Farewell, Vice-Principal

"I came to this university in January, 1959, as Associate Professor of German and Head of the Department of Arts. James Auchmuty, the previous Head, had been promoted to Deputy Warden. Eric Hall, Jim Allen and Cyril Renwick started as Associate Professors too and Eric Goodyer came a year later. Mostly I remember the extremely close and friendly relations which we had with students when we were located at Tighes Hill. For instance, when we had a drug scare the Students' Representative Council sought advice about what could be done. We solved it together without going to the Police. That contrasts oddly with what goes on today.

I don't think I have ever worked harder than in the first few years at Tighes Hill, but there were many compensations. We had a very active cultural life. That richness of life may have been a product of adversity. Whatever the reason, we worked hard, the staff and the students together, and we put on all sorts of stage productions.

"The revues put on in those days were of a standard never since attained. We had fine singers, fine dancers and at least one first-class comedian. At Shortland, the choir and the revues petered out. A pity. Maybe when you have Departments of Drama and Music, you will see a renaissance. I hope so, for such things make a University a much happier place to live in".

Relaxing in an armchair in his office, with his cigarettes and recordings, Brinley Newton-John was recalling his career at the University of Newcastle. A man of great warmth, wit and versatility, he has given his time unsparingly to students and members of staff and has opened his door to everybody seeking his counsel. On Tuesday, 5th March he retires, aged 60, and leaves the university with many things which he has personally contributed.

In recognition of the work done by Professor Newton-John, Vice-Principal, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and occupant of a Personal Chair in German Literature, the University Council has conferred the title of Emeritus Professor on him from 6th March. This title is reserved for those who have made a major contribution to teaching and scholarship within a university and ensures a lifelong right to the hard-earned title of Professor.

What does Professor Newton-John consider to be his most important contribution?

"The system of student participation in University affairs, which has opened the doors of the Council, Senate, Faculty Boards and Departments to students elected by students. Student participation was attained chiefly as a result of the work of the Staff/Student Consultative Committee, which caused me more personal unhappiness at the start than anything else in my life. Further not insignificant by-products of the operations of this Committee are the Careers and Appointments Service and "University News".

At the meeting of the University Council it was stated that Professor Newton-John had attended nearly every meeting of that body since its beginnings in 1966 and had been one of the major influences in the creation of the new university.

He has remembered: "A new life began for me at 40, for in that year of my life I had the great good luck to come to Australia and the greater luck five years later to be appointed to Newcastle and so to be associated with the gestation and the birth of this university. The gestation took a lot longer than that of the elephant, but the birth was of astonishing rapidity. On 18th December, 1964, we were informed that there would be a University on 1st January, 1965, and in February, 1965, we produced our first submission to the A.U.C."

In a special message to University News, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor J.J. Auchmuty, paid the following tribute to Professor Newton-John:

"For contemporary history I have a poor sense of timing, yet I can well remember the day in 1958 when I first saw Brin Newton-John. I was myself
appointed to Newcastle University College at the end of 1953 in order to establish the Department of Arts and, as a result, vastly to widen the interests of the daughter institution of the New South Wales University of Technology, which had been brought into being within the walls of the Newcastle Technical College at the end of 1951. My appointment was the result of political, rather than academic, manoeuvres and in my early days I worked as closely with the University of New England, for whose Arts degrees our students qualified, as I did with the N.S.W. University of which both our staff and students were members.

"Nevertheless, the hybrid was a success and, by 1958, it was decided to separate the administration of the University College from that of the Technical College, and I was promoted, if that is the word, to head the new University administration. Power comes with its practice and I was greatly perturbed at some of my early failures, so when it came to the appointment of my successor as Head of the Department of Arts I was very clear in my own mind as to the significance of the post and also conscious of the need, if possible to attract someone already well-known and fully established on the Australian University stage. At that time I had never met Brin Newton-John, but I can well remember my rising enthusiasm as I read his application and the supporting documents and finally had the opportunity to interview him.

"Every man has varied gifts and it seemed to me then, and it still seems to me now, that Newton-John complemented mine to a marked degree. The Arts Faculty is a combination in which language studies, the humanities, philosophy and the social sciences are all closely associated together. Newton-John, who obtained a Double First in the Modern Language Tripos at Cambridge and then followed up that with a Second Class Division One in History, has been described as 'one of the most brilliant of the inter-war language students of Cambridge, where he had gone up to Caius with a major scholarship. The war had made him pre-eminently a German scholar, though he added Russian and Italian to his previous concern with French and, indeed, had the war lasted somewhat longer, he might have been one of our early teachers of Japanese. As a Wing Commander in the R.A.F. his astonishing command of the German language, to a degree where he was indistinguishable from a German National by birth, provided him with an accomplishment quite rare in the academic world.

"Newton-John was a supervisor in French at Cambridge in 1936 and in German between 1946-1952; in the years of peace he was an Assistant Master at Christ's Hospital and at Stowe, before becoming Headmaster at Cambridge High School from 1946-1952. In the following year he came to Australia as Master of Ormond College within the University of Melbourne, a post he held until he took up duty in Newcastle in 1959 as Associate Professor of German and Head of the Department of Arts.

"It was clear from his application that Newton-John was a quite extraordinarily talented man. His accomplishments as a linguist I have stressed, but, as all know who have ever encountered him, he has a magnificent voice, was a gifted singer and had a reputation as a dramatic actor. As well, at Melbourne he had become a member of the University Council and of the University Faculties of Arts, Music and Education, so he was adequately informed on the internal running of an Australian University institution. His public academic status had been recognized by an invitation to deliver the John Smyth Memorial Lecture in Education. His rule at Ormond had been a success and it was for purely personal reasons he wished to make a change.

"I had no doubts in 1958 about the possibilities which could arise from his appointment. What I did question was his personal capacity to isolate himself away from the main stream of musical and cultural scholarship in a provincial city very much in a developmental University environment. It was reasonable to ask questions like these at the time. It is a tremendous pleasure today, on the eve of his retirement, to stress how happily he accepted the challenge, however inextricably he involved himself with our fortunes and the fortunes of the community in which he came to live, and how actively he participated in the many public concerns through his Presidency of the Library Association, or of the Arts Council, in very early days and his regular acceptance of invitations to speak at Council meetings and occasional occasions of an official nature.

"It was one thing to establish and maintain contacts between gown and town. It was easier with his background quickly to establish himself as an intellectual force with his colleagues and, as in my own case, the development of the College and the University took Newton-John increasingly away from purely academic concerns. He succeeded me as Head of the Department of Arts. He succeeded me as Deputy Warden. On Independence he became not only the Vice-Principal but also Acting Secretary of the University. In due course he was the first of my Deputy Vice-Chancellors and frequently was Acting Vice-Chancellor during my absence. He would never claim that he was a natural administrator, but he put
The Vice-Chancellor Welcomes You

"This is the 21st and final occasion on which I shall have the privilege of welcoming incoming students to, first, the University College and, later, the independent University of Newcastle. When in 1954 I enrolled 38 full-time students to prepare for Arts degrees, I more than doubled the full-time enrolment of the College, but at least I enrolled the new students myself and had the opportunity to get to know each one personally. Accordingly, it is not just old age which makes me recall early students so vividly and makes me forgetful of the distinguished contributions of some who came after."

"If 1951, when the College was proclaimed, or 1954, when its base was broadened and 1965, when independence came, were significant dates in our history, 1974 will also be so reckoned in the future because of the abolition of fees and the consequent opportunity to all intellectually qualified of whatever income group to have the opportunity of a University education."

"Universities in the past have been attacked as 'Ivory Towers' and elite institutions largely on a social class basis because those who had money could more easily attend. No longer do Universities depend upon private fee paying students. No longer can irresponsible numbers of a limited class waste their own and other people's time largely because their fees made the education of many more deserving possible. But this change does not mean that the University is any the less the home of an elite - but it is an intellectual elite."

"If you, the new students, are not among the intellectual leaders of your generation then you have no place in the University at all; if indulgent parents were prepared to allow undeserving children to waste time at family expense in the past, there is no reason why the State should follow suit. Those who come to the Universities are offered great opportunities; the staff hope to co-operate in the development of talents to the full; yet somewhere in the University there must still be that 'Ivory Tower' where all sorts and conditions of things and of men come under informed criticism."

"Relevance is today's watchword, but with relevance at the highest level must also come a disinterested search for knowledge and that demands the association of the uncommitted with the committed."

"The University hopes to cater for a wide cross-section of society, male and female, young and old, offering equal opportunities for all to develop their individual gifts but with no pretence at intellectual equality: the whole aim is to develop gifts to the full to produce professional and intellectual leaders to serve their day and generation and to transmit, modify and improve the scientific and the cultural traditions we have inherited from so many sources."

"Simply put in welcoming all new students, I hope you work hard and play hard and ensure that your intellectual development is paralleled by an equal social and physical growth assisted by the various Clubs and Societies, under
the auspices of the Students' Representative Council, the Union (so happily extended for your use) and the Sports Union.

"On behalf of my colleagues, I am happy to welcome the new students of 1974 and to express the hope that they will all feel some measure of self-fulfillment in their with us."

J.J. AUCHMUTY,
Vice-Chancellor

ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Mr. John F.H. Burne has taken up his appointment as Activities Officer for the Union.

Mr. Burne is responsible for amplifying social, intellectual and cultural activities held in the Union and communicating with student societies.

Mr. Burne said he hoped to increase student participation in Union activities. One early development he was planning was the establishment of a Jazz Club.

Mr. Burne was born in Britain and was a student at Manchester Regional College. He was a reporter for provincial newspapers before joining, first, The Daily Mail and, then, the News of the World. Coming to Australia in 1965 he worked in journalism in Queensland.

BOUTIQUE SHOP OPENS

Plans for Stage III of the Union incorporated several new services and facilities for students, including a retail clothes store and a pharmacy.

Progress made on the extensions permitted David Jones (Newcastle) Pty. Ltd. to open a boutique shop on 25th February. As for the pharmacy, it will open early in Second Term.

The store is a branch of D.J.'s city store and sells men's and women's clothes and shoes. Ranges of styles and sizes are limited on account of the smallness of the store, but deliveries will be made from Newcastle every day to supply items not stocked by the branch shop and provide customers with the facilities of the Company's city store.

Mrs. Wendy Smith is in charge of the boutique shop, which is open on week days from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. except for lunch breaks from 2 to 2.30 p.m.

ROOMS IN UNION ADDITIONS "DUBBED"

The Vice-Chancellor, the late Dr. B.A. Helmore and Professor G. Tanner have been honoured by a decision to name rooms in the new Union building after them.

The Union's Board of Management resolved to name meeting rooms on Level 4 of the extensions the James Auchmuty Room and the Basil Helmore Room. Dr. Helmore was the Union's Honorary Solicitor for many years.

On Level 3 a common room located adjacent to the Bar has been named The Godfrey Tanner Room as a mark of appreciation for Professor Tanner's patronage of the Union.

The Bar will be called the Sea Horse Bar and the nearby dining area the Southern Cross Lounge. Both titles were inspired by the Coat of Arms of the University.

AID TO OVERSEA STUDENTS

For the first time an Information Book has been produced for our oversea students to use. The Editors are Pin Ng and Tian Oei, who have successfully compiled useful information from myriad sources, including the N.R.M.A., the Department of Immigration and the Australian Union of Students. The book assists new oversea students to settle into university and Australian life by outlining services and facilities. Tian Oei, who is the Local Oversea Students' Service Director, will arrange for copies of the book to be sent to interested people. His office is Room T11 and his 'phone Ext. 404.

"FROM HEGEL TO EXISTENTIALISM"

In First Term, Dr. W. Doniela, of the Department of Philosophy, will conduct six voluntary seminars on the theme, "From Hegel to Existentialism", which will consider some relatively recent critics of received forms of social orientation. It is intended to hold the seminars on Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Philosophy Seminar Room, commencing third week of first term. Non-
philosophers may join, but senior Philosophy students will be given priority. Enquiries can be directed to Dr. Doniela or the Philosophy Department office.

**A C A D E M I C A P P O I N T M E N T S**

Dr. M. Maddock has taken up his appointment as Lecturer in Education. He holds a B.Sc. degree and a Diploma in Education in the University of Tasmania, a B.Ed. in the University of Queensland, and a M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in the University of Florida. He is also a member of the Australian College of Education.

Mr. P.J. Moore has taken up duties as a Senior Tutor in Education for a limited period. He holds a B.A. in the University of Newcastle.

Dr. Shubhash Chandra has taken up his appointment as Tutor in Physics for a limited period. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in the University of Agra, the degree of Master of Science in the University of Aligarh and a Ph.D. degree in Queen's University, Canada.

Dr. Terry F. Wall has begun duties as Lecturer in Chemical Engineering after a year in Great Britain on a C.S.I.R.O. Postdoctoral fellowship at the School of Process Metallurgy, Imperial College, London. He was awarded his Ph.D. in the University of Newcastle in 1972.

**C O U R S E S F O R A D U L T S**

The Department of Community Programmes is offering to 80 adults an intensive one-year course designed to give them access to normal degree studies in 1975. The course will commence on 8th April and continue thereafter through the normal university terms. Each student will attend the university two evenings per week. There will also be guided reading and some written assignments. There will be no examinations, but lecturers' and tutors will be asked at the conclusion of the course to give an assessment of each student's potentialities.

The fee for the course is $45. As at 28th February only 10 places remained to be taken.

The Department, in association with the Hunter Valley Research Foundation, will conduct a course of lectures, plus fieldwork, to examine major environmental issues. Sessions will be held every Sunday from 31st March to 12th May (except Easter Sunday) and visits will be made to carefully selected field sites where the points made by lecturers can be illustrated.

The fee for the course is $10.

The Department will also conduct special short courses for members of the business, commercial and industrial communities. They have been arranged in consultation with the Chamber of Manufactures. Their purpose is to make available up-to-date thinking about and general insight into subject areas of important relevance to modern commercial and administrative practice. The courses:

- **Introduction to Computing**, in association with the University Computer Centre, Wednesdays, 8 to 9.30 p.m., eight sessions commencing 27th March, conducted by Dr. M. Wiseman, of the University's Computer Centre, course fee $12.
- **Industrial Law**, in association with the Department of Legal Studies, Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9.30 p.m., seven sessions commencing 3rd April, course to be conducted by Professor K.E. Lindgren, Mr. T. Preshby, Mr. K.W. Hale and Mr. R.N. Watterson, course fee $12.
- **Introduction to Personnel Management**, in association with the Department of Commerce, Wednesday evenings, 8 to 9.30 p.m., seven sessions commencing 22nd May, conducted by Dr. M.E. Spautz, Senior Lecturer in Commerce, course fee $12.
- **Taxation - in Business and Commerce**, in association with the Department of Commerce, Thursday evenings, 8 to 9.30 p.m., seven sessions commencing 13th June, conducted by Assoc. Professor B.T. Colditz, course fee $12.

Enrolment forms for all the adult courses can be obtained from the Department of Community Programmes.

**S T A F F H O U S E**

Commencing on Monday, 4th March, evening meals will be available at the Staff House up to 6.30 p.m.

The catering arrangements will be different this year. There will be no menu but a wide range of dinners, snacks, light refreshments, etc., can be prepared by Mr. Thredgold provided the member notifies Mr. Thredgold in advance of his requirements. Members forgetting to notify Mr. Thredgold of their requirements may have to wait while their meal is prepared.
 Members have been invited to attend a smorgasbord luncheon to be held in the Staff House on Thursday, 7th March, commencing at 12.45 p.m.

**CREDIT UNION NEWS**

Most members of staff will have received the leaflet, "Facts about your Credit Union", which was published to give a clearer picture of what the Credit Union is all about.

We would like to point out that membership is open to all persons who receive a salary from the University.

In answer to the recent query - Do Credit Union payments appear on an employee's tax deduction form? - No, Credit Union savings are treated the same as bank savings.

Sincere thanks is given to the Printery for its assistance in the publishing of our posters and leaflets. Also to the key punch girls of the Computer Centre for their dexterity in folding the leaflets and to Don Robertson for one-finger typing on the envelopes. Margaret Davie thanks herself for all the hard work she has done!!

**SAVING MAKES DOLLARS AND SENSE**

The University of Newcastle Catholic Association wishes to announce that the annual Academic Mass, to mark the opening of the University year, will be concelebrated at Our Lady of Victories Parish Church, Shortland, on Sunday, 17th March, at 10.30 a.m. His Lordship John Toohey, D.D., Bishop of Maitland, will officiate. The academic procession will robe in the Methodist Hall, next to the Church. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

**SERIES OF "CLASSIC" FILMS**

The Department of Community Programmes will screen "classic" films in Lecture Theatre B01 on Friday nights at 8 o'clock every week this year. The programme this month:

14th March: **Boudu Saved From Drowning.** An early (1934) masterpiece by Jean Renoir, concerning the comic conflict between a misguided Good Samaritan and an aggressively ungrateful tramp.

21st March: **Tokyo Story.** "Ozu's masterpiece, just about the best Japanese film ever made, and certainly one of the ten best films ever made". (Sight and Sound).

28th March: **Intolerance.** D.W. Griffith's complex four-part 'film fugue', the most ambitious film of the silent era.

The Department of Community Programmes will also screen 13 films dealing with the British Museum - The Treasures of the British Museum - in the Drama Theatre on Mondays at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. The programme:

11th March: "The Beautiful People - Oriental Antiquities" and "The Beauty of it All - The Egyptians".

18th March: "The Casual Survivors - Medieval and later Antiquities" and "The Defeated - The Celtic and the Romano-British".


Members of the public can attend screenings free of charge.

**A STUDY OF STUDENTS ENTERING TERTIARY EDUCATION**

As the abolition of tuition fees may alter the pattern of student enrolment in respect of social and demographic background, a survey will be undertaken over the next three years of new students entering a degree or diploma course in universities and colleges of advanced education. The study of university students is being sponsored by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

The analysis of the responses to the questionnaire will be carried out in one or more University tertiary education research centres. Whatever you write will be treated as confidential and will not be seen by anyone other than staff of the research centre or centres making the analysis. The information is for
statistical purposes only and in any report no individual cases will be cited. Further the information will not be used for administrative purposes by the institution in which you are enrolling. Copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the Student Administration Office.

STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD'S INCREASE IN INTEREST RATE

The State Superannuation Board has announced that the rate of interest payable on Voluntary Savings Accounts was increased to 7½% per annum from 1st January, 1974.

Any Fund Member, either a contributor or a pensioner, may open a Voluntary Savings Account and provision also exists for Voluntary Savings Accounts to be opened in the joint names of Fund Members their husbands or wives and children.

The Voluntary Savings Account represents an ideal avenue for personal saving and funds may be deposited directly to the Board's office or by way of regular deduction from salary or pension.

Further details, application forms, etc., may be obtained from the State Superannuation Board, Box 4003, G.P.O., Sydney - telephone number 290 2199.

HEALTH SERVICE INCREASES HOURS

Dr. J. Raschke, the medical practitioner attached to the Student Health Centre in the Union, will be accessible to students during four half days a week this year. A nurse will 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. Students are advised to make appointments with the nurse.

Dr. Raschke will be present at the centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BANK LENGTHENS HOURS

The Bank of New South Wales has extended its trading hours in the Union. The Bank is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and from 12.30 to 3 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 to 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 to 4 p.m.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Mrs. M. Brisley ('phone 57 3445) can arrange seat bookings for The Wizard of Oz, the stage production now being presented by the Young People's Theatre at its theatre on the corner of Lindsay and Lawson Streets, Hamilton, every Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

THEATRE CONCESSION

Hoyts Theatres Limited has informed the University of further variations to student concession arrangements at all Hoyts city and suburban theatres.

The concession is now available to all full-time and part-time students aged 16-25 years inclusive at half the session admission price. This concession now applies to all sessions except Saturday evenings and except certain films identifiable by the symbol (N.S.) in newspaper advertisements. Each student is entitled to one concession ticket only and his current student identity card must be shown to the ticket seller and also to the usherette when entering the auditorium.

In the Newcastle area concessions will generally be available at the Royal Theatre, Hunter Street.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES CEREMONY

People who have completed the University's requirements for admission to degrees will have degrees conferred upon them in the Great Hall on 15th March. It will be the second time that the degrees have been conferred in the Great Hall. Diplomas in Business Studies, Education, Industrial Engineering and Computer Science will also be awarded.
The morning ceremony, beginning at 10.30 a.m., will be concerned with the conferring of degrees in the Faculties of Architecture and Arts.

Degrees in the Faculties of Applied Science, Economics and Commerce, Engineering, Mathematics and Science will be conferred at the ceremony beginning at 2.30 p.m.

Admission to the ceremonies is restricted to ticket holders.

Lectures and practical classes at the University will be cancelled.

Emeritus Professor B. Newton-John will deliver the Occasional Address at the morning ceremony and the Vice-Chancellor 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 (15th March).

HAND BOOK COMES OFF PRESS


ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS

Mr. G.R. Dowling has been promoted to Senior Tutor in Commerce.

Mr. J. McQuaile and Mr. W. Warren have been promoted to Lecturers in Education.

ANTIGONE

A production of Sophocles' Antigone, will be put on late in second term.

The director, Mr. J.L. O'Neil, of the Classics Department, was Director of last year's performance of Euripides' Helen, which was enjoyed by all who took part.

Anyone interested in acting either taking a main part, a small part or performing in the chorus (men and women) should either come to the auditorium (watch the noticeboard for the date) or see the Director.

Help would also be welcomed for making costumes, designing lighting, helping with sets and providing musical accompaniment. If you can help with any of these things please contact the Director in AG44.

ART EXHIBITION

Ian Henderson, Senior Instructor within the Faculty of Architecture, is staging an exhibition of his most recent paintings at The Little Gallery, 138 Glebe Road, Merewether. The exhibition opens on Saturday, 9th March, and consists of paintings of space and form of interest to those involved with architectural and design concepts.

THE MEL. LIEBERSTEIN LIBRARY

Members of staff and students of the University are being invited to contribute to "the Mel. Lieberstein Library" at Durungaling Aboriginal Girls' Training College.

This Training College is administered by Hunter Region Aboriginal Cooperative Limited to which the late Professor Lieberstein gave enthusiastic support. He was a Director of the Cooperative at the time of his death last August, and the Board of Directors has named the library after him to perpetuate his name.

Professor Lieberstein, an American, took up his appointment to the second Chair in Mathematics at the University of Newcastle in December, 1971. His interests included the advancement of American Indians, Negroes and Australian Aborigines. Before his death he proposed to the Federal Government that aboriginal leaders be sent to an institute in Tel Aviv to be trained in community self-help programmes and that members of the Navajo Tribal Council be brought to Australia to advise aboriginal leaders about Navajo self-help projects.

Professor Lieberstein wanted the Library of Durungaling Aboriginal Girls' Training College in Newcastle to have books on aboriginal culture and history and was collecting appropriate items when he died. Mrs. Lieberstein agreed to
all of her husband's books being donated to the College. The items unsuitable for the library will be exchanged for suitable books or sold to buy new books.

Donations should be forwarded to the Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics, Professor R.G. Keats, or directly to the Rev. W.A. Brown, Secretary of the Hunter Region Aboriginal Cooperative Limited, Box 4, Post Office, Lambton. 2299 Donations of $2 or more are deductions for income tax purposes.

CAREERS AND STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Careers! Employment! Jobs!

Are you training for a specific occupation? Is your ambition realistic? Are you on the right path to achieve your ambition?

These and related issues may be discussed with the Careers and Student Employment Office.

The services of the Careers and Student Employment Office are available free to new students as well as to all other students as a source of help to ascertain data upon which informed decisions can be made.

REMEMBER. Decisions about your career are some of the most important decisions you will make in life. Make sure that you are well informed. Call now and see the Careers and Student Employment Office in Room No. T 21, Temporary Buildings.

WICKHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Volunteers are invited to assist in running activities for children at Wickham Primary School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

The activities include Art/Crafts, Games, Music, Excursions or what you will. This is a chance to learn how children think and what their needs are. Activities are run on very informal lines. The basic need is a willingness to be committed to the children of this part of Newcastle.

Persons interested are requested to contact: Brian Brindley (2 3921), Sue Hellyer (61 1662) or Judy Galvin (68 0401).

BRIDGE CLUB

Starting early in Term I will be a University Bridge Club. Advanced players and beginners (instruction given) are welcome. For details see the Union Noticeboard, or contact C. Dibley, Department of Mathematics.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Pioneer amplifier, 16 watts per channel, short waveband, belt driven, dual arm, 2 a.m. tuners (SMB 161), $75; National tape recorder, 4 track, stereo, including external speakers, as new (RS760S), $175; Labcraft pick-up turntable, magnetic head, etc., $40. All in good order. Enquiries 'phone Ext. 727, or 2 2924.


TUITION AVAILABLE: Stephen Costain (actor, director, drama coach), currently teaching students at the Independent Theatre School, is holding an open class in Voice Production, Relaxation, Vocal Energy and Projection; lecturers and students with vocal problems, or an interest in improvement, are welcome; Blackall House, Newcomen Street, Newcastle, 7 p.m., Thursdays; private tuition available Thursday afternoons for a limited number. 'phone 57 0419 after 6 p.m.

LAND FOR SALE: A large interesting corner block of land for sale in Cambridge Hills, has its own trees, is in an elevated position and has a northerly aspect; 'phone Owen Scott, Ext. 650 or 57 0419.

WANTED TO BUY: Weekender (lakeside or country), or small house in Cooks Hill or similar area, vacant possession not necessary; please ring Ext. 526 or after 5 p.m., 57 4065.

TYING DONE: Mrs. C. Asquith of 28 Wimbledon Grove, Kotara ('phone 54 1641) is desirous of carrying out typing jobs (theses, reports, etc.) at home.
FOR SALE: Academic dress for female Arts graduate, includes hood and Canterbury cap, Mrs. Beamish, 5 Illalung Road, Lambton.

TYPING DONE: Mrs. L. Marney, experienced in University theses and essays, moderate rates charged, 52 3093.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LABORATORY ATTENDANT  Position No. N25/74

Applications are invited for the above position within the Department of Civil Engineering. Duties will include setting up apparatus for student experiments, assisting generally with work connected with the testing of materials and routine maintenance of equipment in the concrete laboratory. Previous experience in a soils or concrete testing laboratory would be advantageous, but is not essential.

Commencing salary will be within the range $75.83 to $81.56 per week depending upon qualifications and experience. Juniors are paid according to age. These salary rates are under review and within the month, are expected to increase to $84.92 to $92.32 per week.

Application forms may be obtained by telephoning the Personnel Section, Ext. 251.


STENOGRAPHER - Temporary Full-time  Position No. N27/74

A competent and experienced stenographer is required to work within the Department of Geology and the Department of Biological Sciences.

Employment will be available until a date to be determined late in 1974.

Commencing salary will be up to $80.20 per week depending upon age, qualifications and experience.

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


LABORATORY ATTENDANT/ASSISTANT  Department of Chemistry  Position No. N28/74

Applications are invited for the above position. In general the position of Laboratory Assistant involves assistance in class preparation and operation of equipment.

The duties of a Laboratory Attendant are concerned mainly with the general servicing of teaching and research laboratories.

Salary ranges for adults are:

- Laboratory Attendant  $3,954 p.a. - $4,253 p.a.
- Laboratory Assistant  $4,435 p.a. - $5,719 p.a.

Salary rates are at present under review. Commencing salary would be dependent upon age, qualifications and experience. Juniors are paid according to age. Applicants for Laboratory Assistant must have completed the Technical College Certificate Course in Chemistry or any other recognised course deemed by the University to be appropriate. For an Attendant, formal qualifications in Chemistry or experience in laboratories are not necessary, but a sense of responsibility and willingness to learn by experience are required.

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

Applications close on 11th March, 1974.

CLERK  Secretary's Division  Position No. N24/74

Applications are invited for the above position in the Statistics and Systems section of the Secretary's Division.

Duties will include assisting with the compilation of statistics, the preparation and scheduling of data for electronic processing, the maintenance of computer files as well as general clerical work.

Previous experience in the preparation of data for computer systems would be helpful but not essential.

Salary range is $2,590 - $6,316 per annum and commencing salary will depend upon qualifications and experience of the successful applicant.

Application forms may be obtained by telephoning the Personnel Section Ext. 251 during business hours.
Applications close on 4th March, 1974.

SPORTING NEWS

Cricket

The cricket club is arranging a Gala Day to be held on Sunday, 24th March. Past students will play against present students in a 30-over match at University Oval beginning at 1 p.m. and members of staff will be matched against the club's Vice-Presidents for a 30-over match on No. 2 Oval beginning at 1 p.m. The players will get together afterwards for a barbecue and refreshments at the Pavilion.

University oval will be the venue for a match between the University of Auckland and the University of Newcastle on 15th and 16th April. The New Zealand team will include one ex-test player and four former Plunkett Shield players.

The Australian Cricket Board of Control has granted Combined Australian Universities a one-day match against the M.C.C. at Adelaide Oval on the 22nd January, 1975 to coincide with the Centenary celebrations of the University of Adelaide.

Blues

Blues for outstanding sporting achievements in 1973 will be presented by the Vice-Chancellor at a Blues Dinner on 26th April. Emeritus Professor Newton-John has been invited to be the guest speaker.

The Blues will be presented to Robert Wilkinson (Cricket), Tony Keating (Hockey) and John Wondergem (Rugby League).

At the function the sports union will present the Doctor George Haggarty Cup to the Sportsman of the Year.

Further, the Sports Union will award Club Colours to Elizabeth Alder and Brent Couper (Basketball), Rosalie Osland (Women's Hockey), Vic Levi and John Mendl (Cricket) and Terry McManus and Peter Hunt (Rugby League).

Squash

The Sports Union has entered 13 men's and two women's teams in the autumn competition conducted by Newcastle Squash Association. All home matches involving University teams will be played at the University squash courts.

Non-Competitive Pastimes and Diversions

It is anticipated that, in the second week of term, classes will be launched in Pottery, Leatherwork, Macrame, Keep-Fit, Yoga, Ballroom Dancing, Jazz, Ballet and Bridge. The Amenities Office is also making efforts to introduce a class in Painting.

Sports Centre

Work was started in the last week of February on the construction of the Aciuhmuty Sports Centre. The builders are N.E. Hinds Pty. Limited and the expected construction period is 25 weeks.

The Sports Union arranged to borrow $200,000 from the Commonwealth Trading Bank towards the total cost of Stage I of the Project. On completion of the building the dressing sheds incorporated in the building will be available for use not only by people using the centre but also people using No. 2 Oval and, later, No. 3 Oval.

Athletics

Plans are being finalised for No. 2 Oval to be used for an athletics meeting for the first time on Sunday, 17th March, when teams from A.N.U., Macquarie University and the Universities of Sydney, New South Wales, New England, Queensland and Newcastle will compete in the Eastern Zone Championships.

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 13th 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.

Since it is your newspaper and there is no charge for the printing of contributions, you are urged to use University News. Support it by sending or telephoning news items and advertisements to Mr. J.W. Armstrong (Secretary's Division) Ext. 341.

RING ROAD TO BE CLOSED

A section of the ring road within the university will be temporarily closed from Friday, 8th March.

The closure will be necessary to ensure as far as possible the safety of persons working on the construction of Footbridge No. 2, which will connect the Engineering Complex across the ring road with the lower plaza between the Library and the Union.

The general appearance and design of the footbridge will be similar to that of the footbridge leading to Architecture and Metallurgy.

1974 STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS

1974 Student Identity Cards will be available from the Student Administration Office from Monday, 4th March.

In order to enable part-time students to collect their Identity Cards, the Student Administration Office will remain open until 7 p.m. on the following days:

- Tuesday, 12th March
- Thursday, 14th March
- Monday, 18th March
- Wednesday, 20th March.

Identity cards will be issued only upon production of receipt that all compulsory charges have been paid.

P.D. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.