APPROACH TO SENATE ON CONGESTION

The increased student enrolment has not only worried the Union but also caused overcrowding of classrooms, such as Lecture Theatre B01 (pictured during the Accountancy I class).

The facilities of the Union are severely taxed this year because of the University's record student numbers.

According to the President, Mr Chris Tola, attention has been given to all aspects of the provision of food and some alterations have been made. The increased student population has made growth of the Union inevitable, he says, but the commencement of extensions will probably have to wait until 1988.

'Although the queues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are not a new phenomenon in the Union, they are appearing on a grander scale this year than previously', Mr Tola says.

'The lines form from the right and students say it's infuriating to have to wait twenty minutes when they only have forty minutes for lunch'.

Mr Tola mentions the re-location of some cash registers, the erection of new counters and the installation of equipment in the kitchen which cooks faster. 'These things have helped us to achieve a more functional use of food services', he says.

The Board of Management of the Union has determined that the University ought to co-operate to help the Union to alleviate some of the congestion.

Despite a previously unsuccessful approach to the Senate to change the timetables for lectures so that the Union has more time in which to provide lunches, a follow-up submission pointing out the urgency of the current problems will be sent to the Senate.

Moreover, the Senate will be asked, Mr Tola says, to change its policy of holding nearly all lectures on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 'We need lectures to be spread equally over all days of the week to achieve the most efficient use of Union facilities'.

Mr Tola notes that this year has seen the completion of work on a new patio adjacent to the Common Room, with additional seating, the extension of trading hours (now, Dining Room — 11 am to 2 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm; Fast Food Bar — 10.30 am to 7.30 pm and Sandwich Bar — 10 am to 2 pm) and new arrangements for the provision of food in the Common Room. Plans are afoot to enlarge the Dining Room as part of the future extensions.

He says the Union Staff are working very hard during an extremely difficult period at present.

There were several successful activities during Orientation Week, which drew large crowds of students, including the Orientation Ball, which was a 'full house'.

Mr Tola says he is pleased with the Board of Management's strong commitment to meeting the interests of students. 'The Board is endeavouring to encourage student clubs and societies not to hold their social functions outside the University but to use the Union, thereby supporting their own undertaking'.

INSIDE: Uni. to award four honorary degrees
Dear Sir,

As members of the working party appointed to oversee the recent upgrade of the University's central computing facilities we wish to respond to the comments of David Morrison (Letters, 16 February).

While we disagree with many of the points which David has raised, in the interests of brevity, we will restrict our comments to three central issues:

Who made the decision?
Were students' needs considered adequately?
Was the 'best' equipment purchased?

Members of the working party were very actively involved in all stages of the negotiation. The final decision was unanimous. The Director had neither more, nor less influence than any other member of the group.

Working party members were particularly concerned that the needs of the student population were addressed, and believe that the equipment purchased is the most cost-effective means of satisfying these needs. We see no need to apologise because we were able to respond to the comments of David, as suggested by David, has merit and the working party examined his submissions closely.

The option was eventually rejected for many reasons, including the following:

- We were not convinced that, in the configuration proposed, the Microvax architecture would adequately support the highly interactive workload generated by students.

- The software needed to efficiently manage a large, integrated, decentralised network of Microvax computers doing the kind of processing which the University requires is not yet available.

- Alternative configurations, we believe, offered more power per dollar.

The 'easy' $50,000 upgrade path mentioned by David is still available to the University, especially since we now have computers with sufficient capacity to form the centre of such a network. In fact we would hope to see developments along these lines in the next few years.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views in this matter.

Annette Dobson,
Rob Evans,
Bruce Cheek.

Memorandum on the Petition to the Visitor of The University of Newcastle, February/March, 1987

Dear Sir,

My thanks are due to 265 signatories of the petition, which was despatched by registered mail on 6/3.

Thanks are also due to the Heads of Department (and helpers) who returned twenty-nine forms with 217 signatures, and four with nil. Nine departments did not return the forms; of these two 'were lost, but there weren't any signatures anyhow'. The petition being overdue the organiser did not wish to spend more time on recovery. The introductory letter of 11 February (two days late) and a reminder 26/2 should have been enough. Few departments seem to know of the method of using a circularisation slip with initials to be ticked off. It is a bit disappointing that an initiative to promote restoration of the good name of the University should not have had fuller support. Two miscellaneous forms supplied another eighteen signatures, and twenty-three retirees returned their forms with signature. Thirty out of forty-three retirees responded positively, one negatively. Eight more signatures came from Wollongong, via a former Novocastrian.

W.F. Geyl,
once Assoc.Professor in Geography.

Dear Sir,

Dr Suchard's scale of values seems peculiar if she thinks (University News 2-16/3) the red herring statement of 'backwater university' in The Bulletin is more special than the overall story of deviation from the straight and narrow academic process. It is the latter which is the real blot on our scutcheon, and the soon it is removed, the better. As world news shows, deviations from the straight and narrow are not restricted to backwaters.

W.F. Geyl,
once Assoc.Professor in Geography.

Dear Sir,

May I say how delighted I was to read in University News (16 February, 1987) that work is now under way for imaginative landscaping of a walking trail access to the bush and wetland areas in northeast part of the campus. This is a project well worthy of the Bicentenary and I hope that the work will be given a high priority. It will be something very much to look forward to when I return from secondment at the beginning of 1989.

H.W. Dick,
Pacific & SEA History,
Research School of Pacific Studies,
Australian National University.

Submissions
Invited on
The News

A Committee appointed by Council is reviewing the role and quality of University News.

The Committee would be pleased to hear the views of readers and invites either written or oral submissions. Written submissions should be sent to the Secretary.

If you would like to make an oral submission, would you please leave your name and contact telephone number with Mrs Sandra Harchard, Extension 240 before Noon on 23 March.
Four honorary degrees to be awarded

An eminent Australian jurist and a leading Aboriginal educationist are among those to be awarded honorary degrees at the University's graduation ceremonies on 1 and 2 May.

The degree of DLitt honoris causa is to be awarded to the Honorable Justice Michael Kirby, President of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Chancellor of Macquarie University and a former Deputy Chancellor of Newcastle University.

The degree of MA honoris causa is to be awarded to Father Peter Brock, Parish Priest, Belmont, in recognition of his contributions to the work of the University as Catholic Chaplain and to the cultural life of the region, particularly with the University of Newcastle Choir. Father Brock is a graduate of the University of Newcastle.

The degree of MSc honoris causa is to be awarded to Mr Bryan Campbell, Principal Research Scientist, Australian Atomic Energy Commission. Mr Campbell, who holds no formal university qualifications, has achieved international recognition for his work in soil erosion and sedimentation and has performed important research in the Hunter Valley for over twenty years. He has had close association with the Department of Geography in the University of Newcastle both in research and teaching since 1978.

Justice Kirby and Professor Willmot will deliver addresses at the ceremonies at which they receive their degrees.

RECORD NUMBERS APPLY FOR PLACES

WITH a record 1,750 new students enrolling this year, the University expects to have total student numbers of approximately 5,700, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, said.

The enrolment of new students was about 350 more than last year (or about 25 per cent more) and reflected the record number of people competing for places at Australia's universities at present.

Professor Morgan said a summary of the University's enrolment statistics as at 3 March showed a total student enrolment of 5,705 — 287 more than that recorded at the same time last year. 'However, the number of students re-enrolling in courses is still increasing and the University's total student numbers are likely to be somewhat greater than this.'

'There are indications of a trend towards full-time enrolment with numbers of full-time undergraduates up, but part-time undergraduate numbers are similar to those of last year,' the Vice-Chancellor said.
MANAGEMENT SET TO TRAIN GRADUATES

GRADUATES from the Hunter Region will have an opportunity to update their knowledge at a Centre for Enterprise and Management Studies, being established by the Department of Management.

Professor A. Williams, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, announced plans for the new centre at an orientation and social gathering for new and re-enrolling Master of Business Administration and Diploma in Management students on 6 March. The new students met the staff and fellow students and were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, Professor Williams and Mr Paul Keogh, a re-enrolling MBA student. Dr Peter Bamford outlined the work of the University Counselling Service.

Professor Williams said the decision to set up a Centre for Enterprise and Management Studies followed investigation of the management needs of the Hunter Region's 25,000 business enterprises.

'The centre will deliver management training programmes, conduct research and carry out management counselling and consulting,' he said.

The centre would work in association with the new Hunter Technology Development Centre at the University.

The work of the centre would also have the wholehearted support and co-operation of a number of other organisations within the Hunter Region, viz the Hunter Development Board, Newcastle College of Technical and Further Education, the Hunter Enterprise Agency, and many professional multipliorganisations.

'The centre is not intended to duplicate existing programmes, but to complement and integrate with existing activities within the region,' Professor Williams said.

Addressing especially the new and re-enrolling students, he requested that they bear with staff while the 'catastrophic problem' of lack of accommodation in the Department of Management was solved.

Student winners of CU Prizes

The Universities Credit Union recently presented cheques to the winners of the Universities Credit Union Prizes.

From left: Mr John Peters, who works as a Computer Programmer at the BHP and won the prize for information systems; Ms Glenys Waters, B.Com III student, who won the prize for commercial electronic data processing; Mr Timothy Austin, B.Com II student, who won the prize for introductory quantitative methods, and Ms Debbie Woods, Manager of the Credit Union's University Office.
The Hunter Technology Development Centre — an independent project dedicated to the improvement and diversification of this Region's industrial base for the creation of more jobs — is being built in the University’s grounds.

A building from which the centre will initially operate has been almost completed at the Faculty of Engineering and site clearance and preparations for the much larger main complex have been undertaken adjacent to Kintaiba Community Child Care Centre.

The two projects required funding of approximately $5,000,000 being provided by the Federal and New South Wales Governments through the Steel Regions and Advanced Technology Programmes. An allocation of $1,000,000 for equipment is included.

Mr Lionel Wisby, Director of the Hunter Technology Development Centre, sees the centre as stimulating existing and new companies and individuals to develop new products and goods for export and providing a technological resource and consulting base for the region.

There is a huge range of venture capital in Australia and when this is linked with technological skills, such as those available at Newcastle University, it usually results in successful commercialisation, he said.

The centre’s initial administration will be carried out in the annexe to the Faculty of Engineering, a building costing $500,000 with a 750 square-metre floor area. Mr Wisby describes it as ‘the centre’s eventual hardware area’, because it will house machines and prototypes of manufacturing processes.

He is looking forward to TUNRA Ltd., the University’s research and education consultancy, participating actively in various co-operative ventures with the centre.

The overall programme for the development of the $3,000,000 main complex embodies:

- The provision of an entrance in Rankin Drive, and a car park with access from the University.
- The erection of a two-storey building with 2,750 square-metres of floor space.
- The division of the building into areas for offices and facilities, conference and meeting rooms,
DR Dennis Sinclair is very happy with his decision to make the change from working in research with the CSIRO to lecturing at this University.

One reason is sharing with

fellow staff members in the Department of Statistics the excitement and the challenge of operating in a new department.

Another is his personal academic interest in the application of Statistics to industrial or manufacturing processes.

Under the leadership of Professor Annette Dobson, the Department of Statistics was established in January this year. Professor Bob Gibberd (Associate Professor) and Dr Sinclair (Senior Lecturer) have already joined the Department, while Dr Barry Quinn, from the University of Queensland, will take up a Senior Lectureship in July.

Dr Sinclair said there had been major developments in Statistics, many sparked by the computer revolution, and the new methods could be successfully applied in many fields.

'As a result of the shortage of well qualified statisticians, many interesting professional positions are unfilled'.

The Department of Statistics is strong in Biostatistics (the application of Statistics to problems in medicine and health), because Professors Dobson and Gibberd have had links with medical researchers and the Hunter Health Statistics Unit for some time. The Unit processes the records for patients admitted to public or private hospitals and handles a variety of other health related data.

Dr Sinclair, a Statistician with the CSIRO's Division of Mathematics and Statistics in Townsville from 1976 to the end of last year, said the Department's move into industrial statistics was very logical seeing that Newcastle was one of Australia's major industrial centres.

'I have made contacts with a number of industrial and manufacturing concerns, with the help of Mr Karel Grezl, Manager of TUNRA. The object was to provide the firms with ideas on the application of statistics within the industrial environment. The areas of quality control and industrial experimentation, in particular, can benefit greatly from sound statistical input. Naturally, with Australia interested in increasing its export earnings, methods which can be exploited to improve industrial design and quality are valuable.

'Therefore, the Department has two main planks — medical and industrial research — each satisfying a current need of the community'.

He said the Department would be putting on courses for students to train them for careers in both these areas.

Later this year the Department would make available to honours and postgraduate students a course in statistical consulting, so that the students would gain expertise in discussing statistical problems with clients.

Dr Sinclair said he was an applied statistician and he had chosen to exchange the CSIRO for academe because 'research in this country seems to have turned around 180 degrees'.

'Universities are now much more interested in responding to the market-place, and research is becoming much more applied. The CSIRO is facing a morale problem, with scientists finding it difficult to change the direction of their work to respond to the needs of the community'.

Dr Sinclair received his BSc and MStat at the University of New South Wales. A Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship which he won in 1979 helped him to obtain his MS and PhD at Florida State University.

Having often sailed in the ocean off Townsville, including the Townsville-Dunk Island race, he is looking for a house at the Lake. He is married to Kate and has a son, Jonathan, age five years and a daughter, Holly, aged three years.

Ancient Egypt Weekend

PLANS are now well under way for the inaugural Weekend in Ancient Egypt to take place at this University on 16 and 16 August.

The weekend of lectures will be presented by the Classics Department, in association with the Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology at Macquarie University.

The programme is designed not only to be helpful to HSC students and teachers but to be of interest to anybody who is fascinated by the ancient Egyptians and their world.

Professor Naguib Kanawati and Dr Boyo Ockinga, supported by other lecturers, will discuss aspects of life and thought in Ancient Egypt, including hieroglyphs, pyramids and other tombs, religion, the pharaoh, administration, the Amarna Revolution, Thutmose III; and Hatshepsut and Tutankhamon.

In previous years these programmes have only been available in Sydney.

The cost of the weekend is $20 for adults and $10 for students, with the proceeds going to help finance excavations at Akhmim and Saqqara.

For further information get in touch with Dr B.F. Curran, of the Department of Classics, at Extension 604.
PROFESSOR BARRY HUGHES has taken up his appointment to a Chair of Economics at the University.

Professor Hughes, who is 44, has had extensive experience as an economic adviser and consultant to government. He will continue to work as Economic Consultant to the Federal Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, but on a part-time basis. One of the gains for this University will be having access to the data collected by the Joint Economic Forecasting Group, the top level interdepartmental body which he is a member of and advises on the government on the Budget. His is a member of the JEFG and he intends to use the data to bring students and other interested persons up to date.

Professor Hughes also has a brief from the Treasurer, to keep watching Australia’s macro Economic policy. ‘I consider whether the Government’s monetary policy is too tight or too slack and whether the Budget is on the right track. Again, the data will be sent to us for use in teaching’. Like some of his colleagues, he has had extensive experience in the Labour Economics field and he hopes that they will provide the expertise for the establishment of a special research group in the Department.

Like many residents of Newcastle, the new Professor of Economics has strong links with coalmining. He was born in Merthyr in Wales, where his father was a coalminer. He referred to himself as a coalminer. He has written for The Australian, The National Times, The Financial Review, the Adelaide Sunday Mail, The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun Herald.

Professor Hughes is a graduate of the London School of Economics and holds an AM and PhD from Princeton University. His appointments prior to coming to Australia included a lecturer post as Instructor in Economics at Princeton University (1965-67) and Research Officer at the National Institute of Economics and Social Research (UK) 1967-68. He was appointed a Lecturer in Economics at Flinders University in 1968, promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1972 and Reader in 1976. From 1975-76 he was Director of the Institute of Labour Studies at Flinders University.

Classifieds

For Sale

Guitar — oynx strat copy, $250 or near offer; AMP, $120 or near offer; plumb lined hard shape case/book spectrum method, $100 or near offer. All these items are brand new and the owner must sell (Christmas present hardly used). Package deal: $420 or near offer. Telephone 61 2665.

Skyline Executive caravan (seven berth, 16x8') with annexe, $4,100 or near offer. Telephone 52 3148.

Pine and Rattan two-seater lounge and two chairs, $200. Telephone Extension 766 or 75 2726.


Home at Kotara Heights on double block. Features include: Architect designed brick veneer and tile split-level residence, situated in bushland setting in cul-de-sac, five bedrooms with built-ins, two bathrooms, separate lounge and dining rooms, two family rooms and two kitchens. The home is presently divided for use to include a self-contained two bedroom granny flat plus quality inclusions. This home is appealing and well worth inspection. Asking price: $155,000. Telephone Extension 361 or 43 2759.

Weatherboard cottage in an excellent position in Cooks Hill. Features include: three bedrooms, living room with fireplace, dining room, modern kitchen, bathroom, garden and lock-up garage. Asking price: $78,000 or near offer. Telephone 26 4482.

Weatherboard and tile home with ocean views at Whitebeach. Features include: elevated position with park-like grounds, three bedrooms, lounge with open fireplace, reverse cycle air-conditioning, galley-style kitchen, two toilets and garage underneath. This home is well presented and requires urgent sale due to owner being transferred overseas. Special discount price for University community, $66,000. Telephone 49 7831 or Extension 651.

15' B-line Kangaroo Canadian canoe with two double paddles. Telephone 52 1127 after 3 pm.

Field archery bow 66" and 41 lbs in good condition (left handed), best offer. Telephone Tony at 69 1048.

Positions Wanted — typing

The following persons would like to type theses, occasional papers, research reports, etc: Mrs Del Butler would be wonderful.

Book Editing

Book editor is available to take theses, manuscripts etc. from writing stage to camera-ready copy stage. Telephone Extension 328.
Newcastle/Shanghai Exchange Scheme

PROFESSOR Xu Kuangdi, of the People's Republic of China, recently visited the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.

He is Professor of Metallurgical Engineering at Shanghai University of Technology, Vice-President of the University and a member of the Chinese Injection Metallurgy Committee.

His visit is being sponsored by the BHP Co. Pty. Ltd. and the Australia-China Council.

As a result of discussions involving Professor Kuangdi, the Australia-China Council and this University, an exchange program for postgraduate students will be established. It has been agreed that as long as research projects of similar nature are being undertaken, exchanges will commence next year.

Staff members' books on student learning

The book presents Professor Biggs' theory of student learning and describes the research that led to its formulation.

The *Learning Process Questionnaire* is to be used with secondary school students and the *Study Process Questionnaire* with tertiary students.

The author established the norms on two secondary and two tertiary large national samples. Answer sheets and score key overlays are available for both questionnaires. Professor Biggs and Professor Ross Telfer, Associate Professor of Education, are co-authors of a very successful text book on educational psychology, *The Process of Learning*.

Mr Ted Cannan, Senior Editor for Prentice-Hall, of Australia Pty. Ltd., said that the first edition of *The Process of Learning* had been a best-seller for Prentice-Hall and had dominated the Australian educational psychology market. In the last two years sales of the book had exceeded 5,700 copies. Mr Cannan said that the second edition, published in January this year, was easily matching the sales record of the first edition.

This was a major revision, designed to bring the book up to the minute with respect to research classroom practice. Great attention had been paid to making the book easy to read and relevant for beginning trainee teachers, he said.
High incidence of illiteracy can still be found in Western nations

Early twentieth-century educators assumed that universal literacy was achieved in the developed nations at the end of the nineteenth century by means of legislation for free, compulsory, State-initiated and State-controlled education systems.

However, recent research has revealed that a surprisingly high incidence of illiteracy can still be found in Western nations; and, at the same time, it appears that the diffusion of literacy skills throughout the industrialised world, including the English speaking nations, occurred not as a sudden revolution of the late nineteenth century but as a long process of development in voluntary popular education.

The story of literacy in New South Wales has followed a similar pattern, according to Bethia Penglase, who recently obtained her PhD for her thesis entitled Literacy in Colonial New South Wales, 1788-1881. Her supervisor was Associate Professor W.G. McMinn, in the Department of History.

As a member of the Australian Council of Adult Literacy and co-ordinator of the Hunter Adult Literacy and Numeracy project which was conducted by Community Programmes in 1978-79, Bethia felt that certain questions arising from the Council's research into contemporary illiteracy required answers. The first need was a clear picture of the process by which we became a literate society, one which might help us to understand the attitudes of earlier generations to basic education and, perhaps to gain some insight into the aims and attitudes of the present.

Statistical evidence needed to demonstrate the proportions of people able to read and write, or merely to read, before the addition of the relevant questions to census schedules, came from church registers, convict records and assisted-immigrant lists. The analysis of thousands of such records was simplified by the creation of a computer data-base for each purpose. Variables, or fields, related to individual convicts, for instance, included age, sex, literacy, national/regional origin, ship and year of arrival, religion, trade/occupation, crime, sentence and previous record.

The study reveals, among other things, the correspondence between aspects of social and political history and the educational history of various population groups. The gold rushes of eastern Australia had educational as well as cultural, political and economic implications for the colonies.

In general, the progress of the popular revolution in elementary education could be charted by steadily rising literacy levels, each generation improving on the last. There were surprises, however. One of these was the revelation that reading ability was widespread throughout all classes, including convicts, by the end of the eighteenth century, and that the First Fleet convicts were by no means illiterate: the majority could read and, though writing was much less demanding at that time, at least sixty per cent were fully literate. Another interesting conclusion is that, even before the middle of the nineteenth century, more women than men were able to read, and by the 1860s the younger generation of women and girls were overtaking their male counterparts in both reading and writing skills.
By: Dorrit Nesmith

SCHEMES, temptations, deceptions, pursuils, tempests, assignations, confusions, accusations, reconciliations — all wrapped in a bright, bouncing, polished production in the traditions of commedia dell'arte: The Three Cuckolds is currently beguiling audiences at the University Drama Theatre.

It is a virtually flawless production showcasing the talents of some of the Drama Department's most gifted performers. David Berthold is a delight as Arlecchino, progenitor of comic rogue from Sganarelle to Dr Quackenbush. Adam Macaulay, Barry O'Connor and Justin Collins are properly lecherous, devious and/or hopeless suitors of one of the wives. In an lecherous, devious and/or hopeless pursuits, torments, assignations, Richard Cherry is the silkily suave wonderfully outraged reconciliation - all wrapped in a bright, bouncing, polished production

Narelle Feeney and (professional actress) Genevieve Lemon. Each (Drama students) Michelle Offen, Narelle Feeney and (professional actress) Genevieve Lemon. Each characterisation is so slick, so confidently presented, that I would class this trio or, indeed, from the entire cast.

This is not to minimise Ms Lemon's contribution to the production. A former student of Professor Victor Emeljanow (at UNSW), she spent five years after earning her BA working in community theatre before making her professional debut. While work with the Hunter Valley Theatre Company in Steaming, she was invited to lend her talents and expertise to a student production at this University. She told the University News that she was extremely pleased to have the opportunity actually to work in a style she had previously only studied: commedia dell'arte.

This 400 year old theatrical form paints both situations and characters with broad strokes of primary colours. There are nuances, but no subtleties. In its heyday, commedia developed a virtual choreography of formalised postures, refined in their expression literally to the tips of the actors' fingers. The current production utilises these gestures, just as it uses the metaphor of primary colours in the elegant set by Gary Pedler, with James Jablonski's lighting and excellent costumes (Alaska Wolloff).

Two other features of traditional commedia, adopted by this production, are the use of masks and of roughly equal lighting between audience and stage. The latter allows for greater interplay between performer and viewer; smiles and chuckles can encourage the players as much as belly-laughs. The masks, by Sian Newey, heightened rather than diminish the actors' expressiveness, since so much of their characterisation is conveyed through 'broad English'. The Three Cuckolds, interestingly, is not an authentic sixteenth century farce. It was written in the 1950s by an otherwise obscure playwright named Leon Katz. This reviewer, at least, was relieved that no one had succumbed to the temptation to 'Australianise' it or 'make it more relevant'. It was written to be performed in the commedia dell'arte style and this intention has been faithfully fulfilled. From the opening notes of the introductory music, played by Arlecchino at the footlights, it maintains the integrity of a long and honourable theatrical tradition.

Professor Emeljanow should take several deep bow: for his choice of script; for his innovative inclusion of an established professional actor in his cast (and, perhaps more valuable for the students, in his rehearsals as well); and, most of all, for his direction of the play itself. Arlecchino's final speech, incidentally, contains some very good advice: If you need to be distracted from your troubles, go to the Commedia and laugh at a folly greater than your own.

The Three Cuckolds will be playing 11-14 March, 17-21 and 24-28, with all performances at 8.15 pm.

Introducing our Drama reviewer

Mrs Dorrit Nesmith, the News' drama critic, is the Department of Philosophy's Secretary and a part-time Arts II student.
Students can go to the UK or the USA for nothing

Students at this University have the opportunity to win three Jetset Student Travel Scholarships.

Everyone of the scholarships provides air travel to the UK or the USA to the value of $1,666.

Applications are being invited by the Union and those who apply must be financial members of the Union.

Applications for selection as the first winners of the scholarships will close with the Secretary Manager of the Union on 23 March.

The sponsors must be supplied with the following information:
- The purpose for which the scholarship is sought.
- How the programme proposed under the scholarship will assist the applicants in their particular course of study, and
- What realisable or tangible benefit is expected as a result of the scholarship.

A transcript of academic record and reports from two referees should be supplied with applications.

Candidates for Council elections

An election will be held for the Convocation members of Council. A total of six people nominated for the two vacancies which are to be filled.

The nominations are as follows:
- Dr Diana Day, Mr James Downie, Dr Jess Dyce, Emeritus Professor Clif Ellyett, Dr Kevin Foley and Dr Noel Rutherford.

Ballot papers for the election will be posted to the 8,400 electors (members of Convocation) soon. They must be returned by 14 April.

Concurrently an election will be conducted for one academic member of Council. Following a call for nominations, the following members of the academic staff nominated:
- Dr Robyn Cotton and Simon.

Ballot papers will be posted to the 280 electors on 13 March and must be returned by 1 April.
DIARY OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 17 March, 12.50 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard. Admission: free.
8 - 11 pm

Wednesday, 18 March, 12.45 pm
Lunchtime Forum presented by AWEUN and the EEO Unit entitled Affirmative Action in the Higher Education Sector in the Godfrey Tanner Room of the Union. Speaker: Gretchen Poiner (Sydney).
1 pm
8 - 11 pm

Thursday, 19 March, Noon
Movie: Cloak & Dager in the Common Room. Donation 50 cents.
8 - 11 pm
2 pm
Film Buffs Club — movie to be advised. Admission: free.

Friday, 20 March, Noon
Department of Mathematics Seminar entitled Mathematics Ekeland's variational principle and a new 'smooth' version which solves some outstanding problems on the differentiability of convex functions on Banach spaces in V107, Mathematics Building. Speaker: Assoc. Professor John Giles.
2 pm
Film Buffs Club — movie to be advised. Admission: free.

Tuesday, 24 March, 12.50 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard featuring Atherton Tableband. Admission: free.
8 - 11 pm
Entertainment in the Bar featuring Itchy Rat. Admission: free.

Speaker knows Central Africa

A man with considerable professional interest in Central Africa will be guest speaker at the Newcastle Group of the Australian Institute of International Affairs' first meeting of the new year.

The group, to meet in the Staff House on March 20 at 8 pm, will be addressed by Dr. Gavin McDonell, a Sydney-based management and economic consultant.

Dr. McDonell is qualified in engineering and economics and travels and reports extensively in the course of his profession. He has completed a series of assignments in East and Central Africa in roads, aviation and energy and has just returned from Ethiopia, describing the situation there as 'very confused and complex'. He has been a consultant to the World Bank and conducted the 1986 inquiry into the New South Wales Electricity Generation.

Dr. McDonell will talk in the Staff House on Food, Aid and Trade in Central Africa.

INVITATION

Convocation officially welcomes the new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan and his wife, Mrs Hilary Morgan.

Convocation will be officially welcoming Professor Morgan and Mrs Morgan at Convocation's Annual Dinner.

The 1986 Newton-John Award will also be presented on the night, to Mr Brian Gilligan.

Date: 27 March, 7.30 pm
Venue: University Union
Cost: $20 per person

For further information contact the Convocation Officer at 685 370.