The Chancellor (Sir Alister McMu1l1n) has announced the decision of the University Council to name the University Library the Auchmuty Library as an appropriate tribute to the Vice-Chancellor (Professor J.J. Auchmuty), who is Foundation Vice-Chancellor of the University and who will retire on 31st December after more than 22 years' service to the University and its predecessor, the Newcastle University College.

Sir Alister also announced that a testimonial fund marking the retirement of Professor Auchmuty had been organised. Members of Convocation of the University have already contributed about $6,000 to the fund, which has as its aim the provision of a valuable special collection of books in the Auchmuty Library. The target figure for the fund is $10,000 and the organisers are hopeful of reaching this amount before Professor Auchmuty retires.

The Auchmuty Special Collection of books is considered to be a very appropriate tribute to a Vice-Chancellor who has always remained a history scholar and a man of books. It will consist of volumes in a most valuable publishing venture, known as "The English Experience". The titles are exact and fully sized facsimile editions of significant works published in England between 1475 and 1640, a period during which the English experience was to exert a tremendous influence upon the development of western culture. The titles are facsimile copies of priceless volumes held by special book museums such as the Bodleian Library, Cambridge University College, Yale and Harvard University Libraries, and the Huntington Library.

The target figure of $10,000 will permit the University Librarian, Mr. E. Flowers, to acquire approximately the first 1,500 titles in the series. The fact that $6,000 is on hand has allowed a firm order to be placed for the first groups of volumes. As more facsimiles of rare books are published they will be added to the Auchmuty Special Collection.

A replica of the Vice-Chancellor's coat of arms, to go inside the books, is presently being drawn. Eventually, the special collection will be incorporated within the rare books section in the next stage of development of the Auchmuty Library. Until this extension is completed, the collection will stand on an open access spot in the Reference Section.

Sir Alister invited Professor Auchmuty's many friends to mark their appreciation of his services for Newcastle and the University by contributing to the testimonial fund. Donations should be made payable to the University of Newcastle, will be tax deductible and can be sent to The Accountant, University of Newcastle. 2308

The President of Convocation (Professor K.R. Dutton) expressed his gratitude to the members of Convocation who had already contributed in such a generous and substantial way to the Vice-Chancellor's Testimonial Fund.

**LARGE ORGAN FOR GREAT HALL**

A Conn electronic pipe organ, costing approximately $30,000, has been installed in the Great Hall of the University. The suppliers have stated that it is the largest of its type functioning outside the United States. It has three manuals, a 32-note pedal board, 46 "voices" and 11 ranks of pipes. The tonal resources of the organ permit all types of organ music to be produced on it.
For some years the university has had plans for the purchase of an organ befitting the magnificence of the Great Hall. Since its completion in early 1973, the Hall has become the scene of a wide range of musical recitals and ceremonial gatherings and the need for an organ has been emphasised.

The former Vice-Principal (Professor Brin Newton-John) made extensive investigations before he retired last March. He inquired of Walker's and Sharp's, well-known organ builders, and learnt that a traditional wind-blown pipe organ would cost more than $100,000, which is beyond the university's means. Professor Newton-John devoted a lot of time to listening to organ music, both "live" and on recordings.

After the Conn electronic pipe organ was demonstrated in the Hall last December the University Council authorised expenditure on the purchase of this type of organ. The electronic organ follows the principles of the traditional organ except that the tones and overtones are generated electronically in the remote relay box, not in the pipes themselves.

The organ is the biggest embellishment to be made to the Great Hall since the Lord Mayor's Appeal for funds was officially closed at $1,200,000. It incorporates the classic array of pipes (280 individual pipes) of the traditional wind-blown pipe organ.

The instrument combines the resources of the Baroque and modern organs—that is, organ music from the Cathedral style, through 18th Century and Bach, and to the Romantic style can be played on it.

The University is arranging a special inaugural performance so that interested persons can hear the new organ. This performance, open to members of staff, students and members of the public, will be held on 3rd December. The Organist will be Mr. Robert Boughen, Organist of the Anglican Church of St. John, Brisbane, and Lecturer in Music at the University of Queensland.

The organ was supplied by the Novocastrian Piano Co. Pty. Limited, of Newcastle, and the Conn Organ Centre, of Brisbane, and installed by Mr. Howell Whitehouse, of Brisbane. The Australian distributors for Conn organs are Stuard Industries Pty. Limited, of Melbourne.

H.S.C. REQUIREMENTS

The University has announced its requirements of students who take the restructured H.S.C. examination from 1976 onwards.

To be eligible for admission to the University, students will be required to take the H.S.C. Examination in one attempt in at least four approved subjects.

The subjects approved for admission are grouped:-

- **Group A**, English;
- **Group B**, Chinese, Classical Greek, Dutch, French, German, Hebrew, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Modern Greek, Russian, Spanish, Ancient History, Art, Economics, Geography, Modern History and Music;
- **Group C**, Agriculture, Engineering Science, Mathematics and Science;
- **Group D**, General Studies, Home Science and Textiles and Design.

The four subjects required for admission shall include English and at least one subject from each of Groups B and C.

Not more than one of the subjects other than English may be taken as a two-unit A course.

Not more than one subject may be chosen from Group D.

The University's Senate will determine the level of performance acceptable in each subject and in the H.S.C. as a whole.

The Senate intends to prescribe the acceptable level of performance in the examination in terms of an aggregate mark calculated on the student's best ten units.

A student may elect to present English either as a three-unit course, a two-unit course or a two-unit A course. Irrespective of which of these courses in English he elects to offer, he may include a two-unit A course in one of the other three subjects he is presenting for matriculation purposes.

The university will continue not prescribing mandatory prerequisites for entry to any Faculty, course of subject. However, the lectures and syllabus in certain Faculties, courses and subjects will be based on the assumption that students will have previously completed a particular level of study.
Professor K.R. Dutton, Head of the Department of French, was elected Deputy Chairman of Senate on 2nd October to serve for two years from 1st January, 1975. He will succeed Professor C.D. Ellyett, Head of the Department of Physics.

VISIT BY STATE UNIVERSITIES BOARD

On behalf of the State Universities Board, Mr. P.N. Correy, Executive Member, and Mr. N. Oakes, Deputy Under-Secretary of the State Treasury, visited the University on Friday, 4th October, in order to discuss with the Vice-Chancellor and his advisors the terms of the triennial submission to the Australian Universities Commission for the period 1976-78.

UNIVERSITY THINKS METRIC

Having recently received the necessary signs, the University has now converted all road signs to the new metric standard. Six 35-kilometre-per-hour signs have been erected, replacing the old 20 m.p.h. signs on the campus. The Staff Engineer (Mr. M. Edmonds) said the new metric speed limit of 35 kilometres per hour was approximately 22 m.p.h.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Council, meeting on 20th September, approved the conditions of the Margaret Auchmuty Prize in Education, a new award proposed by the Hunter Valley Branch of the N.S.W. Association of University Women Graduates. The prize will be awarded annually to the female student, if of sufficient merit, who achieves the best overall performance in Education IIIA or Education IIIB in the year concerned and will be awarded on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of Education.

Newcastle University Students' Association submitted to the Council a case for its share of the General Services Fee to be increased by $3. N.U.S.A. said the reasons it had been forced to operate on a budget with a projected net deficit of $7,106, even after severe pruning in every area of activity, were: inflation, reductions in income due to the channeling of money to other activities, the need to make capital purchases associated with the move into new offices, the payment of additional staff and the development of existing and new facilities. Further, the Association's share of the General Services Fee had not risen since 1970. The Council agreed to the request and fixed the General Services Fee at $63 effective from 1st January, 1975.

Dr. P. Kirton, Mrs. B. Lord and Mr. L. Gibbs were appointed as representatives of the Council on the Management Committee of the Community Child Care Centre.

On the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Council approved the appointment of Architects, Brian Suters and Associates Pty. Limited, of Newcastle, for the design, documentation and supervision of construction of the proposed extensions to the Architecture building.

Council was told that work on the extensions to the central facilities block of Edwards Hall and the Hall's recreation rooms had been completed and the facilities were in use. Work on the construction of the Field House is proceeding satisfactorily and should be completed late in October or early in November.

The architects for the proposed Child Care Centre project had met with the Child Care Centre Committee and preliminary sketch plans were being prepared to enable applications to be made to the Federal Government for financial support for this project.

It was resolved that the following people would be admitted to higher degrees at the next Graduation Day:

Doctor of Philosophy, Algirdas Ivinskis (Department of Psychology), whose thesis was Heart Rate as an Index of Behavioural Activation; David Arthur Winborne (Department of Metallurgy), whose thesis was The Application of Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy to the Thermodynamics of Alloys.
Master of Commerce, Duncan Kippton MacDonald (Department of Economics), whose thesis was Wage Determination in the New South Wales Public Service, 1961-71.

The architects for the proposed Pre-Clinical Sciences Building (to form part of the new Faculty of Medicine) have met Professor D. Maddison, Professor E.O. Hall and the Acting Planner to discuss details of the University’s submission to the Australian Universities Commission and the architects are proceeding with preliminary investigations before commencing sketch designs for the project.

Council received five study leave reports.

Associate Professor J. Betts, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, spent 10 months, starting in February, 1973, visiting the Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics Department at McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, where his main research task was studying the stress-strain behaviour and the thermal effects produced in a viscoelastic material by high-speed rolling contact between two rolls in which one of the rolls is covered with the viscoelastic material. His work was supported by the National Research Council of Canada and the Uniroyal Research Laboratories of Guelph.

Mr. B.D. Henry, of the Department of Chemical Engineering took up, during his study leave, a position as Visiting Research Fellow in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Technology, Loughborough, U.K. He started there in January, 1973, and returned in February, this year. The fields of research of particular interest to Mr. Henry are the design of separation processes, particularly distillation, and process design and economics. He collaborated with Professor D.C. Freshwater, on studies into energy utilisation, in and the optimum sequencing of, multicomponent distillation systems. Mr. Henry has also been endeavouring to develop mathematical models to assist in the determination of the optimum capacity of process plant under increasing and uncertain market conditions. He visited other Chemical Engineering Departments, attended regional conferences organised by the Institute of Chemical Engineering and visited relevant industries.

Professor F.J. Henderson, of the Department of Civil Engineering, reported that he spent from December, 1973 to July this year in New Zealand, the United States and Britain pursuing his research interests, writing a book and visiting centres to learn about developments in his particular field, in Civil Engineering education generally and in engineering aspects of environmental studies.

At the California Institute of Technology he found that what was a conventional civil engineering hydraulics department when he was last there in 1969 has now developed into a vigorous centre for environmental work by forming a joint research programme with other departments. In Washington, D.C. he was given the opportunity to get a fresh point of view on environmental legislation and Dr. J.L. Knetsch, who visited the University of Newcastle last year, introduced him to a number of experts.

Dr. C.J. Aislabie, of the Department of Economics, worked in the U.K., Belgium, Norway and Sweden while he was away on study leave. He studied, among other things, the problems of under-investment in public transport and urban tourism, especially in relation to the provision of information, and interest group conflicts in urban public transport and urban tourism. In the U.K., he examined the problem of geographical dispersion of tourists and obtained data on British companies from the Department of Trade and Industry. He visited the University of Louvain in Belgium, examined the problem of geographical dispersion of tourists in Norway and, in Sweden, visited the University of Goteborg and the Industrial Institute for Economic and Social research.

Mr. R.H. Roberta, of the Department of Physics, spent his study leave in 1973 in the Chemistry Department of Queen Mary College, London. The purpose was to study, and gain experience with, various techniques for examining the structure and composition of solid surfaces. During his leave he had access to a low energy electron diffraction system with facilities for Auger Electron Spectrometry and surface potential measurements. Use of these techniques were made to study and compare the monolayer structures of Zenon and Krypton on single crystal surfaces of copper and silver. Mr. Roberts also visited Imperial College, London, where related work is in progress.

Farewell to Professor

Following its meeting on 2nd October, Senate farewelled the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Professor A.J. Carmichael, who will terminate his duties with the University soon to become President of The
Hunter District Water Board. The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to Professor Carmichael for his service to the University (he took up his appointment as Professor in 1967) and the Deputy Chairman of Senate (Professor C.D. Ellyett) presented him with an engraved silver tray from the Senate.

FAREWELL TO VICE-CHANCELLOR

Convocation will hold a dinner at Edwards Hall on Saturday night, 19th October, to enable graduates to farewell the retiring Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor J.J. Auchmuty.

The Warden of Convocation (Professor K.R. Dutton) said that it was fitting that a Vice-Chancellor who had made graduate affairs a close personal interest and had given outstanding service to the University and its predecessor, the Newcastle University College, for 22 years' should be farewelled at a special function.

Tickets costing $10 a head are available from Mrs. N. Emanuel, C/- Administration.

Convocation proposes to present the first groups of books in the Auchmuty Special Collection to the University at the dinner. Purchase of the commemorative collection is being financed from the testimonial fund which Convocation organised to mark the Vice-Chancellor's retirement. The appeal for contributions to the fund has progressed considerably towards the target figure of $10,000.

"THE ENTERTAINER" SCHEDULED

New Theatre will return to the campus on 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th October with its production of John Osborne's modern play "The Entertainer", which is mainly concerned with social decay epitomised by the demise of the music hall in England. The play is included in the English drama course.

Archie Rice, the music hall performer, will be played by Vic Rooney, Phoebe by Anne Armstrong, Billy by Torrie Scott, Jean by Katherine Boughton and Frank by Ken Dray.

Robin Laidlaw is Producer and Jean Talbot the Assistant Producer. Bookings or inquiries can be made by ringing 51 3075.

A theatre party is being organised for 16th October to raise funds to assist the Community Child Care Centre, which will cater for children of students and members of staff as well as children in the vicinity of the University. Tickets for the theatre party are available from 46 7272.

REPORT FROM THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Students' Association's proposed new constitution which was approved by the S.R.C. recently, provides, among other things, that membership of the S.R.C. be reorganised and the number of members slightly increased. The Council will recommend at the meeting of the Students' Association in the Courtyard on 15th October that the new constitution be introduced.

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The S.R.C. has completed plans for the establishment of a pharmacy in the Union to commence operations in First Term next year. A qualified pharmacist will conduct the affairs of the pharmacy for three hours a day and it is expected that students will be allowed a 15% discount on all goods purchased. The pharmacy will be governed by a Committee, comprising the President of the S.R.C., the local A.U.S. Secretary and representatives of the University of Newcastle Staff Association, the Board of Management of the Union and the S.R.C.

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The Students' Food Cooperative, which was inaugurated on 19th September, costs $1 per head to join and has so far attracted 80 members. Food order forms are available at the S.R.C. office. They must be completed and returned on Wednesdays before 5 p.m. and money covering the expected cost is paid at the same time. The Cooperative buys the goods from the warehouses and distributes orders after midday on Thursdays, the room adjacent to the A.U.S. Travel Office being used for this purpose. When members return with new orders they receive refunds due to them from purchases made the previous week.

Fruit and vegetables, groceries, meat, fish, honey and other food are bought in bulk in accordance with the members' orders. Members are placed on rosters to help prepare the individual orders.

The election of a committee to control the cooperative, and consideration of a draft constitution, will be amongst the matters considered at a meeting
of members in the Michael Nelson room in The Union on 9th October, beginning at 1 p.m.

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A meeting of Newcastle University Students' Association on 26th September decided to oppose any reduction in the area of Civic Park to widen King Street.

The meeting decided to urge Aldermen and officers of Newcastle City Council to establish instead a freeway in King Street between Auckland and Darby Streets and eliminate parking spaces in this length of road.

Further, the students requested that King Street not be widened east of Auckland Street and that any further road developments proposed for the Newcastle Region be considered in conjunction with an overall road-planning scheme.

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Volume 9 of NIMROD, the Students' literary magazine, has been printed and is available for 40¢ a copy from the S.R.C. office. About 20 authors, including some students and members of staff, are represented with poetry and prose. The Editor is Paul Rea.

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The S.R.C. has announced the results of recent elections.

Helen Grace was elected unopposed as Education Officer.

Kathy Evans was elected as the Council's delegate to an Anti-Assessment meeting in Sydney.

A vacancy on the Finance Committee was filled when Terry Snape was elected.

Adrian Woo was elected Editor of the 1975 Orientation Handbook and Peter Ormonde was elected 1975 Orientation Week Director.

The S.R.C. decided to write to the University Planner asking that the University erect noticeboards for general use outside the Main Lecture Theatre B01, the Science Lecture Theatre HO1 and the Arts/Drama Theatre.

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The S.R.C. refuted the view that examination grades are valid indicators of academic quality. It stated its view that the examination system is an unreliable index of student ability. Further, the Council rejected "the setting of pass/fail decisions which are set at fixed percentages" and saw "such percentages, not as the outcome, but as the very intention of the examination process".

A motion was passed objecting "to all assessment used to grade students competitively against their fellow students".

The S.R.C. reaffirmed A.U.S. policy "that if traditional competitive assessment methods are to be used to grade students each individual student should have the choice over her/his own form of assessment".

The S.R.C., also, has made a grant of $400 for the production of a special issue of "Opus" to coincide with its Anti-Assessment Campaign, which favours the introduction of greater freedom of choice regarding methods of assessment.

BOOK ON PATRICK WHITE'S PLAYS

Jess Dyce, who graduated as a Master of Arts in 1971, is the author of a book Patrick White as Playwright, which has been published by the University of Queensland Press.

The book contains 165 pages and is understood to be the first book-length evaluation of White's plays. Miss Dyce closely examines the plays - their meaning and structure - both as theatre and literature. White's characters mostly live in the suburbs and fringe areas of an expanding metropolis - which could be Sydney.

Miss Dyce is principal lecturer in English at Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

ECONOMIC SOCIETY MEETING

Newcastle Committee of the Economic Society will meet in the Staff Conference Room, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, on 15th October commencing at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. R.J. Owens, Managing Director of Savemores Pty. Limited.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor Robert L. Von Berg, of Cornell University, is presently attached to the Department of Chemical Engineering as a Visiting Professor.
Mr. D.W. Mitchell has taken up his appointment as Lecturer in Legal Studies. He is a graduate in Arts and Law from the Australian National University and was previously a Lecturer in the Robert Gordon’s Institute of Technology, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Dr. D.A. Croxton has begun duties as Lecturer in Mathematics. Before coming to Newcastle Dr. Croxton was a Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, for about five years. Dr. Croxton has also spent short periods on research and teaching at Universities in India.

RESIGNATION

Dr. J.L. O’Neill, Lecturer in Classics, has resigned to take up a Lectureship in Ancient History at the University of Sydney.

FILM SCREENINGS

The Department of Community Programmes’ film screening programme will continue this month in the Science Lecture Theatre on Fridays at 8 p.m.

On 11th October, The Last Laugh, a classic German silent film, directed by F.W. Murnau and starring Emil Jannings, will be shown.

On 18th October, Aparajito, Satyajit Ray’s story of a boy’s coming of age in contemporary India and winner of the Grand Prix of the Venice Film Festival, will be screened.

CATERING REPORTS BEFORE BOARD

S.H.R.M., a French firm of catering consultants, is reporting to the Board of Management of the Union on investigations it is making into the Union’s catering facilities.

The first report made the following comments and recommendations, among others:

* The preparation and production of meat pies and pasties in the Union kitchen should be stopped as soon as possible as it is more economically feasible to buy pies and pasties from an outside source.

* The Union’s existing suppliers should be asked to match prices being charged by S.H.R.M.’s suppliers and, depending upon the prices quoted, the Catering Manager should make whatever changes are necessary to obtain the best value for the Union.

* The practise of providing free meals to staff other than the catering staff should be discontinued.

The report said that the type of potatoes being bought by the Union was changed from medium to low grade, but some adverse comments were made by customers. A medium-grade potato, selling at a cheaper price, was now being used. The general standard of sweets and salads had been raised and the sales pattern indicated that the higher quality was appreciated by customers.

The number of customers using the coffee room, cafeteria, fast food bar and coffee lounge was in the vicinity of 1,000 per day. The catering consultants considered this number to be low compared with the total student population.

The largest single expense other than food was labour. The consultants said it was in this area that they would be examining ways in which costs could be reduced. The word "reduced" did not mean retrenchment of staff; rather it meant utilisation of new and existing areas, and, possibly, some reduction in hours worked, after trading patterns and hours had been examined critically.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

Acceptances for the Non-Academic Staff Dinner/Dance should be returned to Mr. Neil Porter, Accountant’s Department, by 9th October.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. Barry Robinson (Ext. 347), or Don Robertson (Ext. 732).

N.S.W. UNIVERSITIES MOOTING COMPETITION

This year, at the instigation of the University of Sydney Law School, a moot competition was held in which the universities within the geographical boundaries of New South Wales were eligible to enter.
In fact four teams entered: two from the University of New South Wales, one from the University of Sydney and one from the University of Newcastle. Each team comprised two counsel and one instructing solicitor. Our two counsel solicitors were Mr. L. Hafey, a Legal Studies III student, and Miss R. Mellick, a Legal Studies II student. Their instructing solicitor was Mr. G. Cowper-Hill, of the Department of Legal Studies.

We were drawn to moot against the University of Sydney Law School in the first round. The moots were held in the Supreme Court building, King Street, Sydney. Although defeated, our team's effort was highly commended by three judges (Mr. Justice Slattery, Mr. Justice Waddel and Mr. H. Jankins, Q.C.), who commented that the result was a close one. The Sydney University team went on to win the competition in the final which was held on the following night.

A trophy has been donated by the Evatt family in the expectation that the competition will be an annual event in New South Wales.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE UNION

The programme of entertainment to be presented in the Union in the next few weeks:

9th October, New Dance Theatre's ballet performance, the Southern Cross Lounge;

16th October, Daniel with David Van Kriedt (saxophone);

Films, Fridays, 1.15 p.m.:

11th October, Battleship Potemkin (Sergei Eisenstein), with Peter "Fingers" Mitchell on the piano.

25th October, Reefer Madness.

8th November, Woodstock.

DRINKERS TAKE NOTE

The Staff House bar is just the place to unwind after a hard day's work ... or to kill time so your wife thinks that you've had a hard day's work. The bar is open every evening from 4 to 6.45 p.m.

ESSAYS ON ANZAC DAY

The Returned Services League is organising a Young People's Essay Competition dealing with the future of Anzac Day as Australia's National Day.

The two successful entrants will travel to Gallipoli by air to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the landing at Anzac Cove on 25th April, 1915. The trip will include two days in each of Instanbul, Anzac Cove, Athens and Greece.

The competition is open to men and women between 18 and 24. They are requested to write essays, each of from 1,500 to 2,500 words.

Entries close on 31st December and should be addressed to the State Secretary, The Returned Services League of Australia, N.S.W. Branch, Anzac House, 26-36 College Street, Darlinghurst.

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES LIST

"List of University Institutions in the Commonwealth", published by The Association of Commonwealth Universities, gives, as well as full postal addresses of universities, the personal names of the executive heads of universities and of the officer at each to whom general enquiries should be addressed. A copy is held by Mr. J.W. Armstrong, C/o the Secretary's Division.

A.G.M. OF WOMEN GRADUATES

The next meeting of the Women Graduates' Association will be the annual general meeting and will be held in the Staff House on 23rd October at 6.30 p.m. After the meeting Madame Monique Delamotte, Tutor in French, will speak on her experiences in the European film industry.

OPTION TO BECOME CONTRIBUTORS TO THE STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND

Earlier this year the State Superannuation Act was amended providing that the following persons may now apply to join the State Superannuation Fund:
(1) an employee who has previously applied for and been granted exemption by the State Superannuation Board from contributing to the Fund;

(2) an employee who was rejected from contributing to the Fund on medical grounds before 1st July, 1960, and who did not elect to contribute for limited benefits when that category of contributor was introduced on that date.

An application to join the Fund must be lodged with the State Superannuation Board no later than 2nd November, 1974. Each applicant will be required to satisfy medical requirements except where a man is aged 59 years or more at 3rd May, 1974 or 54 years in the case of a woman electing to contribute at rates prescribed for age 55 retirement. Contributions will be at the rates appropriate to age at the date of commencement of contributions to the Fund.

Persons considering themselves eligible to join the Fund under this provision and are interested in doing so, please contact Mr. J. Couper of the Personnel Department. It is emphasised that an application must be lodged with the Superannuation Board by 2nd November, 1974 which means that interested persons should lodge their application with the Personnel Department no later than 21st October, 1974.

UNIVERSITY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

In 1923 two enthusiastic young women founded the Scottish Country Dance Society with the object of preserving and collecting Scottish country dances and music. Little did they realise that the small beginnings in Glasgow were to grow into a world-wide movement. In 1951 King George VI bestowed Royal Patronage and hence the title The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. It is not nationalism but a love of the dance which unites its members. The Society boasts many Affiliated Groups and Branches, and constitutes a magnificent fellowship of people from many different nations.

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming one of the founders, Miss Jean C. Milligan, to Newcastle and looking after her from 25 to 30 September. Miss Milligan met local dancing teachers, school children and adult dancers. At the Technical College Union, the hall was filled to capacity, with sets of dancers going through their reels, jigs, and strathspeys with obvious enjoyment, and Miss Milligan, after addressing those present, taught some dances. Her stay ended with a Garden Party and a musical evening arranged by those members, who also belong to the City Choir. At examinations held by Miss Milligan for the Society's Preliminary Certificate three of our members, Mrs. Sheila Bourne, Misses Margaret Miller and Ros McKie were successful.

Would you like to know more about Scottish country dancing? If so, we extend a welcome. Come and join us at classes which take place at the Technical College Union Hall every Friday night from 7.30 p.m. till about 10 p.m.

Jean Conway (Library, Ext. 393), Heinz Duewel1 (Chemistry, Ext. 437), Nancy Kirby (Biology, Ext. 566) and John McLennan (Metallurgy, Ext. 504).

RADlO RESEARCH BOARD RESEARCH GRANTS

The Radio Research Board has invited applications for grants for research in the year 1975-76. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 11th November, 1974 and to enable them to be despatched to meet this date, applicants should submit them to the Vice-Chancellor no later than 5th November.

Application forms and "Notes for Guidance in the Preparation of Grant Applications and Reports" may be obtained from Mrs. G. Durham (Ext. 240).

The Research Board has indicated that research areas of particular interest to the Australian Post Office are:-

(a) General System and Information Theory, Mathematics and Statistics.
(b) Signal Processing, Coding, Modulation and Noise.
(c) Acoustic Signal Generation and Reception.
(d) Visual Signal Generation and Reception.
(e) Guided Transmission Media.
(f) Antennas and Wave Propogation.
(g) Circuits (Linear, Non-Linear, Digital, Frequency Generation).
(h) Semi-Conductor Devices.
(i) Thermionic Devices.
(j) Materials.
(k) Environmental Studies.
(i) Electrical Measurements.
(m) Switching Systems.
(n) Transmission System.
(o) Power Supplies.
(q) Interaction between human and technical aspects of communication (interdisciplinary studies with a strong technical element are envisaged).

OKTOBERFEST

The Oktoberfest held in Edwards Hall was a magnificent success and our thanks go to those who helped make it so. There was the wonderful food provided and arranged through Albert Zoschg. There was the efficiency of the staff who served it. There was the music. There were the hand-made decorations and above all there was YOU, who responded so splendidly to the congenial atmosphere. It was a further pleasure to see the many ladies in dirndls and some gentlemen in real Lederhosen.

Of course, there should be more of it, and so, it may cheer you to learn that the first steps towards an Oktoberfest, 1975, have been taken by booking Edwards Hall for 27th September, 1975, the last Saturday of the month.

Heinz Duewell, Ext. 437

ADVERTISEMENTS

LIFT REQUESTED: Does anybody who works at the University live near the Savoy Restaurant in New Lambton? I would like a lift to and from work and would be prepared to pay expenses. Please contact Thelma Cameron-Souter, Ext. 307.

HOUSE TO LET: For three months, from 20th November. W.b. house at Merewether, with four bedrooms, lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bathrooms, rumpus room, garage, telephone. Fine sea views and within walking distance to Merewether beach. Ring Dr. E.R. Smith, Ext. 722, or at home, 63 1001.

SERVICES FROM THE UNION: The Union Shop provides an examination paper copying service. For 50c a sheet students can obtain photo copies of examination papers for 1972 and 1973.

Academic Dress will cost considerably more next year than in the past. The Union Shop still has a limited stock of items of academic dress at old prices. The thrifty student who expects to graduate next March would be advised to place his/her orders as soon as possible.


FOR SALE: 1967 Holden Special sedan registered to July, 1975. Ring 57 4065 after 5 p.m. and 69 1978 during the day.

FOR SALE: 1963 EJ Holden, registered to June, 1975. Fair condition. Call at 75 Springfield Avenue, Kotara South.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Four bedrooms, fibro, contemporary design, exposed beams, two full length balconies, carpets, built-ins, half-acre bushland site, five miles from the Uni, $33,000, 'phone 52 3524.

FOR SALE: "Dual" 12/10 automatic turntable in good condition. Two years old. Has new magnetic cartridge and stylus. $65 o.n.o. Please contact 54 3578 after 5.30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1970 maroon Holden Premier automatic in good order. $2,000 o.n.o. Phone 57 4028.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LIBRARY ASSISTANT Position No. N104/74

A non-graduate preferably attempting to complete requirements for the Registration Certificate of the Library Association of Australia is required.
Matriculation and completion of three subjects of the Library Registration Certificate is essential. Commencing salary for adults will be within the range $5,382 - $6,279 p.a. depending upon qualifications and experience and further annual incremental progression to a maximum rate of $7,560 p.a. is available subject to meeting certain requirements. Juniors are paid according to age.

Applications close on 8th October, 1974.


Applications are invited for the above position from competent adult stenographers with sound secretarial experience. The successful applicant would be directly responsible to the Head of the Department. The work of the Department is varied and interesting encompassing a range of duties including considerable contact with staff and students.

Commencing salary will be up to $115.16 per week depending upon qualifications, experience and ability. Annual incremental progression to a maximum salary of $125.56 per week may be available.

Applications close on 16th October, 1974.

Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Department, Ext. 251.

SPORTING NEWS

Athletics

Club training days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, between 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday mornings, between 9 and midday. You do not have to be a fit, trained athlete to join.

Australian Rules

On Sunday, 22nd September, University was narrowly beaten by Newcastle City in the Grand Final of the second grade competition. The team played well and fought hard, but the opposition was too strong and experienced.

Cricket

The 1974-75 cricket season commenced on Saturday, 5th October, and listed below are University teams' first few games:

Saturday, 5th, and Monday, 7th, First Grade v. Southern Lakes, University Oval, commencing at noon on both days.

Second Grade v. Southern Lakes at Awaba, commencing 1 p.m. both days.

Third Grade No. 1 v. Newcastle City at Sports Ground No. 5, commencing at 1 p.m.

Third Grade No. 2 (Staff) v. Hamilton-Wickham No. 1 at Stevenson Park, commencing at 1 p.m.

Saturday, 12th, First Grade v. Newcastle City at Empire Park, commencing at 10 a.m.

Second Grade v. Newcastle City at University Oval, commencing at 10 a.m.

Saturday, 12th, and 19th, Third Grade No. 1 v. Belmont, Stevenson Park, commencing 1 p.m.

Third Grade No. 2 v. Charlestown No. 2 at Learmonth Park, commencing at 1 p.m.

On Sunday, 13th October, Newcastle will play the University of New England to determine which team will compete in the Inter-Varsity Contest in Queensland from 6th to 11th January, 1975.

Twelve players will be selected on Tuesday, 8th October. Club practice sessions are held on the Oval each Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 3.30 p.m. All welcome.

Rugby

On 14th September, both University Firsts and Reserves were defeated in Finals by Maitland - the First 15 - 3 and the Reserves 4 - 0.

At least five of this year's players have announced that they will be unavailable next season and the club will need to recruit well next year if it is to remain a force in the Newcastle Competition.

Sailing

While retaining affiliation with Belmont 16-foot Skiff Club, University has affiliated with the Port Hunter 16-foot Sailing Club and the club's boat, "Here's Cheers", is now housed in the club's sheds at Stockton.

The boat is available for use by students and members of staff and any queries should be directed to Stam Barwick in the Amenities Office. The club will be competing in the Port Hunter Annual Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, 12th and 13th October, and club members will be available at Stockton on those dates, to show any prospective members the ropes.

A general meeting of the Club will be held in the Basil Helmore Room in The Union at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 10th October.

Any prospective sailor will be made more than welcome.

Soccer

On Sunday, 22nd September, the University First Grade Team was beaten 1 - 0 in the Grand Final by Cardiff Workers' Club. Although University had beaten Cardiff twice during the year, Cardiff played extremely well in the Grand Final to take the Premiership. The Second and Third Grade Teams were beaten semi-finalists and in its first year of competition, the Women's Team just missed the semi-finals.

Golf

University will conduct a Stableford Competition at Newcastle Golf Club, Stockton, on Sunday, 13th October. This will be the University's Open Championship for 1974 and all members of staff and students with a current handicap are invited to participate. Tee-off is at 9.30 a.m.

Any queries should be directed to Dave Mercer, Ext. 248.

Competing at Newcastle Golf Links in the club's C Grade annual championships on 22nd September, Mr. E. Buckman, a member of the University Council, was victorious over his opponents.

Tennis

The University A2 team reached the final of the Winter Teams' Competition conducted by the Newcastle and District Lawn Tennis Association. There were 16 teams in the A2 grade in the competition. The University team consisted of A. Richardson, R. Smith, D. Broad and K. Lindgren. The team played Redhead in the final at the District Park courts on Saturday, 28th September, and won convincingly in straight sets.

FAREWELL TO VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Warden of Convocation (Professor K.R. Dutton) said that a question had been raised about Convocation's dinner to farewell the retiring Vice-Chancellor. The invitation did not make it perfectly clear that the dinner was a mixed function, with wives or friends also invited. The invitation stated that men could wear lounge suits and it was expected that women would be dressed for "after five".

PART-TIME RESIDENTIAL STAFF POSITIONS FOR 1975

Applications are invited for the following part-time residential staff positions at Edwards Hall in 1975: One position of Deputy Warden,

Five positions of Sub-Wardens

Applications for the above positions will close on 8th November, 1974. Information including duties, conditions of appointments, residential fees, can be obtained from the Warden, telephone 67 2615.