UNIVERSITY ROLE IN ADULT EDUCATION

At its last meeting, the University Council gave its consent to the establishment of a new department at the University to be called the Department of Community Programmes. The decision will make the University responsible for activities in the field of adult education for the first time.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the University would take over the staff and the work of the Department of Adult Education of the University of Sydney and develop this programme so that the University's resources became relevant, and readily available, to people in the community.

It was hoped that the transfer would become effective on 1st January, 1973, provided the necessary arrangements could be made with the University of Sydney and State fund-granting authorities.

Since 1970 a Committee appointed by the Senate of the University had considered the contribution which the University could make to both adult education and community development. Two views of the relationship between the University and the community had been assessed.

The limited view of the University's role in adult education saw it in terms of the extension of opportunity for members of the community to receive instruction at, or near, the level of University undergraduate courses.

The wider perspective followed from an acceptance of the proposition that the resources of the University had relevance to the needs of the community and should be readily available. The University was now seen as having: A commitment to the promotion of intellectual values and their expression in the search for solutions to problems; a pool of specialised knowledge; a capacity for undertaking research and development on a wide range of problems having immediate interest to the community; a community which was interested in theatre, music and arts and facilities for the promotion of this interest.

Professor Auchmuty said the Department of Community Programmes could initially be expected to develop its activities as follows:-

* Lecture programmes providing "refresher" courses for people who wish to maintain contact with their special fields and public lectures for the promotion of interest in fields related to the work of University.

* Research and development projects involving cooperation between the University and the community.

* Promotion of theatre, music and the arts by way of regular presentations of plays, concerts, films and art exhibitions in such University facilities as the Great Hall and the Arts/Drama Theatre.

Members of staff of the Department of Adult Education of the University of Sydney who are at present stationed in Newcastle (one Senior Lecturer, two Lecturers and two Secretaries) would be offered appointments in the new Department of Community Programmes without any loss of salary and with existing entitlement to long service and study leave.
The University had recognised its obligation to continue to provide courses in conjunction with the Workers' Educational Association. At present Sydney University cooperated with the W.E.A. to present 26 courses a year, the Department of Adult Education being responsible for academic aspects and the W.E.A. for publicity, enrolments, collection of fees and the provision of facilities.

Professor Auchmuty said that the minimum academic staff numbers of the Department of Community Programmes would be four, including a Director whose salary would be in a range from Associate Professor to Professor.

The University would establish a Board of Community Programmes responsible to the Senate and consisting of about 25 people, including two representatives of the W.E.A. and three community representatives.

Professor Auchmuty said the State's major adult education programmes were presented by the Universities of Sydney and New England. The University of New England operated in the northern section of the State, extending south to Taree, Willow Tree, Dubbo and Broken Hill, while the University of Sydney had access to the remainder of New South Wales.

The University of Newcastle had defined as the area which the Department of Community Programs would endeavour to serve that part of the State bounded by lines drawn from Taree to Murrurundi, from Murrurundi to Dunedoo and from Dunedoo to Woy Woy. Taree was at present included in New England University's area.

Committee's Interim Report

The University Council, on 15th September, appointed Mrs. B.J. Lord and Mr. R. Robinson to a Joint Council/Senate Committee on Teacher Education. They filled vacancies created when Mrs. H.M. Turner and Mr. M. Nelson left the Council last June.

The Committee is advising the Council on the best form of association that might be established between the University and Newcastle Teachers' College to advance the participation of the University in the provision of teacher education.

The Joint Council/Senate Committee was set up last November. It was authorised to consult with the University of New England, any other University in N.S.W. which was contemplating changing relationships with colleges concerned with teacher education, Newcastle Teachers' College and other interested bodies.

An Interim Report was submitted by the Committee to the University Council on 15th September. The report said the Committee had held 13 meetings, without any meeting having yet been arranged with the Teachers' College or other outside bodies.

The Council sent the Interim Report back to Senate with a request that the recommendations be considered and a report submitted to the Council.

The Joint Council/Senate Committee consists of the Deputy Chancellor (Dr. G.A. Edwards), who is Chairman, Mrs. Lord, Messrs. Robinson, K. Booth, M.L.A., A. Forsythe and Professor L.N. Short, all nominated by the Council, and Professors A.M. Ritchie, A.J. Carmichael and W. Pickering and Mr. E. Flowers, nominated by Senate. A successor is needed for Professor A.D. Tweedie.

S.R.C. Makes Suggestions

The University Council referred requests made by the Students' Representative Council to the Council's By-Laws and Constitutions Committee.

The President of the N.U.S.A. (E.A. Duke) said in a letter to the Council that the S.R.C. had passed the following motions on 13th July:

1. (a) That the two members of the Council elected by students should be subject to recall by their electorate,
(b) That such recall be subject to a referendum of all students entitled to vote and,

(c) That such referendum may be called by the presentation of a petition of 500 signatures.

The President of the N.U.S.A. wrote to the Council again this month. The S.R.C. had discussed at length the procedures of the Council, she said, and was concerned about the manner in which submissions were considered by the Council and the degree of publicity given not only to Council decisions but, more importantly, to matters currently under consideration.

She said the S.R.C. felt that the following motions, if agreed to, would alleviate to some extent the unfortunate degree of misunderstanding which surrounded Council meetings for many members of the University community:

That persons submitting reports, submissions or petitions to University Council be allowed the option of appearing before Council in person.

That a report of University Council meetings be prepared by either the Vice-Principal or Secretary of the University, and circulated to students and staff via University News.

MONOGRAPH FROM COMMERCE

A research monograph written by Mr. E.J. Burke, Senior Lecturer in Accounting at the University, has been published by TUNRA. The monograph, A Survey of Capital Budgeting Practices by Australian Companies 1970-71, contains 62 pages and is being distributed by the Faculty of Economics and Commerce.

In the Preface Mr. Burke says the empirical study was undertaken to investigate the rationale which guided the actions of Australian management with respect to capital budgeting decisions and other related issues. The study sought to test three matters. First, to determine whether the capital budgeting rationale of overseas controlled firms operating in Australia was superior to firms owned locally. Secondly, business firms were classified by industry, the object being to try and determine what approach to capital budgeting was made by various industry groups and further, to see what policy differences may emerge as between different industry groups. Finally, firms were classified by size to test whether size had any significant bearing upon the capital budgeting methods employed.

HIGHER DEGREES APPROVED

Council decided that the following degrees would be awarded:

Doctor of Philosophy to Mr. Peter James MOYLAN (Department of Electrical Engineering) whose thesis was Optimal Control of Nonlinear Systems and Mr. Kevin Francis COLLIS (Department of Psychology) whose thesis was A Study of Concrete and Formal Operations in School Mathematics.

Master of Engineering to Mr. Priya HETRAKUL (Department of Electrical Engineering) whose thesis was Optimal Decoupling Control and its Application to Vehicular Regulation.

Master of Science to Mr. Raymond John CARTER (Department of Metallurgy) whose thesis was A Study of Luders Bands in Stain-Aged and Quench-Aged Mild Steel.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS

The University has announced that people who intend to seek admission to the University in 1973 must lodge application forms early.
Wednesday, 1st November, 1972, is the closing date for the lodgement of applications from people resident in Australia who are seeking admission on the basis of qualifications already held at 30th September, 1972, and people resident outside Australia who already possess the results of the examination on which they are applying for admission in 1973.

People resident outside Australia whose examination results will not be available by 1st November, 1972 will not be considered for admission in 1973. They may enquire in September, 1973 for admission in 1974.

People resident in Australia who are seeking admission on the basis of results of examinations taken after 30th September, 1972, or who have been enrolled in another Australian tertiary institution in 1972 or who have applied to attempt the University of Sydney Matriculation Examination in February, 1973, must lodge application forms not later than 19th January, 1972.

Application forms can be obtained from The Secretary, The University of Newcastle, New South Wales, 2308.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Biological Sciences

At its meeting on 15th September, the University Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to enter into a contract with the building company that submitted the lowest tender for the construction of the Biological Sciences building. Tenders for the project, estimated to cost $720,000, have been called from seven local building companies.

Mathematics/Classroom Building

Council approved preliminary sketch plans for the proposed Mathematics/Classroom building in principle with respect to siting and general design. As soon as final sketch plans and estimates had been prepared an application will be submitted to the Australian Universities Commission.

Edwards Hall

The Council was told that the A.U.C. had recommended grants of $280,000 to provide 33 undergraduate places, three tutor places and a Warden's residence at Edwards Hall. It was expected that the A.U.C. would also approve the reinstatement of areas previously deleted from the Central Facilities Block.

The Council authorised the Planner (Professor E.C. Parker) to negotiate with W. Stronach Pty. Limited, contractors for the first stage of Edwards Hall, for the work to be done and to approach the A.U.C. for approval. If this procedure were followed it might be possible to complete the additional accommodation by the start of the 1973 academic year.

The A.U.C. had stated that it was "continuing its policy of recommending funds towards the provision of a house, or large flat, for the Master, Principal or Warden of each Hall and College up to a maximum Commonwealth contribution of $10,000 based on a total cost of up to $20,000."

The Buildings and Grounds Committee had authorised Professor Parker to call tenders for the construction of the Warden's house from project builders specialising in this type of work and to arrange for the erection of the house on a site to be selected having regard to general planning considerations in the vicinity of the tennis courts.

The Council approved the Committee's action and authorised the Vice-Chancellor to enter into a contract with the lowest tenderer.

Alterations and Extensions to the Union Building

The Buildings and Grounds Committee had reported that it had considered proposals for building alterations and additions to be carried out at the Union. The proposals had followed the A.U.C.'s approval of grants totalling $200,000 for the work.
The Committee had agreed that alterations and additions to the kitchen area should be done under a separate contract administered by the Union Board so as to complete the work by the start of first term next year and to gain other advantages.

The major additions to be carried out at the main entrance of the Union would be a separate project using bank finance arranged by the Union Board and capital funds granted to the University for this purpose.

The Council approved the lodging of an application with the A.U.C. for approval to be given to the project, subject to the Union Board giving satisfactory and acceptable assurances to the University about finance, administration and other matters.

Education/Sociology/Psychology Building

Council authorised the appointment of Laurie and Heath Pty. Limited as Architect for the proposed Education/Sociology/Psychology building, for which grants totalling $1,140,000 had been recommended by the A.U.C. in its fifth report.

Unemployment Relief

Council was informed that three or four men would be sent to the University on 11th September to commence work under the unemployment relief scheme. A grant of $2,400 had been made for unemployment relief works at the University. The men would work on clearing undergrowth from the vicinity of the Central Research Laboratory and drainage work. A fence would be erected near the Laboratory when the clearing was completed. The unemployment relief grants would probably be continued until June next year.

REPORT ON STUDY LEAVE

Mr. W.F. Geyl, Senior Lecturer in Geography, reported to the University Council on his 12 months' study leave, which ended in August.

He spent eight months at the University of Bristol, where he had access to all the facilities of the University's Department of Geography. He also made reconnaissance field trips, gave seminars in London, Reading and Norwich and read a paper to the Institute of British Geographers.

Mr. Geyl worked on the Continent, chiefly in The Netherlands, for a further four months.

ORIENTATION WEEK OFFICERS


STUDENT LABOUR FORCE

The President of the Board of Management of the Union (Mr. J. Kumm) said the Board had been concerned about the lack of opportunities available to students to be employed by the Union.

He said the Board had, following a request made by a general meeting of students, introduced a scheme permitting students to be employed on a casual basis.

At the Board's meeting on 21st September the following resolutions had been passed:-

That all full-time positions in the Union be advertised in The Newcastle Morning Herald, on the Union notice board and in University News and any student applicants for such positions...
be considered on equal standing with other applicants.

That the student labour position be reviewed after six weeks and the Board meeting considering the review be presented with a report on staff absences and the number of students employed during this period.

That in the event of casual absence of kitchen staff suitably qualified students or qualified staff from other departments of the Union be employed.

Also, that notices relating to the availability of casual employment be displayed on the notice board at the entrance to the Union.

**HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS**

The Australian Union of Students' Friendly Society is offering students a combined hospital and medical benefits scheme which, according to figures presented by the society, costs members two thirds of the normal cost of this insurance.

The scheme requires students to pay $28.20 a year, compared with the normal $42.30. This contribution covers the bulk of charges made by public hospitals, doctors and specialists.

Benefits are also provided to cover the charges made for eye examinations, physiotherapy, home nursing, hospital outpatients and spectacles.

Membership of the medical and hospital fund is open to full-time and part-time students who are 25 years of age or under. Membership is only available to single students and will not extend to cover dependants.

Application forms can be obtained from the S.R.C. Office.

**PROFESSOR VISITS THE U.S.A.**

Professor Stewart, of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has just returned from two weeks in the U.S.A., where he presented a paper on soot formation in industrial pulverized coal flames, written by Dr. Wall and himself, to the International Combustion Symposium.

The paper was well received at this interdisciplinary meeting of about 500 scientists from the fields of Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Physics, Chemical and Mechanical Engineering. Emphasis on combustion research, directed to the control of pollutant emission was very strong.

Professor Stewart said that subsequent visits to Queens University, M.I.T., Combustion Engineering National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Authority highlighted both the really sound progress being made in the U.S.A. and the waste and alternative pollution resulting from a great many ill-conceived community pressures. Some possibilities for interchange of information and personnel were explored.

**NEW APPOINTMENT, PROMOTIONS**

Dr. Karl Johann Schönthal has taken up his appointment as Post-doctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Chemistry. He holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Western Australia.

The University Council confirmed a schedule of staff promotions which showed that Miss B.R. Cook had been granted the classification, Assistant University Librarian (Acquisitions), and Mr. B. Mitcheson had been classified Assistant University Librarian (Serials).
Nominations have been called from students for election as members of the Executive of the 21st Students' Representative Council and as Representatives to the Council. The 21st Council will function from first term next year as successor to the present Council.

Nominations for election as President, Secretary, Treasurer and local A.U.S. Secretary close on 3rd October and as Representatives on 9th October.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Laboratory Attendant - Department of Biological Sciences  Position No. N67/72

Applications are invited from males for the above position. Duties include general servicing and other routine work associated with laboratory activities. Formal qualifications are not essential, but previous working experience in a laboratory would be advantageous. Salary range for adults is $66.84 per week to $72.05 per week and commencing salary will depend upon age, qualifications and experience. Juniors are paid according to age. Applications close 3rd October.

Newcastle University Union - House Steward

Applications in writing, are invited for the above position from capable and reliable males, preferably in the age group 35-50 years. Applicants should be well spoken and of neat appearance. Preferences will be given to those with experience as a Steward or similar capacity. Duties include: Cleaning, maintenance and supervision of a building having heavy daily usage. Applicants must be prepared to work alternate weeks on roster between hours 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. Monday to Friday. Overtime is available generally at weekends. Written applications, giving full details of previous employment, together with copies of references, or names and addresses of referees, should be addressed to The Secretary-Manager, Newcastle University Union, New South Wales. 2308. Applications close 30th September.

GRADUATE STUDIES IN ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics offers graduate studies towards the Master of Commerce in Economics, by Coursework and Dissertation, and by Research and Thesis. Candidates may also register for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The normal requirement for admission to study towards the M.Com. in Economics by Coursework is a bachelor's degree with honours in Economics or a major in Economics. The length of the course for students with honours (or equivalent) is usually one full-time calendar year and two years for other candidates. Part-time enrolment may also be allowed. Studies stress economic problems, analysis, applications, and governmental policies involving industry in developed and underdeveloped countries.

Scholarships available include Commonwealth Postgraduate Awards and University of Newcastle Postgraduate Research Scholarships (for which applications close on 31st October). The Department has prepared a booklet setting out its graduate programme in detail; copies are available from Mrs. E.M. Sheehan, Department of Economics.

OVERSEA STUDENTS' SURVEY

The local Overseas Students' Service is conducting a survey on the special needs of students at the University of Newcastle especially regarding accommodation, studies facilities, language problems and general acculturation problems. The completed questionnaires will, it is hoped, provide valuable statistical information to be used in planning the provision and extension of services and
benefits for overseas students.

The questionnaires are anonymous and oversea students are not obliged to answer any questions they do not want to answer. Completed questionnaires should be placed in the special box provided near the Library exit door or handed in at the S.R.C. Office.

SPECIAL REQUEST REGARDING FEES

The Vice-Chancellor will make representations for assistance to be given to any students of the University who cannot pay increased annual fees to be introduced next year.

The University Council, at its last meeting, amended the existing fee schedule applying to undergraduates, postgraduates, students who pay fees late and students who sit for special examinations.

The Council approved the following fees, to apply from 1st January, 1973:

Full-time courses in the Faculties of Arts, Economics/Commerce and Mathematics, $447 per annum (currently $384), full-time courses in all other Faculties $540 ($462); part-time courses in all Faculties $287 ($231). Fees for tuition for postgraduate diplomas, Master's Degrees and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees will also increase. The new charges will be one-sixth higher than the current fees.

A meeting of the Students' Association held just prior to the meeting of the Council had elected a delegation to request permission to attend the Council meeting. Permission was granted by the Chancellor, and the delegation presented a petition protesting against any rise in fees. The delegation submitted a proposal prepared by the S.R.C. For the fees schedule to be adjusted so students who are not assisted by scholarships would not have to pay the increased fees.

Members of the Council were told that in September, 1971 the State Government stated that, if fees were increased by a sixth from 1972, Universities would, with the supplementary State support planned, be in a position to qualify for the maximum Commonwealth grants. Following the increase in fees this year, the Vice-Chancellor wrote to the Deputy Premier inquiring whether the State's financial position had improved to an extent that an increase in fees in 1973 might be avoided. The Deputy Premier said that, unless there was an increase in the proportion of the Commonwealth contribution to the recurrent funding of Universities, it would seem inevitable that the level of fees charged would have to rise more or less in accordance with costs generally.

The Vice-Chancellor said that when the University increased its fees the University received no extra income, whereas if it failed to do so it would lose $195,600 next year and more in subsequent years. The University must qualify for the maximum possible recurrent grants. It should be borne in mind that the number of students who paid their own course fees represented less than 30 per cent of the enrolment. The remainder were assisted by scholarships or cadetships and would have the increases paid for them.

It was submitted in opposition to the fee increase that students who paid their own course fees, as well as those whose fees were reimbursed after examinations had been passed, would be in trouble. Furthermore, it was becoming impossible to obtain employment in vacations to pay for University fees. There was a real reason why the fees should be increased, but the hardship caused would prevent some young people from obtaining a tertiary education.

The students' delegation stated that due to the financial barriers many young people could not consider enrolling at an Australian University. As for young people who were students, a good proportion of these would experience additional hardship because they were not on scholarships and had to pay their own fees.

The Council asked the Vice-Chancellor to approach the State Universities Board to try to obtain assistance for students who would be in financial difficulties because of the higher fees.

At a meeting of students of the University on 26th September it was resolved to
make representations seeking introduction of the S.R.C. proposal to the Visitor (the Governor), the Federal Treasurer (Mr. Snedden) and the N.S.W. Premier (Sir Robert Askin). The Labour Party's Shadow Treasurer (Mr. Crean) and Shadow Minister for Education (Mr. Beazley) will be asked to support the proposal.

The President of N.U.A.S. (E.A. Duke) said 1,100 students had signed a petition objecting to the fee increase. More signatures were being obtained.

Mr. C.J.A. Cornelius, member of the University Council elected by Convocation, said he would be pleased to hear from post-graduate students who anticipated financial difficulties arising from the increase in fees. His postal address is: Box 81, Post Office, Swansea, 2281, and his 'phone number in office hours is 61 4821.

In the light of both the steady growth in membership (nearly 150) and the apparent desire of members to avail themselves of saving and borrowing services to a greater degree, the University Credit Union's Board of Directors has decided to introduce prescribed business hours.

From Tuesday, 3rd October, all Credit Union business will be carried out in Room G 55 on the Ground Floor of the Arts/Administration building, the office of the Staff Engineer (Mr. M. Edmonds), who is Chairman of the Credit Union's Board of Directors. It will be used as a business office for the Credit Union until the University is able to provide an office in one of the temporary buildings neighbouring the Arts/Administration building.

In a letter to Mr. Edmonds, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Auchmuty, said he had agreed to an office in the temporary buildings being devoted to the business of the Credit Union, the Public Service Association and the Staff Association. An office would become vacant after the Social Sciences building was completed.

Directors of the Credit Union will be in Mr. Edmonds' office on a roster basis every day of the week to handle the formalities from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Members should in future get in touch with the Credit Union only by calling at Room G 55, or telephoning 201, during this hour. This new arrangement will apply to joining, filling in savings authorities, making applications for loans, depositing cash as savings and collecting cheques as part of the budget savings scheme.

At its meeting on 25th September, the Board of Directors appointed Mr. R. Weir as Secretary and Mr. G. Searles as Treasurer. They replaced Mr. T.G. Chapman and Mr. D. Doherty respectively.

NEWCASTLE AUTHORS IN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Two author's copies of The Encyclopedia of Geochemistry and Environmental Sciences (over 1,300 pages) arrived at the campus this week. The encyclopedia is just off the presses of Van Nostrand Reinhold, of New York.

It has been written by some 236 international authors and provides the most up to date data on geochemistry and the environmental sciences. Its arrival in Earth Week is timely.

Of particular interest to this campus is the fact that, of the four Australian authors, two are from the Department of Geology. Dr. S. St.J. Warne contributed eight articles: Derivative Differential Thermal Analysis, Differential Thermogravimetric analysis, Effluent Gas Analysis, Gas Evolution Analysis, Thermogravimetric Analysis, Oxyluminescence, X-ray Diffraction - Variable Atmosphere and X-ray Diffraction - Variable Temperature.

Professor Arthur Ritchie contributed the article on Chromatography.
Volume 8 of Dialectic, the Philosophy Club's journal, has just been published. Copies are available for 50 cents each from the Department of Philosophy office.


It is the second "student Dialectic", since all contributors are tutors or Philosophy students.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE TUTORS' AND DEMONSTRATORS' ASSOCIATION (UNTDA)

At the Annual General Meeting, held on 21st September, 1972, the following executive was elected:

President: Bill Warren Education Ext. 472
Vice-President: Ken Lee Geography 659
Secretary: Duncan McDonald Economics
Treasurer: Mrs. Win Frost Mathematics 410
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Sheila Gray History 433
Two Ordinary Members: Mrs. Judy Galvin Geography 670

Mr. D. Bell Metallurgy

All full- and part-time tutors and demonstrators are eligible for membership of UNTDA on payment of an annual fee of 20¢, payable to any of the above. Members of the executive would welcome any queries that you may have as well as suggestions on how the association should be run.

UNTDA functions to:

(a) inform Tutors/Demonstrators of conditions of employment, status, rights and duties
(b) to improve the above
(c) to solve specific grievances of members and
(d) as a social forum for the exchange of ideas.

FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS

A recruitment team from the Hong Kong Productivity Centre will visit Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. Its itinerary, and the address of the place at which they will interview students: Sydney, 25th September to 6th October, 4th Floor, W.E.A. House, 70-72 Bathurst Street, Sydney; Canberra, 7th October to 11th October, Department of Immigration, Barton, A.C.T., and Melbourne, 12th October to 17th October, Room 801, 8th Floor, Prince's Gate Building, 151 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

PROFESSOR'S BOOK APPEARS

Professor A.M. Gibbs is the author of a book, Sir William Davenant: The Shorter Poems, and Songs from the Plays and Masques, which was published in August by the Clarendon Press, Oxford, and sells for $24.50.
The edition is the first complete collection of Davenant's shorter poems, and songs from the plays and masques, the last full collection of his poems having been that included in the Folio edition of his works, published posthumously in 1673. The text is based on collation of a wide variety of seventeenth-century printed and manuscript sources and is followed by a commentary which aims to place the poems in their contemporary literary and historical context. The poems are prefaced with a biographical, critical and textual introduction and a selection of critical comments on Davenant by various writers from his own time to the nineteenth century. Contemporary musical settings of several of the poems, by William and Henry Lawes, John Wilson and others, are included in an appendix.

The poet had an adventurous and varied career which, in a sense, could be said to have begun even before he was born. He was the son of an innkeeper in Oxford (b. 1606), but in seventeenth and eighteenth century gossip was reputed to be an illegitimate child of Shakespeare. Some scholars have claimed that Davenant's mother, Jane, may have been the Dark Lady referred to in Shakespeare's sonnets.

During the 1650's Davenant became one of the chief poets and dramatists of the Caroline court. He collaborated in the presentation of court masques with Inigo Jones and produced numerous plays and his first volume of poems. In 1638 Charles I awarded him an annuity of £100, which is generally considered to mark Davenant's appointment as Poet Laureate. He served as an officer in the Civil War and was knighted in 1643. At the close of the war he joined the Royalist exiles in Paris.

In 1649 the exiled Charles II commissioned the poet to sail to Maryland and replace Lord Baltimore as Governor, but the ship on which he was travelling was captured by a Parliamentary vessel, and Davenant was imprisoned, first on the Isle of Wight and later in the Tower of London. During his imprisonment he wrote part of his unfinished romance-epic Gondibert. He was released from the Tower in 1652, and later in the decade became active again as a poet, dramatist and theatre manager. He was responsible for the re-commencement of theatrical activities in England after the long closure of the theatres by the Puritans, having succeeded in persuading the authorities of the respectability of drama by calling his productions Moral Representations. He also played a major part in the introduction of opera in England and produced some operatic works himself.

His literary associates included Fulke Greville, Aubrey, Hobbes, Samuel Butler, Pepys and Dryden. He was married at least three times, and had innumerable children, one of whom was Charles Davenant, the eighteenth-century economist. His poetical works include lyrics, satires and burlesques, complimentary addresses and philosophical and religious poems.

COMING EVENTS

Talks on the Environment

The Board of Environmental Studies has arranged a programme of addresses on environmental subjects to be presented at the University next month.

On 5th October, Mr. Tony Powell, a practising physical planner who was formerly attached to the State Planning Authority will speak in the evening. It is expected that the venue will be the Engineering Lecture Theatre.

Mr. Amos Rapaport, Environment Correspondent for The Australian and architect-turnèd-Ethologist, will visit the campus to speak on 9th October. He will give his address in the Union Courtyard at lunchtime.

On 16th October Mr. Lindsay Robertson, a landscape planner and ecologist, will be guest speaker for the Board. He will speak in the Union at lunchtime and the Engineering Lecture Theatre at night.

The final address in the series will be presented by Dr. Raymond Bunker, an expert on spatial distribution in the urban environment, who is attached to the Department of Town and Country Planning, Sydney, on 20th October.

Joint O.S.S.-M.S.U. Forum

The Overseas Students' Service and Malaysian Students' Union have jointly

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organized a forum on "Problems of Overseas Students".

The speakers will be: Mr. Pat McLoughin, of the Department of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Ed. Quay, Co-National Overseas Students' Service Director; Dr. D. Keats, President of Newcastle Co-ordinating Committee for Overseas Students; and Mrs. R. Loftus, Overseas Students Adviser.

The panel, besides the speakers, will include Miss Dawn Beresford-Wylie, National O.S.S. Secretary, Ms. Anne Duke, President of Newcastle University Students' Association and Mr. Chai Yong Kee, Vice-President of O.S.A.

The forum will be held in the Union Lounge, on Friday, 29th September, beginning at 12.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. All members of staff and students are welcome.

Maths Seminar

The Department of Mathematics will hold a seminar on Friday, 29th September, in Room 218 at 12 noon. Dr. J.P.L. Knopfmacher, presently visiting Australia from the University of Witwatersrand, will speak on "Categories and Analytic Number Theory".

Spokesman on the Environment

Mr. Tom Uren, M.H.R., the Labor Party's Shadow Minister for Urban Affairs and the Environment, will give an address in the Union Courtyard on Friday, 29th September, at 1 p.m. Mr. Uren's visit has been arranged by the University Labor Club.

"Musicology"

The Philosophy Club has issued an invitation to people to hear Mr. Graham Pont, Lecturer at the University of N.S.W., submit a paper on "Revolution in Musicology". Mr. Pont recently attended an international conference of musicologists in Copenhagen. The address will be given in the McLarty Room on 3rd October at 1 p.m. In his paper Mr. Pont will discuss the history, philosophy and sociology of a newly-emerging science, musicology, with special reference to the theories of Auguste Comte and Thomas Kuhn.

Economic Society

Newcastle Area Committee of the Economic Society will hold a meeting in the Staff House on Tuesday, 3rd October at 7.30 p.m.

Dr. P. Drysdale, of the Australian National University, will speak on "Australia's Trade Policy and Japan".

"Greece Today"

Next meeting of the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs will be addressed by Mr. Hugh Gilchrist, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. He will speak on "Greece Today". The meeting will be held in the W.E.A. rooms, Union Street, Newcastle, on Friday, 6th October at 8.30 p.m.

The present regime in Greece has been widely criticised. Yet little reliable information is available in Australia. Mr. Gilchrist has just returned from Greece after three years as our Ambassador. He joined the Department in 1945 and has had postings in London, Berlin, the Balkans, Paris, Djakarta, South Africa and Tanzania. He is writing a book on Australian relations with Greece.

Members of the Group may purchase at a discount Australian Diplomat, the memoirs of Sir Alan Watt.

Vice-Chancellor to Speak

A general meeting of Convocation will be held in the Staff House at the University on Friday, 13th October, 1972, at 8 p.m.

At the conclusion of formal business, Professor J.J. Auchmuty, the Vice-Chancellor
of the University, will address the meeting on "Some Implications of the Australian University Commission's Report".

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the address.

Multi-media Night

The Union will stage a multi-media night on Saturday, 14th October, instead of the customary dance. A number of forms of entertainment will be offered, including folk singing and jazz and rock music. It will be the first night of special entertainment presented by the Union and only members will be admitted.

Rock Concerts

The President of the Board of Management of the Union (Mr. J. Kumm) said the programme of lunchtime concerts being presented by rock bands in the courtyard of the Union had been popular with students and would be continued. Musicians are paid by the Union and the cost is reduced by collections from the audiences. An average of $40 is being collected by means of voluntary contributions. On 4th October the performing group will be Blaakfeather.

Election of Officers

Hunter Valley Branch of N.S.W. Association of University Women Graduates will elect new officers at its meeting on 25th October. Nominations will be sought for President, Vice-Presidents (2), Honorary Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members (3).

SPORTING NEWS

Cricket

Good attendances are being reported at the practice nets as members of the University Cricket Club prepare for the 1972-73 season. Net practice is held at University Oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning at 3.30 p.m., and on Saturdays, starting at 9.30 p.m.

On Saturday, 30th September, net practice and a trial match, starting at 10 a.m., will be conducted at University Oval. On the following Tuesday night the Provisional Selectors will choose the teams to participate in First, Second, Third and Fourth Grade matches on 7th October, when the competition begins.

Four fourth grade teams have been entered in the Newcastle District Competition.

University will send a side to Armidale at the long weekend (30th September to 2nd October) to play the University of New England in the first Inter-Varsity fixture of the season. The enthusiasm shown at practice has enabled the club to be represented by this formidable Eleven:


Robert Wilkinson, a stylish right-hand batsman and medium-pace bowler, has transferred from Newcastle City Club to University. Wilkinson informed the Management Committee that he was also available to help in an administrative capacity. He has been elected a Practice Captain.

Rugby League

University's senior Rugby League team won the Newcastle Second Division premiership by defeating Cardiff 15-11 at the International Sports Centre on 24th September.

Cardiff, winner of the two previous grand finals, had beaten University in the semi-final.

Winger, Harry Daniels, scored two tries and full-back, John Wondergem, scored a try and kicked a goal for University.
Basketball

University basketball club performed well this year after two years of inactivity. The mens' and womens' Intervarsity teams played creditably, both coming fifth. Each team also gained a representative in the Combined Universities Teams.

In the local competition, all four mens' teams (A, B, C, and CR grades) reached the semi-finals, while the two womens' teams (A, BR grades) only narrowly missed out on the semis.

Next year the Club hopes to increase the number of teams. Expert coaching will be given to anybody who wants to play - raw beginner or not.

All current players and any other players interested in playing over the Christmas holidays and next year are invited to come along to a meeting on Thursday, 5th October, at 1 p.m. in the Union Lounge.

Inter-Faculty Sport

Maths/Science triumphed in this year's Inter-Faculty sporting competition, which was concluded when Staff conceded the Soccer final to Maths/Science.

Maths/Science accumulated 30 points. Almost out of sight at the rear were Engineering, Commerce (both 16½), Staff 16, Arts 14½, Dip. Ed. 12½ and Architecture 6.

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