CHANGE IN NUSA's OFFICE

- Ms Glenyce Wall (Media Officer-elect), SRC office staff members Ms Julie McElhone and Ms Donna Freeman, the President, Mr Chris Craig, 'crowning' Mr Glenn Beatty (President-elect), Mr David Yee (Treasurer-elect) and Ms Pradeepa Balasubramanian (Overseas Students' Officer).

MR GLEN BEATTY and MS GLENYCE WALL have been successful in the Newcastle University Students' Association's elections for the Association's two paid officers.

Mr Beatty and Ms Wall will occupy the positions of President and Media Officer respectively in 1988.

Mr Beatty will take over from Mr Chris Craig, and Ms Wall will succeed Mr Kevin Guy, early next year.

Glenn Beatty comes from Weston on the Coalfields. He enrolled as a part-time student in an Arts degree after working as a clerk for three years. He has completed a Drama major and expects to conclude his degree next year.

He stood for President on behalf of the Student Reform Group. The other successful candidates also belong to the group.

Mr Beatty described himself as a democratic socialist not connected with a political party.

'I ran for President because I want the SRC to focus its efforts on important campus and student issues.'

He mentioned one concern that the SRC would be raising. The changes in the academic structure of the University were being made without proper consultation with students and staff. Student members of Senate would be approached to try to have SRC policy on restructuring implemented.

Also, he proposed to speak out when necessary about off-campus issues such as tertiary fees and AUSTUDY allowances.

Mr Craig, current President of the Students' Association, was satisfied with the elections as far as the number of voters was concerned.

'Seven hundred and seventy-four students voted. That is more than fifteen per cent of the campus electorate. When you consider that the average response for elections held at Australian universities is five per cent, we see that our members attach a high regard to student government.'

Glenyce Wall says she will endeavour to obtain greater student participation in Opus next year, undertaking a recruiting campaign to inform students that they can contribute to the production of the newspaper, not only by writing articles but also by assisting in the printery.

'I welcome articles about what's going on at the University, what student clubs and societies are doing, how our sporting teams are faring and other campus activities.

'I also want to offer an opportunity for students to write humorous stories, the hope being that reading Opus will be an entertaining experience and a break from the pressure of studying.'

In wanting to produce an open-minded, independent student newspaper, which did not follow a preconceived line and was not influenced by personal interests, Glenyce foreshadowed an Opus that kept students regularly informed.

She says that what the Media Officer, Mr Kevin Guy, has done when producing Opus this year is impressive. 'He has been responsible for many excellent stories and the policies and issues raised are the kind Opus should investigate.'

INSIDE: Union plans growth of services
Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

In view of the fact that our Planning Committee has responded with such exemplary (even prophetic?) zeal to the Government's call for a reappraisal of priorities in tertiary education, those of us who teach in areas liable to suffer from the kind of reappraisal envisaged have been given no time to respond to the arguments at square one. Not having the benefit of second sight, I hasten to do so now.

One of the characteristics of any totalitarian régime is the expulsion, intimidation or imprisonment of leading intellectuals. The fear of alternatives to a dominant political ideology also almost invariably leads to the suppression of ideas in written form which might stimulate critical analysis of the principles on which the power structure is based, or awareness of alternatives to them. This seems to me to suggest some relationship between the work of intellectuals and democracy.

It is interesting that the exclusive use of economic arguments in the evaluation of tertiary education programmes has ultimately the same effect as the cruder tactics of political oppression. It is not computer programmers, nuclear scientists, chemical engineers or business management advisers who are the targets of such oppression, just as it is not their kinds of expertise which are attacked on grounds of economic irrelevance. If there are computer scientists or medical technologists in custody in the Soviet Union or South Africa, it is not because of their field of professional expertise but because they have extended their intellectual strengths in ways which are liable to challenge the artificially constrained perspectives of their fellow citizens.

The growing tendency to equate logic with economic logic and evaluation with cost and productivity ratios is a curiously successful means of narrowing the angle of vision without resorting to heavy handed censorship and indoctrination campaigns.

Where, in the current debate about the significance (or lack of it) of Humanities subjects in tertiary education, is the argument that those of us who teach these subjects teach, and themselves study, ideas? And yet every day our news bulletins are packed with evidence of the disastrous consequences of incompetence in the handling of ideas. A society which promotes, through its education system, the ever-tightening of the full imaginative range of the human mind retains an organic flexibility and capacity for growth.

Academics are now to be 'accountable' for the ways in which they are 'spending the taxpayer's money'. Accountability is a term which too thinly disguises its real meaning, which is to do with accounts books. Otherwise, why are lecturers in technologically oriented subjects not required to be accountable for the degree of cultural awareness, philosophical breadth and ethical discrimination which they bring to bear on work which has so pervasive an impact on our way of life?

If we persist with an ever decreasing awareness of the shifts in our own priorities, we are shaping our lives in oblivion. Technological and economic progress is delusory progress if it is accompanied by a rapidly diminishing range of human understanding. To keep the frontiers of such understanding open, and to continue to push them back so as to reveal new perspectives (or rediscover forgotten ones which may revitalise our own thinking) is the challenge which confronts students and teachers of ideas.

The climate of the times is doggedly anti-intellectual. 'Academic', 'theoretical' and 'analytical' are words rarely spoken in the media without an accompanying sneer. This is a state of affairs which should be of the gravest concern to all of us who are involved in the education system. The use of exclusively economic arguments in the evaluation of any educational programme is insidious and dangerous, and should be explicitly opposed.

Jane Goodall, Department of Drama.

Cakes, trash and treasure for the Fair

THE ANNUAL KINTAIBA FAIR will be held at the Community Child Care Centre on Sunday, 25 October. The organisers are hoping to have greater family involvement this year.

The day will commence with novelty events for the children at 11.30 am. An extended lunch menu will cater for all that expended energy.

There will be the usual cakes, trash and treasure, arts and crafts, novelties, face painting, balloons, lucky dips, knock downs, guessing competitions and a chocolate wheel.

Visitors will have an opportunity to sample, and order, some of the Kintaiba wine the parents' group is organising.

There will be plenty of wholesome food, as well as the ever popular 'fete fair' and afternoon tea will be available to revive parents and kids before the end of the day.

The organisers have asked members of the University to assist them to stock the trash and treasure stalls. The donation sought include books and toys.

Basically, the organisers say, if you have something unwanted and saleable, Kintaiba Fair will help in more ways than one. Donations can be left at the Child Care Centre.
Student will be miles away from examinations

If Commerce student Mr Grant Philpott spares a thought for the University during the examination period then it probably won't be for long.

Mr Philpott will be sailing on one of the vessels which are currently re-creating the voyage of the First Fleet to Australia in 1797.

He expects to join the fleet in Mauritius on 31 October and travel with it to Fremantle, which should be reached on 16 December.

Grant Philpott, 18, got the opportunity to travel with other passengers on the First Fleet re-enactment because he won a competition conducted by the Terry Willessee Show, which is broadcast by television station, Channel 7.

His prize carries airfares to, and accommodation in, Mauritius, passage across the Indian Ocean with the fleet and return airfares from Perth to Newcastle. The estimated total value is $7,700.

To enter the competition a person had to give his or her reasons for wanting to travel on the voyage in a statement of thirty-five words or less.

Mr Philpott's entry was a convict's ball and chain, which he made at home at Gorokan. He wrote on the leg band:

'Convict, Grant Philpott, after escaping from the First Fleet in Mauritius, has been re-captured and awaits transportation to the Colony of New South Wales. Please transport on the next available fleet — by Order of The Governor of New South Wales.'

Grant Philpott delivered the ball and chain to Channel 7's studios in Sydney personally. A total of six people from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia won passages on the First Fleet re-enactment voyage.

Because he will not be here in the examination period in November, he has applied to the University for 'special consideration' and hopes to sit for his exams next January.

SEPTEMBER SENATE

At the September Senate the Vice-Chancellor spoke on the Federal Budget and the post-Budget statement of the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr Dawkins.

He pointed out that the Federal Government had decided not to proceed with new triennial funding from 1988. Hopefully, the triennium would begin in 1989.

Professor Morgan told Senate members that the Budget essentially put back into the higher education system $25 million which had been removed in the May Economic Statement. The overall effect of this was that an extra 3,500 to 4,000 places for young school leavers were to be found without extra funding being provided.

This University may well be asked to take seventy-five of them, a number which conforms with our plans.

The Vice-Chancellor reviewed some of the main details of Mr Dawkins' post-Budget statement.

He said the decision to review the future of higher education in Australia by firstly publishing before Christmas a Green Paper, or Policy Discussion Paper, as a basis for consultation and community comment was an important matter. The Green Paper would certainly take account of the arguments presented in the 1986 Review of Efficiency and Effectiveness in Higher Education.

'It is very important that this University together with other institutions ensures that a vigorous and informed response is provided.'

Professor Morgan said that next year, following the consideration of all the responses, the Government was expected to produce a White Paper, or a Policy Statement on Higher Education.

"In his post-Budget statement Mr Dawkins spells out twenty-one specific issues to be addressed in the discussion paper, much of which is constructive. Some of the 'issues' will attract a lot of discussion, such as the rates of growth and the resources required.

'Mention is made of 'productivity', 'greater flexibility in the use of staff resources', "schemes for selective early retirement", "reform of the tenure system for academic staff" and "amalgamation of smaller institutions".

'People have interpreted the last matter as a basis for a number of amalgamations, including ourselves with Newcastle CAE.

'It is not clear to me that this University comes into the category of "a smaller institution". But undoubtedly amalgamation will figure in the Green Paper, as will the future of the Binary system.

Mr Dawkins rejects the option of charging fees for undergraduate courses but the possibility of allowing universities to charge fees for a limited number of postgraduate courses was proposed in Mr Dawkins' statement.
Dr Joan Cooper receives the prize for the Safety Slogan Competition from the State Treasurer, Mr Ken Booth. Also in the picture are the Vice-Chancellor and Mr Peter Tankard, representing Sylex Distributors Pty Ltd.

LAUNCH OF POINTER TO SAFETY

An eye-catching poster currently displayed around the campus points to a week of special events on the theme of safety.

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee, with the support of the State Government and the University, organised the activities for the general University community.

Opening Safety Week (12 to 16 October), the State Treasurer, Hon. Ken Booth, MP, said although the University had a good safety record and the general public in New South Wales was becoming more safety conscious, events like Safety Week were necessary if injuries were to be prevented and the number of workers' compensation claims was to be kept at a satisfactory level.

Mr Booth, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan, and the Marketing Manager of Sylex Distributors Pty Ltd., Mr P. Tankard, spoke at the function, which was held in the Computing Room of the Department of Management (Room S101).

Those present viewed items of ergonomic furniture, donated by Sylex Distributors Pty Ltd. to the University and offered by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee as a prize for a safety slogan.

The University's safety slogan is Look Ahead to Safety, which is an idea of the Department of Management, whose Head, Dr Joan Cooper, received from Mr Tankard a certificate marking her Department's win.

Professor Morgan said that the University was basically very safety conscious, but it was more than a matter of conforming with the regulations. 'We should always do things properly and minimise the risk of injury.'

Airing from the safety poster, Safety Week and other events, the University hoped to re-educate staff and students to think about safety issues.

Thanking Mr Tankard for his company's donation, Mr Booth referred to the State Treasury and the New South Wales Lotteries Office, two of several departments which had purchased ergonomic furniture for use by keyboard operators. 'I had examples of RSI among staff in my own office and, as in the Lotteries Office, changing the furniture has had a marked effect.'

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee has focussed attention on the work environment, external factors which might adversely affect the health of members of the University.

Banners have been positioned at the entrance to the University and near the Union.

Recognising the need to give prominence to the main idea, the Look Ahead to Safety poster has been produced and copies are on hand.

A poster providing good workstation principles for students work on keyboards has been also printed and is available.

Every day during Safety Week, at lunchtime, the foyer of the Union will be used as a site for distribution of brochures on electrical, domestic, road, and fire safety.

A video unit in the foyer will show videos providing advice on many aspects of health and safety.

Shortland Electricity staged an exhibition on electrical hazards. Chubbs (Fire) Aust. Pty. Ltd. gave a demonstration of their equipment.

Mr M. Edmonds, the University Safety Officer, said he would welcome calls from members of staff and students who knew of safety problems. He would give information on safety issues to people and provide posters, brochures and other printed material.

Mr Edmonds' telephone number is Extension 201.
'Newcastle University set a new benchmark for others to follow' when it hosted a conference on maintenance and energy management for the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee recently.

This is the view of Mr W. Imbe, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the University of Queensland, one of the forty-seven university administrators who were delegates to the conference.

On turning to his university, he expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan in a letter.

'Our international guests were overwhelmed with genuine hospitality and, indeed, weren't we all.'

As well as delegates from nineteen universities in Australia and two in New Zealand, visitors representing Newcastle CAE, the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission attended.

The agenda for the discussions was geared towards financial accounting and performance measures for facilities; space management; CTEC capital and minor works procedures; buildings and grounds aspects of social legislation; computers in facilities management; the New Zealand experience in facilities management, and energy management.

The keynote address was given by Mr Rex Dillow, Past President of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators in North America.

Our photograph shows members of the Organising Committee, with Mr Dillow and Mr Don Morris: Mr Maurie Pausey (University of Melbourne), Mr Bill Humble (University of Queensland), Mr Dillow, Mr Morris, Mr Paul Westwood (University of Sydney), Mr Maurie Edmonds (University of Newcastle) and Mr Don Long (Macquarie University).

LITTLE BROTHER: LITTLE SISTER

As the next play in the Green Room Lunchtime series of Student productions, the Department of Drama presents Little Brother: Little Sister.

The play was written by English playwright/actor, David Campton, whose other works include The Lunatic View, The Cactus Garden and many plays for radio and television.

It is described as a macabre fairy tale set in a deep shelter where two adolescent children have spent their entire lives. It concerns the day when they finally challenge the only authority they know: an ancient cook armed with a mincing machine.

'A most beguiling and touching fable of innocence with a fine flourish of Carrollian fantasy and a nice ear for irony.' (Financial Times)

The season commenced on 19 October and will play at 1 pm every day till 23 October, with an extra performance at 6.30 pm on 22 October. The place: the Green Room in the Great Hall.

The cast includes Leonie Butler, Mark Newland and Lucy Skilbeck, with direction by third year student, Belinda Delaney.

Be sure to catch this intriguing play.

FORESHADOWS HIS RETIREMENT

SIR BEDE CALLAGHAN informed Council on 9 October that he will retire as Chancellor of the University before the end of this year.

Sir Bede was born in Newcastle and had a distinguished banking career, culminating in his appointment as Managing Director of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation.

He first came to the University in 1966 as a member of the Council. He was elected Deputy Chancellor in 1973 and succeeded the Foundation Chancellor, Sir Alistar McMullin in 1977.

Chamberlain's solicitor for EDDY LECTURE

The solicitor who represented Lindy and Michael Chamberlain from the outset of their case will deliver the 1987 Harry Eddy Memorial Lecture.

Mr Stuart Tipple will lecture to members of the public and members of the University in the Drama Theatre on Wednesday, 28 October at 8 pm. His topic: The Chamberlain Case in Hindsight.

Harry Eddy was an outstanding educator and lifelong champion of justice and liberal ideas. He achieved some national prominence for his spirited and courageous defence of Professor Sydney Orr, who was wrongfully dismissed by the University of Tasmania and took many years to clear his name and secure justice.
LIFE OFTEN PROLONGED UNNECESSARILY

Medicine faces many problems because of High Tech, despite its undoubted benefits.

According to Dr Peter Hendry, 'wonderful operations can now be performed often to the glorification of the surgeon but not always of lasting benefit to the patient.'

'Whilst it is patently the doctor's duty and obligation to treat the ill and maintain life, it is not his obligation to prolong life unnecessarily, when the end is inevitable.

'Here lies the difficulty,' Dr Hendry said in his address to the annual general meeting of Convocation on 25 September.

Dr Hendry, a member of Council, has been a senior pathologist at Royal Newcastle Hospital and Director of a private pathology practice.

He spoke on the subject Whither Medicine and gave the following examples of the problems brought by High Tech:

- A heart transplant, with a relatively poor survival rate, costs the equivalent of the salaries of twenty-three second-year nurses for one year.
- Neonatal intensive care wards, where tiny premature babies which previously could not survive can now be kept alive, with some risk of subsequent physical or mental disability, at a considerable cost. (One estimate puts the cost at $40,000 per survivor and a forty per cent disability rate in the survivors).
- Maintenance of life in terminally ill patients, whether it be post-accident brain damage, terminal cancer, obstructive lung disease, brain haemorrhage, senile dementia, all these cost the community a great deal of money.

'When I walk the wards of our hospitals and nursing homes,' Dr Hendry said: 'I am constantly distressed by the number of aged patients, often incoherent, often incontinent and rarely able to feed themselves, lying in bed waiting for the inevitable.

'The strain on the relatives and on the nursing staff, to say nothing about the strain on the financial resources of the health budget, is immense. And, as I walk I think of the indignity imposed on these people, most of whom if they had their way would rather be dead than be seen in such a situation.

'And I find it hard to come to terms with the moral or ethical attitudes of a community which allows such a state of affairs to exist.'

Dr Hendry also explored the community's obligations to AIDS patients and people who develop avoidable diseases.

'For example, should smokers who develop obstructive lung disease and who are hospitalised, stabilised and discharged receive treatment if they continue to smoke and become respiratory cripples once again?

'Should drunken drivers continue to take up valuable hospital beds while they have their wrecked bodies restored at a tremendous cost to the community?'

Dr Hendry mentioned the many dramatic changes in the practice of medicine and the machines used to maintain life.

'When I graduated, I joined Prince Henry Hospital as a Resident. All Residents worked for a month then had four days leave. We were paid 15 per month. No overtime. No penalty rates.

'Today there is an Industrial Award for Residents, who are regarded as "skilled operators with appropriate salaries" and who paid overtime and penalty rates. I am not being critical of the Award — just stating facts.'

All the changes had increased the cost of health care, which seemed to have stabilised at about 7.5 per cent of the GNP.

'How then are we going to cope? There is an urgent need for an investigation of the problems of illness prevention and "health care delivery". I understand that such an investigation is being proposed.

'Without such information none of us will be able to answer the question Whither Medicine?'

Japanese Section plays Host

The Japanese Section of the Department of Modern Languages recently played host to a senior academic from Nagoya University, Japan.

Our photograph shows (second from right) Professor Michiaki Uchiyama, Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Professor of Psychology at Nagoya University, with (from left) his son Ichiro, Assoc. Professor K. Ono (Japanese Section) and his wife, Mrs Uchiyama.

Professor Uchiyama, while in Australia, also visited the University of Sydney. Sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education to investigate student exchange schemes between Japan and Australia, he decided to come to this University following a recommendation from Mrs Y. Nishimura, who was a Visiting Fellow in 1982.
Student gains Ian Henderson Award

MR GEOFFREY ENGEL, a final year Computer Engineering student at this University, is the winner of the 1987 Ian Henderson Award.

Our photograph shows (left) Mr. Tom Pinzone, Chairman of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, Newcastle Division, presenting Mr. Engel with the award.

The Ian Henderson Award is conducted by the Graduates and Students' Section of the Division. The award can be won by the presentation of a paper on a subject related to engineering, being either technical, historical or biographical. The paper may be based on a project undertaken either at work or at the University, a technical visit, or an industrial case study.

Geoffrey Engel, a cadet computer engineer with the Hunter District Water Board, presented a paper entitled A Revised and Improved Design for Electronic Monitoring and Control of the Hunter District Water Board Water Supply System.

For winning the award, Geoff was presented with an illuminated scroll, an inscribed bronze medal and a cheque for $350. Each year, the recipient of the award has his/her name inscribed on an Honour Roll which is mounted in the foyer of the Engineering Faculty Building at this University.

PACIFIC SITUATION DISCUSSED

MR DAVID HUMPHREYS of the Department of Foreign Affairs, was among the recent visitors to the Department of History.

Mr. Humphreys' purpose was to consult with Professor Alan Ward, of the Department of History, on aspects of recent developments in the Pacific.

Professor Ward has been researching and writing on the Pacific for many years, has held posts in the administrations of Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu soon after these countries gained independence and has recently been engaged in research on New Caledonia, both in New Caledonia and France. He believes strongly that Australia must become better informed about the forces at work in the region.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK ...

Students and staff are advised that the quality of lighting on the University tennis courts has been substantially improved as a result of the existing lamps being replaced by new, high-efficiency, metal halide lamps.

Fees for court hire, however, have remained at the same low price as before.

Courts are available for hire from 7.30 am to 11 pm, Monday to Friday, and 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. (Please telephone the Squash Pavilion at 68 1199 for bookings.)

The roof above squash courts Nos. 1 to 4 has recently been replaced. The new roof has been insulated and patrons will find that courts Nos. 1 to 4 are rather more pleasant than previously in warm weather.

Squash court bookings can be made by telephoning 68 1199.

The Squash Pavilion shop has a large range of sporting goods for sale. Why not visit your campus sports store for your sporting needs at bargain prices?

The shop has equipment, sports clothing and shoes that are suitable for adolescents as well as for adults.

Currently, a range of sports shoes in a variety of sizes are being discounted from ten to thirty per cent. So come on down and get yourself a good deal!
PARTNERS IN POETRY PRIZE

The University and the Hunter District Water Board are achieving outstanding results from providing the sponsorship of the Mattara Poetry Prize.

Each year the Prize has grown in status and attracted an increased number of entries.

The University was thanked by the President of the HDWB (Mr Allan McLachlan) at the prize presentations on 2 October and Mr McLachlan announced that, after being founded in 1981, this year's Prize, the seventh, had been entered by more than 2,000 poets.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, admitting it was the first time he had performed the official presentation of a poetry prize, said the University and the Board seemed to have created a model.

This year the judges, Professor Dame Leonie Kramer, OBE, poet John Tranter, and, from the University, Dr Paul Kavanagh, also a poet, decided that two poets should share first place.

They, and their poems, are: Dane Thwaites (Imitations of Han-Shan) and Tracy Ryan (Streams in the Desert).

The judges also commended Anthony Lawrance (The Killer Whale and the Man), Jennifer Strauss (Tending the Graves, What Women Want and Corrientes) and Nigel Roberts (A Day at the Zoo).

Dr Kavanagh, Senior Lecturer in English, was editor of Properties of the Poet, the anthology of outstanding entries which will be reviewed in the News shortly.

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Students off to West Germany

MR ALI MARMULLA (German III) and MR CRAIG SHAW (German II) have been awarded German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarships to study at the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg/Breisgau, in West Germany, from 4 January to 26 February, 1988.

The programme is designed for students who want to improve their language skills and understanding of contemporary German affairs.

Lectures and seminars, conducted in German by faculty members of the University of Freiburg, will not only concentrate on language and literature, but also deal with social, economic and educational questions.

The participants will be housed privately and weekend excursions to Strasbourg, Basel, Stuttgart, Baden-Baden as well as visits to theatres, museums, etc. are planned.

Freiburg is situated in the south-west corner of the Federal Republic and has over 180,000 inhabitants. There are more than 30,000 students studying at the University of Freiburg.

The DAAD offered twenty scholarships for students from Australia and New Zealand this year.

Mr Ali Marmula and Mr Craig Shaw, soon to be studying in West Germany.
UN team has conference to organise

When this University hosts the Australian Anthropological Society's Annual Conference next August a Newcastle University team will be responsible for the organisation.

Team members are Dr John Bern, Dr Linda Connor, Dr Claire Parsons and Dr Geoff Samuel, of the Department of Sociology. They were elected as the executive of the society at the conference held at Monash University recently.

The positions they hold are: Chairperson, Dr Bern; Secretary, Dr Connor; Treasurer, Dr Parsons; and Publications Officer, Dr Samuel.

Dr Bern said he expected the following matters to be among those reviewed during the AAS's conference: the anthropology of health and illness, ethnographic film, Aborigines in Australian society, kinship and cosmology. He hoped the Department of History would be able to combine with the Department of Sociology to present a joint history — anthropology session.

The actual dates of the conference are 18 to 20 August. An invitation for papers has been issued.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to share with your readers some interesting facts and some reflections on them. First the facts:

(a) From next year students from overseas starting a degree pay $6,050 per year (most faculties), $6,890 per year (medicine/dentistry). Source: Budget papers and the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

(b) This amounts to fifty-five per cent of the amount spent, per student, by the Commonwealth. Source: Budget papers.

(c) We can infer from a and b that the Commonwealth Government claims that it spends about $11,000 per year on the education of each student in Faculties other than Medicine or Dentistry, and about $12,500 on each medical or dental student.

(d) For each extra student enrolled the University will receive about $6,250 in Commonwealth funds, according to CTEC recommendation. Source: Vice-Chancellor, University News 28/7/87.

(e) The annual amount spent (in 1986) per student in the form of Departmental allocations, salaries and related items was:

- Mathematics, economics and commerce — $2,656.
- arts and social sciences — $4,708.
- science and engineering — $7,691.
- medicine — $13,807.

Source: Report S52/87 of the Planning Committee (p.9).

(f) Note that the amount spent on students' education is actually somewhat less than the amount in (e) since staff spend a significant amount of their time, and thus of their salaries, on research.

Reflections

The Government assesses its contribution to students' education at around $11,000—$12,500 per year across all faculties. On the other hand, Newcastle University's internal allocation of resources varied in 1986 from $2,656 to $13,807, depending on the faculty (plus, of course, some expense associated with administration).

Perhaps a case can be made out on educational or economic grounds for such a gross disparity. If there is, I have not seen or heard it. Certainly there has been no public discussion in this University to justify five times as much being spent on the education of each medical student as on the education of each student in the Mathematics or Economics and Commerce Faculties.

Data such as that above indicates how ill-founded are statements, such as those made at the last Arts Faculty Board meeting, suggesting that Arts Departments are overstaffed. In fact, at present, it is the Arts, Education, Mathematics, and Economics and Commerce Faculties which keep the University afloat. Each student in these four Faculties is a source of revenue for the other faculties.

We can also infer from the above data that overseas students in the Faculties of Mathematics or Economics and Commerce pay not fifty-five percent but over 200 per cent of what this University spends on their education. This is scandalously exploitative.

Bob Berghout,
Department of Mathematics.
UNION PLANS GROWTH OF SERVICES

The cost of extensions envisaged in a new plan for the future development of the Union is expected to be approximately $1,500,000.

According to Mr David Yee, Vice-President of the Union, the Board of Management hopes work on the extensions will begin early in 1990 and the project will be completed by mid-1991.

The plan provides for further development subsequent to the extensions being concluded, namely a commercial centre and a student activities area.

Mr Yee outlined the new developments and why it was 'time for the Union to take a new, and more active approach to its role in the University' when he spoke at the 25th annual Union Dinner on 18 September.

As for the Union's role, he said, the Union was often regarded as the 'poor cousin' by the University bureaucracy and its importance was ignored. 'But, the Union is as much a part of the University as any department of faculty on the campus.

'It is the place where students come together in a relaxed, social environment, where we can meet new people, exchange ideas, and occasionally, assignments, and make life-long friendships with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.'

The Union also had a very public face, Mr Yee said, in that many visitors often made use of the facilities and formed opinions on the University, partly based on impressions of the Union and the level of service and facilities offered.

About sixty per cent of the Union's income was derived from membership and, to ensure that students were satisfied, the Union must expand and upgrade the facilities.

'The most obvious facility and main priority of the Union is catering services. Ideally we should be able to provide a wide range of food to suit all our members and it should be available from various outlets around the building, without unnecessary delay.

'The provision of ancillary services is where there is room for the Union to expand its facilities and take on a new role. This would take the form of a range of commercial developments that would provide increased services to the students.'

Mr Yee expressed the hope that in the future the University administration would 'give the Union the respect and consideration that its position and status on the campus demands'. This applied not only to the operation and development of the Union but to the overall planning and development of the University.

He went on to claim that, in the past, relations between the Union and the University administration had been highlighted by a lack of communication and co-operation. 'Hopefully, the future development and expansion of the Union will herald a new era of openness and consultation between the Union and the administration. 'Gladness' begins at home,' he said.

The Union Building was far from ideal and the staff and the Union Board had had a very difficult task just to maintain basic services at a reasonable level.

'There are several major problems in the existing building, the main ones being that the building is far too small to handle the number of students currently enrolled, resulting in severe congestion in the dining rooms and food outlets. The kitchen and storeroom facilities are inadequate to cope with the increased demand placed on them,' Mr Yee said.

But, along with these problems, the Union was faced with the burden of building maintenance. 'In the past, we have had to replace the roof at a cost of $185,000.

This year, the Union has had several unforeseen major repairs to services, such as gas, water and sewerage. The cost of these repairs has fallen on the Union rather than the University, which is the owner of the building. This equates with the transfer of funding from the government and the University to the students, necessitating the increase in Union fees.'

In order to achieve a more realistic approach, the Board had approved the plan for future development.

The proposed extensions and development will be in the order of 1,400 square metres, 900 square metres of which will be an additional dining area capable of seating 600 people. The remainder will be made up of serveries, kitchens, coldrooms, lunchroom, storerooms and toilets.

'Ve hope that the development will relieve the chronic overcrowding suffered in the building and reinforce the Union as the focal point of campus activity,' Mr Yee told guests at the dinner.

So that the Board would receive favourable consideration from Government and commercial agencies, the Board had had to make several tough decisions, the main one being the switch from a general policy of subsidy to the 'user pays system'. 'We have also been forced into a series of sharp fee increases over the next four years to fund the development. Apart from increasing prices and fees, the Board has encouraged a programme of effective management and cost control in the Union.'

Mr Yee commented that in conjunction with the measures the Board had plans to contribute $600,000 from accumulated reserves, with the balance to be derived from outside sources.

ACEO NOMINATIONS CALLED

The Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity is the Committee which advises Council on all EEO matters and through which the EEO Unit communicates with Council. EEO activities are now familiar to all members of the University and need no elaboration.

The committee is chaired by a member of Council and includes persons appointed by the student associations, AWEUN and the various industrial associations represented on campus.

It also includes seven members of staff appointed annually by the Council on the Vice-Chancellor's nomination after advice from the Committee.

Any member of staff interested to serve on the committee during 1988 should advise Mr Lionel Farrell in writing by 9 November so that his/her name may be considered when the committee is formulating its advice to the Vice-Chancellor.
CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THE FUTURE OF LINGUISTICS

An American linguist, who is an authority on the history of generative theory, has expressed concern at the future of the Linguistics programme at this University.

Professor Fritz Newmeyer, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Washington, Seattle, said on 8 October it would be tragic if the Chair in Linguistics was not filled and the Department of Linguistics was accommodated elsewhere within the other departments of the Faculty of Arts.

Professor Newmeyer was referring to one of the proposals put forward by the Planning Committee in its plan for the academic restructuring of the University.

Professor Newmeyer said the high personal reputation gained by Emeritus Professor Ray Cattell, former Professor of Linguistics at this University, and the valuable 'core' of research that developed around him should not be put at risk.

He had originally proposed an attachment to this University during his four-month sabbatical, but had changed his plans because 'the people I want to work with are away at the moment'.

Professor Newmeyer is currently attached to La Trobe University's Linguistics Centre, which, he said, was his second choice for a research base in Australia.

He was hosted for his visit by the Department of Linguistics. He delivered two seminars for staff and students, one on the Autonomy of Language and the Autonomy of Linguistics, and the other on Converging Tendencies in Syntactic Theory.

Professor Newmeyer said Professor Cattell was certainly regarded in the United States as Australia's leading linguist.

It was unbelievable that it had been suggested that he not be replaced, he said. The Department deserved to be allowed to build on its 'core' of research, as its counterparts at the Australian National University and La Trobe University had been able to do.

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Facts behind a cup of coffee

PROFESSOR IAN PLIMER, Professor of Geology, explored the topic, The Minerals Consumed at Breakfast, when he delivered the 10th Annual Mawby Lecture in Melbourne on 29 September.

The public lecture is in honour of Sir Maurice Mawby, who, in his capacity as Chairman of CRA Ltd., guided the company to its current place as one of the largest corporations in the country. Previous Mawby lecturers were Professor Geoffrey Blainey, Sir Roderick Carnegie and Professor John Lovering.

Professor Plimer described how every single simple action in the world today consumed a large quantity of energy and diverse minerals. 'For example,' he said, 'sixty-six minerals are utilised in the simple act of making a cup of coffee.

Consumption of minerals and energy is decreasing on a per capita basis.

'However it is an unfortunate fact that a large segment of the population have very strong political views on the environment and yet choose to remain ignorant of the minerals, and energy they blissfully consume in the modern world,' he said.

Terra Australis to Australia

The Australian Academy of the Humanities is offering a major international bicentennial conference Terra Australis to Australia to be held in Sydney and Canberra next August.

Hosted by the Academy and ESSO Australia Ltd., the conference will discuss the history of the Australian continent, including the Aborigines, peopling of the continent, European discovery and British colonisation. Several exhibitions and tours will be held in conjunction with the conference.

The Information Office (Room G60 in the McMullin Building, Extension 328) has a programme and registration bulletin for Terra Australis to Australia.
Retiring Students' Representative Council President, Mr Chris Craig, has told the News about developments that have pleased him during his two-year term and some of his concerns.

The first achievement, Mr Craig said, was the evolution of the SRC into something genuinely useful to students. 'People now know that if they do experience difficulties, we can help. An ever increasing number of people are using this facility.'

The second development which had been particularly pleasing was the establishment of the State and now the National Union structure.

'Due to the irresponsibility and self-centred ineptitude of student politicians in the past, students were left without national representation when AUS blew up in 1984, the President said.

Having served two terms as NSW State President, he was particularly gratified to be able to play a role in the formation of the National Union of Students.

'That is not to say that there are not still problems to overcome. There are still a lot of self-centred and inept student politicians intent on furthering their factional ambitions at the expense of the people who elect them. We have found, however, that the only way to progress is to ignore them and to get on with the job.'

As a result, students were in a much stronger position to fight issues than they were when, say, fees were reintroduced.

ON-CAMPUS ISSUES

Mr Craig said if he had a regret it was the difficulties confronting the University as a whole had increased during his two terms.

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SLIGHT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF FEMALE ACADEMICS

The University's Equal Employment Opportunity annual report, just released, states that while there has been a noticeable increase in female staff relative to male staff in administration and clerical positions the proportion of female academic staff has increased slightly.

The report says in 1984 the percentages for female and male administrative staff were 41.6 per cent and 58.4 per cent. In 1986 the percentages had changed to 50.0 per cent and 50.0 per cent.

The proportion of female academic staff had increased since 1984 from 11.4 per cent to 13.3 per cent. The largest increase had been at the lecturer level — from 18.4 per cent to 26.6 per cent.

Women continue to be more likely than men to be employed on fixed-term appointments. Among female full-time staff, 29.5 per cent are employed fixed-term compared with 7.7 per cent of male full-time staff.

The EEO report refers to the Council's Advisory Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and comments that the committee has had an extremely important part to play in the implementation of the EEO Management Plan.

Several working parties of the committee were active during 1986:

The Working Party looking at physical access for people with disabilities compiled a report which is currently being considered by senior officers of the University.

The Child Care Working Party is participating in the process of evaluating the possibility of setting up an occasional child care centre.

The Ethnic Affairs Working Party is continuing to look at the development of an Ethnic Affairs Working policy.

The Working Party examining opportunities for Aborigines as staff and students monitored activities in these areas.

The ACEO committee produced EEO Grievances Procedures which were accepted by Council.

It also prepared a document on Non-Discriminatory Language which will be finalised in 1987.

The report points out that women continue to be under-represented on University committees. A number of University committees still have no female members.

It is a policy of the University that all selection committees should contain both female and male members. All academic and general staff selection committees contained female members during 1986. However, only a small percentage of selection committees contained more than one woman.

According to the EEO report, the Staff Office monitored recruitment procedures thoroughly during 1986. A letter containing procedures relating to the formation of selection committees, short-listing and guidelines for the drafting of advertisements is sent to the Head of Department in which a vacancy occurs.

In 1986 guidelines for the conduct of interviews were finalised. Copies of the guidelines are provided to all members of selection committees and it is the responsibility of the chairperson of a committee to ensure that these guidelines are followed.

Other major points in the report:

- During 1986 the University employed four Aboriginal staff members in general staff positions, one male and three female. For one of the positions (in the Medical Faculty) Aboriginality and/or knowledge of Aboriginal culture was a desirable qualification. One person with a known disability was employed.

- The Association of Women Employees of the University of Newcastle (AWEUN) in association with the EEO Unit, has also raised awareness of EEO through the presentation of seminars. AWEUN also presented lunch-time film screenings which examined women's issues and other EEO matters.

- A Staff Newsletter was produced four times during 1986 and distributed to all members of staff.

- A child care information sheet which the EEO Unit produced was distributed throughout the University. It is also given to new members of staff.

At the end of 1986 the Vice-Chancellor commissioned a survey to investigate the needs of staff and students in relation to child care. The possibility of setting up an occasional child care centre on campus is currently being investigated.

Recognition for graduate from Thailand

Dr Niphon Poungvarin

A Thai graduate of the University's Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics has had a paper derived from his thesis published in one of the world's leading medical journals.

Dr Niphon Poungvarin, a neurologist from the Siriraj Hospital, Bangkok, started his Master of Medical Science in 1983, when he spent a year at the (then) Asian and Pacific Centre for Clinical Epidemiology. He completed six months' coursework and three months' protocol development. In addition to these activities he spent considerable time with clinical colleagues in neurology, particularly Clinical Associate Professor Terry Holland.

After his return to Bangkok, Dr Poungvarin carried out his project, which was a randomised controlled trial of corticosteroid medication in the management of haemorrhagic stroke. This was a very difficult study requiring enormous work to assess and follow patients who were admitted to the hospital at any time of the day or night.

The paper arising from his thesis was published in May as a leading article in the New England Journal of Medicine, one of the most outstanding medical journals in the world.
**Successful Mattara Patrick White Day**

This year, for the first time, the Language and Literature Board went off campus for its annual day-long seminar on a major writer, presenting a Patrick White Day on 8 October in the Civic Playhouse as part of the Mattara.

The Vice-Chancellor officially opened the proceedings with words of welcome to the distinguished visitors and said he believed the Day would be interesting and stimulating.

He was right. The audience was entertained, moved and occasionally surprised by Professor Manning Clark's frank account of his long-standing friendship with the writer. His deep affection for White illuminated his appraisal of a man who shared his own profound Australian nationalism, his concern for those who get battered in the struggle for survival and his mistrust and fear of Australia's tendency to materialism and philistinism. He claimed, however, to be less pessimistic than White about the future of Australian society and the integrity of the present Federal Government.

A hard act to follow, but May-Brit Akerholt, dramaturg from the Sydney Theatre Company, triumphantly showed it could be done.

In a lively, enthusiastic paper she made a strong case for regarding White as Australia's major dramatist, showing how his early plays had laid the foundations for a revolutionary change from naturalistic theatre to a drama not afraid to use the magic of words and to present fundamental issues in an adventurous and poetic style.

She attributed the fiercely hostile reaction to White's early plays to the incapacity of critics to understand this new direction in Australian theatre and showed how it had not prevented him from opening up possibilities which others have pursued so successfully.

After lunch, on the other hand, Michael Wilding challenged the present-day view of White the novelist.

Setting him firmly in the modernist movement which has dominated the twentieth-century reaction to traditional realist and naturalist fiction, Wilding questioned whether White's fiction could provide useful inspiration for novelists writing now. He suggested that, contrary to current belief, White is not as specifically Australian as he appears and that whilst his novels are some of the most beautiful instances of art for arts sake, they now lead us nowhere.

In a masterly compilation of excerpts from the plays and novels, Julie and Foveaux Kirby read to the audience some material with which to begin to judge the accuracy of what Ms Akerholt and Mr Wilding had said. In their highly professional rendition, the dramatic quality of the extracts from the fiction was almost as noticeable as the comedy, pathos and wit of the passages chosen from the plays and autobiographical writings.

The day concluded with a discussion which rampaged through the authenticity of White's dialogue, his debt to his English experience, Barry Humphries' debt to him, and his popularity with a wider reading public.

Whilst the Board was delighted with the day, it was mildly disappointed that the audience had not been more numerous — only fifty people came to the morning and thirty to the afternoon — and that students' lecture commitments had precluded many of them from coming to what one of those present described as 'an excellent selection and variety of speakers' and a day that was 'really stimulating'.

Michael Connon.

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**PROTEST OVER ADVERTISING OF NEW DVC POST**

At the general meeting of the University's Sub-division of the PSA on 30 September, a draft statement criticising the way in which the new senior position in the University's administration, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), was advertised was endorsed.

In submitting the statement for discussion, the Sub-division's Chairperson, Mr Lionel Farrell, said an advertisement for the position had been inserted in the Higher Education Supplement in The Australian. This publication was directly addressed at academics and others already in higher education institutions and it was not to be expected it would be read by those outside this environment.

The new appointment affects all of us, because the DVC will be responsible for co-ordination of the central administrative sections of the University, and we are concerned that a proven administrator of the highest calibre be appointed,' Mr Farrell said.

The meeting approved the following statement being sent to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan:

The Sub-division —

- welcomes that aspect of the administrative restructure which would see the appointment of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) to head and co-ordinate the work of the central administrative services, which comprise members of staff over which the Association has industrial coverage;
- notes that Council approval for the external advertising of the position was given on 14 August, 1987 but no advertisement appeared until 30 September, and then in only one national newspaper;
- believes the appearance of the advertisement in as many national newspapers as possible is essential to ensure the best field of applicants;
- is dismayed that the presentation of the advertisement contravenes a number of important principles embodied in the Council approved EEO Management Plan of the University;
- deplores the fact that the closing date for receipt of applications for the position is to be 12 October, 1987, a mere twelve days after the appearance of the advertisement;
- believes that such a short period of time, falling as it does in a holiday period, is inadequate for an appointment at such a senior level within the University;
- seeks the assurance that the composition of the Selection Committee for the position will follow established University procedures which are in accordance with the EEO Management Plan; and
- calls upon the University to extend the date on which applications close by a month, increase the coverage of the advertised position to embrace all national newspapers and reword the advertisement to conform with EEO principles.
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END OF LINKS WITH UNTO BE MARKED

FAREWELL NEWCASTLE '87 has been organised by the Singapore Students' Association to mark the end of academic life for graduating overseas students of the University.

The farewell will be a dinner offering authentic Chinese cuisine in the Emerald Gardens Restaurant at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, on Thursday, 26 November.

The Ambassador for Singapore in Australia, Mr Concenciao, will be among the guests.

Mr Alvin Lee, a final year Mechanical Engineering student who is the spokesperson for the committee organising the farewell, said the function would be the third the Singapore Students' Association had presented.

"We are saying to students and staff "come and say farewell to your friends and staff. Have a memorable night of delicious food and fun, with interesting games and shows. There are lots of attractive prizes to be won too".

Tickets for the dinner cost $25. This includes a souvenir and a lucky draw.

For tickets please get in touch with Alvin Lee (68 2448), Roland Tang (68 4004) or Jeannie Koh (51 7181).

Pen Pal Wanted

Malika-Nayla el Atrassi is twenty years old and at university in Rouen in Normandy, France (studying law and foreign languages). She speaks several languages, French, Spanish, Italian, German and would like to correspond with females or males from this University. Her address is: 13-Rue Marie-Antoinette, 76 250 Deville-les-Rouen, France.

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Listening Highlights

Thursday, 15 October, 2.30 pm
Dispatches: A new weekly programme on development issues.

7.30 pm
The NUR Theatre (repeat): Corali Lansdowne Says No by Alex Buzo.

Sunday, 18 October, 4 pm
The NUR Theatre — The Aspen Papers by Henry James.

Monday, October 19, 1 pm
Australia Wide — Hunter Orchestra Pops Concert.

9 pm
Talking to New England — So, Do You Still Want to be a Secondary School Teacher.

10 pm
Talking to New England — Hazard Preparedness.

Sunday, 25 October, 4 pm
The NUR Theatre — A Life of the Mind by Gordon Dryland.

Monday, 26 October, 1 pm
Australia Wide — Mattara Concerto Competition highlights and finals.

4 pm
Dick Gibson Memorial Lecture presented by Professor Manning Clark.

9 pm
Talking to New England — New Statutory Rights in Education.

10 pm
Talking to New England — Writing Local History.
**Diary of Events**

**Wednesday, 21 October, 11 am**


**Friday, 23 October, 10 am**

Faculty of Medicine seminar entitled Issues in child development, and causes of abnormality of adjustment. Guest speaker: Dr Phil Silva (The Dunedin Multi-Disciplinary Health and Development Research Centre). Venue: Child Development Unit, Hamilton.

**Monday, 26 October, 11 am**

Professor S.J. Gray, Professor of Accounting, University of Glasgow, will present a paper entitled Accounting Standard Settings: The Future of Regulation. Venue: S113, Social Sciences Building. (This seminar addresses students on the integration of UK Accounting Practice and the European Accounting Community).

**Monday, 26 October, Noon**


**Tuesday, 27 October 10 am**

Department of Drama/Language and Literature Board open seminar entitled Some Experiments in language-teaching. Guest speaker: Dr Eugene Van Erven. Venue: G25a McMullin Building.

**Wednesday, 28 October, 6.30 pm**

Dinner meeting of the Hunter Valley Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women. Venue: Staff House.

**Tuesday, 27 October, 2 pm**

Department of Philosophy seminar entitled Anthropology, Sociology and Evolutionary Epistemology. Speaker: Ms Jane Azevedo. Venue: A110, McMullin Building.

**Thursday, 29 October, 1 pm**

Film Buffs' Club presents Bertie's the Aeroplane (3 minutes), Door (9 minutes) and Destroy She Said (90 minutes) in the Common Room. Admission: free.

**Friday, 30 October, 1 pm**

Film Buffs' Club presents The Egg (11 minutes) and Invasion of the Body Snatchers (80 minutes) in the Common Room. Admission: free.

**1 to 5 pm**


**6 pm**

Address by Professor Alan Ward, the University's new Professor of History, to the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, entitled The New Pacific Resurgence of the Indigenous Peoples. Venue: Staff House.

**Monday, 26 October, 11 am**


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**NEW POSITIONS FILLED**

**THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

brought forward to Council on 9 October his nominations for appointments in the restructured senior administration.

- Council appointed Professor M.P. Carter Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).
- Professor G.M. Kellerman was appointed Dean of Research.
- Professor K.R. Dutton was appointed Dean of Students.
- Council appointed Mr J.M. Falconer Bursar.

The appointments effective from 1 January, 1987, except for Mr Falconer's appointment, which was made immediately by Council. Mr Falconer had been Acting Bursar following the retirement of Mr L.W. Harris last year.

Professor Kellerman, who is Professor of Medical Biochemistry, and Professor Dutton, Vice-Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of French, will take up their posts on a part-time basis.

Professor Carter, who is Deputy Chairman of Senate and Professor of Sociology, will take up what will be a new full-time position.

Council has approved the appointment of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor (administration). When the News went to press, the post was being advertised.

At the Council meeting there was lengthy discussion about some aspects of the advertising of the position, including the period given for the receipt of applications and whether the advertisement complied with approved EEO principles.

It was resolved to reaffirm the Council's adherence to the EEO principles contained in the University's Management Plan.