THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Once again, and in my personal situation as Vice-Chancellor for the final time, it is a great pleasure to extend the most hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all associated with the working, progress and well-being of the University. Many of you are my friends of long standing, some few even were associated with the University College prior to my joining the staff at the beginning of 1954 and obviously in the future I am going to miss those friendships and the feeling of belonging to a co-operative venture which was creating history in the Hunter Valley area and achieving outstanding success. With my academic colleagues I am proud of the intellectual standards achieved and the opportunities afforded to many who would not otherwise have obtained a University education; with my administrative and technical colleagues I am proud of the services we have provided so that the main purposes of a University should be assured and with all I am glad of the co-operation and support we have enjoyed from the local community. As each new building is completed some group of members or staff of the University enjoys improved conditions of service; it is my hope that at the earliest opportunity such improved conditions will be available to all and that some day a halt can be called in our major building programmes but obviously that time is not yet with the establishment of the Faculty of Medicine at the beginning of the New Year. As always, every effort will be made to continue our building programmes with as little disruption as possible to the normal work of the University and I am sure my successor as Vice-Chancellor, Professor George, will enjoy as favourable relations with his colleagues as it has been a pleasure to develop over the years. The University motto "I Look Ahead" has always been in the forefront of my imagination. I hope it will continue as a permanent inspiration for everyone.

With every good wish for the future to you all,

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Vice-Chancellor.
The University and NBN Channel 3 have taken the initiative and produced a T.V. show which discusses the pros and cons of university education. This week the television station recorded on video-tape a discourse between the Deputy Chairman of Senate elect (Professor K.R. Dutton), the Head of the Department of Biological Sciences (Professor B. Boettcher), Lecturer in Legal Studies (Mr. G. Cowper-Hill) and members of an audience of young people who hope to qualify to be taken by the University next year.

The conference is titled "University or Not?" and lasts 30 minutes. In the first place, the speakers provide an introduction to higher education. Several aspects are explained, and then the prospective students make known the problems they think will affect them. The programme endeavours to clarify admission procedures and establish the eventual benefits derived from university life.

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee suggested to every university in Australia that they inform young people leaving high schools about some of the troubles experienced by people who go to universities.

Mr. J.F. Hill, of the Department of Community Programmes, is the Narrator. He also helped with the production. The show will be seen on Channel 3 on Sunday, 12th January, at 9 a.m.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY

People who will not be working in the week, 20th-24th January, are being invited to spend the week at the university.

A non-residential Summer School has been arranged by the Department of Community Programmes, in association with Convocation, as part of a general plan to make the University and its resources more accessible to the people of the region.

The theme of the school is "The Environment and the Quality of Life". The list of guest lecturers includes Professor D.W. George, the new Vice-Chancellor, Vincent Serventy, the well-known naturalist, Milo Dumpy, the Director of the Total Environment Centre, Sydney, and one of Australia's best known conservationists, Al Grassby, the former Minister for Immigration and Donald Aitken Johnstone, the N.S.W. Director of National Parks and Wildlife.

For the afternoons people will have a choice of four different courses, all designed to create direct involvement with environmental problems. They can study natural history with Kevin McDonald and other leading members of the Flora and Fauna Society; they can examine the techniques of Community Development with Sue Hellyer the Social Planner for the Hunter Region Council; people concerned about technology can work in the afternoons with Professor A. Herzog, of the University's Engineering Faculty; those who prefer to stay on the campus can discuss the Arts - Drama with Dr. Moore, Music with Tom Naisby, the Visual Arts with Barry Shepherd, Film-art with Dr. D. Boyd and Dance with Margaret Barr.

SECOND CHEMISTRY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Department of Chemistry and Newcastle Science Teachers' Association will conduct their Second Summer School in Chemistry for High School Students on 23rd, 24th and 25th January.

Attendance will be restricted to boys and girls about to start Sixth Form who are doing Science at 2F or 1st level (or an equivalent course). There will be some lectures, some laboratory work for participants to do, demonstrations of instruments, etc.

The Department has room in its laboratories for a maximum of 128 boys and girls. The 30 to 40 High Schools in the Newcastle area have been invited to send up to about five participants each.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor D.W. George) will welcome students on 23rd January at 9.15 a.m. Students will be supervised for laboratory work and lectures will be given by Professor W. Pickering, Dr. K. Bell, Mr. H.R. Tietze and Dr. T.K. Roberts.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

There will be no issue of University News until next February.

During the long vacation the Union's hours of business will be:

Union building: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
The Shop: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
The Southern Cross Lounge: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The Sea Horse Bar: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The Union will be closed from 24th December to 2nd January and at weekends.

The Library will close at mid-day on Tuesday, 24th December, and re-open on Thursday, 2nd January.

Until the first day of First Term, 1975, the Library will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Library will be closed at weekends.

The Staff House will be open on 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st December and 2nd and 3rd January from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be closed from 6th to 28th January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Members of staff and students can purchase University Christmas Cards from the Cashier for 10 cents each.

TUNRA MAINTAINS PROFIT

TUNRA earned a profit of $8,878 between 1st July, 1973 and 30th June, 1974.

The Company's sixth annual report, submitted to the annual meeting on 12th December, showed the surplus, which compares with $9,897 profit in 1972-1973.

Directors of the Company are Mr. A. Forsythe (Chairman), Mr. J.K. Ellis (Deputy Chairman), the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor (Mr. Callaghan), Professor B.L. Johns and Mr. L. Gibbs.

The Chairman said the year had been financially successful, but, most importantly, it reflected an expanding interest in the role of the Company by Industry and Commerce and University Departments.

Twenty three research projects were undertaken and these covered a wide variety of activity and clients. Since the 1974 year closed, business had accelerated. TUNRA was unfortunate to lose this year the services of Directors, Professor A.J. Carmichael and Professor E.O. Hall. Both men had made a substantial contribution to the Company, particularly in its formative years.

APPROVAL IN HAND FOR CHILD CENTRE

Sketch plans for the Community Child Care Centre, to be erected in Rankin Drive, east of the entrance to the University, have been approved by Commonwealth Authorities, permitting the University to call tenders for the work in the early future. When the successful tenderer is selected the Vice-Chancellor will enter into a contract on behalf of the University for the construction of the Child Care Centre.

At a meeting of the Management Committee on 10th December, Mr. B. Noble, one of the Architects designing the Child Care Centre, exhibited a scale model and final sketch plans. Committee members examined floor materials and considered storage areas. Research activities in the centre should not be permitted for the first 12 months, the committee decided.

Sub-committees were elected to obtain special expertise about equipment and managing financial matters. The Equipment Sub-committee comprises Ms. D.H. Grace and Mr. M. Sherwood. The Finance Sub-committee, which will also prepare a scale of fees, consists of Mrs. E.A. Hoole and Messrs. L.J. Caldwell and L. Gibbs.

The scale of fees levied by other Child Care Centres should be canvassed, it was agreed. Those adopted by the University of Tasmania were cited as: $19 per week for one child, $33 for two children and $43.50 for three children, with casual rates of $1.30 (1 hour), $1.30 (2 hours), $1.95 (3 hours), $2.60 (4 hours), $3.25 (5 hours), $3.90 (6 hours), $4.55 (7 hours) and $5.20 (8 hours).

COUNCIL MEMBER TRANSFERRED

Mr. C.J.A. Cornelius, Member of the University Council elected by Convocation, has been told he will be transferred from Francis Greenway High School to Mudgee High School from 28th January. Mr. Cornelius said the transfer would not affect his membership of the Council as he proposed to travel from Mudgee to attend meetings.

LICENSED AREA INCREASED

The area of the Union Building covered by the campus permit granted by the Licensing Court has been substantially increased.

When the Board of Management of the Union, through its Solicitors, made an application to the Court for the final permit, an application was also lodged for permission to increase the area of the premises covered. The final permit was issued, with approval given for the area to be extended as follows:
Computer Programmer  Position No. N158/74

The appointee will be largely concerned with work for the Departments of Education and Psychology. Experience in Fortran is required and a knowledge of other languages, especially Basic and PDP 8 or PDP 12 Assembler is desirable. The Department of Psychology has a PDP 12 computer and programming this would be among the successful applicant's duties. A background in education, Psychology, statistics, or survey analysis would be an advantage.

Commencing salary will be within the range $7,287 to $10,087 per annum. An applicant with superior qualifications and experience may be considered for appointment within the range $10,663 to $11,388 per annum.

Applications close on 10th January, 1975.

Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Section, Ext. 518.

SPORTING NEWS

ACCAPAD (Accounts, Planning and Personnel) and CELS (Commerce, Economics and Legal Studies), having won their respective divisions of the Inter-Faculty Cricket competition, will play against each other in the final at Stevenson Park on Sunday, 22nd December, beginning at noon.

CELS' team: David Karpin (captain),
Ross Watts,
Ian Beaman,
Frank Rooney,
Mark Tippett,
Neil Dickinson,
Tom Presbury,
David McKee,
Norton Jocobi,
Evan Douglas and
Brian O'Shea.

ACCAPAD: Neil Porter (captain),
Ritchie Blanch,
Brian Judd,
Peter Archer,
Shane Roxby,
Russell Schott,
Darryl Doherty
Bob Goodbody,
Brian Penfold,
Hugh Floyer and
John O'Donohue.

David Karpin's comment on the outcome: "We'll account for them".