Health statistics unit

A major co-operative venture between two Faculties of the University and the N.S.W. Department of Health resulted in the successful setting up of the State's only health statistics unit north of Sydney.

The unit specialises in up-to-date hospital and health statistics and other health information pertaining to the Hunter Region.

The facility, known as the Hunter Health Statistics Unit, has been established by the Faculties of Mathematics and Medicine and the Hunter Region office of the Department of Health.

Following the opening of the Medical School at the University, the need for data about the usage of regional hospitals and the state of the community's health was recognised.

Since 1982 the Hunter Health Statistics Unit has functioned at Wallsend Hospital. Subject to an agreement between the University and the Department of Health, it is jointly controlled by Professor R.W. Gibberd, Associate Professor in Mathematics, and Mr. G. Hordes, Co-ordinator of Research and Planning for the Department of Health, Hunter Region.

The Unit differs from the State Health Department's State Statistics Unit in Sydney because it is managed jointly by academics and the Department of Health.

The Unit receives about $150,000 in State funding every year and has a staff of four clerks and two statistician/computer programmers, who are post-graduate students from this University.

Prior to 1979 the data collected at hospitals was processed by the State Statistics Unit and delays were often experienced because of the sheer volume of the material (hospitals in New South Wales admit approximately 1 million patients a year).

When the establishment of statistics units outside Sydney became feasible as a result of the improvements in computer technology, those people who require data on hospital admissions and deaths for administrative, planning, teaching or research purposes successfully recommended that the Hunter Region process these statistics itself.

Opening the H.H.S.U. has produced a number of benefits for the hospitals and the University. Complete coverage of all the 40 public hospitals in the region has been achieved and the data are readily available.

INSIDE: ALL THE FUN OF THE BOOK FAIR
With the Department of Health now encouraging its offices in the regions of N.S.W. to process hospital data themselves, the H.H.S.U. recently agreed to help the South-Western Regional office to install a data system.

The unit receives forms from all of the hospitals in this region. The forms provide information about admissions, discharges and deaths. They are checked and analysed by computer and every six months the hospitals are supplied with their respective reports.

The combined skills of the supervisors and the staff and the resources of the Department of Health are providing data which is facilitating the planning and reorganisation of hospital facilities, monitoring public health, supporting clinical research into diseases and fostering epidemiological research at the University. Moreover, the material is made available to students for use in their projects.

The H.H.S.U. also responds to requests for special and occasional studies, including a survey of the work of community nurses, evaluations of new public health measures, and assessment of the changes in the incidence of heart disease.

Researchers from the University and the Department of Health in Newcastle have been awarded a grant of $31,350 by the Department of Transport in connection with a study of road crashes in the Hunter Region.

The main purposes of the grant are to assess how data collected by the police and hospitals can be made more relevant for monitoring the causes and medical outcomes of road crashes and to determine what additional data can be obtained from hospital and ambulance records.

Further, the researchers will provide a road crash database and determine the feasibility of implementing the database as a routine collection.

Mr. G. Hardes, Mr. A. Young, Mrs J. Williams, Ms. K. Ravasky, Professor R. Gibberd and Professor R. Vaughan are involved in this study of road crashes in the Hunter Region.

The Police Department, hospitals and ambulance stations already collect and maintain data relating to traffic accidents. By extending and linking these records, it should be possible to develop a better understanding of the casual variables which contribute to accidents.

In addition, the Unit is producing reports in connection with the planning and construction of the new hospital at Rankin Park.

The Unit's equipment comprises two microcomputers for the storage of data. One is linked to the University's Computing Centre, where the main computer carries out the analyses.

Recently, the H.H.S.U. provided a group of researchers with an opportunity to study the effects of random breath testing on the number of admissions to hospitals attributable to traffic accidents in the Hunter Region.

Mr. Hardes, Professor Gibberd, Professor A.J. Dobson, Professor S.R. Leeder, Ms. R. Callcott and Mr. P. Lam estimated that RBT has resulted in a 20% decline in admissions to public hospitals in the region (Royal Newcastle, the Mater, Wallsend, Belmont, Maitland, Western Suburbs and twelve rural public hospitals).

The legislation introducing RBT took effect in December, 1982. For the six years previously admissions to public hospitals resulting from traffic accidents declined from 2099 to 1734. Approximately three-quarters of the admissions were males and one-quarter were in the age group 15 to 20.

"In the Hunter Region it is estimated that RBT has resulted in a saving of more than 3000 hospital bed days in its first year", the research group reported.

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**Letters**

Re: Vol 11 No 9 17 June

**Fighting Fees**

The cost of educating the populace under the age of 18 being a burden on the wealth creators of society, can be morally justified. Any further education is an economic decision of the family from where the adult was spawned. To request, expect, solicit, or force the cost of tertiary education upon the community's wealth creators is to defraud and rob. I put it to the S.R.C., that it can not be morally or humanly justified.

The rich class in Australia are represented mainly by public servants and dole bludgers. The exploited class are the owners and employees of the Australian farms and businesses - who do not rely upon cartel monopolies and tariff protection for survival.

If you want a university degree you or your family should pay for it. If they are unable or unwilling to do so, then that is the disadvantage of being poor or not belonging to an extended family willing to make the necessary sacrifice and savings for the investments in your education.

C. Cassegrain B.Com.
ALL THE FUN OF
THE BOOK FAIR

The second Newcastle University
Book Fair opens on July 27.
It will be a giant supermarket
of second-hand books, some
20,000 volumes in all.

The majority of the stock will
be offered for sale at bargain
prices. On the bottom line
will be paperbacks selling for
10 cents each.

After raising $23,000 for new
student housing from the first
Book Fair in 1983, the Friends
of the University had a short
break from collecting books and
began work again about 18
months ago.

Volunteers from the Friends are
busy sorting and pricing the
donations. They are processing
them at a Merewether School
and storing them in accommodation
provided by the BHP Company
Ltd.

The volunteers, who include a
number of University staff
members, are working for either
the Tuesday group or the
Wednesday group. Mrs. Gwen
Hamilton and Mrs. Pat Flowers
are the Tuesday convenors and
the convenor on Wednesday is
Mrs. Del Manning.

Mrs. Thelma Wright, chief
collector of donations, is
constantly making trips to the
workroom and the store.

The books are sorted into
various categories, including
novels, children's books, text
books, Australiana, religion,
art, cooking, photography,
travel, hobbies, gardening,
sport and music.

The text books are of all
kinds. They are being subdivi-
ded into different sections:
Geography, History, Psychology,
Sociology, Law, Economics,
Foreign Languages, Science,
Engineering, Medicine, etc.

Forming a special corner will
be a display of "The Unusual
and Interesting".

Pat Flowers and Sue Deamer processing second-hand books donated
to the Book Fair.

One of the glamour stocks,
appears and coveted by collect-
ors, is the Royalty section,
embracing books about the Queen
and members of her family.

Sex books also form a sizeable
section of the Fair.

It will also be a good opport-
unity to buy magazines, sheet
music, recordings and
cassettes. Old items include a
stack of photography magazines
and 78 rpm recordings of early
Melbourne cups.

Antique items will be put up
for slow auction.

These include Ludwig Leich-
ardt's Journal of An Overland
Expedition in Australia from
Moreton Bay to Port Essington
(1844-1845), from London in
1847, which is expected to
bring around $900, and Sir John
Forrest's Explorations in
Australia: 1 Explorations in
Search of Dr. Leichhardt. 11
From Perth to Adelaide around
the Great Australian Bight.
11 From Champion Bay across
the desert to the Telegraph and
to Adelaide, from London in
1875, which has a reserve of
$750.

Thackeray's Works, comprising
12 volumes, rub shoulders with
Hutchinson's Pictorial History
of the War, an incomplete set
of 17 volumes, and J. Needham's
Science and Civilisation in
China.

Offers for the rare items will
be received during the Book
Fair. Interested buyers will
be able to place their bids in
a register and the top offers
will be considered on the last
day of the Fair.

The Book Fair opens at 10 am on
Saturday, July 27, and runs
until 5 pm on Saturday August
3. The hours of selling are 10
am until 5 pm on weekends, 10
am until 7 pm on July 29, and
10 am until 4 pm on weekdays.

Once again the Hunter Valley
Branch of the Australian
Federation of University Women
will supplement the Book Fair's
profits by selling refreshments in the Great Hall on July 27 and 28 between 10 am and 4 pm.

People who still have unwanted books, magazines, sheet music, recordings and cassettes at home are invited to telephone 612059 or 685328 to arrange for them to be collected.

Help needed
If you want to help the Friends of the University turn unwanted books into funds to support the University, there will be a chance during the Book Fair.

The Friends would like to hear from you if you are willing to give assistance in collecting payment at the cash registers. You will be rostered for the period when you are available.

July 27 and 28, the first weekend, is expected to be the busiest session of the Book Fair, but assistance is also requested at other times.

The number to ring if you can help is 685328.

Convocation Members

As a result of the election of Convocation members of council, Mr. Carl Boyd, Dr. Tom Osborn and Mr. Trevor Waring are new members of the Council.

There were 14 nominations to fill the six places on the Council held by Convocation members.

The ballot determined that the following should fill the places for the next three years: Mr. Boyd, Dr. Peter Ian Hendry, Mrs. Elizabeth Dorothy Morrison, Dr. Osborn, Emeritus Professor Lawrence Neville Short and Mr. Waring.

Mrs. Morrison and Professor Short had their terms of office renewed. Dr Hendry was serving on Council as one of the members elected by the other ex officio, appointed and elected members before he was elected by Convocation.

Mr. Boyd is a solicitor in suburban practice in Charlestown. Dr. Osborn is a Lecturer in Computing Sciences at N.S.W. Institute of Technology. Mr. Waring is a Senior Clinical Psychologist with the Royal Newcastle Hospital.

Chaplains combine

A significant event for the University Chaplains will be their first combined meeting on July 16.

The Chaplains will meet in their office in the Temporary Buildings from 2 pm. Later, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ken Dutton, will also attend.

Those Chaplains expected to participate are Rev. T. Binks (Baptist Chaplain), Rev. Father P. Brock (Catholic), Sister Mary Goldsworthy (Catholic), Rev. P. Oliver (Uniting), Rev. L. Robertson (Baptist), Rev. I. Stewart (Presbyterian) and Father P. Thirlwell (Anglican).
More farewells

Professor Bach came from the New South Wales University of Technology to Newcastle University as Acting Lecturer in History in 1954, when the late Professor James Auchmuty held the positions of Deputy Warden of the College and Associate Professor of History.

Believing that it is the duty of members of staff of a self-governing University to participate in university affairs, he has been a member of a great number of university committees, including the Senate Research Committee, the Academic Committee, the Arts Doctoral and Master's Committee, the ZNUR-FM Management Committee and the Outside Studies Programme Committee. He has also been Chairman of the Asian Studies Standing committee and the Standing Committee on Religious Studies.

Professor Bach was Acting Head of the Department of History on four occasions before being appointed Head of Department in March, 1978. He spent a total of six years as Head.

He says ships and the sea were a major part of his childhood environment and he has owned and sailed yachts since the war. His Ph.D degree thesis from the University of New South Wales was on Maritime History, which is also the subject of his several publications.

A Maritime History of Australia, published in 1976, is the outcome of 10 years of research into the Australian shipping industry.

The following books by John Bach are currently in the press:
The Royal Navy in the South-West Pacific 1821 – 1913 (New South Wales University Press) and Bligh's Bounty : Launch Notebook (National Library, Canberra).

His reputation as a Maritime Historian has brought him invitations to give advice to various departments and serve on outside committees such as the Australia Netherlands Committee on old Dutch shipwrecks, the Australian Association for Maritime History, the Maritime Transport Task Force of the Australian Bicentennial Authority and the Commonwealth's inter-departmental committee on the proposed National Maritime Museum.

He was first President of the Maritime Archaeological Association of New South Wales in 1978 and has the rare honour of being an Honorary Associate of the Museum of Applied Arts and Science.

In his retirement he expects to continue research into naval history, including the biographies of officers of the Royal Navy's Australia Station, as well as being co-editor of the maritime history journal The Great Circle. At other times he will do some bluewater cruising that he has not had time to do previously.

Professor Martin Jager and Mr. Ron Gibbins were close colleagues in the Department of Commerce since the University's infancy. Like all good accountants, they stayed on until June 30, the end of the financial year.

Professor Jager retired after more than 19 years' service, while Mr. Gibbins' retirement followed more than 24 years' service.

Martin joined the University as Foundation Professor of Commerce in 1966. Born in Wellington in New Zealand and the University of Melbourne before coming to Newcastle.

Professor Jager has been closely involved with the...
administration of both the Faculty of Economics and Commerce and his Department. His research interests centre on company accounting and company law. Apart from revising and updating an early work, The Law and Practice of Co., published by Butterworths, recognised as a standard text on the subject, he has written Company Law in Australia, also produced by Butterworths. Currently, he has two books in the press and intends spending some time in his retirement on his publications.

Ron has been with the Department of Commerce since 1961, when he took up an appointment at Newcastle University College as a lecturer. Born in Sydney, he graduated from the University of Queensland after the war. He moved to Newcastle and joined a firm of chartered accountants before spending time at the factory of the Electric Lamp Manufacturers (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. at the Sunnyside.

Ron's work on accounting, commercial practice and finance has resulted in a number of articles and a book Australia Accounting (co-authored with Mr. B. Colditz), which is used as a text in tertiary institutions. Other research has covered matters such as local government rating.

Ron can best be described for those who don't know him as "that familiar smiling figure who always says 'hello'". Always willing to take a part in Christian pastoral work and University affairs, he organised weekly meetings of a staff Bible study group and was auditor for several University clubs and societies.

Professor Jager and Mr. Gibbins are the last ex-servicemen to retire in the Department of Commerce. Martin joined the RAAF in 1943 and saw overseas service as an aircrewman. As for Ron, he served in Borneo as a member of the Second Seventh Field Regiment.

Both have been with the Department of Commerce through changes of staff and increases in student intakes. As many as 450 students are enrolling each year in Commerce courses.

They say they wish the University of Newcastle well as it goes on to greater things.

The Department of Chemistry has made arrangements for three seminars to be held in July.

On July 5 at noon Dr Robert Vagg, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at Macquarie University, will speak on Chiral Discriminations in Some Photo-labile Ruthenium Chelate Systems.

Professor W. Pickering will give a seminar on Mobility of Fluoride in Soils on July 19 at noon.

On July 26 at noon, Mr. Tui Avaliti, a Ph.D. degree student, will speak on The Lability of Cd, Pb and Cu Sorbed on Colloids.

The seminars will be given in Room GG05 in the Chemistry Building.

The Union invites members and guests to:-

The Surfriders' Silly Slumber Party - July 12, 7.30 p.m.
Bands: - The Bleach Boys, Hogen and the Becketts, Middle Distance and The Embers.

Tickets are available from the Westpac Agency at the University or Surfriders members. They are $6 members and $8 non members. All tickets at the door are $8.

It's fancy dress and should be a gasser of a night.

The Annual General Meeting of Convocation will be held in the Staff House on Wednesday July 10 at 8 pm.

Professor Don George, Vice-Chancellor of the University, will be the guest speaker.
The Chancellor extended Council's best wishes to member of the Council, Dr. D. R. Huxley, following his appointment as Principal of Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

Dr. K. Lyne-Smith, who was elected as a new non-professional member of the Council to replace Dr. D. Wright was welcomed to his first meeting.

Council approved the addition of Dr. Lyne-Smith to the Selection Committee for the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor to take Dr. Wright's place.

Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George, to meet the New South Wales Minister of Education, Mr. Cavalier, to discuss amendments to the University's Act which the Minister intends to bring forward, dealing in particular with the structure of the Council, during the Budget Session of Parliament later this year.

The amendments were first mooted in a letter from the Minister received by Professor George early in June. Mr. Cavalier said he had well-developed views on the matter of University governance and the composition of University governing bodies generally. Parliament had already passed amendments to the University of New South Wales' Act and he would like to bring forward legislation in the Budget Session dealing with the other universities.

"Before the legislation is prepared and submitted to Cabinet, I think it would be useful if we could meet to discuss personally the changes I am proposing," he said.

Council had before it reports from the Vice-Chancellor on student enrolments, student loads in department and overseas student enrolments.

In addition, it had a letter from the Federal Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, seeking cooperation in implementing the Government's new overseas student policy which will become effective from next year.

Professor George noted that there was still uncertainty as to what the decision to limit enrolments of overseas students to 10% in any institution and 20% in any course referred to. However, the report on overseas student enrolments showed that some departments of the University would be significantly affected by the new policy, even though the reductions would be phased in.

Council granted the Vice-Chancellor approval to continue planning on the basis that the policy will be implemented but it was not prepared to commit the University to its implementation given the lack of full and clear information on the policy.

Council received a report from the Joint Committee established by the Senate and the Academic Board of Newcastle C.A.E. on the nature and extent of the present co-operative arrangements between the University and the C.A.E. and advice on any future plans.

Professor George informed Council that the review of cooperation between the institutions sought by the Chairman of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission, Mr. H. R. Hudson, would take place with the visit of the Chairman of the Universities Council, Professor Dunbar, and the Chairman of the C.S.A.E. Council, Dr. Ramsey, to Newcastle on June 24 and 25.

Professor George reported to council on a review of the work of the Department of Modern Languages. He said that the Chair in German would become vacant near the end of this year. He pointed out that perhaps a strategy for growth in the Modern Languages area for the next 5 years should be prepared.

Senate reported that the Faculty Board, Faculty of Mathematics, wanted the Council to consider expressing opposition to the reintroduction of tertiary education fees.

The Faculty Board had informed Senate that it noted with disquiet the current proposals to introduce fees for tertiary education and expressed its opposition thereto.

Council decided to express opposition to the reintroduction of tertiary education fees and requested Professor George to consult with the Deputy Chairman of the Senate and prepare a full statement for consideration by Council at its next meeting.

Council approved the name of the Department of Legal Studies being changed to the Department of Law.

Council approved a feasibility study of a separate Council Building being constructed west of the Executive Suite in the Mc Mullin Building.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee envisaged that the Council building would provide for meetings of Council, Senate and larger Faculty Boards in an airconditioned and acoustically satisfactory environment. The existing Council Room could be sub-divided into one large and one small Committee Room as part of other consequential changes within the Mc Mullin Building.
Council approved its Advisory Committee on Student Accommodation investigating whether there are buildings in the city suitable for purchase and conversion into student residences.

Council members said many students wished to live in town close to shops and beaches. The University and the C.A.E. had staff who possessed expertise planning in student housing.

After being told that the Department of Technical and Further Education was investigating the provision of alternative student accommodation, Council agreed that the Committee consult with officers of T.A.F.E.

Mrs. T. Mills-Evers has been appointed Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity. She replaces Dr. D. Wright, who resigned from the Council.

Council members had before them copies of the draft University of Newcastle Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan prepared by the E.E.O. Coordinator and her staff. The draft plan consists of Volume 1 Personnel Policies, Procedures and Practices, Volume 2 Strategies and Volume 3 Appendix. Following a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity, Council received the draft plan and decided to consider the draft plan at its August meeting in conjunction with a report from the Vice-Chancellor. Copies of the draft plan can be obtained at the office of the E.E.O. Coordinator in the McMullin Building.

Council approved the setting up of a selection committee for an appointment to the Chair of Civil Engineering.

Council appointed a committee to carry out a limited review of University Government.

The aim of the review is to consider proposals for amendments to the By-Laws dealing with Council, Faculties, Departments and Selection Committees.

Members of the review committee are: - The Hon. R. D. Dyer, M.L.C. (Chairman), The Vice-Chancellor, The Deputy Chairman of Senate, Mr. A. F. Beard, Dr. D. J. Kay, Dr. K. Lyne-Smith, Professor C. C. Renwick, Dr. D. I. Wright, Mr. M. D. Yates, Mrs. M. Henry and Professor I. Plimer (Senate's nominee).

The Committee has been asked to report to the December Council meeting with a view to allowing feedback on the Council's interim decisions between then and the February, 1986, meeting.

Members of staff will soon be given full details of the proposals under consideration and will be invited to comment.

Applications for V.C.'s job

The closing date for applications for selection as the University's third Vice-Chancellor has been set at July 31.

In a brief report to the Council on the progress of the Selection Committee to recommend a successor to Professor D. W. George, the Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan, said that the Selection Committee had held one meeting, at which the advertisement for the position was approved and the closing date for applications was set at July 31.

Sir Bede said the advertisement was placed in The Australian, the Sydney Morning Herald, the Melbourne Age, the Newcastle Herald, and newspapers in New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom. The advertisement would also appear in the Bulletin of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Sir Bede has written to the Chancellors of other Australian Universities, seeking suggestions as to the names of persons who might appropriately be considered for appointment.

A leaflet setting out the General Conditions of Appointment is being produced, as is a booklet providing general information about the University. This material, together with a sheet setting out the information requested of applicants, has been forwarded to persons enquiring about the position.

The Chancellor said the Vice-Principal had informed the Senate, Faculty Boards, Convocation and other bodies within the University of the composition of the Selection Committee, and had invited suggestions and submissions as to the qualities to be sought in the next Vice-Chancellor.

"The Committee has given preliminary thought to a timetable for the Selection process and intends to meet again shortly after the closing date for applications," Sir Bede added.
In recognition of his distinguished contribution to research, Professor Ray Cattell, Professor of Linguistics has been elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Professor Cattell is currently on an outside studies programme undertaking research at the University of Paris VII and the University of Paris VIII in France. He hopes that the programme will lead to the writing of two books.


He has another book, Composite Predicates in English, in the press.

Professor Cattell’s attachment to this University dates back to his appointment as Senior Lecturer in English in 1965. An autonomous Sub-department of Linguistics was established in 1971 with Ray Cattell as head and two years later this was changed to the Department of Linguistics. In 1976, he was appointed Foundation Professor of Linguistics.

Mr. Phillip Adams, the well-known author, critic and film producer, delivered the fifth Newcastle Lecture at the University on June 26. He is pictured whilst giving a press interview before the lecture.

More than 400 people squeezed into the Drama Theatre, which has 270 seats, to hear Mr. Adams speak on The Threat of Coca Colisation: Australia versus American Cultural Hegemony.

Convocation, which organised Mr. Adams’ visit, has arranged for Mr. Adams’ address to be published.

Have you completed your Income Tax Instalment Declaration form?

Around 99 percent of staff should complete the form to avoid paying more tax than they need to.

Forms are available from Post Offices or the Salaries Section at the University.

They must be lodged with the Salaries Section by 11 am on July 4.
Inaugural Lecture

Professor Keedy brings to this University a great deal of research experience, his interests being in the areas of operating systems, computer architecture and hardware, software engineering and programming language design. In 1976 he established the MONADS Project at Monash University with the aim of developing techniques which improve the quality of large software engineering projects and which provide a better technological basis for guaranteeing the privacy of information in computer systems. This research has led to the development of a workstation computer, the MONADS-PC. The other main achievement of the project has been the development of a new very high level programming language, LEIBNIZ.

Professor Keedy, who is 44 years of age, was educated in the United Kingdom, and first studied theology at King's College, London University graduating B.D. (Hons) in 1964. This was followed by a Doctor of Philosophy in Theology from Trinity College, Oxford University (1968). From 1968 to 1974 he worked with International Computers Ltd. in the UK and West Germany, initially as a systems programmer. After being promoted to design consultant he became a member of the central design team responsible for VME-B, the main general purpose operating system for the ICL2900 series of computers. He went to Monash University in 1974 as a Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1978 and completed a further Ph.D. (Computer Science) as a staff member of that University.

The Chair of Computer Science is located in the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science. Professor Keedy's initial aims are to re-establish the MONADS Project here in Newcastle and to introduce a first year Computer Science course in the near future.

Professor Keedy will devote his Inaugural Lecture to the future of Computer Science.

All are welcome to attend Professor Keedy's lecture and to meet him at a gathering organised by Convocation in the Staff House afterwards.

Here from Michigan

Professor Scott Paris worked with the Department of Education for a month as a Visiting Professor. He was on sabbatical leave from the University of Michigan, where he is Professor of Education and Psychology.

At the University of Newcastle he collaborated with Professor John Biggs, Dr. John Kirby and Mr. Phil Moore on research into Instructional Psychology in Reading.

Professor Paris' contributions to education are based on his strong interest in children learning and education and the research he has carried out into children's strategies for reading, remembering and learning. He advises teachers about techniques which can help children to achieve more effective strategies.

Professor Paris was born and educated in Chicago and obtained a Ph.D degree from Indiana University for his research into developmental psychology.

He said his interest in visiting Newcastle University went back to when he met Professor Biggs, Dr. Kirby and Mr. Moore. "Their work on children's learning is excellent and when I planned to visit the Flinders University of South Australia I was naturally also drawn to their University."
By D H CRAIG

A family inside in a lighted room; outside in the shadows of the trees two men watching them. The men know that a daughter of the house has drowned in the river. They must tell the family, they cannot bear to do it. As they delay, our concentration on the lighted figures inside intensifies them into a moving image of the condition of all of us, going about our lives in calm, not to say complacent ignorance of what lies ahead and of the deeper tragedies on the brink, sometimes permanently beyond the horizon, of our lives. This is Maurice Maeterlinck's 1890s play Interior, the production by the Drama Department which ran in the Drama Theatre from June 18 to 23.

As an introduction to Maeterlinck, the evening starts with three of his poems, two mimed to a recorded reading and the other sung to original music by Greg Henshaw. The effect is restful, if a little too blandly fin-de-siecle: souls in the thrill of "sanglots" and "ennui", in shades of grey and black and white and to mimes tending towards decoration rather than illustration.

Interior itself was given an extended overture, again by Greg Henshaw, quite rich in effect, tubular bells and a bass buzzing so low and loud that it was more a pressure on the ear drums than a sound. All in pitch blackness to the point of severe disorientation. Pushing Maeterlinck into science fiction in this way made some sense but it went on just too long. The acting in the play was mixed: Glenn Stuart Beatty as the Old Man outside in powerful voice, but over-emphatic so that it all became woodenly hortatory; the slighter part of his interlocutor, the Stranger (Philip Bilton-Smith), so beautifully inflected that the translated script didn't sound stilted after all. The characters inside the house mime their parts. There was uncertainty as to what father (Patrick Perlstone) and daughters (Danielle Fraser, Wendy England) were conveying, certainly not the smiling happiness that the watchers outside kept telling us they were seeing. Most effective perhaps Ellen Careyanides as the mother, finally turning to the audience to show us an anguished face once the news has broken, and the whole scene in which the family, still in slow motion but in relative haste, rush outside into the howling darkness to deal with the tragedy.

A strongly affecting play, then, boldly imaginative in presentation (the lighting design by Glenn Stuart Beatty should be mentioned here, as much for its use of the absence of light -- blackness -- and for shadows as for lights). The conception of the director (Bruce Copping) inclined to an undue drawing-out and framing of the play's effects, but his commitment and that of his whole company to getting a strange and adventurous work across to their audience was unmistakeable.

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Student's success

Mr. Jeffrey Cheah, an Architecture I student, was successful in winning a personal computer from Sega in a competition run by the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Twenty seven prizes were offered by the Bank's Club Australia and five were won by club members from the Hunter Region. The club is open to Commonwealth Keycard holders 21 or under.

Mr. Cheah is pictured receiving his computer from the Manager of the University Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, Mr. B. O'Doherty.
Advertisements

FOR SALE


One Rank Arena 22 inch colour television set with cordless remote control. 2 years old - as new - rarely used. New price - $699 Selling for $450. Phone Extension 379 for further details.

Tetlow Electric Potter Wheel $350.00. Contact Mick Fauchon 281521 or 6853394.

Twin beds, Colonial, white, with 1.5. mattresses, all v. good condition. Sell together or separately. Also, Malley's elec. stove. Further details 'phone Lorna, Ext. 397'.

Alpha Sud TI Sports Coupe - Attractive 1979/80 model fitted with Radio/cassette, good radial tyres plus original spoilers and flares. This car is in excellent condition and only $6000 ONO Phone Terry Burns on 231 (AH 523724).

SCAMPER

The annual Campus Scamper will be run on Wednesday, August 7, over the new 5000 metre campus course. Details pertaining to the course may be obtained by telephoning Extension 469.

SPORT

University Squash Club will hold its annual championships from July 13 to 21. As this week is right after mid-year exams, you can relax with a few games of squash.

The usual events for competition players and people who have not played competition before will be held.

As an experiment the Club has introduced veterans' events (40 years and over) and a handicap event for men and women.

The annual championships are open to all students and staff of the university and associate members of the Sports Union.

For a $3 entry fee, you can play in two events and come to the free barbecue after the finals. Entry forms are obtainable from the Sports and Recreation Office and at the Squash Courts.

Entries close Friday, July 5. You haven't got long. Act now!

Newcastle University's Cricket Club will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday, July 24, in the meeting room at the Squash Courts at 7. p.m.

All interest people are encouraged to attend.

Modern Greek Day

Aspects of Modern Greek literature will be considered and selected texts will be discussed at the University on July 12.

The special "Day" has been arranged by the Language and Literature Board as a follow-up to Dante Day (1980), Cervantes Day (1981), Dostoevsky Day (1983) and India Day (last year).

Speakers who will come to the University to participate in the "Day" include some of the leading specialists in the field in Australian universities. They will not, however, assume that people attending have any extensive, or specialist, knowledge of the texts for discussion.

The Language and Literature Board will hold a Greek Dinner and The Odyssey Dancers will present Greek dances.

Speakers scheduled so far include Professor M. Jeffreys and Miss Patricia Kokkori, of Sydney University (on the poetry of Cavafy).

The cost of participating is salary earners $4 and others $2.

Bookings can be made by calling at the English Department Office on the top floor of the McMullan Building. (phone Ext. 219)

Modern Greek Day will be held in Rooms R02, R03 and R04 in the Geography Building commencing at 9.30 a.m.

SCAMPER

All comers are invited to join in the "Fun Run". You may run, trot or walk, on the day. You will enjoy the experience! Your patronage will be appreciated. Start training now!