Students asked to consult with President

The new Union President wants to know what students think about the Union and the facilities provided for them.

Chris Tola, a Sociology III B student, who has succeeded Daniel Lucas in the elected position of head of the Board of Management, says that in the past a communication gap may have existed because students thought they couldn't voice their opinions. Specifically, he wants students to know that it is not a waste of time to seek consultation. He is always accessible and anybody with a question to put to the Board should speak to him. Because he is a member of several student bodies, he is always accessible in the Union building.

Noting that the Union "has a lot going on this year", Chris points to the following areas which the Board is giving attention to:

- The possibility of the University staggering lunch-hours so that the excessive pressure on food services between Noon and 2pm could be eased.
- The diversification of the types of food being supplied through the various outlets, for example small meals becoming available in the Common Room.
- An increase in the comfort of students and staff by air-conditioning Stan's Bar and improving ventilation in the kitchen.
- The provision of a food and drink vending machine near the stationery shop for students to use after-hours, including at week-ends.
- Again promote the Student Revue and take it on a tour of New South Wales universities. (Chris says the auditions that have been held so far indicate that the 1986 Revue will be a "corker").
- The installation of a post box for students.
- The provision of extra public telephones.
- Repairs to equipment in the snooker room in the basement.
- The amendment of the Board's rules to give student members of the Board greater continuity.

Chris says he recognises that the Union staff work conscientiously to see that students are well looked after. Moreover, he is pleased to hear about staff being thanked for the high standard of the outside functions, such as the Newton-John Award Presentation Dinner and the Graduation Dinner Dance.

In response to a petition that 150 students signed, improved sound systems have been achieved in the bar and the cinema in the Common Room.

The Debating Team operates quite satisfactorily, recently representing the University at IV in Melbourne.

In order to meet the needs of Union members, the Gift Shop, the Stationery Shop and the Second Hand Book Shop never let up. Growth of the Union is, in Chris' opinion, inevitable.

He is a leading participant in student affairs (life member of the Surfriders Club, Vice-President of the Sports Union, Vice-President of the Students' Representative Council and Union Board member since 1981) and feels sure he can look after the interests of members of the Union.

Inside: Meeting Kintaiba's funding cuts
Dear Sir,

It was reported recently that a lecturer would not deliver his lectures because of the extreme undiscipline of the class.

I have always understood that the duty of a lecturer in a lecture room is to give a lecture and that if the students do not bother to listen that is their worry. They are not children.

Twenty years ago I was confronted with noise and commotion (though not with visible or personal attack) as a part-time tutor at the University of NSW. I began delivering my lecture right on time, in my normal voice. I was prepared to complete the whole lecture under these conditions. It so happened that the students in the front wanted to hear and began shushing those behind, who passed it on till the room was quiet.

LEILA CUMMING

Students miss University

A survey conducted by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) and the Australian Committee of Directors and Principals in Advanced Education (ACDP) shows that between 9,000 and 14,000 students eligible for entry and willing to accept an offer of a place were unable to commence studies in a university or a CAE at the beginning of 1986.

This situation was announced today in a joint statement by Professor Don Stranks, Chairman of the AVCC, and Dr. Don Watts, Chairman of ACDP.

The data collected in the 1986 survey included information additional to that obtained in a similar survey relating to 1985 and enabled a better assessment of actual unsatisfied demand than in 1985.

The 1986 survey shows that, in total, 33,000 or 22.7 per cent of applicants who were regarded as eligible for admission to universities or colleges did not receive an offer of a place, compared with over 29,000 eligible students who did not receive an offer in 1985.

When the 1985 report was released AVCC and ACDP indicated that the figures were a crude measure of unmet demand as they took no account of multiple applications to two or more institutions or admissions centres, did not make any allowance for applicants who nominated a a narrow range of courses and made no estimates of those applicants who would not accept an offer.

In 1986 an attempt was made to allow for these factors on the basis of additional information obtained this year.

In 1986 there were about 2,350 interstate applicants and 2,240 applicants to institutions not participating in joint admissions centres who did not receive an offer and various assumptions could be made on the numbers of such unsuccessful applicants representing genuine unmet demand.

Some 7,650 applicants indicated interest in one course only and 5,400 in two preferences only. Again assumptions might vary on what proportion of these represent genuine unmet demand.

Information from the survey shows that, overall, about 30 per cent of offers are rejected and at the lower end of the ability scale some 50 per cent are not accepted. Discounts at assumed rates may be applied to arrive at an assessment of the numbers of students not having their real demand for a place met.

On the basis of what they believe are the best reasonable assumptions they might make, ACDP and AVCC arrived at their estimate that some 9 - 14,000 applicants who would have accepted offers, that is 7 - 10 per cent of all eligible applicants, were unable to obtain places in higher education.

Other factors made it difficult to measure precisely the extent to which demand has increased or decreased since 1985 - the funding by the Victorian Government of 1500 additional places in 1986 and, in New South Wales, the inclusion of many more students from the lower end of the ability scale in the group defined as eligible applicants.

In overall terms ACDP and AVCC consider that the range in which unmet student demand lies in 1986 is probably very similar to that of 1985.

Staff member’s election

Professor Max Maddock, Associate Professor of Education, has been elected a councillor of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists' Union.

Professor Maddock is one of three new councillors. His election is a recognition of his work in research into the breeding biology of egrets and his role in getting the Shortland Wetlands Centre established in Newcastle.

The Union, which has its headquarters at Moonee Ponds in Melbourne, employs a staff of 30 and is the Australasian Region's institute for ornithological research.

THE TASTE OF LESNIK'S

STAFF HOUSE MEMBERS are invited to a WINE TASTING

June 10,
AT 4.30 pm.

LESNIK WINES

Joe Lesnik will be in attendance at the Staff House.

Subwarden for Edwards Hall

The Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall is inviting applications for the part-time position of Subwarden within Edwards Hall tenable from July 20 to November 30 (19 weeks).

Applicants should hold a primary degree and should be proceeding to a higher degree or should be a member of the academic staff of the University. However the Board reserves the right to appoint any other person it considers fit, make appointments by invitation, or make less appointments than there are vacancies.

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

Applications will close on Monday, June 30.
Option to meeting Kintaiba's funding cuts

KINTAIBA
UNITY CHILD CARE CENTRE

Mr R. Baxter, Director of Kintaiba, which is facing problems because of reduced funding.

The Board of Trustees of the University's child care centre, Kintaiba, is considering a proposal for the expansion of the centre and the diversification of its services. According to the Board, it is possible that expansion and diversification could generate sufficient income and community support to compensate for the recent reduction in Government funding and restrictions on services. The Board, however, feels that it is necessary to carry out a feasibility study based on sound and objective research, funding and restrictions on services.

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the provision of funds for a feasibility study to determine the viability of the expansion programme. Work has started on the feasibility study.

The Parents' Group at Kintaiba told the NEWS that as at April 1 this year, following the amendment of the Child Care Act, funding of child care centres had been cut by the Federal Government and parents with children in Kintaiba now had to pay more than before.

Mr. McCormack said one of the effects on students and staff of the University was that, because Kintaiba could not now afford to hold places for late enrolments, their children must be enrolled when the centre opened in January. Otherwise they would miss out.

"The outcome of the fee increases is that about two thirds of the centre's 74 families will have to pay more than previously, ranging from two to 40 per cent. The maximum fees have been increased to $85 per child for five days. The greatest impact is on those families with two children at the child care centre, with a combined family income in access of $700 a week."

In addition, Mr McCormack said, the Government was exerting a greater degree of control over budgeting and expenditure in child care centres than previously.

"Kintaiba has peculiarities of design and location and the maintenance costs are high. It is particularly disadvantaged. One suggestion is that parents should carry out the cleaning and the maintenance on a voluntary basis."

The Government had also announced, he said, that "rationing" of places in child care centres would be brought in based on a priority system and an assessment of the need within families.

The amendment of the Child Care Act had also removed the requirements for specific staff levels and essential staff qualifications. Regulations in this area had reverted entirely to the States. "If New South Wales' requirements are applied to Kintaiba, staff numbers will be cut from 10 to 8.5.

"Only three of the 8.5 staff will, under the new rules, have to be trained, compared with the past when it was a University convention that staff be fully trained.

"If there is no alternative to making the changes required by the Federal Government, then the Early Childhood Education Programme will be destroyed."

Mr McCormack said that the point of view of the Director of Kintaiba, Mr R. Baxter was that to lower staff numbers beyond the present level would create an unsafe environment.

One of the options available to meet the funding restrictions was to place restrictions on Kintaiba's services, such as withdrawing food services, reducing staff, shortening hours and reducing spending on equipment and maintenance. However, this required a conscious decision to "wind down" Kintaiba to a level far below its present standard.

The Board of Trustees' diversification and expansion option is divided into these parts:

- Expansion into Occasional Care (caring for children on an occasional basis so parents can go to town or leave their children in emergencies).
- Expansion into Sesional and Full day Care (caring for children for short periods on a regular basis).
- Expansion into Playgroup and Family Day Care (providing facilities for parents to participate in activities with their children and allowing care-givers to bring children to the centre to gain help).
- Diversification into workshops and seminars.
- Development as a research centre and
- Diversification into information dissemination and publication.

The programme is expected to broaden the funding base via Federal and State Governments, increase income from fees, and widen community support by increasing the family numbers to 300 plus. The additional running costs could be more than counter-balanced by the revenue and the savings achieved through economies of scale.

Several Members of Parliament from the Hunter Region have accepted invitations to inspect Kintaiba on June 11 at 11 am. They will be informed about the child care centre's critical situation.
New Chair of Biostatistics

Professor Dobson

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George, has announced the appointment of Professor Annette Dobson to the Foundation chair of Biostatistics at the University.

Professor Dobson joined the University as a Senior Lecturer in Statistics in 1977 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1982. A graduate of the University of Adelaide (BSc, 1966), Dr. Dobson obtained her MSc and PhD degrees from the James Cook University of North Queensland (1970 and 1974 respectively), whilst a Tutor (subsequently Senior Tutor) in the Department of Mathematics there. From 1975-77, she was a Lecturer in Mathematics at the School of Australian Environmental Studies at Griffith University. In 1973 she held a position as Statistical Consultant, Centre de Recherches Mathematiques, Universite de Montreal.

The new Chair will consolidate the innovative work at the University linking the interests of the Medical Faculty and the Faculty of Mathematics in Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, as well as strengthening teaching and research in the wider discipline of statistics. Currently collaboration between the Faculties of Medicine and Mathematics includes research in the Epidemiology of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Disease, Community Medicine, General Practice, Clinical Pharmacology and Biomathematics, and consultation to medical and health care personnel in Newcastle. The Hunter Health Statistics Unit, operated jointly by these Faculties and the Hunter Region Office of the New South Wales Department of Health, is responsible for processing hospital separation data for the region and providing information for Hospital Management and Health Service Planning.

The Professor will also play a key role in the internationally-funded Asian and Pacific Centre for Clinical Epidemiology. The Chair will be partly funded by contributions from the University's consulting company, TUNRA.

Professor Dobson has made major contributions to the study of the patterns of disease, both with respect to heart disease and childhood smoking. Her research findings have been published widely in Australia and overseas and in 1983 she published a highly-praised textbook entitled An introduction to Statistical Modelling (Chapman and Hill).

Professor Dobson took up her duties on May 29. She is located in Room 239 in the Mathematics Building.

Nyholm Lecture presented

On Tuesday, June 10, at 3pm, in the Geography Laboratory (R07), Professor Ian Douglas will speak on Urban Geomorphology.

Ian Douglas is Professor of Physical Geography at the University of Manchester. He has previously been visiting lecturer at the University of Malaya and, later, Professor of Geography at the University of New England. Professor Douglas obtained his PhD at ANU for studies of sediment and dissolved loads of streams in Northern Queensland and southern NSW. His field research has also been conducted in other tropical areas, notably in Malaysia.

Professor Douglas' research and teaching interests embrace the interrelated issues of urban hydrology and geomorphology, environmental and water resource management issues and the problems of soil conservation. He is the author of Humid Landforms (ANU Press) and The Urban Environment (Edward Arnold).

Urban geomorphology

Nyholm Youth Lectures were established by the RACI to perpetuate the memory of Professor R. Nyholm. As this year's Nyholm Lecturer, Professor David Tithmarsh was not able to present the lecture, Professor Wainwright, who was formerly a Nyholm Lecturer, replaced him.
Dr Bourke says Newcastle-born people have a homing instinct. He realises now that he has this instinct in common with many who were his contemporaries.

He graduated from the University College at the age of 21, having been trained as a Science teacher. Dr E. Braggett, Professor R. MacDonald and Dr K. Bell were also NUC students around this time.

Whilst teaching at schools in Sydney he took first a BA and then a LittB degrees at the University of New England by correspondence. Wanting experience in adult education, he went into the Army Education Corps and became an instructor, teaching chiefly mathematics and science to Army Engineers and "Nashos" (National Service inductees).

Later Dr Bourke expanded his interest in educational research by specialising in instructional technology and the systems approach to training.

In the early 1970s he went to England and West Germany as an Army exchange instructor and training consultant, prior to taking an appointment at the Army Staff College in Queenscliff, near Melbourne.

He was attached to the Australian Council for Educational Research in Hawthorn, Melbourne as a Research Officer for several years before coming to this University.

He was involved in several major projects, the First and Second National Literacy/Numeracy studies being among them.

Between the time he joined the Army Staff College and the time he arrived in Newcastle he completed a MEd degree at Monash University and a PhD degree at La Trobe University.

His chief interests are the application of instructional technology on the curriculum, the teaching and learning of mathematics emphasizing classroom contexts and teaching practises, research methodologies and computer education and at the university he will be mainly concerned with teaching the last two subjects to students in the MEd and BEd Stud courses.

His appointment Dr Bourke says, is in a sense a fourth career. Previously, he has not been a full time University Lecturer.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

Ms Kay Daniels, Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Tasmania, and scholar of women in Australia, will visit Newcastle on June 10 and 11 to deliver lectures.

Ms. Daniels, who has made several major research contributions on women's social history in Australia, is Chairperson of the Committee to Review Australian Studies in Tertiary Education.

She will give a lecture on The History of Australian Women in Room V07 in the Mathematics building on June 10 at 7pm. A follow-up lecture will be given in the same lecture theatre on June 11 at 1pm.

Ms Daniel will address a meeting of the Heritage Sub-Committee of the Newcastle of the Newcastle Bi-Centennial Community Committee in the City Hall on June 11 at 6pm. The title of the address is The Place of Women's History in the Regional Museum.
OBITUARY

Endre Szekely, MA, (Qld.), PhD (Budapest) died in Sydney at the age of 63 years on Monday, May 12. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, son John, grandson Zorin and younger brother Gabriel who is still resident in Budapest.

Dr. Szekely joined the staff of the Psychology Department in 1969 as a Senior Lecturer, resigning in 1974 to take up an appointment as Director of Clinical Studies at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences, from which he retired in 1983. His contributions to the clinical postgraduate course at this University continued to the end of 1985.

After arriving in Australia in 1949, Dr. Szekely worked as a Librarian in the Tasmanian Health Department in Hobart. From 1954 to 1960 he was Senior Clinical Psychologist at the Brisbane Psychiatry Clinic. It was early in this period that, for personal and professional reasons, he took out a Master's degree in the Department of Philosophy in the University of Queensland. His next appointment was to the position of Principal Psychologist in the NSW Department of Education in Sydney where he worked up to the time of his appointment to this University.

Andrew, as he was known here, was born in Vienna and grew up in Budapest. He will be long remembered by his colleagues and students as a natural scholar in the tradition of the great European philosophers and psychologists. His scholarship was consistently directed toward devising an objective method of analysing the processes of inner experience. The principles underlying the method were laid down in a monograph supplement to the British Journal of Psychology (Basic analysis of inner psychological functions, 1965). The clinical application of the method (Andrew was always a true clinician) was demonstrated in his book, "Functional laws of psychodynamics" (Springer, 1979), his major work, which is regarded as seminal in this very abstruse field. Before and after his retirement he researched the early development of Cumberland College and made contributions to its published history. Personal memories will be of a man of great humility who enriched our lives with his wisdom and universally humane example. Our sympathy goes out to his widow, Vivian, her fam and to Gabriel in their said loss.

B. F.

Video production seminar

The use of video for business communication will be the subject of a one day seminar in Room V07 at the University on July 4.

Highlights will include sessions displaying the creative interactive uses of video and private satellite networks in training.

Mr. David Sayers, local media personality, will officially open the seminar.

Papers will be presented on a wide variety of topics and many illustrative clips from local and national video productions will be shown.

The panel of presenters comprises:

Helena Libershal, Managing Director, Network Technologies Pty. Ltd., Sydney; David Stanton, Technical Manager: Memory Technologies Group, 3M Australia Pty. Ltd; Barry Thomas, Managing Director, Video Vision Communications, Melbourne; Robert Carruthers, Audio Visual Engineer and Consultant, Newcastle; Robert Cook, Senior Audio Visual Officer, BHP Newcastle; Phillip Hodgetts, Managing Director, Charisma Video, Newcastle, and Dr. Ian Wallschutzky, Head of the Department of Commerce.

Mr Russell Craig, Senior Lecturer in Commerce, will be seminar convenor and chairman.

Technical assistance will be provided by Mr Bede Jordan, of the Audio Visual Services Unit, and members of the Newcastle Chapter of the International Television Association.

The seminar is being offered by the Departments of Commerce and Community Programmes.

MALAYSIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Malaysian Students' Association will be held in Lecture Theatre S02 (Commerce) on June 10 at 1pm. The meeting is open to all Malaysians.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

By invitation of the Departments of Philosophy and Sociology, Assoc. Professor Agnes Heller (Sociology, La Trobe University) will read a paper on:

"The Division of Norms of Proper Conduct in Modern Society"

Friday June 13,
Time: 1pm
Place: Room 308 (Education Dept. Curriculum Lab, Second Floor, Social Sciences Building)

Originally a student of George Lukacs and a member of the Budapest School, Professor Heller came out to Australia a few years ago. The paper she will read in Newcastle will form a part of a forthcoming book on Social Ethics. It will be followed by discussion.
Transformation "illusory"

The notion that a college of advanced education could be transformed into a university of technology by the stroke of a legislative pen is illusory, the Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (Professor Don Stranks) said following the meeting of the AVCC on May 20.

The AVCC had discussed the announcement by the Western Australian Minister for Education that the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT) will be renamed the Curtin University of Technology, and his claim that this establishes for the first time "three levels of tertiary education", that is university, university of technology and college of advanced education.

Professor Stranks said: "The AVCC emphasizes that simply to rename a college of advanced education is not sufficient to establish it as a university of technology."

"The notion of a university as an institution devoted to, and funded to support scholarship, undergraduate teaching, postgraduate training and research is well understood and recognised in Australia and overseas, but that of a 'university of technology', as a separate category of institution, is not.

"The AVCC is anxious to have further details about this novel development. It also awaits with interest further information about the steps which will be taken to transform WAIT, as a CAE, into a 'university of technology' - steps which must embrace considerations of funding, staffing and the definition of education responsibilities.

"The extra Commonwealth funding now being sought for this unplanned development must be set in priority order against the clear national need for increasing student places in higher education and overcoming major deficiencies and backlogs in computers, equipment, buildings and research support", Professor Stranks said.

The AVCC noted a letter from the Director of the Overseas Student Office advising that the Australian Government, to show its willingness to work with Western and other Governments for a concerted international approach to dealing with international terrorism, has decided to review the number of places available to Libyan students and to inform Libyan students currently in Australia that they are not to engage in political activities.

The AVCC was advised that Macquarie University has received a request for payment of $27,581.40 from the Copyright Agency Limited for photocopying under Section 53B of the Copyright Act 1968, for the period August 1981 to May 8, 1985. Inspection of copyright records in other universities has commenced.

The AVCC has noted the appointment of the following Vice-Chancellors:
- Professor R.M. Golding as Vice-Chancellor of James Cook University of North Queensland. Professor Golding will take up his appointment in July, 1986.
- Professor D. Yerbury as Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University. Professor Yerbury will take up her appointment in January, 1987.
- Professor K. J. Morgan as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle. Professor Morgan will take up his appointment on January 1, 1987.
THE BEDBUG

(Review of Drama Department's production, Drama Theatre, June 3 till June 7, June 10 till June 14, 8.15pm).

By Dorrit Nesmith

The Bedbug was written in 1928, during that brief period in the Soviet Union when views opposing revolutionary dogma could still be freely presented and when avant garde experiments in the arts were officially encouraged. Vladimir Mayakovsky, who had been an ardent supporter of the Bolsheviks, was and is known primarily as a poet whose magnum opus was dedicated to Lenin. The Bedbug was something of an aberration in his career: a two-part 'fantastical comedy'.

The Drama Department has put together a slick interpretation of the play, slightly edited and up-dated. It derives its style from a number of sources, generally maintaining a fast and funny pace, especially in the first part. A large cast is well directed through complicated, choreographed chaos to portray the confusion of the times.

The first half satirises the inability of the Soviet people to adjust to the ideals of the revolution, focusing on the social-climbing ambitions of one worker, Prisypkin. He greedily embraces the trappings of prosperity and culture, while his fiancee's bourgeois family seek the status that they will attain by having a genuine union member in their family. They blind themselves to his vulgar pretensions in return for the prestige of association with 'the victorious class'.

Lunch hour performances of plays will be continued by the Department of Drama in the Great Hall in the Green Room until September.

A season of Mrs Thally F., by John Romeril, was put on at the end of May. The next play will be The Love of Don Pearl, which commences on July 8, and after that How to Settle accounts With Your Laundress, commencing on July 29.

In a scene from Mrs Thally F. are (left to right) Michelle Offen (Mother), Narelle Feeney (Vonnie), Brendan Sirahan (Dessie) and Pauline Kilby (Mrs Roach). Tana Barfield was responsible for direction, David Whitson was the stage manager, assisted by Phillipa Burke.

When the old society perishes in a conflagration at the end of Part One, human passions are literally 'put on ice' for half a century. Prisypkin emerges to discover a global federation actually practicing the ideals with which his world had been grappling.

One suspects it is this second part that brought Mayakovsky into disfavour with his government and led to his 'suicide under complicated circumstances' less than two years later. After mocking the realities of early Soviet life (The shortages of goods and housing, the frustrated hopes, the enshrinement of Paris and Hollywood as glittering dreams), he surprises us by veering onto a different course. The alternative, Mayakovsky says, the realisation of the revolutionary ideal, would be a sterile machine that would have no room for emotion, love, humour or human weakness within its well-oiled gears. The individual tragi-comedy of Prisypkin's flaws become the objective one of a society without humanity.

The director, Jane Goodall, deliberately imitated Mayakovsky's use of vaudeville cliches, clashing rhythms and conflicting styles. Her cast is excellent, particularly Christopher Fletcher in the exhausting role of Prisypkin and Mark O'Neill as the poseur-poet, Oleg Bard. However, it is also in their characterisations that the use of cliche is questionable. Mr Fletcher owes a great deal to Robin Williams (Moscow on the Hudson). Mr O'Neill assumes a thick Russian accent, dropping it suddenly for an hilarious (non-Mayakovsky) excursus on Lenin. It's a particularly funny bit. It is also instantly recognisable as Alexei Sayle's schtick-in-trade as The Young Ones' landlord every week on the ABC.

Unfortunately, some of the play's funniest lines are unintelligibly shouted and therefore wasted. Perhaps this flaw will have been corrected in later performances, as will the similarly over-loud (but cleverly devised) use of voice-overs at the end of Part One and the beginning of Part Two.

Paul Ryan's music wittily integrates familiar themes with his original piano score and ranges from 'Ode to Joy' to Michael Jackson, with the recurring ballad 'Lunchharky Street' becoming increasingly wistful as the play progresses. (Lunacharsky was a critic and promoter of social realism. As the first commissar of Culture, he definitely would not have approved of The Bedbug.)

The script calls for nine different elaborate sets, but Gary Pedlar has evoked them very effectively with plastic tubing and crates and some innovative effects, using the constructivist techniques of the 1920s.

It's a good production. Some of the additions to end deletions from the original script enhance it; some do not. The pacing in the second half could be crisper, the humour more bitter to be faithful to Mayakovsky's intent.

Lenin encourages the use of humour as a weapon to expose 'everything' which is a mockery in Soviet society'. He saw it as an excellent way of branding those phenomena which had outlived their usefulness. Mayakovsky's message is warning: don't be too quick to discard those phenomena that make human life truly human.
University I and II Women's basketball teams were both successful in reaching the grand finals of the first competition for 1986.

University I was victorious in its defeat of EMS (35 - 23), but unfortunately the number II team was defeated 20 - 12 by Belafontes.

Two new women's teams (B2 and C4 grades have been entered in the second, and biggest, competition for 1986 which began on April 21.

The B2 team will play on Monday nights, and the C4 team on Thursday nights. The teams are not full.

Students and staff interested in playing should contact Leonie Hunt 57 4046 (home) or if unanswered Jenny Hughes 68 5614 (work), 67 3449 (home).

Intervarsity will be hosted in 1986 by Queensland University in Brisbane, from August 25 to 29. Any interest, keen, brilliant basketballers (men or women) are advised to contact Bernadette Nash 69 3535 (home) or Jenny Hughes 68 5614 (work), 67 3449 (home).

IV training for the women's team has already commenced (Sundays, 3 to 5 p.m., Auchmuty Sports Centre). Men's training will commence soon.

Our congratulations to University's Women's Squash Team, the first Women's team to win at IV and the first Squash team to win outright (the men's team was equal first in 1977)!

Linda Fenton, Chris Mackney, Jacinta Bird, Kerren Reinhard, Tania Cheers and Kathy Young went to Melbourne and improved steadily throughout the competition. After coming third in the initial stages, they took on and beat Melbourne Uni 3 - 1 in the semi-final. They then triumphed over the reigning champions, Sydney University, by the same score in the final.

Team members expressed their special appreciation of the role played by their manager, Kim Colyvas, in steering them through the tournament to eventual victory.

The Sports Union is in the process of formulating a plan for future development of sporting facilities on campus and submissions are invited from interested students and staff of the University.

Proposals outlining the requirements of the sport of recreational activity to be catered for should be forwarded to reach the Sport and Recreation department no later than July 30.

Huge Sporting Goods Sale -
Squash Pavilion Sports Shop
Celebrating a new computer

The arrival of its new Gould 9005 computer earlier this year gave rise to celebrations in the Faculty of Mathematics on May 29.

Among the many guests at the Wine and Cheese party were the Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Don George, and representatives of all the Faculties and the Administration.

Visitors from outside included Dr G. E. Thomas, Chief of the CSIRO Division of Information Technology, and Dr P. Gerrand, Head of the Switching and Signalling Branch of the Telecom Research Laboratories in Melbourne.

Professor Les Keedy, Professor of Computer Science and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics, thanked those who had played a role in the purchase of the computer and said that he was very satisfied with the Gould system, which had shown remarkable reliability and had lived up to expectations on performance over the three months since it had been installed.

The Gould 9005 is the first system of its kind to be installed in Australia. Implemented in ECL technology, it is an extremely fast computer, executing at the rate of about 4.7 million instructions per second, i.e. more than four times the rate of a Vax 11-780.

Professor Keedy said the system was purchased at a bargain price of $350,000 for use in teaching computer science undergraduates and for research work in both computer science and in mathematics.

Pictured with the Gould 9005 computer system are (from left): Dr Gerrand, Dr Thomas, Mr Alan Ryner, Customers' Service Manager for Gould Electronics, Professor Keedy, Dr R Evans, Head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mrs Evelyn Swenson, Head of T Distributed Computing Section of Telecom.

Hormones, heart disease and maturity

The importance of sex hormones in prevention of heart disease is currently under investigation in the Medical Sciences Building on campus.

It is said women are protected against heart disease by their unique sex hormone combination, but the mortality from heart disease rises in women over about 55 years of age.

Since recreational exercise is known to stimulate sex hormone production, Dr Ruby Hussain is seeking women subjects over 55 years of age to participate in studies designed to seek the exercise threshold for sex hormone production, thereby potentially affording protection from heart attack.

She works in Lab. 310, Medical Sciences Building, and can be contacted on 685 599.

Top post for graduate

A former Newcastle University student has been appointed Executive Director of the Australian Mining Industry Council (AMIC).

Mr. Leuchlan McIntosh, of Mt Newman, Western Australia, graduated with first class honours in geology in 1968 and has been Mine Manager of the BHP's mine at Mt Newman since 1982.

A BHP employee for the past 22 years, Mr McIntosh joined the company in Newcastle as a cadet and a trainee geologist. Between 1968 and 1977 he was resident geologist, superintendent of technical services and development coordinator with the Groote Eylandt Mining Company.

For the next two years he was manager of BHP's Koolyanobbing iron ore mine and in 1980/81 manager of the company's iron ore operations centred at Yampi.

In 1981 as a Harkness Fellow he completed the Sloan Flowers Master of Management Science programme at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.

Announcing Mr. McIntosh's appointment in The Mining Newspaper, Sir Bruce Watson said Mr McIntosh would bring wide mining industry experience and outstanding business administration qualifications to the job.

Mr McIntosh replaces James Strong who resigned as executive director last December to become general manager of TAA.
Schools Visit Day

Beating a path to various doors are senior high school students from among the large number who came on Schools Visit Day, May 22. Organisers of the annual visit of students who are completing their high school studies said the size of the crowd was a record not only for the University but also for the Newcastle CAE. The timetable of lectures, laboratory tours, visits to campus services and even a play rehearsal covered all the Faculties and areas of interest and the Union provided the students with lunch and refreshments. Below: Those who visited the Department of Architecture viewed students' designs and models and some of them received information from Professor B. Maitland (left).

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

House or flat required for academic couple moving to Newcastle in June/July. Any area, furnished or unfurnished, but must be clean and comfortable. We'd happily look after your home while you're on study leave. Excellent references available. Please contact Bruce Wilson - English Department, NCAE.

FOR SALE

cot/bedroom set. Includes cot with removable bars to make youth bed, two large storage drawers underneath, a three drawer chest of drawers and a changing table. Provides sturdy safety for baby or child. $150ono. Call H. Bridgman, Ext. 774.


June 13 Deadline

Confirmation of Enrolment forms have been mailed to all students (including non-degree and postgraduate students).

These forms are to:

- Check and confirm your name and address
- Verify the accuracy of your programme of study
- Ensure that exam seats will be provided for you at all your examinations.
- Make sure you have withdrawn from subjects that you want to drop.

Please check the information carefully - Confirmation of Enrolment Forms are to be returned by June 13.

The Philosophy Club

Another Club Camp is over. It was held from May 2 to 4 at Crangen Bay. Although attendance was slightly down, it was a great camp, a result assured by the mixture of stimulating papers and conversation laced with copious quantities of alcohol and good food.

Thanks to all who contributed.

The Lunchtime papers resumed in the Auchenmuty Room Tuesday, June 3, at 1pm with a paper from Professor Cliff Hooker on Naturalism.

It will be followed on June 10 with a paper by Assoc. Professor Bill Doniela on Existentialism and on June 17 Mr. Bill Sparkes will talk on Utilitarianism.

The papers are the resumption of the "ism" series presented in previous years.

Wine, cheese and orchy will be served. All interested people are welcome.
Tuesday, June 10, 12.50pm
Lunchtime Concert in the Courtyard featuring Gondwanaland (this band played for the soundtrack of Mad Max III). Admission: free.

1.30pm
Institution of Engineers, Australia (Newcastle Division) Electrical Engineering Branch, as part of its 1986 Lecture Series presents Dr David Parnas (Professor of Computer Science, University of Victoria, Canada). Dr Parnas will present two papers at the seminar.
For further information please contact Professor Les Keedy at Ext. 453.

Wednesday, June 11, 12.50pm
Classical concert featuring Hunter Ensemble Wind Quartet. Admission free, Southern Cross Lounge.

7 - 9pm
Ballroom Dancing, $2 per person, Union Cafeteria.

7 -10pm
Entertainment in the Bar, admission free.

Thursday, June 12 Noon

1 - 2pm

2.15pm

Friday, June 13, 1pm
Philosophy/Sociology Departments' seminar entitled: The Division of Norms of Proper Conduct in Modern Society. Guest speaker: Dr Agnes Heller (Sociology, La Trobe). Venue: W 308 (Education).

3.15 - 4.45pm

1pm
Film Buffs Club: From One To Many, Let It Bee, Fantablibical, A Life In a Tin, Mr Rossis Photo Safari, Opera and Self Service (Bozetto): Common Room, admission free.

Monday, June 16, 1pm
History/Sociology Departments' seminar entitled: The Secularisation of the Australian Family. Guest speaker: Professor Hans Mol (McMaster, Canada). Venue: History Common Room.

7 - 9pm
SUN Dance: Flamenco. Common Room, admission $1 per person.

Tuesday, June 17, 12.50pm
Lunchtime Concert featuring Witch Doctors. Union Courtyard, admission free.

Wednesday, June 18, Noon - 2pm

7 - 9pm
Ballroom Dancing, $2 per person, Union Cafeteria.

7 -10pm
Entertainment in the Bar featuring The Frets (alias Rick and Anthony plus a drummer!). Admission: free.

Noon - 2 pm
Movie: Silkwood, Common Room. Admission, 50 cents.

Thursday, June 19, 1.30pm

Friday, June 20, 1pm
Film Buffs Club: The Ballad of Crowfoot and The Cockfighter, Common Room. Admission Free.

Wednesday, June 25, 2.15pm
Sociology Department seminar entitled: Does Wet Rice Farming Promote Equality? Guest speaker: Dr Paul Alexander (Anthropology, Sydney).

Tuesday, June 24, 7.30 pm
Meeting of the Institute for Educational Research, Newcastle, Lecture Theatre B13, Newcastle CAE, Topic: A Survey of the Educational Aspirations of Secondary School Students in the Hunter Region: Implications for Tertiary Education. Speakers; Dr W. E. J. Paradise, (Hunter Valley Research Foundation), Dr D. R. Huxley, (Principal, Newcastle College of Advanced Education) and Professor D. W. George, (Vice-Chancellor, the University of Newcastle).

Thursday, June 26, 1.30pm