POETESS-CONSERVATIONIST'S VISIT

Judith Wright, who has published books of poetry, short stories, critical essays, a family history and books for children, will visit the university on Friday, 4th May.

She will be guest speaker at the annual general meeting of Convocation in the Arts/Drama Theatre at 8 o'clock. Her topic will be "Conservation and Education: The Responsibility of Universities".

The Warden of Convocation (Mr. W.G. Derkenne) said Judith Wright was best known for her works of poetry, but her reputation was increasing as a conservationist concerned with natural resources. Viewpoints on the responsibility of universities in relation to conservation were needed. Discussion of the topic by Judith Wright was certain to be stimulating, as it had wide significance and regionally, at Newcastle, could raise the question whether the University of Newcastle should concern itself with mining at Myall Lakes and other questions.

He issued an invitation to members of staff, students and interested citizens to attend the annual meeting. He suggested to the new graduates who received their degrees last month that as many as can attend the meeting should do so.

Judith Wright is a member of one of the New England Tableland's oldest grazing families. She published her first book of poetry, The Moving Image, in 1946, and lives on Tamborine Mountain, Southern Queensland.

CREATIVITY IS THEME OF SEMINAR

The Standing Committee of Convocation is presently making final plans for Convocation's first residential seminar. This will be held on Friday night, 18th May, Saturday, 19th May and Sunday, 20th May.

The theme of the seminar, "Creativity: the University and the Community", has the object of prompting deliberation on the creative process and how the University of Newcastle might more effectively promote creativity within existing and new courses. An important aspect will be discussion on the contribution being made to creative work generally by scientists.

People who have distinguished themselves in the performing arts, writing and criticism in Australia, including Margaret Barr (dancer), John Bell (actor), Peter Sculthorpe (composer), Professor Jerzy Toeplitz (film-maker) and Max Harris (critic) will take charge of sessions of the seminar. Professors A. Carmichael, A. Gibbs and B. Boettcher, of this university, and other members of staff, will also speak.

The new Arts/Drama Theatre will be where discussion sessions are conducted. A ticket entitling people to attend all sessions, except for a banquet to be held in Edwards Hall on the night of 19th May, costs $12 and a ticket for one individual morning or afternoon session $2.50.
Rooms in Edwards Hall, the University's residential college, have been reserved for people who wish to have accommodation on the campus for the weekend. Full residential participation costs $26.50.

Attendance at the banquet, at which the Lyra Consort and the Lyra Quintet will perform, costs $6.50.

Further information can be obtained from, and bookings can be made with, The Secretary of Convocation, care of the University.

FILM GAINS AWARDS

"Water for a City", a film in the Australian Geography series, has just won a first place in the Gold Camera Award in the Educational category of the Chicago Film Festival. The film also won a Bronze Award in the Documentary section of the last Australian Film Institute Competition.

This news is significant to the university because Mr. D. Shortle, Lecturer in Education, acted as Educational Consultant for the film, which was made by the Commonwealth Film Unit.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS

Elections are being conducted to the new Board of Management of the Union, which will meet for the first time at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th May.

Representatives of students of the university, graduates and staff have been selected, but the nominees of the S.R.C. and the University Council still have to be decided.

Ms. Kaye Houley was elected unopposed as Graduate Member and Miss Barbara Lodge was elected unopposed to represent the staff of the Union. Mr. P. Bond has been chosen as Sports Union spokesman. The following were elected to vacancies on the Board allotted to student representatives: John Matthew Bennetts, David Crossman Bowden, Philip John Freeman, Graeme Lloyd Hurrell, Chai Yong Kee, Gary Samuel Kurzer, Ronald Robinson and Adrian Kok-Kwong Woo.

ENROLMENT IN STATE ELECTIONS

A person on attaining the age of 18 years is now entitled to enrol on the electoral roll for the subdivision in which he resides. The Electoral Commission has advised that it is highly desirable that all those qualified to enrol should do so immediately. The proclamation had originally provided a 21-day enrolment period, but this had been extended by 21 days.

The qualifications for enrolment for Commonwealth Elections has also been reduced and an application for enrolment for State Elections will also be effective for Commonwealth purposes. Enrolment cards are available at all Post Offices. They should be completed and returned to the Electoral Registrars in the Subdivisions in which the students reside.

ANNUAL MEETING CONCLUDED

Newcastle International Student Hostel Steering Organization held its annual general meeting on 30th April.

Reports on the previous year's activities were presented and the hope was expressed that this year's activities would be just as successful, if not more successful.
Newly elected members of the Management Committee of the Organization are:

President, Professor J.W. Staines; Vice-President, Vincent Yu; Secretary, Sue-Ann Angus; Treasurer, Rosmany Cocker; Publicity Officer, Im Kim; Other Committee Members: Neville Legg, Chai Yong Kee, Nina Walmsley and John Sara.

Negotiations are under way to lease a house which will be rented to students as an interim measure to help meet some student accommodation needs. A survey of student housing requirements and wants will be carried out in the near future. Sketch plans for a hostel are being drawn so the approximate construction costs can be obtained from interested builders.

Long-term fund-raising projects include another working bee in Second Term and a Walkathon. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions (50¢) are now due. They are also urged to bring a new member to the next meeting (next term).

Advertisements

Typing: I am available for typing theses or any other work, which would be completed in my home. I am willing to work at any time for reasonable rates to be negotiated. I am experienced in the typing of all aspects of Accountancy work, as well as reports, articles and theses. Mrs. Sue Burton, 5 Short Street, Speers Point. 2284 'phone 58 1581.

House to Let: For 4 months, from mid-May; house with large bedroom, lounge-dining room, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, etc., T.V. and stereo record player; member of the university's staff, careful and responsible, preferred; house contains large library and collection of fine paintings which the owner wants to safeguard; very moderate rental; single person or married couple, perhaps with one child; 'phone owner between 6 and 7 p.m. at 43 4916. Location of house: Hillcrest Parade, Adamstown Heights.

House(?) to Let: Scungy 3-bedroom house, with no beds (or anything else) yet, sewered, in Cardiff Heights, $12 a week from beginning of second term; any indigent, homeless students who are interested please contact Mike Connon (Ext. 315) or N.I.S.H.S.O. Secretary (C/- S.R.C. Office).

For Sale: One folk guitar, excellent condition, 'phone 2 2845.

Staff Appointments

Mrs. Robin Loftus' appointment as Overseas Student Adviser has been varied, making her a full-time rather than a part-time member of staff. She is available to give assistance in room T10 (temporary building, Ext. 442) during normal working hours.

Mr. Nasim Hasan Pirzada has begun duties as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Chemistry. He holds a Master of Science degree in Panjab University and has submitted his thesis for a Ph.D. degree at La Trobe University.

Mr. Don Martin has joined the University's Student Counselling Service as a Student Counsellor and will be available to give assistance to students on Mondays and Fridays.

Mr. Martin has had extensive clinical experience in both individual counselling and group counselling and has taken the place in the service recently vacated by Mr. B. Hazell. Mr. Martin's appointment is expected to become a full-time one in the early future.

Research Officer's Visit

Dr. K.H. Star, the Research Information Officer of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee will visit the University on Thursday, 10th May, and Friday, 11th May, 1973.
Dr. Star would like to meet as many persons as possible who are involved with research into higher education, or who are concerned with research and development, innovation or "experimentation" in University teaching and learning, or anyone else who would be interested in meeting him. Amongst his other activities Dr. Star is responsible for the production of the AV-CC Education Newsletter.

Persons wanting to meet Dr. Star should ring Mrs. G. Durham (Ext. 240) and make arrangements.

EDWARDS HALL SHOW

On 12th and 14th July the Resident Members' Association of Edwards Hall will present Edward Bond's Lear in the Arts/Drama Theatre.

The play, first produced in 1971, shows the Lear legend set against a technological background. Its theme is the dehumanization caused by man's transition from biosphere to technosphere.

There are more than 70 speaking parts in the play. Casting is completed, and rehearsals are progressing.

CHORUS FOR EURIPIDES' "HELEN"

The Classics Department and the Student Club will present Euripides' play, "Helen", in English translation late in July.

The Director, Mr. James O'Neil, has announced that he needs more girls in the Chorus, which consists of Spartan women attendants of Helen's. The chorus plays an important part in the play, he said, but no individual member will have long speeches to learn, and it is not necessary to have previous acting experience or to be studying Classics to join. Any young ladies interested in taking a small part in a theatrical production should contact Mr. O'Neil, Room AG 44.

ROLE IN PLAY AS SEPTENARIAN

Diane Gatgens (third-year Arts) is appearing in the lead role as 70-year-old Mrs. Flora Goforth in performances of the play, The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore.

The play, by Tennessee Williams, is being presented in the Arts/Drama Theatre by the Student Players. The last performances are on 3rd and 5th May. The play has a cast of nine, including the other leads, Justyn Reis and Cathy McDonald.

JOINT OFFICE ESTABLISHED

The Vice-Chancellor has kindly allocated Room T 25 in the Temporary Buildings (adjacent to the Arts/Administration Building) as a common office for certain staff organisations.

The office will be jointly used by:

The University of Newcastle Sub-Division of the Public Service Association,

The University of Newcastle Staff Credit Union Limited

and,

The University of Newcastle Staff Association.
The joint office will be open to transact the business of the organisations from Monday, 7th May. It will be manned daily, Monday to Friday, from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.

Telephone enquiries during these hours should be made on Ext. 472.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Department of Community Programmes will present 18 lecture/discussion sessions entitled "Understanding our Physical Environment" beginning on 7th May. The course is directed towards those people who are interested in environmental issues.

Sessions will be held in Room G01 in the main Engineering Building on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. The tuition fee for the course is $10.

In a prospectus outlining the course, the Department of Community Programmes states that there is still a great deal of bitter argument about the effects of particular industrial processes on the environment. The course has been designed to assist people who are involved in conservation issues to improve their understanding of the basic environmental processes. It will be of great value to industrialists and conservationists, as well as to people from the relevant local and state government departments.

The lecturers will be members of the University of Newcastle's staff - Professor I.McC. Stewart, Assoc. Professor A. Herzog, Dr. B. Conroy, Assoc. Professor W.R. Walker, Dr. A.J. Chambers and Mr. J. Roberts.

WOMEN GRADUATES' CONFERENCE

The Sixth State Regional Conference of the N.S.W. Association of University Women Graduates will be held at Edwards Hall on the weekend of 25th to 27th May.

The conference will bring together delegates from Armidale, Central Western, Goulburn, Illawarra, Richmond Valley, and Riverina Branches of the Association, as well as representatives from eight Sydney Groups, with the Hunter Valley Branch as hosts.

A Town and Gown Dinner will be held during the conference. It will be held at Edwards Hall on Saturday, 26th May, at 7 p.m. and the guest speaker will be the Acting Vice-Principal (Professor E.O. Hall). Dress will be formal. The wearing of academic gowns is optional but it is hoped that as many guests as possible will wear their academic gowns in keeping with the spirit of the evening.

Members of staff and of the community who would like to attend the dinner are asked to contact Mrs. Gay Reeves, of the Department of Education (Ext. 272, or home 61 3900), or Mrs. Leita MacNeil (61 3040 after 5 p.m.) and an invitation will be posted out to them.

SILENT FILMS

As part of its silent film classics series, the Department of English will screen "The Sentimental Bloke" in the Arts/Drama Theatre on 3rd May at noon.

"The Sentimental Bloke" was made in Australia in 1919. It is a film of C.J. Dennis's poem about a shiftless but basically decent, kind-hearted fellow from city back streets who becomes a decent family-man and fruit farmer through romance and marriage with his dream-girl, Doreen.
WORK OF THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY

The Language Laboratory (room G 29 in the Arts/Administration Building) comprises a master console and 16 student booths. A room for the storage of tapes and equipment has just been completed at the rear of the laboratory.

As well as the tapes used by the Language Departments, there are several courses available for private study by members of the University. These courses include Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish and already some members of staff and postgraduate students have made use of these before going on leave.

Any inquiries concerning the use of the laboratory should be directed to Mrs. G. Reeves (Ext. 272), Convenor of the Language Laboratory Committee, or Mr. W. Layton (Ext. 637), the Language Laboratory Assistant.

Some advantages afforded by the language laboratory are:

- The student is able to work at his own pace.
- The tutor at the console can give individual help to any student without disturbing the other members of the class.
- Each student can work on a different programme if necessary.
- Students can listen to and imitate native speakers of a foreign language.

In many programmed exercises designed to increase fluency and improve intonation, the student listens to the cues, attempts to make the required response, hears the correct response and then repeats it. After completing an exercise the student can compare his recorded responses with those of the native speaker on the tape.

CONSUL GENERAL TO SEE GERMAN PLAY

The Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sydney (Dr. H. Türk) will come specially to Newcastle to see the plays that the German Club of the university will present in the Arts/Drama Theatre. Dr. Türk will come to see the opening night of the production on Friday, 29th June.

The plays to be performed are Zimmerschlacht (Lounge Room Battle), by Martin Walser, and Die Schümmen Buben in Der Schule (The Bad Boys at School), by J.N. Nestroy.

Rehearsals for The Bad Boys at School are well under way. All those involved are reminded that the location and time for future rehearsals are: the Arts/Drama Theatre, between 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, 6th May; Monday, 14th May; Wednesday, 16th May and Tuesday, 22nd May.

CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

The next meeting of the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs will be held on Friday, 11th May, at the W.E.A. room, 63 Union Street, Newcastle, at 8 p.m.

Mr. S.P. Seth will speak on "New Directions in Chinese Foreign Policy". He studied Chinese at the University of Sydney in 1965-66 as a Colombo Plan Fellow and was awarded the M.A. After several years as a research officer with the Indian Ministry of Defence he migrated to Australia in 1972. He is at the moment a freelance journalist which he combines with academic work in Seminars and Journals.
The first meeting of users of the Computer Centre for 1973 was held on 28th March. Three university departments and one external user were represented. The main points raised for discussion were: Building alterations in the Computer Centre, the new graph plotter, a mini-computer for the Computer Centre, use of paper tape from teletypewriters and file capacity under George 3. The meeting was limited in scope due to only partial representation of the total user group.

The next Users' Meeting will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre on Wednesday, 9th May, at 13.00.

The Computer Centre has taken delivery of a 750mm, 0.1mm increment, Calcomp graph plotter. The hardware interfacing for this unit was completed during the recent reorganization of the computer room, and the Centre is currently running test programmes to check the graph plotting software, and preparing user documentation. When this is complete a seminar will be held to introduce users to graph plotting on the 1904A.

Approximately 50 students are attending the Fortran course that the Computer Centre now offers on Monday evenings. The classes meet at 18.30 in Room CG 04 (Geology Building).

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An extraordinary general meeting of members of the Staff House Club will be held in the Arts/Drama Theatre on Friday, 4th May, at 1.30 p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting includes a report on the progress of the Club's application to become licensed under the Liquor Act 1912-1973 and consideration of the Club's catering arrangements.

Before the meeting a smorgasbord luncheon (commencing at 12.30 p.m.) will be served. The charge for the luncheon is 80 cents payable at the door.

CONSIDERATION OF MONETARY POLICY

Newcastle Area Committee of the New South Wales Branch of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand will hold a meeting in the Staff Conference Room of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce on Tuesday, 8th May, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Dr. Don Stammer, of the Reserve Bank of Australia, will speak on "Shifting Emphasis in Monetary Policy in Australia".

Dr. Stammer, among the top of Australia's monetary economists, is at present working in the Research Department of the Reserve Bank. He was, until recently, Senior Lecturer in Economics at the School of General Studies.

THE AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Ever thought of yourself as an Ambassador?

Then, now is the time to think about joining Australia's Foreign Service.

Brochures and application forms are available at the Appointments Office, Temporary Buildings Room T 04, or from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Canberra.

You can get your questions answered about a career in diplomacy by meeting a representative of the Foreign Service on Friday, 4th May, 1973 or Monday, 7th May, 1973. Make an appointment at the Appointments Office, Room T 04.
AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

1973 Grants - Information and Procedures

Copies of the 1973 edition of the Australian-American Educational Foundation's booklet, *Information and Procedures*, have been sent to all academic departments in the University and may be consulted at departmental offices. A copy is also held by the Assistant Secretary (Mr. J.D. Todd) in the Student Administration Office.

The Foundation makes grants to the following categories of scholars to enable them to undertake specified periods of study in the United States:

(1) Senior academics who teach and carry out approved pure and applied research at the university;
(2) Post-doctoral students who are, in general, under 35 years of age and of post-doctoral equivalent standing of no more than two years;
(3) Postgraduate students who are, in general, under 30 years of age;
(4) Suitably qualified educational administrators, in both State and Independent Schools systems, usually from the primary and secondary fields;
(5) University administrative staff including Librarians (but not technicians, Laboratory Managers, Department Managers or Service Managers);
(6) Professors or Readers to attend major international conferences in the United States.

P.D. ALEXANDER,
SECRETARY

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE

Further information about the following scholarships and fellowships can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary to the University:

Ruth A. Cumming Scholarship, awarded by the English-speaking Union to young people who seek to further their studies outside Australia ($1,000)

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust travelling fellowships for 1974 awarded to Australians showing promise and ability in their calling and occupation (allowances for personal and dependents' travel expenses, maintenance, return air fares, assistance with tuition fees, expenses of internal travel, books and equipment)

Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi and Italian Foreign Ministry postgraduate scholarships for students wishing to undertake courses leading to a Diploma at the Scuola Superiore Enrico Mattei near Milan

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Attendant (Male) - Department of Economics Position No. N38/73

Required for duties in connection with the Department's Research Material
Collection. Duties include the shelving of research material, checking, and the general security of the collection.

Commencing salary for an adult will be $62.79 per week. Juniors are paid according to age.

Stenographer - Department of Mathematics Position No. N39/73

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.

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


Stenographer - Department of French Position No. N64/73

A competent and experienced stenographer is required to carry out a range of duties. A knowledge of French would be an advantage but is not essential.

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. There are sound prospects of advancement to a salary of $71.73 per week. Salaries are at present under review.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Personnel Section, Ext. 251 during business hours.

Applications close on 14th May, 1973.

SPORTING NEWS

Golf

The University of New England's Staff Golf Team came to Newcastle last weekend and played this university's Staff Team at Newcastle golf links. The Newcastle side was victorious 8½ - 2½, allowing it to retain the trophy for the sixth consecutive time. The Vice-Chancellor at the University of New England (Professor A. Lazenby) lead the Visitors and the Vice-Chancellor was Captain of the host team.

Inter-Varsity Competitions

The University of Newcastle will be represented in the following Inter-Varsity sporting contest in the May vacation:-

Athletics, University of Melbourne, 14th-18th May; Badminton, Australian National University, 21st-25th May; Basketball, University of Sydney, 14th-18th May; Canoeing, University of New South Wales, 14th-18th May; Men's Hockey, University of New South Wales, 21st-25th May; Men's Rowing, University of Melbourne host, events to be held at Mildura, 18th and 19th May; Women's Rowing, University of Newcastle, 25th and 26th May; Rugby League, Universities of Queensland, New England, Newcastle and, possibly, Sydney, and Macquarie University, dates to be determined; Soccer, University of Adelaide, 14th-18th May; Rugby, Australian National University, 13th-18th May; Squash, University of Sydney, 20th-24th May; Surfriding, University of Newcastle, 21st-25th May and Tennis, University of Queensland, 14th-18th May.

The women's rowing events will be conducted on the University's course at Raymond Terrace. Eight universities will send teams. The visiting rowers will be accommodated in Raymond Terrace and surrounding towns. Mr. W. Winkworth, of the New South Wales Rowing Association, and two other rowing officials will be guests of the Sports Union for the competition.
The organisers of the women's rowing competition have been delighted by the assistance given by the Port Stephens Shire Council, which will provide a flood boat and driver for emergencies. Mr. F.L. Clarke, Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering, is kindly designing the rowing course for the Sports Union.

The Vice-Chancellor will extend a welcome to women rowers from other universities in the Council Room on Tuesday, 22nd May. He will also present the trophies on the river bank at the conclusion of events on 26th May. The President of the Sports Union (Professor G. Tanner) will entertain invited guests at an official luncheon at Raymond Terrace on 26th May.

Ten universities will send teams to compete in the Surfing competitions, most of which will be conducted at Catherine Hill Bay Beach. The competitors will be accommodated in the Star Hotel, where the visitors will be welcomed at a barbecue on the night of 21st May. A cabaret will be held at South Leagues Club on 22nd May. The Surfriders Inter-Varsity dinner will be held at Wallsend Soccer Club on 25th May, when the Vice-Chancellor will present trophies to the winners.

During the Inter-Varsity Rugby competition in Canberra Mr. B. O'Shea, Senior Tutor in Commerce, will act as one selector for the Combined Australian Universities Team which will play two Tests against Combined Universities of New Zealand after the competition is finished. The Sports Union has nominated Jim Hall, Robert Wilkinson and Richard Detozer of the University Rugby Club for selection in the Australian XV.

Rugby League

Whilst maintaining teams in two Newcastle District Grade competitions the University Rugby League Club is also participating in the University Cup competition, which involves teams from universities, teachers' colleges and other tertiary institutions situated in Sydney and Newcastle. The intensity of this schedule means that the club is experiencing difficulty in always fielding two full teams, and an appeal has been made for students to sign on. Those students interested should contact Mr. Peter Hunt, C/o the Amenities Office.

Women's Rowing

The University Women's Rowing Club was represented in competitions for the National Women's Rowing titles in Melbourne last weekend. The results achieved were quite pleasing, since the IV's were only beaten by a canvas to finish second in the junior titles and Susan Kemp, Secretary of the club, finished third in the solo open sculling race.

Fishing Excursion

Members of staff and students who are keen on fishing have been invited to take part in a deepsea fishing excursion on Saturday, 2nd June. The fishermen will leave Carrington marina in a hired trawler at noon and voyage to reefs off Stockton. After several hours' fishing the group will return to Newcastle at teatime.

The cost is $4 a fisherman and bookings can be made by ringing Mr. L. McLardy (Ext. 662).

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The proposed visit of the Armidian Players, of Adelaide, on 14th May has been cancelled because the Council for the Arts has withdrawn its offer to subsidise the tour.

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