STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE TO BEGIN

The Vice-Principal (Professor Newton-John) has provided information about the Student Health Service which the University will establish in co-operation with the Union, the Students' Representative Council and the Sports Union.

Professor Newton-John said it was anticipated that a doctor and qualified nurses would begin duties in the Union about the middle of this month. They would be available for consultations and diagnoses and to give emergency medical treatment. Should any cases require continuing treatment the patients would be referred to the appropriate authority.

He said the University had previously asked the Australian Universities Commission to approve the provision of resources for the establishment of a properly equipped Student Health Service, with full-time staff, as a section of a proposed Student Services Building. The building, if approved, would also provide accommodation for the Student Counselling Unit, Chaplains, the Student Amenities Office and the Appointments Officer.

However, the need for a student health service was seen by the University Council and the S.R.C. as urgent. Mr. M. Nelson, Member of the University Council elected by undergraduates, had been the driving force in obtaining space in the Union and, in response to a request from the S.R.C., Professor Newton-John had carried out negotiations for the services of a doctor and nurses.

Professor Newton-John said the Union Board had agreed to the former Women's Common Room being converted into a health centre. The cost of building alterations had been met by the University ($700) and the S.R.C. ($500). The University had also provided furniture and medical equipment. As regards salaries, the University would bear this cost, except for $500, which had been contributed by the Sports Union.

Dr. G.J. Cousins is the medical practitioner who will be attached to the centre. He will be accessible to students on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nurses will be on duty every week day to give less specialised medical care.

MR. LOWE NEW S.R.C. TREASURER

Mr. David Lowe was elected to fill the vacancy on the Students' Representative Council Executive caused by the resignation of Mr. John Skehan. Mr. Lowe, a second-year Arts student, polled 20 votes and the other candidate, Mr. T. Leong Lau, 14 votes.
Mr. K.E. Lindgren, Senior Lecturer in Legal Studies, Department of Commerce, is co-author of a book *Business Law of Australia*, just published by Butterworths. He wrote the volume of 700-odd pages in collaboration with Mr. R.B. Vermeesch, Lecturer in Business Law, University of New South Wales.

In the Preface, Messrs. Lindgren and Vermeesch state that there has been a change in approach to the teaching of law to students in Commerce Faculties and Departments. The mere learning of the rules to be found in the fields of contract and mercantile law has been more or less abandoned for an attempt to have the student understand something of the nature of law; of the processes at work in the formulation of legal rules; of legal proceedings; of the ways in which law changes and develops. This change has necessitated an introduction to legal institutions and to legal techniques - not a disadvantage at a time when the work of accountants and administrators is becoming more involved with legal issues.

The first three chapters are an introduction to Australian legal institutions, Parliament and the courts. Chapters 4 to 24 deal with particular legal topics. This book pays some attention to the way in which the law works and, in some areas, cases have been discussed with detailed reference to the facts in issue. The authors believe that it is only in this way that the principles being discussed can "come alive" for the students who do not have the benefit of experience in a lawyer's office or of the detailed examination of cases expected of a student in a law faculty. At the end of many of the chapters there appears a comparative table of the sections of the various State Acts chiefly dealt with in those chapters.

Last year, Mr. Lindgren wrote *An Introduction to Business Law* (with Mr. B.J.L. Shtein, Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University), which is a 230-page text designed specifically to introduce students of accounting, commerce, economics or business studies to business law.

**Credit Union Supported by Meeting**

A Steering Committee was deputed by the members of staff who attended a meeting on 22nd June to proceed with investigations into, and formalities necessary for, the establishment of the University of Newcastle Credit Union.

Approximately 80 members of staff were present at the meeting, which was addressed by the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. J. Porter, representing the N.S.W. Credit Union League, and Mr. F. Jarvis, representing the Hunter District Water Board Credit Union. The good attendance was a fillip to the small band of enthusiasts which had suggested that a Credit Union be formed to provide members of staff with a method of saving and borrowing money at favourable interest rates.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that the university encouraged the proposal and would make deductions from salaries on behalf of the Credit Union's members.

Mr. Porter said it seemed to him that a Credit Union could be started with a sound base. Both the attendance at the meeting and the potential offered by the staff numbers, as well as the members of families of staff members, who could also join, had influenced his opinion. Subject to the Credit Union getting a keen response, his organisation would consider lending funds so that the Credit Union could make small loans to members earlier than normally.
The Steering Committee has held two meetings since the staff meeting. It is endeavouring to complete investigations so that a meeting can be held to form the Credit Union on Tuesday, 20th July, in the Science Lecture Theatre at 1 p.m. If the object is achieved, then the meeting will be called and members of staff will be requested to attend.

The main items being discussed by the Steering Committee are the preparation of a set of rules, as required by the N.S.W. Credit Union Act, the possible extension of membership to people who work on the university site but who are not university employees and the preparation of machinery for the election of a Board of Directors and Auditors.

STAFF HOUSE NEWS

Subscriptions

The subscription for the financial year, 1st July, 1971, to 30th June, 1972, has been prescribed by the Committee as follows:

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Subscriptions become due on the first day of July, 1971.

Under the Articles of Association the Committee must strike out of the Register the name and address of any Member whose subscription is unpaid at the expiration of two months from the date on which it becomes due and such a person thereupon ceases to be a Member of the Club. Such a person would have to re-apply for membership and pay, in addition to the subscription, another entrance fee of $10.

Subscriptions may be paid by cheque or cash and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Floyer, c/- Appointments Office, University of Newcastle.

Patronage

A rumour that the Staff House is toughening its attitude to visitors and non-members has been rebutted by the Committee. In fact, the Committee says, the Staff House openly extends invitations to staff members of the university to come in and have lunch, morning tea, etc. All members are asked to help and see that visitors are signed in in the Visitors' Book. This is to comply with the Liquor Act and the Articles of Association of the Club. There should be no difficulty in this, as there are Club Members spread throughout all Departments of the University.
Copies of "Me Jane", the newspaper published by the Women's Liberation Movement, can be purchased at Room T15 from Mr. I. Lennie, Tutor in English, and Miss. Baird, Research Assistant in English, for 20 cents each.

Among the articles in the July issue are discussions on lesbianism and doctors, and a review of Noam Chomsky's *At War With Asia*.

**HOUSE FOR SALE - NORTH LAMBERTON**


**S U B M I S S I O N S R E Q U E S T E D**

Submissions are invited from members of Newcastle University Students' Association and affiliated clubs on the subject of reform and/or restructuring of the association. They ought to be written and should clearly set out what changes are proposed. Copies of the present constitution are available in the N.U.S.A. Office. The closing date, for submissions is 23rd July (5 p.m.).

Mr. G. BROWN, VICE-PRESIDENT, N.U.S.A.

**P S Y C H O L O G I C A L S O C I E T Y A N N U A L C O N F E R E N C E**

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Australian Psychological Society will be held at Melbourne University from Saturday, 21st August, 1971 to Friday, 27th August, 1971.

An invitation to attend is extended to non-Members of the Australian Psychological Society, whether psychologists or not. The fee for Conference registration is $17.50, with a concession rate for Members of $12.50. Cheques should be made payable to A.P.S. Conference Account. Non-Members may submit papers for presentation at the Conference provided they are sponsored by a Member of the Society.

**P O E T R Y W R I T I N G C O U R S E**

From Friday, 23rd July, for ten Fridays, Dr. N. C. Tablot, Senior Lecturer in English, will conduct a poetry writing course in conjunction with *Poetry Australia*. The class will meet at 7.30 in the English Seminar Room.

Three different approaches will be used: the work of individual students will be duplicated and discussed, anonymously, by the class, with a view to pointing out successes and failures in detail and improving techniques of
writing and revision; general discussions of such topics as rhyme, free verse, obscurity, publications and the like will be led by Dr. Talbot; and certain "exercises" will be set in which various skills can be acquired or strengthened. The cost of the complete course will be $2 per student.

Anybody interested should get in touch with Dr. Talbot (Ext. 378) or leave a message with the English Department Secretary, Mrs. Hill (Ext. 375). No more than 15 students will be enrolled.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE

The University's Procedures provide, among other things, that a student enrolled in the Faculties of Applied Science, Architecture, Engineering, Mathematics and Science who withdraws from a course after Monday, 12th July, will be deemed to have failed in the subject or subjects from which he or she withdraws, unless the Dean grants permission to withdraw without penalty. The last day for students enrolled in the Faculties of Arts and Economics and Commerce was 18th June.

COMING EVENTS

Travel Information

Miss Janne Lee, who some students of the university knew when she was local Secretary of the Australian Union of Students, will return on 12th and 13th July to inform students about A.U.S. travel schemes. Miss Lee is the A.U.S. National Travel Director and her visit will coincide with Travel Week (12th - 16th July).

Extraordinary Meeting

The Secretary-Manager of the Union (Mr. W. Bridgwater) has announced that in accordance with the Union Constitution a requisition signed by the required 20 Members of the Union was submitted calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting of members to discuss and determine the following motion:-

"That this General Meeting of Union Members demand that the Union Board of Management rescind the increase of food prices as a temporary measure until the report of the Finance Committee's investigation into catering structure is received and dealt with".

Mr. Bridgwater said the meeting would be held in the Common Room on Thursday, 13th July, at 5.30 p.m.

Philosophy Club

Professor David Armstrong, Professor of Philosophy, University of Sydney, will deliver a paper on The Nature of Our Democracy on Wednesday, 14th July, at 1 p.m. in the Union Lounge.

Professor Armstrong, a controversial academic figure, will focus on the constitutional and representative aspects of democracy. Staff and students are welcome.

Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the University of Newcastle Staff Association will be held in the Physics Lecture Theatre on Friday, 16th July, beginning at 1 p.m.
Education Conference

A conference on education, organised by the Newcastle University Students' Association, will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre on Saturday, 17th July from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Submissions will be made by, among others, Mr. H. Schoenheimer, Senior Lecturer in Education, La Trobe University, Miss Dany Humphries, Education writer for The Australian, Mr. K. Newcombe, Education Vice-President of A.U.S., Mr. N. Pollock, of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation, Dr. W. Daniela, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Newcastle and Mr. A. Svirskis, President of N.U.S.A.

Faculty Wives' Group

The next meeting of the group will be held in the Council Room on Thursday, 15th July, 1971, at noon. Mr. Barney Fenelon, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, will speak on "Psychopharmacology of Learning Difficulties". Luncheon will be served at a cost of 75 cents each.

Joint Dance

As part of W.U.S. Week, the University Table Tennis Club and the Overseas Students' Association will conduct a dance in the Union on Saturday night 17th July. Admission will cost $1 a person and the O.S.A. will donate its share of the proceeds to the S.R.C.'s Fund for Relief for East Pakistan Refugees.

So far the S.R.C. has contributed $179 to the Red Cross for refugee assistance. This sum was mainly collected from students in lunch hours. Donations are still being accepted.

Cultural Night

The Overseas Students' Association has completed details for the staging of its second Cultural Night, to be held at Stewarts and Lloyds Recreation Club on Friday, 23rd July, at 8 p.m. The first function of this sort was held at Newcastle Technical College Union last year.

Members of the university and citizens are invited to attend. Tickets cost members of the O.S.A $1.70 each and other people $2 each. About 50 members of the association, representing several nationalities, will take part in the entertainment, which will subdivide into a Cultural Show (featuring national songs, dances and dress), supper (non-Australian food) and modern dancing. The function will end at 1 a.m.

Tickets can be obtained from Committee Members of the Overseas Students' Association and at the S.R.C. Office.

Anti-Racialism Seminar

Newcastle Trades Hall Council Aboriginal Advancement Committee will hold a seminar with the theme "Against Racialism; for Aboriginal Rights" on Sunday, 11th July. The seminar will be held in the Namitjira Room of Newcastle Workers' Club from 9.45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some points for discussion will be: the urgency of Aboriginal employment problems; the role of Aborigines as trade unionists; the validity or otherwise of trade union fears re Aboriginal trade training; the questions whether opposition to adult trade training in regard to Aborigines is justified, and whether it is a form of racism; and the overcoming of racial prejudice.

The seminar will be divided up into three sessions, the first (9.45 a.m - 1 p.m.) to be chaired by Professor D.G. Howatt, Head of the Department of German.
Interfaculty Competition

Engineering is leading on points in the 1971 Interfaculty Staff/Student Sporting Competition after three weeks of matches. The points table is: Engineering 10, Arts and Administration each 8, Architecture 4, Science 1, Philosophy, Dip. Ed. and Education still have to play a few matches to balance the itinerary.

This is the programme for the next two weeks:

Tuesday, 13th July: Soccer, Architecture v. Boat Club Faculties;
Wednesday, 14th July: Soccer, Engineering v. Arts; Volley Ball, Engineering v. Administration;
Tuesday, 20th July: Rugby, Architecture v. Commerce; Hockey, Engineering v. Girls' Club;
Wednesday, 21st July: Soccer, Architecture v. Engineering; Volley Ball, Engineering v. Commerce (Mr. Dicksands team);
Thursday, 22nd July: Hockey, Architecture v. Arts.

Other fixtures are being arranged. The competition will conclude with a rowing regatta on 1st August.

Forthcoming Sports Fixtures

Rugby Union: 10th July, University plays Mayfield East, Dangar Park;
17th July, plays Merewether-Carlton, University Oval;
24th July, plays Wanderers.

Soccer: 11th July, University plays Edgesworth, Stevenson Park;
18th July, plays Cardiff Workers, Cardiff;
25th July, plays Warner's Bay, Stevenson Park.

Australian Rules:
10th July, University plays City, Hawkins Oval;
17th July, bye;
24th July, plays Cardiff, Hawkins Oval.

Men's Hockey: 10th July, University bye;
17th July, plays Stockton, Smith Park.

Scholarship for Graduate

Mr. Geoffrey Morris, who holds the degree of B. Com. in this University, and is a member of University Rugby Club, has been awarded a Scholarship by the World Association of Travel Agents. The scholarship will provide Mr. Morris, who is Commercial Manager at Jayes Travel Service, with two months' study in travel agency administration overseas.

Autonomy Day Programme

Mr. L. Smith, Director of Autonomy Day, has supplied the following details of Autonomy Day Activities:
Thursday 15th July 12.30 p.m. 'Boat Races', outside the Union, followed by "Drink the Pub Dry" at local hotel to be named on the day;

4.30 p.m. Scavenger Hunt.

Friday 16th July 11.00 a.m. March from Travelodge Motel down Hunter Street, Newcastle, to No. 2 Sports Ground:

2.00 p.m. Regatta at Police Wharf, Newcastle, using home-made boats;

8.00 p.m. Dance in the Union, music provided by The-69ers and Bullet.

W. U. S. WEEK ACTIVITIES

World University Service Week, to be held from Saturday, 17th July, to Friday, 23rd July, will raise money for the South African Committee for Higher Education, which provides South African non-whites with external scholarships tenable at the University of London.

Miss Hazel Davidson, Publicity Officer for W.U.S., has provided the following details of W.U.S. Week events:

Saturday, 17th July, Car wash Jesmond Centre; dance, The Union.

Monday 19th July, Opening of exhibition of "works of art" executed by members of staff, The Union; readings from Winnie the Pooh, Professors Newton-John, Dutton, Gibbs and Biggins, Dr. Rutherford, Mr. Stowell, Union Lounge, 1 p.m; "money pool", The Union.

Tuesday 20th July, collection of donations at University car parks; exhibition of photographs of certain professors as babies and the tagging of a competition to name them, The Union (also Wednesday).

Wednesday 21st July, Jazz Concert, Union Courtyard.

Thursday, 22nd July, Dr. Rutherford to auction "works of art" by members of staff, 1 p.m.

Friday, 23rd July, Fashion parade, Union dining room, 1 p.m., announcement of winners of Miss University Quest and Miss W.U.S.