Miss Judy Lewallen and Mr. Kerry Hughes have been elected new Editors of Opus. In a recent poll they received 114 votes. Voting for the other candidates resulted: Messrs. J. Beiers, P. Butkus and M. Ryan, 73; Messrs. P. Corbett, P. Fraser and K. Smith, 35.

Miss Lewallen, who recently came to the university from California State College, where she helped to produce a student publication, said she and Mr. Hughes would strive to produce a true campus newspaper, containing articles of general interest to students. People wanting to contribute articles had already met to discuss aspects of the new publication. Miss Lewallen promised that the Arts would be regularly dealt with on an Entertainment page, and added that the newspaper might be given a new name. There would be issues every month, with the first coming along on approximately the 10th May.

At the last meeting of the Students' Representative Council, the President (Mr. A. Svirskis) was elected Director of Student Publications. The council accepted a report from a special committee on student publications as policy, except for parts contrary to the by-laws, which will be recommended for acceptance to the next meeting on the 5th May.

The Council, among other things, gave Mr. Svirskis overall control of student publications, appointed an Advertising Manager for student publications, required the Editors of Opus to show cause if they failed to publish articles of reasonable literary merit and length, and gave the Council the right to decide policy on the publication of blasphemous, seditious and other actionable material. On the latter point the Council decided that laws relating to libel, copyright, contempt of court, the inclusion of the names of the printer and the publisher should be complied with by the Editors and the Director of Student Publications.

STUDENT/STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 1971

STAFF
The following elections have been made: Faculty Board of Applied Science, Assoc. Professor C. Cooke; Faculty Board of Architecture, Mr. S.C. Morton; Faculty Board of Arts, Assoc. Professor J.P.S. Bach, Mr. J.D. Stowell, Mr. K.F. Collis; Faculty Board of Economics and Commerce, Assoc. Professor B.L.J. Gordon; Faculty Board of Engineering, Mr. R.J. Wilson; Faculty Board of Mathematics, Mr. R.F. Berghout; Faculty Board of Science, Dr. L.K. Dyall.

STUDENTS
The following nominations have been received: Faculty of Applied Science, Nil; Faculty of Architecture, Nil; Faculty of Arts, Four for three places, A.G. Laffan (Proposer M. Moore, Seconder R. Toll), G. Brown (Proposer J.M. O'Brien, Seconder A. Svirskis), J.M. O'Brien (Proposer A. Svirskis, Seconder G. Brown), R.D. Farrell (Proposer G. Brown, Seconder A. Svirskis); Faculty of Economics
and Commerce, Nil; Faculty of Engineering, Nil; Faculty of Mathematics, Nil; Faculty of Science, Nil.

P. D. ALEXANDER,
Secretary to the University.

STAFF/STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Election of Student representatives in the Faculty of Arts.

All registered students in the Faculty of Arts are entitled to vote in this election to choose three representatives out of the four nominated candidates.

Voting papers may be obtained from the Vice-Principal's Secretary, Miss Sue White, Room 174, Main Building, and votes may be cast there between the hours of 9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 1.45 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. from Monday, 3rd May, 1971, to Friday, 7th May, 1971.

Miss White will also be on duty for this election in the vestibule of the Main Building on Monday, 3rd May, and Wednesday, 5th May, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Voting papers will be issued only against production of the student's identity card or a receipted enrolment card.

PROFESSOR B. NEWTON-JOHN,
Chairman S.S.C.C.

MISS STEAD ELECTED SECRETARY OF S.R.C.

Miss Lesley E. Stead, a Bachelor of Arts in this university and Diploma of Education student, was the only nominee for election as Secretary of Newcastle University Students' Association. Nominations for election to the position were called following the resignation of Mr. T. Laffan and closed on the 28th April. The meeting of the S.R.C. on the 5th May is expected to declare Miss Stead elected as Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Mr. Douglas Townsend, of the Department of Foreign Affairs, will visit the University on Tuesday, 11th May, 1971, to interview interested students and some Heads of Departments.

Mr. Townsend, B.A. (Syd.), joined the Diplomatic Service in 1964 and now has the rank of External Affairs Officer Class 3 (First Secretary). He has served overseas in Karachi and Dublin.

Students and Heads of Departments interested in talking with Mr. Townsend are invited to make appointments through the Appointments Office (telephone No. 68 0401 - Extension 610).

ARTS FESTIVAL POPULAR

There has been a strong demand from people at this university for tickets for the Aquarius Festival of University Arts. For eight days (15th to 22nd May)
the Australian National University in Canberra will be the venue for music, art, drama, dance, poetry, films, etc. Tickets sent to the S.R.C. office have been sold, but more have been requested. The cost is $12 for admission to various activities and accommodation in heated tents.

AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

The Australian Conservation Foundation, set up in 1965 and financed in part by annual Commonwealth Government grants of $50,000, is endeavouring to publicise its functions, while also increasing membership.

A membership folder states that the foundation stands for "the rational use of the environment to achieve the highest quality of living for mankind now and in the future." The foundation is responsible for Publications (including 'Viewpoint' series, special reports, a Conservation Directory and regular Newsletters), Special Projects (initiating studies or supporting regional or special conservation issues, especially where the problem is one of national, as opposed to purely local significance, such as the Barrier Reef, the conservation of kangaroos and waterfowl, the Colong Caves, Australia's high country and arid lands, studies of national parks and the operation of the various Mines Acts) and Conservation Education (special material needed for schools, the establishment of field studies centres and tertiary-level conservation courses, lecture tours by overseas experts, and so on). The Governor-General is the foundation's Patron and Sir Garfield Barwick is President.

A membership folder is held by Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division.

UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.K.

A list giving details of term dates for universities in the United Kingdom and schools of the University of London has been received from the Association of Commonwealth Universities and is held by Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division (Ext. 341).

EXAMINATION MARKERS

The Department of Education is inviting applications from persons with teaching experience for appointment as Assistant Examiners at the 1971 School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations. Mr. J.D. Todd, Secretary's Division, holds application forms and sheets giving pay rates and conditions of employment. Applications should be lodged before the 7th May.

TWO ISSUES OF DIALECTIC PUBLISHED

Newcastle University Philosophy Club has just produced Volumes 5 and 6 of Dialectic, the club's journal. The Department of Philosophy Office has a stock and is selling copies for 50 cents each.

The publication of two issues concurrently is a departure from the club's normal method. Papers dealing with the Philosophy of Language, which were read to the club, have been issued as Volume 5, embodying contributions by Professor A.M. Ritchie, Assoc. Prof. R. Cattell, Dr. W.V. Doniela, Mr. A.W. Sparkes and Mr. H.L. Bonney.

Volume 6 is something of an experiment, since it contains only contributions
from students. The articles, which all deal with Marxism, were written by senior Philosophy students who were involved in the Political Philosophy course last year.

The Library purchases a number of copies of every issue of Dialectic for distribution to libraries at universities throughout Australia.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, ETC.

Mr. J.D. Todd, Secretary's Division, has further information about the following scholarships:

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, provides Izaak Walton Killam scholarships tenable in all fields of graduate research at Dalhousie. The Scholarships are valued at $4,000 and applications for 1971-72 should be made as early as possible.

This year the Royal Society of Victoria Medal for Scientific Research will be made for work falling in the physical sciences (astronomy, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, meteorology, physics and related sciences). It will be made for work published in the years 1965-70. Nominations should be made no later than 1st September, 1971.

The New Zealand National Research Advisory Council is offering Senior and Post-doctoral research fellowships for work to be done in N.Z. Government Departments in 1972. Applications for senior research fellowships should possess a Ph.D. or higher qualification or have a distinguished record of scientific research and for post-doctoral fellowships a Ph.D. or equivalent degree is essential. Applications must be lodged before 30th September.

The University of Exeter is offering postgraduate scholarships of 500-pounds sterling a year plus fees, tenable from October, 1971, to graduates holding good honours degrees. The successful applicants will be expected to pursue full-time research leading to a higher degree in Arts, Education, Law, Science, Applied Science or Social Studies. Applications must be submitted before 31st May.

Canadian Pacific Airlines provides selected students who are accepted for higher degree study by Canadian Universities with free flights to Canada.

Recommendations by universities should reach the Canadian High Commissioner by the 30th June. The candidates are expected to devote themselves full-time towards studying for at least one year.

Canadian Pacific Airlines is also offering one free economy class return flight from Australia to Canada for an experienced teacher, or teacher trainee, wanting to observe and study educational practices in Canada in the academic year beginning September, 1971. It is expected that the successful candidate will stay in Canada at least three months.

Applications close on 31st May for the University of Otago's William Evans Fellowship. Under the terms of the fellowship, research is done on Pacific and New Zealand material in the Hocken Library. The fellowship is for two years and pays $N.Z. 6,000 a year.

S.R.C. DISSOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

The meeting of the Students' Representative Council on the 5th May will be asked to approve motions providing for students to make decisions on whether or not the S.R.C. should be dissolved and the form any alternative should take.
The agenda will include motions on the subject prepared by the Acting Secretary (Mr. G. Brown), who intends to propose, among other things, that:

*The Council accept the principle of its dissolution as soon as this may be organized and until this is possible Council consider itself a purely administrative body and direct the President to summon a general meeting on any matter requiring a decision of new policy.

*The Council direct the executive to organize at least two student meetings on the subject of alternatives to an S.R.C., one meeting being held at a time convenient to part-time students, and the Constitution Reform Committee be directed to have at least one member at each meeting to note all proposals put forward.

*The Council direct the Constitution Reform Committee to call for written submissions from students and student organizations on alternatives to the S.R.C.

MR. SKEHAN RESIGNS AS TREASURER

Mr. John Skehan, Treasurer of Newcastle University Students' Association, has sent a letter to the Council of the Association resigning his position from the 5th May. Mr. Skehan has been forced to take this action because of ill health. His experience as an executive member was extensive and included membership of the 17th S.R.C. (representative of the Arts Faculty) and the 18th and 19th Councils (Treasurer). Mr. Skehan also held executive positions with affiliated clubs and societies.

SHOW DATES, 1972

Newcastle A. H. and I. Association has informed the University that the dates selected for the 1972 Newcastle Show are the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th February.

READING AND STUDY SKILLS COURSES, 1971

Earlier this year, the Student Counselling Unit wrote to selected students who had done the University Skills Assessment this year advising them of reading and study skills courses available. The response was overwhelming, so that extra reading courses had to be scheduled.

With the exception of a one week intensive course in the first week of vacation, the reading courses are now filled, over 160 students having put their names down.

The Student Counselling Unit believes that in the 10 hours of reading instruction students should make significant gains in speed without any loss of comprehension. The reading courses provide a stimulating situation in which students can learn various reading techniques with immediate feedback as to their effectiveness. Speeds up to 800-1,000 words per minute are possible, but most students are asked to think in terms of doubling their reading rate.

Study Skills courses were also popular, with 60 enrolments for the scheduled groups.

Each study skills group will meet once a week for 10 sessions. The group will not be held as a series of lectures from an "expert" to "pupils", because in
some cases it is just this passive orientation that creates problems for students coming to university. The groups will be structured so that the members work actively to solve their problems.

A.P.T. LOFTUS,
Senior Student Counsellor

STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS

The Student Administration Office will be open on the following days until 6.30 p.m. for the collection of Identity Cards: Monday, 3rd May; Wednesday, 5th May. Students will be required to produce their fees receipts before Identity Cards will be issued.

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COMING EVENTS

Education Talk

Senator John Carrick, Secretary of N.S.W. Division of the Liberal Party, will speak on "Education for Living" in the Union Courtyard on 4th May, beginning at 1 p.m. The address has been arranged by the Students' Association as part of its campaign based around the issue of inequalities in education.

Convocation

The annual meeting of Convocation will be held in the Staff House on Friday, 7th May, at 8 p.m. As well as minutes, reports and other business, the meeting will elect a Warden of Convocation to hold office for the next two years and four new members of the Standing Committee.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, Dr. T. Ernst will deliver an address on the Australian University Graduate Conference "Gradabout" Travel Scheme. Convocation has distributed questionnaires to members asking for information to guide the Standing Committee with its plans for a visit to a vineyard.

Mathematics Seminar

The Director of the Computer Centre (Mr. J.A. Pritchard) will present a seminar on "Sorting Algorithms" in Room AG 24 on 7th May beginning at noon.

A short review of various sorting methods will be given, together with an outline of their respective merits and applications.

Annual Camp

The Philosophy Club's Annual Camp will be held at Morpeth Conference Centre (adjacent to St. John's College), Morpeth Road, Morpeth (two miles from East Maitland), from the night of 7th May to the afternoon of 9th May.

Amidst social happenings there will be six sessions of a more serious nature. The cost of accommodation and meals is $5.80 for Club members and $6.80 for others. Linen, blankets and towels will be provided. Individual meals cost 80c.

The programme: 7th May, 8 p.m., Marcus's Social Theory, Mr. J. Baker (Macquarie University), followed by a Social; 8th May, 10 a.m., Some Issues in the Philosophy of Mind, Dr. E. Szekely, Dr. D. Moore, Mr. T. Caelli (all Newcastle University); 3 p.m., Reason and Emotion in Religion (a symposium), Mr. D. Palmer, (Newcastle), Mr. A. Olding, (Macquarie); 7.30 p.m., Civilization and Sublimation, Dr. W. Doniela, (Newcastle), followed by a Social; 9th May, 10 a.m., Objectivity in History (a symposium), Mr. Gary Brown, Mr. Wayne Reynolds, (Newcastle); 2.30 p.m., What is Real? (B. Lonergan's Philosophy), Mr. Charles Ware, (Newcastle).

Bookings can be made through, and information can be obtained from, Mrs. D. Markwell, Secretary, Department of Philosophy.
FORTHCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

Rugby Union: 2nd May, University plays Merewether-Carlton, International Sports Centre; future fixtures not known.

Rugby League: University Cup, 1st May, University plays A.S.O.P.A., University Oval; 8th May, University plays Macquarie University Culloden, Clemton Park, Sydney; 15th May, University plays Sydney University Golds, University Oval; Newcastle Competition, 2nd May, University plays Hexham, Hexham Oval.

Soccer: 2nd May, University plays Muswellbrook, Stevenson Park; 9th May, University plays Edgeworth, Edgeworth Park; 15th May, University plays Cardiff Workers' Club, Stevenson Park.

Australian Rules: 1st May, University plays Cardiff, Hawkins Oval; 8th May, University plays R.A.A.F., Hawkins Oval; 15th May, University plays Wests, Hawkins Oval.

Women's Hockey: 1st May, University A plays Central, National Park, University Oval; University B plays Stockton, University Oval.