Newcastle’s image impossible to change

Attempts to tourism bodies or the Newcastle City Council to project the city as a tourist destination with terrific beaches and fresh air would be fighting against history, according to Dr Nancy Cushing from the History Department.

Dr Cushing spoke to the Ear after delivering her paper to the Imaging Newcastle Symposium hosted last week by the Department of Leisure and Tourism Studies.

In her paper entitled Newcastle, the Bright of New South Wales?, Dr Cushing detailed many of the historical efforts by Newcastle’s city fathers who from the beginning of the 19th century were keen to move its image away from convicts and coal mining to sea bathing – to “market” it in a similar way to Brighton in England.

“Newcastle had been named by Governor King in 1804 after Newcastle-upon-Tyne which, of course, was well known as a coal mining and industrial centre and not a very pretty one at that,” Dr Cushing explained.

“He’s decision was quite intentional. Newcastle was seen as a pleasant seaside resort came in its own right. It was there to

Not caring enough

by Allison Grabame

“They recently publicised the sexual abuse of young boys has been beneficial in making the general public aware of the issue of paedophiles, it is not to be kept in proper perspective. The majority of sexual assault victims are girls and far from being preyed upon by wealthy businessmen, the majority are abused by family members or friends of the family,” says Jill Gibbons from the Department of Social Work.

Mr Gibbons, who is currently researching the needs of adults who have been sexually abused as children, says, however, that sexual abuse victims be they male or female - have all been badly dealt with by the so-called “caring system”.

“Until quite recently if it was found that a child was being abused, it was the child who was removed from the family home. The system punished the victim rather than the offender. So, in effect, the child was being abused twice.”

Back in 1978 when the first rape crisis services began in NSW, their staff were unprepared, Ms Gibbons says, for the numbers of children who had been raped and also the large numbers of people who presented years after the sexual assault had taken place.

The numbers of adult survivors of child sexual assault who are coming forward for help are growing rapidly. In NSW alone in 1989, 285 such people came to sexual assault services for help. By 1993/94 the number had risen to 1266.

“Some women are coming forward who were sexually abused 30 or 40 years ago and were too afraid to tell anyone back then. They may finally come forward now. They would be appalled at the idea of changing Newcastle’s name or rejecting its egalitarian, unpretentious image.”

Dr Cushing said that the push to tourism and a fresh image for Newcastle had been tried in the 1890s, the 1910s, the 1930s, the 1960s and was happening again now. But it was doomed to failure.

“I suspect that if we should just learn to live with the image we have, to accept it and try to work with it rather than against it,” she said.
Circumstantial evidence of abuse is common that adults are
mentally and physically disabled are particularly vulnerable to
abuse and that there is evidence from research done here and
overseas that some offenders may be seeking employment in
institutions for the disabled where opportunities for abuse are
increasingly widespread. There is evidence that it is a
significant feat considering the vehicle in which the
possibility of university access.

There is much that can be
improved, but there is much
that cannot be avoided.

Chas Mortley
Vice-Chancellor

New student figures released

Figures released by the Vice-
Chancellor reveal that the
University has 17696 full and
part time students enrolled for
1996, which is equivalent to
13854 full time units (EFTSU).
This is a significant increase
over the equivalent full time
enrolments for 1995 of 13240
EFTSU.
New enrolments overall were
on target with the number of
Department of Education, Em-
ployment, Training and Youth
Affairs funded positions, which
is a significant feat considering
the nationwide drop in enroll-
ments. In addition there are indica-
tions that the number of students
staying on to complete courses
at the University has risen.
Professor Mortley said that
the figures reflected a positive
performance by the University.

"We have made substantial
efforts to enhance the competi-
tiveness of this University with
other universities in NSW, and
the work is paying off in terms
of solid enrolment figures," he
told The Ear.

The number of full fee
paying international students
studying award courses at the
University has also risen for
1996, with an increase of 105
EFTSU over last year (up by
18%), to a total of 674 EFTSU
for 1996.

University Enrolments (Effective Full Time Students)

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(NB: Figures do not include enabling courses undertaken by international students)

Vale

William (Bill) Ford 1926-1996

His many friends on campus will be sad to learn that Bill
passed away on 12 April at the Mater Hospice.
Bill worked for many years in what is now the Depart-
ment of Aviation and Technology. He sincerely believed
in the worth and dignity of the working person and the
importance of Aviation in our world.

Bill helped found Newcastle's Young People's Theatre in
the 1950s where his many talents created plays along with
the accompanying music and lyrics.

With his strength and the love of his family he fought his
way back from a stroke only to be diagnosed as having
cancer. He is survived by his wife Betty and their son
William.

We were privileged to know him and proud to call him
friend.

Tony Lieb
Arthur Tapman
Ron Hunter
Strike

I. India, the third largest producer of coal in the world after the United States and China, may have to import coal unless it can double its underground mining production by the year 2006, two pre-eminent leaders of the nation's coal industry, Mr. N.K. Sharma and Mr. V.N. Kalia, both mining engineers and Chief General Managers of coalfields operated by Coal India, are part of a group of 11 Indian mining engineers participating in a five-week course on coal technology at the University.

The course, sponsored by AusAid and presented by the University's Institute of Coal Research, focuses on areas of interest identified by the visiting engineers. It aims to demonstrate Australian best practice in coal mining and technologies applicable to the Indian coal industry.

"My focus is on underground mining and in this area our production levels are stagnant as we have been producing about 55 million tonnes each year for the last 22 years," says Mr. Kalia.

"We have to raise that to more than 100 million tonnes, which is a very big jump in four years, otherwise we will have to import coal. We are already experiencing service under shortages and this is likely to become quite severe by the year 2000 unless we can substantially lift our underground mining production," Mr. Sharma says that while India's coal mining industry recognises the need to boost productivity through improved technology, there is a need to temper modernisation with a concern for people's jobs.

"We are an over-populated country and so it's not surprising that many of our industries tend to be labour intensive. Our coal industry employs more than 700,000 people, and while we have to go for higher mechanisation there is a need to strike a balance in terms of job losses."

A question of balance

A balance is needed between employment and mechanisation

External studies not a problem

"At the end of the eight week period you will be expected to present your findings to a meeting of the Board of Directors. The report, and executive summary, and all associated graphs and figures should be ready to submit to the Board for consideration...And a final warning. With Christmas only eight months away, there will be a large influx of goods to the company over the final months in before Christmas. The existing warehouses can not hold the expected demand, and if they can not be completed by the beginning of November then the company will have to re-assess the entire expansion in terms of the loss associated with the failure to achieve enough warehousing."

S o ends the two page memo from Aussigrot's Manager Property and Services to his Management Team outlining what is required for a briefing of directors about their company's need for new warehouse facilities.

Help us to honour our outstanding graduates. The course will continue until June 7.

Helpful hints

By Tim Hunter

21 May

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Common folk not fooled by science

Towards the end of last year an invitation came from one of the course participants - Ajan Surasak Rumpuangkitt, Head of the Physics Department at the Rajabhat Institute in Nakhon Sawan in Central Thailand - for Tony and some of his colleagues to visit Thailand and join a party of academics who were organising a scientific observation of the total eclipse of the sun.

"The path of totality was across SE Asia from India through North-Central Thailand and several of our Thai colleagues were planning observations. Unfortunately we weren't able to accept the invitation but we did receive some excellent photos of the event," Tony told the Ear.

"Cloud and rain are always the greatest threat to the best laid plans of eclipse hunters, but after rain the previous night to clear the air, the day itself was clear and fine."

The history of modern eclipse observations in Thailand dates from 1968 when Rama IV, King Mongkut of Siam, in one of the last acts of his reign, organised an expedition to Southern Thailand to witness an eclipse and thus show that they could be predicted.

"It was part of the king's program to modernise the country," Tony explained.

"The expedition included many royal family members, British diplomats, French astronomers, and the court astrologers who were there to represent traditional beliefs that the eclipse was caused by a demoniacal sky dragon capriciously consuming the sun and which had to be frightened off with much loud noise."

"As a scientific demonstration it went well, but it apparently didn't have much success in convincing the common folk - many of the dignitaries on the expedition became seriously ill and the king himself died about a month later."

Despite missing the eclipse, Tony and his colleague George Puzczek were able to accept an invitation this year to give a version of the previous course but this time in Thailand.

"We were there for about three and a half weeks and although originally we were there to give just the one course, we ended up giving classes in five institutes in other regions of Thailand and visiting a number of others as well as provincial universities," Tony said.

"We now have an excellent relationship with the Rajabhat Institutes and we look forward to further cooperative projects."

Left. Dr Tony McGovern and his colleagues at the Rajabhat Institute in Nakhon Sawan.

Aboriginal students receive scholarships

Seven Aboriginal students at the University have received scholarships exclusively offered to indigenous Australians.

The Jack Doherty Undergraduate Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students are offered through the auspices of the Newcastle Aboriginal Support Group of which Jack Doherty was the founding member in 1980.

This is the fourth year the scholarships have been awarded, this year's seven recipients bringing the total number to 26. Several of the students who graduated at the recent graduation ceremonies had been recipients of a Jack Doherty Scholarship during their studies.

The scholarships, which pay a benefit of $1000 for one year to students who have completed first year, are the only scholarships at the University which are solely funded by donations from the community.

The students were presented with their scholarships by Donna Meahan, Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Department of School Education and a graduate of the University.

The seven recipients are Laurel Dunning and Lynette Morris (Bachelor of Social Work), Scherie Munro, John Shipp and Bronwyn Owens (Diploma of Aboriginal Studies), Anthony Stever (Bachelor of Science), and Lee-Anne McAllister (Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Laws).

By all accounts a top student

The RA Derkenne Prize in Commerce, awarded annually to the graduating student with the best overall performance in the Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Accounting, has been won by Julie Blanch. She was presented with the prize at a function in the Treehouse attended by over 100 people including students, parents, staff and prize donors.

Julie has been working as an accountant in the Credit Risk Management Group at Coopers & Lybrand for the past two and a half years and prior to that at Ernst and Young.

"Studying part-time at night has its difficulties but I think in the end because you are working, you end up graduating with experience that other students don't have and as a result you are much more employable," Julie said.

The decision to make a career out of accountancy was taken in Year 12.

"I enjoyed economics at high school and I guess I was influenced by my brother who is an accountant, so I applied for a traineeship after completing the HSC and I was successful," Julie explained.

Julie is now enrolled in her professional year run by the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
CONFERENCES

Method and Meaning in Human Sciences

A Cross Disciplinary Conference with Professor Max van Manen
University of Alberta, Canada
22-28 June 1996
at the University of Newcastle
Of interest to academics, researchers and graduate students in nursing, education, social work, health sociology and others working within the phenomenological/humanistic perspective. Pre-conference workshops will be held on phenomenological methods.
Further information may be obtained from Conference Secretary
Faculty of Nursing
 Extension 6346 - Fax 7069

The future of Nationalism and the State

International Conference
15-17 July 1996
With over 70 presenters from countries including Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, India, England, the former Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, the USA and Canada, the conference will offer a great opportunity to exchange ideas and develop theories in local and international contexts. The conference will focus on the rise of nationalism throughout the 20th century and look at its impact on the state, civil society and the international system.
Keynote speaker: Liah Greenfeld, Boston University
(email: liah.greenfeld@bu.edu; tel: 617-353-1234; fax: 617-353-1234)

NOTICES

More about business cards

As we mentioned earlier, when you fill out the business card order form, would you PLEASE ensure that the information you put down is EXACTLY as you want it printed on the card. If you write "PHD" then that is how it will be printed, it won't be "PhD". If you write "MA" then that's how it will appear. The printer won't know that you meant MA (Lond) unless you actually write the word "Lond" in parentheses. The same applies to all degrees and other titles. The printer has no knowledge of the world of academia (why should he? he is relying on you getting your own details exactly as you want to see them printed). If in doubt about how to fill in the correct abbreviations please check with your faculty office.

Need child care?

A small number of places are available at Kintaiba Child Care Centre for children aged 2 to 5. This is a long day care centre and is located in the grounds of the university. For further information please contact the centre on 67 3475 between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm.

University Forum

An Irrelevant Person's View of the Future
The first University Forum for 1996 will feature an address by the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor J.M. Monty. Professor Monty will provide an update on last year's address and discuss the present state of the University, with a look to the future.
All staff, students and interested members of the public are welcome to attend.
Yancoo Lecture Theatre GP101
Date: Thursday 6 June
Time: 12 noon to 2pm

The 3 R's
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. These principles translate into a new way of waste as a potential resource, with options for avoidance, reuse and recycling to be first order considerations with disposal as a last resort.
This is an opportunity for the University community to contribute ideas which apply the reduce, reuse, recycle principles to our working environment. Thank you to Irene Byn from Education who suggests a number of ideas for paper saving, including:
• When cleaning out old non-confidential papers, they can be used as note pads in lieu of costly lecture pads.
• Double sided documents for distribution.
• Unused pages from old exam booklets can be torn out for use as notepaper.
• Reuse old manilla folders by reverse folding.
• When re-designing forms consider using both sides of a form and reducing its size or reduce a simple form to half size.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact:
Dr Diarmuid Maguire
Conference Secretary
University of Sydney
email: dmaguires@nsu.edu.au; tel: 93 521 231/3

NOTICES

For sale by tender

TEND0496
The Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering is available for sale by tender:
Item: Canon 8200 laser machine
Please contact P. Mariss for further information on 36223.

Tenders close on Friday 31 May at 3.30pm and should be forwarded in a sealed envelope to:
The Manager Purchasing,
The University of Newcastle,
University Drive, Callaghan 2308
and clearly quoting item number "Tender 0496". The goods are sold in "as is" condition and the University reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.
R. Richardson
Manager Purchasing

Surplus internal envelopes to Robyn Richards, Research Branch, the Chancellor.Thank you.

Competition

When you book your next trip with Jeyes Travel your name will go into the draw to win 2 return economy class tickets from Sydney to Denpasar with Ansett Australia plus 5 nights' accommodation at the Ritz-Carlton Bali (twin share basis). All bookings must be made with Jeyes Corporate Travel Department or Greg Wilsons Travel between 1 March and 31 October 1996. Bookings must be deposited or have a travel order number by the expiry date. The offer is available only to University staff but the trip can be for personal or official travel. The winner will be drawn on 18 November 1996. The prize must be taken by 31 May 1997.

Deadline

Deadline for the next issue of the Ear and the Inner Ear is Tuesday 28 May at 10am.

Do you need publicity?

Do you have an event or function you would like published in the media? If so, contact Carolyn Warner by fax, email cwarner@ncl or phone her on 6856 by the Friday before the event. Carolyn will then be happy to include it in the media diary which is sent out each Monday to local media.

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Edition 5
21 May, 1996
The all new singing, dancing music library

Here we sit in our new lofty tower, overlooking Civic Park and gazing at the City Hall - and working too of course. The new library has so much more space and light - it's a joy to work in. Students and staff love it as well. New workers are welcome here - it will of course be purely voluntary. The move into our new tower wasn't entirely without incident, but then it wouldn't have been half as much fun. We're still shaking, unpacking, trying to know our neighbours - the Law Faculty, up there.

We've been open a short time, yet already our visibility seems to have increased markedly with people coming in from the street, as well as from Law. It makes it a very pleasant workplace, although it's not without teething problems.

The Music Library is available to all for borrowing and viewing facilities. Staff and students at the University, non-territory students of the Conservatorium of Music, and students enrolled in institutions which have reciprocal borrowing agreements with the University Library, all have borrowing rights.

The Library's formula funding model

In March, after discussion at the Deans' Committee, the Vice-Chancellor endorsed the Library's Formula Funding model for the setting of faculty/department allocations within the Library's book and serial budgets. This ended more than three years of experimenting with various models in an attempt to find a generally acceptable solution to the problems of balancing the collection.

Why have a funding model?

Within the living memory of many of us, major research libraries like ours were able to collect a part of the world's published literature. Not so now - the information explosion has far outpaced the growth in our ability to work. Scientists can now acquire only a fraction of the published literature in each discipline we need to develop a reference database. It is time to take a more rational stance for balancing the competing needs within the various faculties for research/researching. Support for the model was based on student and (weighted) staff numbers and on the average price of material in each discipline. Two principal criticisms of this model surfaced from the debate: that the average price should not be weighted as heavily and, that some recognition needed to be made of the various channels of publication in the different disciplines. A working party of the Library Committee was set up to re-examine data and a number of models were presented to it. Among these were a pure WEFTSU (Weighed Equivalent Full-Time Units) model, a Student Unit model and a revision of the old model taking into account the two factors identified in the debate. It was found that the results from these two models were very similar and it was recommended to recommend a WEFTSU-based model. The model in summary

The final model is very simple and contains only two elements:

- Distribution by WEFTSU for

approximately 95% of the funds to be allocated
- Distribution by Research Quantum for the remainder

The model will be phased in over three years.

Effects of the change

We hope that the model will bring a fairer balance of collection resources to meet the needs of library users. Any adjustment of this nature there are of course, some 'losers' as well as 'winners', and we are now working with faculties to make the adjustments as painless and productive as possible.

Newcastle first

The University of Newcastle is the first and only Australian participant in the United States Library of Congress's Name Authority Cooperative Project (NACO). NACO was started in 1977 so that the Library of Congress could share the costs of creating authorised headings to be used in catalogue records. Currently more than 100 libraries belong to the project, most of them in the United States. The University of Newcastle was invited to join in 1990 and in the past year we have been visited by the Library of Congress as a member of the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Panel Committee. He was trained as a NACO participant in April 1990, to be part of a Committee. During the first year of contributions, the University of Newcastle has added about 800 headings to the Library of Congress Name Authority File (LCNA) and to the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN).

This important work helps to raise the standard and reduce the costs of cataloguing for all libraries.

Music Lovers Club

Tuesdays - 6:30pm

Room 416 - Newcastle Conservatorium

June 11

Lance Cross - "The Stokowski Legend" - Some of the great historic performances and transcriptions with a side glance at some of the originals.

June 18

Micheal Davis and Friends - "Aboriginal Culture. An Evening of Aboriginal Music, Song, Dance and Historical Background". 

For further information phone John Allen on 497421.

Music Appreciation Group

Thursday - 10:30am

Room 416 - Newcastle Conservatorium

June 27

Bob Lutton - "Wagner and the New Theatre" Bob looks at Wagner's revolutionary changes to the way we watched and listened.

Included James Levine's 1990 "Ring" video on Hi-Fi

July 25

John Allen - "Come into my parlor - an introduction to Chamber Music." Whether you love it or hate it, come and find out more about it!

For further information phone John Allen on 497421.

This program for both groups can be found on the CWIS

Important Dates

SCHOOLS VISIT DAY
(Callaghan campus): Friday 19 July

The following information is available on the CWIS:

- Stores Bulletin
- Site by Tender
- Staff Appointments for March/April
- Aviation and Technology Seminar Program
- Term Breaks and External Exams
- Music Appreciation Group Program
- Music Lovers Club Program
- Events Court Dates

Music Lovers Club

For further information phone

John Allen on 497421.

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Collaboration with Central Coast hospitals

The new one year Graduate Diploma in Midwifery at the Central Coast Campus at Ourimbah already making an impact on local health services, according to lecturer and course coordinator Elizabeth Bujak.

"We began in February with 15 full-time students and plan a second intake in July," she explained. "and already through word of mouth we've had a significant response for the second intake."

Elizabeth has taken leave from the University of Western Sydney to run the course which is conducted by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the Central Coast Area Health Service. It also involves Professor Helen Baker and Barb Freenah of the Faculty of Nursing, with support from Robyn Lovel, Carol Greenan and other clinicians from the Area Health Service. It is open to registered nurses with a Bachelor of Nursing or equivalent and at least one year's experience as a registered nurse.

For part of the year students must undertake an employment contract at Gosford Hospital or Wyong Hospital where the clinical learning component occurs.

"This is the first time the University and hospitals on the Central Coast have had a collaborative program," says Elizabeth Bujak. "Together we aim to produce practitioner midwives who have a sound theoretical and research base for their practice as well as excellent clinical skills.

"There have always been midwives but since World War II they've worked in a fashion dictated by the medical model. Our course is health orientated and women centred although we don't exclude men, in fact one of our initial intake is a man. The Sherman Report recommended a range of options that should be available to pregnant and birthing women as an extension of hospital facilities. That means more community orientated programs, and what we're doing is a response to the Sherman recommendations."

The course includes observation, teaching and practice, and delivery of services to women and their families during the pre-natal period, labour and birthing, post-natal period and adjustment to parenthood. Its innovative programs will be evaluated by a range of health professionals funded by the NSW Department of Health.

Ageing population not all "gloom and doom"

by Tam Isler

With elderly people now comprising 16% of Newcastle's population, compared with the national average of 11%, researchers from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Hunter Area Health Service have embarked on a study of their social support needs.

Chief investigator on the project, clinical epidemiologist Dr Julie Byles says that between 1971 and 1991 the aged sector of Newcastle's population has increased by 60%.

Contrary to the "dwindling" reports about the strain on health services caused by our ageing population, Dr Byles believes increasing longevity should be celebrated and particularly so if quality of life can be enhanced in later life.

While the study by Dr Byles, social worker Mr Brendan Googler and nurse Elizabeth Burnett looks at problems relating to social support and isolation among a community sample of more than 400 of Newcastle's elderly, the researchers say they are also keen to talk to those who find joy and contentment in their "golden years" with a view to "learning their secrets".

"For example, many elderly people tell us that staying active and involved is the secret to their success and so we want to look at how they are achieving that, and whether there are ways in which we can encourage other elderly people, who may be quite isolated, to adopt a similar attitude," says Dr Byles.

It has been well established by previous studies, says Dr Byles, that older people with low social support, have an increased risk of premature death, as well as physical and psychological morbidity.

"We know we can do better for the elderly. Bearing in mind that many are doing well for themselves, there are still far too many who end up in hospital or with disabilities that should be able to be prevented."

The study, which has been granted a total of $17,557 from the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services, will also investigate the benefits of using an adapted version of the American Duke Social Support Index which gauges social support amongst the elderly. Dr Byles says the existing social support index system used by Australian health authorities has been criticised as too expensive and cumbersome.

"It is hoped that this social support research will have a major benefit in providing further information for existing government programs directed towards improving the health of Australia's elderly population." Dr Byles says.

"Many Japanese academics and post-graduate students have recently developed considerable interest in our education system, so the translation of this book into Japanese should be of great help in fostering further interest," he said.

A History of Australian Education looks at education in the context of an interesting pattern of economic, social, political and ideological factors. It also identifies the role of individuals in shaping the development of education, and the importance of education in generating and transmitting social and moral outlooks. Dr Barcan said.

Ironically, Dr Barcan's book is out of print in Australia and has been for the past 10 years.
This book describes itself as "challenging some of our most ingrained beliefs about men and women and their relationships." In fact it has far more to say about women than men, and we are told much more about sexual encounters than about relationships. The "lip service" referred to in the title is the persistent notion that women are by nature moral, passive, gentle, cooperative and kind. Fillion demonstrates through her examples from interviews that women are very frequently treacherous, aggressive and cruel, competitive and heartless. Furthermore we often act like this towards each other, as well as towards men. The notion that women are instantly good but powerless is premised on the notion that men are intrinsically bad and powerful. This is a central tenet of cultural feminism exemplified in the work of contemporary American feminists such as Andrea Dworkin and Catherine MacKinnon. However, it is also the case that the traditional view of women as passive, gentle, creatures meshes with this particular feminist perspective. Fillion is critical of the stereotype of the "good" woman which is perpetuated through both the conservative tradition and through cultural feminism. She argues that this stereotype denies women any sexual agency and power, as well as preventing women from seeing themselves, their female friends and their male partners, clearly. Lip Service therefore takes its place alongside Helen Garner's recent effort, as well as the more barbed writings of Camille Paglia on the topic of women, sex and power. Viewed in a positive light, these books can be seen as part of an ongoing, necessary critique of cultural feminism's over-simplification of gender politics, and therefore as laudable attempts to redress the image of woman as perpetual sexual victim in all circumstances. However, such writing can also appear as a series of arguments against feminism, since there is a tendency to blame feminists for the current woes and dilemmas of women, rather than acknowledge continuing gender inequalities within the structures of modern patriarchy. Like several others in the genre, Lip Service takes as its theme and data the experiences of white, middle-class, heterosexual North American women. However, the cultural specificity of this set of female experiences is only acknowledged once and Fillion's argument proceeds as though she were enabled through her data to address sex and power issues familiar to all women everywhere. Most of the sexual behaviours of the cities have been carried out by psychologists and she shows little acquaintance with sociological studies, or with feminist theories other than the set she is engaged in criticising.

To be fair though this book does not claim to be a serious academic work. The research methodology and the prose style both belong within the realms of journalism rather than the academy. Most chapters contain one or more vigettes of sexual encounters, including descriptions of the physical appearance of the protagonists such as: "Elaine has corporate cut sandy hair, startlingly so, a preference for flowing, wide-legged pants that create the illusion of height and are ergonomic to the figure." Furthermore, despite her avowed antipathy for feminine stereotypes, Fillion is not above perpetuating a few of her own such as "the passive-aggressive", "the sexual poacher" and of course the "Other Woman". Despite its flaws, Lip Service deserves to be read. Many of Fillion's observations and comments about conflicts in feminist friendships rang particularly true for this reader. Not only did I find myself muttering "I know someone just like that", but more acutely, remembering actual situations from my own life which I was less than keen to recall. Lip Service is also instructive in its depiction of the way women in the particular cultural group studied by Fillion used sex for instrumental rather than expressive ends. She sets out to be firmly critical of the traditional adage that men are seeking love and men are looking for sex, but falters. She only succeeds in showing that women in her study often consent to sex because they believe it will lead to love. Consequently, her chapter on men she demonstrates that men often don't want to have sex, but rather use it to get into Fillion offers no theoretically coherent explanation of why this traditional view persists.

"Not only did I find myself muttering "I know someone just like that", but more acutely, remembering actual situations from my own life which I was less than keen to recall."

**BOOK REVIEW**

Title: Lip Service
Author: Kate Fillion
Publisher: Harper Collins
365pp
RPP: $16.95

By Dr Pam Nilson
Lecturer
Department of Sociology
and Anthropology

One of Australia's foremost composers was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate of Music during the recent graduation ceremonies. Nigel Butterley, no stranger to the University, lectured at the Conservatorium from 1973 to 1992. Earlier in his career he was a producer and planner of radio and concert programs for the ABC and in 1961 journeyed to Europe to study composition with Prisca Ranier. As the son of an Anglican minister, Nigel Butterley was born in Sydney in 1935 and studied piano from the age of five. Not only is he Australia's foremost composer, but is also regarded highly as a pianist, particularly in 20th century music.

Speaking about Dr Butterley's career, the University's Dean of Music, Professor Robert Constable, said Nigel Butterley had produced a series of major works which have established him as one of Australia's leading composers.

"This began with the instrumental sextet Laudes in 1963 and continued with the ABC commission In the Head the Fire in 1966 which won the coveted Itala Prize (ahead of Berio's Labarintus II) and Meditations of Thomas Traherne in 1968. From this time, Butterley has maintained an impressive output of works in all forms and genres. His recent opera From Sorrowing Earth 1991, The Woven Light 1993 and his String Quartet No. 4 1994, have confirmed his position as a "Flemish composer, however, composition in Australia," Professor Constable said.

"During his time at the Conservatorium as a lecturer in contemporary music and composition, he proved to be an outstanding teacher, particularly as he provided for students an ethical model in the service of music. Through his teaching, a generation of young music students developed an understanding and love of the complexities of 20th century music. He was awarded an AM for services to music in 1991."

"Nigel Butterley's music is universally regarded, particularly by his peers, as unfailingly honest, technically brilliant and as a manifestation of deeply felt convictions about God, the world, but also anogenous start of existence. His music is also about people and evokes both a serious concern and optimism," he said.

Another prominent Australian to receive an honorary doctorate was the highly acclaimed film maker, Yahoo Serious.

Dr Serious grew up in Caddiff and at the age of 16 won the Newcastle Mattara Art Prize for painting. He began fine art studies in 1973 at the Newcastle Brithch of the National Art School where he encouraged staff to include film making as part of the curriculum. In the mid-seventies he was briefly a student at the University of Newcastle, and in 1977 he won the Australian Penguin Award for the best educational TV documentary. He then spent a three year period working on craved extensively overseas and began writing, directing and performing comedy.

Professor Mortley said that Dr Serious was the first Australian to write, direct and star in a feature film. The film, Young Einstein, became one of the most successful Australian movies ever released in the United States. The sound track which he produced achieved a double platinum award. "Fittingly, however, is his role as a side of Yahoo Serious. He is ever ready to switch to social issues and philosophical questions. He has concerns for the environment, education, film making, but insists, has a heavy social responsibility to probe moral and social questions," Professor Mortley said.

Dr Serious is in his 3rd year of making, in particular documentaries. In his Occasional Address, Dr Serious said that as a student and he his friends had made fun of graduation ceremonies.

"In 1966, the students dressed in crazy robes, the funny hats, the titles. We used to think that the whole thing was a bit silly... Of course now, from up here, in this outfit, you can see that I was completely wrong!"

After the ceremony, the ebullient Dr Serious took the time to make the occasion special for many people. He chatted with guests and posed for photographs with graduates as well as enjoying the moment with his own family.
The Chancellor drizzled his treacle and shook hands more than 2,700 times at the graduation ceremonies held in the Great Hall. University Secretary and Registrar, Mrs Gon Chong, said that students from more than 135 courses and specialisations were conferred with undergraduate and graduate qualifications. She said the graduation ceremonies were an exciting and important event in the University calendar.

"Graduation not only gives the opportunity to recognise the academic achievements of its graduates, it also marks the start of a new relationship between the University and the community come together in a very special celebration. We are proud of our graduates and the academic success they have achieved. The graduation ceremony is the culmination of what is for some a long and difficult path," she said.

During the Callaghan ceremonies eight honorary degrees were awarded. They were conferred upon Mr Nigel Bottomley, Mr Yahoo Serious, Mr John McNaughton, Mr John Edward, Mr Jack Ruby, Mr Don McNair, Mr Jim Cox, and Dr Nichedes Suntornpithuk.

There were also five awards for Excellence in Teaching presented to academic staff nominated as being outstanding in their field. The awards which were established in 1992 to recognise and encourage creative approaches to teaching, were presented to Mr John Graham, Professor James Lyn MacKenzie, Associate Professor Doug Absalom and Mr David Comey.

### Graduation highlights

**by Cee Pattison**

Fred Maher, the newly appointed coordinator of the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, vividly remembers his decision to change his future employment prospects.

"It was 1984 and I remember thinking to myself I had had enough of doing labouring jobs. I wanted to do something with myself and my own hands and go and get an education to improve my own prospects but at the same time have an impact on the Aborig­inal community.

While the decision itself, made after many years working as a labourer, was hard enough, Fred found the realities of changing his job even more difficult.

"My first opportunity was as a NESA (New Employment Scheme for Aboriginals) trainee. Those schemes never offered proper training. I bluffed my way through the six months of my first training opportunity because there was no one there to supervise me on a daily basis or to help me pick up skills and improve myself. I had to learn whatever I could as I went by trial and error.

While various Aboriginal employment schemes have been run by governments over the years, Fred feels that many past efforts have been doomed to failure.

"Programs like these have a downward," he said. "The positions are there but the money is available but beyond that employment strategies for Aboriginal people don't achieve their objectives."

But Fred is determined that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy, which he has been employed to implement at the University, will succeed where others have failed.

"The underlying purpose of the strategy is to build up Aboriginal people's confidence in the University as a potential employer. The fact that it's an entity that assumes knowledge as a primary requisite for em­ployment is very daunting for Aboriginal people."

While education standards are steadily growing parallel with employment opportunities, Fred says there are many levels of advancement within the Aboriginal community.

"Aboriginal people are more competitive these days, but further advancement depends largely on their will to get out and do things with the opportunities that they have."

In addition to recruitment, the strategy will provide support to the new recruits and their employer to help make it work. Support will include cross cul­tural awareness programs, a culturally appropriate induction program, training and career development, an Aboriginal support network and providing an appropriate mentoring sys­tem. Fred believes that too often in the past many Aborig­inals have failed to stay in positions because of the uncer­tainty of how they fit in to a particular workplace. They often fear being alienated as a result of discrimination and/or resent­ment both of which are due to a lack of understanding, he said.

Fred has previously imple­mented an employment strategy at the University of New Eng­land where 11 positions were identified and filled by Aborig­i­nals in the first 18 months. He sees the Newcastle strategy as having greater potential to achieve its objective of 29 positions across a range of areas. The strategy is jointly funded by DEETYA (Department of Employment, Educat­ion, Training and Youth Affairs) and the University.

While the University currently has a small representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, it is hoped the strategy may bring the percent­age closer to the Department's target.

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University swimmers off to Atlanta

The strength of University sport has been further highlighted with the announcement of the Australian Swimming Squad for the Atlanta Olympics. Helen Denman (Uni) and Nadine Newman (Macquarie Uni) both accounted for the previously undefeated Samantha Riley in their respective breaststroke events during the Olympic trials. Denman and Newman will be joined in Atlanta by Scott Logan (Griffith Uni), Anna Windor (Sydney Uni) and Chris Fyshler (Bond Uni) and coach, Paul Hardiman (UNSW). The experience gained from competing within a multi-sport environment and living in the Athletes Village at the World University Games (Fukuoka, Japan) should be of enormous benefit to the students.

A nd speaking of sponsorship - soccer has also attracted much support from local businesses. Dial-A-Tony's Pizza donates a large pizza to the player nominated Player of the Match during each match. This is an excellent way to support the team and show appreciation for the players' efforts.

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Time on his hands

D isappointment and frustration are the only words that can describe the last couple of months for Computer Science student and Newcastle Breakers' midfielder, Glenn Moore. After selection in the Breakers' senior side for the 95-96 A-League season, Glenn sustained a badly corked thigh during a match against Wollongong in February. Unfortunately, instead of the injury healing over a couple of weeks as expected, it calcified - a process where the bruising actually forms into bone material. The only treatment is rest, and plenty of it. Glenn hasn't played for eight weeks and was therefore unable to help the Breakers try and climb off the bottom of the National League ladder.

"It was certainly frustrating to have to sit and watch those last few matches," he explained.

"Now the season is finished and, ironically, I have all this time on my hands which in fully to recover. It would have been nice to get back for one or two of the last games."

As Glenn himself will tell you, this extra time can now be spent on his course, something that inevitably suffered during the long A-League season.

"In second semester last year, I was trying to juggle full-time uni, full-time soccer and a part-time job. In the end, I don't suppose I was able to give any of them my full attention and I ended up falling one subject. That meant I was only able to enrol on a part-time basis this semester which, in hindsight, was probably a good thing. I feel that I'm back on track now and will be ready for the bigger, full-time load in semester two."

He'll need to be. In the second half of 96, Glenn will also commence Breakers pre-season training to prepare for their second season in the country's premier competition. In addition, he's currently in the Australian U20 squad from which a team will be chosen to compete in the World Youth Cup in Malaysia next year. Should he be successful in gaining a place, it will be yet another achievement for the former Cardiff, Adamstown, Macquarie City, Australia and West Wallsend player. But you get the feeling that there are even better things to come.

"I'm looking for a big year in 97. I look at fellow Austalian and Sydney United defender, Tony Popovic, I see how skilled he is and what he's achieved, and I get inspired. It makes me realise that there's a lot of work for me still to do but playing for the Breakers, at the highest level possible, gives me every opportunity to go all the way."

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