WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

The Vice-Chancellor gave the following address of welcome to new undergraduates in the Union on 26th February.

Enrolments

In welcoming new students today I am happy to be able to stress, once again, what I have been stressing every year since I first came to Newcastle to run the Department of Arts in 1954, that the College, and subsequently the University, was so organized as to take all students forthcoming from the Newcastle and Hunter Valley area. We have again been able to take every matriculated student and to continue our practice of admitting some without the necessary formal qualifications but, nevertheless, who have seemed to our Admissions Committee to be worthy of being given a chance of University studies. We also have a limited number from overseas and of course have, as always, accepted large numbers of students from other parts of New South Wales and interstate. It is impossible today to give a figure as to the new enrolments, but it would seem quite clear that they will be of the same order as last year, somewhere between 900 and 1,000, and that in fact we are still in a position to accept another 150 to 200 students were they forthcoming.

Loans Increased

It is possible that our figures could be affected by what students have noticed in the public press that the Government has authorized the establishment of a fund of $3 million for the provision of loans to those students in tertiary education who have been seriously affected by the current economic climate and, in very special cases, to make outright grants to students who might otherwise be unable to enrol in this, the presumably final year in which fees are charged at Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education. It was, as you know, part of the Australian Labour Party's campaign programme that tertiary education fees should be abolished. In this University a small loan fund has been in existence for a number of years and, as well, the practice of fee deferment has been quite general; a significant number of students having their fees deferred, some times for a very brief period of time, sometimes, in cases of dire necessity, for much longer and, on occasions, the University has exercised its judgment and deferred payment altogether. The grant of additional funds out of this capital sum, which has to provide for the whole country, will make it possible in 1973 to give more generous assistance than has been given in the past should need or destitution be proved, and in order to make this possible the maximum loan to be granted to an undergraduate has been raised from $200 to $600. For those of you who wish to see the details of management of the loan fund, you should consult the 1972 Calendar, page 298, noting at the same time the increase in the maximum accommodation available.

Using Car Parks

By virtue of size, the conditions under which we operate at this University are still more favourable than at many other Australian Universities. We still permit students to drive their own cars on to the campus; we still have adequate seating for the greater part of the year in our Library, and although the Union does become very crowded at lunch times, nevertheless the
queues are nothing like those in some of the older and longer established universities. I fear that this happy situation cannot continue for ever and particularly I am worried at the unwillingness of many students to accept the controls which have to be imposed in order to ensure the free flow of traffic on the site. Everybody naturally wishes to park as closely as possible to his place of work or occupation, but the very fact that one can park at all is a privilege which we find we may no longer be able to provide, and I strongly request all students when parking to do so in the properly authorized parking areas and not along side roadways on which 'No Parking' signs are clearly displayed. The last thing the university wishes to do is to grant parking facilities to only a limited proportion of those using the site, or to extend its Patrol Service so as to cut into the funds for the proper activities of the University - the pursuit of knowledge in all its branches.

Cost of Universities

The opening of a new academic year is always an excitement for those concerned with university tradition. Hopefully among the students there will be some who will go on to make a distinguished contribution to some branch of learning or scholarship, others will become distinguished public citizens, and many more will work honestly and sincerely up to the limit of their capacity. Universities are very expensive places to run and are heavily subsidised by the taxpayer. This may be the last year of fees, but even those of you who have to pay fees currently, by so doing you meet less than 15% of the cost of your individual education. I saw it stated somewhere recently that by the time a medical graduate is let loose on the community he has already cost the taxpayer at least $50,000 and all this in order to permit him to earn somewhat higher than the common average salary. You can all perfectly understand why the ordinary taxpayer occasionally questions the justification of so much public support being given to people who thereby get increased rewards. Nevertheless, Universities are absolutely essential to every country and nation and without the leadership in research, learning, scholarship and personality given by University graduates countries fall behind in the race of progress and show what would appear to be a decline in the standard of living.

Daily, as I approve expenditures within the University, I have to recollect that I am spending the taxpayers' money and, equally, those of you who decide that you wish to spend some years studying at the University level should also realize that the wonderful opportunities afforded by the University are largely at the expense of the general public.

Working Consistently and Relaxing

As always I recommend to students that you take an active part in the sporting and social life of the University, never forgetting, however, the priority that must be given to the academic work for which you originally came. It is important to get your priorities right. It is pointless to work to a routine minimum for the greater part of the year and then rely on an outstanding burst immediately before an examination. It is essential that it should be consistent work at all times, and it is equally essential, if health is to be maintained, that there should be hours of relaxation whether in sporting activities or in clubs and societies. I do hope that those of you who are interested in sporting activities would consider it an honour to represent the University, and just as we admire the outstanding achievements of our distinguished scientists, technologists and other scholars, so also we admire those who make an outstanding contribution to the sporting life of the University. It is a sad fact that many who come to the University in fact do not take any active part in our sporting clubs and societies, but only go through the motions of strict adherence to the academic programmes laid down for them. Many, in fact, continue to participate in sporting and other activities with their own Clubs and fail, therefore, to benefit fully from the privileges of being a University student.

Voting Rights

I do hope that the recognition by all students of the need for common participation in University activities will grow. For instance it is sad that so few exercise their voting rights in S.R.C. elections or in the elections to various academic committees on which the students are increasingly becoming represented. However, I was glad that the figure for voting for the student
representatives on the Council was very much higher than in any other student election that I have noted recently, but now that additional opportunities are being given it is to be hoped that they will also be taken. I realize full well that much of the work of these bodies that has to be done is very routine and that it may interfere with the academic work which the student must perform if he is to satisfy his examiners, and it is for that reason that I continually stress to you that you are independent human beings and it is your prime duty to get your priorities right.

With the abolition of fees it is probably that Universities will be compelled to toughen their attitude towards 'show cause' and 'exclusion'. As you know, we have invariably a number of first-year students who find themselves totally out of their element at University and who fail in all subjects at the end of the first year. There are others who make very halting progress the whole way through. It is doubtful if we can be permitted to continue the somewhat easygoing habits that were developed in Universities in the past.

HEALTH SERVICE INCREASES HOURS

The Student Health Service will extend its assistance this academic year. Dr. J. Raschke, the medical practitioner attached to the Health Centre in the Union, will be accessible to students during four half days a week instead of two half days as provided by his timetable last year. Nurses will continue to be on duty every week day.

The Student Health Service is conducted by the University, the Union, the S.R.C. and the Sports Union. A doctor and a qualified nurse are available for consultations and diagnoses and to give emergency medical treatment. Should any cases require continuing treatment the patients are referred to the appropriate health authority. In winter the Health Centre treats a large number of football and hockey injuries.

Dr. Raschke will be present at the centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF S.R.C.

The calling of nominations opened on 26th February for the following members of the 21st Students' Representative Council:

- Local Australian Union of Students Secretary.
- Faculty representatives (1 Applied Science, 1 Architecture, 4 Arts, 2 Engineering, 2 Economics and Commerce and 2 Mathematics).

Elections, if necessary, will be held in the S.R.C. Office on 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th March between 9.30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Nominations for election as Editor of Opus will open on 2nd March and close on 16th March.

In all cases, the nominees and their nominators must be students and must show the Returning Officer their fee receipts.

HEARING OF CASE ON MEDICAL SCHOOL

The University will give information on the establishment of a medical school in Newcastle to a special committee on 13th March. The Chairman of the Committee (Professor P. Karmel) has invited the University to hold discussions with members of the committee at Royal Newcastle Hospital.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Auchmuty), the Acting Vice-Principal (Professor Hall) and the Head of the Department of Biological Sciences (Professor B. Boettcher) will confer with Professor Karmel, of the Australian Universities
Commission, and other members of the special committee appointed last year to study and report on the need for new or expanded medical schools in Australia over the next 20 years.

Last September the University, the Boards of district hospitals and other interested parties sent submissions on the medical school proposal to the committee.

OPENING LECTURES MARKED

The Department of Biological Sciences adopted a different approach than usual when the new Department commenced lectures on Monday, 26th February.

The Department has enrolled approximately 250 first-year students this year, and the majority of these were present to sign a commemorative certificate. Work is proceeding on the construction of the Biological Sciences building and is expected to be completed at the end of this year. At the opening ceremony, the commemorative certificate, suitably preserved in a stainless steel flask, will be concreted into the foundations.

The Foundation Professor in Biological Sciences (Professor B. Boettcher) said the commencement of lectures was a historic event for his Department and he had decided on the signing of the certificate by students as an appropriate record.

The certificate was executed by an artist and is richly embellished. It gives the names of the Vice-Chancellor and members of the staff of the Department, commemorates the fact that the first lecture to the foundation undergraduate students in Biological Sciences was presented on 26th February, 1973 in the Science Lecture Theatre by Professor Boettcher and records that the undergraduates who signed the document were in attendance.

FOREWORD FOR HUNTER'S RIVER

Professor Godfrey Tanner, Head of the Department of Classics, is the author of a foreword in a newly-published book which deals with the history of certain stately homes erected in the Lower Hunter between 1830-1850 and the families who lived in them.

The book, "Hunter's River", was written by the late Mrs. Cecille Mitchell, a well-known Hunter Valley artist who died in September, 1969. It has been published privately by members of her family. The initial publication is 2,000 copies and they are available from Mrs. Margaret Dent, of Lostock and Mrs. Roslyn Earp, of Bar Beach, who are Mrs. Mitchell's daughters.

GRADUATE'S POSITION AT UNIVERSITY

Mr. Peter Dodd, who holds a degree of Bachelor of Commerce and Diploma of Education in this University, has taken up an appointment as Tutor in Commerce at the University of Queensland. A former student of Taree High School, Mr. Dodd was Captain of the University first grade cricket team.

HOW TO JOIN THE BOOKSHOP

The cost of joining the University Co-Operative Bookshop Limited is $5, which is refundable upon request.

On joining students are given a share number, which should be quoted when books are purchased.

It is not necessary to become a shareholder to purchase books. However, in October each year a dividend cheque for a percentage of the amount spent by
each student is sent. This dividend is usually between 15 and 20 percent.

The Newcastle Branch of the University Co-Op Bookshop is situated in the Union Building next door to the Union Shop.

HANDBOOK COMES OFF PRESS

Copies of the 1973 Orientation Handbook, "The Wowsers", are available in the entrance gallery and the foyer of the S.R.C. office in the Union. The handbook was edited by Mr. G. McDougall and contains 100-odd pages of general articles and information on Newcastle student bodies.

AUDITIONS FOR WILLIAMS' PLAY

Auditions will be held in the McLarty Room in the Union on Tuesday, 6th March, for Tennessee Williams' play *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*. The play will be presented in the Arts/Drama Theatre for a season of six nights early in May.

*The Milk Train* ... is one of Tennessee Williams' most recent plays; in style it is quite unlike most of his other works. Described by its author as a "sophisticated fairy tale", it combines elements of Western theatre with Japanese Kabuki and Greek tragedy. The action of the play covers the last two days in the life of Mrs. Flora Goforth, a multi-millionairess and one-time showgirl. It deals with the relationship between her and a young poet, Chris Flanders, who has been nicknamed "the angel of death". The play will be directed by Mr. Larry Galbraith and designed by Mr. Bob Pullar.

Auditions will commence at 1 p.m. All interested, particularly first-year students, are welcome to try for parts.

EVENING MEALS RE-INTRODUCED

As from Monday, 26th February, evening meals and refreshments have been available at the Staff House up to 6.30 p.m. The menu is à la carte, but steaks and other selected dishes are available if ordered, with, say, a minimum of one hour's notice.

The holding of a smorgasbord in the second week of term is being considered.

Bookings for functions to be held in the Staff House may be made by telephoning Mr. Thredgold (Ext. 430), who will also arrange for a quote to be given.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAW REVISION

Senate appointed a committee with the following terms of reference: "to consider revision of the By-laws of the University and framing of Regulations to supplement those By-laws in accordance with the amendment to the University Act empowering the Council to make Regulations". Committee members are:- the Deputy Chairman of Senate (Professor C.D. Ellyett), Professor B. Newton-John, Professor F.M. Henderson, Professor K.E. Lindgren, Professor C.A. Tisdell and Dr. J.M. Lee.

Individuals and bodies within the University are being invited to make submissions to the Committee pertinent to its terms of reference. Submissions will be received on any aspect of the legislation constituting or regulating the University.

The Committee's procedure for receiving submissions is: (1) any written submission will be received via the University Secretary or any member of the Committee; (2) certain members of the Committee will be available as follows to receive and record verbal submissions or verbal elaboration on written submissions:
Dr. J.M. Lee (Room 104 in the Arts/Administration Building), by appointment made through Miss L. Wheeler (at present on Ext. 343);

Professor K.E. Lindgren (Room 109 in the Social Sciences Building), by appointment made through Mrs. R. Wiseman (Ext. 727) and

Professor C.A. Tisdell (Room 232 in the Social Sciences Building), by appointment made through Mrs. M. Strazzari (Ext. 764).

CONFERRING OF DEGREES CEREMONY

Approximately 500 people who have completed the University's requirements for admission to degrees will have degrees conferred upon them in the Great Hall on 16th March. It will be the first time that the degrees have been conferred in the Great Hall. One hundred and sixty Diplomas in Business Studies, Industrial Engineering, Computer Science and Applied Psychology will also be awarded.

Degrees in the Faculties of Applied Science, Economics and Commerce, Engineering, Mathematics and Science will be conferred at the ceremony beginning at 10.30 a.m., and the afternoon ceremony, beginning at 2.30 p.m., will be concerned with the conferring of degrees in the Faculties of Architecture and Arts.

Admission to the ceremonies is restricted to ticket holders.

Lectures and practical classes at the University will be cancelled.

The Vice-Chancellor will deliver the Occasional Address at the morning ceremony and Leonie J. Kramer, Professor of Australian Literature at the University of Sydney, will address the afternoon ceremony. Tea will be served in the foyer of the Great Hall at the conclusion of both ceremonies.

Convocation will conduct the Graduation Ball in the Great Hall and the Union on the night of the conferring of degrees ceremony (16th March). Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. N. Emanuel, whose office is room 170 in the Arts/Administration building. Mrs. Emanuel will issue tickets between 10 a.m. and noon and 3 and 4 p.m. on week days.

LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE

The University's Department of Education has printed the proceedings of a conference on the Language Arts held at the University of Newcastle in November, 1971.

The conference was addressed by a part-time Lecturer in Education at the University (Mrs. A. Renwick), Lecturer in Education, Balmain College of Education, (Mrs. M. Higgins), the Director of Young People's Programmes, A.B.C. (Miss K. Kinane) and Associate Professor of English (Professor N.R. Cattell) while other speakers held a discussion on "Listening Skills".

The proceedings is entitled "The Language Arts", consists of 54 pages and was edited by Senior Lecturer in Education (Mr. E.J. Braggett). Copies are available from the Cashier for $1 each.

CHANGE IN FINE ARTS COURSE

Previously members of the public have been permitted to attend lectures given as part of the Fine Arts Course in the Faculty of Architecture. The lecturer in charge of the course (Dr. N. Clouten) said that members of the public would not be able to attend the lectures until the start of second term this year.
ADVERTISEMENTS

THESIS TYPING: Mrs. A. Linsley, of 5 Hooper Street, Charlestown ('phone 43 2524) is available for the typing of theses.

HOUSE WANTED: Dr. Rodney Vaughan, who joined the Maths Staff late last year, is still looking for a house to buy. His requirements are: brick, older style, 3 or 4 bedrooms, large block, within 30 minutes of University. He will pay from $10,000 to $30,000 and is willing to restore a run-down property. Drop a note to the Maths Department, or ring Ext. 533.

FOR SALE: Bachelor's degree academic gown $9 or nearest offer, 'phone 68 5616 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FOR RENT: $35 p.w., three-bedroom fully furnished brick cottage, with all modern conveniences, available from 8/4/73 to 16/8/73 (but negotiable), located at 213 Croudace Street, New Lambton Heights, (57 1836 day or evening).

SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

The first edition of this new Association of Commonwealth Universities handbook has just been published. Copies have not yet reached the University but should do shortly: one will be available in the Library and the other from Mr. John Todd, Secretary's Division, (Ext. 290).

The handbook contains more than 850 entries describing scholarships, grants, assistantships, etc., open to graduates of Commonwealth Universities who wish to undertake postgraduate (including postdoctoral) study or research at a Commonwealth university outside their own country. An Appendix gives information about awards open to graduates of universities in the Commonwealth country of tenure.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Office Assistant Typist  Position No. N30/73

A competent adult typist is required for the Board of Studies in Language and Literature. Duties include typing, filing, duplicating and associated tasks. Commencing salary will be up to $62.71 per week, depending on qualifications and experience. Knowledge of a foreign language would be advantageous. Applications close on 5th March, 1973.

Maintenance Assistant  Position No. N31/73

An experienced person is required to assist the Maintenance Officer with maintenance of building, services, plant and equipment at Shortland. An electricians licence is essential. Salary will be $100.55 per week. This rate is under review. Skills in other trade work is desirable. Applications close on 5th March, 1973.

Research Assistant  Position No. N33/73

Applications are invited from persons possessing a Science degree, preferably with a major in biochemistry or microbiology, to assist Professor B. Boettcher in his research on human spermagglutinins and their roles in infertility. The project is financed from external research funds and employment is limited to 1973. Salary will be $98.79 per week.

Further details may be obtained from Professor B. Boettcher, Head of the Department of Biological Sciences and written applications giving details of qualifications, experience, etc., and the names of two referees should be addressed to the Personnel Section. Applications close on 9th March, 1973.
Stenographer Secretary's Division Position No. N34/73

A competent and experienced stenographer is required.

Commencing salary will be up to $65.01 per week, depending upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $6.90 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations. Salary rates may be reviewed shortly.


Conditions of employment include four weeks annual leave, excellent sick and long service leave benefits. Superannuation is available after a qualifying period.

Computer Programmer Position No. N32/73

The University Computer Centre requires a computer programmer who will be seconded to work in the Departments of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Applicants should have experience writing FORTRAN programs, and some additional experience with other languages, particularly assembly language, is preferred. It is expected that applicants will hold a University Degree, but others with suitable experience may be considered.

The Computer Centre operates an ICL1904A with 64K of core, discs, magnetic tapes, and 16 remote terminals. The Departments of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering operate a PDP-11 with 24K of core, disc, DECTape, and various peripherals.

The Programmer will deal with both of these computers, and his duties will include advising and assisting computer users; assisting with the development of special-purpose software and preparations, maintenance and distribution of system documentation; development, maintenance and documentation of PDP-11 system software and related activities.

The commencing salary will be within the range $4,863-$7,275 per annum depending upon experience and qualifications. An applicant with demonstratably superior qualifications and experience may be appointed within a salary range of $7,756-$8,319 per annum.

Additional information on this position may be obtained from Mr. J.A. Lambert, Director, Computer Centre. Written applications addressed to the Personnel Section should include personal information, full details of qualifications and experience, together with the names of two referees. Applications close on 23rd March, 1973.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting Personnel Section (Ext. 251).

COMING EVENTS

Federal Elections

After the 17th annual meeting of Newcastle group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in the Staff House on Friday night, 2nd March, there will be a symposium dealing with the recent Federal elections. Dr. L. Fredman, of the Department of History, Dr. P. King, Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Sydney, and Mr. B. Cogan, editorial writer for the Newcastle Morning Herald, will give brief addresses, to be followed by questions and discussions.

Overseas Students

To welcome overseas students, Newcastle Co-ordinating Committee for Overseas Students has arranged for a barbeque to be held at Lions Park, Eleebana on Saturday, 3rd March. New overseas students will be guests and, therefore, will not have to pay. Other people will be charged $1 each and children 50¢ each.
The pick-up point is the Century Theatre, Nine Ways, Broadmeadow and the time of departure is 11.30 a.m. Members of staff have been invited and Mrs. R. Loftus (Room T10) will answer questions about the outing.

History Address

The Department of History and the History Club will present an address by Professor Russel Ward, Professor of History at the University of New England, in the Council Room of the University on Friday, 9th March, at 4 p.m.

Professor Ward is the author of *The Australian Legend*, *The Penguin Book of Australian Ballads, Australia, A Short History* and other works. He will speak on "Politics, Parties and Patriotism".

The annual general meeting of the History Club will be held in the Council Room on 9th March, at 5.30 p.m.

Art Exhibition

Mr. Ian Henderson, Senior Instructor in Architecture, will present an exhibition of some of his New South Wales landscape paintings at the Cooks Hill Gallery from 18th March to 7th April.

Fountain Opening

The Corlette Fountain will be handed over to the University at a ceremony on Friday, 30th March, at 4.30 p.m. More than 250 people, including officers and members of Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, and members of the staff of the Faculty of Engineering, will be invited to attend. An academic procession will be held at the start of the function.

The Institution and the Faculty have collaborated on the installation of the fountain, to be the central feature of a landscaped Court in the centre of the Engineering Complex. The Court will commemorate the late engineer and soldier, Brigadier J.M.C. Corlette.

The speakers will include the Chairman of Newcastle Division of the Institution (Professor A.J. Carmichael), the Past Chairman (Professor A. Herzog), the Convenor of the Corlette Court Sub-Committee (Mr. J.A. Church), the President of the Institution of Engineers, Australia (Dr. N.W. Woods) and the Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Woods will hand over the fountain to Professor Auchmuty and unveil a plaque.

**SPORTING NEWS**

Golf Match

The Staff golf team and a side from the R.A.A.F. Officers' Mess will hold their annual clash at Maitland Golf Course on 14th March, after which members of the Staff team will be entertained at the Officers' Mess, Williamtown.

Student Nominated

John McCosker, who is enrolled in the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, has been nominated for selection as a sprinter in the Australian Universities team to compete in the Universiade in Moscow in August.

The Universiade is the official world university student games. It is held every two years. Australia competed at the Tokyo Universiade in 1967 and the Turin Universiade in 1970.

Training Allocations

University Oval will be available for training after 3rd April in accordance with the following schedule:

**Tuesday:** 5 - 8 p.m., Rugby Union, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Soccer; **Wednesday:** 5 - 8 p.m., Aussie Rules, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Rugby League; **Thursday:** 5.30 - 8 p.m.,
Soccer, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Rugby Union; **Friday**: 6 - 8 p.m., Rugby League.

The Hockey field will be released for training as follows:

**Tuesday**: 5.30 - 8 p.m., Women's Hockey, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Men's Hockey;
**Wednesday**: 5.30 - 8 p.m., Netball, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Softball; **Thursday**: 5.30 - 8 p.m., Men's Hockey, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Women's Hockey; **Friday**: 5.30 - 8 p.m., Softball, 8 - 10.30 p.m., Netball.

**Pastimes and Diversions**

Students have been invited to participate in the following Non-competitive Pastimes and Diversions programme: **Keep-fit Classes**: Wednesday evenings from 7th March, 7 - 8 p.m., Union Common Room; **Leatherwork**: Wednesday nights, 8 - 10 p.m., Union Common Room and **Yoga**: Thursday evenings, from 8th March, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., Union Common Room. **Pottery Classes** will be commenced shortly.

**Sports Handbooks**

For the first time, the University Sports Union has published its own Orientation Handbook; copies are currently being distributed to new undergraduate students. The handbook outlines the University's sporting facilities, contains messages from the Vice-Chancellor and the President of the Sports Union (Professor Godfrey Tanner) and provides information on the various sporting clubs at the University and how to join them.

**Oversea Tours**

The Australian Universities Sports Association has released details of tours of New Zealand and Australia proposed for this year.

New Zealand Universities will send a Rugby Union team to Australia in May, when, among the fixtures played will be one against the University of Newcastle. A New Zealand Universities Women's Hockey side will tour Australia in August, 1973. A match in Newcastle is included in the itinerary. A Rugby League team representing New Zealand is due to tour Australia in August and September, with Newcastle included in the competing universities.

Australian Universities may send Badminton, Netball, Tennis and Squash teams to New Zealand this year, a Hockey team to India next year and a Cricket team to New Zealand next year.

**FORTRAN COURSE**

A course in Fortran intended for staff, graduate students, and third and fourth year undergraduates will be given by the Computer Centre during First Term.

The class will meet at 1800 (not 1730 as previously announced) on Monday evenings in Room CG04 (Geology Building) and will last for approximately two hours. The first meeting will be on Monday, 12th March.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

With First Term now in progress it is a fitting time to inform new undergraduate students and members of staff about University News, which provides the University community with a valuable instrument of communication. It is printed fortnightly on Wednesdays (next issue will be 14th March). Copies are sent to every member of staff, both academic and non-academic, and made available to students by means of bulk deliveries to the Union and the foyers of main buildings.

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