Open Day Highlights

"G.I.O.", Carnival activities and the University's fuel economy cars will be three of the highlights of UNI-LOOK '84 September 15 and 16.

The first Open Day since 1979, UNI-LOOK '84 aims at attracting a heavy attendance to demonstrate that the University, through its wide range of teaching, research, community service and cultural activities, serves the interests and needs of the Hunter Valley and the Nation.

This year a change has been made from one to two days because past experience has shown that visitors find it difficult to cope with the diversity of the exhibition ofopus displays, programmes and achievements.

"G.I.O." is a 77,000 cubic foot balloon owned by the Premont Insurance Office and piloted by Judy Lynne, the television personality. The balloon has been kindly supplied for Open Day by its owners.

When inflated, she stands 85 feet high (equal to a seven storey building). Her instruments include an altimeter, a rate-of-climb indicator, and a thermometer, which registers the temperature high up in the crown of the balloon.

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She gets her lift by heating the cold air inside the "envelope" via carefully timed blasts from a propane burner delivering 10 million British Thermal Units, which heat the balloon up to 100 degrees C. To descend, a parachute is operated, which allows hot air to escape through the top. The direction you go depends on the way the wind is blowing.

In ideal conditions (winter mornings and evenings), she will keep two people aloft for two-and-a-half hours. The record altitude for a hot-air balloon is 56,000 feet, but "G.I.O.'s" owners say the balloon is happiest chasing rabbits and plucking the leaves from the trees.

The Great Hall will be the venue for Carnivale activities, which will be staged with Open Day to highlight the diverse cultural quality of the Hunter Region.

The following ethnic communities will present Folkloric dancing exhibitions and arts and crafts displays in the Auditorium and the Foyer: Spanish, South American, Indian, Russian, Filipino, Greek-Macedonian, Polish, Dutch, Ukrainian, Macedonian and Cambodian, Tongan, Italian, Japanese, and possibly Serbian and Croatian.

The food stalls associated with Carnivale will cover a great variety of food styles. In the Purdue Room, an International Gourmet will be staged by these ethnic groups: Filipino, Japanese, Russian, Macedonian, Spanish, Polish, Latvian, Ukrainian, Indian, Cambodian and Indian Tamils, German, Italian and Dutch.

In addition, groups representing the Greek Orthodox Church of the Apostles, Germans and Italians will erect tents and hold food stalls.

The Carnivale Committee's presentations at the University will be developed around the theme the International and Multicultural Nature of Universities.

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**Sponsors aid Open Day**

The sponsors' fund for Open Day has reached almost $2,500. The sponsors made gifts ranging from $20 to $200 towards the expenses of Open Day.

To date the following films have become sponsors of Open Day:

- Alcan, the Commonwealth Bank, the B.H.P. Co. Ltd., TURRA, each $200.

The Greater Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Tubemakers of Australia Ltd., the Sulphide Corporation, Westpac Banking Corp., the Hunter District Water Board, the Tomago Aluminium Co., Convocation, the Universities Credit Union Ltd., G. Hawkins and Sons Pty. Ltd., Radic Insurances Pty. Ltd., Coal and Allied Operations Pty. Ltd., each $100.

At the Department of Mechanical Engineering Building, the two fuel economy cars which have competed in the Shell Mileage Marathon will be displayed.

The vehicles have to cover a distance of about 15km at an average speed of 25km/h, consuming a minimum of petrol. No other energy sources are allowed.

The vehicles have been designed and constructed by students in the Department of Mechanical Engineering as part of their final year studies.

The "leaner" was built in 1980 for the inaugural Australian marathon. Its unique feature is that it negotiates corners in the manner of a bicycle, leaning into the corners wheels and all. It consists of an aluminium space-frame, covered with fabric and clear sheet plastic.

The vehicle was powered by a modified 50cc Honda engine. It was used again in the 1981 event after further engine modifications were made and achieved close to 900 miles per imperial gallon. (The competition originated in the United Kingdom.)

A later team of students decided to take on the challenge in 1984 by designing and building 2308, a simpler design with front axle steering. The vehicle has a total mass of 24kg ready to race and is believed to be the lightest vehicle of its kind in the world.

It is driven in an on-off manner by a 10cc model aircraft engine which runs at low speed. The vehicle achieved 1164mpg on its first outing which is about one-third of its ultimate potential. The engine and transmission of the vehicle needs further development but the vehicle proper is a winner.

In addition to seeing these highlights of UNI-LOOK '84, visitors will be able to take part in competitions, watch sporting events, see laboratory classes in action, listen to public lectures and talk to advisors about University careers.
Professor Daphne Keats, Assoc. Professor of Psychology, has been elected President of the Australian Psychological Society to take office from August, 1985. Professor Keats' election was announced on August 15 during the Annual Conference of the APS in Perth.

As President-elect Professor Keats automatically becomes a member of the Council of the Society and its Executive in 1984-85 before taking the President's chair for 1985-86.

He is only the second woman to become President in the 20 years of the Society's existence. Her husband, Professor John Keats, was President in 1969-70 and they are the only husband and wife team who have both been honoured in this way.

New Members

Four new members of Standing Committee of Convocation were welcomed at a meeting of the committee on August 23.

The Warden of Convocation, Father James Bromley, welcomed graduates of the University, Mr. Ian Eckford, Mr. Carl Boyd, Ms Roma Kane and Mr. Barry Beuzeville, who filled vacancies on the committee.

Since July, Departments of the University have had available to them a modern video projecting unit similar to that found in clubs and hotels.

Lecture Theatre V07 in Mathematics has been fitted out with the equipment, from which video films are projected onto the screen as a 100-inch picture.

The cost of the system, which was installed by the Central Audio Visual Services Unit (CAVSU), was about $9,000.

Several advantages are offered to lecturers by the new system compared to 16 mm film projection. For example, instead of having to thread the movie film, each video film is simply inserted and ejected; video films on a wide range of University subjects are now available; the high speed "fast-forward" and "reverse" capability allows flexible lecture presentations.

The main bonus is that video films can now be seen in a 100-seat theatre.

Next year the theatre will be exclusively made available for video film use.
Letters to
the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of AWEUN (Association of Women Employees of the University of Newcastle) I should like to take issue with a few of the many points raised by Professor Barcan in his letter (University News, Vol.10, No.13).

Though he asserts that Australians have had "considerable opportunity for the last 80 years", he also claims not to be arguing the fact that women are "disadvantaged in pursuing university careers". Is this case, is "considerable" equality enough? There is also a lapse in logic in this implication that because he has not seen any examples of discrimination in the University, therefore it does not exist.

I share Professor Barcan's regret that there should be a need to exert pressure on universities by the imposition of state legislation. Equality of opportunity should be the logical outcome of the governing processes of enlightened institutions. But "freedom" is as open to interpretation as "sexism" and other terms under scrutiny in his letter. Since Australian universities, like those elsewhere, have traditionally been governed by predominantly Anglo/Celtic male hierarchies, it is not surprising that this group should continue to interpret "freedom" in its own limited terms. Paradoxically, perhaps, legislation is needed if concepts of freedom are to be expanded.

Legislation certainly will not make a society "good" overnight, but at least in this case it will allow for the practices of the University to be examined in accordance with academic disciplines. Only thus may be uncovered those at present invisible factors which have led to the otherwise accountable scarcity of women in academic and higher administrative posts.

The dreaded influx of under-qualified women and minority groups will not occur here as it did in the USA, where a quota system was tried and found to be untenable. Legislators here have learned from these mistakes. As Dr. Hester Eizenstein (at that time Senior Adviser, DEOPE) pointed out in her address to University employees in May, merit will continue to be the major criterion for employment. The comment on merit from the spokeswoman for WII (Women in Tertiary Institutions) as reported (N.M.H. 29.5.84) and badly misrepresented by Professor Barcan was that it "was a highly political and elusive concept and one that sometimes tended to work against women". She was evidently arguing not for the abolition of the concept but for its redefinition. Old terms as well as new may inhibit clarity of thought.

While this institution is educating itself in EEO principles, individuals will continue to need the support of groups such as ours. In future we hope that women, more than 50 per cent of the total population, will no longer in the context of university employment need to think of their sex as a "special interest".

Jean Talbot,
President of AWEUN.

Patrol Service

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.

Death of Dr. Angus

Everybody in the University of Newcastle who knew Dr. Don Angus, Senior Lecturer in Biological Sciences, was saddened by the news that Don had died in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital on August 22.

An obituary will be published in the next issue of the NEWS.
BASEBALL

Paul Berry

All started over a few beers after cricket in 1982, but since then University Baseball Club has grown to be a force to be reckoned with - going from strength to strength.

The Club was formed three seasons ago around a core of hardened drinkers, such as Nell Went, Cameron Ross, Paul Nollson, Paul ("Gutter") Garaty and Paul Berry. One team was entered in the B Grade Newcastle competition. The team dealt with its foes in such a convincing manner that the Baseball Association moved it to A Grade half-way through the season.

In 1983, teams were entered in both A and B Grades and a team was sent to the IV in Melbourne. The IV team performed well, finishing equal third with "Gutter" and Randall Robertson being selected in the Australian University Side. The Club enjoyed even more success in the Newcastle Comp. The A Grade team made it through to the final. The B Grade team won their Grand Final to take the major premiership in their initial season.

The 1984 season saw a team sent to the IV in Sydney, plus the addition of a C Grade team to the Uni arsenal. It is certainly a credit to the Club that all three teams, A, B and C Grades, made it through to the semi-finals, and B Grade won the Minor Premiership. Great celebrations occurred in and around the Commonwealth Hotel when all three grades won their semi-finals! Further celebrations occurred when both B and C Grades fought their way to the Grand Finals against still competition.

Unfortunately, Saturday, August 25, was not Uni's day and both teams were narrowly defeated. They celebrated regardless and several hotels in Newcastle are in no doubt as to the Uni Club's intentions next year.

Success has certainly become the hallmark of Uni Baseball Teams. The Club has tripled its size in three years and produced remarkable results on the field, even more remarkable considering that most of the Uni players have never played Baseball prior to joining the Club.

Much of the credit for this outstanding performance must be given to Economics student, Paul Berry (alias "Goza"), the Club's Secretary, Coach and Selector.

This season is over and its results, though creditable, are history. Plans, however, are already being laid for further expansion next season. The establishment of a Baseball Diamond on campus is eagerly looked forward to by the Club's members. Obtaining such a long awaited facility will be a huge boost to the University Baseball Club, which has firmly established itself as a dynamic part of the Newcastle Baseball scene.

Chris Craig
Memorable tries from scintillating play

Pictured with their Coach, Mr. Bruce Wilson (standing, left) are: back row, Geoff Tillisky, Robert Blyth, Tim Bailey and Brent Tillise. Middle row, Laurie Hogg, Steve James, Damien Roff, John Homer and Tom Angus (Captain). Front row, Colin Pratt, Bill Wileman, Ken Howard, Grahame Esoter and Scott Gollinan. In the very front looking like an angel is Nicholas "Pup" Wright. Photo: Roger Broadbent.

The First Grade Rugby Team's performance this season has been most impressive, the team being undefeated in the Newcastle district competition.

When the NEWS went to press, University had won the University Minor Premiership and was favourite to win the competition.

Moreover, further enhancing its performance, University defeated University College, Dublin, on July 25 and drew with Queen's College, Belfast, on August 28.

The First XV has scored some memorable tries from scintillating play. The side boasts eight Newcastle representative players, including Damien Brown and Nick Wright.

Brown, the former Sydney University and Randwick flyer, completed a tour of New Zealand with the New South Wales side. Wright, from the Cowra district, was a member of the Australian Universities team which toured the United Kingdom.

The last University first grade team to match the current team's performance was the team that played in the early 60s.
Pregnant Volunteers needed

Dr. Rhelma Price, a researcher attached to the Department of Biological Sciences, is hoping to find pregnant women willing to participate in a project aimed at discovering the world's first easy test for conception within hours of the event.

Dr. Price said the volunteers were needed for the three-year project, awarded to Senior Lecturer Dr. T. Roberts and being funded by the USA’s National Institutes of Health.

"We are making a public appeal for pregnant women to donate urine for our research", she said. "We have made a personal appeal to members of the medical profession.

"We need large quantities of urine from women in their first, or second, trimester of pregnancy (up to week 28), as we process 25 l. of urine a day to purify minute quantities as Early Pregnancy Factor. The urine needs to be kept frozen after collection."

Volunteers have been asked to telephone Dr. Price at 685 468 and arrange for the containers to be delivered and collected.
Council

Mrs. M. Henry reported having attended a forum presented by the Royal Blind Society of New South Wales in connection with strategies which assist visually impaired students in post-secondary education. Mrs. Henry suggested that during Open Day the assistance the University provides to disabled students be made known to visitors.

The Vice-Chancellor informed Council that the Chairmen of the Universities Council, Professor N. Dunbar, had sought a meeting with representatives of the University on August 2. The University will not know how much funding it will get next year and would not know until about October. "We are told not to be too optimistic".

The Universities Council will visit the University on October 24 and 25.

A petition signed by approximately 260 students was tabled. It requested action on accommodation including matters relating to Edwards Hall.

Mr. Daniel Lucas informed Council that he had received a letter containing complaints from residents in Edwards Hall. Council was told that the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall had set up a committee, whose members included representatives of the residents of Edwards Hall, to try to solve any problems being experienced in the Hall.

It was suggested that in the first instance Mr. Lucas could raise the matter with the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor told Council that regulations made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1983, came into effect on June 1 and had been examined by the Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Safety. It was anticipated that a majority of the University’s staff would make a request for the establishment of an Occupational Health and Safety Committee in the terms of the regulations.

Administrative responsibility for safety matters was placed within the Property Division as from August 6.

Council was told that the New South Wales Minister for Education, Mr. Cawriell, had agreed to visit the University on September 15 to officially open Open Day (September 15 and 16) at 11.30 am.

After Council had been told that the research interests of the University’s Surveying staff had now developed to a point where research students could be suitably supervised and that at the moment a candidate for a Master of Surveying degree would have to be enrolled in a Master of Engineering or a Master of Science degree, it was decided to introduce a Master of Surveying degree in 1985.

Following a recommendation from the Senate, Council has agreed that subject to the Vice-Chancellor being satisfied with a report from the Faculty Board, a Department of Management can be established in the Faculty of Economics and Commerce with effect from January 1, 1985. Approval was also given of Senate’s suggestion that the teaching area, staff and resources of the new Department be allocated by the Vice-Chancellor after consideration of a further report from the Faculty Board, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, if he is satisfied that the proposal should proceed.

Senate also recommended that the Faculty Board be requested to submit a proposal for the establishment of a centre for management studies to offer non-award courses and to stimulate research, the centre to be called a School, Institute or by some other appropriate title. Council will consider the matter when further information is placed before it.

Council noted a report from the Senate Committee on Entry Standards and Quotas in which the advice of Faculty Boards represented an increase in the number of courses for which quotas need to be established. The Senate supports in principle the proposal submitted by the Faculty Boards but notes that full implementation would require on-going discussion between the Vice-Chancellor and the Deans in the light of Council’s reaction and information received from the Chairman of the Universities Council.

Council agreed to change the method used to fill casual vacancies in the Convocation-elected membership of the Council. In future where a vacancy occurs it will be filled by the candidate, if any, who in the immediately preceding election was the last candidate to be excluded of the candidates who did not become members. These procedures will be used only during the first year of the term of office and only with respect to the last two candidates to be excluded.

Council amended the Traffic and Parking Regulations so that an officer of the Property Division may be authorised to exercise the powers of the Vice-Principal under the Regulations and to increase the level of fines for illegal parking at the University.

The new fines are:

- Parking in areas not set aside for parking up to $10.
- Parking for special service areas, e.g. loading bays, by fire hydrants, etc. up to $15.
- Failing to display a valid parking permit up to $10.
Driving offences - including speeding and dangerous driving up to $30.

- Failing to stop when signaled to do so by an Attendant (Patrol) up to $30.
- Refusing to give information to an Attendant (Patrol) up to $30.
- Failing to obey the directions of an Attendant (Patrol) up to $30.

In discussion it was reported that Newcastle CAE had recently increased the level of its fines in order to reflect more closely current values.

Council considered a report from the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall in which they said that the Federal Government's decision to reduce the level of funding support for university residential colleges would mean an income loss equivalent to $2.25 per member of Edwards Hall per week in each of the years 1985, 1986 and 1987. This was in addition to a similar income loss by Edwards Hall in 1984.

The Board of Trustees said it was concerned at the financial implications of the new policy, which must result in higher tariffs and tend to restrict access to Edwards Hall to "wealthy" students.

Council was told by the Board that because of staffing difficulties at the Hall it had become necessary to decline new conference business pending consideration of the matter by the Board. A Staff Review Committee had investigated the total staff structure of the Hall with a view to seeking a means by which conferences could continue to be hosted at the Hall.

The Board submitted proposals for assistance which would enable the Hall to accept conferences.

In discussion it was submitted that any decline in conferences at the University was totally unacceptable. It was also stated that Edwards Hall's level of facilities provided for conferences might be too high.

Council was informed that the Board of Trustees had also considered the standards required at Edwards Hall by visitors other than academic visitors, including members of the business community. It was not proper for people to find when they visited the University that the services provided were not first-class.

After it was stated that the question must surely warrant some comment from members of the academic and business communities, the Vice-Chancellor was asked to make a report to Council.

Dr. D. Wright accepted appointment as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

After Council considered a suggestion made by the Council of Newcastle CAE that the University and the College embark on a joint Bi-Centennial project, the Vice-Chancellor was asked to discuss with the Principal of the College the establishment of a joint sub-committee for a Bi-Centennial project.

Newcastle CAE Council said that at a recent meeting the establishment of a first-class swimming complex with community involvement was cited as an example of the kind of project that might be considered.

In discussion at the University Council meeting, it was suggested that there were many projects which would be appropriate to consider, including additional student housing.

Council appointed the Deputy Chancellor, Dr. A. Forsythe, Professor C. Renwick and Professor G. Tanner as members of a Working Party to review the relationship between the University and Convocation and the support given to Convocation. This was in response to a request from the Standing Committee of Convocation, which suggested that the election of the Warden of Convocation should be one of the matters reviewed by the Working Party and that it would be appropriate for the Party to comprise six people, drawn equally from Council and Convocation, with power to co-opt.

Geology Visitor

Mr. D. Fishburn, Executive Assistant, C.R.A. Exploration Pty. Limited, visited the Department of Geology on August 7 to discuss employment prospects with students in the Department.

As a result of the visit seven video cassettes and a book covering the television series Out of the Flare Furnace have been presented to the Department. These show the remarkable way in which metals and metal-based technology have influenced history and lifestyle adopted by civilisations.

It is expected that both the book and the video cassettes will prove to be a valuable teaching resource for some time to come.

Reminder

Don't forget your bookings for the Union Dinner on September 21. First-class night, with first-class food, wines and band. This year's Guest Speaker is The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby, Chairman of the Law Reform Commission and Rostrum Speaker of the Year.

Menu includes Garlic Prawns, Filet Mignon with Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce and a selection of fine wines.

Bookings can be made at the Westpac Agency, or the Union Office (Extension 442) - Students $15, others $20. Excellent value for what promises to be another excellent evening.
The University will be marking Literacy Day, as declared by UNESCO, on Saturday, September 8.

UNESCO set aside September 8 as Literacy Day in recognition of the vast problems occasioned in the developing countries, in particular, by the incidence of large-scale illiteracy and to focus attention on the efforts being made, many of them under UNESCO auspices, to eradicate illiteracy.

The University will mark the occasion on September 8 by holding a meeting which will be open to the public, in Lecture Theatre B01 from 2 pm until 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served and no charge will be made.

The programme will be chaired by Professor Ron Laura, Dean of the Faculty of Education, and will be addressed to the theme: Perspectives on illiteracy - Global and Local.

Speakers will be: Professor Theodore MacDonald, who has studied illiteracy in both developed and underdeveloped countries, and whose recent book, First Aid in Reading, Writing & Spelling released only two months ago, is already enjoying pronounced success in Australia. The book is written for parents who wish either to teach their children to read, or to help them if they are experiencing problems in reading at school. Professor MacDonald has just completed writing a book about the literacy campaign in Cuba.

Ms Margaret McLauchlan, who is currently engaged in research in reading at the University and directs the Adult Literacy Programme at Tighes Hill Technical College, will be discussing various practical problems, associated with teaching adults to read and will also be showing a film concerned with some of those issues.

Mr. Don Matthews, who is a Lecturer in English at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education, has written widely in the area of children's literature. He will concern himself with the problem of maintaining literacy. Once children have been taught to read, how can their interest in reading be stimulated and extended?

There will be an opportunity for questions and comments and a chance for individuals to meet informally with the speakers.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George, has arranged for the proceedings of the programme to be published under the editorship of Professor Ron Laura.

For further information about this event, or about the Literacy/illiteracy issue generally, please contact: Professor Laura at Extension 532 or Professor MacDonald at Extension 532.

Wetlands Logo

The Hunter Wetlands Trust has adopted an egret in a wetland setting as its logo. It was the establishment of the large breeding colony of egrets at Shortland in the 1981-82 season which first drew public attention to the high conservation value of the Shortland Wetlands. It was the first to re-establish in the Newcastle area following the destruction of the colony on Kooragang Island in the early 1970s by reclamation work.

The colony is unique in having all four species breeding and had 300 nests in the first season, 360 in 1982-83 and almost 600 this season.
Off to Merriwa

Father Bromley

Father James Bromley, the University's Anglican Chaplain and the Warden of Convocation, has been appointed Rector of Merriwa and expects to take up his new pastorate on September 1. The announcement of the new Anglican Chaplain is not expected for some time.

Father James first came to the University in 1978 as a student. During his first few years here he was an active supporter of the Rugby Club, having been a referee. He completed B.A. and B.Ed. Stud. degrees also winning the Lindgren Prize for Legal Studies. Following his ordination in 1980 he became Chaplain to the University, succeeding Canon Victor Pitcher.

On this campus the custom is for the Chaplains to work as an ecumenical team. Father James has been the "anchor man" of this team, as Secretary of the Chaplains' Association.

He says he has celebrated the Eucharist each week on campus and assisted many students with problems - not least, finding suitable accommodation. For both staff and students he has performed baptisms, solemnised weddings and officiated at funerals. Students in hospital have often discovered Father James by their bedside, and have through him been able to negotiate extensions of their assignments.

Father Bromley has forged a strong link between the campus and St. Philip's Church at Waratah, where he has been the Associate Priest. He has also taught an evening course in ministry for lay people.

He says he has found his five years in the Chaplaincy immensely rewarding. "But, one isn't in this kind of job for rewards. Many of the rewards are intangible - like sharing the anxiety of the staff as we passed through the 'amalgamation crisis' and suffered the shock to university morale or talking long and hard with administrators in the Union, the McMullin Building and the Sports Centre to ensure that the University retained and extended its capacity to be a truly humane environment, conducive to enabling its members to develop their full potential as persons.

He believes that the Parish of Merriwa, at the north-western extremity of the Hunter Valley, will be a very different pastorate from the campus chaplaincy. The parish covers 2,500 square kilometres, is mostly light scrub and is populated, according to Father James, by 3,000 people and millions of wallabies. He has had a 'roo bar attached to his Subaru in preparation for the move. His headquarters will be at the 106-year-old, stone Rectory in Gooch Street.

Convocation recently elected Father James as it Warden. He will be continuing his association with the University as Warden and as a member of the Board of the Hunter Postgraduate Medical Institute. He will also shortly begin work on a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union of San Francisco as a part-time student.

"Convocation has a vital role to play in the future of the University", he says. "Convocation not only elects members to the University Council, but, through its social functions, lectures and publications, helps to bind the graduates and the present members of the University together, keeping them in touch with each other and their current work and helping them to maintain contact with the University and with the international community of scholars. All graduates worth their salt enjoy this and the University does try very hard to produce graduates who are worth their salt."

Mrs. Lorraine Bromley, who is married to James, has worked in the Department of Chemical Engineering and will also be very sad to leave the campus. "But we shall be taking part of the campus with us to Merriwa," she says. "Anybody passing through will be most welcome. The Rectory is big enough, so James and I should be able to find a beer and a bed for staff or students passing through."

The Bromleys' address from September 1 is: The Rectory, 40 Gooch Street, Merriwa, 2329. Telephone: (065) 482218.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S

THIRD TERM MEETING WITH STAFF

will be held in the

DRAMA THEATRE

on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, at 1.05 pm
Films from France, Argentina, Germany, the USA and Denmark, which were screened at the last Sydney Film Festival, will be shown at the Civic Theatre on September 21, 22 and 23. The Travelling Film Festival will be in Newcastle again.

La Balance, made in France (Director: Bob Swalm), charts an interesting and entertaining balance between cop-thriller and glamour-less study of the Parisian underworld. The film won 1982 French Cesar awards for best film, best actor and best actress.

Funny Dirty Little War, from Argentina (Director: Hector Olivera), is a comedy which examines the last time in Argentina's history when Peronism ruled, in the period before the generals imposed their brutal dictatorship.

These two films will be screened as a double-bill on September 21, beginning at 7.30 pm.

Circle of Deceit (Director: Volker Schindorff), is set in war-torn Beirut during the savage fighting of 1975-6. It will be shown at 5 pm on September 22.

India Day — September 6

India Day in the Great Hall on September 6 will serve as an introduction to different aspects of Indian literature and literature about India.

The Language and Literature Board decided to offer India Day following the success of the Dante Day (1980), the Cervantes Day (1981), and the Dostoevsky Day (1983).

In the evening an Indian film will be screened; an Indian dinner will be prepared; and there will be a display of Indian music and dancing.

The Language and Literature Board has expressed its gratitude for the assistance given by the Newcastle Tamil Sangam with the cultural evening.

Speakers and topics scheduled so far include:

- Dr. S.C. Harrex, Flinders University, An Introduction to Aspects of Indian Literature.
- Assoc. Professor Y. Gooneratne, Macquarie University, R.K. Narayen: The Vendor of Sweets and
- Dr. P. Nightingale, University of New South Wales, V.S. Naipaul: The House for Mr. Biswas, An Area of Darkness, In a Free State.

The cost of India Day is $4 (salary earners) and $2 (others). The dinner costs $4.

Bookings can be made at the English Departmental Office.
Independence Observed

Indian and Pakistani Independence Day prompted the University's Indian Sub-Continent Students' Association to stage a special observance at the University on August 11.

The attendance at the Commemorative gathering in the Engineering Lecture Theatre comprised approximately 60 members of the association, including some students and staff members of the University and their families and friends.

Dr. Romesh Amar, President of the Indian Sub-Continent Students' Association, spoke of India, as an independent country, not just surviving for 36 years but having achieved great progress in many fields.

"India is among the 10 most industrialised nations on Earth. When the first Indian cosmonaut soared into space on April 3, 1984, India joined a band of 12 other nations which have sent their cosmonauts into space. We have done well in Science and Technology, including Nuclear Energy."

"India is today self-sufficient in food; life-expectancy has doubled since Independence. And we turn out nearly a million university graduates each year."

Messages from the High Commissioner for India and the Ambassador of Pakistan included statements of the significance of August 1947, to all the people of the Indian Sub-Continent. It marked the climax of the struggle for freedom which set an example by achieving success against the British through non-violent non-co-operation.

The Pakistan Embassy supplied copies of the national anthem of Pakistan. This was sung by members of the UNISSA, as well as the national anthems of India and Australia.

Medical Research Week

Newcastle Medical Research Society and the Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine collaborated to stage a scientific meeting in the David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building on August 22. The programme for the meeting and a display of posters were arranged to mark Medical Research Week.

Talks were given on the Effect of Dietary Salt Restriction on Patients with Drug Treated Hypertension, Alcohol Dependency and Withdrawal in a General Hospital; Clinical and Prognostic Significance, Improving Immunity in the Intestine and Breast Feeding Conditions - A Differential Developmental Pattern of Mucosal Immunity.

Pictured are some of the participants in the special meeting (left to right): Mr. Richard Sheldrake, Dr. Al Gillies, Dr. Roger Smith and Ms. Maree Gleeson.

HISTORY STUDY DAY

The annual History Study Day for Higher School Certificate Modern History students was held at the University on August 20.

It was organised by Dr. Don Wright (Department of History) and Mr. Cliff Cranfield (Newcastle History Teachers' Association).

The students were welcomed by the Vice-Principal, Professor Ken Dutton, in the Great Hall and attended a selection of lectures given by the following:

H.J.C. Green and M. Graham (NCAE); E.M. Andrews and D.L. Wright (Newcastle University); R. Bosworth and G. Harrison (Sydney University); D. Christianson (Macquarie University), K. Vacchini (Ravenswood School for Girls); L. Tobart (Department of Education, Newcastle).

Approximately 250 students from all parts of the Hunter Valley, attended the day.
**Nominations Wanted**

Nominations for selection as the recipient of Convocation’s Newton-John Award are open. They close on October 31. The names of graduates who people believe are suitable candidates should be forwarded to the Warden of Convocation, C/- the Publicity Office.

The aim of the Newton-John Award is threefold – to honour the foundation Vice-Principal, Emeritus Professor Eric Newton-John, to mark the creative and/or innovative achievements of a graduate of the University or the former Newcastle University College and to give an opportunity for a local artist to produce a commissioned work of art.

The award is made annually by Standing Committee of Convocation. A judging panel will meet after the nominations close and select the recipient of the award for this year. The presentation will be made at a dinner in the Union next March.

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**Awarded $6,000 Grant**

Mr. R. Cowdroy, Assistant Planner, has received the New South Wales Board of Architects’ biennial research grant valued at $6,000.

Mr. Cowdroy will use the grant on research into the performance of architects as perceived by their commercial and institutional clients, which will assist the Board to assess and accredit Schools of Architecture and, also, assess policy on regulation and promotion of the architectural profession.

This is the second major award made to Mr. Cowdroy and part of the project will expand on a study he made on project management after receiving the RAIA/St.Regis-ACI Scholarship in 1976.

Mr. Cowdroy is a part-time MBA student at the University and part-time Lecturer in Architecture.

The citation for the research grant states that the Board awards it "for work considered by the Board to be such as to contribute to the advancement of architecture and/or for the advancement of public interest in architecture."

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**South Georgia Island**

The South Georgia Island Survey will be outlined and discussed in detail at a seminar to be held in the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying on September 14.

Mr. A.G. (Tony) Bomford, one of Australia’s best known surveyors, will be the principal speaker.

The seminar will be held at 2 pm in Room EAG01 in the Engineering Complex.

Mr. Bomford followed a career in the British Army with an equally distinguished career in the Division of National Mapping, Canberra, where he recently retired as Director. He has had a life-long passion for mountaineering and exploring and is a frequent visitor to the Himalayas.

The survey of the South Georgia Island produced one of the last topographic maps to be compiled without recourse to aerial photographs.

Accompanied by six mountaineers, Mr. Bomford surveyed and mapped this isolated region (and scene of the recent Falklands War) in 1985. The survey principles and techniques used are still very relevant to today’s students of surveying and mapping.

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**ICI Appointment**

In another move aimed at generating new business ICI Australia has appointed a technical liaison manager to establish closer relationships with research being undertaken in universities, colleges, CSIRO and other research institutes.

Dr. John Hall will take up this appointment on his return from secondment to ICI in the United Kingdom as Industrial explosives research co-ordinator.
Championship Aspirations

A group from the University's Powerlifting Club pictured during a training session in the Auchmuty Sports Centre. Back row: Libby Campbell, Celia Wilkinson, Afaf Shea, Fiona Dawes (Secretary). Middle row: Dr. John Shea, Prof. Ken Dutton (Patron), Ray Caves, John Beckers, Peter Flanagan (President), Wei Soon Chan, Tom McMahon (Gym Supervisor) and Mark Harris. Richard Brown (Treasurer), deadlifting 260 kg, is at the front. Having previously broken records at the New South Wales Powerlifting Minor Championships in Sydney, the Club's next goal is to win events at the Australian University titles in Brisbane on August 31.

IN PORT MORESBY

Dr. Gerard Guthrie, Director of the Curriculum Resources and Research Centre, is currently in Papua New Guinea as an Education Advisor to the Ministry of Education. His duties in Port Moresby include drafting a new National Five-Year Education Plan, which is part of a medium-term planning strategy being implemented by the National Planning Office.

The consultancy, which was organised by the Australian Universities International Development Programme at the request of the World Bank, is being funded by the Australian Development Assistance Bureau.

The University of Newcastle has made several recent contributions to education in the South Pacific under Australian foreign aid. Assoc. Professor Max Maddock, of the Department of Education, was involved in an ADAB funded evaluation of teacher education programmes in Tonga and Western Samoa. Professors Maddock and J. Biggs, with Dr. Ross Telfer, also undertook, in 1983, an evaluation of an education programme undertaken jointly by the Canberra College of Advanced Education and the University of Papua New Guinea.

Dr. Guthrie will be in Port Moresby until November 30. During his absence, Mrs. Pam Mahony (Extension 457) will be in charge of the CRRC.
SEMINARS

The Department of Sociology will be conducting the following Departmental seminars in Room 326.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2.10 pm
Speaker: Dr. Jason Ditton (University of Glasgow). Topic: The Dinosaur Theory of History.

Thursday, October 11, 2.10 pm
Speaker: Ms Dianne Court (Macquarie University). Topic: The Objectivity of the Male State.

The Department of History is to present the following staff seminars in the History Staff Common Room:

Monday, Sept. 10, 1 pm
Speaker: Mr. J. Cleary. Topic: Computer-based Information Services in the Library.

Monday, Sept. 24, 1 pm

Monday, October 8, 1 pm

Advertisements

For Rent
One-bedroom, spacious unit at Swansea Heights. Views of the Lake and bushland. $90 per week, includes electricity and gas. This unit would be most suitable for a professional couple. All interested persons are requested to telephone 712 462 (after Friday) or 711 958 (during office hours).

Tuesday, September 11, 12.30 pm
Lunchtime Concert by special request the return visit of Posh, Union Courtyard.

Thursday, September 13, Noon
Movie in the Common Room.

Friday, Sept. 14, 5.30 to 7 pm
UNISSA film night in the Common Room. Films to be screened: Welcome to India, Land for All Seasons and the Architecture of Pakistan. Admission free. Wine and cheese to be served.

Keep in mind these forthcoming attractions.

September 18 Margaret Roadnight in concert.

September 20, 9 pm, HVTC Theatre Show entitled Getting Your Socks Off in the Bar.

For Sale
Coloured television - Pye 26" Solid State - Phase alternating line colour system. This television set is in good condition and only 10 years old. Asking price: $175. All interested persons are requested to telephone Extension 763 or 52 6481.

1982 Ford Meteor GL "S Pack" (high performance model). Features include: 5 speed manual, one owner, log books, mechanically sound, dark blue in colour, blue and grey velour seats, Registration No JY009. Asking Price: $6,500 or nearest offer. All interested persons are requested to telephone 61 3067.

Diary

Tuesday, September 4, 12.30 pm
Lunchtime Concert in the Courtyard featuring Good Company (band).

Thursday, September 6, Noon
Movie in the Common Room.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 7 to 10 pm
Entertainment in the Bar featuring the Jenni Manning Duo (singer/guitarist).

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