Fighting fees

Newcastle University and Newcastle CAE Students' Associations are co-operating in a campaign to stop the Federal Government from reintroducing tertiary fees.

Initially, the Associations are conducting a survey designed to explore the socio-economic composition of the student bodies at the University and CAE.

The survey is aimed at establishing what the drop-out rate will be if tertiary fees are reintroduced.

The Associations are also examining the Anderson Report and considering the commissioning of a professional survey to establish the validity of applying the findings of the 1978 Report to present-day tertiary institutions, especially those in Newcastle.

Further, the two Associations are planning to collaborate with other tertiary institutions in New South Wales on the staging of a rally protesting against tertiary fees outside Parliament House, Canberra, during the Budget session in August.

The various initiatives are the outcome of a meeting held in the Union attended by representatives of students and staff of the University and the CAE and members of the Australian Labor Party.

The meeting agreed that the lack of awareness by the community of students' low living standards had to be changed by the Student Associations making a concerted effort through the media and conducting a protest campaign.

The President of Newcastle University Students' Representative Council, Mr. Matthew Yates, has advised students to suspect the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke, because he has intimated that he will try to get the numbers in the Caucus so that University fees can be reintroduced.

"The normal way of achieving a major change in the ALP's platform, such as ending free tertiary education in Australia, is by first getting the support of the rank and file in the branches and then trying to change the party's attitude nationally."

"However," Mr. Yates says, "Mr. Hawke starts at the other end, trying to impose his policy onto members of the Caucus."

"Therefore, the Students' Associations in Australia have to embark upon a united campaign to change the perceptions of politicians and members of the public. The majority of these believe that students are the 'children of the rich'."

At the University the questionnaires for the socio-economic survey will be distributed among students by members of the SRC, whilst at the CAE the forms will be included in envelopes carrying exam results.

The survey will consist of a few simple questions designed to indicate social background and financial status of students and whether they will have to drop-out in the event of fees being reintroduced.
students of the University of Newcastle will be disadvantaged by the reintroduction of fees.

"Since fees were abolished by the Whitlam government in 1974 there has been a significant change in the socio-economic character of our student body. The number of students with a working class background whose parents have never gone to a university and those who are being supported by their spouses is considerably higher than previously."

"Any reneging by the Federal Government on its policy of free tertiary education would make people who are disadvantaged now even more disadvantaged," he adds.

**COUNCIL**

Dr Keith Lyne-Smith succeeded Dr Don Wright as President of the Staff Association last March. Now, he has also succeeded Dr Wright as a member of the Council.

Following Dr Wright’s resignation from the Council as a member elected by non-professorial members of the academic staff, nominations were called. As Dr Lyne-Smith’s was the only valid one received he was declared elected.

Dr Lyne-Smith is a Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering.

**Interesting visitors**

Professor Roman Obrenstein of the State University of New York (Nassau College) (right) has arrived at the University to work with Professor Barry Gordon, Associate Professor of Economics, for two months on a research project in connection with the History of Economic thought.

Professor Tom Dunfee (right) of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, is attached to the Department of Legal Studies as a Visiting Professor until the end of August. He is pictured with Lecturers Michael Errington and Rod Powe.
OVERSEAS OFFICER HAS OFFICE

The first Local Overseas Officer appointed in the University has just been provided with an office-T46 in the temporary buildings.

The Local Overseas Officer, Miss Carolyn Kim, plans to use her position and the office to gain maximum benefit for overseas students and local students who have ethnic backgrounds.

Of Korean descent, Miss Kim is an Economics II student. Her role as Local Overseas Officer is a difficult one and she admits to being pleased to listen to suggestions.

Desirous of providing an encouraging environment for overseas students, she is giving them advice about how to limit the effects of the culture shock caused by moving to a new country, referring them to the right channels of help for suitable accommodation and tuition in English, and, especially, providing assistance with adjustment to the Australian lifestyle.

According to Miss Kim, one of her major roles is to inform local students who have ethnic backgrounds about the variety of services provided for them by the Students' Representative Council - counselling help, loans, legal aid, membership of clubs and societies, and how to improve communication and other services.

During her settling-in period, Miss Kim received a great deal of advice and help herself. She says she is especially grateful to the SRC President, Mr. Matthew Yates, and members of the University's staff.

"Last month I was present at the National Overseas Students' Conference at the University of New South Wales. It was exciting, because overseas students from universities all over Australia were assembled for the first time for many years. Overseas students exchanged ideas and established communication links."

"They seem to be far too busy studying and are not really aware of Australia's very different lifestyle."

However, she says the Oriental Festival held by the Society Uniting Nations (SUN) was a successful function as far as promoting understanding between cultures represented on campus.

Students who would like to contact Miss Kim can telephone the SRC office (Ext 329). Shortly, she will announce the opening hours for T46.

Carolyn Kim and the Vice-Principal, Professor Ken Dutton.
ARTNERS IN RESEARCH INTO PLASMA WAVES

Professor John Samson has arrived at the University to undertake co-operative research with Professor Brian Fraser.

Professor Samson is on leave from the University of Alberta, Canada, where he is an Associate Professor of Physics. He will stay at the University of Newcastle until June 30, collaborating with Professor Fraser, Associate Professor of Physics, on research into plasma waves in the Earth's magnetosphere.

Professor Samson is an expert in the field of information theory and its application to the study of plasma waves. He and Professor Fraser are applying computer-based techniques to the analysis of plasma waves which are recorded in the magnetosphere by satellites and on the ground by the Department of Physics. The Department operates six induction coil magnetometers located in Antarctica, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and N.S.W. "The analyses will provide knowledge about the fundamental processes which lead to the generation of plasma waves", they said.

In addition their investigations of plasma waves in the magnetosphere will lead to a better understanding of such phenomena as aurorae. "In Canada", Professor Samson explained, "aurorae can cause the breakdown of radio communications and the induction of currents in powerlines and pipelines.

"On the lighter side, pigeon-racing clubs are taking an interest in the prediction of aurora and magnetic storms, as it is pretty well accepted that homing pigeons navigate by means of the earth's geomagnetic field".

Professor Samson and Professor Fraser are specifically interested in analysing one small sub-set of plasma waves. They are using data obtained by two NASA satellites to sort-out the spatial and temporal properties of plasma waves with frequencies of about one hertz. The waves are caused by hot plasmas which are associated with magnetic storms.

Professor Samson obtained his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from the University of British Columbia, Canada, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Alberta. Leaving university in 1971, he worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Diego. He worked in conjunction with W.I. Axford, a distinguished magnetospheric physicist.

Between 1973 and 1978 he was associated with the National Research Council of Canada in Ottawa as a researcher in the field of plasma physics and its application to laser-fusion.

He rejoined the University of Alberta in 1978, initially as Assistant Research Professor and, later, as a University Research Fellow funded by the National Engineering and Research Council of Canada. He is now an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta.

While attached to the Department of Physics Professor Samson is giving a series of talks to the geomagnetic pulsation research group and a seminar to staff and students on plasma waves associated with magnetic storms.

Women's Group

The June meeting of the University of Newcastle Women's Group will be on June 21 in the Great Hall.

The guest speaker will be Professor C. A. Hooker, of the Philosophy Department. Who will talk on "Develop Environmental Education Tra in Newcastle".

All female personnel and wives of male personnel (academic or otherwise) are welcome.

Please phone Sue Deamer on 43 0306 for confirmation.
COMPANY HELPS COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Over the last five years the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering has developed strong ties with leading American manufacturer of microprocessor chips and microprocessor systems, INTEL.

The donations made, and the general assistance given, by INTEL is conservatively valued at $80,000.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering was able to say thank you for the support when Mr Curt Hallam and Mr Forest Tracy, senior officers of INTEL, visited the University on June 7.

The Head of the Department, Professor Tony Cantoni, Professor of Computer Engineering, said his department had received substantial donations of equipment from INTEL not to mention general assistance in obtaining information and data manuals. It was difficult to estimate the exact value of the donations and discounts, he said, but it would be at least $30,000.

Recently, Professor Cantoni said, the department installed an advanced microprocessor development system. "It is one of only two in Australia and enables the department to maintain its edge in Computer Engineering teaching and research. The total cost was $70,000, but INTEL made a donation of equipment worth $30,000. The system will eventually be totally integrated into our computer network, which will include our VAX750."

INTEL had also provided grants of computing equipment worth about $20,000 to individual staff members for teaching and research purposes, Professor Cantoni said.

Production of INTERIOR

Interior, a play by the Symbolist artist, Maurice Maeterlinck, is the Drama Department's next student production.

It is directed by Honours student Bruce Copping. The music has been written by the young Newcastle composer Greg Henshaw. The choreography is by Ellen Carayanides and the lighting designer is Glenn Stuart Beatty.

The cast includes: Glenn Stuart Beatty, Philip Bilton-Smith, Melanie Davies, Erica Rowley, Patrick Perlstone, Ellen Carayanides, Danielle Fraser, Wendy England.

Maeterlinck wrote Interior in 1893. He was one of a group of Symbolist artists, disciples of Stephane Mallarme and Paul Verlaine, who reacted against Parnassian poetry, the Realist theatre, and the Naturalist novel. They sought to express, by way of the symbol, the underlying mystery of existence.

Interior will be performed only six times from June 18 to June 22 at 8.15 pm and on June 23 at 5 pm.

The performances will be given in the Drama Theatre, admission costing $4 (children and pensioners $2).
Dr Ashman and Professor Laura examine their new book, Moral Issues In Mental Retardation.

Professor Ron Laura, Dean of the Faculty of Education, and Dr A. Ashman, Senior Lecturer in Education, have co-edited two books which have just been published by Croom Helm Ltd, in England. The books are this month being released in North America, Great Britain, and Australasia. The first of the two anthologies, titled The Education and Training of the Mentally Retarded, presents an account of the most recent educational advances in the field, discussing a range of psychological and philosophical matters associated with them. The volume spans the range of intellectual competence, from profound to mild retardation, and covers various theoretical approaches, including cognitive and behavioural orientations. Two chapters focus on the cognitive domain, and are especially pertinent in view of the recent release of the new Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children which uses a neuropsychological basis as its foundation. Another contribution reviews the area of non-speech communication with retarded people, a subject of much current interest and controversy. Other chapters focus on major issues such as maladaptive behaviour, deinstitutionalisation, and use of new technology such as computers.

Contributors to the volume include eminent scholars from Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia.

The second of their two books, titled Moral Issues in Mental Retardation, affords a philosophical consideration of the major social and ethical issues raised by mental retardation in western culture. Topics treated include paternalism and consent, psychosurgery, compulsory sterilisation, rights and the distribution of health care resources, abortion and infanticide, and genetic engineering.

Both volumes will be of use to students, researchers and practitioners in the areas of special education, and philosophy.

The Newcastle Lecture 1985

Phillip Adams

TIME: 8.15 pm. Wednesday, June 26.
Drama Theatre
A.P.S. COMMITTEE

At the annual general meeting of the Newcastle Branch of the Australian Psychological Society, the following were elected to the committee:

Chairman, Professor John Biggs
Secretary, Mrs Barbara Wallis
Treasurer, Mr Barry Frost
Committee: Dr Eric Manning, Mrs Mary Callcott, Dr Patricia Duncan, Mr Terry O' Donohue and Professor Barney Fenelon.

CONVOCATION

The Annual General Meeting of Convocation will be held in the Jeff House on Wednesday July 10 at 8 pm. Professor Don George, Vice-Chancellor of the University, will be the guest speaker. In his address, The Future Decade, he will consider some of the long-term developments he foresees taking place at the University. (Professor George intends to retire next year).

Nominations have been called for the election of five members of Standing Committee of Convocation to fill vacancies to be caused by the resignation of Ms D Oughton, Dr Jones, Mr J Broughton, Mr A Molloy and Mr J W Armstrong. Every one of these members has completed the maximum term of office allowed in the constitution.

The Constitution states that nominations for the positions of Committee Members signed by two members of Convocation may be submitted to the Secretary of Convocation, C/- the University, at any time prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will also be asked to approve amendments to the constitution which provide for the term of office of the Warden being changed from two to three years, the election of the Warden being changed from the annual general meeting to in conjunction with the election of members of Council by Convocation, the elimination of the position Immediate Past Warden and the creation of a new position Deputy Warden.

At a ceremony in the German Section of the Department of Modern Languages on June 7, the Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr W Bolewski presented the Goethe Prize for 1984 to outstanding student, Miss Carmel Quinlan.

Miss Quinlan commenced her German studies at this University in 1977. She had not been able to learn German at high school.

After two years of the course, including having been awarded the German Community Prize for the best student in German IS, she decided that she wanted to improve her knowledge of German as rapidly as possible. She lived for four years in Vienna, working at the Irish Embassy.

Last year she resumed her studies in Newcastle and received High Distinctions in German II A and II B.

Miss Quinlan said she hopes to take her studies in German even further in the future.

Dr Bolewski also presented a collection of German books to the University. The collection was provided by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Society for Fostering Research).

Miss Quinlan is photographed receiving her prize from Dr Bolewski, with Dr John Stowell, of the German Section.
Professor Talbot's year

It is proving a satisfying year for Professor Norman Talbot, Associate Professor of English.

Early this month Professor Talbot and Dr Christopher Pollnitz, Senior Lecturer in English, aided T H Naisby and Roland Robinson in the gifted children's writing camp at Little Wobby. The schools, run by the Department of Education, Hunter Region, are for writers near the end of their primary school careers.

Professor Talbot and T H Naisby are again allied as judges of the Trades Hall writing competition, open to students from Infants to senior High School age. This will take place later in the year and will involve specific subjects such as Peace and Work.

He is helping to organise the Young Hunter Workshops for Young Poets of the Hunter Valley held in five different venues between June 29 and August 5. Children from the Coalfields and West Lakes area will be met at Cessnock, from the Upper Hunter at Muswellbrook, from the northern area at Tuncurry, and from the Newcastle and East Lakes areas at Newcastle High (for older children) and Waratah Advisory Centre (for younger children).

About 200 young writers will be involved in the workshops, and their best work will form the core of the Nimrod Publications anthology The Young Hunter, to be published in conjunction with the Department of Community Programmes later this year (the International Year of the Youth). The Australian Council Literature Board will fund workshops and pay those poets printed.

Professor Talbot is also struggling to produce two collections of his own verse at the moment, one featuring his much-discussed series of Christmas poems, (as well as poems of his childhood and of Newcastle). The other is a group of fantasy and science fiction poems, designed to interest the hundreds of fans and writers that will attend the WORLDCON, or World Science Fiction Convention, in Melbourne this August.

The scholarly or academic aspect of the WORLDCON will be commemorated in a volume of essays, The Contrary Mode, to be published by the English Department in conjunction with Ebony Books, Melbourne.

Professor Talbot will join Lucy Sussex and two Newcastle graduates, Dr Russell Blackford and Ms Jenny Blackford, in editing the collection.

Professor Talbot has also been approached to present a group of young Hunter poets at the Art Gallery of New South Wales on December 1. He has already invited some young poets to send him materials, and hopes that The Young Hunter Enterprise will help him to discover other writers of outstanding talent.

Changes to Superannuation Scheme

All current members of the State Superannuation Fund will be issued with a booklet later this month which will detail changes to the existing scheme.

All University of Newcastle employees who are non-contributors but might be eligible to contribute will be circularised early in July to ensure that they are fully informed regarding provisions which might be applicable to them.

Included in these arrangements is provision for persons eligible for Fund membership on or before June 30, but who have been rejected on medical grounds, to request a further medical examination to determine fitness for admittance to the Fund.

All non-contributors who might become eligible, will be contacted during July, 1985 by the Staff Office. It would be appreciated if staff in these categories raise queries after documentation is made available in the near future.
Miss Louise D Becker is continuing her interests in learning-disabled children by working as an itinerant teacher (Special Education) in the Northern Territory.

Miss Becker, who received a M.Psych(Educational) from this university for research into learning disabilities, previously was a District School Counsellor in Broken Hill, her duties taking her to Ivanhoe, White Cliffs, Wilcannia and other outback towns.

In her thesis, Learning disabilities in arithmetic: an information processing approach, was completed under the supervision of Dr John Kirby, of the Department of Education.

In her thesis Miss Becker set out to analyse the causes of the difficulties encountered by some primary school aged children in learning the basics of arithmetic. As do other researchers in this field, Miss Becker reasoned that merely describing such children as having a learning problem in the area of arithmetic does not provide sufficient guidance for the design of remedial instruction. If instruction is to be efficient, educational psychological theory must analyse more precisely the locus of the problem faced by such children.

Learning-disabled children are usually defined as those whose performance in one or more academic achievement areas is far below their intellectual ability. In the past most interest has been devoted to children with learning disabilities in the area of reading; in recent years there has been an increasing amount of attention devoted to children whose difficulty is in the area of mathematics, specifically arithmetic. In theory learning disabled children do not suffer from a general disability, such as that suffered by mentally retarded children, and therefore educators are more optimistic that their achievement problems can be overcome.

Because of the lack of research in the area of arithmetic disabilities, Becker explored the literature relating to reading problems in order to predict likely areas of difficulty for children in arithmetic. She found however, that the nature of the problem faced by arithmetically disabled children is quite different from those encountered by reading disabled children.

Becker employed the technique of task analysis to analyse theoretically the cognitive processes involved in simple arithmetic operations. For example, if a child is faced with an equation such as 3 + 4 = 8 and is asked to judge as quickly as possible whether that equation is true or false, Becker argued that the following processes would take place: First, the two numbers on the left hand side (3 and 4) must be encoded into working memory; secondly, the operation sign (addition) must be recognised; thirdly, this operation must be carried out; fourthly, the number on the right hand side (8) must be encoded; and lastly a comparison must be made between the result obtained on the left hand side and the number encoded on the right hand side, and a response mode. Thus the time taken to answer this problem consists of three separate encodings (for the numbers 3, 4 and 8), one selection or recognition of an operation (addition), one execution of an operation (carrying out the operation), and one action of comparison (comparing the two sides of the equation and making the response). By employing a variety of experimental procedures, Becker was able to measure these four components separately and to compare the performance of arithmetically disabled, reading disabled and normal children with respect to them.

The literature based on reading disabilities would have suggested that the encoding or selection factors would have been at fault. Instead Becker found that by far the greatest problems for the arithmetically disabled children were encountered with the operation execution component. Thus, unlike reading disabled children, Becker's arithmetically disabled subjects were not encountering difficulties with the recognition of stimuli, nor with the selection of an appropriate processing algorithm, but rather with the operation execution itself.

This finding encourages optimism for the remediation of learning disabilities in the area of arithmetic. Encoding problems and strategy selection problems appear far more difficult to resolve than do operation execution problems. Becker concluded that there were two likely paths for successful remediation of arithmetic disabilities. In the first place, she recommended that extensive drill employed in the context of meaningful learning should be used to automate the basic operations of arithmetic. By ensuring that the basic processes were overlearned and could operate smoothly without much conscious attention, considerable cognitive resources would be freed for more advanced operations.
SPORT & RECREATION

THE UNDERTOLED CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION HAVE RE-COMMENCED:

Mondays: Yoga, Noon to 1 pm, Great Hall Green Room.

Tuesdays: Photography, Noon to 1 pm, Union, Michael Nelson Dark Room; Aerobics, 1 pm to 2 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre; Gymnastics, 4 pm to 6 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre; Yoga, 5 pm to 6 pm, Great Hall Green Room; Weight Training, 6 pm to 7 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre; Badminton, 7 pm to 8 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre.

Wednesdays: Weight Training, Noon to 1 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre; Tai Chi, 1 pm to 2 pm, Maths. Faculty Vill; Gymnastics, 4 pm to 6 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre; Tennis, 6 pm to 8 pm, Tennis Complex; Women's Self Defence, 6 pm to 7 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre.

Thursdays: Yoga, Noon to 1 pm, Great Hall Green Room.

Fridays: Squash Instruction and Round Robin Squash, Noon to 2 pm, Squash Pavilion.

* Effective on Monday, June 17 and only between the hours of 7.30 am and Noon on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive), the following amended charges will be levied for Squash-Court bookings:

Students & Assoc $2 per hour
Staff $3 per hour
Non-Members $4 per hour

Phone 681199 for bookings.

Wives, families, friends and groups are welcome to use the excellent facilities available at the squash pavilion. The Sport and Recreation Department could also program a round robin and coaching session should sufficient interest be generated. Please phone Jock Armstrong 685469 in this regard.

The Pavilion Sports Shop, located at No 1 Sports Oval, commenced on Monday June 17. A special sale has been arranged of an extremely wide-range of sporting and other goods. Your patronage is sought. Bankcards are accepted.

The University's Golf team travelled to Sydney to compete in I.V. '85, hosted by Macquarie University's Golf Club.

The team was undefeated after the preliminary rounds. Unfortunately, the team was defeated in the semi-finals by Sydney University.

RESULTS:


The final, contested by Sydney Uni and Melbourne Uni resulted in a draw, the two will be joint title holders.

The Australian Universities' Individual Championship, held at Monash Country Club on the last day of competition was won by Newcastle team member, Phil Bowden.

The selection of the Combined Universities' Team results in three Newcastle players gaining selection - Bill Tonkin, Rhett Cleal and Phil Bowden.

Team members wish to congratulate Les Gibson on his shot of the week award. Les holed a 4 wood at the 10th hole on Monash Country Club course for an eagle three.

Thanks to Rundles Menswear for their team sponsorship again this year.

The University's Rugby League squad once again showed their true colours when they attended the Sydney University-hosted University Competition.

With only 11 men, we were beaten by the University of NSW 38-0 in the opening game, but rallied well to keep the score to 14-8 against last year's champs, James Cook University.

NSW Uni beat Macquarie in the final to take the competition.

Unperturbed by the disappointing football results, the depleted squad of Novocastrians, led ably by Coach-manager Darren Poyner enjoyed the weekend in the big smoke.

Father Gore

The 1985 Harry Eddy Memorial lecture is to be delivered by Father Brian Gore, who drew worldwide attention because of his arrest in the Philippines.

Father Gore will give a lecture in lecture theatre B01 on July 3 at 8 pm. His topic is Human Rights and the Gospel.

The Eddy Lecture which honours the memory of the late Harry Eddy, is given by an Australian who has made a significant contribution to the promotion of liberal thought and ideals.

Father Gore was born and raised in Western Australia. At 24 he was ordained into the priesthood and immediately took up duties in the Philippines, where extremes of wealth and poverty and appalling social injustice forced him, as a man of conscience, to identify with the oppressed people and to speak out openly against the system which oppressed them.

His arrest and imprisonment for inciting rebellion in 1982 brought him, and his cause, to worldwide attention.
Male academic seeks house or apartment to mind August to December this year. Going on study leave for term III? Go away knowing papers and letters will be cleared, gardens and plants cared for, goldfish fed, and your place given a secure lived-in look. Already minding a Professor’s house, but lesser mortals abodes can be accommodated. References available. Call University Extension 666 or home 57 1750.

House to share

Small two bedroom house in Rankin Park with study, air-conditioning and garage, available from late August until early February, while owner is on study leave. Occupant will have full use of equipment, but will be expected to maintain gardens and pay electricity and phone bills.

Moderate rental, only a mature single person or a couple will be considered. No children, no animals, no smokers. Telephone 52 6049.

FOR SALE

GE 7-speed Blender, $40. Sanyo Rotary Fan, $40. Clock Radio, $10. Tennis Racket, $10.00. Please contact Jamal (Ext 751) or 52 8816 (after hours).

1976 Volvo 164E (fully imported) in good running order. Features include: green exterior with leather upholstery, air-conditioning, stereo system and is fully automatic. Asking price: $2,500 or near offer. All interested persons are requested to telephone 52 8746 or 679 593.

Wardrobe 7’ x 8’ prefab., centre dressing table, top storage, drawers under. Beige/White veneer, excell. cond. $190 o.n.o. Phone 43 6618 after 5:30 pm.

LOST

One Gold 21st key pendant with diamond setting plus gold box chain. This key has irreplaceable sentimental value. Reward of $20 offered. Please telephone Gillian on Extension 351 at home on 48 5172.

HOUSE TO SHARE

For a couple of months and then to be let for an indefinite period. Features include: two bedrooms, fully furnished, suit garden lover. Situated at the Junction (handy to Uni transport, shops and beach). Rental on application. Plus the possibility of car hire. All interested persons are requested to telephone 63 4861.

R.S.I. survey valuable

The E.E.O. Unit’s survey on R.S.I. (repetition strain injury) has performed a valuable service, according to the Chairperson of the P.S.A.’s University Sub-division.

Mr Lionel Farrell says the survey highlights the different perceptions among University staff on the growing problem. P.S.A. members, for some time, have been greatly concerned at the increasing incidence of R.S.I. on campus.

Mr Farrell related how the Management Committee decided that it would be a positive step in the direction of tackling the problem to hold an open forum for all members of the University at which information and views would be exchanged, in the belief that the University and its employees would benefit from such an exchange, during which it would be hoped strategies for dealing with the problem would emerge.

"As I mentioned in my Newsletter of March 9, the committee had written to the University inviting its collaboration in this initiative," Mr Farrell said. "Although, the University had not yet said whether or not it would participate, we still hoped it would support the proposal. If it doesn’t the P.S.A., together with H. & R.E.A. who think its idea is a good one, will have to go it alone.

"Let’s be clear," Mr Farrell says, "that the problem is not one for general staff only. Academic staff who use keyboard equipment frequently are no less at risk, such as those in Mathematics."

"Nor is the problem confined to keyboard operators. R.S.I. stands for repetition strain injury and it can afflict anyone whose work involves restrictive repetition, as cases within the University have shown."

Mr Farrell adds: "By now it is clear, that the University has a very real problem on its hands. With the wealth of expertise available to the University that problem can be dealt with."

Meanwhile anyone who contracts R.S.I. should remember that all expenses incurred as a result, of whatever kind, should be claimed under the University’s workers compensation policy so that no legitimate out-of-pocket expenditure goes without re-imbursement.
**Diary of Events**

**Monday, June 17, 6pm to 10 pm**
Arabian Night, organised by SUN, Common Room, Union.

**Tuesday, June 18, 12.50 pm**
The Castanets, the Courtyard; 7pm to 10.30 pm
Band, the Bar.

**Wednesday, June 19, 1.15 pm**
Master Trivial Mind, Courtyard; 2 pm

Joan Sims, Director of the Office of Aged Services will give a public lecture on coordinating Aged Services at the David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building (NEWMED 1).

**Thursday, June 20, Noon**
Movie, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Common Room.

**Friday, June 21, 11 am**
Department of Economics, Professor G. Waugh, of the University of N.S.W. will deliver a seminar on Potential Contribution of Fisheries to the Development of the Pacific Islands. Room S101; Noon Department of Chemistry seminar, speaker Dr. Tan Tran, of the BHP Central Research Laboratories, topic, Applications of Jarosite Precipitation. Room G605, Chemistry.

**Rally**
All are welcome to attend a Social Car Rally organised by the Alliance Francaise of Newcastle. First Prize will be a dinner for two, and there will be other prizes. This is a day for the family and friends, relaxed and enjoyable. The driving distances are not great, nor is time a factor in the Rally.

Everyone will meet at the final rendezvous for a picnic lunch when results and prizes will be given.

**When:** Sunday, June 16
**Where:** Braye Park, Waratah (look for logo)
**Time:** 9.30 a.m.


**Monday, June 24, to Friday, June 28, Stu Vac.**

**Vietnam**
Dr Peter King, Senior Lecturer in Government at the University of Sydney, will speak on Vietnam - Ten Years After at the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Newcastle Group's, meeting in the Staff House on July 5 at 5 for 6.30 p.m.

**Rally**
On July 2 at 12.30 pm in the Common Room of the University Union there will be a combined farewell for Professor Martin Jager and Mr Ron Gibbins of the Department of Commerce.

Anyone wishing to attend the farewell is more than welcome.

All interested persons are requested to telephone Extension 735.

**Honoured**
Emeritus Professor Jim Allen, Foundation Professor in Chemistry in this University, had an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred upon him by the University of Queensland.

Professor Allen received the degree in recognition of his contributions to science and higher education and to the administration of those fields.

Professor Allen was Professor in Chemistry from 1961, Deputy Chairman of Senate in 1967 and 1968 and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1969 until 1971, when he resigned to join the CSIRO.

**Film**
A film aimed at alerting people to the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace will be screened at the next meeting of the Association of Women Employees of the University of Newcastle (AWEUN).

AWEUN will meet in the Auchmuty Room in the Union on June 28 at noon. Wine and cheese will be provided and a donation of 50 cents is requested.