Open Day Countdown

More than 10,000 people attended the University's last Open Day. It is hoped that a larger number will come to the campus this year - Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16.

With just six weeks to go to the University's first full-scale Open Day since 1979, preparations are well underway in a number of areas.

Open Day Organiser, Assoc. Professor Max Maddock, is producing a comprehensive newsletter for distribution inside the University. As the newsletter contains the dates of meetings of Open Day committees, the telephone numbers of organisers, information about Open Day publicity material and news of special activities, Professor Maddock has suggested that the newsletter be circulated widely by placing it on notice boards in Departments and through other means.

The Open Day logo has been reproduced on a poster. As the University wants everyone in the Hunter Region to know about Open Day, several hundred posters will be distributed outside the University. Moreover, the University will make use of special invitations and dodgers.

Because this material has to be given out through the length and breadth of the Hunter Region, you will be thanked if you can help to arrange for it to go to schools, shops, clubs and other places where it can be seen.

We need students, staff and other volunteers for this job. Please telephone Extension 328, or go and see the Publicity Office in the McMullin Building.

The University also needs guides for Open Day. A corps of volunteers is needed to work on a roster basis at the Information Centre and to assist visitors around the car parks and the entrances to

Inside this issue of the NEWS you will find a new feature, EEO News, which will keep the University community informed over the next few months about the EEO Unit's activities affecting employees.

Flashback to Open Day. Two young visitors to the University inspect a rock sample from the moon collected by one of the US Apollo space missions.

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buildings and at the fountain. Mr. Phil Moore (Education, Extension 791) will be co-ordinating the team. Please send him the names of people willing to assist.

Some service clubs and similar organisations have been invited to provide mobile catering services on Open Day. Those wishing to help their organisations to raise money in this way should contact Mr. Peter Day, Extension 296.

As the NEWS went to press word was received that a number of firms and individuals had acceded to the Vice-Chancellor's request to become sponsors of Open Day by making contributions towards the expenses. These contributions will be mentioned in a special Open Day supplement in the Newcastle Herald.

The New South Wales Minister for Education, Mr. Cavalier, will perform the official opening on September 15 at 11.30 am.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Recently we have had assurances that neither the New South Wales Equal Opportunity Program nor the Ombudsman system threaten academic freedom. An article in the *Newcastle Herald* (29.5.84) told us that in placing "tertiary" institutions under the equal opportunity programme the Government was simply bringing them into line with "other State Government departments and statutory authorities". We are advised in *University NEWS* (25.5.84) that universities come under the Ombudsman Act because they are "public authorities" and that "public funding entails at least some degree of public accountability". The Ombudsman says the same in his 1982-83 report. The Vice-Chancellor in a recent letter to staff asks for "total co-operation and support" with the Equal Employment Opportunity Co-ordinator in the production of a management plan for the University.

My position on equality of opportunity is as firm as any. But I believe (1) that we have had considerable equality of opportunity in Australia for the last 80 years; (2) that it is hard, in a democracy, for government to make people good by passing laws and appointing officials (it may not be hard in a dictatorship); (3) that increased State intervention reduces freedom; and (4) that clarity on these matters is made more difficult by the confusion of language which has developed over the last two decades.

The *Newcastle Herald* article was titled "Equality plan causes stir at Uni, CAE". I find little evidence of a stir amongst academics. The article states that "NSW campuses are buzzing with comment and speculation about the Government's controversial equal opportunity program". I hear little buzzing. The main buzz cited in the Herald article came from the Vice-Chancellor of Sydney University, John Ward. The only other hint of controversy was the disappointment expressed by the spokeswoman for the Women in Tertiary Institutions Group over the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee's view that university appointments should continue to be made on the basis of merit!

The resounding silence which has fallen over the academic world suggests some degree of intellectual exhaustion. It also suggests that some educational matters have become politically sensitive.

Another piece of evidence alongside EEO that 1984 marks a new phase in academic life is the Blainey episode. True, an academic spokesman, while energetically disassociating himself from Blainey's views, boldly defended his right to express them (Voltaire, are you listening?). Nonetheless, Blainey cancelled two lectures for fear of public disorder. Trotsky once remarked that if you believe in free speech you must believe in it for everyone, fascists as much as communists. (Mind you he said that in 1938 when in exile, I don't recall that he held those views while in power). Even in America in the 1950s liberals insisted on the distinction between expressing opinions and undertaking actions. It would be strange if the new pluralist society were to be marked by less freedom than the old bourgeois-humanist society.

The confusion of language, the popularity of new but vague terms, inhibits clear discussion. These terms are often used as intellectual bludgeons. The "boo" words include "elitist", "hierarchical", (curse words, Donald Horne called them) and "middle class". I know what "racial prejudice" is; but what is "racism"? ("Racism is a difficult concept to define", said the Ethnic Affairs Commission of NSW, in Occasional Paper No.1, Dec. 1983). "Sexism is equally vague, equally hard to define, and therefore equally popular. 'Prejudice against women', though longer, is more explicit.

As the financial dependence of universities on the state increased their political independence declined. In 1974 with the abolition of local state funding and of student fees the universities became financially dependent on the Commonwealth Government. No voices of protest were raised initially the Commonwealth Government was generous with finances and lecturers' conditions improved. But today it is quite apparent that he who pays the piper calls the tune.

The Commonwealth Schools Commission applied the Participation and Equity Programme to schools from 1984. The Commonwealth Tertiary Education Com-
mission applies this programme from 1985 to "higher education" (apparently the same as "tertiary education" - another blurred distinction). More students are to be admitted, and particularly representatives of a variety of disadvantaged or minority groups.

In the past universities have sometimes practised discrimination in appointing academic staff. In the 1890s anyone seeking appointment at Sydney would have found it advantageous to be a Presbyterian or a Mason, or both. Catholics were disadvantaged. In the 1950s some communist applicants for university posts suffered discrimination. But since the cultural revolution of 1968-74 I would be hard pressed to find evidence of the application of official tests based on race, politics, sex or religion. I do not argue that women are disadvantaged in pursuing university careers. But despite "Why so Few?", I do not know of any case of discrimination.

If the spokesmen or women of the numerous special interest groups which are exerting pressure on education sometimes wonder why their campaigns have had only limited success, they should consider whether the very plurality of a pluralist society might not frustrate any individually justifiable claims. I also suggest that one outcome of the many ideological thrusts is to make many academics silent. At best, they will seek to express their views in esoteric language and obscure journals.

Yet another outcome of the plurality of interest groups is to push us towards a numerus clausus university, in which every special interest group will have its due representation and due share of benefits. Will academic merit give place to the principle of "communal" representation?

This is 1984 indeed!

Alan Barcan,
Assoc. Professor in Education.

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One of the sculptures in the exhibition by Architecture students. Photo: Peter Muller.

### Sculpture Exhibition

The venue for the annual Sculpture Exhibition by Second Year Architecture students is the Great Hall. The exhibition was mounted on July 30 and will be on display until Sunday, August 5.

The students were asked to develop their sculptures and mount the exhibition to achieve an overall cohesion and a focus on the Purdue Room. The 36 sculptures have been set within the Purdue Room and in the adjacent Foyer and outside areas.

As with previous exhibitions, the sculptures are created as part of the students' course work in the subject Visual Studies, and although the sculptures have been produced by the students themselves, invaluable guidance and fabrication assistance has been provided by Laboratory Craftsman, Jeff Richards.
The Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science was recently host to the distinguished mathematician, Professor Paul Erdos, of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Professor Erdos (fourth from left) was pictured with (left to right) Professor Carole Lacampagne, from the University of Michigan-Flint (left), Dr. Roger Eggleton, of the University of Newcastle, Dr. Ester Szekeres, Professor George Szekeres, formerly from the University of New South Wales, and Professor John Selfridge, from Northern Illinois University.

Professors Lacampagne and Selfridge have been visiting the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science.

Professor Erdos and Professor S. Chern shared the Wolf Prize for contributions to Mathematical research.

**MURDOCH’S NEW V.C.**

A Western Australian political scientist, Professor Peter Boyce, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Murdoch University.

He will take up the post in late January.

Professor Boyce (49), currently Professor of Politics, Head of Department, and Deputy Chairman of the Professorial Board at the University of Western Australia has had a distinguished career in the field of international relations - as scholar, adviser and teacher.

Before his University of Western Australia appointment in 1980, Professor Boyce was for four-and-a-half years Professor of Political Science at the University of Queensland, and before that held posts at the University of Tasmania and the Australian National University.

Professor Boyce will succeed another political scientist, Professor Glenn Willson, as Murdoch’s Vice-Chancellor. Professor Willson has been Vice-Chancellor for six years.
From: The EEO Unit

This is the first of our Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Unit columns and we hope that it will be amusing and informative. Our telephone Extension is 317 and we are located in the McMullin Building, Rooms 646 and 648.

Monica Hayes, the EEO Coordinator, recently attended the Women in Higher Education Conference, at the University of New England, Armidale. Fifty-four universities and colleges of Advanced Education throughout Australia were represented.

Background papers on the current employment status of women were provided along with policies being planned to improve the working conditions and status of women employees. The background papers are available from the EEO Unit. Copies of papers presented at the conference are also available.

The EEO Unit now has a range of resource material available on discrimination in employment. This includes material from the Federal Government's Office on the Status of Women, the National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation, the N.S.W. Anti-Discrimination Board and the Office of the Director for Equal Opportunity in Public Employment. Available also, is a wide range of material related to equal employment opportunity in universities in Australia. If we don't have exactly what you want, then we can refer you to an appropriate information source.

The EEO Administrative Officer, John Girdwood, recently attended an EEO and Trade Unions Workshop conducted by the EEO Co-ordinators' Group. The EEO Co-ordinators' Group consists of EEO personnel from Government departments and statutory authorities, such as universities. It was repeatedly emphasised that the unions represent within universities play an important role in the development and success of EEO Management Plans. All campus unions will be involved in the development of the University EEO Plan and interested union members should contact the EEO Unit or their union delegates for further information.

Workshops are currently being organised to inform groups of University employees about EEO in detail and to encourage employees to raise issues and concerns that they have about personnel practices. The EEO Unit would like to hear from individuals or small groups of staff interested in having a workshop conducted in their department or section or with other employees holding the same position (e.g. secretaries, research assistants, tutors).

The EEO Unit is interested in contacting any employee who feels that they have any comments to make about current University personnel policy, practices and procedures. Of particular concern are recruitment, selection, appointment and induction, training and staff development, promotion, reclassification and lateral transfer, conditions of service, and communication of information. Any information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We will soon be conducting the EEO Employment survey. This will give every employee of the University a chance to comment about their own experiences in the strictest confidence. A number of staff have already provided their comments on the first draft and a second draft is currently being compiled. We are co-operating with the Universities of Wollongong and New South Wales in this exercise and our aim is to provide a final questionnaire that may be used by at least these four institutions.

The EEO Research Assistant, Kerrie Clover attended an EEO Data Collection Workshop conducted by Dr. Sandra Egger from the New South Wales Bureau of Crime and Statistics and this provided us with useful information to assist us in this process.

Staff Moves

Appointments

Dr. Sihamak Parsanejad, Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying.

Mrs. Marilyn I. Stegermaier, Stenographer, Department of Commerce.

Miss Julie A. Walker, Junior Office Assistant/Typist, Department of English.

Ms Kathryn Snape, Technical Officer, Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. Jerry J. Vinopal, Maintenance Officer, Property Division.

Resignations

Mr. Alan Coulin, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Electrical Engineering.
What does a Carpenter do in Retirement?

What does a carpenter do after he retires? In Mr. Les Brown’s case, it will be some more of the same.

After spending most of the last 15 years working at the University, Mr. Brown, and his wife Mollie, will go north later this year to stay with their daughter in Rockhampton. It will be a working holiday for Les, as he will be making alterations to his daughter’s house.

Mr. Brown joined the staff of T.J. & E.J. McGlynn more than 20 years ago. He started coming to the University in 1969, when the McGlynns were chosen to carry out alterations and other maintenance contracts.

Since then Mr. Brown has gained the reputation on the campus of being a very likeable and warm person, hardworking and efficient.

Les will retire from the company on August 3, a day after he will be the guest of honour at a farewell luncheon organised by his friends in the Property Division.

Obviously, he will continue to be active in his trade. However, he also intends to travel to see Australia “in detail”.

Mr. Brown has contributed significantly to the work of several charities in Newcastle. He is committed to continuing to give a hand with the building of a centre for the intellectually handicapped at Mount Hutton.

The University News wishes Les a long and happy retirement, though it may be too much to hope that he has a well-earned rest!

FIRST WOMAN INDENTURED BY UNI.

Recently, Jody Nowland, 18, became the first woman to be indentured as an apprentice by the University. She also became the University’s first Electrical Mechanic apprentice.

Four apprentices have been employed under the University’s Apprentice Training Scheme, introduced early in 1983. As well as Jody, there are Fitting and Machining apprentices Stuart Gay, Grant Wiltshire and (also recently indentured) Dean Ferry.

Before coming to the University, Jody had six months training at the Technical College in the pre-apprenticeship course. She was a school student at Swansea High and sat for the HSC at the end of last year.

Her training as an apprentice will require her to move from one Department to another within the Faculty of Engineering. However, she will mainly work in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering’s workshop, where her supervisors will be Mr. Russell Hicks and Mr. Ron Goodhew.
Campaign Against Union Changes

When the NEMS was going to press students had persuaded the Union Board to reconsider its proposal for the proposed changeover of the Bar and Coffee Lounge.

To make students more aware of the Board's plans, the Revolution Committee has conducted a "Student Union or RSL" campaign, with a meeting in the Common Room on July 25 specifically to get an indication of the views of students on the changeover.

At the meeting, the President of the Union Board, Mr. D. Noble, outlined the proposed alterations, commenting that the plans were "the best for the Union".

Students who spoke at the meeting questioned the Union Board's proposal on a number of grounds, including:

Why not changeover the Bar and the Southern Cross Lounge?

Why were the plans little-publicised?

Does a majority of students really support the proposal?

Wouldn't the transfer of the Coffee Lounge to the Bar create a problem of limited space?

How would the pinball machines and other games affect weekly film screenings in the new Bar?

Why were alternative schemes not investigated?

One speaker maintained that the existing Coffee Lounge was "really where the heart of the campus is". He didn't want to have a cup of coffee while pinball machines and video sets were operating in the background.

Another student mentioned the aesthetic beauty of the Coffee Lounge, with its natural surroundings, and warned against transforming the Union into a "hole", like the new Students' Union at the ANU.

A representative of the Union staff said the congestion in the kitchen created great problems. "Tons" of chips were sold every day and the cooks had to work in an area in which stock, including kegs, was moved.

"It is a very dangerous situation for the staff, who are placed at risk of injury and want the present arrangements for the Bar to be re-organised."

"The problems are not seen from the students' side of the counter," she said.

Mr. Broughton said that a plan for development of the Union in the next five to 10 years was at the conceptual stage. It envisaged the extension of the Dining Room and the provision of a new kitchen.

"We are looking at the changeover of the Bar and Coffee Lounge as a springboard for the development of extended food processing and eating areas. Of course, funds will have to be forthcoming from the Government."

Following the meeting, a special meeting of the Union Board was called to reconsider the proposal. The meeting was scheduled to be held on July 31.

Speech Pathologists meet

A workshop was recently given in the Department of Education's new micro-computer based computer-aided learning laboratory by Dr. A.G. Smith and Ms Patricia Probert.

The workshop was convened by the Regional Adviser in Speech Pathology for the Hunter Region, Ms Jennifer Johns (pictured above with Dr. Smith, left, and Professor Ron Laura).

Twenty-five speech pathologists from parts of the Hunter Region, Lismore, Canberra, Goulburn and Sydney attended.
This month the Auchmuty Library celebrates the acquisition of its 500,000th book.

To mark this milestone, The Friends of The University have made two rare and valuable donations to the Library's Rare Book Collection. These will be handed over to the University Librarian by the Chairman of The Friends at a special ceremony to be held in the Library on August 10. The guest speaker on this occasion will be the Director General of the National Library of Australia, Mr. Harrison Bryan.

Of the two books donated by The Friends for this occasion, the one chosen as the symbolic 500,000th is: A History of New Holland, London, printed for John Stockdale, 1787. This is a rare and very well preserved work which complements other First Fleet material which has been donated to the Library on previous occasions. Published on the eve of departure of the First Fleet, it provided English people with information of interest on the geography, native peoples, landmarks, soil and likely produce of New South Wales, and of the makeup of the First Fleet. Introductory matter supports the Government's decision to establish a penal colony in New South Wales. The authorship of the work is unknown; it has been incorrectly attributed to William Eden, first Baron Auckland, because of the inclusion of part of an earlier work of his on the Principles of Penal Law.

The other volume to be presented by The Friends is: Hans Holbein's Drawings from the Library, Windsor Castle. This is a magnificent facsimile portfolio of 85 drawings made by Holbein between 1526-28 and 1532-43. The drawings feature prominent personages associated with the Court of Henry VIII and were the basis for painted portraits. Included in the collection are Sir Thomas More,
Sir Thomas Elyot, William Warham, Archbishop of Canterbury, Jane Seymour, Edward VI as Prince of Wales, and the Princess Mary. The drawings are accompanied by a scholarly commentary by Susan Fostler, which discusses their history, purpose and technique and provides biographical details of each of the subjects.

As well, both books will be included in the Auchmuty Library's displays for visitors to see during the University's Open Day on September 15 and 16.

Search by the Acting University Librarian, Miss Elizabeth Guilford, shows that since 1961 the size of the Library's holdings has grown more than tenfold. The nucleus of the Library's collection was acquired by Newcastle University College in the College's very first year, 1951, to meet the requirements of the first students, mainly engineers converting their diplomas into degrees. At this time, and for the next nine years, Mrs. Pat Flowers occupied the dual positions of Technical College Librarian and University College Librarian.

During 1954 the collection was increased to meet the increased usage brought about by the introduction of Arts courses supervised by the University of New England.

MOVE TO SHORTLAND

After Mr. Ted Flowers took up his appointment as University College Librarian in 1961, the total resources of the Library, previously housed in different places on the Tighes Hill site, were centralised for the first time. Another important occasion was the transfer of part of the Library's collections from Tighes Hill to Shortland following the founding of the autonomous University of Newcastle in 1965. The Library was ready for the admission of students at Shortland for the 1966 academic year, but once again the book resources were split, as some departments of the University remained at Tighes Hill.

Eighteen years later, the Secretary's Division and the Personnel Department occupy the space in the McMullin Building that was originally used by the Library. For older Library staff members, the year that has special significance was 1968. In that year the University Library was, for the first time, housed in a building specifically designed for Library use - Stage I of the present Auchmuty Library. By this time, Mr. Flowers had been appointed University Librarian with professorial status.

In 1968 the Library's holdings totalled 135,000 books. Since then the stock has grown as follows:

- 1972, 200,000;
- 1974, 274,000;
- 1975, 300,000;
- 1977, 366,000;
- 1979, 414,000;
- 1981, 457,000
- 1984, 500,000 volumes.

The growth of the Library's collections to the 500,000 mark has formally established the Library among the middle range of Australian university libraries in size. It now joins the ranks of New England, La Trobe, Flinders and Tasman.-a, which all have collections in the 500,000s. Interestingly, our Library reached 500,000 books much quicker than New England and Tasmania, which were established in 1939 and 1890.

Coupled with this growth in size has been the building up of quality collections in a number of areas. For example, the Library has very strong collections in French, German, Legal Studies and also early Australian history. There has been a growth in the diversity of materials to be found in the collections. Over the past few years, audio-visual material and micro-form material has come to assume an increasingly important part in the collections. Also, strong government publications collections and archival collections have been developed.

RARE BOOKS

Duing to the support of a number of generous donors, the Library today houses an important collection of rare and valuable books. To mark the opening of the Library building in 1968, the late Dr. Malcolm Ellis and his wife presented the University with a first edition of The Voyage of Governor Phillip to Botany Bay, printed in England in 1789. Prior to this, in 1966, Dr. Ellis had presented copies of John White's Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales (1790) and The Bigge Report to mark the conferring of the first degrees and the inauguration of the first Chancellor. In 1969, Dr. Ellis gave 97 additional items mainly in the field of Australian history.

The late Dr. Marcel Aurossseau chose the Library as the permanent home for the collection of 240 volumes on the exploration of Australia, including A Voyage to Terra Australis.... by Matthew Flinders.

Other outstanding gifts include the donations made by Dr. Ben Champlon, Mrs. Nancy Gray and the late Mr. Arch Gray, Dr. Alec Forsythe, Dr. Frank Purdue, the late Dr. J.M.C. Corlette, the late Mr. R.R.J. Traill and Dr. Jess Dyce.

The Rare Book Collection was greatly enriched in 1972 when St. John's College, Morpeth, donated 1,200 volumes on perpetual loan. Many of the works were printed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and some formed part of the personal collection of the first Bishop of Newcastle, Bishop Tyrrell. Subsequently deposits have increased this collection to more than 2,000 volumes.

To honour the Foundation Vice-Chancellor, Professor J.J. Auchmuty, and commemorate his great interest in the Library, the University Council named the Library the Auchmuty Library in 1974, and Convocation donated $8,000 for the purchase of a major reprint series of English sixteenth and seventeenth century books, called the Auchmuty Collection.

With the expansion in resources has developed a growth and expansion of services provided by the Library. To complement its own resources, it is linked
to other Australian libraries via the inter-library loan network. Also, in more recent years, it has provided an on-line information service to the large overseas data bases such as DIALOG, ORBIT, MEDLINE and EURONET.

Since 1971 there has been a progressive computerisation of library services. Initially this was confined to the Circulation System, but in 1981 the Library joined the Australian Bibliographical Network (ABN) and since that time has been carrying out its cataloguing via the on-line cataloguing facility offered by that system. The ABN system, which now holds more than 3,000,000 records, is also used by Acquisitions and Reader Services staff for some of their activities.

EXTRA BURDENS
In carrying out its role as an active service centre for the University's research and learning activities, the Library has shouldered extra burdens compared to the major university libraries in Sydney. These Sydney libraries, together with the rich holdings of the State Library of New South Wales, offer staff and students a selection of study centres and resources of some 6 to 7,000,000 volumes. In contrast, the Auchmuty Library is the only university library existing between Sydney and Armidale. Also, because of the nature of its resources, it is being used increasingly by various interest groups in the region. Staff from many Newcastle and district industries are borrowing users of the Library and school students in Years 11 and 12 make great use of the Library, although they are not able to borrow. Staff and students of the Newcastle CAE have reciprocal borrowing rights with our own community.

The Annual Reports of the University Librarian clearly show that the last 10 years have been difficult ones for the Library. The progress made in building up the collections and offering modest additional service facilities has been achieved against a University-wide background of inadequate funding and staff shortages, and an increasingly acute shortage of space in which to house the collections and users.

The completion of Stage IIA in 1972 amplified the Library's space to cope with 350,000 books. As pointed out, this holding was attained before 1977. Although the collection now comprises 500,000 books, library space has not been extended any further, the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's approval of the construction of Stage IIB still being awaited.

SPECIAL REPORT
The appearance of Professor Ken Dutton's Report on the Role and Funding Needs of the Auchmuty Library in 1977 marked a milestone in the development of the Library and was widely noted inside the University and by librarians throughout Australia and overseas. The report stressed the urgent need for a much higher level of visibility for Library operations through improved communication procedures, academic staff participation in Library policy-making and development through an Advisory Library Committee and an assured and agreed level of resources funding at 3 per cent of University recurrent expenditure.

The Library Committee, since its establishment in 1978, has been headed by (in order of service) Emeritus Professor Laurie Short, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George and Professor Ken Dutton (the current Chairman).

Through the generosity of The Friends of The University, the Library celebrates its past and its future. With its half-millionth book, it looks back to the beginnings of the nation and surveys its own past achievements with some pride and satisfaction. Embracing the new technology, it faces the future with optimism. That the 500,001st volume should be the work of the great Renaissance artist, Hans Holbein, who was so closely associated with Erasmus and the revival of learning in his own day, is seen as a fitting symbol of the beginning of a new era of commitment and service to the University community.
NEW UNI. CHAPLAIN

The Presbyterian Church has appointed a new Chaplain, Rev. Ian Stewart, as Chaplain to the University.

Mr. Stewart commenced duties on July 20, replacing Rev. J. Bartholomew, who has translated to Corowa.

Until further notice, he will be available at the Chaplain's Office on Fridays from 1 pm until 2 pm, or by telephone (office, 685 204; home 61 3259).

Visually Impaired Forum

The Royal Blind Society of New South Wales is offering a forum on Visually Impaired Students: The Post-Secondary Experience. The aims of the forum include giving participants information about visual impairment and visually impaired students and strategies which assist visually impaired students in post-secondary education.

Royal Blind Society staff involved in providing services to students will be present.

The details are:

Venue: Northern Region Branch of The Royal Blind Society, 63 Laman Street, Newcastle.

Date: Tuesday, August 14.

Time: 10.45 am until 2.30 pm.

Further information can be obtained from the Careers and Student Employment Office.

Nuclear Testing Inquiry

Dr. William Jonas, Lecturer in Geography, took his seat on the Royal Commission Into British Nuclear Testing in Australia on July 26.

Dr. Jonas is one of three commissioners appointed by the Australian Government to conduct the special enquiry.

The other commissioners are Mr. Justice McClelland, Chief Judge of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court, who is Chairman of the Royal Commission, and Ms Jill Fitch, a health physicist from Adelaide.

Dr. Jonas, who is of Aboriginal descent, is a Director of the Awabakul Aboriginal Co-operative, a local Aboriginal organisation which has among other things established an Aboriginal medical centre, dental centre and resources centre. His research interests include the basic needs of Aborigines.
**SPORTS ROUND-UP**

On the same day as the Fun Run, Terry Farrell was representing the University at the State 16km Cross Country Championship in Sydney. In a top quality field of over 100 runners, Terry ran brilliantly to record 9th position in a time of 56:6. The course was difficult, hilly and muddy, which is particularly suited to Terry's style of relentless rough terrain running.

Over the weekend of July 14 and 15, University Basketball Club played host to the New South Wales Universities Basketball Championships.

All New South Wales universities competed with representation from both men and women. Unfortunately, Macquarie University could not send a women's team. Newcastle entered a second women's team to fill this gap, thereby avoiding a bye.

All preliminary games were played at the Sports Entertainment Centre at Broadmeadow with the finals and play-offs being played at the Auchmuty Sports Centre on Sunday evening.

The Championship was won by Macquarie (men) and New England (women). The women's competition was not as closely competed or exciting as the men's, but, nevertheless, valuable experiences were gained.

Newcastle University finished the weekend in third place (both men and women). Hopes are high for further improvement at Intervarsity in August-September.

The "Sportman's Ball", organised by the Surfriders and the Basketball Club, was held in conjunction with the championships. It proved to be a highly successful, enjoyable and profitable night. Special thanks to all involved.

**Final Results:**

**Playoffs, Women, Newcastle 1 d. Sydney 24; Men, Newcastle d. Wollongong (forfeit).**

**Finals, Women, New England 58 d. New South Wales 12; Men, Macquarie 53 d. New South Wales 51.**

The University Squash Club held its Club Championships over a nine-day period, ending with the finals on July 15.

One Hundred and thirty-two entries were received in nine events.

The highlight was the final of the men's championship between Gerard Alford, last year's champion, and John Martin, one of Newcastle's strongest players.

The first game produced some amazing squash bringing constant applause from the spectators. John won it 10-8.

**Hosting the Irish again**

The second touring Irish rugby team to play the University of Newcastle in a month will arrive on August 27.

The Queen's College, Belfast team will play the University's first grade team on August 28 at No.1 Oval.

The Irish team is on an official tour of Australia for the Australian Universities Sports Association.

On the evening of July 23, with rain setting in at half-time, Newcastle University scored a 20-12 win over the University College, Dublin, team at No.1 Oval.

The win maintained University's unbeaten record this season and ended the touring side's hopes of finishing with a clean sheet.
and then went on to win in three. He showed his class in the third producing a succession of nick volley winners to halt Gerard's determined efforts to get back into the match.

Kay Stone, the women's champion for the last three years, played in the men's Championship and B Grade events this year.

Although a little out of practice she performed quite well, taking Tom Presbury, the eventual winner of the men's Championship Plate, to five in the quarter-final.

Based on this the Club plans to hold a number of events next year in which men and women play each other. It could be an interesting experiment.

Results:

Men's Championship, John Martin (winner) and Gerard Alford (runner-up).

Plate, Tom Presbury (winner) and Kim Colyvas (runner-up).

Women's Championship, Linda Fenton (winner) and Marion Howell (runner-up).

Plate, Colleen Deans (winner) and Jacinta Bird (runner-up).

Men's B & C Grade, Greg Robson (winner) and Kim Colyvas (runner-up).

Plate, Gary Jones (winner) and Don Flook (runner-up).

Women's B Grade, Chris Hackney (winner) and Jacinta Bird (runner-up).

Plate, Roslyn Thrift (winner) and Rikki Dunne (runner-up).

Men's D & E Grade, Kim McLellan (winner) and David Stringfellow (runner-up).

Plate, John O'Donoghue (winner) and Paul Chee (runner-up).

Women's C & D Grade, Chris Hackney (winner) and Maree Worling (runner-up).

Plate, Amanda Plumstead (winner).

Men's F, G & H Grade, Jim Psaros (winner) and Jason Ng (runner-up).

Plate, Allan Stuart (winner) and Harvey Horn (runner-up).

Men's Novice, Steven Ng (winner) and Siew Yak Kok (runner-up).

Plate, Harvey Horn (winner) and Wilhelm Bonney-Andrews (runner-up).

Women's Novice, Beth Dallimore (winner) and Natalie Bruce (runner-up).

Plate, Rose Pati (winner) and Leanna Della Grotta (runner-up).

End of Term Sale

Squash Pavilion and Auchmuty Sports Centre Shops are conducting a sale for one week only (Monday, August 6 to Sunday, August 12). Special 10 per cent discount to non-members on sweat shirts, squash racquets and squash shoes.

Super special to members only: University sweat shirts, (sizes 110cm and over) only $7, (size 105cm) $9.50 and (all other sizes) $10.80.

Squash racquets and squash shoes, 10 per cent on all brands.

Plus a free half-hour of squash if you purchase two items (racquet and shoes etc.).

Super special to clubs with the purchase of three of the extra large sweat shirts and buy one of your choice for only $7 or five of any other size and buy one of your choice for only $7.

The shops will be open from 8.30 am until 10.30 pm.

AESTHETICS - ETHICS LINK

A one-day research seminar on the theme The Relation between Aesthetics and Ethics (or The Beautiful and the Good) will be held by the Department of Philosophy on Friday, September 28 (the day before commencement of the Critical Philosophy Conference at Sydney University).

The theme will be developed historically by five visiting and local speakers. The sessions will be held in the University grounds and will be open to all interested persons. Further information may be obtained from Assoc. Professor Bill Doniela, Department of Philosophy.

The Department of Philosophy will also host a weekend conference on Hegel's philosophy, to be held at the Morpeth Conference Centre from Friday afternoon, November 9, to Sunday afternoon, November 11. The conference, which is the first of its kind in Australia, will consist of about 12 papers read largely by visiting speakers. A tentative programme is available from Bill Doniela, Extension 221 or 411 (departmental office).

SECOND LANGUAGE

Students whose first language is not English are reminded that English as a Second Language Classes are being held in the Language Laboratory at the following times:

Monday, 1 to 2 pm

Wednesday, 1 to 2 pm

Assistance is also available in choosing appropriate learning materials for use in the Language Laboratory.

Please telephone Extension 463 for additional information.
The University of Queensland Press has just published the latest of four books by Dr. Don Wright, Senior Lecturer in History. The book entitled Mantle of Christ: a History of the Sydney Central Methodist Mission and costs $25.

The Sydney CMM was founded in 1884 by the Rev. W.G. Taylor in an attempt to redeem Sydney by casting the “mantle of Christ” over the City. The new industrial working class of the nineteenth century city posed an enormous problem for Protestant Christianity all over the world. The Church had always stressed the need for individual salvation on the spiritual level, and, at first had no answer to new demands for a redemption that embraced the social and economic order as well as the spiritual. Individual philanthropy proved inadequate and a more comprehensive approach was tried in England and Australia with the establishment of the Wesleyan Methodist “central mission” concept. The worshipping evangelical congregation reached out into the downtown host community through a network of service agencies.

Mantle of Christ studies early attempts to establish the new concept within essentially conservative NSW Wesleyan Methodism and traces the history of the Mission through war and depression, examining the development of new institutions and methods to meet the ever-changing needs of society. The book also assesses the impact in the 1960s and 1970s of Alan Walker’s new methods of evangelism - “Teenage Cabaret” and television programmes - and his “Prophetic” ministry, a new and imaginative development of the American “social gospel”.

The comment has been made about the work that “the struggle of the Church to preserve uniquely Christian character against the secularising forces of the City is traced with sensitivity and understanding.”

Dr. Wright is now deeply engaged in research for a general study of the interaction of Methodism and society in New South Wales. In it he will be paying special attention to the role of the Church during crisis periods and to the role of the laity, which he believes was unusually significant in this branch of the Church.

Patrolman

A Patrolman is on duty at the Great Hall between 5 and 9 pm, Mondays to Fridays, including public holidays; Saturdays between 8 am and midnight; Sundays between 8 am and 4 pm. The telephone Extension number is 283.

Emergency maintenance may be reported by dialling Extension 539 at any time outside of normal working hours.

Campus lighting

Until the close of examinations this year the arrangements for general campus lighting (path, car park and road) are that lights are switched off at 10.30 pm Monday to Friday.

An exception will be made whenever a special function is held in a particular building (such as the Great Hall) when lights in the immediate vicinity of that building will be left on until the function ceases.

General path, car park and road lights are not switched on, on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays unless there is a special function in progress in a particular building when lights in the immediate vicinity of that building will be left on until the function ceases.

The pilot lighting system which provides minimum illumination to some paths and roads is automatically on for the duration of darkness every night.
Dvorak's masterpiece – *Stabat Mater*

**Neil Flottman directs a rehearsal of *Stabat Mater***

Conductor, Neil Flottman, will conduct a performance of Dvorak's choral masterpiece *Stabat Mater* at the University next month. Flottman, who won the inaugural Willem van Otterloo Conducting Scholarship last year, worked as assistant to Sir Charles Mackerras during his recent Sydney season.

The concert will feature the ABC Sinfonia, comprising 40 aspiring young instrumentalists, and the Newcastle University Choir.

Generously supported by Howard Smith Limited, *Stabat Mater* will be the Choir's second major concert for the year. *The Newcastle Herald* described its first concert (*St. Matthew Passion, Good Friday*) as "a quality performance, hard to excel."

Station 2NUR-FM will broadcast the performance live in full stereo.

Soloists for the occasion will include Adrian Brand (who sang in *St. Matthew Passion*), Donne Balson and Julie Dalton.

The performance will be held in the Great Hall on Saturday, August 11, commencing at 8.15 pm.

Tickets are $8 (adults) and $5 (concession) plus booking fee if applicable and are available from Arthur Warner's Bookshop, the Civic Theatre, Lathams (Garden City), McDonald Bros. (Maitland) and the Westpac Bank (University Union).

Prerequisites for Employment

Following the publication in Vol.10, No.9 of the *University News* of a brief statement of the proposed change in prerequisites for employment by the New South Wales Department of Education as a Social Science teacher requests, information in relation to other specialisations has been received. This information may be obtained from the New South Wales Department of Education. The local representative may be obtained on Tuesdays and Fridays at 26 9833.
For Sale

New bar (very good design). Features include: black leather and teak finish, mirror panel front and brass footrail. Asking price: $375 or near offer. All interested persons are requested to telephone Allan Reed at Extension 491 or 484356 a.h.

1974 Datsun 1808 (automatic). This car has only had one owner and has 33,000 on the clock. Features include: certified as mechanically sound and has near new tyres. Asking price: $2,700. All interested persons are requested to telephone 615421.

1974 Mini Clubman registered until February, 1985 (this car is cheap to run and most reliable). Asking price: $1,200 or near offer. All interested persons are requested to telephone Extension 758.

Steelcraft highchair in really good condition. Asking price: $25. All interested persons are requested to telephone 437573.

For Sale By Tender

1983 Ford Falcon XE Station Wagon. Features include: air-conditioning, tow bar and is fully automatic.

Tender forms are available from the Purchasing Section, Shortland. Inspection can be arranged by telephoning 680401, Extension 371.

Tenders must be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Vehicle", addressed to the Purchasing Officer, University of Newcastle, NSW, 2308. The closing date for tenders is 11.30 am on August 8.

The University reserves the right to reject all tenders.

For Rental

Room to let in lovely home situated at Speers Point (overlooking the lake). Full use of conveniences plus use of garage. Rental is priced at $40 per week. References must be supplied. A person from the country would be preferred. All interested persons are requested to telephone 583579.

Lost & Found - Bicycle

It was found in the bushes near the Union. If the owner supply a full description, will be returned. See Mr. Lance Roberts in the Great Hall. The Patrol Staff’s coffee fund will benefit from the sale of the bike if it is not claimed by the end of August.

Position Wanted - Tutor

Mathematics Tutor wanted for Year 9 student in the Wangi area. If you are able to assist please telephone 752766.

CRRC Services

Users of the Curriculum Resources and Research Centre (ex CAVSU) services should note that the following procedures will speed processing of their requests:

- Please telephone Extension 457 in the first instance for all job requests. This enables a fair and equitable response to requests as well as a record of job progress.

- Completed work should be collected from the CRRC staff’s workshops. Unfortunately our staffing resources are too limited to offer a delivery service.