LIBRARY BUILDING TAKES SHAPE

Work on the extensions to the Auchmuty Library is proceeding satisfactorily and the project is expected to be completed in November. The new building, Stage IIB, will cost in excess of $4 million and will alleviate critical overcrowding. Accommodation for the Auchmuty Library will be provided on levels II, III and IV although part of level II will house the University Counselling Service and a studio for the Faculty of Architecture.

The form of the existing library has been maintained in the building, with external finish of precast concrete panels on the upper floors and brick cavity walls on the lower floor, and brick internal walls throughout. However, an interesting difference is that, instead of recessed lighting, tubular overhead lighting has been used.

When completed, Stage IIB will provide an additional 3,500 square metres of floor space, allowing substantial increases in reader places and book shelving.

Provision has also been made for a microcomputer and terminal room, a re-located audio-visual section, including a theatre, and several group study rooms.

The actual allocation of library materials in the new building will be as follows: technology monographs and serials, level II; biological sciences, and medicine monographs and serials (an extensive A-V area), level III; and social sciences and physical sciences, level IV.

Level I was to have remained undeveloped, apart from the provision of plant rooms but, with the earthen bank sprayed with concrete, this has been converted into an extensive storage area for future Library use.

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It claims that although Newcastle University has been pressing for some years for the Department of Law to be converted to a full-scale law school, in the assessors' view, to be viable, a law school has to have about 600 students with 35 members of staff.

"Nothing that we have seen would suggest that Newcastle could establish a school of this size with students of a standard comparable to those admitted to other law schools," the Report says. "We also consider that if there is to be any claim for an increase in the number of law places they should not be in New South Wales, which is amply provided."

The Report adds that Newcastle University has suggested that a justification for the establishment of a law school would be that it would offer a special kind of education, one that is modelled on clinical legal education. "To the extent that clinical legal education can be seen to be closely allied with training persons to enter legal practice, we would not think this an appropriate development," the Report stresses the assessors' view that a case cannot be made out for an increase in law places in New South Wales on the basis of private practice needs. The only basis is that law graduates should be regarded as being trained in such a way as to fit them for a large range of employment fields.

Opposing the establishment of a law school at Newcastle, the Report comments that the issue will need to be kept under review as, with growth in population, it may be that a viable school would be able to be established on the North Coast of New South Wales.

Professor Bates, responding to the report, says that on the statement that there is an over-supply of professional lawyers in Eastern states of Australia the legitimacy of governments' artificially restricting demand for legal education was questionable.

"There is absolutely no doubt that a strong demand for legal education exists in Australia. We could have filled the proposed law school with students at the start of this year."

He said the review of Australian law schools had indicated that a law school with fewer than 600 students is unviable and beyond the resources of this University to establish. "I have worked in, and seen, a great many law schools which operate with considerably fewer students," he says.

For example very few law schools in Great Britain can compare with this preferred size and in the United States, where I have taught, many law schools are smaller than this."

Professor Bates is concerned at the imbalance of the system of legal education in New South Wales, with all four of the States law schools remaining in Sydney. This situation creates real hardship for people from non-metropolitan parts of the State who seek law degrees.

Professors Pearce, Campbell and Harding were asked to consider the courses offered at the Department of Law at Newcastle and the Department of Legal Studies at LaTrobe, although their terms of reference did not extend to a review of the many departments in universities providing law courses not leading to LLB qualification.

Commenting on the Department of Law, they say it is a significant Department with a high enrolment which engages in the teaching of law to non-law students in the Faculties of Economics and Commerce.

"What we do we apparently do satisfactorily," Professor Bates comments. "The report recommends that we expand our tuition in law, primarily as a social science.

'Our plans for developments in this field are well advanced. There is a demand for training in family law, social security law and criminal law and we hope to expand into administrative law and in addition commercial areas.'

Want to Talk it Over?

Need someone to listen?

There is someone at the Chaplains' Office (Temporary Buildings, next to Mathematics):

Monday 9 am to 4 pm (Lindsay Robertson, Baptist).

Tuesday 9 am to 4 pm (Mary Goldsworthy, Catholic).

Wednesday Noon to 2 pm (Philip Thirlwell, Anglican).

Thursday 9 am to 4 pm (Mary Goldsworthy).

Or you can contact:

Peter Oliver (Uniting, 57 4566);

Ian Stewart (Presbyterian, 61 3259).
FROM PORTLAND STATE

PROFESSOR RAY JOHNSON comes from Portland State University in Oregon. He is visiting the Department of Commerce for two months and will primarily teach, and pursue research in auditing.

' My research has been mainly concerned with examining ways of making auditing more efficient and effective. This research involves developing client profiles that assist the auditor to identify areas of the financial statement in which errors are probable,' he said.

Why come to the University of Newcastle? 'Professor Donald Watne visited your University early last year. Don is a colleague of mine at Portland State and he said it was an exciting and educational leave for him in Newcastle. Like Don, I am enjoying being here and teaching auditing and accounting.'

Professor Johnson went on: 'It is a real pleasure for me to discuss various methods of financial reporting with the faculty. I have been able to open my vistas to different ideas.'

He comes from a state which is arguably the most beautiful in the United States. He enjoys outdoor pursuits both in the Oregon mountains and along the Oregon coast.

Ray Johnson has made certain that he sees other parts of Australian life apart from the campus of the UN. He has already managed to go scuba diving at Heron Island in the Barrier Reef. He described the underwater world as 'simply magnificent'.

PLANS FOR TAPESTRY

The Friends of The University will hold its annual general meeting in the Purdue Room on 13 August commencing at 7.30 pm.

The business of the meeting will include reports and the election of officers and members of the committee. Officers to be elected are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer.

On completion of business there will be a talk by Mary Beeston, designer of The Hunter Tapestry, which has been commissioned by the Friends and will be kept in the Great Hall.

Ex-Gillies and Dingo

On 12 August The Friends of The University, in conjunction with The Newcastle Herald, will hold a Lunch With a Writer at The Sea Witch Restaurant, The Top of Town Motor Inn, at 12.15 pm. The speaker will be the satirist Patrick Cook, writer, cartoonist and performer.

Cook became known through his cartoons in Nation Review and later, his column in The Times on Sunday, but he reached a much wider audience on television as a script writer and performer in The Gillies Report. He repeated these roles in The Dingo Principle, a programme which incurred international repercussions.

He has written books for children and is at present working on the script of a film to be shot next year.

Tickets for the lunch ($14) are available from Arthur Warner's Bookshop or from Marie Tietze (63 2774) or Eileen Bilbie (22 674).
Conference attracts philosophers from afar

Philosophers from as far afield as England, Europe, Israel, North America and New Zealand attended the Conference on Evolutionary Epistemology at Closebourne, Morpeth, from 6 to 10 July.

Others travelled from Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Geelong and Adelaide to attend the conference, organised by the Department of Philosophy at this University.

Dr Kai Hahlweg, one of the organisers, said evolutionary epistemology, a relatively new approach in the philosophy of science, was based on the assumption that the laws of reason were as much part of human nature as other more physical characteristics were.

'This naturalistic view of philosophy leads those pursuing its course to deny that the methods of philosophy differ in any significant way from those pursued in science,' he said.

There were several different approaches to be found within the field of evolutionary epistemology and representatives of most approaches were present at the conference.

Dr Hahlweg said the interaction with so many internationally renowned philosophers proved fruitful for the Department of Philosophy and particularly important for Cliff Hooker, Ralph Robinson and himself, who had been co-operating in research in evolutionary epistemology.

Dr Hahlweg, a postdoctoral fellow in the Philosophy Department, holds a diploma in chemistry in the University of Munich and a PhD in the philosophy of science in the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He developed a new kind of evolutionary epistemology in his PhD thesis. The work brought him to this University, where he and Cliff Hooker are jointly working on a book on evolutionary epistemology and the philosophy of science.

Basden Lecture from the V-C.

Newcastle Section of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute each year holds the Basden Lecture in honour of Dr Ralph Basden, the first Warden of Newcastle University College and a major contributor to the development of the university. Dr Basden was also a leading chemist.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, will deliver this year’s Basden Lecture on 4 August. Professor Morgan will speak on The Role of Research, and discuss economic and cultural consequences of the generation of new knowledge and its application. The Newcastle Section of the RACI, in a press release, has noted the cultural outcome of research which attracts close attention from governments through their involvement in funding and the perceived relation to economic growth. The wider cultural consequences of provision for research merit similar attention, it says.

Professor Morgan, who took up his appointment as University Vice-Chancellor in January, was formerly Professor of Chemistry and Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Lancaster. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The lecture will be held in the Medical Sciences Lecture Theatre (Room K202) commencing at 5.15 pm and is open to all interested parties.

Annual Students -v- Staff Golf Match

The annual students -v- staff golf match will be played at Steelworks Club Links on 7 August, with the tee off taking place at 8 am. Interested golfers should contact the Sport and Recreation Office (Extension 469) for particulars.
Library staff receive tuition

All eyes are on computers as the staff in the Library work on exercises put to them by Mr Bruce Cheek, Lecturer in Management. The Department of Management put on a one-day course for Library staff giving them tuition in spreadsheet packages. They availed themselves of the facilities in the new computing laboratory in the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, which houses 26 terminals.

Austrian will research gold deposits

The Research Council of the Austrian Government has provided a grant of 350,000 shillings to enable Dr Oskar Thalhammer, of the Institute of Mineralogy and Petrology of the Mining University of Austria, to undertake postdoctoral research in the Department of Geology.

Dr Thalhammer is a lecturer in Ore Deposit Geology at the Mining University in Leoben (Styria, Austria) and will come to Newcastle in 1988 for one year.

During Roman times, Austria was a significant producer of gold from deposits in the Alps known as slate belt-type gold deposits. After the fall of the Roman Empire, these deposits were 'lost' in history and an understanding of their geological characteristics may help to relocate them. Slate belt-type gold deposits are common in eastern Australia (e.g. Bendigo) and Dr Thalhammer intends to undertake research on slate belt-type gold deposits in eastern Australia, with special reference to those near Tibooburra, New South Wales (the cultural centre of the State).

The Geology Department is undertaking research on slate belt-type gold deposits at Hill End, New South Wales, (Dr P. Seccombe, Mr M. Hicks), and other types of gold deposits elsewhere, (e.g. Lihir Island, Papua New Guinea, Professor I.R. Plimer). Acknowledgement by the Austrian Government of this research, and the resultant scientific interaction between two research groups, could solve fundamental problems such as chemistry and physics of gold precipitation in nature and the source rocks, solubilisation and fluid transport of gold in nature.

Helping the Over 60s

Two experts with a special interest in caring for the teeth of ageing people have agreed to speak at a public forum on dental care for the over 60s. It will be held in the David Maddison Building at Royal Newcastle Hospital on 31 July at 2 pm.

Dr Chris Daly, Director of Dentistry and Oral Medicine at Royal Newcastle Hospital and Mr Tony Walker, staff dentist at Wallsend District Hospital will speak and discuss people's problems.

Mr John Massie, Principal Dental Officer with the Department of Health, will be Chairman of the forum.

The Department of Community Programmes and the Hunter Valley Chapter of the Australian Association of Gerontology have jointly organised the forum.
THE UNIVERSITY SCENE

Publication by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission of Volume I of their recommendations on Guidelines to Government for the 1988-90 triennium provides an opportunity for us to see the priorities that may influence funding over the next three years.

The most evident component of the Guidelines is the emphasis on growth. This arises from the combination of a high level of unmet demand — estimated to have been 13,000-20,000 places in higher education for this year; continuing population growth, especially those aged 17-19 years; and a continuing increase in school retention rates. The CTEC recommendation is for an increase of 3,500-4,000 students a year to be sustained over the next six years giving an annual growth rate of about three per cent. The areas of academic work identified to accommodate a substantial part of this growth are computing, electronic engineering, management and accounting; teacher education in mathematics and science and industrial design are also designated growth areas.

The CTEC indicates that growth should occur in both colleges and universities. In New South Wales it expects growth to occur at all the universities and specifically wishes to encourage growth at Newcastle. It is indeed likely that we could expect to make a significant contribution to growth in some of the priority areas: translated into institutional terms a growth rate of three per cent at Newcastle would represent an additional student load of 450 by 1990.

The chief problem in achieving such growth is likely to be a lack of adequate resources. The expectation has to be that any increase in funding will be entirely on the basis of increased numbers and funding for these is sought by the CTEC only at the so-called marginal rate of $6,250 per place.

Moreover the funding base itself is expected to be reduced by the one per cent taken out of the provision in the May financial statement and by the designation of the special funds mentioned below. The choice will then be between seeking to admit more students at marginal cost so that the total grant remains about what it is at present; or holding numbers constant and living with the consequences of a two per cent reduction in grant.

Neither alternative is attractive. It has to be asked at what point erosion of funding ceases to be marginal. Over the past five years the funding per capita for students in universities has declined by seven per cent. In turn this has led over the same period to student:staff ratios falling from 10.9 to 12.1 — a figure is now worse than the pupil:staff ratio for senior secondary schools throughout Australia. The Guidelines note the statement in the Hudson Report that 'the reduction in teaching resources available to most institutions has resulted in a decline in educational standards'. The evidence for this is not clear but it is not an unreasonable conclusion.

The Guidelines seek special earmarked funding for a range of activities that are clearly important and deserve emphasis. These include equity and access programmes, special assistance for students, additional funds for equipment, building maintenance and minor works, special research grants, and Key Centres of teaching and research. While welcoming the recognition given to these areas it has to be regretted that it has been thought necessary to designate funds for these and to invoke the attendant centralisation of control. Elsewhere in the Guidelines the value of the block grant principle is recognised as providing the greatest scope for optimisation of the effective use of resources. The availability of additional money to provide for these special projects has to cause concern. If they are to be accepted — and there are persuasive arguments for each of them — but funded simply by earmarking funds from a sum total that is already fixed, there would be a further erosion of the general block grant by some two per cent rising to five per cent in 1990.

There is recognition that without a capital works programme more extensive than that of the present triennium there will be difficulty in accommodating increased numbers.

The list of major capital works for which CTEC allocates high priority includes some projects for the University and Newcastle College of Advanced Education. These are a Joint Student Services Building, a Computing and General Teaching Building and limited funds for some Student Residence.

The Guidelines also identify major policy directions for the triennium. It is proposed to review the provision for libraries, identifying problems of storage, the use of new information technology, and the need for co-operation between institutions especially in relation to purchases.

Concentration of activities, especially in the areas of research and postgraduate training is seen as important and leads to proposals to increase provision for Special Research Centres and Key Centres of Teaching and Research. For all institutions of higher education it suggests there should be greater recognition of teaching as our prime function. It is perhaps in these contexts that the proposal to re-examine the structure of post-secondary provision has to be seen: although this is directed particularly at the existing binary system it is clear that it will need to involve the trinity of TAFE, Advanced Education and Universities.

K.J. Morgan.
ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CHAIR

The Vice-Chancellor has announced the appointment of Dr David Christie to fill the new Chair of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Faculty of Medicine at the University.

Dr Christie is presently Reader in Community Medicine and Head of the Unit of Epidemiology and Health Services Research at the University of Melbourne.

The Chair of Environmental and Occupational Health has been funded through the Federal Government's grant to the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics to extend postgraduate courses in public health to Australian doctors. The Government has pledged $1.47 million over the next seven years.

Dr Christie, who is 51 years of age, graduated with the degrees of MB, BS, from the University of Queensland in 1959 and with the degree of MD from the University of London in 1973. He is a Fellow of the Australasian College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Faculty of Community Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Australian College of Occupational Medicine.

His previous appointments include periods as Registrar at Royal Brisbane Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Prince Henry's Hospital, Sydney, Randwick Chest Hospital, New South Wales, and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London. Before moving to Melbourne in 1974 he was Lecturer in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Senior Lecturer at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London.

His research work has covered a wide range of subjects, giving rise to an extensive list of publications. Currently he leads a major research project in the Australian Petroleum Industry Health Surveillance Programme; and he is establishing a national study of the effects of non-ionising radiation.

Professor Christie will take up duty in NEWMED II at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital on 1 February 1988.

Helping people to understand Science

A retired Welsh academic who is renowned for his use of simple demonstrations and experiments to help people understand science will give a public lecture at the University on 3 August.

Professor Charles Taylor, formerly Head of the Department of Physics at the University College, Cardiff, is the first recipient of the Michael Faraday Award, established by the Royal Society to encourage scientists to do more to present their science to the public.

For the past 30-odd years Charles Taylor has explained scientific phenomena through easy-to-understand and entertaining lectures and experiments. He has held the honorary post of Professor of Experimental Physics at the Royal Institution for more than 10 years and as a result has been invited to make many lecture tours abroad. One of his tours was made in Australia in 1982.

He also has a particular interest in music and as a boy had ideas about becoming a professional musician. To explain the science of music he plays rare and unusual instruments, such as a length of garden hose to demonstrate the mechanism of the French horn.

Professor Taylor's lecture tour will be sponsored by the Australian Institute of Physics and the National Institute of Science and Technology Centre in Canberra.

His public lecture at the University will be co-sponsored by the Department of Physics, which is interested in increasing public awareness of science. It will take place in Lecture Theatre E01 adjacent to the Department of Physics at 7.30 pm and the topic will be Science and the Sounds of Music.

Professor Taylor will point out that our ability to communicate with each other, enjoy the wealth of musical sounds and, indeed, survive depends on the ability of our ear-brain system to interpret the minute pressure changes in the air around us that we call sound. He will argue that, although physics plays a major role, it is necessary to call on psychology, physiology, art, craftsmanship and technology to help in explaining the processes of making and hearing musical sounds. He will illustrate his lecture with experiments and recordings.

Thanks shown by R. Club

DR BERNIE CURRAN has been awarded life membership of University Rugby Club.

Mr Steve Gillan, Secretary of the Club, reported to the News that the decision to award life membership was agreed to in recognition of Dr Curran's dedicated service to the club both as player and quality administrator for the past 20 years.

'Over this period, Bernie quite selflessly, contributed his time, effort and not inconsiderable knowledge and expertise towards the well-being and success of our club. It is more than fitting that his dedication and contribution should be so recognised,' Mr Gillan said.

BOOK FAIR 1987 —
Great Hall,
JULY 25 to AUGUST 3,
10 am to 5 pm (weekends) and 10 am to 4 pm (weekdays).
Every Open Foundation or mature-age student should treat this or her family to the HVTc's current production of Educating Rita.

Rita epitomises all students whose return to study is driven by a compulsive hunger to grow beyond the routine necessities of survival, the routine obligations — in our classes, many of them struggling with self-doubt and fears of inadequacy that are compounded by lack of understanding from their families.

Will Russell's wonderful script lines with compassion, wit and admiration for these battlers. Through Rita we share both the triumph of growth and its pain. Her family cannot comprehend her needs and feel threatened by her changes. She will pass into the 'proper university'compulsive hunger to grow beyond the routine necessities of survival, the routine obligations — in our classes, many of them struggling with self-doubt and fears of inadequacy that are compounded by lack of understanding from their families.

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Liddy Clark brings Rita to credible life through each metamorphosis. She is exuberant, sensible, sensitive, self-doubting, self-centred, self-assured and — always — honest.

It is this unremitting honesty that most intrigues her tutor, Frank, played by Robert Alexander. He thinks he, too, is honest as he recounts his failures as a husband, teacher, lover and lover. He wallows in morose self-pity, envious of Rita's determination. Does he resist teaching her scholarly techniques because they will dilute her intuitive insights (as he protests) or because he knows that once she masters them she will pass into the 'proper university' and no longer be available to amuse and bolster him?

It's hard to tell. Mr Alexander's Frank is sour and static. We expect him to reflect some of Rita's glow with her at least a little before he begins his descent into self-destruction. Sadly, his comment 'There is less to me than meets the eye', is accurate.

Director Brent McGregor underestimates Ms Clark's charm. In the opening scenes she has her prancing and posturing like a Merseyside Marilyn Monroe, inviting Frank's desultory advances. (It is completely out of character for a Rita who is too forthright to flirt and whose overriding urges are intellectual rather than sexual.) He errs, too, by inserting 'cute' bits of stage business that detract from important speeches. The set and costumes appear to have been done 'on the cheap', and the production has a church basement look to it.

However, the play is indeed the thing, and Mr Russell's words and Ms Clark's performance more than compensate for other shortcomings. They make it a delightful evening, and one of special relevance to anyone who works with, knows, is, or would like to be, a mature student.

Educating Rita will be at The Playhouse until 15 August.

Increase needed in women parliamentarians

Speakers at a forum at the University on 14 July agreed on the need to increase the number of women in politics.

A proportion of five per cent of women in the Federal Parliament was seen as unacceptable.

The proportion in the State Parliament is even lower, two per cent, with most women concentrated in the Upper House.

The forum, organised by the Department of Community Programmes, was well attended, with the following women who have succeeded in politics taking part:

Carolyn Hirsh, a Victorian Labor MLA; Virginia Chadwick, a New South Wales Liberal MLC, and Elizabeth Kirkby, a New South Wales Democrat MLC.

Elizabeth Kirkby said Norway had a female Prime Minister, with eight women in the ministry, and a large proportion of women in parliament.

Virginia Chadwick looked forward to the end of what she called the 'goldfish phenomenon', i.e. women being regarded as oddities in parliament. Parliament should represent groups in the community and, since women now represented 57 per cent of the population, they should have representation that reflected their proportion in society.

Exploring the reasons so few women entered politics, the women agreed that male-dominated parliaments made it difficult for women to obtain pre-selection.

Carolyn Hirsh saw women themselves as part of the problem. Women often shrunk from the exercise of power, since power was seen as having personal ascendancy over other people, something many women found distasteful.

Virginia Chadwick saw part of the problem as the conditioning of women not to be aggressive and to be conformist. Women were trained to be peace-makers and found it difficult to be assertive towards men.

Women politicians could be, and were, assertive, even aggressive, as the examples of politicians such as Margaret Thatcher and Indira Gandhi demonstrated.

The forum will be broadcast on 2NUR-FM at 4 pm on Mondays 10, 17 and 24 August.

STUDY VISITS TO GERMANY FOR STUDENTS

The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service) has announced details of a scholarship for students in all disciplines.

The scholarships are available to Australian students between the ages of 19 and 32 who will have completed at least two years of study at a university by December, 1987, and who have some knowledge of German (preferably two years study at university).

Scholarships, to be held at the University of Freiburg, last for eight weeks (4 January to 26 February) and involve 20 hours per week of language instruction and another five hours per week of background studies to modern Germany.

All fees are paid and a stipend of D.M. 3,500 to subsidise travel and living expenses. The DAAD estimates that students will need a further D.M. 400 to 500 to cover incidentals while in Freiberg.

Applications must be received in Bonn by 15 September 1987. About 20 scholarships will be offered Australia-wide for 1988.

Full details are available from the German Section of the Department of Modern Languages, which will assess the level of language competence of applicants, if required.
The Department of Drama is host this year to the annual conference of the Australasian Drama Studies Association (ADSA) to be held between 27 and 30 August.

ADSA is an organisation of drama teachers in tertiary institutions, and has been in existence for over a decade, publishing a quarterly newsletter and holding conferences annually at various universities and colleges throughout Australia.

This year's conference, entitled Connections - Drama, Communities and Institutions, has a particular focus on community theatre, as well as a more general focus on the whole question of drama, communities and institutions.

Overseas guests will be, firstly, Boris Howarth, co-director of Welfare State International, reportedly the most famous, and long-lived, community theatre company in Britain. Mr Howarth has worked with the company for some 17 years, staging elaborate and spectacular outdoor performance pieces and events, often for audiences of up to 10,000 people. He has been centrally involved in the work of the company, not only in Britain but also throughout Europe, in Canada, Japan, Tanzania, New Zealand and Australia.

His visit to Australia, under the auspices of the British Council, is co-hosted by the Newcastle Community Arts Centre, and will include attendance at the conference, consultancy on a street theatre project for this year's Mattara festival, a public workshop scheduled for early September, and a trip to Melbourne to work on a large-scale community theatre project there.

Also in attendance at the conference will be Dennis Douglas, formerly an Australian academic, but now director of Shoestring Theatre, a community theatre group centred in Oxfordshire. Mr Douglas will speak specifically on the survival strategies of a number of British community theatre groups now faced with crippling funding cuts, a topic of some immediate interest to Australian circumstances.

Vice-Chancellor of the ANU

The Australian National University's next Vice-Chancellor will be Emeritus Professor Lawrence Walter Nichol, Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England. He will be the first scientist to be so appointed for 20 years.

Professor Nichol will be the University's eighth Vice-Chancellor. He will succeed Professor Peter Karmel who will retire on 31 December after serving for five and-a-half years.

Professor Nichol, who is 52, was born in Adelaide. He was educated at the University of Adelaide and holds a Doctor of Science degree from that University. He has taught secondary students as well as undergraduates in chemistry and biochemistry.

Professor Nichol was Head of the Department of Physical Biochemistry in the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University for a period of 14 years before taking up his present post at the University of New England.

The conference has also been particularly fortunate in attracting a delegation from the Philippines Educational Theatre Association, who will open an Australian workshop and performance tour in Newcastle, coupling attendance at the conference with public performances and workshops at the Newcastle Workers' Club.

PETA is, among other things, a powerful networking system for community theatre workers throughout South East Asia, has just completed a highly successful tour of Europe and the United States of America, and is now touring New Zealand. The Cultural Relations Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs has made the delegations' attendance at the conference possible by offering a grant to cover some of the expenses of the visit, hosted by the Workers' Cultural Action Committee of Newcastle Trades Hall.

Further information and registration forms are available from the Convener of the conference, Dr David Watt, C/- the Drama Department, 68 5470.

New achievement for David Lightfoot

David Lightfoot, a member of the University Athletics Club has been named Newcastle University Sports Person of 1986 by the Sports Union.

David's achievements include being a member of the Newcastle Representative Team, being ranked No.1 state junior over distances between 1,500 metres and 10,000 metres and being a member of the New South Wales Representative Team.

He has taken out first place in several Inter-Varsity events over the last three years, and last year he competed in the World University Cross Country championships in Austria as a member of the Australian team, which was placed third.

In 1986 David was also named Runner of the Year by Newcastle Athletics Association.
A New Dialectic

The Newcastle University Philosophy Club has produced another issue of its journal Dialectic. The issue, Volume No 30, contains Andersonian Papers written by 15 contributors.

Professor John Anderson was Professor of Philosophy in the University of Sydney from 1927 to 1958 and acquired fame not only as a systematic philosopher but also as a controversial social critic in such areas as politics, religion and education. Academics of the 'older generation' may still remember, for example, Anderson's powerful defence of university autonomy against pressures exerted by governments and various sectional interests.

The contributions making up this special volume deal with a considerable range of Professor Anderson's thought and activities. The volume was edited by Leila Cumming, a PhD candidate in the Philosophy Department.

The volume is a double-size issue (162 pages) and its price is correspondingly $5 and is obtainable from the Philosophy Office.

Career planning gets started

THE CAREERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE established by Senate earlier this year held its first meeting on 10 July and has begun planning its future operations.

The committee envisages reporting to Senate two or three times a year on careers-related issues, and the possible production of a Careers Newsletter for distribution within the University and amongst employers or potential employers of graduates. The committee's aim is to raise the consciousness of students, staff and employers as to the importance of career planning and the benefits of employing graduates.

The Careers Advisory Committee currently has three members external to the University: they are Mr Graeme Jefferies, of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr Ian McMaster, of BHP Rod and Bar Division, and Mr John Gillard, of the Electrolytic Zinc Company of Australasia Ltd. It is expected that a further external member will be co-opted in the near future.

University members are Professor K.R. Dutton (Chairperson), Mr P.D. Alexander (University Secretary), Dr P.W. Bamford (University Counselling Service), Mr H. Floyer (Careers Officer), and Senate nominees Professor F.L. Clarke (Commerce), Associate Professor B.J. Fraser (Physics) and Professor R.E. Melchers (Civil Engineering and Surveying).

Move to EEO Unit

Convocation Officer, Ms Roslyn Cameron, will take up the position of Assistant EEO Co-ordinator on 3 August.

Ms Cameron, a graduate of this University, came to the UN in April 1986. She will succeed Mr John Girdwood in the Equal Employment Opportunity Unit.

STAFF MOVES

Appointments

Dr Nikolai Bogduk, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine.
Mr Warren J. Clarke, Apprentice Fitter and Turner, Faculty of Engineering.
Mr William J. Gregory, Apprentice Fitter and Turner, Faculty of Engineering.
Dr Frederick W. Menk, Lecturer, Department of Physics.
Dr Barry G. Quinn, Senior Lecturer, Department of Statistics.
Professor William A. W. Walters, Professor in Reproductive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine.

Retirements

Mr Garnet M. Dickman, Messenger/Driver, Bursar's Division.
Mr Allan E. Williams, Technical Officer, Department of Geography.

Australian Studies Centre Director

An authority on Australian foreign and defence politics will give an address at the University on 3 August.

Professor T.B. Millar, Director of the Australian Studies Centre, University of London, will be guest speaker for the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

The group's meeting will be held at the Staff House preceded by a buffet dinner at 6 to 6.30 pm.

Professor Millar will speak on Australia, Britain and the Commonwealth.

After a period at military college and war service, Professor Millar joined the Australian National University in 1962 and soon attracted attention with his cogent analyses of Australian defence. He became a Professorial Fellow in International Relations in 1968.

Campus Scamper

The 1987 Campus Scamper will be run over the five-kilometre University course on 12 August.

The start and finish line will again be located in the area between the Southern end of No. 2 Sports Oval and the Animal House. Starter's Gun: 12.30 pm.

This is a fun run for allcomers, so now is the time for preparation. Individual and team entries will be accepted and further particulars can be obtained from the Sport and Recreation Office (Extension 469) if necessary.

Individual and team prizes will be awarded. In addition, all other finishers will be included in a draw for special prizes.
**Advertisements**

**For Sale**

1979 Iridescent Blue Ford Escort 2 Litre Panel Van. Features include: Michelin Tyres, long registration, radio/cassette player and is in very excellent mechanical condition. Sacrificed at $3,200 or near offer. Telephone Extension 339.

National Video in excellent working condition (two years old), $479 or near offer. Telephone Peter Visser at 46 7743.

Three Dimplex heaters in good working order: one large (approx. 6-7'x2'), $80; one medium (approx. three-and-a-half by two-and-a-half to 3'), $60 and one small (approx. three-and-a-half by 2'), $20. Telephone Professor Keedy at Extension 453.

12' Pongrass boat with new windscreen, canopy, tilt trailer, oars and five life jackets. Forward controls, 16 hp Suzuki outboard motor (20 hours work at the most) plus fuel tank (registered until November, 1987), $2,300 or near offer. Telephone 46 7743.

Antique solid Oak dresser with cupboards underneath, two drawers above, shaped sides and top with shelves each side, mirror in centre, carved panel at top and in very nice condition, waxed polished, $480 or near offer. Telephone 46 7743.

Oak carver-style chair with high back and arms. New upholstery and in very nice condition. Telephone 46 7743.

Five piece pine kitchen set, $150; small desk, $50; pine highchair, $50; Apollo BMX bike 16", $70; Phillips stereo radio/cassette recorder, $40. All items are in very good condition — owner moving overseas. Telephone 67 5477 or ask for Peter at Extension 412.

1973 Mazda 808 Coupe (Registration KIM901). Good reliable car with mag wheels, ideal for University student, $1,000 (offers considered). Telephone 63 2171 after hours.

Kawasaki GPZ750 bike with 6,500 km and in immaculate condition plus helmet and gloves, $3,200 or near offer. Telephone 43 9217 or Extension 229.

**Diary of Events**

**Monday, 27 July, 1 pm**
Department of History seminar entitled Metaphors, Manuscripts and Muddling Through: the problems of writing literary history. Speaker: Dr Peter Kuch. Venue: A110 McMullin Building.

**Tuesday, 28 July 2 pm**

**Wednesday, 29 July, 11 am**

**Tuesday, 4 August, 2 pm**
Department of Sociology seminar entitled Gender and Technology. Speaker: Kath McPhillips. Venue: Room 326A, Social Sciences Building.

**Wednesday, 5 August, Noon**

**3.30 pm**
Convocation Inaugural Lecture presented by Professor Frank Clarke, newly-appointed Professor of Accounting. Topic: Creative Accounting, Convention and Common Sense. Venue: K202 Medical Sciences Building. (Refreshments will be served after the lecture.)

**Wednesday, 12 August, 11 am**

**Thursday, 13 August 1 pm**
Staff Interfaith gathering in the Auchmuty Room, University Union.

**Electoral Commissioner's Lecture**

PROFESSOR COLIN HUGHES, Commonwealth Electoral Commissioner, will deliver the third annual lecture in Australian government at this University on 31 July.

The lecture series, joint sponsored by the Departments of History, Philosophy and Sociology, has the aim of maintaining interest in the Chair and Department of Politics first approved by the University in 1972 as a desirable future development.

Professor Hughes was formerly Professor of Political Science at Queensland and was thence at the Australian National University.

His topic will be Elector Reform: Is It Necessary? The lecture will be given in V01 beginning at 8 pm.

**Cricket AGM**

The University of Newcastle Cricket Club Annual General Meeting will be held on

**WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST**

at 7 pm in the

SPORTSMANS BAR
(Squash Pavilion).

Members and newcomers will be made welcome.

Enquiries: Peter Tate 43 0367.