, then the new rates will apply." Professor Holmes drew attention to the changes to the HECS repayment thresholds which would effect current students and explained what percentage repayments would apply to various taxable incomes. For example a gradu­ate earning $20,701-$24,830 would pay 3%; a graduate on an income of $27,263 would have to repay at a rate of 6%.

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**VC’s scheme to end**

The Vice-Chancellor has written to all applicants for 1997 funding under the Vice-Chancel­lor’s Research Best Practice Scheme to inform them that the Scheme will not be funded after this year. He has written in similar terms to each of the Deans.

The Scheme was set up last year with the aim of bringing outstanding scholars to the University for a short period and by doing so to expose academic staff to the highest levels of international practice in research and to help develop links with major international centres of learning.

"While I fully understand and approve of the reasons behind Professor Moritely’s decision to set up the Scheme, times are now very different and we find ourselves in a totally different funding environment," Professor Holmes told the Ear.

"It was a great Scheme and brought some terrific people to the University, but within the current climate it just couldn’t be afforded. This is a decision made with real regret - with my research background I fully appreciate what having a distinguished scholar contributing to a Department means - but it is an unavoidable decision in the light of future financial circumstances.”

Professor Holmes said that by cancelling the Scheme the University would save over $300,000 in 1996/97.
The Drum

It is a privilege and an honour to have been appointed to the position of Vice-Chancellor at the University of Newcastle, and I wish to express my appreciation to the Council of the University for this appointment. I have a great deal to learn about the University and many people to meet. This appointment is an institution with an excellent reputation in Australi- an higher education, which has been achieved by much hard work by its staff and students. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months, as I visit Faculties, Divisions and other elements of the University.

My own experiences in higher education in Australia over many institutions span more than 35 years, including periods as undergraduate and postgraduate student, post-doctoral fellow, academic staff member and administrator at Griffith University (for 21 years, and the brief period as Vice-Chancellor at Northern Territory University. These have all been valuable experiences which will prepare me for the tasks ahead. You will find a full programme of events correlated with an announce- ment of one of the most significant events in the history of the University. This is the announcement of the new era of major cost cutting and restructuring. It is a bold move, and it will require that all staff members are committed to the success of the University. I look forward to working with all the staff members to ensure the success of the University.

An intriguing footpath

The Editor,

I am pleased that the surfacing of the footpath alongside the road in Kotara will proceed. I believe that this is a valuable skill. The water from the road flows over (rather than under) the footpath.

A number of suggestions have been made to this; perhaps the Editor can inform us of the truth. Because those using the path in wet weather are liable to get their feet wet, it would be encouraged to use their cars to travel between buildings. This will result in an increased turnover of parking spaces when the demand is highest.

1. The water flowing over the footpath will wash pedestrians' shoes, thus reducing the amount of trampled mud into buildings.

2. A researcher in Physics and Surveying believes that there are some local irregularities in the grassed area at various places on the campus. These drains have been carefully designed to prevent flooding, whether water flows up hill or down hill.

Yours sincerely,

John A Lambert

Editor's Note: In our fearless pursuit of the truth the Editor contacted Philip Pollard, Senior Architect/Planner who tells us the following:

"The reason for carrying stormwater above ground is that over many years the University has experienced major difficulties with storm water systems because of rising up and blocking with leaf litter etc. When these blockages occur, localised flooding causes inconvenience and at times other underground services and property have been damaged, as well as costs being incurred for clearing the blockages."

With this in mind, the brief to consulting engineers for the design of the new road and associated works included carrying water above ground into the natural creek system. This means that in times of heavy rain the footpath may have some water travelling for a brief period of time. As John correctly observes, this design also has the benefit of washing pedestrians' shoes during the time immediately after rain and may well prevent mud being transported into University buildings, thus saving further funds. It may also assist those with a previously unidentified talent at longjumping in uncovering the time immediately after rain and may well prevent mud being transported into University buildings, thus saving further funds. It may also assist those with a previously unidentified talent at longjumping in uncovering.

Bicycle parking attendants

Dear Editor,

While reading "Bike thieves strike again" (The Ear 13 August) over breakfast I had a brilliant idea. Why not raise car parking fees and use the revenue gained to fund bicycle parking facilities that Mr Boyd says were mooted to fund bicycle parking facilities some years ago? Cycling to uni (as well as other alternatives to automobile transport) has been advocated by central admin on numerous occasions. Why should underdelegates who choose to "do the right thing" need to risk their $1000+ investments in sensible transportation, while those who drive can simply say to no one (when they can find a space)? Bicycle lockup facilities need not be pricey (as there are exist in most industrialised cities in the world - now even in Melbourne at train stations). However, attended bicycle parks have the added advantage of creating jobs for members of our community. Think about how our environment would be affected if half the servo attendants in Newcastle were retrenched and deployed as bicycle parking attendants. I think it is about time that this university demonstrated leadership in promoting alternative transport.

Bill Herfel

Philosophy Department

Letter to the Editor

DEADLINE for copy for the next issue is Tuesday 22 October at 6am.

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New employment strategy launched

The University’s new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy was officially launched this month before a gathering of over 50 invited guests including a number of elders from the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Speakers included the then Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Lester, Mr Bill Jonas, the new Director of the National Museum of Australia; Mr Jim Lloyd, Federal Member for Robertson who was representing the Minister Senator Amanda Vanstone; Mr Ray Kelly, General Manager of the Awabakal Co-op; Mr Allan Morris, Federal Member for Newcastle; and Ms Laurel Williams, Senior Lecturer at Wollotuka.

The objective of the Employment Strategy is to establish recruitment, training and career development programs and support structures that will ensure greater access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to permanent employment and career progression within the University.

"The University recognises that the adoption of this Strategy will require constructive changes to thinking and practice within the University and that its implementation will focus specific attention on the issues of achieving increased access to employment by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in both academic and general staff positions," Professor Lester said.

Information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment rate for the Hunter and Central Coast is close to 69%. But local knowledge suggests the real figure is actually higher.

Professor Lester told The Ear that as a major employer in the region, the University needed to achieve a level of employment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at least consistent with their representation in the population.

"In order to achieve this, the University will target positions in the full range of available occupations, and at all levels. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff now employed by the University make up approximately 0.6% of the total number of our employees. The aim is for the University to achieve a 2% employment level which will mean an additional 29 positions. By the end of the Strategy’s initial five year period, we would hope to be employing 42 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.”

Further details about the Strategy are available from the Coordinator, Fred Maher on 21 6547.

Jonas appointed new Museum director

Dr William Jonas AM has been appointed as the new Director of the National Museum of Australia. The appointment was announced by the Federal Minister for Communications and the Arts, Senator Richard Alston.

Dr Jonas is the Chairperson of University’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Management Committee and is a former director of the Wollotuka Education Centre on campus. In the 1980s he was the Chairman of the Awabakal Co-op. His relationship with Newcastle and the University goes back many years. He graduated in 1963 from what was then called the Newcastle University College and he was awarded his Masters degree in geography from the University in 1970. After being awarded his PhD from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1980, Dr Jonas returned to Newcastle where he took up the position of senior lecturer in geography.

Dr Jonas said that he was very excited to be working in an area which brings together much of his past experience in the Museum’s theme of people and their environment, and our white and Aboriginal heritage.

“I’m delighted at the appointment and very positive about the future,” he said.

Giving students what they want

It is not uncommon for first year university students to find the experience of attending large impersonal lectures an isolating one. The contrast with teaching methods in high school couldn’t be starker.

The Department of Economics is about to attack the problem of large impersonal lectures by revising its teaching methods and enabling students to better monitor their own progress. Supplementary sessions will also be offered to students having difficulties with subjects covered in the course.

The changes are the result of a student survey of attitudes to first year teaching conducted by Dr Burgess, Ms Julie Lee and Mr Paul Kniest. The responses revealed that students preferred a workshop-style teaching approach over the traditional mass lectures and tutorials.

"Compared to other teaching modes, workshops are more structured, more quantitative in content and more illustrative of the application of concepts and theories." Dr Burgess explained. "They provide students with easy to understand applications, and in first year, that’s what students need,” he said.

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"These changes are, in my view, an unreasonable impost on Australian students, which will reduce accessibility to higher education. Moreover, the lowered threshold will hit particularly low income earners. All of these changes, of course, have to be approved by the Senate, with the Labor opposition and Democrats indicating that it will be challenged."

Professor Holmes said that all Cost Centres of the University would need to make cuts in their operating grants, and to assist in the planning, a Savings Taskforce set up by the previous Vice-Chancellor, would recommend how the cuts could be implemented. The Committee’s recommendations would be sent to the next Council meeting on 18 October.

"The across the board target for the University is a 10% cut for 1997/98 or around $14M." In his closing comments, the Vice-Chancellor was adamant that the University’s commitment to its current students would be honoured in every respect.

"There may be a need, however, for the University to review its array of courses and programs to new commencing students to enable the University to adapt to its reduced operating grant."

Professor Holmes said that in many ways the higher education budget was a "horror" budget for the University of Newcastle.

"But we need to react with a planned approach to ensure that the University is able to continue to service its major areas of responsibility in teaching, research and service for the Hunter and Central Coast regions, for the State and for Australia as well as meeting our international commitments."
Roundup of reactions to the 
Prior to the announcement of the higher education funding cuts, all Deans
They are now facing the effects not only of the cuts but the three-tiered...
higher education budget cuts

prepared plans detailing how they would reduce their Faculty budgets. 

system of HECS payments. A number of the Deans spoke to the Ear.

We need a creative response

Commenting on the proposed budget cuts, Pro Vice-Chancellor (External Relations) Professor Jenny Graham said that it was difficult at this stage to envisage how the University could achieve the same exposure through advertising and other promotional activities as many other universities.

"It could be, however, that they are also in the process of reducing their marketing and promotions budgets. We don't know yet. What is certain is that the promotional activities we do undertake are going to have to be as well targeted and as effective as we can make them."

Professor Graham said that even the present budget only allows for the University's basic range of publications to be produced. Any expansion of publications would have to be met by funds from elsewhere and probably individual faculties and units.

"I can't envisage funding for expansion coming from External Relations. Of course we would lend our human resources and expertise but actual funding just wouldn't be available."

Professor Graham said that a great concern she had was funding for postgraduate marketing.

"The Vice-Chancellor is keen to make postgraduate recruitment a high priority and so if the funding is not there for advertising through the usual print media we will be limited to alternatives such as the Web. I'm currently having discussions with the new Director of Marketing on the development of a strategic marketing plan together with tactical action plans for the whole University and this would embrace our strengths in the main areas of teaching, research and community service."

Professor Graham said that, together with the recently appointed Director of Fundraising, she is also revising the University's policy on scholarships and prizes.

"Recommendations at this point included the use of salaries foregone during the recent strike to provide scholarships, as well as a campaign by the University Foundation to attract financial support from the community."

"The bigger city universities are now offering substantial incentives to students and we can't ignore the issue."

Although it was going to be tough for all of the University, Professor Graham was remaining optimistic.

"There is now a realisation across the University about how hard it's going to be. This is facilitating cooperation and should enable us to draw our resources together to produce a creative response to our difficulties."
Sheer determination overcomes disability

by Sonja Duncan

Sam Behrens of Alstonville in NSW, always dreamed of becoming a mechanical engineer. His childhood was filled with building blocks, lego sets and model kits. He’d spend hours planning, designing and constructing buildings and aircraft. The idea of becoming an engineer was foremost in his mind.

But for Sam, reaching his goal meant overcoming a number of obstacles and challenges along the way. Diagnosed with a slow learning disorder at an early age, Sam had difficulty coping with schoolwork and struggled to understand terms and concepts.

In achieving strong sales in this corporate market segment, the students have given themselves a separate market to grow into - something often forgotten by novelty product firms. Amongst other things they have adapted their product to increase its appeal by offering customised designs. This allows a company to use the product as an unusual company token, providing another means to promote themselves with customers and colleagues.

In transferring to a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree, hard work and sheer determination have enabled Sam to reach his goal. Now in his second year of engineering here, Sam has a weighted average mark of around 72%, enough to allow him to undertake an honours year if he chooses to.

Juggling success is not difficult for students in the Young Achievers program.

The parish has been surveying students about their attitudes to such a venture through questionnaires circulated in the University’s libraries and via a mailing list. Mr Mitchell Longstaff, a spokesperson for a parish committee established to investigate the issue, says the parish sees the provision of such accommodation as an extension of its work in ministering to the needs of university students.

Each year many students coming here, who have a Christian background, don’t know anyone and often ask us if we know of any accommodation, preferably in a safe environment.”

Mr Longstaff says preliminary results of the survey indicated a very positive response to the concept. Naturally those who identified themselves in the survey as Christians were more open to the possibility of moving into such a community. Although probably half or more than half identified themselves as non-Christians, they were quite positive about the need for accommodation, and thought the concept was a good idea.”

Some of the people surveyed said they had had unhappy sharing experiences and were attracted to the idea of a community which respected rules that reflected a Christian caring for each other.

“We don’t know what direction we will go yet but we may end up with community houses with certain rules that would apply to Christians and non-Christians alike.”

Mr Longstaff stressed that the initiative was non-profit, and that rents would be affordable with all income going to pay off loans and other costs incurred by the parish.

“There were also respondents who said they were very happy with their present living arrangements, but were interested in some link to a Christian community and would like to have some relationship with such a community.”

Mr Longstaff says results of the survey will be submitted to the parish council which will then decide on future directions for such a venture.

“The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle has been very supportive and basically said that they acknowledge there is a need and that if we come up with a solid proposal they will help in any way they can.”

Sam Behrens - ‘I’ve stuck to my original goal’

Balls, business and bright engineers

by Michael Coughlan

Juggling really doesn’t seem to mix with the technical and commercial aspects of obtaining a Business or Engineering degree, but some of our students have made it mix by producing a new product for the world’s novelty market. And demand for the product is booming.

Juggling really doesn’t seem to mix with the technical and commercial aspects of obtaining a Business or Engineering degree, but some of our students have made it mix by producing a new product for the world’s novelty market. The product has sold relatively well and surprisingly over 75% of sales have been to corporate clients as stress relievers. I suppose you just can’t worry and juggle at the same time,” he said.

His long-term goal is to work in the aviation industry, designing (and eventually flying) aircraft. “I’m like a little kid, I love to build things,” Sam says. “I’d really love to build and fly an aircraft that I’ve designed myself.”

Positive response to idea of Christian community
NOTICES

Relocations

Class Timetable and Room Bookings

I am now located in PPE building, adjacent to the Eastgate entrance to Callaghan campus.

Phone 21 6485, remains unchanged.
Fax will change to 21 6942.
Email will change to

tonyg@ppe.newcastle.edu.au
Tony Schultz

Esperanto

I would like to contact any local Esperantists who might be interested in meeting or corresponding with a member of my family who has recently moved to Newcastle. Email addressed to

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Traffic and Parking - Callaghan Campus

A Transport Management Strategic Plan has been prepared to assist with the management of traffic and parking in relation to the Callaghan Campus. The University Council has established a Working Party to consider the plan, receive feedback and to provide a report to Council in relation to the Plan and its implementation.

A summary of the strategies identified in the Plan is available from the office of the Director, Estates and Services and can be obtained by telephoning extension 6563. The key strategies in the Plan include:

- encouraging public transport travel
- providing adequate facilities for private car travel
- achieving a better spread of lecture activities throughout each day of the week, including introduction of 8am lectures
- with regard to the number of car parking spaces, ensuring that available spaces are fully utilised, as opposed to providing additional spaces
- introduction of car parking fees support and assistance to achieve truly integrated, environmentally responsible and market driven public transport services.

Staff are invited to obtain a copy of the summary document and to provide written feedback for the consideration of the Working Party. Submissions in relation to traffic and parking are also possible at any time but if they are to be considered by the Working Party, must be received by the Director, Estates and Services, The Chancellery, Callaghan, by 17 October 1996.

Any queries in relation to the Transport Management Strategic Plan or traffic and parking generally, may be telephoned to Don Foster extension 6563.

Do You Need Publicity?

Do you have an event or function you would like publicised to the media? If so contact Carolyn Warner by fax (3410), email cwanner@mail or phone her on 6855 before the event. Carolyn will then be happy to include it in the media diary which is sent out Monday to local media.

The September 'Friends News' is now on the Web

You can get there by following links from the Friends Home Page http://www.newcastle.edu.au/assodfriends/

This month it is available in two forms: commenting frames, for which you need a browser supporting forms (e.g Navigator Navigator versions 2 or 3), and an alternate version without frames.

The next lunch with a Writer will be held on Monday 14 October at 12.15pm for 12.30pm at the Radisson Hotel, King Street Newcastle. The writer will be Nigel Krauth, author of 'If Was Here and Misses Me'. My Darling was also a Judge of the Australian/Vogel Literary Award. Cost $20. Bookings through Pepperina Books and Coffee, 37 Bolton Street, Newcastle. Phone 25 2939.

Q Fever Immunisations

Q Fever is caused by a micro-organism called Coelotrichum. It is an infection of animals which can be transmitted to humans.

A variety of animals can be infected but remain well. These include kangaroos, dogs, cats, sheep, wallabies and rabbits. Humans most often acquire this infection from sheep, cattle and goats.

Q Fever testing and vaccinations will be available in the University Health Service Rooms, Hunter Building (adjacent to the Hospitality Library) on Thursday 26 September and Thursday 3 October between 10am and 4pm.

It is necessary to attend on both days.

On day 1 each person receives a skin test which has a blood sample taken. On day 2 the skin test is read and results of the blood test are available. If both are negative the vaccine is given. If either test is positive the person is immune and the vaccine is not required.

Appointments are not needed, but please telephone the University Health Service on 6000 to indicate your intention to attend and for further information.

Those with work related risks should seek assistance to achieve freedom from infection.

The Manager Purchasing, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan, 2308 and clearly quoting item number and Tender 10/96. The goods are sold in "as is" condition and the University reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

Wanted

Copies of the instructions for the Macintosh

- Printers
- 3. Printer, Injet Epson SPQ1710 with twin bin cut sheet feeder serial number: 53800000116
- 4. Printer, Impact Laser Epson SPC4170 with twin bin cut sheet feeder serial number: 53800001482
- 5. Printer, Epson Laser SPC2870 with twin bin cut sheet feeder serial number: 5380001573

For further information please contact Dale Foster extension 8028.

Tenders close on Friday 4 October at 3:30pm and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope to:

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Wanted

- Typists: as new $260. Saxophone Alto Armstrong paid $3000 sell $1100. Bush in "as is" condition, have hardly been used. Phone Karis 2152 small $390
- Computer: 386 PC, 4MB colour monitor, MS-Dos, Word Perfect, Lotus 1-2-3, Excel, etc. all manuals, $80 o.n.o. Phone 3511 7200.

For Sale

- Trumpets: as new $200. Saxophone Alto Armstrong paid $3000 sell $1100. Bush in "as is" condition, have hardly been used. Phone Karis 2152 small $390
- Computer: 386 PC, 4MB colour monitor, MS-Dos, Word Perfect, Lotus 1-2-3, Excel, etc. all manuals, $80 o.n.o. Phone 3511 7200.
- Coloured Masonite trim. 12m long. $150.
- Large enclosed BBQ area. Large lounge/dining room. 3 ensuite bathrooms. Wood stove/fire. $50000.
- New air conditioner. Wood burning fire. $5000.
- Large enclosed BBQ area. Large lounge/dining room. 3 ensuite bathrooms. Wood stove/fire. $125000.
- Small oven. New air conditioner. Wood burning fire. $5000.
- Large enclosed BBQ area. Large lounge/dining room. 3 ensuite bathrooms. Wood stove/fire. $5000.

Envelopes

If you have any spare LARGE envelopes, please return to the Physicals Unit would be delighted to receive them.

the Inner Ear

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

24 September, 1996
Quick introduction to the Internet

In addition the Library will also be running weekly one hour classes on "An Introduction to the World Wide Web". Register on the self-looking sheet at the Auditory Reference Desk or phone 4513.

Central Coast IRC Training Sessions

Contact the Information Desk on 4023 to book a place. Training sessions are listed online on the Information Resource Centre's WWWW home page at http://www.cc.newcastle.edu.au/intro.htm and in the table below. Other sessions can be arranged to demand, so please contact the Information Desk staff if you cannot attend one of the session times listed.

Check the Library foyer display and the IRC Newsletter for times of current training sessions at Central Coast Campus. To book a place in any of the courses contact the Information Desk in person or phone 4023.

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Family/Carer Leave

Your attention is drawn to the new provisions for Family/Carer Leave as agreed to in the University of Newcastle (General Staff) Agreement 1995. This provision is agreed to take effect from 4th May, 1996.

12.1 A General Staff member may be granted paid leave for the service of the family in the employment for the mixed purposes of sex, sickness and family/carer leave, with a limit of five (5) days family/carer leave per year.

The days taken as family/carer leave are deducted from the employee's sick leave entitlement and any absence of more than five (5) days family/carer leave per year shall be counted as unauthorised absence.

A detailed policy and procedure document will be issued by Human Resource Management and forwarded to all departments in the near future.

Payment in Advance for Annual Leave & Long Service Leave

Staff who require payment in advance for annual leave and long service leave to be taken during December 1996/January 1997 period are requested to submit a Blue Leave Application to Payroll on or prior to Friday 1st November, 1996. If leave applications are not received by the specified date, payment in advance cannot be processed or paid. Any enquiries should be directed to the Leave Section, Payroll Administration on extensions 5725, 7632, 5272.

MORE ABOUT BOOKS

• If you're not sick of books, and want to look up anything remotely to do with movies, authors, publishers, booksellers, libraries or reviews try http://www.bookwiz.com

LITERATURE

TEXT & CONTENT RESOURCES

• If you are keen to read a short biography and literary content visit: http://pou.tspu.edu/~howl/tflc.html

FUN

After a long hard week you may be keen to settle back and visit these sites just for the fun of it.

FOOTNOTE SURF

• If want to get the inside information about what's happening in the movie world, then read about new movies and find interviews with directors, writer or actors in 'BoxOffice'- the printed version is a popular American movie magazine that has been produced for 75 years. http://boxoffice.com

THE DOUBLESPY OF OUR AGE

• For fun in print check out: Newspeak, a satirical news journal/celebrating the Orwellian face of the 1990s. It explores the cutting edge of the art of doublespeak by carefully scavenging the pages of our fayer newspapers. Don't miss your chance to make nonsense of the world. http://www.con.org/newsnewspart

FOR ADVENTURE AND EXTRAVAGANT

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NEW CENTRAL SERVERS

Many other sites have chosen names which are meaningless combinations of letters (such as CURtUrIN:ANU Online Funnel Web (USQ)). If possible, the name should suggest - the Uni, the Hursey and Central Coast and an online information service. It should roll off the tongue easily and be found by people who browse PubMed and be too closely with current technology or buzz-words which may change... a big ask!

Examples should be sent by email to julia.smith@newcastle or internal mail to Information Technology Division by Friday 16 October. Those chosen should include a short paragraph on why you made that choice. Entries will be shortlisted by the CWIS Steering Committee. We are offering a $50 book voucher as a prize for the name chosen. Suggestions from the organizers will be considered but are not eligible for the prize.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CWIS is now a section for the University of Newcastle. The CWIS Interesting Page (http://www.newcastle.edu.au/department/www/whatson.html) to provide pointers to new, or substantially changed pages. Please lock home for links to new items.

Contributors are invited to e-mail items for addition here to webmaster@newcastle.

THE STAFF DIRECTORY is now being updated regularly and provides Phone, Fax, Room and E-mail details. It can be found at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/ directory/. along with the very useful Telera White and Yellow pages (as mentioned in LIBNOTES). Any changes should be sent by e-mail to directory@newcastle.

A CWIS USER FORUM will be held on Thursday 3 March, 11.30 a.m., at Audiolovin, Theatre, Auchmuty Library (Bring your own lunch). These forums will be held 2 or 3 times a year and give the opportunity for us to inform you about CWIS developments and discuss any issues you may wish to raise. All welcome! Julia Smith CWIS Manager

The following information is available on the CWIS

- Staff Appointments for July
- National Tertiary Education Union (Uni Branch) Contacts
- 1997 Rhodes Scholarships
- English Department Seminar Program
- Music Appreciation Group Program
- Music Lovers Club Program
- Continuing Professional Education Unit Program

Flags

- If you aren't familiar with the procedure this is what you do.
- Take the computer program and register it on the University’s home page (URL: http://www.newcastle.edu.au). You then click on University of Newcastle local information then click again on campus news and services. Now you’re on your way.
Engineering student goes nuts about final year project

by Sonja Duncan

Australia’s macadamia nut industry is set to become more viable and more competitive, thanks in part to engineering student Peter Leonard.

Enrolled in his final year of mechanical engineering, Peter is examining methods used to harvest macadamia nuts and is designing equipment which will reduce wastage of nuts and lead to increased productivity.

Peter’s project came about as a result of his father’s interest in the macadamia nut industry - an interest which led Jack Leonard to leave his Hunter Valley vineyard to set up a manufacturing plant for macadamia nut harvesters, MacMaster Harvesters Pty Ltd, in Port Macquarie. Peter’s father travelled America obtaining ideas for his new venture and has now enlisted Peter’s help to refine his harvesting equipment.

Peter explains that the old method of macadamia nut harvesting relies on vacuuming the nuts off the ground which often resulted in loss of topsoil and plant instability due to disturbance to the shallow root system of the macadamia nut trees. The new harvester uses a rotating wheel positioned at the side of a tractor where the wheel incorporates many small finger-like projections which pick-up the nuts. Finger tips then force the nuts into a rotating spiral auger which hydraulically pushes the nuts into a collection bin at the rear of the tractor.

The method works well but it doesn’t allow for collection of the nuts which fall between the rows of trees, ie in the path of the tractor. In an effort to minimise wastage, the company designed a rotating wheel to sit at the front of the tractor. The problems they faced, however, was getting the nuts into the collection container at the rear of the tractor. And that’s where Peter’s project comes in.

Peter is developing a system which will pneumatically convey the nuts from the front of the tractor into the collection bin at the rear of the tractor. Peter spent some time on macadamia nut plantations collecting and analysing the nuts. “Before designing the conveying system I had to understand the characteristics of the material,” Peter said.

And that meant testing the density of the nuts to understand how they behave as a bulk material and analysing their flow characteristics. Understanding the bulk density of the nuts also enabled Peter to calculate the storage potential of the collection vessels.

Peter is currently building a test rig which he’ll use to try out some of the design features he hopes to incorporate into the finished product. Peter explains that research such as this is essential for the long-term viability of the agricultural industry.

“Technological advances are important to ensure that agricultural enterprises remain viable. Increasing the harvesting rate of macadamia nuts will save the farmer money and increase the competitiveness of the industry,” Peter said.

The simple art of eating lollies

Amelia Rose is a second year communications student in the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, who has experienced sweet success. A short video on lollies which she helped make as part of her course (she was the sound recordist) has been accepted for broadcast by the ABC.

“Our teacher sent the video to the ABC Recovery program and it was chosen,” Amelia said. “It’s just a very pop we did amongst a lot of students about what lollies they eat and how they eat them.” It’s a quirky little film in which one girl describes the best way to eat a Milky Way (eat all the chocolate off first then roll it into a ball); another explains how she tries to break the Mentos wrapping record whenever she has one but always fails; and a young guy keeps popping up throughout the film as the poor unfortunate who had been forbidden by his mother from eating lollies when he was a child and has remained forever scarred.

Amelia hopes to pursue a career in sports photojournalism when she graduates. “I love sport and I hope to be in demand either taking photos or shooting videos.” Amelia came to Newcastle when her high school art teacher recommended the University’s communication studies as a course with a practical approach that was highly thought of. She lives on campus in Ivatt House and majors in photography and video.

Former ASC chief advises Law Faculty

Former Chairman of the Australian Securities Commission (ASC) Professor Tony Hartnell recently visited the Faculty of Law, providing legal students and members of the Hunter legal profession with some views on corporate law. His visit was made possible by local law firm Bibbie Whittington & Dan.

During his visit Professor Hartnell gave his views on the enforcement and investigative powers of the ASC, the history and origins of company law, and the ethical and practical issues involved in the practice of company law and litigation.

Professor Hartnell said that the ASC played an essential role in company regulation in Australia but indicated that some fine tuning of its mode of operation would be beneficial. He also saw that the need for companies to increase the geographic boundaries of their operations in order to survive in a global marketplace was raising regulatory difficulties. These difficulties were associated, he said, with the differing requirements in company law in different countries and even between different states, as is the case in Australia.

Professor Hartnell’s areas of specialisation are corporate and commercial law, particularly covering corporate financing, takeovers, trade practices, prescribed interests and regulatory issues. He has current involvement in the directorships of many publicly listed companies, including BT Australian Equity Management Ltd, BT Global Asset Management Ltd, BT Resources Management Ltd, Television & Media Services Ltd, and Blueberry Farms of Australia Ltd.

Security moves to central location

The 20 full and part-time members of the University’s Security Staff will soon have their headquarters in one central location - the former printery in the ground floor of the McMullin Building - LG07.

Manager Mr Peter Boyd said the move will give Security Services a higher profile and eliminate communication and duplication problems associated with maintaining the existing offices in the Great Hall and at the base of the Auchmuty Library.

“The Great Hall and Auchmuty Library basements are fairly obscured and people don’t realise we are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and where we are located.

The new location would also afford Security Services a more visible presence at the Western entry point to the University.

“As you drive up the main entry we will soon have signs which will be illuminated at night, advising where Security is. This is intended as a deterrent to potential offenders while at the same time assisting people looking for us: “At the moment people can drive around and unless they see us they would not realise we’re here.”
A life devoted to language

by Alison Grahame

Onyx Reeves, Director of the Language Centre for the past 20 years, has retired after 25 years with the University and over 30 years' association with the teaching of the Diploma of Education. She began her career as a high school teacher, moved to what was then the Newcastle Teachers College and finally in 1971 to the University as a lecturer in Education (Modern Languages Curriculum and Teaching Practice) and a tutor in first year French and German.

Along the way, Mrs Reeves has been the Assistant Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Social Science; involved in several University committees; Vice-President of the Staff House Club, chairing both the HSC and School Certificate French and Italian Committees and been a member of both for nearly 20 years; was a co-founder of the Applied Linguistics As, as well as anyone who held its inaugural congress at the University in 1976 and which has become quite inbuilt into the study of languages; and was a founding member in 1982 of the Hunter Adult Migrant Education Coordinating Committee.

"This was an occasion I well remember. Before the Coordinating Committee got off the ground, someone in Sydney involved in adult English courses for migrants said to me that the Hunter was OK, and didn't need any assistance because they hadn't received one letter from any migrant in the region asking for help. And of course the reason why they had been so quiet was that none of that community could write English!"

Mrs Reeves has great affection for the Language Centre and says that apart from its obvious functions it is also a welcoming social centre where students can get together and make friends.

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She is leaving the University with mixed emotions as anyone would after so many years.

"There are still lots of projects to be undertaken, but we have excellent staff to carry on with them and there are many things to look forward to in retirement. I'd love to travel, particularly in Australia and see the Top End and there's my golf. And of course the reason why they have been so quiet was that none of that community could write English!"

Still running

After 40 years at the University, Dr Doug Todd, Head of the X Ray Centre, has retired. You may still spot him, however, jogging around campus keeping to his daily exercise regime. His many friends and colleagues wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

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"People often need help understanding what engineering is about so I was quick to point out, was that none of that community could write English!"

Working hard to prove a point

by Sonja Duncan

For 27-year-old Nadia Dunlop, a construction site holds few secrets. As a young child she could use a dumpy level as well as anyone and actively joined in discussions on building and construction while her father was around a site. Now a qualified Civil Engineer working with CEC Consulting Engineers (a branch of Hunter Water Corporation), Nadia believes that fate may play a role in her ultimate career choice.

"What you choose to do depends a lot to do with your upbringing and your background. My father worked in the building industry and so as a child I was exposed to his world," Nadia recalls.

Not that she always wanted to be an engineer. Nadia's childhood dream was to become a doctor, however when she raised out on a place in medical school, she enrolled in Civil Engineering. Her reason: "People will always need homes built in." 

Nadia admits that she knew little of the intricacies of engineering when she enrolled in her course. "I didn't really know what engineering was about when I started university. In fact, I don't think you really understand what engineering is until you start working."

And work she does. Nadia works long hours believing that, as a woman in a male-dominated field, she has to work harder - "to prove a point."

Not that she minds doing that, as the job satisfaction and personal reward more than compensate for the long hours.

As an engineer with CEC, Nadia's team specialises in hydraulic engineering, undertaking modelling of water and wastewater systems. She may spend her day on-site conducting structural inspections of, for example, reservoirs, or spend time in the office developing policies and management systems. Nadia has implemented a number of Quality Assurance Systems for the different divisions of CEC and is currently working on an assets management policy to determine developer charges for connecting to water and sewer infrastructure. Speaking recently at the University's Women In Engineering luncheon, Nadia stressed that the profession has a great deal to offer women. The work, she says, is interesting and varied. "Engineering is a very rewarding career which offers a wide variety of scope." She encourages more women to enrol in engineering stating adamantly, "There is no aspect of engineering that a woman is not capable of!"
Some loved it, others hated the loneliness

They had just come into town from away back - driven in by the drought. The holding was about 80 miles west of Condobolin, the nearest school fifteen miles away. There were three children, the eldest a girl about twelve; they had never seen a large town before. School life under our conditions disgusted, and Janey scowled contemptuously...

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The holding was about 80 miles west of Condobolin terminus, with the state railway systems. In a number of isolated places two part-time schools with tiny school populations were serviced by one teacher who travelled the distance between the two schools at middle or alternated two full days at one school with three full days at the other.

The first travelling teacher was appointed in 1901, the year of Federation. Such teachers travelled enormous distances. The teacher, for example, in charge of the Cloncurry No II district, travelled over 5000km in 1909 by horse and buggy to deliver schooling to fewer than 70 children of graziers, stockmen, boundary riders and farmers. The educational experience for the children at one teacher rural schools must have varied quite considerably depending on the personality of the teacher. There were some teachers who enjoyed such teaching immensely. Take this quote from the school holding in 1906 to the one teacher school at Tucki Tucki on the Richmond River in northern NSW: There is a school library of 70 well-shumped volumes. A portion of the hat room has been turned into a very comfortable reading-room, where illustrated weekly papers and several magazines may be seen - the tables and forms were constructed by the children, with the aid of the teacher. There are small collections of local snakes, lizards, fish, eggs, besides several relief maps, sand trap clinometer, etc. And these are not mere ornaments, but are constantly requisitioned for practical teaching, and their uses are understood by the pupils: in fact many of them were made by the pupils.

There were others who found the job demoralising and couldn't adapt to the loneliness of the bush, the restricted life of the local community and, especially, the monotonous meals of corned beef.

"From the 1930s onwards schools began to be consolidated and isolated one teacher schools were gradually but progressively closed," Professor Ramsland said.

"Inland towns with prospering primary industries can begin to thrive after WW II but the coming of the car and particularly the motorised dust-buster that many regional centres grew at the expense of smaller outlying towns, and some of these are now just empty place names on the map of Australia. The little bush school and the various other educational provisions made for the outback child, despite a number of outstanding as well as ordinary efforts, never had a real chance of preventing people moving to the cities."

"Professor Ramsland is the first Australian to be appointed to the Conference executive and has been instrumental in getting the 1999 Conference held in Sydney - the first time it has ever been held outside Europe or North America. He will be co-convenor.

Sports centre takes shape

by Helen O'Neil

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77 companies responding. It was then decided to invite three companies to submit a Master Plan and the prize of designing the project was awarded to Sydney firm, Gazzard Sheldon. After making adjustments necessary to fit into budget plan, the decision was made to call for tenders to build the complex. The Sports Union Executive was pleased to award the contract to local building firm McCloy's who have estimated building time to be 75 weeks.

John Johnston has been appointed works supervisor and is excited at the prospect of overseeing the project and co-ordinating the McCloy/University relationship. John believes the MPHRC is one of good design and allows for expansion in the future. University architect, Ric De Carvello says that the construction is value for money. He is convinced that while the centre will be the newest of Australian uni sporting facilities, it will also be the best. Ric goes as far as to say "that nothing will match our centre between Sydney and the Queensland border". The president of the Sports Union, Professor John Fryer, leads the team which
A LITTLE CLOSE TO THE BONE

Title: Moo
Author: Jane Smiley
Publisher/Allen and Unwin
RRP: $16.95

by Professor Raoul Mortley
Kerry Bond University

This is a humorous novel about a Mac University, in the American midwest. MOO is a university which is being bit by a dog, a dog mendred by the State Legislature. The State Governor finds it quite possible to use public sentiment against the university, attacking the "pointy-heads or egg-heads, whatever you like to call them". The English department receives a memo from its Chair (HarperCollins) asking for xeroxing services.

The book is billed as a humorous novel, and no doubt many of these outside universities, or only marginally related to them, will find it extremely humorous. For some of us it is a little close to the bone. There are the usual jealousies of those with high market value and political status, the anarchists, the intensely complicated heterosocial relationships, the over-suffrance of the 1970s generation, and the invisible lesbian dynamics. All this reads like a normal university, and so for one who has been brought up in them there is little transformation of reality, or little need for the suspension of disbelief.

The novel has its delights, however. Ms Smiley writes in a very humorous way and there is a very pleasing deadpan quality in the way the story unfolds. The characters are also extremely rich and quite diverse, some of them not recognisable on an Australian campus, but recognisable in an American midwest context. Others are so recognisable one has to reflect that perhaps one should be indulging in escapism when one reads novels, rather than in a return of the video of the day's work.

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The governor, Orville T Early, says of the university: "The trouble is they don't run it like an investment over there, with the students as customers, because that's what they are, you know. Now they run it like welfare, but I'm telling you, if they won't turn it around for themselves, we've got to turn it around for them. This administration believes strongly in education." The book is billed as a humorous novel, and no doubt many of these outside universities, or only marginally related to them, will find it extremely humorous. For some of us it is a little close to the bone. There are the usual jealousies of those with high market value and political status, the anarchists, the intensely complicated heterosocial relationships, the over-suffrance of the 1970s generation, and the invisible lesbian dynamics. All this reads like a normal university, and so for one who has been brought up in them there is little transformation of reality, or little need for the suspension of disbelief.

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Doing it better made easier

Title: How To Write Crime
Edited by Marele Day
Publisher/Allen and Unwin
RRP: $16.95

by Professor Barry Midland
Deputy Dean, Faculty of Architecture

A number of people have pointed to the increasing vitality in the field of crime fiction in recent years. Stuart Coupe, an enthusiast and promoter of the genre through his magazine Mean Streets, has described an early 1980s "renaissance of sorts" for this country. Marele Day, a crime reporter, and Kerry Bond, a practising solicitor, have brought up in them there is little transformation of reality, or little need for the suspension of disbelief.

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CAMPUS INVESTIGATOR

(An occasional series by Tim Isles)

In your travels across campus, do you broach crossings which you consider dangerous or are there aspects of campus amenities which you feel could be improved? If so, why not whisper your concerns to the Ear? To begin this occasional series, I borrowed a camera from Classroom and Theatre Services to illustrate some near misses which I encountered.

1. A cyclist's worst nightmare - take it from one who has spent some time on the concrete from a similar brush with the hard edge of fate. This post attachment can be found on the bike path outside the Konssta Child Care Centre. It would be nice to merge with the grey concrete on gloomy wintry afternoons.

2. I was pointed to this crossing on Richardson Rd by a staff member who says she has had many an occasion to slam on the brakes when a fleet of foot student has rushed down onto the crossing from the hillside verge.

Next issue: don't be fooled by the pedestrian-mail atmosphere - pavers and all - on the crossings at the newly completed bus interchange. A few footprints in the wrong direction and you could be staring a sump in the face at very close range.

Don't spend too long running your eye up and down these partially overgrown signs at this Ring Road crossing. Because that's what you may bump into a cyclist or pedestrian emerging in a split second from the Precinct. The pedestrian crossing is sited on top of a hump, so there even many of these white bars on the road to give you that early warning.

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It's not like any other business

Professor Roger Holmes has no time for the notion that a university could and should be managed like a big company.

"A university is not like any other business. The Vice-Chancellor might be regarded as being similar to the chief executive officer but there is no more important one. Vice-Chancellors have to be academic leaders and they have to remember that they are dealing with highly intelligent people who should always be consulted and not just kept in the dark at the end of the decision-making process. It's not like running a factory."

As a modern Vice-Chancellor, Professor Holmes says, has to have a strong feeling for the role of the university in society and has to be an effective voice in dealing with government, commerce, industry and business.

"But you also have to be committed to consultation and prepared to be inclusive. You have to bring people with you. It's the only way."

It would be hard to imagine a worse time for taking up an appointment. Professor Holmes was only in the job for a week when he was addressing a lunchtime crowd of staff and students on the effects of the Federal government's higher education budget cuts.

"It's a pity to have to start a new job dealing with such negative news but I'm trying to be as positive as I can." In response to a question about the likelihood of having to close down a whole Faculty as a way of saving money as some other universities have contemplated, his response is reassuring.

"The major structure of the University is safe. Now is the time for stability - we don't need another major change." The major structure of the University is safe. Now is the time for stability - we don't need another major change. Both Professor Holmes and his wife Diane are passionate advocates of higher education and that passion has clearly rubbed off on their three sons. Michael, the eldest, has recently completed a Master of Applied Ethics following a BEd; Daniel is in the United States enrolled in a graduate program in Ancient Greek language and literature at the University of Virginia; and Timothy is halfway through his PhD in Latin at the University of Queensland - he is at present touring the libraries of Italy gathering material for his thesis. But there's not one scientist amongst them.

"I'm a great believer in providing kids with the options and then letting them make their own decision," he says. The Vice-Chancellor has been married to Diane for over 30 years. They keep fit with long walks and enjoy dancing. He is quick to praise her role in his career.

"Diane has always been a great support in all that I've done. It's really a team effort - I couldn't do this job without her."
Let the games begin

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to Sunday (29 September) 150 students will travel to Canberra to represent the University at the Australian Universities Games (AUG). The games are an annual sporting event and this year will attract some 6000 competitors from 55 campuses across Australia. Students from South Africa, New Zealand, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Japan will also be in attendance. The Australian National University and the University of Canberra in association with the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Catholic University will jointly host the games. The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) will be the focal point of games administration and their first class facilities will host athletics, basketball, hockey and swimming events.

Although the games cater for athletes of various skill levels, over the years a number of Olympic representative have competed for the AIS. This year will be no exception with Jane Janesios (heptathlon), Brian Power (judo) and Chris Fyldier (swimming) expected to take part along with world pole vaulter Emma George. The highest possible standard of facilities and officials will be utilised throughout the 6 day event which should encourage strong competition. Students have the opportunity for recognition when the highest achieving athletes in each sport are selected in the "Green and Gold" merit teams.

Newcastle Uni will contest swimming, athletics, touch, basketball, tennis, soccer, aerobics and water polo events. Our men's soccer team are the reigning Australian Universities premiers and have recruited some outstanding talent, including Nathan Bryn and Scott McIroy in their quest to retain the title. In the demonstration sport of duathlon (run, ride, run) Newcastle will be represented by Glen Johnson and Glen Caldwell.

AUG is not all about competition. When the day is over, students get together at one of the organised dance parties or enjoy a night out. The opening ceremony and the contribution they make to the social arena. The night is designed to have a competitive and non-competitive side. Others joined in the spirit of the day and enjoyed the pleasant stroll (the winner was David Morrison). The golden oldies awards were presented to Hilary Winchester and Steve Quinn while the UC Pansies (Megan Hume, Karen Taylor and Megan Currie) became the first female team in the history of the event to take out the team's trophy.

One of the real highlights of the day was the enormous support given by the residential colleges. The Campus Scamper is one of the events on the Inter-collegiate sporting calendar and points are awarded for mass participation. Their numbers certainly contributed to a great turnout with Event House taking out the trophy.

Although the games cater for athletes who wish to keep fit or as a one-off, please contact Ian Webster on 6088. The University Mens Soccer Club has been requested to recruit ground stewards for fixtures at Breakers Stadium, providing you with a first class view of the match, free admission and an outfit of joggers and sweaty training gear. Should you be interested in joining Uni personnel to share in the action. The University Mens Soccer Club is planning the season's 'rounds and an outfit of "Green and Gold" are selected in the "Round of the Year" award. The nominees, Alison Daily (hockey), Danette Power (netball), Angela Dumigan (karate) and Anthony Darr (rugamming) all had an outstanding sporting record in their chosen sport. And the winner...Alison Daily who left the following day for a five week overseas tour with the Australian Womens Under 21 team in preparation for their World Cup campaign.

The Campus Scamper next year will be held from 29th August, 1997. It's never too early to start training!