PROTEST

The decision to re-introduce tertiary fees for higher degree students will seriously inhibit access to advanced study and research in universities, according to the Chancellors of New South Wales' six universities. The step will thereby impede the advancement of learning and technological and social developments in Australia.

On May 26 the Chancellors sent a telegram to the Prime Minister and the Commonwealth Minister for Education protesting over the decision on tertiary fees.

The Chancellors, Emeritus Professor P.H. Partridge, of Macquarie University, Sir Bede Callaghan, of the University of Newcastle, Sir Frank Kitto, of the University of New England, Mr. Peter T. Samuels, of the University of New South Wales, Sir Hermann Black, of the University of Sydney, and Mr. Justice Robert M. Hope, of the University of Wollongong, strongly urged the Government to reconsider the proposal.

New Blows to Universities

The Government's decisions on financial guidelines for educational support in 1982 and, as approved for the triennium 1982-84, were announced by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Mr. F. Blewett, in Parliament on June 4, 1981. Although total spending (schools and tertiary education) is to be maintained at the 1981 level in real terms, transfers within the sectors will further reduce financial support for universities and colleges of advanced education. In addition, retrospective supplementation for cost increases will no longer be available, but prospective allowances will be built into the figures. In practice this is almost certain to reduce available funds - in fact, the announcement states that this change involved "a more rigorous approach towards cost adjustment ... to contain excessive wage claims ... and to encourage greater efficiency in institutions".

There is no separation of grants between universities and colleges of advanced education which is the next task of the Tertiary Education Commission (no renamed the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission), nor at this stage is there any indication of grant levels to individual institutions. However, the overall effect of the reductions can be gauged from the figures as presented:

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* Amounts for 1982 (Sm) are on an "outturn" basis: those for 1981 (Sm) are expressed on the same price basis.

The total recurrent allocation for universities and colleges for 1983 and 1984 will be at the level of $1,558.4m per annum (to be adjusted on the new prospective basis before the commencement of each programme year). No provision has been made for additional funds for superannuation purposes (as had been recommended by the TEC). This matter requires special consideration and is being examined separately by the Government.

Students' Campaign

As the University Wave was going to press the Students' Representative Council had begun a major campaign against the Federal Government's decisions on education following the review carried out by the Committee chaired by Sir Philip Lynch. To put its message across to the University and the Newcastle community the Council was conducting an Education Fightback Week of Action, with daily meetings at which speakers commented on aspects of the Government's decisions.

A 24-hour rally was conducted in the Union on June 9, beginning with Devonshire TEAS in the Courtyard. The speakers at the opening rally were the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Dutton, the Vice-President of the Staff Association, Mr. R. Mackie, and the Chairman of the University's Sub-Division of the PSA, Dr. D. Kay.

The schedule for the remainder of June provided for live music, a film, a dance and workshops to be chaired by the Education Vice-President of the AUS, Mr. D. Fowler and the Research Officer for Newcastle Trades Hall Council, Mr. R. Noble. The rally was to end with an orange juice and a pancake breakfast the next morning.

A concert and a dance at Newcastle College of Advanced Education was planned for June 10 and supporters of the Education Fightback were invited to march down the Hunter Street Mall, Newcastle, on June 11 in the evening stopping at points to hear the President of the SRC, Margaret Kavanagh, Alderman Alan Morris, of Newcastle City Council, Athol Cowley, President of Newcastle Trades Hall Council and Carol O'Connor of Macquarie University.

Visits to local high schools to address students on June 12 and distribution of leaflets in shopping centres on June 13 were the closing phases of the campaign.

AMALGAMATION

The guidelines reiterate the decisions of the Review of Commonwealth Functions in respect of rationalisation and amalgamations of higher education institutions.

"In connection with the consolidation of colleges and advanced education, the Government announced its intention to reach agreement with each State concerning rationalisation measures by the end of 1981. If this could not be done, the Commonwealth would not be prepared to continue retrospective funding for the colleges to continue as separate entities it would have to make their own separate financial provision.

"The Government intends that the consolidation of institutions should result in genuine amalgamations with one
governing body and a real saving of resources. In determining the level of recurrent funds for 1982-84, the Government has taken account of such savings in respect of institutions which have been or will be consolidated during the triennium. The Government will expect the Commission to continue to promote the most efficient use of resources available for tertiary education and requests it to consider the opportunities for greater efficiency and savings by reducing unnecessary duplication of effort among faculties and schools. The Government will continue to look to the Commission to provide on-going advice on the relationship of manpower supply to demand in areas which are critical for education planning.

“When the Government announced its Review of Commonwealth Functions decisions, it noted that some action has already been taken in the States on consolidation. Since that announcement, further steps have been announced by some States. In view of the progress which has been made towards consolidation and the need for the changes to be taken into account in the Plan during the 1981 Budget Sittings, the Commission is asked to provide me with a progress report on consolidation by June 30. I should add that while the principle of rationalisation and the time-table are not negotiable from the Commonwealth’s viewpoint, the Government is willing to discuss, with the States, particular arrangements in relation to individual institutions”.

RESEARCH CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

The announcement states that funds have been provided for the Government’s 1980 election commitments for the establishment of research centres of excellence in universities. Unless, however, the balance of funding between universities and colleges is adjusted in favour of universities to reflect this, it is difficult to see how this can be accommodated within overall recurrent funds, particularly in 1983 and 1984 when the largest expenditure on research centres of excellence will be incurred.

The slight increase in equipment funds in 1982 ($4.2m) will make little inroad into the problem of replacing outdated equipment or in responding to needs arising from technological change, and the reduction in capital grants ($5.6m) will further delay urgently needed building works, although it is stated “there will be some provision for high priority projects to commence in 1982 as a result of lower expenditure commitment to on-going projects”. In its Report for the 1982-84 Triennium, the Tertiary Education Commission recommended the levels of funds recommended by the Universities Council for recurrent and capital purposes (despite the latter’s careful examination of needs) but maintained that for equipment. Table 8.6 (Vol.1, Part 1) sets out the following figures:

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

1982 (a)  
Council Comm. 1981(a) 
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Recurrent (b) 1385.5 1352.8 1339.3 
Equipment 67.3 67.3 56.2 
Capital 67.7 50.0 36.1 

1520.5 1470.1 1431.6 

(a) $m, in 1980 cost levels. 
(b) exoídes provision for special research centres.

When these figures are compared with those for 1981 and 1982 in the financial guidelines (allowing for the different cost levels in which they are expressed) the stark reality of the Government’s decisions and policies is all too apparent. Taken in conjunction with the other announced decisions in respect of fees for higher and second degrees and the tightening of TEAS allowances, the universities are clearly facing their most serious financial situation for several decades. Further widespread criticism of the Government’s educational policies can be expected, in which the voice of Newcastle University will again be heard.

D.W. GEORGE.

UNION NEWS

Loretta O'Donnell

Women have been elected to occupy the top three positions on the Board of Management of the Union.

At the first meeting of the new Board, Loretta O'Donnell was elected President, Christine Claydon Vice-President and Denise Brunt Treasurer.

The new President, who replaced Christine Claydon, is an Arts III student who lives at Waratah. Loretta is possibly the youngest President of the Union ever. She turns 20 on June 21.

The election has maintained women in the top executive positions of the two main student bodies on the campus.

Earlier this year Margaret Kavanagh was elected President of the Students' Representative Council.

Loretta O'Donnell says that this situation is, perhaps, just a coincidence, but it shows that women are becoming more politically aware and more politically active. Men are obviously supporting women, too, and voting for them.

The new Board of Management is:

Lornise Brunt, Christine Claydon, Stephen James, Loretta O'Donnell, Daryl Paine, Jenny Rutherford, Christopher Tole, David Williams (members elected by the students), Wayne Cone, Stephen Tucker (graduate representatives), Murray Falconer, Mary Rabbitt (Council representatives), Freda Bartlett (staff representative), Godfrey Tanner (S R C representatives) and Stan Barwick (Secretary/Manager).

Board meetings will be held in the Auchenmuty Room on the fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 5.30 pm.

The Finance Committee consists of Stan Barwick, Denise Brunt, Wayne Cone, Murray Falconer, Loretta O'Donnell and Stephen Tucker.

The Committee will meet on the second Thursday of every month starting at 5 pm.

The Board of Management has placed on record its great appreciation of the services of Maurie Edmonds, the retiring Council Representative and Treasurer.

Maurie Edmonds had served on the Board as Council Representative since 1975 and Treasurer since 1976. He recently stepped down as Council Representative and was replaced by Mary Rabbitt.
CONVOCATION

The Annual General Meeting of Convocation of the University of Newcastle will be held in the Staff House at the University on Thursday, July 2 at 6 pm.

Professor Tony Smith, M.A., D.M., B.Chir., Oxford, F.R.C.P., Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, will be the guest speaker. At a time when drug use and drug abuse is receiving wide publicity, Professor Smith will outline the Faculty of Medicine's work on drugs and comment on problems being faced in Newcastle with the use of drugs.

The Warden of Convocation (Mr. Philip Miller) has invited all members and especially new graduates are invited with their wives, husbands and friends.

Jack Mundey

This year the Eddy Memorial Lecture will be given by Jack Mundey, who will speak on Social Responsibility and Modern Trade Unionism.

Jack Mundey, former Secretary of the Builders Labourers Federation, was largely responsible for revolutionary changes of trade unionism in the Seventies. He is the leader of the "green bans" which delayed or halted building developments. Mundey was seen by some as a hero of the poor and politically powerless and as a dangerous Communist saboteur by others.

In the midst of the battles he developed his theories of social responsibility and wider areas of concern for the Trade Union movement in social issues such as energy resources, capital investment strategy, technological change and environmental issues.

The WEA Hunter Region and the University jointly present the Eddy Memorial Lecture. The lecture will take place in the Lecture Theatre 801 on July 7 at 8 pm.

Dead Heart beats again

A warm invitation is extended to anyone interested to attend the meeting of the University Women's Group on June 18 to hear Mrs. Roma Dulhunty, of Sydney. Mrs. Dulhunty and her husband, Dr. John Dulhunty, regularly visit Lake Eyre to carry out geological explorations. The talk will be interspersed with film and slides.

Drinks will be served in the Purdue Room from 7.30 pm and the meeting will commence at 8 pm sharp in K202 (Medical Building). The charge for the evening will be $1.50.

To book please contact Lyn Sharpe, C/- Professor I. Sharpe, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, telephone 43 7566 by June 15.

Red carpeted

The students of Japanese who visited Japan in May were given VIP treatment, according to Dr. K. Ono, Senior Lecturer, who was one of the University of Newcastle party.

The hospitality arrangements, through which the students became acquainted with their Japanese counterparts observing at first hand the way of life in Japan, were particularly satisfactory.

The reception at Kumamoto University, Dr. Ono said, involved the whole University. "In Ube, we met Alderman Joy Cummings, Lord Mayor of Newcastle, and were given a very warm reception again. In Nagoya we were also given a warm reception by the City officials", Dr. Ono said.

Specific achievements of the trip were:

- Two students of Kumamoto University would come to this University next year as exchange students.
- One or two of our students would be able to go to Kumamoto University for six to 12 months on a Japanese Government scholarship.
- A visiting Fellow in Japanese Culture would come to our University from Ube Junior College for 12 months each year. The salary and travelling expenses would be covered by Ube Junior College and Ube City.
- A student of Japanese who was also studying Medicine would be accepted to Yamaguchi University in Ube for three months later this year for her medical practice.

Dr. Ono shows the Vice-Chancellor the keepsakes presented to the University of Newcastle by some of those who hosted the students. A glass-fronted Damascene picture, depicting Mount Aso and the Kumamoto Castle in gold, was presented by the Vice-Chancellor of Kumamoto University. From the Vice-Chancellor of Ube Junior College, the party received a lacquered tray with stand and from Ube City a Souvenir exchange pennant.

Amalgamation Opposed

The University of Newcastle Staff Association has opposed moves aimed at the enforced amalgamation of the Newcastle College of Advanced Education with the University.

At the Association's Second Term general meeting on June 5, members carried this motion and decided to urge the Council to oppose the amalgamation moves as vigorously as possible.

Amalgamation would mean that both institutions, their staffs and their students and the people of the Hunter Valley Region, voting on the motion resulted: 61 votes in favor, one vote against, and one abstention.

In a second motion, the Staff Association accepted the need for increased co-operation between Newcastle CAE and the University provided that such co-operation could be shown to be in the best interests of both institutions, their staffs and their students and the people of the Hunter Valley Region.

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Term courses

The University Counselling Service will run Developing Awareness, Open Encounter and Study Skills courses for students during Second Term. Developing Awareness will last eight weeks and is designed for those who wish to develop a range of insights into themselves. A preliminary meeting to arrange suitable times for sessions was held on June 9.

Mr. Peter Bamford, of the University Counselling Service, was involved in the panel of principal speakers at the Second Queensland Teacher Education Conference held in Townsville from June 4 to 5. The theme of the conference was "Improving Teaching Practice". Mr. Bamford's paper, "Communication in Teaching Practice Supervision", arose out of his view that the experience of the trainee teacher's experience of Teaching Practice in schools is largely a function of effective communication between the triad of Supervising Lecturer, Supervising Teacher and Student Teacher. He supported the contention that therapeutic psychology has a great deal to offer in this area, particularly the verbal and non-verbal strategies derived from Client-centred Therapy and Transactional Analysis. He strongly advocated the incorporation of courses leading to the acquisition of these and related skills in both the pre-service and in-service training of teachers.

In addition, Mr. Bamford conducted a workshop at the conference designed to give participants 'hands-on' experience of the skills approach he outlined in his paper.

In Malaysia

The Drama Department's first Visiting Theatre Director for the year is now on campus, working on a production of Sean O'Casey's "Shadow of a Gunman". He is Ken Boucher, a History graduate from Melbourne University, who spent several years as a playreader-producer in the Radio Drama and Features Department of the ABC and moved into professional theatre by way of the Directors' Course at N.I.D.A.

After a season as Artistic Director of the Canberra Repertory Society, he has returned to free-lance directing and has directed several plays in recent years, including "Chicago" at Nimrod Downstairs in Sydney. He is shortly to direct David Hare's "Romeo and Juliet" for the State Theatre Company of South Australia.

Ken recently adjudicated the Newcastle Arts Council's One-Act Play Festival and taught in the Drama Department at the University of New England, Armidale.

The Open Encounter Group will involve 12 participants. Open Encounter describes a small-group experience in which people meet together for the common purpose of increasing their understanding of themselves and others. A preliminary meeting was held in University Counselling on June 11. The Study Skills course is aimed at improving students' study methods. A preliminary meeting to arrange meeting times will be held in University Counselling on June 12 at 1 pm.

Disability

A new toilet for use by disabled students and users of the Great Hall has been constructed off the main foyer opposite the Convocation doors. The toilet will be available from June 15 and although it is adjacent to the women's toilet, can be used by disabled persons of either sex.

A further toilet for the disabled is under construction in the Union and this is expected to be completed in about six weeks time. This will bring the number of toilets for the disabled on the main campus to four.

Further pathworks were completed during the first term vacation as part of the University's programme to provide ramp access to at least one entrance of each academic building. This access is now available to 16 of our 24 academic buildings, while ramps to facilitate access to Biology and Geography will be provided before the end of the year. Ramps already exist giving wheelchair access to the Great Hall and Union Building.

In Townsville

Mr. Neil Keats, a Professional Officer in the Department of Chemistry, left on May 30 for Malaysia primarily to advise technical staff at Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (UPM), Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Keats' visit was organised by the Australian-Asian Universities Co-operation Scheme. He expects to return to Newcastle after about four weeks.

Theatre Director

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SRC's view on Drama proposal

The Students' Representative Council has decided to oppose any moves to amalgamate the Department of Drama with the Department of English.

The President of the SRC, Margaret Kavanagh, said that in discussion on the motion at a meeting of the Council the fear of the Department of Drama losing its integrity, rather than staying independent, strong and vital, was expressed. To preserve the integrity of the Department it was essential that the Chair in Drama, which would soon become vacant, be filled.

Margaret said that the view was expressed to the Council that if the Department of Drama merged with the Department of English there was a risk that students who had been drawn to this University by the Department's past record would consider leaving.

She said that the SRC would ask for permission to have spokesmen at the meeting of the Faculty Board, Faculty of Arts, which would consider the possibility of Drama being attached to another Department. Moreover, students were being advised by the SRC to inform the Vice-Chancellor of their opposition to the proposal.
Professor's link with community

Professor Robert Sanson-Fisher, the Faculty of Medicine's new Professor of Behavioural Science in Relation to Medicine, sees part of his role as trying to assist the future doctors to become adequate practitioners and at the same time attempting to evaluate their impact on the community.

"On one side you are providing doctors with some techniques which will enable them to achieve their objectives more efficiently and effectively and, hopefully, with a greater degree of humanity", said Professor Sanson-Fisher.

"On the other side you are trying to examine what the medical profession is doing and the impact it is having on the community."

One of the problems he faces is the public's confused attitude towards Behavioural Science. "It is often confused with psychology and sociology however, the magical words are applied to and taken really it is the application of knowledge from the social sciences to the study of medical problems and the medical profession itself".

Another area which he is obviously concerned is in medical education. "We try to provide students of the medical school with skills such as understanding society and the family and training them in personal skills so that they become more effective, caring doctors."

We provide Social Science inputs where and when they seem to be required through the medical course. We try to teach that they should not treat merely disease, but an individual who has a sickness. They should also remember that the patient has other family members and the disease has psychosocial impacts upon them as well as the patient."

Professor Sanson-Fisher wanted to make clear that the Newcastle Medical School was making an outstanding contribution to medical education by insisting upon the inclusion of Behavioural Science as one of its disciplines. "That is very uncommon. No other medical school in Australia has adopted this notion so strongly and there is no other Chair in the field."

His main research interests are in doctor-patient communication and the outcome of such interaction. "I am also interested in evaluating health care delivery systems - whether they achieve their goals and can operate more efficiently".

He has been a recipient of research grants from the Crimi- 

ologv Council and the NH&MRC.

His Discipline comprises three academics and a secretary - the same establishment as every other discipline in the school. His associates are Ken Mitchell and Monica Hayes. Behavioural Science in Relation to Medicine will be involved in the provision of postgraduate education for psychiatrists and other specialists.

Professor Sanson-Fisher looks forward to establishing bridges between his Discipline and some other disciplines at the University. "We are already doing this with Psychology. Hopefully, we will also have contact with Sociology, Geography and other groups, including Architecture. If willing, Architecture might be involved with us in looking at why some structural designs discourage patterns of effective patterns of behaviour and why others encourage them."

Dr. Sanson-Fisher obtained his academic qualifications at the University of Western Australia. His B.Psych. (Hons.) degree was completed in 1967 and his Clinical M.Psych. degree in 1969. In 1978 he was awarded the degree of Ph.D.

Professor Sanson-Fisher is 36 years of age and is married with two children.

Next Inaugural Lecture

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 laboratories for the study of ion-surface interaction in the world.

The University Inaugural Lecture series is presented by Convocation as mainly University and Convocation occasions at which we introduce ourselves to colleagues and graduates and report on developments in their disciplines.

Lecture on China

The Standing Committee on Asian Studies is offering a public lecture by Dr. Kevin Bucknall, Senior Lecturer, School of Modern Asian Studies, Griffith University on China's Economic Modernisation.

The lecture will be given in R02 (Geography) on June 12 at 12.30 pm.

Dr. Howard Dick, Chairman of the Standing Committee, explained that since the downfall of the 'Gang of Four' the damage done to the Chinese economy during first the Great Leap Forward and then the Cultural Revolution had been revealed. Chou En-lai had initiated an ambitious modernisation programme to overcome China's economic backwardness by the year 2,000 and this programme had been carried on by Teng Hsiao-ping. Over recent months, however, there had been signs most dramatically the cancellation of massive contracts with Japanese companies that the modernisation programme was faltering and might be being re-assessed.

Professor MacDonald

Professor Ronald McDonald's Inaugural Lecture will be held in the Drama Theatre on Thursday, June 25, at 5.30 pm.
Throughout my earlier days at University it had always been my aim to travel extensively during the summer vacations. But having worked the two previous summers as a labourer at the industries, I recognised that the notice was a chance to fulfil a dream.

Instructed on the notice I consulted Mr. Hugh Floyer, The Careers and Student Employment Officer, who gave me the address to write for an application form. The organisation which runs the vacation employment scheme, Careers Research Advisory Centre (CRAC), is a charitable organisation whose aim is to provide a link between the education and employment worlds. The scheme of which I was a part is only a very small section of their programmes.

In the application form I was requested to supply passport photographs, £30 as a non-refundable outlay for administrative expenses and the confidential testimony of an academic referee. This was very kindly provided by Professor I.G. Sharpe. The scheme guarantees eight to 10 weeks' full-time employment in an English company in an area related to the undergraduate's academic background, at a minimum wage of £50 per week. An important condition of the application was that the student be in his, or her, penultimate year of study.

The application form was sent before the due date, August 30, and by early October a reply was received.

The reply offered employment with merchant bankers, Baring Brothers Ltd., for 10 weeks at a wage of £90. Baring Brothers are the oldest merchant bankers in the world and remain a very powerful, if largely traditional, force for London's continued importance as an international financial centre. During my time there I spent a fortnight being shown around. The remaining eight weeks was spent with the Bank's Resident Economist. I found during this period that I was constantly surprised by the responsibility entrusted to me. Beginning with simple statistical checks, I eventually completed the co-authorship of a periodical article with my boss which was later published.

Working at Baring in the headquarters of what is now a true multinational has had important implications for my future academic and career goals. Among the other 13 students from Australia and New Zealand who also participated in the vacation employment scheme, other faculties, with the exception of Arts, were well represented, Business Studies, Marketing, Geology, Civil Engineering and Architecture among them. I recall England's uneasy employment situation makes the investment of £70 a gamble. But I, for one, found it well worth while. Amongst them were the others even the Geologist, who spent the Northern winter stationed at the North Western tip of Scotland doing a lot of outside work, said that he thought his involvement in the scheme was very rewarding.

CRAC is presently offering Australian undergraduates help to obtain jobs in England next summer for seven to eight weeks.

In conclusion, I wish to thank, in particular, Mr. Floyer without whose aid summer employment, and certainly overseas job experience, would be out of the question.

The Vice-Chancellor's Second Term Staff Meeting will be held on October 6, 1981.

The Vice-Chancellor's Second Term Staff Meeting will be held in the Drama Theatre on Tuesday, June 30, at 1.05 pm.

(Third Term Meeting will be held on October 6, 1981.)
SPORT

ATTENTION ALL SQUASH PLAYERS - COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE

The 1981 University Squash Championships are to be played from
Saturday July 11 until Sunday July 19 weekend days and week-
end nights.

Entry forms are available from the Squash Court Office
and Amenities Office.

Entries close on July 3 at 5 pm and must be lodged with a
$2 entry fee at the Squash Court Office or the Amenities
Office. A presentation and barbecue will be held after the com-
pletion of finals on Sunday evening July 19.

The Newcastle Marathon was run on May 9, starting and finishing
at Willianstown and looping around "beautiful, downtown" Medowie.

The bright, sunny and windy weather was not conducive to
good marathoning, so many mem-
bers of the small field of
starters (36) dropped out early.

University runners, how-
ever, triumphed over these con-
ditions, with P. Buckley (3hrs.
26mins), A. Nymeyer (3hrs.
29mins) and A. Guttmann (3hrs.
38mins.) forming the winning
team.

The overall winner was B.
French (2hrs. 40mins.), from
Myers Park.

On May 30, the Branch
Road Relay was held at the Uni-
versity over a testing 4.5 km
course, which included the Ring
Road.

B. French again recorded the
fastest time (15:33) and was a member of the winning
Myers Park team.

Eight University runners
completed and, although our
best team placing was a dis-
appointing fourth, a number of
our runners recorded a person-
al best. Individual results were:
T. Wall (15:09), A.
Nymeyer (15:52), P. Buckley
(17:07), F. Giacom (17:07), C.
Whitfield (17:33), D. Parke
(18:03), T. Guttmann (18:04)
and D. Finlay (19:11).

On handicap results so far
this season, our two best per-
forming runners are Dick Par-
key, who is leading the New-
castle Cross Country Handicap
pointscore, and Dave Finlay,
who has been awarded the Sealed
Handicap prize. Congratulations
Dave.

Important coming events
which University runners will
be involved in are the Jewels
14km handicap (June 13), The
New South Wales Marathon Cham-
ionship at Holsworthy (June 14),
the excellent King of the Moun-
tains 25km run at Cessnock
(June 27) and of course our own
annual Campus Scamper (mid-
July).

PAVILION SPORTSMAN'S BAR HOURS:
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 7 pm
Saturdays - 1 pm
Sundays (Alternate) - 1 pm

INTER-VARSITY SPORTING RESULTS:

SOCRER - First, N.S.W.
Second, Melbourne
Third, Newcastle
Fourth, Sydney

G. Coote (Engineering), J.
Jovenski (Economics & Commerce),
D. Oliver (Economics & Commer-
ce) and D. Coote (Science)
gained combined IV side selec-
tion.

BADMINTON - Julie Bernard
(Science) won the "Best and
Fairest" Award in the Ladies'
Contest. (A fitting reward
for a very fair lady!)

If you have recently beaten
Geoff Hunt in three, or wiped
the court with Heather Mackay,
then the Squash Club needs you.

Yes, it's on again - the
NEW Tasmanian Discovery Tour.
Players of good standing,
(men and women) currently pro-
ceeding towards a degree or
diploma are needed to defend the
honour (?) of Newcastle Univer-
sity at Intervarsity in Tasmania

A campus "Centurion" emerged
in the shape of Kevin Perkins
(Mathematics) on playing his
100th game for University Rugby
League Club last Sunday. Well
done faithful servant!

Congratulations to students
Lindy Barrett (Arts), Julie
Cooper (Economics & Commerce)
and Jenny Hughes (Arts) on be-
ing selected for the Newcastle
Representative Basketball team.
They were planning to compete
in the New South Wales Country
Championships in Sydney over
the long week-end.

VOLLEYBALL (Women) - Vicki
Schofield (Education) and Judy
Adnum (Education) were select-
ed in the combined team which
played the New South Wales
State "Under Twenties".

RUGBY LEAGUE - Three Newcastle
players gained selection in the
combined team, V12. Patrick
Turley (Economics & Commerce),
Murray Abraham (Economics &
Commerce) and David Rintoul
(Mathematics).

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER - Todd
Ritchie (Economics & Commerce)
won a place in the Snooker
Team representing Combined
Universities.

The IV is on from August
23 until August 28, i.e. last
week of the August Vacation.
If you are a masochist, or even
if you just want a week of good
squash and equally good social-
ising, please contact Gwenda
Williams, C/- the Amenities
Office, or at 685 454 (work) or
43 0996 (home).

The Squash Club needs you!

Donation

Symlee Pty. Ltd., of Sydney,
Trustee of the Pindimar Trust
at Port Stephens, has donated
$100 to the Auchmuty Library.

The money was donated in appreci-
ation of services performed
for the Trust by the Library.

The Auchmuty Library holds
an original map (c.1918) of the
proposed Pindimar City develop-
ment on the north side of Port
Stephens. With the current real
estate boom in the Port Stephens
area, the Trustee advertised for
a copy of the original map.

The University's Publicity
Officer spotted the advertise-
ment and forwarded it to the
Library. Subsequently the
Library arranged for a copy of
the map to be sent to the
Pindimar Trustee for use in
real estate development.
ANZSSA request Back with Play production

Applications are invited from individuals interested in presenting a paper at the 1982 ANZSSA Convention, to be held at La Trobe University, Melbourne from January 18 until January 22.

The main theme for the convention is "Student Groups and Their Needs and the theme will be developed with an emphasis on the marked changes occurring in the student population and within the tertiary institutions.

The organisers are very keen for people who are contemplating presenting material to get in touch with them as soon as possible. Early informal contact will allow them to draft a more cohesive programme, and give prospective participants a better insight into the nature of the convention.

On a more formal basis, closing dates for the receipt of abstracts is July 31, 1981 and for the receipt of final papers November 15, 1981.

The organising committee would be particularly keen to receive papers relating to the needs of various student groups, e.g. mature age, overseas or country students. Two other areas of special concern are students with disabilities and students experiencing problems related to transition into a tertiary institution. Presentation of material other than in the form of a formal paper, (e.g. poster display or audio-visual presentation) would be quite acceptable, and relevant papers from groups not traditionally associated with ANZSSA, e.g. from Chaplains, Legal Officers, or students would also be welcomed.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Mr. Bill Appleton, of the University Health Service, La Trobe University, Bundoora, 3083, Victoria.

Attention to problems - President

Newly elected President of the Union Board, Loretta O'Donnell (see story second page) says she decided to accept nomination because she felt it was necessary to have someone at the head of the Board who was, as far as possible, objective.

"It is very unfortunate that last year's President, Christine Claydon, was unable to stand for the position again, because I felt she was a good mediator and well on the way to achieving her ideal of freer and more open communication between the students and the Board generally," she said.

In her position as Vice-President this year, she will undoubtedly prove to be a helpful and experienced co-adjutor.

Loretta says that for those students who are unaware of the existence or the functions of the Union Board of Management, it is the body which supervises the running of the Union Building as a business.

"The full-time Secretary/Manager, Stan Barwick, oversees the management on a day to day basis, but it is the Union Board which formulates basic policies.

"We oversee catering, finance, activities, and staff in the Building", she said.

Most students are probably already aware that they are more than welcome to attend any of the monthly Board meetings. They are held in the Auchenity Union, Level 3 of the Union (just upstairs from the Southern Cross Lounge) on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5.15 pm.

"To anyone interested in seeing how the Union is managed please come along to any of these meetings", Loretta said.
JUNE SENATE

Senate defeated a move to have the Council delay advertising vacant Chairs until disciplines which are threatened by academic staff shortages have received increases in staff.

Senate's attention had been directed to the decisions of the Council that arose from the Reports of the Working Groups established to review the University's finances.

One decision was to agree that there should be at least one professor in each of the major disciplines, in general represented by an academic department. Agreement was subject to consideration being given to any further advice.

In addition, Council agreed in principle to the filling of a Chair in a department being seen as providing an opportunity for an intensive review of the work of the department.

Senate was told by its Standing Committee that if the Council confirmed these decisions on June 19, immediate action would be followed to advertise the Chair in Geology and review the activities of the Department of History.

Senate resolved to note the Standing Committee's advice concerning the action which might be taken by the Council.

An amendment was moved that the Senate urged the Council to defer any action to fill vacant chairs until it is satisfied that the disciplines of Drama and Mathematics and Science have received an adequate increase in such staff, including at least one appointment at the level of Associate Professor or higher. This was defeated.

Senate requested the Faculty Board, Faculty of Arts, to consider the possibility of the discipline of Drama being attached to another Department in the Faculty of Arts as an interim measure and any alternative options and to advise the Senate of its views at the Senate's meeting on July 1.

Senate discussed the proposal that Newcastle be amalgamated with the University. It was decided to adjourn the meeting until documents dealing with the proposal were considered by the Standing Committee of Senate and a paper had been prepared for consideration. As the Newcastle was being printed on June 10, Senate was holding the adjourned meeting.

Dr. productions

The Drama Department is planning two large-scale productions in the Second Term, as well as several small-scale ones.

The first large-scale production, to be presented in the Drama Theatre, is Sean O'Casey's Shadow Box in Performance, opening on Thursday, June 18, at 8.15 pm. This is the earliest of O'Casey's 'troubles' dealing with the Irish 'troubles' and is a characteristic mixture of farcical comedy and intense drama. Given the current war in Northern Ireland, the play has a grisly topicality.

In the last two weeks of the term the Department will be staging Aristophanes' The Birds, a comical extravaganza set half way between earth and heaven, with a cast of Athenians, Birds, Gods and Demi-gods, and with a great deal of song and dance. In charge of the show will be Ian Watson, a graduate of the Drama Department who has gone on to complete the Director's course at N.I.D.A. and is now a Free-lance designer.

The first of the small-scale shows, Some of Them Can Dance Soothe, is an anti-feminist revue, written by a group of students who either have a Pentheus complex or are afraid of Chris Tingley. This group, the Hebephrenic Theatre Company will be staging their show in the Drama Studio in the next few weeks.

With the re-introduction of fees for postgraduate courses for teachers, their viability may depend on the support and incentives offered to teachers in the employing authorities. It is hoped that strong support will be available.

The University points out that it is in a position to assist the development of educational services in the Hunter Region. It hopes that where special research and development facilities are to be established, or provision is to be made for monitoring and evaluating various types of activity, these will not be completely centralised. The University expresses regret that there has been such limited opportunity for consideration of the Correy Report and its implications.

Teacher Education Report

In its comments on the Report of the Committee to Examine Teacher Education in New South Wales (The Correy Report), the University welcomes the concern shown in the whole package of teacher preparation, which is fundamental to the quality of education in the State.

While supporting the increase in time proposed for teacher education courses, the University has noted that it is intended that virtually all the additional time should be devoted to practice, clearly additional opportunities for practical experience should be made available to students, but it is pointed out that this should be at the level of one quarter of the total time for the course.

The University says its main interest is in the provision made in the Correy Report for graduate Faculties as Arts, Mathematics and Science, who wish to enter the teaching profession. There is general awareness of the inadequacy of the one-year postgraduate diploma course traditionally offered after the completion of a first degree.

The proposal that the minimum time for professional preparation should be two years is acceptable to the University and would allow for a much improved programme. Apart from education courses associated with "end-on" courses, there are very substantial benefits in regard to flexibility in choice of career and to manpower planning potential.

The University believes that for any teacher of an academic discipline in a secondary school the minimum acceptable standard of preparation should include a major study to at least pass degree standard in the appropriate discipline. It would seem that this is recognised by the Committee in its insistence that for secondary school teachers taking any academic standard reached "should satisfy requirements for admission to a postgraduate qualification". The University says it would consider it most unfortunate if students were deterred as a consequence of the lengthened qualifying time for pursuing Honours courses. It urges that the possibility of providing inducements through scholarships or other means be explored.
Retirement

Mrs. Jean Ley, who retires on June 16, says she has seen hundreds of students during her 14 years as a Secretary in the Department of Chemical Engineering - both in its old location at Tighe's Hill and on the campus at Shortland.

"I got to know them all - the callow undergrads and the postgrads from South East Asia. Most were very bright lads, who have achieved top professional positions."

Jean says what she has enjoyed most at the University is her contact with students. She has always been encouraged to act as the Department's liaison officer with students.

Jean joined the Department of Chemical Engineering and Industrial Chemistry in the Edgeworth David Building at Tighe's Hill in June, 1967. At this time the Department and the Department of Metallurgy constituted the Faculty of Applied Science.

After spending about 20 years raising her family, she had done a refresher course in shorthand so that she could re-enter the workforce.

Jean emphasised that: "I have always been treated as a friend and, because the Department is small I know all the staff, their wives and their families."

Jean says she was disappointed that no facilities for music-teaching had been established at the University.

The Ley name is closely associated with music in the Newcastle Region; Jean's husband, Hubert, is a baritone, her daughter, Judy, is a professional cellist in Adelaide, her daughter, Helen, studied opera in England and her son, Greg, is a trumpeter and guitarist. Incidentally, Jean was a singer in her younger days.

Jean has organised a full programme for her retirement. The Leys will be off to England in July for five months and next year Jean intends to continue her part-time Arts degree studies at the University.

A Girls Night Out, involving secretaries from the Faculty of Engineering, will be held on June 19 to farewell her.

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**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

Noon

**NEWCASTLE FILM SOCIETY presents:** Petersen (1974). B01.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

1 pm

SRC Lecturer, The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Kirby, Chairman of the Law Reform Commission.

SING FOR YOUR SUPPER - Stan's Bar.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**

**NEWCASTLE FILM SOCIETY presents:** Love and Anarchy (Italy) B01.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying Seminar.
Guest speaker Professor F.M. Henderson. Topic: The Effect of Mine Sediments on the Local River Systems in the Ok Tedi Mining Project. Room EAG01, Engineering Complex.

SING FOR YOUR SUPPER - Stan's Bar.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

8 pm

MEETING OF THE HUNTER VALLEY BRANCH OF THE FEDERATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES. STAFF HOUSE. Speaker: Ms Margaret Valadian, graduate of the University of Queensland and Director of the Aboriginal Cultural and Training Institute in Balmain. Topic: The Work of the ACTI.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

Noon

**NEWCASTLE FILM SOCIETY presents:** Petersen (1974). B01.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

Noon - 2 pm

**GERMAN FEATURE FILM** - Der Madchenkrieg (1977), English sub-titles. Based on the well known novel by Martin Bieler.

Meeting of the Hunter Valley Branch of the Federation of Women Graduates. Staff House. Speaker: Ms Margaret Valadian, graduate of the University of Queensland and Director of the Aboriginal Cultural and Training Institute in Balmain. Topic: The Work of the ACTI.

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