USEFUL NEW INSTRUMENT

An instrument that Architecture students will make good use of in their building design work has been completed by two staff members in the Department of Architecture.

The large instrument, known as an urbanoscope, is able to study in unprecedented detail and perspective the three dimensional aspects of a building model.

In making the instrument, the staff members turned second hand materials and parts to good account and thus achieved considerable cost savings.

The urbanoscope has a miniature periscope attached to a video camera. The periscope scans the building model and films the perspective views, which are shown on a TV monitor.

The designers have achieved simplicity of operation by means of computer control. Progress of filming is controlled by fixing coordinates and digitising them.

The prime purpose of the urban scope is to study models of student building projects. However, members of the local architectural fraternity are also interested in using it.

The usefulness of the urban scope has been extended by the inclusion of a video cassette recorder. If students and practising architects see advantage in having films of their building projects they can tape them, study them and even show them to clients.

Building models are fragile and deteriorate quickly, in particular if they are moved about. The Department of Architecture has also overcome this problem by using video film.

According to Mr. Peter Thomas, Senior Technical Officer, and Mr. Jeffrey Richards, Laboratory Craftsman, who jointly built the urbanoscope, similar instruments are usually imported and are very expensive. Encouraged by Assoc. Professor Ross Deamer, who was Head of Department at the time, they started fabricating the instrument about 18 months ago.

"We machined our own bearing assemblies, the drive mechanism and the pulley block, and improvised many other parts, using stock or cheap materials," Messrs. Thomas and Richards said.

Professor Deamer said that the Department of Architecture had need of a tool which enabled students to study the impact of the forms they developed in their design work. Previously, the principals of the urbanoscope had been applied to models dealing with spaces. Now the methods could be applied to all kinds of urban spaces.
Applications close for VC's position

The Selection Committee for the position of Vice-Chancellor has begun considering applications for the position, which will become vacant on the retirement of Professor D. W. George, who retires at the end of 1986. Applications closed on July 31.

Professor K. R. Dutton, Convenor of the Committee, said that the Selection Committee was very impressed by the number and quality of applications. There were applicants from the USA, Canada, Europe, Africa, New Zealand and the UK, as well as a considerable number from within Australia.

The Committee is also considering an extensive list of distinguished scholars whose names have been submitted by people inside and outside the University as being worthy of consideration.

The Committee is hoping to arrive at a short list within the next few months.

Older listeners catered for

The University's radio station 2NUR-FM has altered its morning programmes to suit older listeners.

"Our new morning lineup is part of a radical reshuffle of our programmes," said Station Manager, Mr. Anton Donker.

"We recognise that, generally, the aged audience is poorly treated by electronic media, and we have long had programmes specifically for the older audience on 2NUR," he said.

"Our new schedule further improves our service to aged. From 10 o'clock until midday each weekday, our programmes are specifically aimed at, or are suitable for, senior citizens."

"From nine o'clock until ten we have our news programme for the print-handicapped, many of whom are older people."

2NUR's programmes for the aged include Hospital Time (on Mondays), You're Never Too (on Tuesdays), and For The Young At Heart (each Friday).

Travelling Film Festival

The Travelling Film Festival has given early notice of this year's TFF programme.

The festival will be in town on September 20, 21 and 22.

Films from New Zealand, Switzerland, Poland, France, India and The Netherlands, which were screened at this year's Sydney Film Festival, will be shown.

The Travelling Film Festival has changed the venue for the festival from the Civic Theatre to Hoyts Royal Twin at Newcastle West.
The Faculty of Medicine and the University were hosts to two distinguished visitors from the World Health Organisation on August 3.

One is Dr. H. Mahler, from Geneva, Director-General of the WHO; the other is Dr. H. Nakajima from Manila, Regional Director of the Western Pacific Region of the WHO.

Professor John Hamilton, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, said Dr. Mahler's and Dr. Nakajima's visit to Newcastle had been brief because they were in Australia to attend a conference on "Progress on Health for All", sponsored by the Australian and New Zealand Society for Epidemiology and Research in Community Health and the Australian Public Health Association.

Dr. Mahler, speaking to journalists at a press conference at Professor Hamilton's home, said that, while able to take the opportunity, he came to Newcastle to see the Medical School for himself. "There are very few medical schools in the world where they dare to experiment with the training of tomorrow's doctors."

"Doctors of the future will have to be very different from those trained in the 'classical' medical schools," he said.

"The diseases we are troubled with today are mainly due to over-affluence, over-eating, over-drinking, over-driving cars. Tomorrow's doctors will have to understand all these temptations."

The Newcastle Medical School was what Dr. Mahler described as "one of the very few places in the world where we are asking how can we best produce post-technically competent and socially-attuned medical professionals."

Dr. Mahler met a group of Medical students and offered his view that they were not submissive or docile, but grateful to be "getting something very privileged, something not available in the 'memorising' medical schools."

Professor Hamilton said Dr. Mahler's visit reflected the fact that the Medical School had led in many initiatives that responded to priorities articulated by the WHO.

---

Science Fair - Energy

The theme of the third annual Supernova Science Fair, to be held in the Great Hall from August 31 to September 4 is Energy. Schools in the Region have received circulars urging students to prepare projects for judging in the Fair. As in previous years, significant prizes will be awarded to the winning entry. All entries will also receive prizes.

A display of modules built by Supernova over the past few months will allow the public to see at first-hand the sort of exhibits that will be in the Supernova Science and Technology Centre after it is finally established. Also on display will be modules from Sydney and Canberra. (Modules were brought from Questacon in Canberra last year and they created much interest and excitement among the 7,000 visitors who attended over the four days).

Service organisations, Telecom and many local and Sydney-based businesses will also exhibit.

As usual, the paper glider competition will be held, with a considerable prize for the manufacturer of the winning glider. The rules have been changed this year. The winning design will definitely have to be capable of aerodynamic flight unlike the thin, fast rockets that won last year.

Dr. Tim Roberts, Director of the fair, is anxious to include displays generated from within the University. Members of staff or departments able to provide exhibits, equipment, posters or interesting pieces of machinery are asked to contact Dr. Roberts on Ext. 511 or Ext. 535 so that space can be allocated. Of course, any individual who would like to help physically, before or during the fair, would also be warmly received. At present the work is falling on the shoulders of a few workers and they would welcome any supplementary help that they could receive.
CONCERN AT MINISTER’S ACTION

The State Minister for Education’s failure to consult with the University’s Staff Association regarding the partial reconstruction of the Council of the University has been viewed with deep concern by the Association.

At the Staff Association’s general meeting on July 30, it was reported that academic staff of the University of New South Wales had strongly opposed any reduction in the number of members of the Council of their University and the University Academic Staff Association of New South Wales had demanded that the Minister, Mr. Cavalier, resign.

The Council of this University had not been slashed like the Council of the University of New South Wales. Mr. Cavalier proposed to eliminate altogether the three-strong group of Council members elected by members of the Council themselves and provide for three new members.

The Staff Association carried a motion of special concern because “a consultation was held with the Administration of the University but not with the appropriate Union, Newcastle Division of the University Academic Staff Association.”

The meeting was told that the Executive had written to Mr. Cavalier asking for alternative changes in the composition of the Council to be made in line with the association’s policy.

The letter, which also protested at the lack of consultation and suggested an early meeting to discuss the issues, had been sent to Mr. Cavalier on July 10 but no reply had been received up to the meeting.

The resolution will be sent to Mr. Cavalier, local members of State Parliament, the Premier, the University Academic Staff Association of N.S.W., the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations, Convocation, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and other Staff Associations in New South Wales.

The President, Dr. K. Lynes-Smith, reported on some important gains for the Staff Association, as well as some disappointments, in the first half of this year. “Gains have been in the areas of University Government, participation in the Vice-Chancellor selection process and co-operation with the Federation of Australian University Staff Associations regarding personal cases. Disappointments have been superannuation and the delays with the formation of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.”

The Staff Association passed motions that there should be Association observers on the University’s Outside Studies Programme Committee and the University’s Promotions Committee.

Dr. D. Dockrill and Ms. M. Hall resigned from the Executive and Drs. W. Wood and J. Bern were elected to take their places.

Retired members of staff, Dr. J. Bach, Mr. R. Gibbins and Mr. P. Irwin, have been made Life Members of the Staff Association.

Local Geology Study

The Department of Geology is offering to share expertise about the geological nature of the cities of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.

The Department has organised a one-day course, titled “The Geology of Newcastle and the Building and Development Industries”, to be held in the Department on August 20.

Associate Professor K. Moelle, one of the organisers, said the aim was to attract participants who are architects, real estate agents, structural civil engineers, developers or local government officers.

The one-day course will investigate the geological setting, aspects of the Newcastle coal measures, soil formation and the weathering processes, and zoning and planning on an engineering-geological basis.

The charge for attendance, $35, includes lecture notes and a hot lunch.

“We would like to explain the geological settings of the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie districts,” Professor Moelle said, “so that problems of a geological type are better understood and instability and foundation problems might be avoided”.

OBITUARY

After a short illness, Ken Bridger, a retired long serving member of the Department of Mechanical Engineering died recently. He will be sadly missed by his colleagues and friends after many years of devoted service to the University.
Edward Hall Reunion in Singapore

A reunion dinner for former members of Edwards Hall was held on July 23 at the Mandarin Hotel in Singapore. Among the persons who enjoyed a traditional nine course Chinese banquet were some 32 former Hall members, Dr. Alec Forsythe, Deputy Chancellor of the University and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall, Mrs. Forsythe and the Warden of the Hall, Dr. Mike Blackmore.

The reunion dinner was arranged by a committee of former members resident in Singapore, including Tan Khee Huat, Chow Kok Kee, Kwan Tuck On, Tan Chin Nam and Ong Thiam Huat. The Hall supplied the last-known addresses of the some 100 Singaporean students who resided in the Hall since 1972 and the Organising Committee selected the venue and made all other arrangements.

In his address at the dinner, Dr. Forsythe remarked on the prominent and responsible positions in the government, business and commercial enterprise spheres which were now occupied by former Hall residents.

In particular, he congratulated David Chew, a University Medallist in Industrial Engineering, on his recent election as a Member of Parliament.

Dr. Blackmore spoke on how the Hall had developed since 1972 and had now finally reached completion early this year with the re-instatement of the western wing of the Central Facilities Building.

Both the Chairman and the Warden acknowledged the important contributions made to the Hall by the early members in the establishment of appropriate traditions and standards. It was also noted that the Singaporean former members have set very high academic standards and that of the 100 former members, 10 were University Medallists.

The former members expressed the view that they had thoroughly enjoyed their time at both the University and the Hall and would wish to maintain an ongoing relationship with both institutions.

To the pleasant surprise of the overseas visitors, a cheque for $400 was then presented to the Hall and the view expressed that it might assist in the establishment of a scholarship fund to assist academically-able students to reside in the Hall.
The Japanese Section of the Department of Modern Languages on August 6 took delivery of a new Epson QX10 Japanese language work processor to help students learn Japanese.

The computer was presented to Dr. K. Ono, Senior Lecturer in Japanese, by the State Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr. Michael Cleary, MLA.

The computer is one of six donated by the Epson Corporation to the NSW Government to mark the first anniversary of the company in Australia.

Also present at the handing over ceremony were Mr. Shuzo Isoda, General Manager, Epson Australia, and Mr. Damian Maree, Australian Sales Manager of Epson.

The Vice-Chancellor said the University's wonderful gesture was tremendously heartening. What the University had managed to do in developing Japanese language studies was quite outstanding despite a lack of resources.

Professor George also thanked the Minister for Sport and Recreation for supporting the University and travelling personally to Newcastle for the handing over of the word processor.

The Epson Corporation started manufacturing watch parts for the giant Japanese watchmaker Seiko, in 1961. In 1964, the company developed a small, fast output printer which was used as part of the Seiko timing system at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

In 1968 the Corporation put its first non-watch product on the market - a digital printing head for desktop calculators.

Epson has offices around the world. Most of its sales are in North America, which takes 66 per cent of the Corporation's production.

In Australia the company employs nearly 80 people in offices in major cities and annual sales total $18 million.

Mr. Cleary said he had been delighted to accept the six computers on behalf of the Premier, Mr. Neville Wran, and he was very pleased that one of them would be presented to the Japanese Section.

"Newcastle started offering Japanese as a language course in 1976 and there has been a steady increase in the number of students taking the course," the Minister said.

"The University is yet to implement an honours course, but next year it hopes to have at least one student doing post-graduate work in the section.

"I am sure that this computer and its associated software will be of great benefit to the University," Mr. Cleary said.

Mr. Isoda said Epson now held more than 50 per cent of the Australian market. Because the company was enjoying good sales it decided to do something for Australia, that was to give assistance to students who were mastering the Japanese language.

---

Super. Fund

Recent changes to the Superannuation Fund from 1st July, 1985, enable a person who voluntarily retires early between ages 55 and 60 to commute a pension to a lump sum prior to age 60 years.

An election to commute pension payable on early voluntary retirement will normally be subject to a 6 month waiting period. However, that required waiting period does not apply to a valid election to commute pension if lodged with the Board's office before 31st August, 1985. Such an election may take effect immediately upon retirement, subject to all other normal requirements.

Any contributor intending to voluntarily retire early on or before 28th February, 1986 should lodge the lump sum election in the Board's office before 31st August, 1985.
Visiting Professor from Ohio

Professor R. Dandapani is working with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering until the end of August as a visiting Professor. His visit is between semesters at the Youngstown State University, Ohio, where he is a Professor of Computer Science.

At the University of Newcastle he is partnering Dr. Kewal Saluja on research into computer architecture and testing.

Professor Dandapani said his interest in visiting the University went back to when Dr. Saluja and he were students together at the University of Iowa. His first stay in Newcastle (in March, 1984) had proved to be rewarding and he had wanted to come back.

Professor Dandapani with Dr. Saluja.

Professor Dandapani was born in India and obtained a degree from Nagpur University and a second degree from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore. He obtained a master’s degree in Computer Engineering and a PhD degree in Computer Science from the University of Iowa.

_---

**LAW SCHOOL POTENTIAL**

The Department of Law had the capability of becoming a full law school, Visiting Professor Thomas W. Dunfee, said.

The core is here with the Department’s teaching and research programmes, and when this base is expanded it should become a law school”, Professor Dunfee said. When University News talked to Professor Dunfee he was preparing to return to America after having taught in the Department of Law since the end of May.

He is from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He teaches courses in the Marketing and Legal Studies Departments dealing with business responsibility and regulation and also legal aspects of the marketing process. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the American Business Law Journal for three years.

Whilst attached to the University he delivered a lecture at the University of Melbourne and went to New Jersey and back to testify at a criminal trial.

"The courses offered in the Department of Law are sufficient to form a foundation for a Law School and I think the teaching group here compares very favourably with the group at the Law School at the University of Melbourne."

The University of Newcastle was mentioned in both The New York Times and The Philadelphia Inquirer after Professor Dunfee’s appearance at the criminal trial in June. The newspapers said he was a visiting professor here.

In 1981 he was Visiting Professor in the Department of Legal Studies, as the Department of Law was then known. He said he came back because he had found the atmosphere in the Department very stimulating.

However, on this visit he had come to the view that the University was a better university than many students perceived it to be.

"Students seem to have unnecessary feelings of inferiority and seem to be reluctant to speak out."

"This University, with an impressive educational resource, offers great opportunities and students should speak out more."

At the University of Pennsylvania there was continuing discussions about the quality of teaching. The student newspapers carried evaluations of lecturers’ performances. Because there was a strong demand for admission to courses, the evaluations elicited strong interest.
Department in the "Doghouse"

Mr. John Alva joined the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1962 when it was "in the doghouse" in Wood Street, Newcastle West. The Department was the only component of the Newcastle University College split away from the College at Tyneside Hill. Originally part of Newcastle Technical College, it was fated to remain in Newcastle West until 1966.

Mr. Alva retired from his position as Senior Lecturer in Electrical Engineering on August 9. A farewell dinner in his honour was held in the Southern Cross Lounge in the Union.

Born in Turkey, Mr. Alva won a scholarship which enabled him to obtain an undergraduate degree at the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and a master's at King's College in the University of London.

From about 1950 he spent an interesting period helping to pioneer aspects of the project that provided submerged telephone systems across the world's oceans.

"As an engineer with the British Post Office Research Station based at Dollis Hill, I was a member of a group which developed repeaters which lasted underwater more than 20 years without giving trouble," Mr. Alva said.

"The line between Scotland and the United States was the first section to be finished. Finally, when the submerged telephone system across the Pacific was joined up to Sydney, the earth was girded."

John has memories of the Newcastle West branch of the University College. The head of Electrical Engineering was Bert Middlehurst, and Col Yates, John Caldwell and John Alva were the other academics. The Laboratory Craftsman was Ron Goodhew, who was a part-time student.

"During the early years many students were converting diplomas to degrees. Most were part-timers and were more motivated than some present-day students.

"Although it was a terrific challenge to keep ahead of the students, I enjoyed my teaching role very much," he said.

John Alva says that the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is a very pleasant place in which to work.

He expects to return to the campus on several occasions to work out with the staff volleyball team. Otherwise, his main pursuits will be travelling with his wife, Sylvia, (initially to India) and working around the house.
In August, 1984 the members of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Newcastle lost a valued colleague and friend with the untimely death of Donald Scott Angus, Senior Lecturer in the Department.

During the nine and a half years that Don was associated with the University he made a valuable teaching contribution to the Department of Biological Sciences and was extremely active in research, both pure and applied. Among his achievements in pure research was the discovery and study of hybrid sterility within the fruit fly species, *Drosophila melanogaster*, between individuals collected from two different regions of S. Australia.

On the applied side, Don was instrumental in devising and applying a breeding selection index to the large commercial herd of pigs at Parkville Piggeries, Scone, the property of Allied Feeds, leading to dramatic improvements in productivity.

Another major applied research interest was the development of techniques, using both adult and larval forms of *Drosophila melanogaster*, to screen chemical substances for any effects that might be potentially hazardous to humans. Don's laboratory was invited to join the "Second UKEMS Collaborative Study", for identification of environmental mutagens and carcinogens, involving the standardisation of techniques between laboratories for the purpose of risk evaluation.

Don was also very much involved with some of the University's extracurricular activities, being an active member of both the University Choir and Friends of the University.

With the approach of the anniversary of his death, the academic staff of the Department of Biological Sciences wish to acknowledge the many contributions made by Don to the University, and to perpetuate his memory by making an annual award, to be known as "The D.S. Angus Memorial Prize", to the student in Biology III attaining the highest standard in the topic of Cell and Molecular Biology. The award would reflect both Don's teaching interests and one of the fields of research in which he was most actively engaged at the time of his death.

We feel sure that there are many other of Don's associates who would like to join in remembering him in this way. Contributions to "The D.S. Angus Memorial Fund" may be sent to the Secretary, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Newcastle.

---

**Lectured in Ireland**

Mr. Peter Kuch, part-time staff member in the Department of English, lectured on aspects of the work of Irish poet and dramatist, W.B. Yeats, at the prestigious Yeats International Summer School held in Ireland from August 10 to 24.

The invitation to lecture reflects Mr. Kuch's research interests, which centre on Anglo-Irish literature.

Yeats is very well noted for his major contribution to modern Irish literature. His poetry, plays and prose constituted the basic themes of this year's Summer School. In addition, study centred around Yeats' historical and social background, and the Abbey Theatre, as well as Celtic myth and legend.

The Twenty-sixth YISS was conducted in Sligo where Yeats lived for some years. Mr. Kuch, among other visiting lecturers from around the world, presented papers. Mr. Kuch's was entitled "What Can I But Enumerate Old Themes".
An extremely blustery day with generally inclement weather conditions did not deter the strong field for this year's Campus Scamper, which tackled the new 5 kilometre circuit in what proved to be grand style. Results were:

First Female, Kim Jenkins.
First Male, David Lightfoot.
First Female Team, Kim Jenkins, April Carlin, Natalie Burg.
First Male Team, David Lightfoot, Arthur Kingsland, Campbell Wood.

The names of those who took out the first 50 places and their times will be printed in the next NEWS.

The females who formed the "Walking Parties" appeared unruffled at the finishing post. They are to be heartily applauded for their efforts. Congratulations and thanks to all entrants for making the run an outstanding success. Uncollected certificates will be mailed to recipients by the Sport and Recreation Office.

Off in the 1985 Campus Scamper.

After several years of hard times and lack-lustre performances the University Rugby League Club has again become a force to be reckoned with.

They were defeated in the minor semi-finals last year and have come back to be the minor premiers in this year's University Cup Competition.

Leading by four points over their nearest rivals, the club has reason to be proud of this noteworthy achievement.

In a 23-team competition four of the club's players viz. Darren Pynner, Paul Rees, Dean Allison and Gary Chanellis were under consideration for the Combined Universities Cup Representative Team - Gary Chanellis was finally selected. A tremendous show by our rugby league club deserves heartiest congratulations. Press on Regardless!

Press on Regardless!

Off in the 1985 Campus Scamper.

*
Jayes/Qantas Visitor

Professor David Aspin is attached to the Department of Education as Jayes/Qantas Visiting Fellow.

Professor Aspin is Head of Department and Dean of the Faculty of Education at King's College, University of London. He taught in the Universities of Durham, Nottingham and Manchester, where he was Senior Lecturer in the Philosophy of Education before being elected to the Chair he currently holds.

Professor Aspin's academic interests lie in the philosophy of education and curriculum theory generally - in philosophy, in the Philosophy of language, philosophical psychology and mind, in epistemology and metaphysics and in ethics and social philosophy; in the field of curriculum in the justification of curriculum decisions and the idea of a "core" curriculum of compulsory subjects of study for all students.

In addition to some casual teaching and seminars in the Department, Professor Aspin is collaborating with Professor Ron Laura on the co-authorship of a three-volume series in the philosophy of education, which is addressed to the articulation of a new educational paradigm.

Professor Aspin and Professor Laura devote considerable discussion in the three-volume series to the philosophical foundations of religious and moral education, with the aim of showing that their analysis informs a range of other issues such as the creationist/evolutionist debate, peace studies, environmental education and even medical education.

The project has been in progress for nearly a year and the first volume is well under way. It is expected that the enterprise will take several years to complete.

Professor Aspin is especially interested in religious, moral and political education, the first of these being an outcome and expression of his commitment as a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). He has recently been involved as Joint Director of a major research project in King's College funded by the All-Saints Educational Trust on the question of the role, status and function of church-aided voluntary schools in an inner-city, multi-faith environment; the results of the project are expected to be published in about six months' time and are thought to be likely to be controversial for the very future planning, ethos and provision of such schools.

The Jayes/Qantas Visiting Fellow is also director of another research project, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, on those schools in the U.K. that have taken up the idea of Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.), to begin in October for three years. It should be added that this, and the All Saints Trust, are in collaboration with the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at King's College London, perhaps one of the best-known institutions of its kind in the country, if not the world.

This is Professor Aspin's fourth visit to Australia, his second to Newcastle. His visit terminates on August 30.

Jayes Travel Service and Qantas contribute a free economy class air ticket and a grant to the University for a visit by a Jayes/Qantas Fellow annually.

Our photo shows Mr. Geoff Morris, General Manager of Jayes Travel Service, Professor Laura, Professor Aspin and Mr. David Fisher, Northern NSW District Sales Manager of Qantas.

Leibniz

Professor Les Keedy, Professor of Computer Science, recently started a five-week series of lunchtime seminars on Leibniz, a new programming language.

The seminars are being held on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 pm in lecture theatre V107.

For several years, Professor Keedy and his MONADS research team have been investigating a variety of methods and techniques for improving the quality of large software systems. The practical results of the project include the building of a computer system, known as the MONADS-PC system, which has a very unusual virtual memory structure, and the design of Leibniz.

The last seminar in the series, Implementation Considerations will be held on August 22.
Kotara Kotara is 14 actors not totally, occasionally entertaining, too often self-consciously in search of a play. They seek it up and down the aisles and through the auditorium doors of the Arts-Drama Theatre, and they seek it in the alleyways and dolls' houses of an excellent set by Gary Pedler (his compact street corners and cardboard cartoon houses, in exaggerated perspective, might be said to be more Cook's Hill than Kotara, by the way). We are told they sought it in two Moliere plays and in free-wheeling improvisation. They even seek it in nervous anticipations of what the critics will say, surely the last place one would think to look for comedy. Their guide is the Drama Team's guest director, Simon Hopkinson.

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the evening is that when they do find something it is usually so conventional. They found, for instance, that in comedy sex means furious chases followed by convulsive wrestlings; drinking means people propping each other up bawling songs; and doctors mean blood-spattered white coats and peremptorily removed wallets.

Interestingly, genuine comedy often came when cliches were reversed rather than acted out: the fact that they were women wasn't enough to make the bawling drunkards rolling home funny, but the scene in which the philandering husband Brian Block (David Owens) poured out the frustrations of having a wife who went out drinking every night, came home to beat him up and then expected him to make love, was hilarious.

Brian's counsellor in this scene was Frank (Philip Bilton-Smith), who with Narelle (Megan Dunn) made up the suburban 'A-Team' which masterminded the various schemes and strategems of the play. These two played together, and did all they could to persuade the audience that there really was a plot somewhere behind all the toings and froings. In the silly walks department, Andrew O'Callaghan managed to seem amazingly loosely put together, as did his character Percival de Pourcroignac, who, on the principle that all pompous people are in fact dying to do outrageously undignified things, took advantage of a female disguise to practise a come-hither catwalk by the light of the streetlamps. Anton Denby as Clive made something of his dewy-eyed aspirations to be a trainee executive at the BHP. Heather Clay won her laughs by stickily manifestly to her role as the monumentally tart Cindy, equally prepared to go home with husband or wife.

Yet the lasting impression of the evening, sadly, was of a great deal of individual comic energy going off into space for the lack of a plot that was funny, and for the lack of scenes with a funny idea behind them rather than a farce or sitcom cliche. Rather than sit through an evening's search for a play, most audiences would think prefer to wait to see the play if and when it is discovered.

D.H. Craig.

---

**Advertisements**

**FOR SALE**

**Wedding Grown** - Size 12-14,

Chantilly Lace with satin slip, sweetheart neck, beautiful bell sleeves (paid $450); Guipure Lace Head Piece (paid $75) Must sell the lot for $150, o.n.o.

Phone 56 4089 or 56 2240

Anyone interested in purchasing the following items are requested to telephone 48 9879 after 4pm. Speakers: Bose 501 Series II 100w rms per channel, $500 O.N.O. Studiocraft Model 3, 90w rms per channel, still under warranty $300. Steelcraft baby car seat, $15. 2 wooden frame arm chairs, $10 each.

1980 Subaru, rims and tyres good condition, $80 the lot o.n.o. Phone 58 2240 after 4.30p.m.

**FOR SALE BY TENDER**

Steel Trailer and Advertising Balloon.

Trailer: 8m x 3m x 2.5m high, 4 wheel base, wooden floor, totally enclosed, rear double doors and single side door.

**FOR HIRE**

Pipe paint trestles 10 ft high. Reasonable rates. Phone 43 7573.

---

**FOR SALE**

Magnificent 2 bedroom unit in Jesmond (3 mins. from Unl.), Features include separate dining room, sunroom, laundry, private internal stairwell. $59,500. Ring Ext. 672 or 52 8805 (a.h.).

Two tickets (Premium Reserve) for performance of Janek's opera "Katya Kabanova", at 1 pm Saturday, 26th October, Opera House. Ring Joy Hoestli Ext. 255.

---

**TENDER**

For further information telephone Department of Geography on 685 654 or 685 774.

Tenders should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Trailer" addressed to Purchasing Officer, University of Newcastle, NSW 2308. Tenders close at 11.30 am, August 21, 1985.

The University reserves the right to reject all tenders.