RELIGIOUS CENTRE PROPOSED FOR BICENTENARY

THE UNIVERSITY has been asked to consider the establishment of a religious centre on the campus as a bicentennial project.

The idea has come from the Religious Sub-committee of the Newcastle Bicentennial Community Committee.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, has responded favourably to the proposal, although, at this stage, it does not have any funding.

Professor Morgan asked the News to make the plan for a religious centre known to members of the University. He invited those who are interested to get in touch with him.

Mr T.G. Jones, a member of the Bicentennial Community Committee's Religious Sub-committee, said in a letter to Professor Morgan that the Sub-committee had suggested that an 'Inter-Faith Chapel’ (similar to that at Monash University) be built at the University.

Mr Jones said the Sub-committee believed that a site had previously been identified for a religious centre. It proposed that staff and students from the Faculty of Architecture be involved in the design of the 'chapel', which could become a bicentennial project supported and sponsored by the Sub-committee.

Sister Mary Goldsworthy, a Campus Minister for the University and Newcastle CAE, welcomed the resurrection of the plan for the religious centre.

She said the students' need for a space where they could socialise or 'have quiet', obtain spiritual guidance, hold services or meetings, participate in cultural and group events, etc. had become generally accepted. Since premises at the CAE formerly occupied by the Aboriginal Enclave had been allocated for pastoral and social activities, the work of the chaplains had increased a lot.

Sister Goldsworthy said she had observed an interesting change in the campus ministry, which had become more dynamic and challenging.

'The chaplains' interests have become more diverse, and more contacts are being made with students and members of staff, irrespective of religious affiliations.'

Sister Goldsworthy said the lack of a chapel was a drawback when some people made the arrangements for marriages. 'They have to go off campus to get married in a church and then return to the campus for the reception.'

Research has shown that plans for the building of a religious centre at Shortland were first put forward more than twenty-five years ago. An 'all-denominational church' with a floor area of 7,200 square feet was planned by the old Newcastle University College.

Similar proposals have been developed since then.

The Master Plan for the University, prepared in 1964, positioned a chapel between the Union and the Auchmuty Library on the lower plaza.

In 1983, Senior Lecturer in Architecture, Dr John Rockey, asked Architecture IIC students, to produce models of the chapel as an assignment.
He emphasised that the building should accommodate a number of religious and cultural activities.

Dr Rockey said that he felt the absence of a University chapel was a great disadvantage to the Christian community on the campus and a definite vacuum in the life of the University itself.

In addition to its liturgical function, he said a chapel would be used for baptisms, confessions, weddings, funerals and memorial services.

Cultural activities would include art and photographic exhibitions, religious drama, organ, choral and chamber music recitals, Dr Rockey said.

 Asked last week to reassess the 1983 project, Dr Rockey said he had not changed his views about the need for a religious centre and the principal uses for the development.

However, he now saw advantage in the addition of a small outdoor amphitheatre, similar to the old Greco-Roman theatres, with a stage, for congregations, drama productions and musical presentation.

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**Letters**

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed the University's Safety Week. The excitement began when a few pretty blue and yellow posters appeared around the place. Then, to cap it off, on the Wednesday or the Thursday a banner was strung between a couple of trees near the main drive. Wow! It really blew my mind!

Simon,  
Department of Computer Science.

'Safety'  

It is pleasing to see that the University has now widely distributed its *Look Ahead to Safety* poster. Such safety programmes have been in operation in industry now for over fifty years.

We are invited to notify the University of safety problems. However, what we are not told is that nothing happens after such notification. For example, there are three major safety problems in the Geology Building which, on four separate occasions, have been brought to the attention of the University Safety Officer. Nothing has happened, either due to an inability, or unwillingness, to face administrative responsibility. My standards derive from experience in a safety conscious industry, and the legal requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and, if this was industry, much of the Geology Building would be off-limits.

If there is a fire in the Geology Building, then it should only take place during daylight office hours. Otherwise additional serious safety problems arise.

I now pray and give alms to Ingis, the God of Fire. This preventative measure I find more effective than preventative action by the University to solve recognised safety problems.

Ian Plimer,  
Department of Geology.

The Chancellor is reported saying that Australians don't work hard enough.

Since he is farewelling the University, I can only assume he means us too. He also speaks favourably of the Bond University, implying they'll do it better.

At the same time the Federal Government is putting a good bit of the blame for Australia's poor economic performance on to us, and saying we'll have to lift our game and become 'relevant'. I wonder if Sir Bede and Mr Dawkins, Senator Walsh *et al.*, know what it's like out here!

As I read this sustained attack on academics from all directions and yet another University plan to make us more efficient, I'm at my desk finishing off another eighteen hour day. But I work in continuing education and teach History, so I'm feeling threatened; I haven't got ninety-six articles and six books to my credit and I'm not teaching something you can do a cost-benefit analysis on. I'm just trying to give a large group of mature-age students (mainly women), who missed out the first time round, some confidence and skills to give them another go at the increasingly bleak labour market (which the Government is making more difficult for them with creeping fees). I also run seminars aimed at raising the community's awareness on social issues and have a heavy involvement myself in the community. But academics do this at their peril. Academics must avoid community involvement and sit at their computers, churning out papers on science, technology and commerce or medicine. This is the way to success and approbation.

Far from lazy academics in cushy jobs, all around me I see signs of stress and exploitation. Valued and highly-qualified colleagues, working excessively long hours but paid at part-time, cut-rate rates, lucky to clear what they'd have made on the dole and gradually giving up hope of ever having a full-time job and an adequate living wage. Colleagues constantly trying to tread the delicate balance between teaching and research, wanting to be involved in the community but not daring to for fear of dropping behind, grudging time spent with family and friends. No long bibulous lunches like falling stockbrokers; the dining halls of academe are practically empty.

In the increasingly depilated library, thinly spread staff try to give the same high-quality service to growing numbers of students.

At 9 am there is already tension in the voices of overworked secretaries; secretaries keeping the place running, but paid at minimal rates and with virtually no hope of promotion.

In the course of my job, I visit a number of inner-city schools. I'm pleased to see what pleasant working environments they now provide for staff and students alike, carpeted, painted, heated, pictures on walls. I compare them with the cold, stark, uncomfortable conditions of the University, implying they'll do it better.

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**Advertisement**

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**Letters**

Dear Sir (for I am sure you are male),

I am appalled that you ran the *Weight Watchers Group Advertisement* (Vol.13 No.11, page 4) inferring that only women are overweight.

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As I recall some men as well as some women on campus were overweight. Since 1985 (approximately) the University has conducted an excellent policy to implement equal opportunity. No wonder you have been reviewed!

Robyn Duncan.

FIRST WOMAN DEAN TO BE SPEAKER

Dr Leone Still, first woman to become Dean of a School of business or management in Australia, will be the guest speaker at this year’s MBA Annual Dinner.

Dr Still is Dean of the School of Business at Nepean CAE. Her working experience covers manufacturing, retailing, the Commonwealth and the State Public Service and University teaching.

Dr Still has undertaken major research into women in management. She has published widely in her research area and is the author of the book Everything a Woman Needs to Know About Winning the Corporate Battle. A second book on a similar theme will be published early in 1988.

Guest speakers at past MBA Dinners include Mr James Strong, General Manager of Australian Airlines, and Mr Nick Greiner, Leader of the State Opposition.

Mr Paul Keogh, spokesperson for the committee organising the dinner, said it was an important occasion when University staff, past and present students gathered to farewell the graduates of the current year. It was also an opportunity for members of the business community to interact with the students, who might well become business associates of the future.

The dinner will be held in the Southern Cross Lounge on 20 November at 7 pm.

Mrs Marilyn Stegermaier, in the Department of Management, Extension 742, can provide further details.

GRADUATES SHOW THEIR KNOWLEDGE

The six people in our photograph are all graduates from the University of Newcastle.

What makes a grouping like this different is the interesting fact that everyone of the graduates (and another who was absent when the photograph was taken) is employed on the Greater Newcastle Teaching Hospital Project at Rankin Park.

The building contractor for the $140 million-plus new hospital is the company, McCloy-Hutcherson Pty Ltd., a joint venture between D.F. McCloy Pty Ltd., of Belmont, and the Sydney-based K.B. Hutcherson Pty Ltd.

The photograph shows (from left):

Mr Grant Harrison, DCom (1985), Industrial Officer;
Mrs Helen Griffin, BCom (1976), Contracts and Promotions Officer;
Mr Jeff McCloy, BE (1973), Construction Director;
Mr Len Griffin, BE/BSc (1974), Project Manager;
Ms Margaret Davis, BCom (1983), Project Accountant, and
Mr Geoff Sainsbury, BE (1981), Site Engineer.

Absent was Mr Bob Heslop, BE (1979), Construction Programmer.

The teaching hospital will be the regional centre for several specialities in medicine and surgery and academic base for several Chairs.

Work on the project is considerably ahead of schedule and it is expected the first stage will be handed over to the State Government in July-September, 1988.

Students Can Enter Essay Competition

The High Commission for India is offering a return air ticket to India as first prize and a set of books on India as second prize to the winners of an essay competition.

The essay competition, marking the 40th anniversary of India’s independence, is open to undergraduates in universities and CSHE.

Competitors may write an essay on India since independence: visions and realisation, or Australian views of India since 1947.

Essays should not be more than 4,000 words and not less than 3,000 words in length. They should be typed on A4 paper and double spaced. If footnotes are provided, they should be numbered consecutively through the text and listed at the end of the essay.

Three copies of the essay should be sent to the First Secretary, High Commission of India, 3-5 Moonah Place, Yarralumla, Canberra, ACT, 2600. The closing date will be Monday, 18 April, 1988.
**ACADEMIC MISSION MUST BE PRESERVED**

Professor Michael Carter

PROFESSOR MICHAEL CARTER, who was recently appointed to the new full-time position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), considers the University has a tremendous future.

'The restructuring of the University must have as its central concern the preservation and promotion, of, the academic mission,' says Professor Carter, who will take responsibility principally in the area of academic planning and co-ordination.

Council was told that as well as playing a central role in co-ordinating academic planning and the work of faculties, boards of studies, academic staff developments and scientific units, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will administer the work of the Library, Community Programmes, the Language Laboratory, Audio-visual services and the Animal House.

'Our efforts in teaching, scholarship and research have earned us a place on the world stage,' Professor Carter says, 'so I am delighted to be involved in the task of developing academic planning.'

Professor Carter's own range of working links with the community and the University has been extensive. He has been a Royal Air Force Education Officer in Egypt and Cyprus, a Lecturer in Social Anthropology in Edinburgh, a Professor of Sociology in Sierra Leone, and Aberdeen, a University researcher in Sheffield and Birmingham, a member of the Royal Newcastle Hospital Board and the Hunter Valley Theatre Company Board, and a member of the Board of Senior School Studies.

Professor Carter has been Foundation Professor of Sociology since 1976. Deputy Chairman of Senate since 1979, his record term of office will end at the end of this year.

Professor Carter has published 'Home, School and Work, Into Work and Education, Employment and Leisure' and co-authored 'The Social Background of Delinquency and Sociology and Social Research.'

He gained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nottingham and his PhD from the University of Edinburgh.

In 1985, Professor Carter took up his appointment as Chairman of the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. He is Acting Chairman of the New South Wales Institute of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Newcastle Bicentennial Education Committee.

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**Strong AVCC statement on Board proposal**

The Australian Vico-Chancellors' Committee has expressed concern at the increased scope for political influence in the higher education sector in the Government's proposal to establish a National Board of Employment, Education and Training.

AVCC Acting Chairman, Professor Brian Wilson, said that one of the great strengths of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC) was its substantial in-house capacity to gather and evaluate information about universities and colleges and to formulate policy.

Under the arrangements associated with the proposed new Board, that capacity would be transferred to the Department of Employment, Education and Training, whose primary allegiance was clearly to the Minister, Mr Dawkins.

'To be most effective, the university sector needs to deal with long-term, as well as short-term, priorities. Guidelines from Government are useful, but the emphasis must be on rational long-term planning for the provision of balanced education services, which take into account the need for Australia to advance in both economic and non-economic areas,' Professor Wilson said.

Professor Wilson said the AVCC acknowledged that the regrouped responsibilities of the new super department would require a revised advisory structure. The AVCC welcomed the news that the new Board would be established as a statutory authority with the responsibility to report publicly its advice on policy and resource allocation, and that the Board's annual report to parliament will include sections on the four Councils.

The opportunity for public scrutiny of the work of the Board and Councils will be important if public confidence and credibility is to be maintained,' Professor Wilson said.

Professor Wilson indicated that the AVCC was willing to co-operate with the Minister in developing the detail of the new structure. If the new system is to have credibility and support, it must maintain a sound operational knowledge of institutions and their research, teaching and administrative activities. This may be difficult if it has to rely on the staff of a very large government department rather than a dedicated secretariat for operational support, and especially for determining detailed institutional allocations.

While the AVCC was obliged to voice its concerns, it was also willing to help find solutions and welcomed the Minister's intention to consult with education providers, Professor Wilson said.

Professor Wilson said the AVCC also supported the Government's intention that the relationship between the new Australian Research Council and NBEET would be structured to ensure ARC's independent role in advising the Minister with respect to the evaluation of specific proposals for new and continuing research.

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**Staff Move**

Resignation

* Mr Darren Kavanagh, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Mechanical Engineering.
Australia must protect itself if Pacific strife grows

**THE NEW PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, who is an authority on the South West Pacific, believes Australia must be militarily prepared in case there is a breakdown of civil control in key points in the region.**

At the centre of current dissent is the indigenous peoples' hatred of whites because of prior colonisation and alienation of land.

Professor Alan Ward, who took his first degree in New Zealand and his doctorate at the Australian National University, believes that Australia's policy should be anything but pacifist in its stance towards the region.

'I am not sure we have nearly enough submarines, aircraft and mobile troops to meet foreseeable contingencies. We should be adequately armed, so we can speak softly but wave a medium-sized stick if necessary.

'It is no good Australia simply going on about abuses of the law by the French in New Caledonia, or Colonel Rabuka in Fiji. Most indigenous people in the South West Pacific are broadly sympathetic to Colonel Rabuka and his cause. Our leaders tend to speak too often or too precipitately. We are in danger of bringing contempt on ourselves. The Pacific people are reacting against our belief that we can continue to direct affairs because we were a colonial power.'

Professor Ward, who was speaking to the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs on 23 October, said 'Australia had to be much more hard-headed, because it is no longer a nice world out there (in the South Pacific).'

Reviewing the current resurgence of the indigenous peoples, he said what had inspired the villagers in Vanuatu to fight for independence was the opportunity to recover land in return for their votes.

In New Zealand, although the British believed they had solved the racial problem by a policy of assimilation of Maoris and whites, many Maoris since the 1960s have demanded a degree of autonomy in their own institutions.

In Fiji, the indigenous people are a minority, following the introduction of Indians and others during colonisation. The Fijians feared that the Indians were becoming too powerful. From their point of view, however, the Indians felt justified in seeking more opportunities as they occupy only a small percentage of the land.

Professor Ward referred to the increasing violence in Fiji and explained that many among the indigenous peoples really hate whites.

'You can see it on their faces when they stone cars in New Caledonia or demonstrate in New Zealand.'

Some Kanaks in New Caledonia had gone to Libya to get help; the Independence Day celebrations in Vanuatu had changed from 'rather swanky parades' to torchlight processions made up of men in camouflaged battle kit carrying fixed bayonets; there are reports of liberals being bashed and gaoled without trial in Fiji.

'It may not get any worse,' Professor Ward said. 'But what if it does?'

'In the Fiji coups the Fijians mobilised in a manner which is repugnant to the parliamentary system and the rule of law, in a manner similar to Franco's assault on the Spanish constitution, when he attacked the Republic starting the march of Fascism in Europe.'

'After the first coup in Fiji, Dr Bavadra, the deposed Prime Minister, smuggled a letter out appealing to Australia and New Zealand for help. Did we have the right or the obligation to intervene? Yet it would not have helped for Australia to go in with a military force as the wavering Fijians would have rallied behind Colonel Rabuka. Yet the instability in New Caledonia, in Fiji and in Vanuatu, where there are serious internal divisions, could worsen. There is a potential for civil strife in which outside powers could involve themselves.'

In these circumstances should we simply stand aside? In what circumstances exactly would we have the right, even the duty, to intervene as we did, in conjunction with Papua New Guinea, in Vanuatu in 1980?

'Notwithstanding the guilt we might feel about our past colonial record, are we, nevertheless, entitled to defend values and liberties fought out in centuries of struggle in Britain and subsequently in Australia?'

'These are not easy questions to answer but I do not believe we can be unconcerned when strategic points of the region become a battleground for ugly passions and adventurer powers. We should at the very least be prepared by identifying the issues as precisely as possible, defending our legitimate concerns and strengthening our capability to meet contingencies,' Professor Ward said.

VIEWS INVITED ON I.D. SYSTEM

The Australia Card may be dead, but the question of a national identification system is still very much alive. The Australian Senate has asked its Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs to consider the feasibility of, and need for, such a system and related matters as, for example, cost, protection of privacy and the security of any system.

The Standing Committee has written to the University inviting submissions from any organisation or members interested in addressing the subject. Submissions are to be sent to the Secretary of the Standing Committee at Parliament House, Canberra, by 11 December. The committee expects to conduct public hearings in February, 1988 with a view to making its report on or before 1 May, 1988.

The terms of reference are extensive and anyone interested in making a submission should contact Lionel Farrell at Extension 473 to obtain a copy.
While the Planning Committee is laying the foundations for a new academic structure, there are no proposals for changes in the Senate.

Professor Ron MacDonald, newly-elected Deputy Chairman of the Senate, says that at the moment it is not envisaged that the Senate's role and composition will be changed.

The Senate is the supreme academic body in the University and has seventy members, including all Professors, Deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments. The Vice-Chancellor, an ex officio member, is the Chair.

He says that although the tasks of the Senate are to review recommendations originating from faculty boards and to influence the University's research performance through the Senate Research Committee, the Senate also provides Council with comment and advice on all aspects of the University's academic operations.

He believes that the Deputy Chairman is really the executive officer of the Senate, because he or she directs most of the body's business by chairing the Academic Committee, the Admissions Committee, the Allocations Committee, the Global Budget Committee and the Staff Review Committee. Of the committees which bear on resources within the University, these are the main ones.

Professor MacDonald, who is Professor of Physics, has been elected the Deputy Chairman of the Senate for three years, succeeding Professor Michael Carter, who has been appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). They take up their appointments on 1 January.

Professor MacDonald will occupy the place on the Council provided for the Deputy Chairman of the Senate. Consequently he intends to resign as a member of the Council elected by the Professors to allow another professor to be elected.

He has been a member of Council since 1982 and Dean of the Faculty of Science since 1985.

Final Year students to show their work

Models and drawings of projects undertaken by Final Year Architecture students at the University will be on public exhibition in the Purdue Room in the Great Hall from 2 November until 4 November.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman John McNaughton, will open the exhibition on 2 November at 5.30 pm.

Nearly all the projects presented by the students are development or re-development schemes for sites in the Newcastle Region.

At the beginning of their final year's study the students were asked to choose realistic assignments which would involve all the problems met by architects in practice. The students were also presented with the tasks of finding sites and clients.

Initially, the students carried out feasibility studies for their projects, including investigations of the effect on the environment. They outlined their proposals and developed designs, while also taking town planning regulations into account. The students worked on such factors as costing and construction before preparing their reports and making their models.

As well as being the outcome of the students' efforts for most of the year, the models are evidence of co-operative work with developers, businessmen, town planners and others who agreed to act as the clients.

Professor Barry Maitland, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, said the problem-based approach to studies in the Faculty came together in a really integrated way with the reports and models of the specific projects.

The students develop their work with great thoroughness and this is a major step before they go out on their own.

Some of the students' development and re-development projects in connection with the Newcastle Region are: a tourist hotel in the Civic, a yacht club and motel in Nelson Bay, a recreation centre in Charlestown, a performing arts centre in Newcastle West, low-cost housing in Newcastle and Bar Beach, a retirement hostel in Lambton, a marina in Swan Bay in Lake Macquarie and a regional sports centre in Wallsend.

Australian Studies in Japan

A vacancy exists for a lecturer in Australian Studies at the University of Toyko and other institutions for two years from April, 1988 with a possible extension.

Applicants should be a lecturer-professorial level and qualified to conduct an introductory social sciences course in fields such as Australian government, politics and history, the nature and evolution of contemporary Australian society or Australian foreign policy and international relations.

Preference will be given to applicants with some ability in Japanese language. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

Salary package of approximately Y4.6M per annum. A grant of up to A$50,000 per annum will be provided by the Australian Government, to assist with accommodation and removal costs.

Further information may be obtained from The Secretary, Department of Employment, Education and Training (Australian Studies in Japan), PO Box 826, Woden, ACT, 2606.
Man, some of which had circulations of five million weekly.

Mr Watkins has also written nine novels — four for children and five for adults. He has drawn heavily on his own life for some of his plots (for example, Pillars of Crystal, a juvenile novel, includes recollections of the Mount View area) and several of the novels sold almost 20,000 copies in repeat editions.

'Always wrote according to the marketplace and used overseas agents,' he said. 'Although I maintained an interest in writing, I stopped about six years ago, after I retired, mainly, I think, because I was tired of persuading young friends to tell me about modern habits and language.'

Mr Watkins' film reviews, which appeared in the Herald for eighteen years, are remembered for their clear assessments and professionalism. Some were republished as models of criticism.

Although the job meant often going to the movies five times a week, it was a pleasure and never a chore.'

The University Librarian, Mr Ted Flowers, acknowledged the Library's appreciation of Mr Watkins' donation. 'The articles and magazine cuttings are from the period 1943 to 1980. Coming as they do from Newcastle, and often describing our own country, they are very interesting memorials of their time.'

Mrs Joan Watkins shares a strong interest in writing with her husband. She, too, has been a journalist for many years.

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The National Health and Medical Research Council has awarded staff of the University $1,336,263 for research projects in 1988 — $24,937 more than this year.

Support has been given by the Council for ten new projects valued at $452,211 and nineteen continuing projects worth $527,962.

Grants have also been made for one special initiative project and one continuing special initiative project.

The list of successful applicants:

NEW GRANTS

Professor R.C. Burton and Dr Y.C. Smart, Natural Killer Cell Specific Alloantigens, $57,327.
Dr L.A. Chahl, Pharmacology of the Opiate Withdrawal Response, $32,943.
Dr A.W. Cripps, Professor R.L. Clancy and Dr G.T. Pang, Haemophilus Influenzae: Identification and Isolation of Protective Antigens, $40,094.
Professor A.J. Dobson, Professor R.M. Clarke and Professor R.F. Heller, Survey of Heart Disease Risk Factors and Related Personal and Social Factors, $45,644.
Professor J.F. Forbes and Dr M.J. Byrne, Optimal Endocrine and Cytotoxic Adjuvant Therapy in Early Breast Cancer, $42,923.
Dr J.F. Gerkens and Professor A.J. Smith, Role of Vascular Endothelium and Renal Papilla in Reversal of Hypertension, $75,547.
Dr G.T. Pang, Professor R.L. Clancy and Dr A.W. Cripps, An Animal Model to Examine Protection Against H Influenzae-Induced Bronchitis, $26,907.

Professor R.W. Sanson-Fisher, Dr A. Coulthard, Dr J.A. Dickinson and Professor W. Walters, Randomised Trial of Interventions to Increase Screening for Cervical Cancer, $43,028.
Professor R.W. Sanson-Fisher, Mr R. Scott and Assoc. Professor R. Gibberd, Evaluation of two Interventions to Increase Children's Use of Safety Restraints, $35,692.

NEW SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANT

Dr A. Foy and Dr D.A. Henry, Benzodiazepine Withdrawal as a Cause of Confusion in Elderly Inpatients, $26,283.

CONTINUING GRANTS

Dr N. Bogduk, Radiological Correlates of Lumbar and Cervical Zygapophysial Joint Pain, $4,445.

Dr J.C. Cubis, Dr R. Smith and Dr M.W. Brinsmead, Assessing Risk Factors for Depressive Illness in Pregnancy and the Puerperium, $38,838.
Dr P.R. Dunkley, Protein Phosphorylation in Stimulus-Secretion Coupling, $65,980.
Dr B. Fenelon, Dr D.B. Dunlop, Dr M. Hunter and Dr R.A. Neill, Clinical and Parametric Investigation of Stereoscopic Vision, $59,380.
Dr D.C. Finlay and Professor T.J. Boulton, Psychological Assessment of At Risk Infants, $21,951.

Dr J.A. Rostas, Cell Surface Differentiation of Skeletal Muscle Fibres, $32,663.
Professor N.A. Saunders, Dr M.J. Hensley and Dr J.T. Holland, Disordered Breathing During Sleep in Parkinson's Disease and the Elderly, $63,499.
Dr R. Smith, Professor J.S. Robinson and Dr M.W. Brinsmead, Pro-opiomelanocortin Control of Placental Function, $94,322.
Dr D.F. Van Helden and Dr D.A. Powis, Role of A-Adrenoceptors in Mediation of Vascular Constriction, $49,490.
Professor S.W. White and Dr P.G. Moore, Behavioural, Reflex and Local Control of the Bronchial Circulation, $36,320.

CONTINUING SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANT

Dr S. Redman, Professor R.W. Sanson-Fisher, Dr P.S. Moffitt and Dr J.E. Dickinson, A Randomised Clinical Trial of two Behavioural Interventions with Diabetics, $29,807.
Pictured are some of those associated with the University who are working for a successful season of La Boheme. From left: Mr Ulric Burstein, Ms Linda Barcan, Dr Mangala Frost, Mr Mark Newland, Ms Helen Saltos and Professor David Frost.

Uni members are involved in La Boheme

Although the names are not included with the stars for the production of Puccini's opera, La Boheme, to be presented in the Civic Theatre in December, several UN students and staff will be involved.

The Hunter Orchestra and chorus, with international and national singers in the lead roles and sponsorship from Shoeys' stores, will combine with the Australian Opera to stage the opera.

With the production blending artists from outside Newcastle and local talent, all of the forty voices in the chorus were recruited in Newcastle.

Ms Linda Barcan, Ms Lisa Dorney, Helen Saltos and Mr David Berthold, students at this University, auditioned and were given parts in the chorus.

Mr Mark Newland, also a student, is the show's Assistant Stage Manager, while the Production Manager is Ms Felicity Biggins, a graduate.

Staff members associated with the production of La Boheme are Professor David Frost (Chairman of the Hunter Orchestra) and Dr Mangala Frost, part-time Tutor in Religious Studies (the orchestra's Publicity Officer).

Sets are being designed and built in Newcastle under the supervision of Mr Peter Webb, of Nelson Bay. The costumes for the lead singers will be lent by the Australian Opera.

Judged by the many attainments of members of the cast, Newcastle is fortunate to have brought together such a large group of stars.

Glenys Fowles will fly straight from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York to sing 'Mimi' and Andrew Sinclair will come straight from Covent Garden to direct the show.

The cast will also include Anson Austin, Jennifer McGregor, John Pringle, Donald Shanks, Garrick Jones and Robert Eddie.

The Hunter Orchestra has presented symphony concerts, school concerts and open-air concerts throughout the Hunter Valley and acted as a service-orchestra for major shows.

It is still a part-time orchestra of some sixty young professionals, who gather for fortnightly seasons through the year. In any season, about a third of the players are local and the remainder are drawn from around Australia.

Professor Frost said the orchestra's government grants were tiny and it depended for its support on local initiative, including a wholly unpaid administration. 'Community involvement and help from local businesses keep it going. Shoeys' have now capped their previous contributions with La Boheme, one of the world's most popular operas.'
Bad weather no deterrent for Regatta

When the Vice-Chancellor's 1987 Regatta was held at the Aquatic Centre on 11 October, the chill wind and blustery conditions did not deter the rowing enthusiasts.

In the preliminary heats, some difficulties were experienced by the 'navigators' in plotting straight courses. The resultant zig-zagging was reminiscent of war-time convoy evasion tactics.

In spite of deafening attempts by the Raymond Terrace Power Boat Club (jet section) to disrupt proceedings, our boats battled through to the finishing lines and the cheers of onlookers.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, and Professor Godfrey Tanner presented the trophies, George's Oar and the Tanner Trophy, to the winning crew, namely the Rugby Club, which proved as adept on water as on land.

Other placings were: second, Horrors; third, Ski Club; fourth, Amazons.

Professor Tanner's technical, historical, and amusing commentaries, were much appreciated by the assembled gathering.

In the Visitors' Competition, Taree (two crews), Hunter and University rowed over three courses — 1,500 metres, 1,000 metres and 500 metres.

A demonstration of true rowing professionalism by the crews held the interest of spectators with thrilling, close finishes. Many thanks to the visitors and to the Boat Club for this organisation.

Results: 1,500 metres — first, Hunter; second, University; third, Taree Veterans; and fourth, Taree. 
1,000 metres — first, Hunter; second, Taree Veterans; third, University; and fourth, Taree.

500 metres — first, Taree Veterans; second, Hunter, third, Taree, and fourth, University.

Recovery Ball & All That Jazz with "The Henshaw Collection"

Nov. 27th 8 P.M. till 2 A.M.

Tickets $8 Students $10 Guests
Light Supper Provided.
Tickets Available - 2nd Hand Book Shop

Newcastle University Choir and Orchestra
Conducted by Peter Brock

GREAT HALL UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 1987
8.30 P.M
She was involved with an issue of the literary journal *Southern Review* devoted to medieval and Renaissance writing.

Dr Mitchell is interested in critical theory, especially Marxist and Feminist, and is primarily involved at this University in taking Medieval courses for English II and III.

**MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE SPECIALIST**

An academic who is a specialist in Medieval and Renaissance writing has come to the Department of English as a lecturer.

Dr Marea Mitchell, a native of St Agnes, in Cornwall, took a BA with honours in English language and literature in the 'big city' (at the Queen Mary College, University of London) and an MA degree and, a DPhil degree at the University of Sussex.

Before enrolling for her doctorate in 1982 she spent twelve months working in factories in Grimsby in Northern England and six months touring Nepal and Northern India.

Her MA thesis explored the effect of printing on the style and content of fiction written in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, discussing how print introduces new conceptual frameworks and new ways of seeing the world.

The topic for her DPhil thesis was Gender and Identity in Philip Sidney's *Arcadia*. Among the matters discussed was the presentation of women in the sixteenth century and gender roles, through an examination of the popular device of cross-dressing, its use on stage and in prose fiction and its differing implications.

After graduating from the University of Sussex Dr Mitchell took a postdoctoral research associateship with the University of Adelaide, where she had experience in the English Department and the Research Centre for Women's Studies.

**ANZHES Regional Conference**

The Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society will hold its third, and final, regional conference for the year at this University. The conference will take place on 7 November, beginning at 1 pm in the Curriculum Resources and Research Centre in the Department of Education.

An interesting and varied line-up of papers, based on original work, will be presented.

Dr Allyson Holbrook will speak on her research into the rural-scheme response to youth unemployment in Victoria during the Great Depression. Many impoverished unemployed boys from the 'mean streets' of Melbourne were placed out in what were little better than labour camps to harvest the pine forests of the state's forestry area and to be 'trained'.

Equally grim was La Maison Paternelle, a 'college of repression' for wayward French bourgeois youth in the arcadian Loire Valley, established in the mid-19th century. Dr John Ramsland will speak on his research into the public scandal that developed about this institution when one of the inmates committed suicide.

Dr Kelvin Grose, from the University of New England, will speak on the Lawrance family and its involvement in Education in Australia. His presentation includes a study of the work of Margaret Emma Lawrance as headmistress of Newcastle Girls' Grammar School from 1918 to 1932.

Dr Noeline Kyle, of Wollongong University, will provide a work-in-progress workshop on her biographical research into the life and education work of Lady Caroline Edgeworth David, whose involvement in the Girl Guide Movement in New South Wales is well-known. Less well known was her involvement in the Women's National Movement for Social Reform and her appointment as principal of Hurlstone Training College for female teachers.

Further details about the Conference can be obtained from Dr Ramsland at Extension 477. Attendance is open to anyone who is interested and there is no registration fee.

**Letter**

Dear Editor,

Because Bob Berghout's 'interesting facts and reflections' (Letters 13:17) have a superficial plausibility, they demand some comment.

As to the 'facts', some supplementation — if not correction — is required. Whilst the CTEC average marginal funding of extra students may approximate $6,250, there are significant variations in subject groups. Thus Arts (including Mathematics) and Commerce attract $4,500; Science $7,500, and Engineering $8,500.

On the matter of annual University of Newcastle 1986 costs per student, by Faculty, the following figures offer a different perspective from that implied by Mr Berghout (the totals include equipment and overheads).

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Many more facts would be needed than space allows, if the predicament of the University is to be analysed in detail: those interested can consult relevant reports in the Library. What is absolutely clear is that the University has major financial problems and imbalances in staff:student ratios which simplistic analysis of partial data will not help to resolve. Their proper resolution is, indeed, dependent upon considered debate of principles and objectives rather than reflections which depend upon assertions as to which sections of this University are keeping others 'afloat' or asides as to what constitutes 'scandalous exploitation'.

Professor M.P. Carter, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF SENATE.
CONTRACT FOR NEW BUILDING SIGNED

Work on the construction of the Science/Engineering Building has commenced. The major building, located adjacent to the Engineering Complex, will cost approximately $7,800,000. Pictured signing the contract are (from left) the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan, and Mr W.A.C. Service, NSW Manager-Building for Leighton Contractors, Pty. Ltd., who are the builders.

ENGINEER'S WIN A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA

A young Newcastle mine engineer with Elcom Collieries Pty. Ltd., is the first Australian to receive an international travelling scholarship from the Institution of Mining Electrical and Mining Mechanical Engineers (IMEMME).

Mr Alan Broadfoot, twenty-nine, of Buttaba toured the United Kingdom during June and July as guest of the IMEMME, which established the scholarship in 1985.

Alan was awarded the scholarship after competing against candidates from the IMEMME's Australian branches in Newcastle, Southern New South Wales and Queensland.

He enrolled at the University in 1976 and joined Elcom Collieries as an undergraduate trainee, progressing to senior cadet, technical assistant, assistant engineer and finally mine engineer.

Now, as Engineer-Special Projects, Alan is involved in new technology with in-house projects for the company.

Alan has gained his Certificate of Competency as an Underground Mine Electrical Engineer and continued studies at the University saw him awarded a Master of Engineering degree in 1984.

He is currently studying for his PhD in longwall mining applications.

The UK tour involved four weeks of visits to research stations and a number of old, and new, coal mines, both underground and surface.

Alan said the British were developing new technology to suit as a commercially viable industry. He saw a lot of new types of machinery developed to meet the challenge.

While Australia mostly experiences good seam conditions, the UK seams are relatively poor and mining has had to adapt to tackle the problem," he said.

"In the UK development and technology go hand-in-hand with development and production. While some UK mines might be 1,000 metres under the sea and six kilometres out, the Australian mines might only be 100 metres below the surface, it should be remembered that Australian mining will one day face similar problems as the availability of 'easy won' coal decreases.

At the UK IMEMME's annual general meeting Alan was presented with a certificate and an inscribed gold medal in recognition of his scholarship award.

Elcom collieries engineer, Mr Alan Broadfoot (seated) with Elcom Chief Engineer, Mr David Clark.
The seventh annual Mattara Poetry Prize anthology, *Properties of the Poet*, starts (alphabetically) with Robert Adamson's poem *No River, No Death*. Adamson finds that 'all river life/ calms the head that's filled with news// of American insane politicians'. On Mooney Bay, Nature and Poetry come together; natural images of destruction are superimposed over the 'threat of that white flash'. The hope of survival after the realisation of the dream that inhabits 'our own sick heads' resides in the song 'the larrikin prawn bird starts to sing'.

The 'larrikin prawn bird' that Adamson invents and finds is a fitting metaphor for the Australian poetic spirit. Many of the poets in *Properties of the Poet* display similar qualities and take similar poses towards the darker realities that fill our private and public worlds.

For Michael Sharkey, in his poem *Doing the Block*, it is the questions of the stark immediacy of personal history that provoke the 'larrikin'. Here the poet deals with the horror of a car accident reduced to 'a column-inch next morning'. The event itself is reduced in its own performance to 'a sullen wordless code' and the men of cultural theory get pasted:

Fierce was out, though the victim's chest was punctured, and Saussure went into myth. Roland Barthes, as usual, took a dive.

Sharkey treats his own childhood with this same kind of acerbic distrust. He talks of needing to escape 'in a book, up a tree, or a long country ramble'. The same 'romantic' child is then exposed as a 'duplicitous brat' stealing and lying his way through. His ultimate faith is placed in the activity in which he finds himself engaged: 'now I plough the fields of language// as my father furrowed river-flats'.

And through association with the father, the ancestry is assumed. Philip Hodgins finds in his poem *The Past* that the matter can be handled through a third person approach. Taking the actions of irrigation as his focus, the poet is free to enjoy participation because he is spectating. The role of child as watcher in a world of adult realities is equated, by Hodgins, with the role of poet:

...He was fascinated by the long tongue of water thrusting down the dry mouth of the drain as fast as he could go. For probably half a mile he ran parallel to it with the same urgency and interest that later on would make him want to write it down.

This marriage between child's vantage point and poet is perhaps the most appealing aspect of the 'larrikin'. It shows up in Louis Johnson's poem *Card Games*. Here the poet watches his own children learning the games. The boy becomes involved in the complexities of physics, putting card on card. He arrives at an understanding of keystones and arches. The girl 'awakes to something read in a book: // it collapsed like a house of cards', she quotes/ and blows her structure over like Armageddon'.

In Wendy Morgan's poem, *13 Days of Looking for a Poem*, the destruction is of silly Barry's poems; the device that destroys is no less than a computer. Barry attempts to print out his collection only to find he has answered the dreaded wrong question: Initialize your disc. Such things are understood by larrikins.

Starting from other vantage points many other readings of *Properties of the Poet* are possible; its thematic diversity is one of the most appealing features. This is a very rich anthology that introduces many new names and offers many new inclusions. It is without doubt the best yet Mattara anthology!

**STAFF MOVES**

**Appointments**
- Mr Stuart V. Gay, Laboratory Craftsman, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.
- Mrs Susan B. Graf, Senior Supervisor (Student Clinical Attachments), Faculty of Medicine.
- Mr Charles T. Groese, Laboratory Craftsman, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.
- Mrs Svetlana Petrov, Office Assistant/Typist, Institute of Aviation.
- Mrs Elaine Swabbett, Stenographer, Department of Chemistry.
BIG GROWTH IN STUDENT LOANS

The University has provided more than $175,000 in financial assistance to students so far from the Student Loan Funds this year. This is more than 100 per cent up on the whole of 1986 and 800 per cent up on 1985. The major reason for the growth in demand is the increase in enrolment charges, particularly the Higher Education Administration Charge, which has more than doubled the cost of enrolment.

Almost half of all loans approved have been at least partly for enrolment charges, says the Loans Officer, Mr John Birch. Any student on a low fixed income was hard hit by the HEAC although political activity before the implementation of the charge contributed to the Federal Government taking steps to exempt or reimburse some categories of pensioners and unemployed people.

The University’s loan funds have increased from $60,000 to $225,000 since 1985, due to the addition of moneys from the Federal Government’s Special Assistance Programme.

The initial fund was based primarily on a Federal grant made in 1974 which has been supplemented by donations from Associate Professor W.F. Geyl (retired), the Good Neighbour Council, the Australian Federation of University Women and the University of Newcastle Women’s Group.

The number of students helped from the student loan funds has increased from sixty-five in 1985 to 400 so far this year. With the introduction of the Special Assistance Programme it has been possible to provide grants to students in the greatest financial difficulty.

CHANGEOVER OF PSA’s EXECUTIVE

When the News went to press, the election of officers of the Management Committee of the University’s Sub-Division of the PSA was taking place.

Nominations had been called for the following executive positions: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, eight ordinary members, two delegates to Annual Conference, one nominee for election as Central Councillor and two Government Agencies Division Councillors.

The election of officers for 1988 will take place by secret postal ballot before the annual general meeting.

Examination News

The November Examination Session commences on Monday, 9 November, and finishes on Friday, 27 November. Students may collect a copy of the final timetable from the lower foyer area near the main stairs in the McMullin Building.

Examinations will be held in the following locations:

- Great Hall — Auditorium (Aud), Purdue Room (PurR); Geology — C101, C109; Mathematics — V103, V104, V105, V109; Social Sciences — SoSsR07; McMullin Building — ALG29; Engineering Central — EA101, EA102, EA103; Engineering Class Rooms — EF07, EF103, EF105, EF107, EF109 and the Auchmuty Sports Centre (SpS)C.

Alphabetical listings of students who are enrolled in each timetabled subject will be posted on the relevant departmental noticeboards as soon as they have been prepared. These will show the room or rooms in which the particular subject will be examined and will give desk allocation numbers. Desk number lists will also be displayed outside examination rooms before each examination session.

2NUR-FM (103.7MHZ) listening highlights

Tuesday, 3rd, 8.30 pm
1987 Morpeth Lecture — Reginald H. Fuller — Is Jesus God?

Monday, 9th, 4 pm

Tuesday, 10th, 8.30 pm
Law as Culture — Global Thoughts from a Small Island — Professor Frank Bates (rpt.)

Monday, 16th, 4 pm
What Councils Can Do, Part 2.

Tuesday, 17th, 8.30 pm
1987 Dick Gibson Memorial Lecture by Professor Manning Clark (rpt.)

University Producer takes Peace Award

Ms Vicki Petersen, a producer/announcer for 2NUR-FM, has won a United Nations Media Peace Award for her report on the women’s peace protest held in Canberra during October last year.

Staff House to hold AGM

The election of members of the committee of the Staff House will take place during the annual general meeting on 6 November.

The committee positions to be filled for the next year are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Committee Members.

The agenda for the a.g.m. includes reports (from the President and the Treasurer) and the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

The meeting in the dining room of the Staff House at 1.30 pm will be preceded by a light smorgasbord lunch (free for members) at 1 pm.
JAZZ 'BLOW OUT' FOLLOWING THE EXAMINATIONS

THE UNION has organised a superabundance of jazz for this year’s Recovery Ball.

A tradition at this University, the ball assists students to overcome post-exam stress.

The ball will be held in the Union on Friday night, 27 November, between 8 pm and 2 am.

In accordance with the large crowd that attends Recovery Balls, five bands have been booked.

Top billing has been given to the Henshaw Collection.

As well as the Allan Ward Big Band, the Graveside Swingers, Blues by Five, the Cool Dudes and Who’s There, special guest artists and The Rats will perform.

Tickets for the Recovery Ball, available from the Union, and they cost $8 and $10 (including supper).

New Combined Course in Computing

A COMBINED DEGREE in computer engineering and computer science is to be introduced by the University in 1988.

Students from the degree courses of computer engineering or computer science may apply to enter the course at the end of their first year of study. After five years of full-time study it will be possible for them to obtain a double qualification — Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Computer Science.

The combined Computer Engineering/Computer Science degree is in response to a need for an opportunity to cover a wider range of specialist topics in computing than would otherwise have been possible.

The demand for the extra material can be seen in a number of ways. For example, short courses offered to practising engineers are always over-subscribed, which means that there is a pool of graduates who feel the need for extra topics beyond what they studied as undergraduates.

Another example can be seen in the postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science, originally designed for those who were not computer specialists. In fact, some of the applicants for entry into the course have already completed a specialist course in, for example, Computer Engineering. This suggests that some Computer Engineering students feel the need to add a fifth year to their studies, to catch up on subjects which they could not fit into four years.

The combined degree is made feasible by the fact that computer engineering and computer science already have a large amount of material in common. That is, computer science students take some subjects offered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and computer engineering students subjects offered by the Department of Computer Science. By careful arrangement of optional subjects, it is possible to offer a five-year full-time course which satisfies the requirements of both degrees.

There is a possibility that students who are already part way through their courses will be able to transfer into the combined programme. Obviously this is easiest for students who are still in the early stages of either a computer engineering or a computer science degree.

The computer engineering degree, like other engineering degrees, is a four-year degree which is accredited by the Institution of Engineers, Australia, as a professional qualification. Graduates work as engineers, with specialities in areas like computer process control, digital communications, etc. At present, the majority of the graduates end up in large companies, or large public utilities. However, there appears to be a growing demand for engineers in smaller companies engaged in the manufacture of small computers, or industrial computer applications, or industrial consulting, etc.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering strongly believes that engineers in the computer field need a balanced background in both hardware and software. Thus, the subject matter of the computer engineering degree covers both hardware topics (electronics, digital design, etc.) and software topics (computer programming principles, operating systems, etc.). In the early years of the course there is a good deal of background mathematics and physics. A large part of the final year is spend on an individual design project, in which the students are expected to integrate the knowledge and skills which they have built up in the course of their studies.

The Bachelor of Computer Science is a three-year pass degree, with the possibility of proceeding to a fourth-year honours degree. The emphasis is on computer programming and systems, including commercial systems, the theoretical aspects of computer science, and a variety of software topics. The degree is accredited by the Australian Computer Society as a professional qualification.

Graduates in the computer science degree are eminently employable as programmers or computer marketing personnel, with good prospects of early advancement to positions in systems analysis or other team supervisory roles. They find employment in a wide variety of situations, including small software houses, large computer companies (IBM, Digital, Prime ...), other large corporations (banks, BHP ...), and state and national government departments.

The principal requirement for entry into the combined course is the same as that for the two individual courses: a good result in three- or four-unit HSC Mathematics. It is sometimes possible to enter with two-unit Mathematics, but it has been found that students who take that route have a poor chance of success in first year. There is an entry quota, which means that a good overall HSC result is needed, but the actual cutoff varies from year-to-year.

Students who wish to enrol in the combined course must first enrol in either of the individual courses (computer engineering or computer science), and then apply for a transfer at the end of their first year. This is because a good first-year result (an average of 'credit' level or better, and the approval of the Deans of the two Faculties concerned) is a prerequisite for acceptance into the combined course.
REVIEW
Absurd Person Singular
by: Dorrit Nesmith

If you want to see a good comedy about three couples and their ongoing intra-relationships over several holiday periods, you'd be better off renting the video of Alan Alda's Four Seasons than going to see the HVTC's Absurd Person Singular.

Odious or not, comparisons are inevitable, not only to the Alda film but to plays like Neil Simon's Suits and Same Time Next Year. All share similar themes — people of disparate backgrounds and aspirations caught in amusing situations. Absurd Person is singular only because none of its six characters is the least bit likeable and few of the situations are amusing. Director Brent McGregor is presumably responsible for the choice of play. He notes that playwright Alan Ayckbourn writes about nasty and sad people. True enough, but do such people really provide the advertised opportunity to 'laugh yourself into Christmas'?

The most stable of the three pairs (an ambitious developer and his compulsively tidy wife) is belittled by the 'higher class' two (a banker, an architect, and their pill-and-booze-ridden wives). They are shown on three consecutive Christmases, as their marital and financial fortunes wax and wane, but there are unconvincing changes in personality, unexplained shifts in relationships. It is a sloppily written play with little to recommend it.

As new Commodore 64 computer-keyboard, datasette and quantity of games software, $275. Please telephone Robyn Gentle at Extension 299.

Portable typewriter with carry case as new, $65. Please telephone Extension 301.

Six foot Mark Richards tri-fin surfboard in good condition, $240 also six foot Egan single fin surfboard in good condition, $100 (all offers considered). Please telephone 52 8610 after 5 pm.

Comfortable two-bedroom cottage in good condition. Large roofed sundeck. Double block with de facto water frontage. Private jetty, $76,000. Please telephone (065) 686 035.

TRUST NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

Persons interested in native fauna, including caring for orphaned or injured fauna — the Native Animal Trust needs new members — cost $5 ($3 students). Please telephone Robyn Gentle at Extension 299 or 59 4490 after hours.

WANTED - Reliable Car

Visiting academic requires use of reliable car during 9 to 29 November. Willing to pay reasonable rates. Please telephone Kathy Byrne at Extension 612.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

New staff member interested in renting from mid-January, 1988 from someone going on sabbatical leave. Please contact Dr I.L. Salusinszky, C/-Department of English, Melbourne University, Parkville, 3052 (telephone 03 - 427 0039).

DISTINGUISHED NOVELIST TO TALK ON THE CONSTITUTION

THOMAS KENEALLY, one of Australia's foremost novelists, is to be this year's 11 November Guest Speaker.

The anniversary of 'the constitutional crisis' of 1975 has been marked, every year since, by an expert on constitutional reform making a visit to the University.

Keneally is a member of the Committee on Individual and Democratic Rights which advises the Constitutional Commission.

The Constitutional Commission was appointed by the Federal Government two years ago to examine the constitution and recommend changes to make it more relevant to a modern industrial nation. The Commission, chaired by Sir Maurice Byers, former Solicitor-General for the Commonwealth, is due to report on the recommendations by June, 1988.

It has been traditional to entertain the guest speaker at lunch on 11 November in the Staff House. The lunch will begin at Noon and the cost will be $12 per head. People will be able to hear Thomas Keneally's address by either attending the lunch or by arriving at 1 pm when he will start to speak.

For bookings and inquiries please contact Margaret Henry or telephone Extensions 600 or 522.