"It's Magic", says student

Following a win in the heats, he went on to the final and, although he did not win, one of the judges, Tim Evans, commented that he was the best magician he had seen on the show in the last 18 years.

"I've been enthusiastic about magic for most of my life", he said. "Rex Sinclair, the well-known Newcastle magician who used to work on radio as Uncle Rex, assisted in my training at the Young People's Theatre.

"Newcastle Society of Magicians often rolls out the welcome mat to visiting magicians. As Secretary of the Society, I'm able to learn a great deal from them.

"Moreover, I compete in Australian magicians' conventions. At this year's convention I was runner-up in the best trick competition."

When David visits churches he often takes his magician's bag with him. "I perform 'Gospel magic' in the churches as a way of teaching stories from the Bible."

In the photo (by Roger Broadbent), David demonstrates his magician's skill to Catherine Tierney, a student of San Clemente High School who was working in the Publicity Office on a work experience programme.

Footnote: Asked if he has an advantage over others in the examinations, he smiled and said "I can only do magic, not miracles. What I can do anybody can do if they learn."

Chemical Engineering student, David Whitson, made an exciting change in his life recently, one that earned him two trips to Melbourne and $250.

A talented young magician, David chose to perform in the television show, New Faces, which is broadcast nationally.
Growth at Newcastle in the 1985—87 Triennium

With the release of Volume 2 of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Report for the 1985-87 Triennium on October 4, 1984, the University can now commence detailed planning for the next three years after months of uncertainty as to what the future held for it.

In keeping with the Commonwealth's guidelines for a return to planned growth in tertiary education, Newcastle is one of the newer and smaller universities singled out for expansion with additional funds provided for recurrent, equipment and capital purposes. The University is expected to maintain but not to increase its undergraduate intake in 1985 - small increases in intakes are proposed for eight other universities in 1985, but not for Newcastle or Wollongong which experienced particularly strong growth in 1984. Intakes for 1986 and 1987 will have to be decided in the light of the indicated total student loads for the triennium which for planning purposes are given as:

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(These numbers relate to the new U.C. basis of load calculation, in which higher degree students carry the same weight as undergraduate students). To provide for these numbers, the recurrent grant (now inclusive of the Medical School, no longer on earmarked funds) increases by just over $1m in the first year of the triennium and by a further one half million in each of the successive years (in December quarter 1983 cost levels). These increases will go some way to rectify the planned budget deficit in 1984, and should permit some limited expansion in the second and third years of the Triennium.

The levels of equipment and special research grants are to be maintained at approximately their present magnitudes ($1.6m and $0.44m), with the exception of the third year of the triennium when a additional sum of $350,000 is to be made available to enable the University to purchase major items of equipment. Five other universities are to receive such additional sums, distributed throughout the triennium.

Of major significance is the substantial capital works programme recommended for Newcastle, to allow for the continued growth and to rectify existing building deficiencies.

In 1985, $0.5m is to be provided for student accommodation, as one of four universities and two CAEs so recognised in the programme. These funds are provided on the basis of $10,000 per student place and as such are acknowledged as part only of the cost of building student residences. The Commission considers it appropriate for a significant portion of the cost of residential facilities to be funded from charges for the use of the facilities.

Funds are also recommended to permit the long-awaited Library extensions to commence in 1986, the total sum being $4m (in December, 1983 cost levels). $1m is to be available in 1986 and $2.5m in 1987 and the earliest occupancy is estimated as March, 1988.

Finally, $6.6m is provided for what is called a Science/Engineering building, to commence in 1987. The Universities Council notes that the University has experienced considerable growth in recent years and has prospects for further growth in the Science and Engineering disciplines. "These disciplines are already inadequately accommodated and the University's capacity to continue to respond to increased student demand in these areas is dependent upon the provision of additional academic space." $1.5m is to be available in the final year of the triennium for the project to commence and the estimated earliest occupancy according to the Report is March, 1989. Discussion with the U.C. will clearly be needed to establish the optimum use of these funds which I would personally see as best distributed over several projects.

Minor works funds remain constant at around the present level ($0.34m) for each year of the triennium, as also do the annual recurrent grants for teaching hospitals ($0.1m).

It will be recalled that the Government rejected the minimum levels of support sought by the CTEC in Volume 1 of its Report for the 1985-87 Triennium and provided guidelines instead which represented some, but very tightly-controlled, growth for the University system. In these circumstances, the University of Newcastle appears to have done as well as it reasonably could have with the announced support for the forthcoming triennium. The capital works programme in particular will give good heart to hard-pressed areas and although several years will pass before such additional accommodation can be fully effective, at least there is knowledge that relief is on the way.

D.W. George
October 9, 1984.

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The positions which Professor Michael Carter has held since 1979 add up to a very singular list, indeed.

Professor Carter was the first Deputy Chairman of Senate to be elected for a three-year term. (The change from a two-year term was one of the recommendations of the Committee on University Government, which the Council adopted in 1977).

He became the first Deputy Chairman to be elected for more than one term when he was re-elected in 1982.

Professor Carter's re-election for a third term (1985-1987) recently announced by the Secretary to the University.

Professor Carter is presently Acting Vice-Principal and Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor during the absence of Professor Dutton, who is overseas.

As a consequence of the absences of Professor D. George overseas, Professor Carter was also Acting Vice-Chancellor from October 5 to 9 and from October 13 to 15.

The Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan accepted on behalf of the University the archives of Royal Newcastle Hospital on September 28.

The records of Newcastle's first two hospitals, opened in 1810 and 1817, have not survived. The present archives date from the opening of the third hospital in 1866.

The hospital's archives have been added to the very important collection of early records of other Newcastle Institutions held by the University Archives in the Auchmuty Library.

Sir Bede, thanking representatives of the Royal Newcastle Hospital who were present, said that in Newcastle, one of the oldest cities in Australia, there was a wealth of subject material for family histories, and people who could write their family histories should do so. It was also desirable, Sir Bede said, for people to place their family records in responsible hands. The University was the place to which the material should come.

The Vice-Chairman of the Royal Newcastle Hospital Board, Mr. J. Alderson, said he must pay tribute to the hospital's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Roger Nairn, for recommending to the Board that the hospital archives should be stored in a proper place to prevent further deterioration. "The Board are most grateful for his foresight," Mr. Alderson said.

"In deciding to ask your University to take charge of our early records, the hospital was mindful of the need for this young country to preserve and protect its history.

"All too often, important documents are lost because people, pre-occupied with their day-to-day responsibilities in the running of large organisations, are inclined to consider old records, letters and other papers as just so much rubbish, fit only for the dump, thereby creating a void in history!"

Our photograph shows, among those at the presentation (from left): Dr. Tony Bookallil (Chairman, Medical Staff Council, RNH), Mr. Alderson, Mr. Nairn, Sir Bede, the Vice-Chancellor and Ms Margaret Marks (Principal Director of Nursing, RNH). Photo: Medical Communication Unit.
UNUSUAL ROLE

Mr. Peter Bamford, Senior University Counsellor, was recently invited to lead a three-day workshop for the newly-formed School of Education at the James Cook University of North Queensland in Townsville.

The School of Education intends to re-structure its Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Teaching programmes and felt the need for an outside consultant with a background in curriculum development and group dynamics to start the planning ball rolling. The Head of the School of Education is Professor Ted Scott, whose sister Beryl Nashar was Professor of Geology at this University until her retirement in 1980.

Mr. Bamford says he was delighted that his old colleagues at James Cook felt sufficient confidence in him to ask him to act as facilitator for the first phase of a planning process which will go on for the next two years. He also says that the workshop was so demanding that he had no time to enjoy the scenery and the weather at this time of year in the tropical North.

LUNCHEON

Roger Millings, author of Serpent's Tooth ("this big, dense wondrous book": The Australian) will be the speaker at the second of the "Lunch With A Writer" series organised by The Friends of the University.

Date: Friday, November 9.
Time: 12-30 pm.
Place: Southern Cross Lounge.
Tickets: $12 from the Union Second Hand Bookshop or Arthur Warnars Bookshop, Hunter Street, Newcastle.

Student Election - Council

At the closing time for the receipt of nominations for the two student vacancies on the University Council, five people had nominated.

They are:

Michael Bazaley
Ian Chauvelvert
Dale Dobie
Pauline Kilby
Matthew Donald Yates

Student Election - Council

This high response in this first election under the new electoral procedures is in marked contrast to the position under the previous procedures and augurs well for an increased student participation in University affairs.

Voting papers will be sent out on October 16 to all students proceeding to a degree or diploma and votes are to be in by November 1.

Photo shows Mr. Danilov, Mr. & Dr. Graper and Mrs. Danilov looking at the art collection in the Great Hall.

A Floridian and his wife visited the University on October 2 whilst taking part in the 50th anniversary celebrations of a Latvian students' fraternity in Newcastle.

Mr. William Graper and Dr. Eugenia Graper were brought to the campus by their hosts, Mr. Alex Danilov and Mrs. Hermine Danilov.

Mr. Danilov is a member of the Standing Committee of Convocation. Acting as Liaison Officer between the Carnival Committee of the Ethnic Communities Council and the Open Day Committee, he greatly assisted the University to stage a most successful Uni-Look '84.

The Latvian fraternity is the Corps Rutenia and Mr. Graper and Mr. Danilov are among its members.

In 1929 a group of students of Russian parentage at the Latvian University in Riga formed the Corps Rutenia with the motto Vera Amicitia In Calamitatis Dignoscitur (good friendship is found in need). Those who joined with the fraternity are now scattered across the globe.

Mr. Graper holds degrees in the Latvian University and the University of Prague and worked as a professional engineer in the U.S. before he retired. His wife has medical, pharmacy and chemistry qualifications from the University of Vinniza in the Ukraine and practised as a doctor in Cleveland, Ohio for 22 years.
Dear Sir,

Many of us have read with interest the handouts from the Equal Opportunities Office and the responses in your columns. I wish to comment on the latter from Sheila Pryce-Davies in your last issue - not about her implication that liberated women are hard, foul-smelling and "clinical", but about matters of fact.

There is nothing in the logic of nomenclature to prevent any woman being known as MRS if she wishes it. The logic of "MRS" is simple: it should be used whenever no information is available about the marital status or personal preference of a woman. In general, it is none of my business whether a woman or a man is married, and it is significant that no male title offers this private information in a public context.

The use of "MRS" is nothing to do with Orwell's "Newspeak", and cannot possibly obscure "being a woman" in anyone so-called. Nor is it an artificial coinage, as Mrs. Pryce-Davies claims (if that is what "extract alpha" means). It seems to have arisen in the American South in the 1840s, when black slaves had to use a "Mrs." that showed that the marital status of a white lady was none of their business.

"Miss" stood then, as now, for either "Missus" or "Mistress", and very useful it was and is.

On the other hand, "MRS" has several inconveniences. The pronunciation is a problem, of course. The upper-class usage "Mistress" has dropped in prestige, even more than the male form, "Master": it now indicates the status of a sexual hireling or "kept woman", rather than a woman in a position of social power, skill or expertise. The lower-class "Missus", which has lost the "M" of MRS, is preferable, but hardly graceful. Of course

Getting a radar system established which detects small meteors in space is the challenge presently facing Professor Tom Kaiser and Professor Collin Keay.

Professor Kaiser is Professor of Space Physics at the University of Sheffield, England, and Dean of the Faculty of Science. For the last 20 years he has played a leading role in the United Kingdom's satellite programme.

The radar system which Professor Kaiser and Professor Keay are working on is innovative in that the system will be highly automated and utilise 12 microprocessors to analyse the data observed.

Professor Kaiser has considerable expertise in this field, as he established the Edgemoor Field Station near Sheffield, which uses the same techniques as the proposed radar system.

He said the United Kingdom's satellite programme was inaugurated with Ariel III in 1967 and since then British scientists have made significant contributions to the work done on American and European satellites.

"At present the United Kingdom is responsible for one of the three AMPTE satellites. As part of this programme, artificial ion clouds will be released into the solar wind 120,000 kms above the surface of the Earth. The interaction will produce an artificial comet, which should be visible in the Southern Hemisphere."

Professor Kaiser is no stranger to Newcastle. A graduate of the University of Melbourne, he worked at the CSR Radio Physics Laboratory in Sydney during the Second World War and, in 1950, was bivouacked at Gan Gan camp, Nelson Bay, while attending a conference of the Australian Union of University Students.

He holds a D.Phil. in the University of Oxford and a D.Sc. in the University of Manchester.

we must call any woman MRS, sounded as either "Mistress" or "Missus", if she wishes it. However, "MRS" is more polite and appropriate - though less useful if one is really enquiring into the lady's sexual availability, a thing I rarely do.

Norman Talbot
Department of English.
Off to the Philippines

Mr. Gary Jones will leave for The Philippines on October 15 for a six-month secondment on behalf of the Australian Universities International Development Programme (AUIDP), a project of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

Mr. Jones will see a great deal of The Philippines, being based on three separate Islands, Luzon, Negros, and Mindanao.

At Luzon, he will visit the University of The Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University and the University of The Philippines at Los Banos.

On Negros, he will be working at Silliman University and, on Mindanao, at Mindanao State University.

Mr. Jones' role as Assistant Library Consultant to The Philippines will vary considerably from the more developed University libraries to the less developed ones; from a liaison and facilitation role for AUIDP, to a guidance and leadership role in library processes, staffing matters, librarianship and general management.

Romeo Tohiana, a postgraduate student in the Department of History, was presented with the Paul Morawetz Award in the form of a cheque for $1,000 on October 4. The Award is made each year to the most deserving Papua New Guinean postgraduate student of Pacific history studying outside Papua New Guinea.

Romeo is from Buka in the Bougainville Province and is completing an MA thesis comparing anti-colonial protest movements in the Pacific, South East Asia and Africa. He is Newcastle's first history student from Papua New Guinea and the Award is a great credit to him and to the University.

Romeo plans to use the money to visit his family in Papua New Guinea, whom he has not seen in nearly two years.

The Award, administered and selected by the University of Papua New Guinea, was instituted in the name of Paul Morawetz, a noted national figure and a great benefactor of Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Morawetz made the trip specially to Newcastle to make the Award before leaving for Hong Kong and Israel. He is pictured with Dr. Peter Hamelev, of the Department of History, and Romeo Tohiana.

Paul Morawetz Award

Call to Help the Disabled

The Technical Aid to the Disabled Association is presently using computer based aids to assist disabled people to communicate.

Since the association has very few volunteers who understand the electronics of computers, it is inviting anyone who can write programs for personal computers and anyone prepared to modify or adapt personal computers to join the association.

If you have computing skills and would like to help to make the lives of disabled people more satisfying please contact either: Mr. Fred Clark, Technical Co-ordinator, 48 Carnley Avenue, New Lambton, 2305 (telephone - 57 1278) or Mr. John Horsnell, Hon. Secretary, Hunter Region Branch, 1 Ridley Street, Charlestown, 2290 (telephone - 43 3330).
Overseas Aid Joint work on Ion Scattering

A public meeting with the purpose of getting feedback from the public in Newcastle on the Report of the Committee to Review the Australian Overseas Aid Programme (the Jackson Report) will be held on October 17 at 7.30 pm in the Geography Lecture Theatre (R04).

The aim is to get a Newcastle sample response as part of a Government-funded programme in the large cities to get national feedback on what sort of overseas aid Australia should be involved in and why.

Mr. Graeme Lawless, of the Sydney Branch of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau will be a speaker. He is a Newcastle Geography graduate and University Medallist.

Russell Collason, Executive Director of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid, will present a critique of the Jackson Report for the point of view and experiences of voluntary agencies' approaches to the effective delivery of aid.

Ms Mary Hall, Senior Lecturer in Geography, will chair the meeting.

JIM CAIRNS to visit Uni.

Harry Eddy Memorial Lecturers are people who have made major contributions to human understanding and tolerance in Australian Society.

That being the case, Dr. Jim Cairns is an appropriate 1984 Eddy Lecturer. He will present his lecture in Lecture Theatre 802 on November 7 at 8 pm. He will speak on the topic Biological Well Being and the Foundations of the New Age.

In the Department of Physics, Dr. Wolfgang Eckstein, Professor Ron MacDonald and Dr. John O'Connor are spending eight weeks looking further into Ion scattering from nickel surfaces.

Dr. Eckstein, a Visiting Fellow in the Department, is from the Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics, in Garching, West Germany.

The invitation to Dr. Eckstein to visit the University was the outcome of a number of visits made to the Max Planck Institute by Professor MacDonald.

The three partners in the Ion scattering project will concentrate on plasma-wall interaction in an endeavour to develop a large, practical fusion reactor. Notwithstanding the progress made in this field in Russia, Europe, Japan and the United States, there are presently only small, practical fusion reactors in Australia.

After time runs out on the research project, Dr. Eckstein will be joined by his wife, Wenda, and the couple will travel in Australia before returning to Germany at the end of November.

Our photo shows Dr. Eckstein and Dr. O'Connor collaborating on their research work.
Property Div. Reorganisation

The Vice-Chancellor recently approved changes to the structure of the Property Division, which, among other things, includes the transfer of the Attendant Patrol staff to that Division.

A new senior administrative post, to be known as Manager (Buildings and Grounds), has been created and will be occupied by the previous Assistant Planner, Mr. Maurice Edmonds, whose responsibilities will include the oversight of construction and maintenance activities, engineering services, building and site security and safety.

As part of these re-arrangements the Assistant Staff Engineer, Mr. Richard McWhinney, has been promoted to the position of Staff Engineer and will, among other things, be responsible to Mr. Edmonds for the oversight of buildings and grounds maintenance activities. The transfer of the Patrol staff to the Property Division will take effect from October 12, after which the Senior Attendant will report to Mr. Neal Gates, who has been given the new title of Supervisor (Property Services).

Mr. Edmonds, who has in the past acted as University Safety Officer and Secretary of the University Safety Committee, will be one of the University's representatives on the new Safety Committee to be established under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The University Works Supervisor will in future be responsible to the Manager (Buildings and Grounds) for the supervision of construction activities organised by the Property Division.

The University Planner indicated that the revised structure was aimed at increasing the capacity of the Property Division to respond to the increased demands placed on the staff of the Division by the New South Wales Health and Nick Hammond was selected to go to Greece in 1943 during the German occupation because he was a fluent speaker of Greek.

One of those who had been involved in the Greece and Crete campaigns in 1941, he was pleased to do all he could to help the Allies avenge their defeat by the Germans.

"I had been a lecturer in Classics at Cambridge since 1930 and, with the help of a fine mustache - the biggest in the Balkans - I had no trouble passing as a Greek," he says.

"We lived in the mountains and, as well as gathering information about the activities of the Germans, blew up bridges and roads and attacked enemy transport. Thanks largely to the help of the native population, I was neither wounded nor taken prisoner."

Emeritus Professor Hammond, Professor of Greek at the University of Bristol from 1962 to 1973, paid the first of two visits to the Department of Classics last month. He gave a lecture for the Classics Society on the Social and Economic Consequences of the Peloponnesian War.

Presently spending three months in the position of Visiting Professor at the University of Adelaide, he has accepted an invitation to return to the University of Newcastle next month to be an External Examiner in the Classics Department.

When the War ended Professor Hammond returned to his academic position at Cambridge. He remembers teaching Professor Godfrey Tanner, Head of Classics Department, around 1950. "Godfrey seemed to take as many Greek and Latin units as everybody else." According to the Visiting Professor, the job that Professor Tanner has done at this University is very good.

Mrs. Maggie Hammond, who accompanied Professor Hammond to Newcastle, is pursuing research into early immigration from the United Kingdom, in particular Irish women immigrants in the 1840s. Mrs. Hammond was a librarian and archivist at Cambridge.

Telephone numbers to note specially: Urgent maintenance, 664/639/201; grounds maintenance, 530/639; cleaning and patrol, 263/201; engineering enquiries - mechanical 639 and electrical 799.
Staff House has new President

Professor Barry Boettcher declined re-election as President of the University's Staff House because he expects to be undertaking an outside studies programme.

At the annual general meeting on September 24, the members recorded thanks for Professor Boettcher's leadership for five years and Professor Michael Carter was elected to succeed him.

According to Professor Boettcher, the committee continued the general level of activities that had been developed in recent years. The catering arrangements had again been capably met by Mrs. Tredgold and her staff. The activities in the bar and the general management of Staff House activities had been capably overseen by "Sandy" Sanderson.

Mrs. Tredgold and her staff and "Sandy" were thanked for their service to the members of the club.

"In order to keep abreast of members' experience with the services provided in the Staff House", Professor Boettcher said, "and to have an opportunity to learn ideas and suggestions, a questionnaire was distributed to members in March. As a result of the questionnaire, the committee has several initiatives in hand."

"I will mention only two. The first is a machine which will enable us to make capuccino coffee. The second is a refrigerated salad bar, which, we believe, will be well received in the summer days.

"I should like to remind members that evening meals are available if ordered by 2 pm on the day they are required," the retiring President said.

The Secretary, Mr. D. McDonald, and the Treasurer, Mr. P. Day, had worked very hard throughout the year to serve all members.

According to Professor Boettcher, the committee had given consideration throughout the year to long term developments, in particular the removal of the bar to the lower level of the Staff House and some building work. "Such initiatives as this have not been forgotten. However, the committee considers that such moves should not be initiated at this stage."

Election of the committee resulted: President, Professor Carter; Vice-President, Mr. W. Warren; Treasurer, Mr. Day; Secretary, Mr. McDonald; Committee, Mr. A. Everett, Professor D. Keats, Professor R. Deamer and Dr. K. Bell.

Survey Out

More than 1,800 staff members of the University and Newcastle University College of Arts and Letters are being surveyed as part of work being done on an Equal Opportunity Management Plan.

Dr. Monica Hayes, the Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator for the two institutions, said the survey was a major research stop for the plan, which had to be published by June next year.

"The survey concerns all matters relating to personnel practices and employment and whether staff members believe they are getting a fair deal," Dr. Hayes said.

"The survey will assist in eliminating any areas of possible discrimination in the two institutions and we are looking at least an 80 per cent response rate," she said.

"The College and the University are obliged to conduct a survey through the EEO Unit because of regulations under the Anti-Discrimination Act." Dr. Hayes said staff members had 10 days to complete and return the questionnaire forms and that she hoped to have details of the survey results finalised by the end of November.

Jane Austen Ball

Professor John Burrows, of the Department of English, was invited to give one of five celebratory lectures marking the 20th anniversary of the Literary and Linguistic Computing Centre of the University of Cambridge.

Among the other distinguished speakers at the two-day meeting were the Founder, and first Director, of the Centre, Professor RoyWelsby, and Mrs. Susan Hockey, in charge of the Arts Computing section of Oxford University Computing Service.

Professor Burrows' address was entitled Take your partners for the Jane Austen Ball: studies of characterisation in Jane Austen. The invitation to lecture was the only one issued to an overseas scholar, and is a mark of the significance attached to Professor Burrows' pioneering studies in computer analysis of literary works.

WORKSHOP

Planning on writing poetry, short stories, plays or newspaper articles? If you are, you can pick up the finer points of your medium of expression by attending a weekend residential workshop on creative writing at the Morpeth Conference Centre from October 19 to 21.

The teaching staff at the workshop will be Roland Robinson, Jean Talbot, Norman Talbot, Tom Nilsby and Peter Matheson.

Arrangements to enrol in the course can be made at the Department of Community Programmes office.
SPORT

University runners performed well at events organised as part of the Upper Hunter Wine Festival on September 30.

Terry Farrell and Albert Nyambaro came second and forth in the 10 km Rosemount Estate Road Race, which was held over a very difficult, hilly course. Tony Guttmann also competed, but found the subsequent tasting of wines more suited to his abilities.

Craig Hansford, laying claim to being the fittest person at the University, came a surprising, and brilliant, second in the Triathlon, which comprised a one kilometre swim, 20 km bike ride and a seven kilometre run. The success by Craig followed an excellent fourth placing at the Lake Macquarie Triathlon a week earlier.

The 1984 Swimming Inter-Varsity will be hosted by the University of Sydney Swimming Club from December 11 to 13. Undergraduate members of the University, who are competent swimmers and interested in attending, are requested to call at the Sport and Recreation Office to obtain further details concerning this contest.

BE WISE - EXERCISE

There are at least three stages one goes through from being fat to being fit.

The first is a "mild discomfort" stage where any exercise can be, as it implies, mildly discomforting. This stage can last for anything from 10 days to 10 weeks and is the stage at which most outside help is needed to keep you motivated.

The second, or "physical" stage, is where the exercise stops hurting and even begins to feel good at least after each exercise session. But there's still little "intrinsic", or internal reward from the exercise itself. Some people only get this far and that's enough. The rewards of feeling and looking better are quite often more than enough to keep someone coming back for those same feelings.

Others can reach a third, or "psychological" stage where the exercise itself is enjoyable even while its being carried out. It becomes almost a form of meditation as the mind relaxes and the body moves into a "flow" or easy movement pattern. At this stage the exerciser can become "hooked" and it's no longer necessary for outside, or "extrinsic", motivation to keep him or her going.

Edwards Hall Positions

The Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall is inviting applications for one part-time Deputy Warden and five part-time Subwardens in 1985.

Applicants should hold a primary degree and be proceeding to a higher degree, or should be a member of the academic staff of the University.

Residential Staff provide academic and other assistance to members of the Hall in addition to performing a number of administrative tasks. The Deputy Warden provides major administrative assistance to the Warden.

The duties, terms and conditions of appointment, remuneration and residential fees of the Deputy Warden and of Subwardens may be obtained from the Warden, to whom applications should be forwarded. Applications should indicate a curriculum vitae and, in particular, details of previous experience of residential colleges.

Applications will close on Friday, October 26, and the Board intends to make appointments in December.

BOOK RELEASE

Dr. John Ramsland, Senior Lecturer in Education, is the author of new monographs on Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

The monographs form part of a new history series published by William Brook and Co. to provide specialised studies in Modern History for senior secondary students and reference libraries.

They present biographical accounts of the two dictators and their relationships with the totalitarian regimes they set up. The texts are supported by maps, selected documents, and bibliographies for further reading and research.

The two volumes can be obtained directly from the publisher C- 723 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo, N.S.W. 2017, or ordered through any local bookseller.
COMMITTEE REPORTS ON 2NUR-FM

The Committee of Enquiry set up to advise the Vice-Chancellor and the Council about the level of financial support which should be provided to the radio station 2NUR-FM and whether a different framework of operations would be more appropriate for the station has completed its report.

The Committee, made up of Professor Cyril Renwick (Chairman), Professor Michael Carter and Dr. Peter Hendry, designated the following emphases:

It was very clear that 2NUR-FM commanded a wide and varied body of support in the Hunter Region, and elsewhere. In fact, no-one had emerged to criticise the station, except constructively.

This was a very valuable and important state of affairs for the University, because through the station the University could be seen to be community and regionally oriented in many ways. "For a wide spectrum of ordinary citizens, 2NUR-FM is the University."

Within the University the situation was not quite the same. Because of financial and staff problems, the station had not been able to make bridgeheads to most of the University faculties and departments, and only a few academics were involved with the Station at a high level of enthusiasm and practical personal support.

It was desirable to encourage 2NUR-FM in various ways to be better integrated within the University; to expand the base of its community interests at large; and to upgrade the quality of its services.

With a view to achieving these goals, the committee presented the following main recommendations:

That 2NUR-FM be established as an organisation in its own right in the University.

That the station's Committee of Management be replaced by an Advisory Board.

That an Executive Committee be established.

That the establishment be: a Station Manager, a professional announcer, a productions officer, a technical officer and two general office assistants.

That a special one-off allocation be made in 1985, to overtake the lack of expenditure since broadcasting began, and to bring the technical equipment up to suitable standards.

The Committee recommends a total expenditure by 2NUR-FM in 1985 of University funds, $269,000 and outside funds, $70,000, making a total of $339,000. This compares with $180,009 in 1983.

Among the problems which, according to the Committee will arise for 2NUR-FM in the future are the strong competition commercial FM licences, when granted in Newcastle, will bring, and the fact that funds will be heavier to raise because corporate sponsors will buy time on commercial stations.

CUJ. Week

Spotlight on Credit Unions

From October 14 to 20 the 7,000 members of the Universities Credit Union and a further 34 million people worldwide will observe International Credit Union Week.

The concept of people joining together to provide their own financial services first started in Germany in the 1840s. Today, people in 40,000 credit unions have combined their savings to reach almost $100 billion.

The first Australian credit union started in 1946. Today there are over 540 credit unions in Australia. Some cover “employee” groups, and others operate in the local community.

The Universities Credit Union commenced operations in 1963, and is based on the same principle of mutual financial self-help.

The Universities Credit Union can help people towards buying their home, or block of land, or to make home renovations. As well, finance for a car, boat, caravan and household goods is readily available.

BECKETT

When the NEDS was going to press, the Drama Department was making final preparations for a production of “assorted fallout from the works of Samuel Beckett.”

Titled Workshed, the line-up of excerpts from Beckett included Prolego (from Holy), Dogs (from Godot and Endgame),... and Dinners (from Watt and More Pricks Than Kicks) and Doing Time (from All That Fall, Godot and Watt).

The performers are Ellen Carayandies, Bruce Copling, Sandy Hughes, Bill Iden, Patrick Perilstone and Alana Thompson.

Jane Goodall is Director and lighting is directed by Glen Beatty.

The performances are intended to demonstrate some of the exercises done by students of the Drama Department in a series of workshop sessions held during Third Term.
University Link with New Book

The University's support for a new book on Port Stephens was recognised at the launching of the book at the Von Bertouch Gallery on October 3.

Mr. Arthur Murdoch, of Young Street, Waratah, wrote the book, Sheer Grit, which has just been released by the New South Wales University Press.

Mr. Murdoch, now 78, was born in Kurri Kurri and began his working life at the age of 14 down the local coalmines.

Out of work in 1929, he took a mining lease on Point Stephens so he could dig for shell grit. Most people in the Depression kept chocks and chocks needed shell grit to make their eggs hard.

Six years ago Arthur Murdoch began writing Sheer Grit - his vivid recollections of the 11 years he spent on "the point" making a meagre living surrounded by the sea he loved.

With warmth and humour he described the Nelson Bay-Fingal Bay area in the Depression, the shipwrecks and sharks, the storms and the many fascinating characters who crossed his path - from eccentric lighthouse keepers to hardened fishermen.

Nearing guidance on the best route to publication, the author spoke to Mr. Jim Comerford, an ex-President of the Miners' Federation, when he was attached to the University as a Convocation Visiting Scholar.

Mr. John Armstrong, Mr. Denis Rowe, and Mr. Bob Martin and Mr. Greg Maguire, from the Fisheries Research Station at Port Stephens, took an interest in the book and in their efforts on Mr. Murdoch's behalf were successful.

Mrs. Carol Dance, Editor of the New South Wales University Press, who visits the University to discuss publishing ideas with members of staff, accepted the book in August, 1983.

Dr. John Turner, Senior Lecturer in Community Programmes, who launched the book, congratulated Mr. Murdoch and said Sheer Grit was not merely about local history. He said its appeal was much wider than that. "It's a book about Australia and Australians in the 1930s. It's about a country long gone, possibly never to return."

Dr. Turner said the book was, in a way, biography, the biography of a special generation, not a unique generation, for Australians had been through similar Depressions in the 1840s and the 1890s. "The Nation has learned how to endure such circumstances and humour and this quality lives Arthur's book, too."

Sheer Grit is available at the Co-operative Bookshop and local bookshops for $11.95 in.

Education & The Press

The third term meeting of the Hunter Regional Group of the Australian College of Education will be held on October 24.

Mr. Bob Ireland, Newspaper-in-Education Co-ordinator of the Newcastle Herald, will be the speaker and his Topic Education and the Press - Reporting Educational Issues and Providing Educational Material.

Each year a teacher from a local school is seconded to the Newcastle Herald to assist in the provision of material for use by pupils and teachers in the schools, and to assist in the presentation of news items or articles about education. Mr. Ireland, who is English master at Wallsend High School, holds this position for 1984.

The meeting will commence with a dinner (6.30 pm for 7 pm, Staff House, downstairs dining room). The address will commence about 8 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

If you wish to join in the dinner (cost $10), please telephone Dr. A. Barcan at Extension 282, or leave a message at Extension 532.

Father Leahy

On Wednesday, October 17 at 4 pm, in Room W202 of the Behavioural Sciences Building, Father Michael Leahy, of the Gregorian College, Melbourne, will present a paper entitled Religious Education in a Democratic Society: The Private/Public School Debate.
Child-Saving in Victoria

The life of Edith Onlans and her work as a child-saver in Victoria is the topic of the talk Dr. John Ramsland will give to Women Graduate and Convocation members in the Staff House on October 24.

Dr. Ramsland will treat those major aspects of Edith Onlans' life:

Her involvement from 1896 to 1955 with the Melbourne Newsboys' Society (a philanthropic, educational and recreational organisation for boys), her literary contribution as advocate and populariser of British, European and American child welfare models, theories and practices in Australia, her work as a children's court magistrate from 1926 and her involvement in vocational guidance clinic movement in Victoria.

Dr. Ramsland will analyse, in particular, the recurring themes and polemics of Edith Onlans' writings which reflect a variety of overseas influences, which were the tangible results of her three overseas journeys of discovery in 1900, 1911 and 1929. He said that through her observations on these excursions, she amassed a huge array of material about juvenile street traders, child-saving institutions, children's courts, vocational training and other related matters from the major Western countries she visited.

During her overseas visits she absorbed and synthesised a progressive philosophy and approach toward child-saving that was an amalgam of diverse, but consciously selected, American, British and European influences and her own practical experiences working with her beloved newsboys.

Convocation and the Hunter Valley Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women will jointly stage the meeting, which will follow dinner starting at 6.30 pm for 7 pm. Those who do not wish to attend the dinner can arrive at 8.15 pm to hear Dr. Ramsland deliver his talk.

Bookings should be made by telephoning Kath Stewart at 23 557. The cost of dinner is $8.

How Brave A New World?

The advent of genetic engineering has brought the promise of a brave new world, but just how brave a new world? This is the question to which Professor Laura addresses himself in his forthcoming anthology with Dr. Ashman of the Department of Education. The book is titled Moral Issues in Mental Retardation and is to be launched by Croom Helm in London in December, 1984.

A section of the book is devoted to an examination of the ethical issues raised by genetic engineering in its actual and potential use in the elimination of defective genes.

In this section Professor Laura argues that the development of in vitro fertilisation can no longer be regarded merely as a technique for overcoming certain problems of infertility amongst those who would otherwise be rendered childless. The techniques of in vitro fertilisation and genetic engineering progressively converge, as it becomes clearer that one technique can enhance the other.

We have the power both to change the face of this planet and to control the genetic destiny of every living thing on it. The power of genetic engineering is the power to challenge the evolutionary heritage of millions of years, altering the very form of our species in ways which defy the imagination. The questions of the scope and limits of these alterations and the reasons for them are among the most pressing issues of our time. We can only accept the challenge of our times if we know what the challenge entails.

Professor Laura argues that we have unwittingly technology our ethics in a way that begs the question in favour of technology. The time has come, she believes, to redress that balance. He is convinced that this will not happen unless the issues are set in the context of the public forum where informed and ongoing reflection is possible.
The Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic, Mr. Joachim Elm, took the opportunity of a visit to Newcastle on October 5 marking the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Republic to pay a short call on the University. He is shown presenting a collection of books to the acting Librarian, Ms Barbara Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Elm also had a brief meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and members of the German Section of the Department of Modern Languages.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Emeritus Professor Roger Russell, former Vice-Chancellor of Flinders University of South Australia, will visit the University on October 22. He will deliver a public lecture entitled Environmental Traps to the Quality of Life in the Medical Sciences Lecture Theatre at 8 pm.

Professor Russell was admitted to an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by this University in 1978.

His visit has been jointly organised by the Institute of Behavioural Sciences, the Department of Psychology and the Australian Psychological Society.

EXAM. RESULTS

Arrangements are being made again this year for students to be able to collect their examination results. The scheme was introduced last year to try to overcome postal delays and let students get their results as soon as possible.

Examination results and re-enrolment papers will be available for collection from the Drama Studio (adjacent to the Commonwealth Bank) from 2 pm until 6 pm as follows:

Wednesday, December 12
Education
Economics & Commerce

Thursday, December 13
Arts
Medical Science

Friday, December 14
Mathematics
Engineering
Architecture
Non-Degree

Results not collected by 6 pm on Friday will be mailed that evening.

FAREWELL

Mr. Col Newell, of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, will retire on October 26.

Col is one of the "Tighes Hill Brigade", a dwindling band. Over the long period of his service to the University and its predecessor, Newcastle University College, he has made many friends.

All those who have known Col and wish to attend a barbecue to farewell him on Scobie Heath on October 26 at 12.30 pm may contact Bob Scobie (Extension 650) or Marcia Couper (Extension 528).
Following a trip to Russia, where he delivered a paper to the 7th International Geological Congress in Moscow, Dr. Douglas R. Mason, Lecturer in Geology, has spoken of an excursion made by foreign and Russian geologists to Magadan in the far north-east of the USSR.

"As the trip developed and cultural barriers began to dissipate," Dr. Mason says, "it became apparent that the Russian geologists thirsted for increased contact with foreign geologists and that we all shared the desire for increased opportunities for scientific exchange in an atmosphere undimed by political posturings. Our departure from Magadan was quite emotional: friendships and scientific interactions have been made which, it is hoped, will develop in the future."

International Geological Congresses are quadrennial events and are supported by UNESCO with the host country providing the organisation and facilities.

Dr. Mason's attendance was partly funded by the University (a Senate Research Committee Travel Grant) and partly by the Australian Academy of Science (25th IGC Travel Fund).

More than 2,500 papers were given at the Congress, which was attended by about 5,000 geologists.

Dr. Mason's paper, entitled "Ferromagnesian mineral inclusions in granitoid plagioclases: Their chemistry and bearing on the origin of granitoid magmas, arose from current research in the Barrington Tops region near Newcastle. The results are particularly relevant to intense debate in the geological community concerning the origin of granitoid rocks."

Dr. Mason says that apart from many concurrent technical sessions, Congress participants could choose from a wide range of cultural activities, including choral and ballet concerts, and guided tours of Moscow's cathedrals, art galleries, and research institutes. Tours were also conducted, he says, to other towns and cities including Kiev and Leningrad.

Movement around the Moscow region was unfettered and was greatly assisted by the magnificent underground train system. Travel in public transport was pleasurable, because it is efficient, clean and cheap.

"Great interest, at these Congresses, is expressed in the geological excursions arranged and conducted by the host country," Dr. Mason says. "In the period August 15 to 23, I was fortunate to be included on the excursion to the Magadan region of the far north-east of the USSR, a region developed only over the past 40 years and first visited by foreign scientists in 1979."

"The main aim of the excursion was to study the granitoid rocks of the region: I was particularly interested to compare them with rocks of similar age in eastern Australia and western North America."

"The party of 50 people was about equally divided between foreign geologists and Russian organisers, who conducted the tour in an excellent manner."

"The two touring buses were accompanied by a medical doctor and ambulance, two large off-road vehicles, and two police escort cars. Accommodation in hotels of small towns of the region could not be faulted. Special attention seemed to be paid to our meal arrangements, which can only be described as magnificent."

"This was especially appreciated because the days were long: 8 am starts and sometimes 10 pm stops, to take advantage of the long summer daylight hours at that high latitude."

"Two geological interpreters accompanied the group and the other young Russians could speak English to varying degrees. They were good companions throughout the trip."

Dr. Mason says the principal advantages for him personally were making a teaching collection of the rocks observed, learning the manner in which the Russian geologists discussed granitoid rocks, and making new friendships with geologists from around the world.

The Department of Education has invited Professor Peter Singer, Director of the Centre for Bioethics at Monash University to deliver an open lecture entitled The Ethics of Reproduction in which the following issues and others will be further discussed. The lecture is to be held on Tuesday, October 23, from 12.30 until 2 pm in Room W243 in the Behavioural Sciences Building. All are cordially invited to attend.
Holiday in Melbourne

Chisholm College, La Trobe University, offers family flats on campus, 15 km (25 minutes by car) from the City centre.

Accommodation: Self-contained units with six to 12 bedrooms, fully carpeted and furnished. Modern, fully-equipped kitchens with refrigerator and freezer. There should be no fights about who gets to the bathroom first. Each unit has two bathrooms.

Weekly rate per adult $56, teenager $28, child under 13, $22, infant no charge. Available December 3 to February 18.

Enquiries to Bursar, Chisholm College, La Trobe University, Dundoora, Victoria 3085, or telephone (03) 478 3122 extensions 2899 or 2875.

For Sale

Convex Firebed. Increase the efficiency of your open fireplace. Easy installation, no drilling or alterations necessary. Only used for a short time last winter. All interested persons are requested to telephone Extension 616.

Large transportable home with aluminium annex, en-suite plus many extras. All interested persons are requested to telephone 28 2926 or 61 5456.

Large home in the Lambton area. Features include: seven to eight bedrooms. This home is suitable for a large family, duplex conversion or boarding house. All offers considered, must be sold, as this home represents good investment. For inspection please telephone 57 1206.

Cosy beach cottage at Crescent Head (near Kempsey). Features include: mountain and ocean views and is selling for the very reasonable price of $60,000. All interested persons are requested to telephone Doug Mason at Extension 278.

Gas stove (natural gas) in good working order. Asking price: $120. Cupboard unit with stainless steel sink and two taps. Asking price: $120. All interested persons are requested to telephone 28 1584 after hours.

Ideal transport for those about to participate on an Outside Studies Programme in the United Kingdom. Morris Marina 1.81 Estate Car, 1973, high mileage but one very careful owner previous to me. This car is thoroughly reliable, very roomy, Inspection (M.O.T.) certificate valid for nine months. Availability: early December (pick up close to Heathrow). Asking price: $600. For further details please write to Professor J. Biggs, School of Education, UEA, Norwich NR4, 7TJ, United Kingdom.

Wanted

A lookup garage to hire for approximately one month from November 10 for purposes of parking small car while owner is overseas. Would prefer University area but any offer in the Newcastle area is welcome. If you are able to assist please telephone Dr. C. Parson at Extension 663 (Sociology).

Part-Time Work Available

A firm operating in the computer science field requires a part-time worker until at least next January. The job involves about 15 hours' work a week at a rate of $8 per hour. Applications to Micro Access, P.O. Box 367, Newcastle.

For Hire

Skipper a Clipper, Lake Macquarie, luxury self-drive 30ft cruisers for hire, fully equipped, simple to operate, perfect for the Lake, expeditious. All interested persons are requested to telephone 52 1357 for brochures.

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**Events**

**Tuesday, October 12, 12-50 pm**

Lunchtime Concert featuring Paul Kelly, formerly of The Dots (singer-guitarist), Union Courtyard.

**Wednesday, October 17, 7 pm**

Annual dinner - The Society of Economics and Commerce Students, Southern Cross Lounge.

**Thursday, October 18, Noon**

Movie: *Ghandi*, Union Common Room. Donation 50 cents.

**Thursday, October 18, 7 pm**

Entertainment in the Bar featuring The Dodge (music and comedy).

**Monday, October 22, 4 pm**


**Tuesday, October 23, 7.30 pm**

ARC Almost Annual Dinner (outrageously formal pyjama party) in the Southern Cross Lounge. Tickets $10 from the SRC Office.

**Thursday, October 25, Noon**

Movie: *Careful He Might Hear You*, Common Room. Donation 50 cents.

**Thursday, October 25, 5 pm**

End of Term Rage, Common Room, featuring: We No Bus and Waiting for Brando.