Coal Research to be Co-ordinated

Effective interaction between industry, Government and researchers at the University working in coal is intended to flow from the establishment by Council of an Institute of Coal Research.

Dr. Terry Wall, of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has been appointed Director of the Institute by the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Wall will be assisted by a committee consisting of members of staff and representatives of Subscribing Members and Associate Members. The Institute will be run by a Board, which will include representatives of Council, Senate, Faculties of Engineering and Science, TUNRA, staff and Subscribing Members. The Board will report to Council and submit to Senate an annual report.

The official launching of the Institute of Coal Research will take place in the Great Hall on Friday, October 23 at 4 pm. At a meeting before the launching, Subscribing Members will elect their Board representatives and at subsequent meeting members of the Board of the Institute will elect a Chairman and discuss its proposed activities.

Located adjacent to one of Australia’s most important coal fields, the University has a long history of specialisation in coal research. As Council was told, the Institute is in a unique position to contribute to obvious local and national needs, the training of coal specialists and the research necessary for expanded coal use and export.

Dr. Wall said that industries were invited to become Subscribing Members in order:

- to direct the research effort to ensure that it is relevant to the needs of industries.
- to obtain ready access for consulting, and
- to decide the specialist colloquia and courses to update those new to the coal industry.

The launching of the Institute will bring many representatives of outside organisations to the University. In the morning they will be shown the research work being undertaken into coal by various departments. In the afternoon they will be welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Wall will then give an outline of the objectives and the operations of the Institute. It is expected that Subscribing Members will also speak on industry’s requirements in relation to coal research.

Invitation to Public Meeting

A public meeting is to be held in the City Hall to launch The Friends of the University.

Ald. Joy Cummings, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, will chair the meeting to form The Friends of the University.

Among other things, the new support group intends to open up avenues for more people to become involved in the University.

The public meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and will be chaired jointly by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Joy Cummings, and the Chancellor of the University, Sir Bede Callaghan.

The meeting is the result of the work of a Steering Committee, formed at a function in the Great Hall earlier in the year.

Concerned citizens and members of the University community attended the meeting in order to consider ways of strengthening links between the University and the Newcastle Region.

Further information may be obtained from: Mrs. Lorna George (telephone: 52 4175), Mrs. Lesley Angus (telephone: 43 4360) or Mrs. Shirley Morris (telephone: 48 8629).

A cordial invitation to attend and take part in the meeting is extended to anybody interested in supporting such a group.

Members of the Steering Committee are: Chairman - Mr. Ken Gordon, Mr. Justin Davies, Mr. John Peschar, Mr. Brian Relf, Mr. Keith Barbour, Mrs. Lorna George, Mr. Warwick Teece, Mr. John Mclaughlin, and Dr. Peter Hendry.

Venue: Council Chambers
Date: November 4
Time: 7.30 pm
Letters

Dear Sir,

A better solution to the problem of University/College of Advanced Education relations would be for the Newcastle CAE to be merged with those at Armidale and Lismore as a Northern New South Wales CAE. There is precedent. In May 1981 the Minister for Education moved in the Legislative Council for the amalgamation of five CAE's in Sydney into a new college. He also initiated legislative action for the Goulburn CAE to be amalgamated with the Riverina CAE, with three campuses - at Wagga, Albury and Goulburn. In Western Australia four colleges amalgamated into the West Australian CAE. In Tasmania the CAE for some years had branches in both Hobart and Launceston.

The Commonwealth Government has shown an inclination to modify its original stand on some of the April 30 proposals. There would surely be no objection to a merger in Northern New South Wales, which would be much less traumatic than the forms of association being attempted at Newcastle. Effective autonomy would be better preserved in both the University and the CAE. Any financial savings in a University/CAE merger would be just as likely in a tripartite Northern New South Wales CAE. Opportunities for cooperation and rationalisation between the Newcastle CAE campus and the University would continue to be available.

A.R. BARCAN,
Department of Education.

International meeting on campus

Photo: Arthur Johnston

Mr. MacKellar before he opened the meeting of representatives of community-oriented schools of medicine. As the News was being printed, the University was hosting a meeting of members of an international network of innovative, community-oriented medical schools. The network of 16 institutions was set up by the World Health Organisation.

The meeting at the University was arranged to exchange ideas on health manpower policy, the desirable relationships between medical schools and Government Health Departments, the implementation of community-oriented education programmes and other related issues.

The network was formed by the WHO with the intention of providing mutual support among those schools that are attempting to make radical changes in the content and methods of medical teaching, and in order to evaluate the techniques and the results of those innovative programmes.

The meeting was opened by the Federal Minister for Health (Mr. Michael MacKellar) in the Medical Sciences Lecture Theatre.

The University is host to representatives of medical schools and public health bodies from Japan, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Auckland, Port Moresby, Jakarta and Australia, as well as international consultants from The Netherlands, Bahrain and Switzerland.

In the words of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor David Maddison, who welcomed Mr. MacKellar and the participants: "The network strengthens the bonds between countries which are disparate but which have agreed common goals, in particular in connection with the development of education programmes highly oriented towards the needs of the communities in which they practise.

Previously, medical education could be criticised for having developed in a vacuum divorced from the communities which it served. "On this occasion, invitations to attend the meeting were sent to representatives of schools of medicine from only our part of the world. As the meeting will consider issues of concern to most schools of medicine, some from outside the network, like the Flinders Medical Centre, are attending".

Tamas Fulop, Director of the WHO's Programme of Health Manpower Development, Geneva, extended a welcome to the participants and expressed appreciation to the Faculty of Medicine on behalf of the Director-General of the WHO.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor L.N. Short, gave a welcome representing the University.

Town and Gown Dinner

On Saturday, November 28, Newcastle Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women will hold a formal Town and Gown Dinner to celebrate its twenty-first year of existence. The guest speaker will be Professor Ken Dutton, Acting Vice-Principal of the University.

Proceeds from the dinner will be contributed to the fund established by the Friends of the University Group.

As the City of Newcastle and its University are very important to each other, the Branch wishes to make this dinner an occasion on which supporters of the University and graduates of all universities may meet and where there will be a colourful array of academic regalia and gowns.

Invitations will be sent out during October, and it would assist the Organising Committee greatly if people who wish to attend would contact either Gay Reeves, at the Language Laboratory (Extension 463) or Gwen Hamilton, 10 Montana Close, Adamstown Heights, 2289 (telephone 43 8825).

PSA Elections

Members of the University's Sub-Division of the PSA are reminded that forms calling for the nomination of subdivision officers for 1982 will be circulated within the next week.

Nominations must reach the Returning Officer, Mr. D. Shilcock, of the Department of Biological Sciences, by November 1.

Members who have not received forms calling for nominations by Friday, October 23, should contact Mr. B. Kelleher, Extension 370.
Margaret Kavanagh and Charles Maddison, both Arts III students, have been successful in the Newcastle University Students' Association's elections for the Association's two paid officers.

They will occupy the positions of President and Media Officer respectively next year.

Margaret is currently President of NUSA, while Charles will take over from the Media Officer, Mark Mordue, early next year.

Both the President and the Media Officer-elect spoke to University News about their plans for their terms of office.

Margaret said that she would not rave on about all the things she had done in the past. Students were the best judges of whether she had done her job adequately or not.

"I ran for President because I think that after having had a year's experience already I could do a better job. "1982 is going to be a tough year for all of us, with the threat of amalgamation facing us. I think it is important to have someone fighting for students who has already been active in the fight".

Ms Kavanagh mentioned three other concerns that she would be raising in 1982.

Cheap housing in Newcastle for students was a rarity, she said. The fees for living in Edwards Hall would be increased by $9 per week to $60 per week. What student could afford that?

She referred to the "lousy" bus service provided for students and predicted that there would be more hassles with the urban transport authorities.

Also, she proposed to make submissions, and form deputations, to parliamentarians to have TEAS equated with 100 per cent of the poverty line.

Charles Maddison expects to complete an English major this year and proceed towards an honours degree in Drama next year.

Charles is President of the Music Club and a Student Representative at Faculty, Department and SRC levels.

At high school he edited the student newspaper and is currently a contributor to OPUS.

He says that before coming to the University he worked as a copy-writer for an advertising agency in Sydney and "wasted many happy hours writing poetry, as well as singing and writing songs for rock bands".

"For most of my life I have been addicted to reading news print. The position offers an opportunity to explore journalism from the writing stage to the production stage, instead of just consuming the stuff".

In promising an open-minded, contemporary student newspaper, which gave everybody an equal opportunity to comment, Charles foreshadowed editorials that explained his bias towards "liberal reasoning", innovative layout and copy, sporting stories and results, firm links with students of the CAE, a regular photo page showing what students did in their spare time, contributions from such minority groups as the Women's Electoral Lobby, and other changes.

"1982 will be a year of crisis for students of the University. Being one of the two student members on the Council, I am in a position to represent the student cause to the administration heavies", she added.

The problems of Physics at the University and the work of his Department will be discussed at an inaugural public lecture by Professor Ron MacDonald at Lecture Theatre G01 on Wednesday, November 4 at 5.30 pm.

Professor MacDonald, who took up his appointment to the Chair of Physics last November, was attached to the Australian National University in Canberra for 15 years before coming to this University.

He spent most of his early life in the Maitland area and completed a B.Sc. degree course at Newcastle University College in 1961.

Professor MacDonald has brought to this University equipment which he collected and assembled over a number of years to form one of the best experimental laborator-
October Senate

September Senate had considered a report on the effect of the lack of student accommodation on admissions. One aspect of the problem, Senate was told, was the unsatisfactory accommodation provided for the Accommodation Officer in the Temporary Buildings. The Officer's room was hot and lacked privacy and during busy times people had to wait in lines outside. Senate was told that the accommodation office was the first part of the University to be visited by potential students and their parents. The Acting Vice-Principal is investigating possible new accommodation arrangements, for the Accommodation Officer.

Referring to Professor L. Short's summary of the Second Volume of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education's Commission's Report for the 1982-84 Triennium (published in the last issue of University News), the Vice-Chancellor raised the following additional points:

- As Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee he would travel to Canberra that afternoon to interview the Federal Minister for Education, Mr. Fife, and discuss the recommendations in the report. Approval of legislation dealing with the grants to be made to the States would be the final step in the implementation of the Commission's recommendations. He saw the recommendations relating to amalgamations as the most sensitive of all in the legislation.

- The Report included quite a lot of "straight language" from the Universities Council, which said that the early recommendations concerning funding had been pruned and this was an indication that "the dog was starting to bark and even bite".

- Senate was told that following the Open Forum for Parents, Spouses and Friends of New Students last March the ideas of members of staff on how to increase the value of such functions had been sought by the Acting Vice-Principal, Professor K. Dutton. The general feeling of those who replied was that the forum could have been better publicised and that contact with staff in individual departments and faculties could be improved. Senate approved a working group to consider whether another open forum should be held in 1982, the date and form of the function and effective ways of publicising it. Professor Dutton said that he would welcome additional comments from members of staff.

- Professor M. Carter and Professor G. Kellerman were nominated for election as Deputy Chairman of the Senate from January 1, 1982 until December 31, 1984. A postal ballot will be conducted to decide who will be the next Deputy Chairman of Senate. Ballot papers have been sent to members of Senate. They should be returned by October 27.

The Vice-Chancellor reported that since the Council had adopted a policy with respect to amalgamation with the Newcastle CAE on September 18 the Council of the College had agreed that discussion should take place between members of the two key Amalgamation Committees - that established by the College Council and that set up by the Council. The meeting would be held on the afternoon of October 9. Moreover, the Administration of the College had agreed to exchange information. These developments, the Vice-Chancellor said, would break a "log jam" and, hopefully, it would be possible in the next few months to begin negotiations.

The Vice-Chancellor said that he had congratulated the newly appointed Minister for Education, Mr. Mulock. He had suggested that the Minister visit the University and agree to make himself available for an interview in Sydney with the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Chairman of Senate.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed congratulations to those staff members who will receive grants from the Australian Research Grants Committee. A total of 44 grants valued at more than $600,000 were made to staff for research projects in 1982. The increased support was recognition of successful research activities on the campus.

Senate elected Professor J. Burrows to its Library Committee. Professor Burrows will replace Assoc. Professor G. McMinn, who is no longer a member of Senate.
Exhibition Centre

Dr. Tim Roberts and the Positive Initiatives Committee are searching for a suitable name for the proposed Centre to house working models which demonstrate the basic principles of the Arts and Sciences. The Centre will be along the lines of the Exploratorium (San Francisco) and the Questacon (Canberra). Can we in Newcastle devise an equally appropriate name? Your ideas would be welcome.

This Centre was just one of the ideas considered by the Positive Initiatives Committee of Council at its meeting on October 6. The meeting was attended by a representative from The Friends of the University; it is intended that this should become a regular feature of meetings so that there will be close cooperation between the two bodies, particularly in fund-raising activities.

Dr. Roberts, initiator of the proposal for the exhibition centre, reported on progress. Several members of staff have shown an interest in helping with the development of the centre. An interesting suggestion was that a permanent site for the centre could be included in the development plan for the Newcastle Harbour foreshores. More immediately, however, the group will work towards an exhibition in next year's Newcastle Show. New ideas are still being received; the latest ones are for a book fair, an Arts and Craft Exhibition and sale in the Great Hall and a fete in the University grounds, possibly along the lines of the Cooks Hill Fair.

The Committee will continue to meet regularly over the next few months to deal with the numerous suggestions received.

ADVERTISEMENTS

ACCOMMODATION WANTED URGENTLY
Visiting Fulbright Scholars urgently require accommodation from December 7 until January 2. Please telephone Dr. Charlotte White at Extension 793 or 43 3959.

POSITION WANTED
Austrian University student visiting Newcastle for six months is interested in teaching German during her stay. Please telephone Extension 606 or 57 1876.

FOR SALE
SUBARU ROOF-RACKS (brand new) $50 or near offer. Please telephone Extension 240.
DAY OF PROTEST - NEWCASTLE

An estimated 650 members of staff and students from the University and the Newcastle CAE marched in the City of Newcastle in their lunch-hour on October 13 to register their protest against the Federal Government's policies on higher education.

A rally in the Hunter Street Mall, addressed by community, academic and student leaders, followed.

The march and rally were devised by staff and student bodies at the University and the CAE as their way of supporting the National Day of Protest, which was observed by practically all member associations of the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations. The protest was directed against cuts in capital, recurrent and research funds, increased barriers to undergraduate and postgraduate education, the enforced amalgamation of the University and Newcastle CAE and the closure of the Engineering School at Deakin University.

As a result of the decisions of the University's Staff Association to urge members to donate a day's pay to the FAUSA Fighting Fund, more than $4,000 was raised to help protect the jobs of members of FAUSA.

Speakers who contributed to the public meeting in the Mall:

- The President of the Staff Association, Dr. D. Dockrill (Chairman), the Vice-Chancellor, Professor D.W. George, the Lord Mayor, Ald. J. Cummings, a former Lord Mayor and former member of the Council of the University, Dr. F.J. Purdue, the President of the Council of the Newcastle CAE, Mr. R. Ansell, the President of the University Students' Association, Margaret Kavanagh and the President of the Lecturers' Association at the CAE, Mr. M. Graham.

Mrs. Virginia Chadwick, MLC, and Mr. Alex Young, Chairman of the Hunter Development Board, whom both hold degrees in this University, sent letters criticising the Federal Government for its funding policies on higher education in general and on the University and the CAE in particular.

The gathering unanimously endorsed the following motion: This unique gathering of staff and student members of the University of Newcastle and Newcastle CAE, together with citizens of Newcastle, assembled in the Newcastle Mall on October 13, 1981 DECLARES to the Prime Minister of Australia, the Rt.Hon. Malcolm Fraser, that it rejects as unacceptable the proposals of the Federal Government and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission which have -

- INSISTED upon a forced merger of the University and the CAE.
- REDUCED the level of recurrent funding for 1982 to the University and the CAE by at least $1,370,000.
- LOWERED the number of places available in some areas to local 1981 HSC students by up to half.
- INCREASED the difficulty for students to gain funded access to University and the CAE by a tightening of requirements for TEAS and the reintroduction of fees for second qualifications.

The meeting CONDEMNS the effects of these proposals on the people of Newcastle and the Hunter Region because they are -

- an attack upon the educational opportunities, facilities and standards built up over the past 30 years, and
- a serious restriction of the tertiary educational needs of the present and immediate future in a rapidly expanding region.

The meeting also DEMANDS that the Federal Government -

- ABANDON its intention to force a merger upon the University and the CAE.
- PROVIDES a level of funding for both institutions to conduct their programmes at the highest level of educational effectiveness.
- ASSISTS students to enrol in and continue tertiary studies by providing places for those who seek them and adequate financial assistance for those who need it.

Scottish poet

Mr. Alan Riach, Scottish poet and postgraduate student at the University of Glasgow, visited the campus on October 9.

Following a meeting with an old friend, Mr. John Birch, of the Faculty of Medicine, Mr. Riach collaborated with Professor N. Talbot, Associate Professor in English, in recording two The Word This Week programmes for the campus radio station, 2NUR-FM.

Mr. Riach, who is working on the poetry of Hugh McDiarmid, contributed a segment on Scottish poetry to The Word This Week on October 12. On November 2 he will read some of his own poetry.

He was born in Airdrie in Lanark and has a degree from the University of Cambridge.

Professor Robert Street, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, has been forced to cancel his Newcastle Lecture on October 23.

Standing Committee of Convocation, which organises the Newcastle Lecture with assistance from the University, will discuss whether to make alternative arrangements at its meeting on October 22.
Credit Union amalgamation

Future growth of the University's Staff Credit Union is expected to be made easy to achieve in view of the planned combining of the Credit Union and the University of New South Wales Staff Credit Union.

This was the big message to come out of the Credit Union's 10th Annual General Meeting held in the Southern Cross Lounge of the University Union on September 29.

According to the Chairman, Mr. Mervin Edmonds, amalgamation of the two credit unions would produce higher interest returns for members and expansion of existing services.

Mr. Edmonds told the annual meeting that the Credit Union's Directors had looked at long-term viability and had recommended that discussions be held with the University of New South Wales Staff Credit Union with a view to combining.

He said that the majority of members who responded to a recent survey had wanted the University Credit Union to merge with a larger credit union.

Mr. Edmonds reported that, after 10 years of successful work the operations of the Credit Union had been effectively stabilised because the University and the Newcastle College of Advanced Education were not filling staff vacancies. At the same time, the shortage of funds for loans, due to the increase in interest rates, was making it more difficult for the Credit Union to make loans.

Mr. Edmonds stressed that should the two credit unions amalgamate his Credit Union would continue to offer all its existing services - and several new ones. He listed the following likely new services:

- Because the Credit Union office would have a link with the New South Wales Credit Union's computer, transactions would be completed much quicker.
- Whole of pay deductions would attract interest of up to 9.5 per cent.
- The Credit Union might be able to grant membership to students of the University in the future.
- With the computer back-up, withdrawals of members' funds by means of telephone calls to the Credit Union's office might become feasible.
- The Budget Savings Scheme, which allowed members to reserve parts of their pays to cover fixed commitments such as house-, and car-repayments, would be expanded to provide for bills to be paid by the Credit Union office rather than members.
- The Credit Union will be able to offer a cash withdrawal service.

The Chairman said that the proposal to combine with a larger credit union had been suggested by the Credit Union League of New South Wales. Moreover, the New South Wales Registrar of Credit Unions had indicated that as the Credit Union had remained in a stable state for five years it would be advisable to combine with a credit union with greater resources.
ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS

Examinations will be conducted from Monday, November 2 until Friday, November 20. Most examinations will be conducted in the Great Hall area and the Auchmuty Sports Centre Auditorium, with some examinations being conducted in rooms: Social Sciences R07, EA102 and EAG03. (EA - Engineering Complex.) The final examination timetable is now available in booklet form. Some alterations were made to the provisional timetable so make sure you collect a booklet for your own reference; enough have been printed for every student to have a personal copy. They can be obtained from the Library, the Student Administration counter (McMullin Building) and the foyers of most other buildings.

Formal notification of examination results will be mailed to students in mid-December.

Reminders

TEN MINUTES reading time is given for all examinations, so be ready to enter the examination room at least 15 minutes before the commencement of each examination.

CALCULATORS MAY NOT be taken into the examination room unless they have been specified on the examination paper as an aid.

LEAVE YOUR EXAMINATION ANSWER BOOK PLUS OTHER SUPPLIED MATERIAL ON YOUR DESK. Do not risk having your answers cancelled by thoughtlessly taking from the examination room anything other than your examination question paper and your personal belongings.

ROOM AND DESK ALLOCATIONS:
Name lists of students expected to sit for each examination will be put on the relevant departmental notice boards. These will show the examination rooms and, in most cases, the desk number.

The heading and instruction section of each examination paper will also be displayed with the listings so that students can check the conditions for each examination.

Sports Centre

In the forthcoming examination period the Auchmuty Sports Centre will be used for examinations.

The following information may assist you in making arrangements for any examination you will be taking in the Centre.

Parking

Temporary Parking space will be available on grassed areas within the vicinity of the Centre. Signs and a patrol attendant will be provided to assist students in parking.

It cannot be guaranteed that the temporary parking areas will accommodate all candidates so you are requested to allow sufficient time to use the alternative parking facilities at the Squash Courts (six minutes walk to the Centre) and Engineering (six minutes walk to the Centre).
Walking

12 minutes should be allowed to walk to the Centre from the Union/Library area.

Students travelling to the University on the ROUTE 100 bus can walk to the Centre through the Newcastle College of Advanced Education grounds in approximately 12 to 15 minutes if they leave the bus at the NCAE bus stop.

Special Consideration

When considering the examination results Faculty Boards take into consideration any circumstances such as illness or personal problems which may have seriously affected a student’s work during the year or during the examinations. Any student who considers that his work has been affected in this way or who is unable to attend for any examination and who wishes to apply for special consideration should write to the Secretary explaining the circumstances and, in the case of illness, enclosing a medical certificate - See Regulation 12(2) of the Examination Regulations, Calendar Volume 1 which states:

1. A request made pursuant to this Regulation shall be submitted by the candidate within seven days after any absence arising from the illness or event on which the request is based, or such longer period as the Dean of the Faculty in which the candidate is enrolled may accept.

If a student is affected by illness during an examination, and wishes to ask for a Special Examination he must report to the supervisor in charge of the examination and then make written application to the Secretary as soon as possible after the examination - See Regulation 12(3) of the Examination Regulations, Calendar Volume 1 which states:

2. A request made pursuant to this Regulation shall be submitted by the candidate within seven days after any absence arising from the illness or event on which the request is based, or such longer period as the Dean of the Faculty in which the candidate is enrolled may accept.

Special Room

It's examination day and while travelling to University on your motorbike you have an accident - fortunately no serious injuries but you're quite shaken?

You wake on the day of your most important examination with a severe migraine?

You're eight and a half months pregnant and sitting in one position for a three-hour paper is impossible?

If something like the above is, or turns out to be, you, then you're a candidate for the special examination room.

To make arrangements you should get in touch with Tom Reid. Please telephone 685 253 as soon as possible or, if the need arises on the day, when you arrive at the University. Assistance in relation to any questions you have is also available at either the Counselling Service or the Health Service.

If during your examination you become distressed and you feel for some reason that you are not able to continue in the standard setting, you may approach the Supervisor and request consideration for transferring to the Special Facility.

Special & Deferred Examinations

The Boards of the Faculties of Architecture, Engineering and Mathematics may grant deferred examinations. Such examinations, if granted, will be held in January-February and candidates will be advised by mail of the times and results of the examinations.

Address??

Before the end of the year the University will be mailing some important correspondence to students. This will include examination results, letters about prizes, re-enrolment materials and, for some, letters about unsatisfactory progress.

If you have or will be changing your address for correspondence please fill in a Change of Address form and lodge it at the Student Administration Office.

If you will be absent from your address for a short period of time you should make arrangements for someone to receive your mail and hold it or forward it to you. If need be, Australia Post will do this for you for a small fee.
Intellectually-handicapped

A one-day seminar, Towards More Independent Living for Intellectually-Handicapped people, will be held at the University on November 14.

The aim of the seminar is to examine the range of options open for the provision of suitable accommodation with intellectual handicaps, the constraints on those various options and the kind and extent of support services that is needed to make each of them practicable.

Following a comprehensive review of the present situation in the Hunter Region, there will be first-hand accounts and discussions of a range of 'models' now in operation.

The intention is to provide a forum where the friends and relatives of intellectually handicapped people can gain a clear idea of possibilities and express their own preferences and misgivings.

The seminar is being offered by the Department of Community Programmes and the IYDP Committee.

Forthcoming Seminars

Monday, October 19 - Noon. Department of Mathematics. Guest Speaker Dr. Michael Adena, from the Department of Population Biology, Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University. Topic: The distribution of leukaemia deaths in Sydney during 1970-76 according to age, sex and Local Government Area will be investigated using log-linear models to characterise the variation in rates among various sub-groups. Room V107.

Wednesday, October 21 - 9.15 am. Department of Mechanical Engineering Seminar. Speaker Dr. A.K. Johnston will speak on The Swimming Pool as a Solar Energy Absorber and Store. Room EAG01 (Engineering Complex). 1 pm

Board of Studies in Computer Science Seminar. Speaker Mr. I. Smith, (Computing Centre), will speak on An Introduction to ADA. Room V107 (Mathematics).

Canadian studies

The Australian Association for Canadian Studies has been formed to further the development of Canadian Studies in Australia and to give support to teaching and research on Canadian matters, not least in the context of comparative studies with Australia.

The Association will also help to reduce the relative isolation in which many Canadians are working in this country, as well as helping to overcome Australia's ignorance of and lack of interest in Canadian affairs.

The Association plans to hold its first conference on August 23 and 24, 1982, at Macquarie University, with the theme Theory and Practice in Comparative Studies: Canada and Australia.

The Association plans to publish a Newsletter twice a year. The annual membership subscription is $10.

Full details of the Association, together with membership form, may be obtained from Dr. Peter Crabb, School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales, 2113.

Study Mission

Australian Academics for Peace in the Middle East (AAPME) has announced details of its 1981/2 Study Mission to Israel and Egypt. The Mission will be in Israel from January 6 to January 18, 1982, and it is hoped will be preceded by an optional four-day visit to Egypt.

This will be the fourth Study Mission mounted by AAPME, an association established to promote informed discussion on the conditions for a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab world.

For further information concerning the Study Mission (applications for which closes in early-November) or AAPME in general contact Professor P.L. Waller or Dr. C. Rubenstein, Monash University (035 410 811) or write to AAPME, P.O. Box 359, Prahran, Victoria, 3181.

Mr. Movies

Bill Collins, Channel TEN's expert on movies, is to entertain guests at an evening on October 24 presented by the Hunter Valley Theatre Company. Movie buffs who attend can expect to have an enjoyable time, because Mr. Collins will screen excerpts from his huge library of films and tell little-known stories and anecdotes about the films, the stars and the directors. He will answer questions about film stars and the movies in general.

Mr. Collins' intention in coming to Newcastle is to help the HVTC to raise funds.

Professor Michael Carter (Extension 307) is the Director of the HVTC. Tickets to the Bill Collins Evening can be obtained from him for $5 each.

election results

The Staff House held its annual general meeting recently. The election of officers resulted:

President - Professor B. Boettcher.
Vice President - Dr. D.A. Powis.
Secretary - Dr. D. Finlay.
Treasurer - Mr. P. Day.
Committee - Dr. R. Neame, Ms. E. Sprogis, Mr. L.R. Bartlett, Mr. W.G. Warren.

It was decided that postgraduate students could be admitted to membership even if they were not currently part-time members of staff.
Pennants proudly flutter in the spring breezes as the Men's Hockey Club continue to thrill in recent Grand Final victories in Second and Third Grades. A historical moment, indeed, and a fine achievement. Hail the Victors!!

A large and pleasing entry of some 100 teams has opted to compete in the annual University Community Indoor Soccer 5-a-Side Competition. The action takes place in The Auchmuty Sports Centre, commencing in late November and continuing until February, 1982. Further information may be obtained from Jock Armstrong on Extension 469.

The Chemistry Team led the field from the commencement of the Friday Lunch-Time competition in March, right through to the final stages in September. They were worthy winners and, accordingly, will hold the Commonwealth Bank Indoor Soccer Trophy until next year. Congratulations!

The Ray Watt Oval was made available as a training ground for the teams involved in the FIFA Soccer World Championship matches. Camerons and Qatar were the teams concerned.

The match for the Inter-Tertiary Staff Golf Shield will be held at the Steelworks Golf Club on November 13. The CAE, TAFE and University will compete. The current form of the University Staff Golfers is most impressive and consequently they must start as hot favourites.

Congratulations to Todd Ritchie (Cricket Club nominee) and Chris Sullivan (Mountaineering Club) on being selected to attend the Outward-Bound-Course later this year. Sponsorship has been provided by the Sports Union.

Local members of the New South Wales State Training Cricket Squad are in session at the Cricket Nets on No.1 Oval on Wednesdays from 6 pm until 7 pm. Cricketing enthusiasts will no doubt patronise the New South Wales v. Queensland Sheffield Shield match at No.1 Sports-ground, Newcastle from Thursday, October 22 to Sunday, October 25.

Annual Examinations will commence in the Auchmuty Sports Centre on October 26 and terminate on November 20. All sporting activities will cease during this period. The basement level Weight Room, and facilities may be utilised for evening training sessions when practicable.

At a recent meeting of the Committee to Advise the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the Traffic and Parking Regulations, concern was expressed about the danger caused by drivers exceeding the campus speed limit of 35km/h. While excessive speed creates hazards on any part of the road system, there are certain stretches of road in particular where accidents are likely to occur - and have occurred - because some drivers do not comply with the speed limit. In particular, the curve near the entrance to the Union Car Park can be dangerous if taken at speeds above 35km/h.

The Committee has resolved to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor that speed bumps be installed on this section of road. The bumps will need to be adequately signposted and designed so that at 35km/h the effect on vehicles will not be violent. It will also be necessary to locate them far enough from the curve so that the danger is not increased by any temporary loss of control.

Members of staff are reminded that they can celebrate Christmas together on a dinner-cruise aboard the Wangi Queen on Sunday, December 20.

The showboat leaves Toronto Wharf at 6.30 pm and Belmont Wharf at 7 pm, returning about midnight. Cost is $10 per person. Drinks are available at normal bar prices. Music is provided and dancing encouraged!!

Rally behind this attempt to bring all staff (academic and non-academic) together for a Christmas outing.

If you are interested in attending, please forward a $2 deposit and indicate the number of persons to attend as soon as possible to the Vice-Principal, Acting Vice-Principal would welcome comments.

It was decided that this proposal should be given advanced publicity, so that users of the campus roads will have adequate time to comment on the move before the Vice-Chancellor decides whether to act on this proposal. The Committee believes that it could help prevent the occurrence of a serious accident on this stretch of road. Not only is it a less expensive move than rectifying the reverse camber (which is beyond the University's financial means), but it could help in reducing campus speed generally.

The Chairman of the Committee (Professor K.R. Dutton, Acting Vice-Principal) would welcome comments.
DIARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

11 am
Sixth Newcastle Lecture in Political Economy. Speaker - Professor Ivor Pearce. Subject: Sound Money The Imperial Pound. Room S101 (Economics Department)

5 pm
HAPPY HOUR - Stan's Bar. 10¢ of all beer and spirits.

5.30 pm
Department of Civil Engineering & Surveying together with the Newcastle Division, Graduates' & Students' Section of the Institution of Engineers, Australia present a half-day Seminar on the topic: Law and the Engineer. Guest Speaker, Professor J. M. Antill, Visiting Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of New South Wales. EAG01 (Engineering Complex).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8 pm
Newcastle Film Society presents: La Strada (Italy 1954) Federico Fellini.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

1.05 pm
Medical Eucharist (Feast of St. Luke the Physician, Patron Saint of the Medical Profession). Anglican Chaplaincy, Union Basement.

1 pm
Department of Philosophy Seminar. Guest Speaker Professor Frank Jackson (Monash University). Topic: Epiphenomenal Qualia. AL10 (McMullin Building).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9.16 am
Department of Mechanical Engineering Seminar presented by Dr. K. Johnston. Topic: The Solar House. EAG01 (Engineering Complex).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Noon
F I L M - Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Admission 50¢ (Common Room).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

11 am
Department of Economics Seminar. Speakers, Mr. Winston Dunlop, Mrs. Kathy Renfrew and Mr. Bill Sheehan. Topic: Finance and Growth of Small Businesses in Australia During the 70s. Room S101 (Social Sciences)

HAPPY HOUR - Stan's Bar. 10¢ of all beer and spirits.

B A N D - Tough Sponge, Stan's Bar. Steak, salad, carafes available. $1 off normal price.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8 pm
Newcastle Film Society presents: The General (U.S.A. 1926) Buster Keaton.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1 pm
Department of Philosophy Seminar presented by Dr. J. M. Lee. Topic: Teaching Critical Reasoning. AL10 (McMullin Building)

Anglican Eucharist, Chaplaincy Office, Union Basement.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Noon
F I L M: Midnight Express. Admission 50¢ (Common Room).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

11 am
Department of Commerce Staff Seminar - Film: Japan Can We Do It, Why Can't We? Room S02.

Department of Economics Seminar. Speaker, Professor Todd Sandler. Topic: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of NATO. Room S101 (Social Sciences).

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