The Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (Professor D.P. Derham) has issued the following press statement:

The Triennial System

A new triennium for financial assistance to universities covering the years 1976-78 was due to commence on January 1, 1976. However, the Government has decided to defer the beginning of the new triennium until 1977.

The principle of funding universities on a triennial basis was established following the adoption of the report of the Murray Committee of Inquiry on Australian Universities in 1957. The Murray Committee advised the Government that triennial "grants would be an immense benefit to the universities and would undoubtedly lead to more effective planning than is possible on a one-year basis" (paras. 366 and 367), and experience since 1957 has confirmed the wisdom of this advice. The decision to breach the principle of triennial finance is therefore very disturbing. It will have disruptive effects on universities' long-term planning and will create uncertainties and difficulties for the universities.

On August 20, 1975, the Minister for Education stated that "this special approach to 1976 in no way represents a rejection of the principle of triennial planning". While reassured by this statement, the AVCC believes that future breaks in triennial planning must be avoided.

Funding in 1976

The Universities Commission, in formulating its recommendations for what was to have been the 1976/78 triennium, gave heed to "the need for restraint in the current economic climate" (Chapter 1, para. 1.4) and "exercised a considerable degree of rigour in assessing the universities' needs" (Chapter 1, para. 1.7). The AVCC considers that the recommendations should have been adopted. In particular, the Budget decisions on building and equipment programmes for the financial year 1975/76 will be especially disruptive and the repercussive effects will be felt for some years.

Research Funding

The impact of the Budget decisions on recurrent and capital grants to the universities is made more serious by the substantial reductions in the real resources available for research through the Australian Research Grants Committee and the National Health and Medical Research Council. These reductions will seriously impair the conduct of important research programmes and create unemployment among technicians and skilled research assistants. The AVCC does not believe that these effects were intended by the Government and has made representations to the Prime Minister to have the position reviewed.

Student Assistance

The allowances provided for 1976 under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme (TEAS) for undergraduates and the two schemes of postgraduate awards are too low. The AVCC is disappointed that the report of the committee under the chairmanship of Dr H.S. Williams, which was appointed by the Minister for Education to review TEAS, has apparently been shelved.
In 1973, the Australian Government provided a sum of $3 million to universities and colleges of advanced education, for the institutions to distribute to students in financial difficulties, as loans or grants, or a combination of both. Universities still have some of that money available and some of that which was made available to students as loans, is now being repaid. The AVCC believes that such an arrangement, as a secondary form of student assistance and a supplement to TEAS, is a realistic means of helping students in financial difficulties, and it will urge the Government to provide a further injection of funds so that the universities may continue to assist students in financial need.

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Members of the University Council learnt on September 19 that the Governor had appointed Mr C.M. Willoughby, the Area Director of Education, to fill the casual vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Mr E.E. Gray.

It was resolved to accede to the Staff Association's request for minutes of the Council's meetings "to be made accessible to all members of the University". The association submitted that the minutes be edited only in those cases where Council considered information about private persons of no legitimate concern to groups within the university community or the university community as a whole.

The Vice-Chancellor commented that the request of the Staff Association was, in his view, perfectly legitimate.

The Vice-Chancellor reported to the previous meeting of the Council that he had been holding discussions with the members of staff in the Departments of French and German concerning the creation of a Department of Modern Languages.

Professor George told the Senate that he had received a submission from all members of the academic and teaching staff of the Departments supporting such a move.

The Council decided to establish a Department of Modern Languages, to compromise the existing Departments of French and German and any other modern foreign language disciplines to be taught within the University, from January 1.

The following candidates will be admitted to the degrees specified at the next Graduation Ceremony:

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Clifford John Hanna (Department of English), whose thesis title is *The Mutinous Heart: A Study of God, Love and Nature in the Poetry of John Shaw Neilson*; In Sup Kim (Department of Metallurgy), whose thesis title is *Serrated Yielding of Alpha Brass*; Hans-Georg Melson (Department of German), whose thesis title is *Some Selected Problems with Adjectives in a Grammar of German*; David John Parker (Department of Electrical Engineering), whose thesis title is *A Theory of Feature Extraction and Enhancement of Visual Patterns*; Ralph MacLeod Robinson (Department of Philosophy), whose thesis title is *Some Uses of Analogy*, and Peter Kwong Shun Tam (Department of Electrical Engineering), whose thesis title is *Parallel Processing and Smoothing Techniques in Filtering*.

**Master of Science**

David Murray Lonie (Department of Metallurgy), whose thesis title is *Modelling of Steelmaking Reactors - Dynamic Simulation of a B.O.S.*

**Master of Engineering**

Gary Victor Want (Department of Chemical Engineering), whose thesis title is *Heat Transfer in a Continuous Butt weld Pipe Furnace*.

**Master of Commerce**

Colin John Bowers (Department of Economics), whose dissertation title is *Market Power and Welfare - A Study of Inter Industry Profit Rates in Australian Manufacturing*.

The Council appointed Professor C.A. Tisdell Head of the Department of Economics from September 9, 1975 to December 31, 1976. Professor B.L. Johns had recommended that the Headship be rotated and Professor Tisdell had concurred.
Assoc. Professor D.B.O'D. Biggins was appointed Acting Head of the Department of English and a member of Senate from October 1 to December 31, 1975. Professor A.M. Gibbs, Head of the Department, will resign from the university on September 30.

Council increased the General Services Charge, from January 1, 1976, to $83.75 a year for full-time students and $81.25 a year for part-time students.

Members had lengthy submissions from the Union and the Sports Union before them - and had previously received a submission from the Students' Representative Council - seeking increases in membership fees next year.

The new G.S.C. will be distributed:

- University Union: $45
- Sports' Union: $23.75
- Students' Association: $14.50 full-time students, $12 part-time students
- Pastimes & Diversions Committee: $0.50

In addition, students joining the University Union for the first time pay an entrance charge (fee) of $10.

Followed by the receipt of a submission from the President of the Board of Management of the Union, the Vice-Chancellor was authorised to open negotiations with representatives of the Union Board regarding the possibility of the transfer to the staff of the University of the Secretary/Manager of the University Union, or other members of staff of the Union as the Vice-Chancellor may consider necessary.

It was reported that temporary lighting had been installed on the pathway leading to Edwards Hall.

Council expressed its agreement with proposed amendments to the Articles of Association of the Staff House. If agreed to by members of the club, the amendments will make all full-time members of the University's staff eligible for Ordinary Membership, whilst part-time members of staff and Ordinary members who retire will be eligible to become Associate Members.

The existing articles provide that an Ordinary Member "shall be a person who is or has been a member of the full-time academic, teaching, research, senior administrative, senior technical or senior library staff of the University". An Associate Member is "a person who is a member of the staff either on a full-time or part-time basis of the University not possessing the qualifications prescribed for an Ordinary Member".

Consideration of the proposed changes in the Articles of Association is listed on the agenda for the Staff House Ltd's annual meeting on October 13 at 1.15 p.m.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Dr Vera DeR. O'Byrne has taken up duties as Lecturer in Education after having held a post with the Tasmanian Department of Education. She holds a BA degree with honours in the University of Budapest, MLitt and LLB degrees in the University of Dublin and a Docteur Lettres in the University of Caen.

Dr R.J. Rose has taken up his appointment as Lecturer in Biological Sciences. He holds a BScAgr in the University of Sydney and a PhD in Macquarie University. Before joining this University he was a research horticultural scientist with the CSIRO.

**MEDICAL OFFICER APPOINTED**

Dr Robert J. Burke will begin duties on September 29 as the University's first full-time medical officer. He will be in attendance at his surgery in the Union from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 9.30 to 1.30 p.m. on Fridays.

**CLOTHING APPEAL FOR ABORIGINALS**

Following reports of Aborigines in Ivanhoe, Wilcannia and other western centres being in need of clothes, the S.R.C. has launched an appeal. Anybody possessing clothes which they do not need are requested to leave them at the S.R.C. Office in the Union.
A sign for Newcastle C.I.B. 's Headquarters disappeared from the front of the building during Autonomy Day celebrations and detectives attached to the branch have requested the S.R.C. Office to help them, if a student of the University is responsible, to get it back. The detectives have agreed to take no action against anybody responsible if the sign is returned.

P.S.A. REPORT

Representatives of the University's Sub-division of the P.S.A. and the Vice-Chancellor discussed the conditions of employment of non-academic members of staff on September 23. The Secretary (Mr M.E. Edmonds) said, subsequently, that his executive had been looking forward to considerable progress being made at the meeting. They were not disappointed and had been extremely pleased with the tenor of the negotiations.

Last June the Vice-Chancellor agreed to certain non-academic members of staff varying their starting and finishing times for a trial period of up to six months. The P.S.A. Executive has found that, as far as its members are concerned, the trial is proceeding without any difficulty.

Negotiations concerning the reclassification of attendants in the Auchmuty Library have been satisfactorily finalised.

START MADE ON CHILD CARE CENTRE

Work has got under way on the construction of the Child Care Centre in Rankin Drive, east of the entrance to the University. The Chairman of the Management Committee (Mr E.J. Braggett) said the Interim Childrens' Commission in Canberra had approved provision of up to $227,492 to the University for the construction of the Centre. Consequently it had been possible to accept the tender lodged by Brennan Building Co. Pty Ltd of $208,419 for the construction of the Centre, together with the tender submitted by G. Hawkins and Sons Pty Ltd of $19,073 for site works and services.

Mr Braggett said that as the contract specified that work should be completed in 200 days it was anticipated that the Centre could be brought into operation at the beginning of second term next year (May 31). Shortly the Management Committee would advertise for a Director. Subsequently supporting staff will be appointed.

Under the terms of the Federal Government's grant for the erection of the Centre it will be able to accommodate the equivalent of 60 "full-time" children and will be accessible to the children of members of the community in general, of which the children of students and members of staff of the University and the College of Advanced Education are part. In accordance with Government policy, preference will be given to children in "special need". It is anticipated that initially the Centre will provide for children whom are aged one-year to school-age.

It is anticipated that a survey sheet will be included in a future edition of University News in order to ascertain the needs of parents with eligible children, after which tentative enrolments will be accepted.

The plans, prepared by Noble Bennett Pty Ltd, of Neutral Bay, envisage an irregularly shaped building with ground, intermediate and first floors. Exterior surfaces will be mainly glazing and bagged and painted brick-work, and the roof will be of galvanised iron. The ground and intermediate floors will provide such facilities as a nursery, a cot room, three play rooms (with cork tile floors), a kitchen, a laundry, a dining room, offices for the Director and the Sister, and five toilet blocks. On the first floor will be located a staff room and an observation room. The project also includes three outdoor play areas and an outdoor nursery play area together with an adventure play ground.

WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE TO MEET STUDENTS

Xavier Herbert, the Writer-in-Residence, will meet students of the university in the Courtyard of the Union on Thursday, October 9, at 1 p.m. Mr Herbert will give his views on a human being's responsibility to society in an address, "Old People Are Phoneys".
PRO FESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

The University has announced the appointment of Dr J.A. Campbell to the Third Chair in the Department of Mathematics. The other two Chairs are held by Professor R.G. Keats and Professor R.W. Robinson.

Dr Campbell, who is 34 years of age, was born in Melbourne and obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Science from the University of Adelaide. His S.M. degree was obtained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a thesis in experimental particle physics and his DPhil at Oxford for a thesis entitled "Mechanization of Algebraic Procedures in Quantum Field Theory". Dr Campbell has published widely in the fields of classical astronomy, modern astrophysics and quantum electro-dynamics and is particularly interested in computer languages and symbolic manipulations. Since 1972, he has been Berry-Ramsey Fellow in Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge.

Dr Campbell is expected to take up his appointment in Newcastle at the beginning of the 1976 academic year.

FOUNDATION CHAIRS OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Vice-Chancellor has announced the first appointments to foundation Chairs in the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr Rufus Clarke, currently Senior Lecturer in Human Morphology at the University of Nottingham, has been appointed Foundation Professor of Anatomy. He is a graduate in Medicine from Cambridge University, where he later obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and received his clinical training at St George's Hospital Medical School, London. He joined the new medical school at Nottingham in 1970, after five years at Cambridge as a University demonstrator and later Lecturer in Physiology. His contributions to research have gained international recognition, particularly in the field of cell kinetics, but he has also gained an outstanding reputation as an innovative teacher of Anatomy. Dr Clarke is 37 and is married with two children.

Dr Saxon White has been appointed Foundation Professor of Human Physiology. He graduated in Medicine from the University of Sydney in 1961, and in 1968 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of New South Wales. He has had an outstanding research career in cardiovascular physiology, and as the holder of a Research Fellowship from the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund of Australia and New Zealand has worked in full-time research in Sweden, the United States of America and the University of Sydney. He is currently Senior Lecturer in Human Physiology at the Flinders University of South Australia, where he has made an outstanding contribution to the development of their educational programme. Dr White is 41 and is married with three children.

Associate Professor Geoffrey Kellerman has been appointed Foundation Professor of Medical Biochemistry. He is aged 47, is a graduate in both Science and Medicine from the University of Sydney, obtained First Class Honours and the University Medal on both occasions. Following experience as a resident at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, he held a series of Research Fellowships at the University of Sydney, King's College Hospital, London and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, before being appointed Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry at the University of Sydney in 1959. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1966 and moved to Monash University in the following year. Professor Kellerman has an international reputation in both biochemical education and fundamental biochemical research. He is married and has no children.

Mr Charles Engel, currently Director of the Department of Audio-Visual Communication of the British Medical Association, has been appointed as Associate Professor in Medical Education. He was in charge of the Department of Medical Illustration at Guy's Hospital from 1948-1966, and was Director of the Department of Audio-Visual Aids at the University of Melbourne in 1966-1967. His contribution to the study of medical education and to educational technology generally has been an outstanding one, spanning 25 years. His present Department has an international reputation, which stems basically from his own prestige, and he is a Consultant to the World Health Organization and a member of its expert Advisory Panel on Medical Education. Dr Engel, aged 53, is married with one son.
This year's Convocation Dinner will be held in Edwards Hall on the night of Saturday, October 25. The novelist Xavier Herbert, who is presently attached to the University as its first Writer-in-Residence, will be the guest speaker at the dinner. In addition, the Newton-John Award will be presented to the first recipient. The Award, given by Convocation to a graduate who has been judged to have demonstrated innovation or creativity in any field, consists of a work of art.

The cost will be $8.50 a head. People wishing to attend should book by phoning Ext. 341.

ANXIOUS? EXAMS? PLEASE READ...

In spite of being well-prepared for examinations, do you experience incapacitating anxiety, nausea, vomiting, headaches or "going blank" before, or during, examinations?

If so - it would be worth your while joining one of the courses the Counselling Service is offering to relieve excessive examination anxiety. Each course is run as a small group in which specific techniques in relaxation are used to help you eliminate your anxieties as well as increase your confidence in handling examinations.

The courses consist of weekly, 45-minute sessions in the Counselling Service Theatrette for six consecutive weeks.

COURSE 1: Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; COURSE 2: Thursdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

You will be seen individually if the times being offered are unsuitable. Courses commenced on September 23 and finish on October 30.

REMEMBER

Female administrative staff gather in the Bar Room of the Staff House between 12.30 and 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.

ASTRONOMY IN MESOPOTAMIA

A Special Guest Lecture: Professor W.M. O'Neil, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, on "Earliest Western Astronomy in Mesopotamia".

The most recent evidence indicates that western scientific astronomy began in Mesopotamia rather than in Greece, as had earlier been thought. The emergence of scientific astronomy in the Neo-Babylonian period, roughly the last three-quarters of the first millennium BC, was based on the emergence of genuine mathematics and on some interest in celestial events during the Old Babylonian period, roughly the first half of the second millennium BC. The early interest in celestial events was related to time reckoning. The later interest arrived at a mathematical analysis of mainly 'planetary' events so that they could be predicted. Whereas the Greek analysis was geometrical, the Neo-Babylonian was arithmetical or in a loose sense algebraic.

The lecture will survey the transition of pre-scientific astronomy to scientific astronomy in Mesopotamia, indicating the problems addressed and the methods used to resolve them.

Professor O'Neil has recently had published in "Search" two articles, one on the history of the Zodiac (1974), and the other on some other ancient circles of stars (1975). His book, Time and the Calendars, dealing with various calendrical practices and their bases, will be published in the next few months.

The lecture will be given in the Arts/Drama Theatre at 1.15 p.m. on Friday, October 17.

It should be of interest to students of Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Philosophy and Classical Civilisation, as well as those who follow the stars.

All interested are welcome.

VICE-CHANCELLOR TO MEET STAFF

The University of Newcastle Staff Association has arranged with the Vice-Chancellor for an address on University financing and general development (particularly in terms of the recent federal budget).

All members of staff are invited to attend the address on Wednesday, October 15, in Lecture Theatre B01 at 1 p.m.
Copies of the Handbook are still available at $2 each. Payments are to be made to the University Cashier and a receipt will be given. Produce this receipt to the Computing Centre to obtain copy of Handbook.

THE COPYRIGHT ACT AND COPYING IN UNIVERSITIES

In late 1973 proceedings were instituted against the University of New South Wales by the Australian author, Mr Frank Moorhouse, and his publishers, for a breach of copyright. The circumstances were that Mr Paul Brennan, a graduate of the University, obtained two books from the Library shelves on September 28, 1973 and made two photocopies of one chapter or story, of about ten pages, from each of these books, one of which was "The Americans, Baby" by Mr Moorhouse. The University's case was supported by the other Australian universities, through the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

The case was heard in early 1974 in the Supreme Court of New South Wales before Mr Justice Hutley. His Honour concluded that there was no proof that the University had authorised Brennan's breach of copyright, but made a declaration that, by allowing persons to use its copying machines in the Library, the University was authorising breaches of copyright.

The University appealed to the High Court of Australia against this declaration and in turn the author cross appealed on the basis that an actual breach of his copyright had occurred and been authorised by the University.

In a judgment handed down on August 1, 1975, the High Court allowed the University's appeal, but at the same time also allowed the cross appeal by the respondents. The effect was to set aside the judgment made by Mr Justice Hutley, including the declaration made by him, and to substitute a declaration that the University authorised the doing on September 28, 1973, by Paul Brennan of the act of reproducing the library work "The Americans, Baby" in a material form and thereby infringed the respondents' copyright of the work. In other words, the High Court considered that, while it was not possible to make any declaration in general terms, it did consider that the University authorised the only breach of copyright which had been shown to have taken place and this decision was based on the particular facts of the case.

In line with this decision the University of Newcastle has printed notices informing students and members of staff of their obligations so far as compliance with the Copyright Act is concerned. The notices will be placed adjacent to copying machines.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF ASSOCIATION

Over the last few months the Executive has been discussing matters relating to tutors, probationary appointments, registration of N.S.W. University Staff associations as an industrial union, a variety of issues connected with university government, the proposal to establish a Religious Centre on campus, and several matters at the national level with and through FAUSA - the Federal Budget and the then proposed research fund cuts, salary and procedures for negotiating with the Salaries Tribunal, the 1975 A.G.M.

A Staff Association delegation met with Mr Justice Campbell on September 4 and tendered several submissions. Matters discussed included the need for a "catching-up" interim decision, the effects of taxation on salary increases and salary increases on superannuation costs and benefits, the relevant differences between Universities and C.A.E.'s, and the Local Staff Association's point of view on the FAUSA salary submission.

Copies of some of the written submissions are available and have been placed on the Notice Board in the Staff House Club.

On the last point, the Staff House Club has permitted the installation of a Notice Board in the foyer of the club and a variety of information that does not warrant individual circulation is posted on that board.

A copy of the FAUSA Salary Submission has been placed in the Staff Club and a further copy is held by the Secretary and is available for loan.

The FAUSA Annual General Meeting was held in Melbourne on August 25-27. Items discussed related to tutors, salary negotiations, fixed-term appointments, the case for an Association of Australian Universities,
university government, ways of bringing flexibility into Universities other than by contract short term appointments, interchange of staff between universities, CAE's, industry and government, superannuation, the financial status of FAUSA, capitation fees, privacy and information gathering on university members, the status of women in Australian universities, salary support staff, the future of lectures, book prices, industrial registration, minimum standards regarding appointments and promotions, and the controversy over the Chair in Economics at Sydney University.

FAUSA intends to consolidate decisions from this and previous AGM's into a policy document and this will be made available to members when it is produced.

A detailed submission on University government has been made to the Council Committee on University Government. Copies of this submission are available from the Secretary.

The Third Term Meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, September 30. A Preliminary Notice of meeting has been sent to members and an Agenda including information as to time and place will follow.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION - SYDNEY

International House at the University of Sydney welcomes paying guests during university vacations, and particularly over Christmas and New Year.

University staff and students and their families from all over Australia have found the House a perfect base for a holiday in Sydney.

All meals (except weekend breakfasts) are included in rates which are, per week: $65, single room, and $80, single room with private bath. Children under 12 half price.

Write to: The Director, International House, The University of Sydney, N.S.W. 2006 phone Sydney 660 4729.

A LITERARY FORUM

Xavier Herbert's celebrated new novel, Poor Fellow My Country, will be examined at a literary forum, "The Novel, The Novelist and The Critics", in the Arts/Drama Theatre on Friday, October 17, at 8 p.m.

The participants will be Xavier Herbert, who is attached to the university as Writer-in-Residence, Professor H.P. Heseltine, Associate Professor of English, University of N.S.W., and Dr L.T. Hergenhan, Reader in English, University of Queensland. Professor A.M. Gibbs will be Chairman.

Xavier Herbert will join with two literary scholars who have studied his work over many years and who have been associated closely with the creation Poor Fellow My Country. Professor Heseltine is the author of a study of Herbert in the "Australian Writers and their Work Series", and Dr Hergenhan is the editor of "Australian Literary Studies". Together they will discuss Herbert's work and, especially Poor Fellow My Country.

There is no charge for admission. Everybody interested in Australian literature and the meeting of the creative and the critical minds are invited to attend.

VISITOR FROM SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Professor David Armstrong, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney, will read a paper on "Naturalism, Materialism and First Philosophy" in the Council Room on October 2 at noon.

Professor Armstrong is well known for his work in the philosophy of mind and has published several books, including "A Materialist Theory of Mind". His latest volume is "Belief, Truth and Knowledge". This paper will be a relatively popular exposition of his theory, intelligible to laymen as well as philosophers, and will be followed by a period for discussion.

Everybody is welcome. Professor Armstrong's visit has been arranged jointly by the Philosophy Department and the Philosophy Club.

AID TO RESEARCH PROJECT

There was an increase in the number of members of the University recently. Six monkeys were "enrolled" in the Faculty of Science. They will not have much time to get up to monkey tricks, as they are to be used for research purposes in the Department of Psychology.
Professor M.G. King intends to use them to develop a technique by means of which humans may be able to control the levels of certain hormones in their bloodstreams. He has progressed to primates after having gone as far as he can with rats. Professor King is interested in controlling the levels of the stress hormones (adrenalin, noradrenalin, ACTH and glucocorticoids). (They are known as the stress hormones because they enable us to prepare for, and withstand, psychological and physical stresses.) These chemicals can be dangerous if they persist too long and can contribute to such ailments as stomach ulcers and heart disorders particularly with sedentary workers.

Professor King's work is being supported by the Australian Research Grants Committee.

Since arriving at the campus in the last week of vacation the monkeys have been objects of keen interest. Late adolescents, aged about three years old, the group unexpectedly included a female who caused hostilities among the males until a brutish-looking fellow established his supremacy. There is incentive to become boss, as the female will shortly become fertile.

One of the males appears to be out of favour with the rest; he is nervous, wears a harassed look, and is not permitted to eat till after the others.

The monkeys, Macaca Nemestrina from South East Asia, were obtained from the University of Sydney's Animal House.

They are the vanguard of a colony of the primates being acquired by the University who will be kept in suitable facilities at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

Footnote: If you feel like having a monkey as a pet, then you will need to pay approximately $400 to get one - and compliance with the Government's quarantine and health regulations is an exhausting business.

NOTICES ON OVERDUE BOOKS DISCONTINUED

From Monday, September 22, the Auchmuty Library will no longer send Overdue Notices to students when books are not returned on time, due to postage increases.

The only notices sent will be warning notices issued if books have been overdue for four weeks.

Special library fees will still apply and notices to pay will be sent out after the books have been returned.

FILM SOCIETY'S SCREENING

Bunuel's The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie.

The University Film Society will be screening this film at the Regal Cinema, Birmingham Gardens, on Tuesday, September 30 at 8 p.m., admission $1.

The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie was commercially more successful and was far more warmly praised than Tristana (which the Film Society screened last term). It is certainly easier to follow than The Phantom of Liberty (shown at the recent Travelling Film Festival).

Further screenings in the season, at fortnightly intervals, will be The Sleeping Car Murders, Wild Strawberries and Alice's Restaurant.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Professional help is available to members of the University for personal, educational, vocational and social problems.

The Counsellors attached to the Service are Pat Loftus, Bruce Furner and Nanette Bryant.

A counsellor is available during terms and vacations at the following times: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Appointments should be made through the secretaries, either by calling at the office (Lower Ground Floor, Administration Building) or by ringing Ext. 255. Mr Loftus and Miss Bryant are located in the Counselling Service and Mr Furner in the Basement of the Union Building.

UNIVERSITIES YEARBOOK

The 1975 Commonwealth Universities Yearbook is presently being published by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London. The book contains almost 2,500 pages and is a guide to the staff, courses, organisation and activities of university institutions of good standing in the Commonwealth. The 1975 edition is the fifty-second and contains the basic facts about these universities that are needed by university teachers and administrators, students, parents and others.

The Yearbook is available at the special reduced rate of £13.65 surface post free to individual staff members at the University of Newcastle.
REQUEST FOR A CORRESPONDENT

A request has been received from a Swiss University student for Australian students to correspond with him. The student is Michael Frauchinger, who is 22 years old and a student of architecture at the Hönggerstrasse Federal Polytechnical HighSchool (ETH) in Zürich, Switzerland.

Michael states that he is very interested in Australia and hopes to come here after he completes his course and get a job as an architect. He is looking for Australian students who would like to exchange facts about their countries with him.

Michael's address is: Michael R. Frauchiger, Hönggerstrasse 35, 8037 ZURICH, Switzerland. Europe.

1976 TERM DATES

The Council approved these dates for academic terms next year:

Term 1, March 1 to May 8
Term 2, May 31 to August 7
Term 3, August 30 to October 30

Lectures will cease on October 22 and examinations will commence on October 30.

COMPUTING CENTRE OFFERS "DIARY"

A new service is being offered by the Computing Centre: a "diary" of lectures and seminars scheduled by departments of the university for the forthcoming two weeks.

Anybody with access to an unlogged-in computer terminal can use it to obtain the list from the PDP 11/45 computer in the Computing Centre.

The Computing Centre will maintain the list provided it is informed about what is coming up. It would like to get notification at least two weeks in advance, wherever possible. Details of lectures and seminars should be addressed to Richard Dear, care of the Computing Centre.

To activate the seminar listing program, any person may turn on any terminal attached to the RSTS/E system and type "SEM" and carriage return (CR). If this produces the reply, "Please Say Hello", then the "SEM" should be retyped. This will not work if the terminal has been logged in to the system.

PROFESSOR PICKERING AS SPEAKER

Professor W.F. Pickering will present a public lecture for fifth and sixth form students and teachers on "Utilizing Chemistry" at Adamstown Centre on October 1 at 7.30 p.m.

The theme will be the monitoring of pollution to illustrate how Analytical Chemistry is utilized in environmental chemistry.

SEXTET OF PLAYS

The Contemporary Theatre Company's second production for 1975 will be a series of six one-act plays. The plays are Riders to the Sea (J.M. Synge), It Should Happen to a Dog (Wolf Mankowitz), The Black and White and Last to Go (Harold Pinter) and Black and Silver and The New Quixote (Michael Frayn).

The plays will be presented in the Arts/Drama Theatre from October 8 till October 12. Tickets cost $3, $2.50 for party bookings of 10, students, Arts Council Members and Thursday-night-special, a further reduction of 50 cents. David Jones and the University Union have tickets.

RESEARCH STUDY OF ENTERTAINMENT IN AUSTRALIA

During 1976, the Australian National Commission for Unesco is sponsoring a Seminar on Entertainment and Society in Australia. The seminar will be concerned with the mass media, sport and the arts and popular entertainment. Co-directors of the seminar Dr Paul Wilson (Department of Sociology, University of Queensland) and Dr Geoff Caldwell (Education Research Unit, Australian National University) are initiating a six month research project on the State of Entertainment in Australia. Funding for the research project has been provided by the Department of Tourism and Recreation.
The research will involve investigating literature and documentary sources as well as interviewing key personnel in the entertainment industry. Applications are invited from persons interested in undertaking the research on a contractual basis for approximately six months commencing in November 1975. The successful applicant will be based either in Brisbane or Canberra and the fee for the study will be $4,500 - $6,000. People with a background in the social sciences or journalism with a particular interest in entertainment are encouraged to apply.

Applications should be directed to:
The Secretary, Australian National Commission for Unesco, Box 826, Post Office, Woden, ACT 2606

RADIO RESEARCH BOARD RESEARCH GRANTS

The Radio Research Board has invited applications for grants for research in the year 1976/77. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday, November 28, 1975 and to enable them to be despatched to meet this date, applicants should submit them to Mr J.M. Falconer, Assistant Bursar, no later than November 20.

Application forms and "Notes for Guidance in the Preparation of Grant Applications and Reports" may be obtained from Mrs G. Durham (Ext. 240).

The Research Board has indicated that research areas of particular interest to the Australian Post Office are:

A. General System and Information Theory, Mathematics and Statistics.
B. Signal Processing, Coding, Modulation and Noise.
C. Acoustic Signal Generation and Reception.
D. Visual Signal Generation and Reception.
E. Guided Transmission Media.
F. Antennas and Wave Propagation.
G. Circuits.
H. Semi-Conductor Devices.
I. Thermionic Devices.
J. Materials.
K. Environmental Studies.
L. Electrical Measurements.
M. Switching Systems.
N. Transmission System.
O. Power Supplies.
Q. Interaction between Human and Technical Aspects of Communication (Interdisciplinary Studies with a strong Technical Element are envisaged).

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Japanese Government is offering a limited number of Undergraduate Scholarships for students majoring in the Japanese Language and for Postgraduate Research Students wishing to undertake further study in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Further information about the scholarships are available from the Student Administration Office and applications close with the Secretary, Department of Education, Canberra, on October 1, 1975.

Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships Plan 1976 Awards. Applications under the above awards close with the Secretary, Newcastle University on Friday, October 3, 1975.

Research Scholarships at Monash University in 1976. Applications are being invited for the above scholarships from graduates with good honours degree qualifications or the equivalent. The awards are tenable in the faculties of Arts, Economics and Politics, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, and Science.

The current stipend rate is $3,250 (plus family allowances) and a travel allowance is payable to persons domiciled in Australia.

Further information and the necessary application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, Monash University, Clayton, Vic. 3168 with whom applications close on October 31, 1975.

Applications are being invited for 1976 Gowrie Research Scholarships from members of the Forces and children of members of the Forces, including, in the discretion of the Trustees, grandchildren or other lineal descendants of such members.
The Scholarships for research study will be tenable for up to two years at universities or other recognised research establishments, either in Australia or overseas. The value of the scholarships will be $2,000 per annum and are offered to graduates of Australian universities or to other persons who have completed a course of tertiary education at other recognised institutions in Australia.

Further information about the scholarship is available from the Student Administration Office and applications close with the Secretary, Newcastle University, on October 31, 1975.

Adult Education Board, Tasmania, Summer Schools 1976. The Adult Education Board of Tasmania is conducting a series of Summer Schools in January and early February, 1976. The Schools offered are Art with John Olsen, String Music, Historic Buildings, Mines, Old Bottles and History and Silversmithing. A two-week study tour of New Zealand is also proposed from March 29 to April 11, 1976, as well as a Summer School on Natural Living in late January, 1976.

Further information is available from the Student Administration Office or from the Southern Regional Director, Adult Education Board, 12 Weld Street, South Hobart, 7000. The closing date for payment of fees is November 30, 1975.

Applications are being invited from students for the award of an Associated Minerals Consolidated Limited Scholarship, which is valued at $600 p.a. and is available for award to the student achieving the best performance in the first year full-time or first two stages part-time in a degree course in Engineering, Applied Science, Science (Geology major) or Arts (Geology major).

Further information about the scholarship is available from the Student Administration Office and persons wishing to be considered for the award of the scholarship should forward a letter of application to the Secretary, the University of Newcastle, 2308, by December 31, 1975.

Applications are invited for the Australian Federation of University Women (Victoria) Lady Leitch Scholarship which will be available during 1976 or 1977.

The Scholarship is open to all members of the Australian Federation of University Women for study or research in any country on any subject and is of the value of $2,000. Applications will be received from graduates of any age and graduates who have not yet taken out their degrees.

Details to be included in any application are available from the Student Administration Office and applications close with the Honorary Scholarship Secretary of the AFUW - Victoria, Mrs R. Fincher, 55 Molesworth Street, Kew, Vic. Aust. 3101 by February 11, 1976.

Advertisements

HOUSE FOR RENT: Suva, Fiji, University of the South Pacific Campus, December, January, February (until February 20). Professor A.J. Dandy would be pleased to hear from persons wishing to rent a three-bedroomed house situated on the USP campus, overlooking Laucala Bay, two miles from Suva city. The house is of concrete construction and is conveniently situated on a hill to catch the sea breezes. The rent is approximately $100 per month, plus a charge for furnishings, kitchenware, electricity, agents fees, etc. Long rental periods are preferred, but periods of no less than a month will be considered. The period is during the student vacation.

TO LET: Marmong Point, two-storey home, upstairs three bedrooms and other facilities, downstairs self-contained flat, 50 yards from lake, uninterrupted lake views from front deck, suit about five/six adults, prefer tenant with references, rent $60 per week, plus bond. For further details, inspection, etc., ring 82 4256.

HOME FOR SALE: 3½ years old as new one-bedroom cottage within walking distance of University, pebble gardens, tiny patch of lawn, carport, carpet and blinds, $18,750, if interested please ring 51 2981 before 8.30 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Pentax spotmatic cameras, super-Takumar lens, Fl.6/55 mm, with case, one brand new, $220, one used, $170. Ext. 792 or 51 2225.
FOR SALE: Drawing board 54" x 32" and T square $29, very good condition. Radiogram, $15. Double bed base, $8. Singer Vacuum cleaner in good order, $25. W. Murdoch, Ext. 394 or 10 Bareena Street, Raymond Terrace, 2324.

FOR SALE: Loo Table, $180, Sheraton settee, $160, Trolley, $20, 'phone 61 3397.

FOR SALE: Technics tape deck, Model RS-276US, 2 motors, direct drive operations, Solenozd pushbuttons and HPF heads (10 year guarantee). Dolby, memory rewind, chromolum tape functions. Record, play, Dolby, CrO?, pause indicator lamps, plus remote control operation. Only 4 months old!! Price $340. Contact: S.M. Goon, Room B210, Edwards Hall, 'phone 67 2644 (office hours) or 67 2951 (after hours).

FOR SALE: Brand new Suzuki 100 motor cycle available, including registration, for $350 or nearest offer. Call Ext. 697, 735 or 52 4640 late evenings.

FOR SALE: Cardiff Heights, very large, approximately 16 years old, weatherboard and tile property, lounge 20' x 12', oil heater, breakfast room 17' x 13', 5 bedrooms, 17' x 6' sunroom (or 3 bedrooms, sunroom and 20' x 15' rumpus room with bar), 2 bathrooms, 20' x 13' patio, 2 carports, 'phone, new body carpets, expensive wallpapers, quality built-in robes, conv. elevated position. $35,200, 'phone 54 7169.

TYPING DONE: Mrs Dorothy Sharp, 24 Myamblah Crescent, Merewether, 63 1997, is available to do thesis typing.

HOUSE TO LET: Three bedroom weatherboard home, 300 yards from front gate of university, adjacent to high, primary and infant schools, 400 yards from Jesmond shopping centre, extensive native plant garden. Available from December, 1975 to December, 1976. For further information ring 52 2384 at weekends or after 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Member of staff only, modern, 2 bedrooms, study, fully furnished, Tirriki Street, Charlestown, $41 a week, 6 months' lease, now vacant, ring 67 2982.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

LABORATORY CRAFTSMAN Department of Biological Sciences Position No. N107/75

Duties will include constructing, maintaining and modifying items of equipment used for teaching and research. Applicants must have completed a Fitting and Machining, Electrical or an allied trades course and have extensive trade experience particularly in sheet metal work and welding. Post trades studies would be an advantage. Commencing salary will be within the range $151.79 to $168.35 per week depending upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close on September 30, 1975.

STENOGRAPHER Secretary's Division, Administration Position No. N108/75

A competent and experienced stenographer is required. Commencing salary will be up to $123.03 per week, depending upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $9.97 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

Applicants are asked to show on their application form the shorthand and typing speeds which they are confident of achieving under tests.

Applications close on October 6, 1975.

Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Department, Ext. 518.

RESIDENTIAL STAFF POSITIONS FOR 1976, EDWARDS HALL

Four positions as a part-time residential Subwarden of Edwards Hall will be available during 1976 for married or single men or women. Each Subwarden shall be allocated accommodation by the Warden consisting of a bedroom with ensuite and a lounge with a small kitchen attached. The accommodation is not suitable for married couples with children.
Applicants should hold a primary degree and should be proceeding to a higher degree OR should be a member of the academic staff of the University. However, the Board of Trustees of the Hall reserves the right to appoint any other person it thinks fit, make appointments by invitation, or make less appointments than there are vacancies.

Further information concerning Subwarden's duties, terms and conditions of appointment and residential fees are available from the undersigned with whom applications will close on Friday, October 31, 1975. Applications should be by letter addressed to the Warden and should contain the following information: Name, address, age, marital status, academic and professional qualifications and present position.

N. RUTHERFORD,
Relieving Warden.

CREDIT UNION DEVELOPING

The University's Staff Credit Union was continuing to develop satisfactorily, membership now being close to 300, the Chairman of Directors (Mr M.E. Edmonds) stated at the fourth Annual General Meeting on September 29. Mr Edmonds stated that as a Credit Union developed a difficult period was normally experienced, during which the burden on honorary officers became quite significant until the Credit Union was able to employ staff. "Today the Credit Union is currently going through this difficult period and I seek the cooperation of all members to recognise that the services from our honorary officers cannot be as fast as it has been in the past".

Negotiations to amend the rules so that members of staff of the Newcastle College of Advanced Education could become members were proceeding with the Registrar of Credit Unions.

He expressed, on behalf of the Directors and the members, appreciation of the work done by the Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and members of the Supervisory Committee. Mr G. Searles has resigned as Treasurer and Mr T. Askie has been appointed to replace him.

The Credit Union has grown considerably since its establishment in 1971 and the Directors have decided that the manual accounting system is no longer adequate.

As from August 1, members' statements, which show all transactions (e.g., deposits, withdrawals, interest), have been processed by a National 31 accounting machine, which will also be used for cheque-drawing. Use of the accounting machine should alleviate the delays some members have experienced in the past.

In order to help the Credit Union provide a more efficient service, members should show their account numbers on all transactions and enquiries. Failure to do this will cause unnecessary delays. Members who have mislaid their account numbers should contact the Secretary, Mr R.M. Richardson, C/o the Purchasing Section, by mail only. This information is confidential and will not be given over the telephone, or at the Credit Union Office.

Inquiries about savings, budget or loan accounts can be made by writing to Mr Richardson, or by phoning the Credit Union Office (Ext. 472). Information will only be given by the office over the telephone to members who know their account numbers.

As from Tuesday, October 14, the Credit Union Office, in the Temporary buildings, will extend its hours of opening. On that day Mrs S. Stevens will take up duties as Assistant Treasurer. Mrs Stevens will be available at the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2.30 p.m. She will be able to answer queries concerning accounts and, hopefully, arrange for cheques to be made available within two days.

Directors
- Mr Edmonds, Chairman
- Mr D. Doherty, Vice-Chairman
- Mrs M. Davie, Dr K.L. Smith, Messrs W.M. Bates, D. Robertson, R. Dear, B. Robinson and L. McLardy.

Supervisory Committee
- Messrs M. Santen, J. O'Donohue and D. Dunlop

Auditors
- A. Forsythe

Solicitor
- Rankin and Nathan
Soccer

Members of Newcastle University Soccer Team are Premiers as a result of their 1-0 win against Beresfield in the grand final. The winning goal was scored by C. Walsh. The result was something of an anti-climax after it had been necessary for the team and Stewarts and Lloyds to play in three play-offs in the major semi-final. The University team: A. Clough, D. Tull, R. Gough, G. Craig, R. White, P. O'Hearn, P. Geary, R. Noble, D. Crook, R. Singh and C. Walsh.

I. Moore, the team's captain, was prevented from playing in the grand final because of injury.

The Club's presentation dinner was held in the University Union on the night of September 27. Trophies were presented by the Vice-Chancellor.

Cricket

University did not survive the knock-out series conducted in Armidale to establish a team to represent the eastern zone in the Inter-Varsity carnival in Canberra next January. It was beaten by a team from the University of New England and a team from the University of Queensland.

Michael Cooper, an outstanding district cricketer, has accepted the Club's invitation to be Captain of the first grade team. Cooper has played previously with Lambton-New Lambton.

Players are practising at the nets at University Oval every Saturday morning. The nets will also be erected for practise sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The University of N.S.W. will send two teams to play against the University of Newcastle at University Oval on October 12. Teams representing students will play at No. 1 Oval and teams of Administration Staff will compete at No. 2 Oval.


At the completion of both games a barbeque, with beer, will be held. The first match of the Newcastle District Cricket Competition will be played on October 4 and 11. The University Club has entered teams in first, second, third and fourth grades. Two-day matches will be played in every grade.

Student teams representing the University and Newcastle C.A.E will play at University Oval on October 8 at 1 p.m. Each team will be allowed 40 overs in which to bat. Cricketers wishing to take part should contact Stan Barwick (Ext. 469).

Women's Hockey

A combined Australian Universities team was successful in 10 out of 11 matches played on its recent tour of New Zealand.

Robyn Fernley, of the University of Newcastle, played in the test match, which was won by Australia. Other Newcastle players who toured are Judy Walter and Pam Hazelwood.

Volleyball

University men's team reached the Newcastle District semi-final. The match between University and Vikings was won by Vikings.

University Women's team had an outstanding season, beating Roscoes in the grand final and completing the season without one loss.

Golf

Staff golf teams will play against Williamtown R.A.A.F. Base on November 12 and the University of New England on November 22 and 23. The Vice-Chancellor will be host for a dinner in the Staff House after the game against the Air Force.

Non-Competitive Pastimes and Diversions

It is planned to continue these classes up to the end of Third Term. The
current programme is as follows:

Leatherwork, Tuesday, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., Dining Room, the Union.

Ladies Keep Fit, Tuesday, 5 - 6 p.m., the Auchmuty Sports Centre.

Pottery, Tuesday, 6.30 - 9 p.m., Metallurgy.

Ballroom Dancing, Wednesday, 8 - 9.30 p.m., Dining Room, the Union.

Yoga, Wednesday, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., Common Room, Union.

All students and members of staff are welcome to attend the classes, which are free.

Archery

Arrangements are being made for archery to be played by students. Anybody interested should contact Stan Barwick (Ext. 469).

The Fun Run

As sidelights of the Fun Run on October 12 a campus competition, involving University faculties or departments, will be conducted. In addition a competition will be held between members of this University and members of Newcastle C.A.E.

The Fun Run starts at the Corner of Hunter and Pacific Streets at 10 a.m. and progresses to Newcastle International Sports Centre (6.5 miles away) via Hunter Street Mall, Hunter Street West, Maitland Road, Hanbury Street and Turton Road.

Organisers have stated that the emphasis will be on fun rather than "do or die" athletic competition.

The entry fee is $1 per runner and the Sports Union will pay half of the fee. Entry forms can be obtained from Stan Barwick.

Campus Competition

A play-off was necessary to decide the semi-finalists in the winter indoor soccer competition, being played in the Auchmuty Sports Centre. Electrical Engineering and Science shared the point score lead and Administration, Mathematics and Economics were equal in second place. Economics was eliminated in the play-offs.

In a semi-final played on September 18 Administration defeated Mathematics 6 - 4. The second semi-final on September 25 resulted in a win to Science over Electrical Engineering and put Science into the grand final.

The final resulted in a win to Administration against Electrical Engineering, 6 - 4.

Science will therefore play Administration in the grand final on October 2 with the Vice-Chancellor to kick-off at 1.45 p.m., and later present the trophies.

Bridge

Members of the University were prominent amongst competitors in the Northern N.S.W. Bridge Championships, recently conducted at Muswellbrook.

First and second places went to teams from Newcastle Bridge Club. The winning team included Dr A. Doczy, of the Department of Education and Mr G.E. Ferris, of the Department of Commerce.

In second place was a team which included students of the University, Mrs Cora Morison and Glendon Prichard.