New teaching hospital to cost $140 million

Following the release of detailed design drawings and good progress on the car park and the earthworks, tenders have been called for the State Government’s new 490-bed teaching hospital for the Greater Newcastle Area.

The hospital at Rankin Park will be a major teaching hospital for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Medicine from the University, student nurses and students of para-medical subjects from the Newcastle CAE, and staff of the NSW Department of Health.

Each hospital in the Greater Newcastle Area will have a special clinical role: academic facilities will be provided to match.

The new teaching hospital will be the regional centre for Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Anatomical Pathology and most major sub-clinical specialties in Medicine and Surgery. Therefore, it will also be the academic base for the Chairs of Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Anatomical Pathology, Medicine and Surgery.

The hospital will also be the centre for new programmes reflecting the Government’s concern for the incidence of sexual assaults and a cardiac catheterisation unit for complex investigation of heart disease.

At Rankin Park, on a tranquil bushland site on a hill adjacent to the Lookout Road, huge earthmovers are continuing with the site works for the teaching hospital, with the carpark and the ring road very nearly completed.

The new hospital will cater for approximately 18,000 inpatients per annum and provide a total of 55,000 square metres of floor space (this compares with 72,000 square metres in the new Parliament House in Canberra).

Teaching and research activities and accommodation for academic, visiting and full-time staff will be integrated within the areas used for patient-care. An educational complex, providing lecture and tutorial rooms and students services, is to be built in conjunction with the Administration Building.

The size and cost of the proposed hospital makes it the biggest capital works health project in progress in New South Wales. In a recent press interview the Regional Director of Health, Dr. O. James, said that $10 million had already been spent on site works. “The best feature of the new hospital is that it has been totally planned. We will probably have the only regionalised planned service in the State”, he said.

The hospital is the major construction item in the Strategic Plan for the Provision of Health Services in the Hunter Region proposed by the former Regional Director of Health, Dr Geoffrey Olsen, in 1983. Indeed, it is the biggest hospital being built in Australia. Dr. Olsen’s plan envisaged an integrated hospital network for the Greater Newcastle Area which avoided replication of services.

The Public Works Department is the Construction Authority for the teaching hospital and Mr Tom Lindsay, the Project Director, leads a team of Department of Health Officers.

Inside: Glennie retires after 22 years
Only 50 acres of the 330-acre site will be occupied by the teaching hospital. "We're retaining trees wherever possible", Mr Lindsay said, referring to the carpark and the ring road. "At the same time we're replanting trees when we have finished some of our work."

Mr Lindsay said the only modern equivalents of the hospital in Australia, in terms of the integration of in-patient care, teaching and research facilities, were the Westmead Hospital in the Western Suburbs of Sydney, and the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Professor John Hamilton, said it had been agreed to give up some space in the David Maddison Clinical Sciences Building at the Royal Newcastle Hospital to the Department of Health as an exchange for the educational and academic space and facilities in the teaching hospital. The Region Medical Communication Unit would remain in the David Maddison Building. So, too, would the Regional Library, the Gardner Library, but a sub-component would be shifted to the new teaching hospital.

Professor Hamilton said the hospital was a major resource for the Hunter Region and a major opportunity for the University to contribute to the welfare of the community. Development of the design and provision of the hospital itself, as well as the running of its services, would be a model of how the functions of a University and the delivery of health services could be integrated.

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LETTERS

A year ago I talked to Phil Alexander about the introduction of "Peace Studies" and he advised me to go and see the different heads of departments and deans of faculties. In my naivety I started out, only to find that the conservative, hierarchical structure of this University stifled any attempt to consider the greatest challenge of our time. Most paid staff I talked to were too worried about their jobs to risk to rattle and change the rigid and narrow outlook of this institution. Many Doctors and Professors are so wrapped up in their own little world of special knowledge that they fail to realise their own responsibility to contribute more effectively toward World Peace.

Unless Newcastle University sets up a survival orientated, realistic programme, it does not deserve the logo "I Look Ahead".

Each student, of all faculties should have a choice of Peace orientated studied with credits. Other Universities and institutions of higher learning all over the world have effectively toward World Peace.

We earnestly urge that every consideration be given to retaining the course offered as History I/D/IIID - History of China and Japan - on a permanent basis through the appointment of a tenured lecturer and that no less consideration be given to the addition, as soon as possible, of courses in other Asian languages and literature, such as Chinese.

Pat Burke and 29 Students

Reference Margaret Henry's most timely letter of July 21st.

As a disabled student (back problems) attempting to gather some knowledge in conditions which would probably make the inquisition's dungeons appear sumptuous by comparison, I can only say it's about time this problem was aired publicly.

While the conditions as described are not the norm, they are still found in sufficient numbers to affect a great many people.

Contrary to what some may think a frozen bum and aching back does not help with concentration. Granted, funds may be in short supply at the moment and with the "Pacific Peso" in the state it's just now, they may be even shorter in future but this does not mean that students should be treated as the poor cousins in the annual dole out of funds.

The reason for this or any university's existence is not just to give clerical staff etc. and academies employment, its to instruct and nurture ideas in students and that can't be accomplished if the students are so uncomfortable they can't concentrate.

So I suppose its a matter of priorities.

Where the money should be allocated to my mind is towards the defrosting of numb bums and the allocation and installation of orthopaedically designed seating and desks. This I believe should be a priority.

Steve Watkins
Open Foundation Student
Committee for the Care of Animals

In December last year the University's Interim Animal Care and Ethics Committee held its first meeting. (The Committee will drop "interim" from its title, thereby becoming official, when the Animal Research Bill, 1985, is passed shortly in State Parliament).

The new legislation will regulate the use of animals in research and the supply of animals for use in research. Until the Animal Research Bill, 1985, is enacted, along with the new regulations, the Committee is adhering to the guidelines which were set out by the NH and MRC and the CSIRO last year in their Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals for Experimental Purposes.

The Interim Animal Care and Ethics Committee has a number of responsibilities in connection with the supervision and care of animals throughout the University, including the inspection of animals in the Central Animal House and other animal holding areas.

Every proposal for animal experimentation in the University must be submitted to the committee for consideration of ethical and scientific or educational merit.

The Chairman of the Committee is Professor Eric Hall, Professor in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, and the other members are Professor S. White, Dr. A. Husband, Dr. J. Rodger, Dr. P. Pfister, Assoc. Professor R. Barry, Dr. A. Sparkes, Mr. G. Albrecht, Mr. P. Cummings and Rev. P. Thirlwell. They range from scientists actively involved in animal research, through non-scientific staff with teaching interests in the field of ethics, to a qualified legal practitioner appointed by the Vice-Chancellor and one of the University's Chaplains.

The Manager of the Central Animal House, Ms. Robyn Gentle, is a co-opted member of the Committee.

All researchers who apply for grants and want animals for use in their projects must have their applications assessed by the Committee, which can ask for more information before giving ethical approval, or give approval subject to conditions.

The Code of Practice ensures "the most effective scientific use of the least number of animals", the housing, feeding watering, handling and transportation of animals under conditions of minimal discomfort and stress, and anaesthesia when procedures which are liable to cause animals pain are carried out. How animals must be euthanised (humanely and immediately if pain cannot be relieved) is also specified.

Professor Hall said prior to the establishment of the Animal Care and Ethics Committee the Central Animal House supplied researchers with animals via the holding areas in various departments and nobody said: "this is a good proposal", or "no, this is not a valid reason for using animals".

He said the Committee had to deal with a large amount of paper work, as the proposals submitted for approval required a lot of description and detail and approval was valid for only a year in the first instance.

One of the issues that would have to be looked at was the possible saving of laboratory animals by using alternative methods in teaching and research.

"If researchers apply to use too many animals, then we ask for a reassessment", he said. "Another possibility is that we will identify proposals using too few animals. With experience and by monitoring the number being used, we hope to prevent animals being wasted."
Graduate group plans constitution

The Faculty of Medicine Alumni Association was set up three months ago and is currently being formalised with a constitution. The first separate alumni group to be formed within the University, the association is open to graduates who received their training in the Medical School, together with senior students, and was set up with the purpose of establishing a linkage for the benefit of the graduates and the University.

"We feel a real part of the University, although we are no longer students," says Dr Dennis Harvey, President of the Executive Committee. "Our chief interests are the alumni themselves and Medicine within the University. We will be looking for advice on what we can do for each".

The first conferring of degrees ceremony for BMed graduates was held in 1983. The number of students who have graduated from the Medical School now exceeds 200. Dr Harvey said the time was therefore right to set up an alumni association which would bring graduates into contact with their own number and the University.

At the first meeting of the graduates after this year's graduation day on May 3 the Executive Committee had been elected, each member being nominated from a different graduating class and the current Medicine IV and V students' groups. Dr Harvey said the executive committee would probably meet each quarter while he anticipated that a Return to the Faculty, or reunion, would be held annually in conjunction with Graduation Day.

"As for the Faculty of Medicine, which has warmly supported the association, we will be looking to it for advice on what we can do and in what ways we can help the Faculty in return. I see us working in several areas, such as organising sponsorship for an Alumni Association scholarship for undergraduates."

Apart from Dr Harvey the executive committee consists of:

- Dr Michael Gliksman, Vice President
- Dr Peter Davoren, Secretary
- Dr Sandra Bailey, Treasurer

Lee Laycock, Dr Therese Chaston, Mohamed Khadra, Dr Michael Sandner and Andrew Hedges.

Here for Unsponsered Course

At present the University is the main venue for a Coal Technology Training Course sponsored by the United Nations.

The Institute of Coal Research, which combines the University's facilities pertaining to coal, is collaborating with the Joint Coal Board and the Electricity Commission to organise the coal technology course.

Representatives of countries which are contemplating the installation of coal-fired power stations are participating in the course.

In our photo taken on July 28 at the opening session of the course are (back row) Mr Brian Dillan (Joint Coal Board), Emeritus Professor Ian Stewart (Institute of Coal Research) and Dr J. Sligar (the N.S.W. Electricity Commission), and (front row) Mr Mohamed Nor (Malaysia), Mr Mohamed Said Benmouna (Morocco), Mr Aswin Traiyan (Thailand), and Mr Lou Wibberley (Institute of Coal Research).

Australian Government Lecture

Professor Don Aitkin, Professor of Political Science, Research School of Social Sciences at the ANU, is this year's Australian Government Lecturer.

Professor Aitkin will speak on the topic Is There Anything Special About Australian Politics? in Lecture Theatre Vo 1 on September 15 at 8pm.

The lecture is sponsored by the Departments of History, Philosophy and Sociology.
Maths applied to road crossings

Senior Lecturer Dr Sean McElwain argues that if mathematics is applied to the Department of Main Roads' regulations in relation to pedestrian crossings the crossings are not safe.

Dr McElwain, an applied mathematician who solves problems in medicine and other fields, believes that a distance of about 15m in which cars may not park on the approach side of a pedestrian crossing would be safer for pedestrians.

The DMR's rule is that cars may not park within nine metres.

"We should be further concerned at bus zones being placed on the approach side of pedestrian crossings, as they have been, because visibility is reduced yet again," Dr McElwain said.

Referring to the DMR's nine-metre no standing zone, he said the department didn't obey this rule in some cases, where the zone was only six metres. An instance was a pedestrian crossing in Blue Gum Road, Jesmond.

The Motor Traffic Handbook stipulated, he said, that a motorist was not allowed to park within nine metres of the approach side of a pedestrian crossing. His research indicated that the handbook should be amended, which required the Motor Traffic Act being changed.

He has made representation by letter to the DMR, which seemed embarrassed he said. However, he was determined to continue his efforts because he thought about young people and intoxicated people who took risks crossing the road.

Mr J. Price, MLA for Waratah, has referred Dr McElwain's argument to The State Government's standing Committee on Road Safety.

GLENNIE RETIRES – 22 YEARS

Miss Glennie Jones

As many would know, Miss Glennie Jones has been "put to the test" repeatedly - having been responsible for most of her service for examinations.

A friendly face, well known right across the campus, Glennie will be missed from the Secretary's Division after her retirement on August 5.

She started in the administration of Newcastle University College at Tighes Hill in 1964. Examinations were held in small classrooms at the college, so it was a far cry to today's main exam centre, the Great Hall.

She has had another job along the way - organising the testamurs for new graduates and getting them onto the stage at graduation ceremonies.

Glennie performed this task for graduations held, first, in the outdoors at Tighes Hill, then in the City Hall (up to 1972) and in latterdays, in the Great Hall.

While retirement for a woman who has done these jobs will mean some easing of pressure, it will cause some regrets.

"Looking after examinations and testamurs put me in contact with so many people. It was very satisfying for me to see people graduate, watched by their proud mums and dads," she said.

To honour Glennie Jones a farewell luncheon will be held in the Dining Hall at Edwards Hall on August 5 at 12.30pm.
Trend Towards Accountability A Shock

It comes as a considerable change, and something of a shock, to universities to realise that they are now being called upon to be accountable to public servants and then to ministers, and ministers themselves are accountable to parliament and parliament itself is accountable to the electorate.

According to Professor Cyril Renwick, accountability is coming into the affairs of universities on an increasingly intensive scale of a kind which has perhaps not yet been fully understood, or comprehended, and which in the minds of quite a few people will never be accepted.

Professor Renwick, who said this as part of his address to the annual general meeting of Convocation on July 17, noted the intervention of law into the day-to-day affairs of universities. He took this to be a spreading disease, because law was the kind of thing which gradually got a grip on every form of administration. It was a challenge which would spread quite rapidly, and, he thought, would modify in many ways what used to be regarded as the basic essential autonomy of universities.

Professor Renwick referred to the funding difficulties being faced by universities and said even though there had been some slackening in the financial pressures the overall global situation did not improve, because the requirements placed on universities to conform to the law in relation to the payment of salaries, to provide working conditions and to meet the requirements of society in general were such that we could never hope to have anything like completely adequate financial arrangements.

"And, this is probably the biggest price that we have had to pay for the abolition of fees. When universities had some control over their financial situation through the levying of fees, it was important in that it opened up options in terms of availability of finance and application of finance to various targets which could be determined by the university itself."

In exploring the corporate structure of the contemporary university, Professor Renwick drew attention to the changing role of the Vice-Chancellor.

"The Vice-Chancellor in a modern Australian university is called upon to be in charge of a system which is extremely difficult to administer and increasingly facing problems arising from the changes I've mentioned to you.

"We still tend to choose our Vice-Chancellors in a way that we have done traditionally, that is, we make a selection from people who are offering or who might be asked to take on the position and hope that in choosing a scholar and a person of high reputation, a person who seems to have a great number of referees supporting him or her, but without any real tests of management and without any real tests of where the degree of responsibility that the Vice-Chancellor is being asked to take on will in fact be supported."

"The University of Newcastle is "Professor Renwick said," about to have its third Vice-Chancellor, and it will be very interesting to observe how the incumbent of the position can match up to the administrative responsibilities and challenges, particularly since he is coming from a university structure which is different from ours. Even though universities all over the world believe they have the same problems, when it comes down to the detail that isn't the case."

Professor Renwick said the Hunter Region had an educational structure that was as highly developed as any part of Australia and a great deal more was understood about the relationships between the various parts than was probably understood in most parts of Australia.

"This is a reason why I am personally very strongly opposed to notions that the CAB and the University might be amalgamated and that this would achieve some kind of rationalisation, economy of scale, improvement in the organisation and the use of funds.

"I don't believe any of those things can be demonstrated. I believe they are simply prejudices in the minds of the people who are putting them forward.

"As opposed to those prejudices and basic misconceptions, quite strong cases can be made for the continuation of development of the institutions we have at the present time, because of the roles they fulfil".

Professor Renwick emphasised that it was necessary to see the University as a corporate organisation and very important to see what its corporate goals ought to be.

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Nominations called

Nominations have been called for Chef-De-Mission, Assistant Manager, and Senior Medical Officer for the Australian Universities team to participate in the Summer Universiade in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, in July, 1987.

Approved expenses will be met by the Australian Universities Sports Association. Potential nominees should be advised that whilst no specific policy currently exists with respect to the level of financial support for the position of Assistant Manager, it is anticipated the 50 per cent of costs will be met by AUSA.

Nominations should be forwarded to the AUSA office by Friday, August 22. No late nominations will be accepted. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Sport and Recreation Office.

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Queensland Trek

4 - Wheel drive trek, 9 days, $749, fully accommodated including all meals.

New England, Glen Innes, Harvey Bay, Fraser Island (3 days), Noosa, McLean River, August 15 - 23.

Further enquiries please telephone Roma Kane, WEA, 264066.
Monte Carlo analysis

Dr Nymeyer in a playful moment at this year's Graduation Day. Watching him "assault" Simon is Professor Keedy, Professor of Computer Science.

While a doctoral treatise with the above titles may not seem relevant to real life, it concerns such everyday activities as the boiling of water and the behaviour of a magnet.

A more general title for the thesis which was written by Dr Albert Nymeyer of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science as part of his work for a PhD degree, could have been "A study of Phase transitions.

When water boiled, it undergoes a changes of state. This is also called a phase transition. When a magnet is heated, it loses its magnetic properties, once again a phase transition. What does this thesis have to say about these physical phenomena?

Not only mathematicians, but physicists, chemists and biologists are interested in the study of phase transitions. To understand the processes involved scientists can use two methods of research. Experimentation with "real" substances in a laboratory, or mathematical/computer analysis of theoretical systems which hopefully simulate the behaviour of these "real" systems. This thesis falls in the latter category. For mathematics to be able to predict and quantify a phase transition is a remarkable feat in itself. Indeed, the first mathematical demonstration of a phase transition was carried out as recently as 1949 by a modest Danish mathematician Lars Onsager.

In this thesis a simple mathematical model, the step model, and other related models are studied using a popular mathematical technique called series analysis, and also by a computer technique call Monte Carlo analysis (hence the title). Surprisingly, it is found that it is possible to mathematically describe the phase transition that occurs when water boiled, or a magnet is heated, by a single theory. This unifying principle is called the universality hypothesis. The evidence presented in this thesis, and other evidence, does suggest that under certain conditions the universality hypothesis is not satisfied.

The concept of universality is fundamental and forms a backbone to all scientific studies of physical phenomena, and in a sense can be likened to the holy grail. While some faith is needed to believe in its very existence, the search, however futile, can be adventure.

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NEWCASTLE LECTURE
Miss Freda Whitlam
Moderator of the Uniting Church of Australia,
will present
the Newcastle Lecture
In the
Drama Theatre at the University
on
August 13 at 8.15pm

Norfolk Island
From Convict to Pitcairn Islander
A Study Tour
February 14 - February 21, 1987

The Tour Six days of talking about and walking around this beautiful and historic island. Visits to the magnificent Georgian prison buildings, many of them now fully restored. Margaret Henry, tour leader. Dr John Turner, will be guide and lecturer on the tour.

Accommodation Highlands' a modern, private hotel.

Cost The full cost of this tour is $985 per person. This includes air travel from Sydney to and from Norfolk Island, accommodation in twin or double rooms and all meals. Changes in costs may necessitate and increase in this fee. The capacity of the hotel limits the size of the touring party to 23. Applications will be accepted strictly in the order of their receipt.

For further enquiries please ring - (049) 685 600 or 685 522, or write to The Department of Community Programmes, University of Newcastle NSW, 2308.
Standing Committee member

Standing Committee of Convocation member, Dr Romesh Amar, has been honoured by the American Psychiatric Association for his contributions to the psychiatric profession.

Dr Amar was made a Corresponding Fellow of the APA, an honour that was also awarded to the late Professor David Maddison.

Dr Amar recently visited the West Coast of the USA and at the request of Standing Committee of Convocation took part in discussions at several universities about the funding of Alumni bodies and alumni activities. He also was attached to the University of California, Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute as a Visiting Fellow for a month.

He has also been made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health, London, a Founding Member of the American Academy of Psychiatrists in Alcoholism and Addictions, Maryland, and a Member of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists.

Dr Amar

Lismore meteorite lost

On Sunday, July 13, late in the afternoon, two youths who were riding a trailbike on their father's farm north of Lismore heard a loud thump and saw dirt flying into the air about 100 metres in front of them. When they investigated, they found a round hole 30cm in diameter in the hillside with a small cavern beneath it. There was a smell of burning and the grass around the edge of the hole was charred.

Word of the event reached Assoc. Professor Colin Keay of the Department of Physics, from Dr Don Gartside, Dean of Science Studies at the Northern Rivers C.A.E., Lismore, and he immediately contacted Professor Ian Plimer, Head of the Geology Department. The two set out at 5.30 next morning to drive to Lismore, where Dr Gartside had arranged for a bus, plus shovels and manpower, in readiness for a recovery expedition.

Upon inspection of the hole, Professor Keay and Professor Plimer confirmed that it was caused by an impact, and digging began. A conical pile of compacted soil within the cavern showed no sign of foreign material. At a depth of 1.5m undisturbed clay was found, so digging was abandoned. Professor Keay considered that there were almost no chance that impacting space junk could have caused such a hole without leaving fragments behind. The evidence, therefore, pointed strongly to a meteorite impact.

Meteorites have been known to bounce if they do not shatter when striking the ground, so a search of the surrounding paddock was begun. Rough calculations suggested an impact velocity of 300m per second (1000 km per hour), which, given the ground slope, meant that the meteorite could have rebounded up to a kilometre away.

Steady rain and the onset of darkness terminated the search and a tired pair of professors reached home at 2 am. "The trip was worthwhile", Professor Plimer told the News, "because it could be a very significant meteorite fall. and it is important to show the people immediately involved that professional assistance is available in such cases.

One giraffe delivered by fours

The Drama Department has donated two parrots and a giraffe to the University's child care centre, Kintaiba, for use in educational activities. They were surplus of requirements having been included in the props for play productions in the Drama Theatre.

When the giraffe was offered, the height of the ceiling in Kintaiba became a consideration. However, the centre has particularly high ceilings and can take a 12-foot high giraffe.

The transition from Drama Theatre to Kintaiba was achieved by the Fours. Shown with their teacher and the giraffe.

The Director of Kintaiba, Mr R. Baxter, said the Drama Department had done a nice job on the giraffe and it was now a popular item among the children.
Afternoon dresses and hats, with some armbands

Members of the Acquisitions Staff of the Auchmuty Library celebrated the Royal Wedding with High Tea on Wednesday, July 23.

In keeping with advice on dress and protocol issued from Buckingham Palace, guests were appropriately dressed in afternoon dresses and hats, always of course, being careful not to overshadow the bride's glory.

Some guests of a Republican bent showed their political affiliations by wearing black armbands. One such, Mrs Barbara McGhee, commented that she was in mourning for the British taxpayer.

The wedding cake, supplied by "the Royal Guard" of the Blue Gum Cake Shop, was red, white and blue as a patriotic gesture. Despatched to the library in a cross-country dash by camouflaged private car to evade local Media coverage, it arrived safely.

Our picture shows the Duchess and Duke of York (Sharon Howells and Chris Égan) and guests for the High Tea - Barbara McGhee, Ann Stokes, Ann Haynes, Alison Roser, Richard Murray (at back), Charmaine Horn, Margot Longworth, Marion Wilson, Lurline Cleary, Judy Keogh, Rita McBain and Doreen Stephenson.

White House conference

The conference is partly research-based and partly aimed at developing small business policy goals, by delegates from all states and from all major pressure groups, to guide policy makers on small business issues for the next decade. Other conference goals are "to identify the problems of small business; to assist small business in carrying out its role as the nation's major job creator, and to increase public awareness of the contributions of small business".

A special programme has been developed for the 20, or so, invited international visitors, and Professor Williams will be addressing one session, on his research into factors relating to survival and failure of small firms in Australia.

The conference culminates in the presentation of the policy recommendations and research findings to the Senate Small Business Committee, and to President Reagan, at the ceremonial closing session.

It is hoped that observation of and involvement in this policy-making process will be valuable in facilitating such process in Australia in the years ahead. Part of Professor Williams' costs were met by the award of a Conference Travel Grant.

White House conference

The role of the clergy in a changing society is of particular concern to Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, Maurice Wiles, who will give the 1986 Morpeth Lecture.

An Anglican priest and a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, Wiles enjoys a considerable reputation as a classical theologian. Since his first publication, The Spiritual Gospel (1960) he has produced seven major books on Christian doctrine; his most recent work, Faith and the Mysteries of God won the Collins Biennial Religious Book Award for 1983.

He created particular interest in Australian academic and church communities with the two chapters he contributed to the very influential work, The Myth of God Incarnate (1977).

Maurice Wiles' Morpeth Lecture will be given in the Medical Sciences Lecture Theatre on August 19 at 8pm.
Mrs Gay Reeves, Director of the University's Language Laboratory, and Mr Lim Thou Liang, President of the Singapore Students' Association, were delegates to a conference, held in Sydney in July by the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB) for Co-Ordinating Committees for Overseas Students in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

The conference was attended by delegates from Sydney, Canberra, Armidale, Wollongong, Wagga Wagga, Bathurst and Newcastle regions. Services and programmes offered by co-ordinating committees were discussed, for example:

- Welcoming programmes
- Assistance with finding accommodation (a very difficult task in most regions) and settling in,

Organising Friendship Families who host overseas students on various occasions, and

Entertainment programmes.

The conference was organised by Ms Kristine King, who is Acting Community Development Officer. This year Ms King has made several visits to Newcastle and the University campus and has been seeking to ascertain the need for a co-ordinating committee and the willingness of the community to participate in such a committee. At a later date a public meeting will be held to discuss the founding of such a committee.

At the conference, Mr Wal Watson, President of the Sydney Committee for Overseas Students, informed the meeting of a very important tax ruling for overseas students. This was cited in paragraph 10 of a letter dated March 18, 1986, from the Commissioner of Taxation to him concerning residency status of overseas students studying in Australia and reads as follows:

"So that there may be as much consistency of approach in this area as it possible it has been decided that, as a general rule, an overseas student who comes to Australia to pursue a course of study extending beyond six months should be treated as a resident of Australia. It will always be open to any overseas student who is in Australia in excess of six months to establish that he or her usual place of abode is outside Australia and that he or she should not be treated as a resident of Australia. Conversely, an overseas student who is in Australia for less than six months may be able to establish that he or she was a resident of Australia during the relevant period. Any case which presents unusual aspects may be referred to this Office for consideration."

**SPORTING NEWS**

The University Squash Championships were played over the past two weeks, culminating in the finals on July 20.

The major divisions were won by Mick Harvey and Linda Fenton.

An especially pleasing feature was the large number of very promising players who entered, many of whom will now play for the University in the autumn competition.

Results

Men's Open - Mick Harvey beat Sean Alder. The two also met with the same result in the Men's B-L5 and Women's A grade Event. Anthony Bouke won the plate in both.

Women's Open - Linda Fenton defeated Jacinta Bird, while Menka Weddell beat Joanne Stringfield in the plate event.

Men's C6-D and Women's A reserve - Tim Hafay defeated Tony James. John O'Donoghue won the plate.

Men's E, F and G and Women's B - Tony James defeated John Fisher and Roslyn Thrift won the plate event.

Men's G, H, and Women's C, D - Jason Ng defeated Mong Sim and Janelle Minett won the plate event.

Men's Novice and Women's E, F - Jong Tong Foo defeated Hong Sim and Paul Dereon won the plate event.

Jenny Koh won the Women's Novice division. Our thanks to Geoff Buxton and Kevin Dunne, who put a lot of work into the organisation.

After a successful autumn competition we must also congratulate the Men's D4 (Gil Smith, Ron Barnes, Chris Ramage, John O'Donoghue and Terry Ramage) and the Women's D4 (Roth Thirl, Janelle Minett, Lee Darke, Amanda Flemmeard and Karen Moore) for winning their grand final. Also Men's D2 and F6 - defeated grand finalists.

The Campus Scamper will be held on August 6 at 12.30 pm. sharp. No 2 sports oval is the locale. Run, trot, or walk, for your life.

Credit card facility is available when you purchase your sporting requirements from your squash pavilion sports shop. Join the large list of satisfied customers.

**The Friends' a.m.**

The annual general meeting of The Friends of the University will be held on Thursday, August 28, following an inspection at 5pm at the Auditory Library.

Interested persons are requested to meet in the foyer of the Library.

After the meeting a light supper will be served.

All prospective members are also welcome to attend.

**Staff Association's History**

Barbara Heaton, a Master's student in the Department of History, is writing a history of the Staff Association in this University.

Barbara says she would be interested to hear from members and former members who feel that they could contribute to this project. Even though she will be studying the files of the Staff Association (excluding personal files), it would be valuable to her to hear from former members and members of the Staff Association who could help in any way with this history.

Barbara may be contacted through the Department of History, or by leaving a message with Lynne Turner (Ext. 610).
Won't you join the Dance?

Do you know that the Newcastle Colleges' Scottish Country Dancing Club, the second oldest recreational group (hitchwalkers came first) in the University, is about to celebrate its 30th birthday?

The name itself harks back to the days of Newcastle University College and the plural indicates that we invited members of the Technical and Teachers' Colleges as well. Current membership is in excess of 60 and the club functions in the Hunter Valley Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (Edinburgh).

On Friday, August 15, a reunion of past members, together with present ones and friends from kindred groups, will take place at the Technical College Union Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The programme of dances to suit the occasion will be fairly simple.

The Annual Dinner Dance in the Staff House was a roaring success, with a blend of the old and the new, as well as a few surprises.

Some members also participated at the recent Celtic Night in the Union and showed six dances, accompanied by Heather Ale (otherwise known as Bob Low, fiddle, and Viv Swithoe, accordion). Dancing, together with singing and poetry, are important parts of Celtic cultural tradition.

The Annual Ball at the Maitland Town Hall on July 26 commemorated 100 years since the birth of Dr Jean Milligan, who, together with Mrs Stewart, of Farnsboich, founded the Scottish Country Dance Society in 1923.

It has since then grown into an organisation with affiliated groups and branches all over the world. Being a Scot is not an obligatory qualification for membership.

Decorations for the ball symbolised the unity of creative arts. The dancers interpreted the dance - dance movement - movement means patterns - patterns provide the seed for design and artistic expression. Twenty-one colourful panels, each one inspired by figures of the dance, illustrated movement in colour or showed patterns in harmonious compositions, a feast for the eyes and a lift to the spirits of those present.

The group meets every Friday night, starting at 7.30pm in the Technical College Union Hall, Tighes Hill. For information on campus contact Dr Hilary Purves (Modern Languages) or the undersigned, or ring 22492 (all hours).

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Calligraphy Classes

The Calligraphy Classes this year have been organised as follows - 10 sessions, each lasting two hours. Anyone wishing to enrol should contact the Japanese Section Secretary. Early enrolments are essential as class size is limited.

Instructor: Mr Shigemi Furukawa

Time: Thursdays 4 to 6pm, commenced July 31.

Location: Japanese Section, Room McMullin Building.

Fees: Tuition fee 50p per session (payable weekly).

Materials needed: (1) Some sheets of newspaper. (2) Tools are lent for students to use in class. However, since they are not allowed to take the tools home, those wishing to practise at home should purchase them at:

Hunter Valley Art Supplies, 571 Hunter Street, Newcastle. (Phone: 23423) or De Havilland Enterprises, 14 Swan Street, Newcastle. (Phone: 696829)

Enquiries: Japanese Section, 685414 or Ext. 414.

Julius Caesar in Rehearsal

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7pm, August 12 - 16

Drama Studio,

admission free

How were Shakespeare's plays staged and performed?

What did the plays mean to an Elizabethan audience?

Who were the Elizabethans?

These questions form the basis of the production's investigation into Shakespeare's content, staging and audience.

An Elizabethan going to the theatre saw an event that related to contemporary life and thought. Julius Caesar in Rehearsal attempts to present the play as it might first have been staged, and to make its original social context meaningful to a modern audience.

In preparing the basis for the production, a research team investigated contemporary events, thought, theatre practice, and past productions of the play. This has affected the final script and overall presentation of the show.

During rehearsal, actors and crew have explored the script and its translation to a bare stage - regarding the text as a prompt book full of stage directions.

Such a treatment of a play lends itself to performance by groups with limited resources, and can be useful in the exploration of texts in a class room situation.

In giving an audience the opportunity to see aspects of the original staging of the play, this production should be particularly interesting to students of Elizabethan theatre and history.

Wine Makers' Dinner

Members and partners are invited to attend a wine-makers' dinner at 6.30pm on Wednesday August 13, 1986, to be held at the Staff House, at a cost of $20 a head.

Richmond Grove Vineyards are supplying the Wines for this occasion and the club is subsidising the cost.

A menu to fit the occasion has been selected and will be prepared by Mrs. Tredgold.

Numbers will be limited to around 80 persons on a first come-first served basis.

Those attending are asked to have names and money to Sandy at the Staff House by Wednesday, August 6, 1986.
ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale

XE Falcon Station Wagon, limited slip diff, tow-bar, air-conditioned, 1983 model, excellent condition, $9,000. Please telephone ext. 328 or a.h. 51 7451.

Scuba package, 5 mill. Abalone wet suit, small motel, jet fin, hood and divers knife. $200 or near offer. Phone 363 or 25922.

Grey, all-wool coat, fully lined. Made in England. $30 o.n.o. Please telephone Roslyn on Ext. 370.

House approximately fifteen minutes from University. Three bedrooms, huge living, fenced back yard, view across southern suburbs, must be seen to be appreciated. $69,900 or near offer. Extension 296.

Typing - fast. Experience on Macintosh Computer Keyboards preferable but definitely not essential. (we will teach you!) Ability to work in a mad house would help.

Reminder:

Please complete and return your child-care surveys if you have not already done so. The results of this survey are vital to the development of additional childcare facilities in the University.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday, August 4, 8pm


Tuesday, August 5, Noon


Tuesday, August 5, 7pm

Lunchtime concert in the Courtyard featuring: HUNTER ENSEMBLE WIND QUARTET. Admission, free.

Wednesday, August 6, 8pm


Thursday, August 7, Noon

Movie: AGNES OF GOD, Union Common Room. Donation, 50 cents.

August 5, 8pm


August 6, 8pm


Final night of THE APOCALYPTIC DOOM SHOW, the Newcastle Footlisle Revue Company’s 1986 production, Southern Cross Lounge, $4 and $5 guests.

Accommodation wanted

Accommodation required from mid-September by female post-graduate from South Australia. Sharing house, or looking after sabbatical-leave house suitable. Contact Mr Walsh, 679593.

Tuesday, August 12, 12.30pm

Lunchtime concert in the Courtyard featuring: BOUNCING SOLES.

Noon


Wednesday, August 13, 8pm

Entertainment in the Bar featuring: MARGUERITE ASHFORD. Admission, free.

Thursday, August 14, Noon


Noon


1.30pm

Philosophy Department seminar entitled: EVOLUTIONARY NATURALIST REALISM. Speaker: Professor C. Hooker. Venue A028 McMullin Building.

Friday, August 15, 1pm


3pm

Philosophy Department seminar to be presented by Professor Gonzalo M. Masser. Venue: A028 McMullin Building.

5pm

Film Buffs Club: Laurel and Hardy Festival. A CHUMP AT OXFORD, THE HOOSE-COW, LAUGHING GRAY, MEN O’WAR, THEM THAR HILL, Common Room. Admission, free.