CHILD CARE CENTRE OPENS SHORTLY

The Community Child Care Centre will begin operations on March 7.

The Director of the Centre, Cathie Bartholemew, who is a trained pre-school teacher, will be responsible for a staff of: a second pre-school teacher, three nurses and three aides.

The Centre will cater for 30 children aged from one to five and operate between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. every weekday for 48 weeks every year.

The project was funded to provide care for the children of parents in need, who have been categorised as: Single parents, handicapped parents and migrant parents who have lived in Australia for less than three years.

Applications are being invited from students and members of staff of the University, C.A.E. and the Community who wish to have their children cared for in the Centre.

The fees for full-day care are $27 per week and for part-time care $6 a day. Parents who fall into the need category are able to apply for a subsidy. The rates of subsidy: 40 cents an hour for children under three and 25 cents an hour for children over three.

Cathie Bartholemew was formerly a Pre-school Adviser for the Department of Youth and Community Services, involving her in visiting pre-schools in the area which includes Sydney, the Hunter Valley and New England.

She graduated from the Kindergarten Teachers' College at Waverley in 1966 and has taught at pre-schools in Canberra and overseas.

The ORIENTATION SUPPLEMENT INSIDE
The University Council has approved the establishment of a radio station to be operated by the University with the call sign 2NUR-FM. The University was granted a licence in June, 1976, for a transmitter with these specifications:

- Frequency: 103.9 MHz
- Polarization: Horizontal and mixed horizontal and vertical
- Power: 10 KW (ERP)
- Directional Pattern: Omni-directional

Subsequently, the call sign 2NUR-FM was approved.

The assigned frequency is in the band commonly used for Channel 5 television. By arrangement with NBN-3 the University will use the NBN antenna on Mount Sugarloaf. NBN-3 will also purchase and operate the transmitter, which will be leased to the University. Studios will be established on the University campus to be equipped and operated by the University.

During 1976 extensive enquiries were conducted in Newcastle to determine the extent of the interest of other educational institutions and community bodies in the use of the facility. It is expected that opportunities will be made available for these organisations to participate in the preparation of programme material.

In general, the station will operate within the framework of the policies which guide the University's Department of Community Programmes. It will be controlled by a Board to be appointed by the University Council.

The station is licensed to operate as a stereo-transmitter and it is proposed that its programmes should include the broadcasting of music using this system.

The University is proceeding with arrangements for the purchase of the necessary equipment and the preparation of the studios. It is expected that broadcasting will commence about mid-1977. The station will be powerful enough to reach main centres of the Hunter Valley.

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**WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mr. S.B. Jones, the Member for Maribyrnong, and Mr. W. Schultz, a student of the university, were welcomed by the Deputy Chancellor to their first meeting of the University Council on January 21.

The NSW Legislative Assembly elected Mr. Jones, whilst students elected Mr. Schultz. Under the University's Act one member of the Council is elected by the Legislative Assembly after each general election. This seat was occupied by Mr. C.M. Fisher. Mr. Schultz defeated Mr. P. Tullgren in an election for the student position last October.

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**FOUNDATION PROFESSOR BORN IN NEWCASTLE**

A Newcastle-born Doctor with an international reputation for his research into hypertension has taken up duties at the University as Foundation Professor of Medicine.

He is Dr. Terje Morgan who was educated at Newcastle Boys' High and the University of Sydney. He graduated from the University of Sydney with Honours in Medical Science, Medicine, and Surgery, and received his Doctorate in Medicine from the same University in 1972.

He was a Resident and Registrar at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital from 1960-1963, and Clinical Superintendent (Medical) of the same Hospital from 1964-1966.

He has been a Visiting Scientist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, U.S.A., and in 1969 was Senior Visiting Research Fellow of the Medical Research Council (U.K.). On return to Australia he was Renal Physician at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane.

More recently he has been First Assistant in the Department of Medicine at the Repatriation and Austin Hospitals in Victoria, which are teaching hospitals of the University of Melbourne.

He has an international reputation for his research into the causation, investigation and treatment of hypertension, with particular emphasis on the role of the kidney and the importance of the distribution and control of sodium within the body.

He has widespread experience and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

He has been involved in the teaching of undergraduates and graduates for the past 18 years; in many of his appointments he has been responsible for the development of teaching programmes, and widely recognised as an excellent educator.

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**"RELEASE OF COMMONWEALTH/GOVERNMENT RECORDS"**

Information has been received from the Director-General of the Australian Archives concerning the release of Commonwealth Government records of 1946. Copies of the detailed notice have been sent to the Departments of History, Geography, Sociology, Economics and Commerce. Should anyone else require a copy of the detailed notice one may be obtained by contacting Mrs. G. Durham (ext. 240).

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**UNIVERSITY DINNER**

In deference to the Newcastle climate the annual University Dinner in 1977 will be held in Edwards Hall on 15th July.

As the Council will be meeting on the afternoon on that day it is hoped that the new date will make it easier for members of Council to join with the staff at the Dinner.
G. FRANK (MICK) ROONEY

The many University friends of G. Frank (Mick) Rooney, former student and staff member in the Department of Commerce, were saddened by learning of his death on 20th December, 1976, after a long illness.

Frank Rooney began his long association with the University of Newcastle in 1965 when he enrolled in the course for Bachelor of Commerce. He completed his honours degree whilst in full-time employment at Newcastle Technical College and proved to be one of the Faculty's most outstanding students.

On completing his degree studies, Frank Rooney was appointed Senior Tutor in Accounting and a year later promoted to Lecturer. Frank developed an interest and special expertise in the teaching of and research into theoretical and applied aspects of Auditing and was much sought after for his critical, analytical reviews of auditing practices.

With two other members of the Department he co-authored the book, "Company Financial Statement Form and Content", published in 1975. Frank had also been working on a manuscript of a much-needed academically-oriented Australian text on Auditing which is now to be completed by his brother and co-author, Barry.

Frank's interests and influence were wide and varied. He was a devoted and unifying churchman, a member of the University Cricket Team, a devoted and untiring churchman, a member of the University Dramatic Society, and the Working Party enquiring into the matter of an Education Commission for N.S.W.

Industrial registration in consort with the five other N.S.W. University Staff Associations is now being effected and eligible members of the Newcastle University Staff Association have been invited to join the Newcastle Division of B.A.S.A.N.S.W. A 45% response rate has been recorded to date and we would remind members who have not yet elected to join of the importance of doing so if the Executive is to effectively protect the interests of academic staff. New members of staff will now be invited to join both bodies and any such staff member who has not been invited could contact the Secretary in this regard.

As members will know, the Federal Government through the Universities Commission has instituted an Enquiry into Leave provisions. This University was chosen for a complete survey of staff who are on Leave in 1975 as part of a submission to the Enquiry. We thank those members of staff who have volunteered for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. The Registry Secretary attended the F.A.U.S.A. Representative Council Meeting on 14th-15th February where delegates discussed policy on higher Education Research Units, supernumary, redundancy provisions, study and conference leave, salaries of Senior Tutors, Status of women academics, University Government, Science Policy, Book Pricing, Industrial Registry, the Enquiry into Education and Training, Annual Leave, Community Colleges, Fixed Term Appointments, the F.A.U.S.A. Newsletter and the centenary of the University of Queensland.

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RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS VISIT UNIVERSITY

Two Scientists from the Institute of the Physics of the Earth, of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, in the field of solar-terrestrial physics visited the University's Department of Physics on February 19.

Their Australian visit was arranged and financed under the Australian/USSR Scientific and Technical Agreement by the Foreign Affairs Department of the Australian Government.

Dr. M. B. Gokhberg is the Assistant Director of the Institute of the Physics of the Earth of the Academy. His main interests include the theory of geomagnetic pulsations (which are small variations in the earth's magnetic field) and exploration of the substrata of the earth using magnetic techniques. Dr. Gokhberg's prime recreational interest is hang-gliding: he introduced it to USSR and is famous for it.

Professor V. A. Troitskaya is Head of the Division of the Electromagnetic Field of the Earth in the Institute of the Physics of the Earth. She is Past-President of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy and Chairperson of the Conjugate Part Studies Group of the Soviet Geophysical Committee.

Her interests are geomagnetic pulsations and the use to interpret plasma properties of the earth's magnetic field environment. She likes walking, swimming and is particularly interested in the women's role in different countries.

STAFF ASSOCIATION

The Executive has been active over the break in connection with matters arising from the Third Term Meeting and the 1976 FAUSA Council Meeting.

Superannuation, in particular, has been an active area and the Superannuation Committee (Professors R.E. Keats, G. Kellerman, Mr. R.B. Taylor and Mr. P. Sherwood) has produced a number of lengthy letters and reports on a range of issues here.

Correspondence with the Vice-Chancellor and the Administration has concerned the implications of the financial situation for staff, the review of Senior Tutor positions, motions from the Third Term meeting, the Tenure statute forwarded after the 1976 A.G.M. and transferability of Long-Service Leave.

Negotiations with other N.S.W. University Staff Associations included discussions of the actions of the Higher Education Board in relation to University affairs, and the question of submissions to both the Federal Enquiry into Education and Training and the Working Party enquiring into the matter of an Education Commission for N.S.W.

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At the conference Dr. G. Chandler, Director-General of the National Library of Australia, revealed that a unique map of the world, hand-painted on silk by a Jesuit priest, Father Verbiect, in China in 1674, had been restored in Japan and returned to the National Library.

MAP CURATORS' CONFERENCE

The Australian Map Curators' Circle held its 1977 conference at the University on February 16, 17 and 18. About 40 cartographers, geographers, map librarians and users, and draftsmen and surveyors representing the Royal Australian Navy, the Army and other map-making authorities attended. They came from New Zealand, the Australian Capital Territory and all states.

RECREATION

The following classes will be conducted by the Recreation Organisation First Term 1977:

YOGA
Every Tuesday from 5 pm to 6 pm commencing March 15 in the Southern Cross Lounge of the Union. Men and women welcome. Instructress, Lyn Chegwidden. Enrol at the class.

PHOTOGRAPHY
The group, led by Greg Smith, will meet in the Basil Helmore Room of the Union every Tuesday from 1 to 2 pm commencing March 8. Arrangements for practical work will be advised at these meetings. Work during First Term will include camera usage, black and white darkroom techniques, resurrecting old prints (copying, toning, retouching etc.), picture composition and use of lights. The term will end with a project for which a prize will be awarded. Enrol at the meeting.

Digital mapping and other aspects of map-making by computer (a recent development in Australian cartography) was one of the main subjects at the conference. Another was developments in the proposed establishment of a national cartographic information system.

Speakers included (from the University) Professor K.W. Robinson, Head of the Geography Department; Dr. J.G. Fryer, Department of Civil Engineering; Mr. G. McIntyre, Department of Geography, and Mr. W. Jonas, Department of Geography.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
Every Tuesday from 6 to 7.30 pm commencing March 15 in the Southern Cross Lounge of the Union. Instructress, Ros McKee. Enrol at the class. (A display of dancing will be held in the Southern Cross Lounge on Wednesday March 9 from 12.30 to 1 pm, men and women welcome).

BALLROOM DANCING
Every Wednesday from 7 to 8.30 pm commencing March 16 in the Southern Cross Lounge. Instructress, Robin Hollings. Enrol at the class.

LADIES' KEEP FIT
Every Thursday from 5 to 6 pm commencing March 17 in the Nuchmuty Sports Centre. Instructress, Narelle Batterham (a qualified physical educator). All ages and shapes welcome, programmes tailored to suit.

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER
Every Thursday from 7 to 8.30 pm commencing March 17 in the Union Snooker Room. Please Enrol at the class.

One instructor will teach Billiards on two tables and one instructor will teach Snooker on two tables. Both instructors are A grade players well-known in the district.

HORSE RIDING
The first class will be held Saturday, March 19, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Classes will run for eight successive weeks - at the Wayfarers' Riding School, Medowie. A maximum of 15 people will be accepted and names will be placed on a list in the order they are received at the Amenities Office.

The course will cover all aspects of handling and keeping a horse, and the cost of $64 will be subsidised by the Recreation Organisation. A deposit will be required at the time of enrolment.

SKI TOUR
The Recreation Organisation has booked a coach and motel facilities for a trip to the snowfields on the long week in June (11th, 12th and 13th). The cost of the tour is $80 per person and full details of the itinerary may be obtained from the Activities Organiser, in the Amenities Office. Places are limited and names will be placed on a list in the order they are received - a deposit of $15 per person is required. The trip will be subsidised.

POTTERY
Unfortunately no facility exists on campus this year for this most popular activity. Any person interested in attending pottery classes off campus (fees subsidised by the Recreation Organisation) should contact the Activities Organiser.

INFORMATION

For any information concerning the Recreation Organisation activities, contact the Activities Organiser, Stan Barwick, in the Amenities Office phone Ext. 469 (Internal) or 685469. If the activity you are interested in is not currently being conducted at the University, and if there is sufficient support for that activity, every endeavour will be made to organise a class on the campus.

WHO MAY ATTEND CLASSES?

Classes conducted by, and meetings of the Recreation Organisation are open to all full-time and part-time students of the University. Members of the full-time staff of the University qualify for Associate Membership and upon payment of the prescribed subscription are entitled to the same privileges as students. Further information from the Activities Organiser.

TABLE TENNIS

Any staff member interested in playing table tennis at lunch time at the Nuchmuty Sports Centre contact the Amenities Office (Ext. 344).
ORIENTATION SUPPLEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NEW STUDENTS

The University will hold its orientation week from 19th to 23rd of September. The Vice- Chancellor, Miss Margaret Readman, will welcome the new students in the Great Hall on Monday afternoon. Among other functions, there will be a special orientation show by the student council and a talk on campus services. The students will also receive their student cards at this time.

The Vice-Chancellor will also hold a meeting for the students on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting will be held in the Great Hall. The meeting will be attended by all the new students.

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR WILL SAY WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

March 1 (Tuesday), Special Functions Room of the Great Hall - Part-Time and Mature Age Students 6 p.m.
March 7 (Monday), The Union - Full-Time Students 1 p.m.
union

The Union is an eye-catching building which provides food services, shops and a social centre mainly for students. Located in the building are eating, drinking and lounge areas, recreational facilities (such as table tennis and snooker tables), shops, a reading room, meeting rooms, rooms for receptions and other group functions, a Bank Agency, a TV set, a piano, a courtyard, a theatre booking agency, a Health Service, a Travel Office, an Overseas Student Adviser, rooms for Chaplains and the Offices of the Students Association and the Union. The Union's hours of business for First Term:

Cafeteria - 11.45 am to 2 pm
Monday to Friday, 4.30 to 6.30 pm
Monday to Thursday

Fast-food bar - 11.45 to 2 pm
and 4.30 to 7.30 pm
Monday to Friday

Common Room

Servery - 9.15 am to 9 pm
Monday to Friday

Stan's Bar - Noon to 2 pm
and 5 to 8 pm
Monday to Friday

Union Shops - 9 am to 5.30 pm
Monday to Friday

Union Building - 9 am to 10 pm
Monday to Friday
and 11 am to 4 pm
Saturdays

(when no catering services are provided - only vending machines).

As a service to students both of the Union shops will remain open from Monday to Thursday in the evenings. The second-hand book shop will also be open. During the second week of Term the Union stationery shop will be open Monday to Thursday in the evenings.

The A.U.S. Travel Service has been relocated in the Union. Still on the ground level, it can be found in the premises occupied last year by Krate Clothes. The Union-controlled shop has made use of the premises vacated by the Travel Service.

Gift lines can be found in this area and academic dress in the adjacent area. Union officers are hopeful that small areas of parquetry flooring will be installed in the Lounge-bar and the Common Room before the start of term. The areas will be available for dancing.

sport

The Sports Union/Amenities office is located in the temporary building adjacent to the Mathematics building. The Sports Union is the student organisation responsible for the promotion and control of sporting activities within the University. Students interested in participating in any sport should contact the Amenities Officer or one of the Sports Union Executive.

The annual income of the Sports Union is derived from a portion of the General Services charge, payment of which entitles a student to membership of the Sports Union. Associate membership is available to staff and graduates on payment of a special fee. Affiliated with the Sports Union are Clubs which provide members with facilities for Archery, Athletics, Australian Rules, Badminton, Men's and Women's Basketball, Canoeing, Cricket, Fencing, Golf, Men's and Women's Hockey, Mountain-eering, Netball, Men's and Women's Rowing, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Sailing, Skiing, Soccer, Squash, Surf-riding, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwon-do, Tennis, Underwater, Volleyball, Water Skating.

Inter-varsity contests are hosted by a different university each year. Clubs participating are subsidised for travel by the Sports Union. Inter-Faculty contests stimulate friendly rivalry and encourage higher sport participation. The University awards Blues for outstanding individual performances in sport. The Awards are presented by the Vice-Chancellor at the annual Blues Dinner. Sports Union Colours are awarded by the Sports Union for outstanding service to Clubs.

Sports Union Committee

Each club is represented on the Sports Union General Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a University Council Representative, two General Committee delegates and the Amenities Officer.
The existence of Chaplaincies at the University of Newcastle reflects the desire of the Christian Churches of this area to serve the academic community. Each Chaplain's availability, however limited by other work, is meant to be as full as called for, not only by members of his own Church but by anyone of the students or staff who may request his services. This year there will be five Chaplains on campus, representing the Anglicans, Baptists, Catholics, Methodists and Presbyterians of Newcastle. The Anglican Chaplain, Canon E. H. V. Pitcher is Rector of N ewtown and tutors in English. He can generally be found in the Union basement Chaplains' Office each Wednesday at 1 p.m., when the Holy Eucharist is celebrated and then from 2 to 3 p.m., w hen he is available for counselling. The Baptist Chaplain, the Rev. T. H. Binks of Islington Baptist Church, is in the Chaplains' Office each Tuesday and Wednesday: Tuesdays from 2 to 4.30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Fr. R. E. A. Carter, O.P., now resident at St. Pius X College, Adamstown, celebrates Mass each Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m. in the Chaplaincy Meeting Room adjoining the Chaplain's Office. He is also available for conversation and counselling on Monday from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for about an hour before Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays. He is often available at the University on other days as indicated on the Chaplaincy Bulletin Board. The Rev. Bruce C. Walker, of the highly experimental Methodist Community in Swansea, is often available on Tuesday afternoons after the 1 p.m. meeting of the Christian Fellowship. The Rev. H. G. Durbin, New South Wales Moderator of the Presbyterian Church and Minister of St. Andrew's Church in Newcastle, is in the Chaplains' Office from 2 to 2.30 p.m. each Monday.

Careers - Perhaps you would like to talk about alternative career goals that you have in mind. - Are the goals real? - Are your studies relevant to those ends? Can we help by obtaining further information for you?

Part Time Employment during Term - This is more difficult to obtain now than in former years; however, some opportunities do arise. Leave your name and address with us. Last year nearly 300 students registered for casual employment - many were able to obtain good pocket money.

Problems - If you have any problems in relation to employment matters (cadsheips, time of application, where to apply, campus interviews, change of employment goals etc.) please call in and tell us of your worries - many students have done so in the past. Some we were able to guide towards a satisfactory resolution; others were pleased of our interest; some we were not able to help.

Multiple Visits - Employment possibilities change from year to year - the state of the economy, government legislation, competition - therefore, the alert student continually monitors prospects as from as many sources as possible. The Careers and Student Employment Office is one such source. Uncommitted students should call and see us at least once a year. We wish you well with studies at this, your University.

Amenities - The Amenities Office is located in the temporary buildings adjacent to mathematics. The Amenities Officer and his staff assists sporting Clubs and makes arrangements for Inter-Varsity competition, administers all Campus sporting facilities (6 squash courts, 4 tennis courts, 2 ovals, an outside basketball court and the Auchenmu Sports Centre), conducts Recreation classes, provides a Student Accommodation Service (a register of rooms, flats and private board is maintained) and administers the Personal Accident Insurance Scheme on behalf of the Sports Union and the Students' Representative Council. Mr. F. H. Brown, the Amenities Officer and Mr. S. D. Boxall is the Activities Organiser.

Library - As it stands, the Auchenmu Library accommodates almost 1,000 readers. With almost 350,000 volumes, made up of books, pamphlets, serials, microforms and audio-visual materials, the Library progresses towards its objective of acquiring, preserving and making available for use the learning and research materials needed by the staff and students of the University. Keep in mind at all times that the Library exists to give service to the whole of the University and this very definitely includes you. Do not hesitate to approach the Library staff should you have any complaints about Library service or any suggestions on how it could be improved.

Hours of Opening During academic year Monday-Friday 8.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Vacations excepted)

Saturdays and Public Holidays (except for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Easter周末, p.m. Friday-Saturday inclusive, and Anzac Day, when the Library is closed)

Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. (Vacations excepted)

During May and August vacations Monday-Friday 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

During long vacation Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The staff of the Careers and Student Employment Office would be pleased to talk with new students at anytime. We are located in Room T25 (Temporary Buildings, adjacent to the Mathematics Building).
V.C. SELECTED TO JOIN ENERGY COMMITTEE

Professor D.W. George, the Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, is a member of a newly-established committee which will advise the Government on energy matters and assist in the formulation of a national energy policy. Announcing the establishment of the National Energy Advisory Committee, to consist of 18 members, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr Anthony) said the members had been selected “with a view to covering a wide spectrum of expertise in the energy field and appointed on the basis of the personal contribution which they can make to the work of the committee as distinct from any representational role they might perform.”

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The offer is open during the period 10th February, 1977 to 9th May, 1977. Comprehensive literature on this matter is held in the Personnel Department, together with election forms.

STUDY TIME FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

Staff who are continuing (or commencing) tertiary studies in 1977 are reminded that, if they wish to apply for “study time” they have to make formal application, through the Head of Department, to the Personnel Department. John Gainer is available to answer queries and advise on appropriate courses of study, examination leave, etc.

FLEXTIME

A review is currently being undertaken to investigate the possibilities of extending Flextime to a number of other work-areas in the University. Staff are welcome to raise any matter relating to their employment, with the Personnel Department. Suggestions are equally welcome.

M.J. COVILL,
Personnel Department.

MEDIBANK ADVISERS

Health Insurance Commission (Medibank) Representatives will be in attendance at the Union Office on:

Tuesday, March 8-10 am to 3 pm and 5 to 7.30 pm.

Wednesday, March 9-10 am to 3 pm and 5 to 7.30 pm.

Thursday, March 10-10 am to 3 pm.

- to answer your queries, and
to counsel in Health insurance matters and how they affect you.
GRADUATE BODIES HOLD 11TH MEETING

A delegation from Convocation of the University led by the Warden (Mr. B. W. Reif) participated in the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Australian University Graduate Conference at Macquarie University from January 28-31.

Eleven graduate bodies, the Australian Federation of University Women and the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee were represented. Professor K. R. Dutton, President of the Conference, chaired most of the sessions.

Senator J. L. Carrick, the Minister for Education, gave the address at the Conference Dinner. He stated that there had never been a more exciting time for education in Australia. In the education planning field a "greater yeasting" was occurring now than he had ever known.

The two main events which had led to this situation were the Government's decisions to hold an inquiry into education and training and to combine the three post-secondary education commissions. The inquiry, to be led by Professor B. R. Williams, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, would be concerned with "the proper equipping of the young for life and the vocations". Senator Carrick explained the decision to amalgamate the three post-secondary education commissions in the following terms: if one looked at the development of tertiary education in the 50's and 60's, it was obvious that the quantity of students, rather than the quality, was the order of the day.

Today Australia had record junior unemployment (the under 21 group represented 40% of all unemployed). At the same time there was a record shortage of skilled junior workers. Studies had indicated that there was a growing lack of employability among the young, the bulk of whom failed to achieve educational standards suitable for apprenticeships and many of whom were low-achievers.

The Government wanted a major "re-think" to be carried out at every point in the educational structure. Experts would look at the "heart" of education, learn what was happening and make recommendations about what ought to happen.

"We have done a reasonably sane thing having faced a tangle of problems. Technical College students had to be included because it had become urgent to lift the standard of technical college training. We will pick up post-secondary education goals from Professor Williams' Committee".

Senator Carrick commented that in a period of economic stabilisation, when everything was being paid, education had received increased funds. "We have bought time and are now making important evaluations. The task needs vision and determination to pursue excellence."

The issue of major concern at the conference was unemployment among graduates. The Education Officer (Brother M. J. Lynch, of the University of Adelaide Graduates' Union) delivered a challenging paper in which he claimed that Australian education was dominated by continuing high rates of illiteracy, totally inadequate technical education and a great deal of irrelevance in many tertiary studies.

Brother Lynch stated: "The university is now facing a serious crisis. While nobody would maintain that the role of the university should simply be to provide professional and vocational training, far more harm is done by those who hold that university studies should develop their own criteria without any regard to the professional and vocational factors."

"The result of disregarding the vocational outcome of university studies has been the growth of a great deal of graduate unemployment especially amongst lawyers, teachers, architects, engineers and accountants. In these professions supply has simply exceeded demand."

"If continued to disregard this factor will expose the university to a type of anti-intellectual attack. This anti-intellectualism is always present when society is asked to supply billions of dollars for education, naturally the question is asked whether large expenditures are worthwhile."

The Education Officer's report produced a free exchange of opinions on the role of universities and the problem of unemployment among graduates. One delegate claimed that universities were taking more students than they should, in particular those whose marks at the higher school certificate were mediocre. There was a risk that if the further growth of universities was not checked and there was not greater concentration on quality the status of universities would be debased.

Another delegate claimed that the real question was how far universities should cater for the general education of individuals, and how far they should cater for the vocational needs of the community.

Universities also had a responsibility to meet the demand from graduates for recurrent education.

Another view was that universities must work to ensure that they would obtain a fair share of financial support when the three post-secondary education commissions were amalgamated. C.A.E.'s were also granting degrees but it must be made clear that there were important differences between these and university degrees. High academic standards among university students should be the main aim of the reviews now being made.

Another delegate warned that there was a danger of placing types of education into water-tight compartments. At the University of New South Wales, for example, great technological developments had been achieved which would not have been possible outside the university environment.

The plight of full-time post-graduate students following the reduction in financial support for university growth was also raised. These students had been encouraged to think that they would obtain academic posts at universities, but the opportunity was now greatly reduced. Full-time post-graduates needed special scholarships so that they could be trained to obtain employment.

The view was also aired that recurrent education for graduates, especially middle-aged professionals, was urgent at a time when young graduates who were up-to-date in their professional training were in strong demand.

This discussion ended with the meeting appointing a committee to formulate a submission for presentation to Professor Williams' Inquiry into Education and Training.

At the conclusion of the Conference Professor Dutton declined re-nomination as President and Judge J. F. Lincoln (Macquarie) was elected to succeed him.
STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Margaret A. Stephenson, BA, has commenced duties as a Technical Officer in the Department of Psychology.

Catherine L. Bartholomew has commenced her appointment as a Lecturer in the Child Care Centre.

Dr C.E. Offer, BSc, has joined the Department of Biological Sciences as a Senior Tutor.

Mr S.R. Bailey. LLB. LL.M, is a Probationary Lecturer in the Department of Legal Studies.

Miss A. Robotham has joined the Department of Education as a Stenographer.

Mrs J.A. Conwell, BA, Dip Ed, will be attached to H.E.R.S.U. as a Research Assistant.

Dr T.H. Scutt has taken up his appointment as a Laboratory Assistant in the Department of Psychology.

Dr R P Pigott, BAG Econ., MA Econ (New England), PhD (Cornell), has taken up his appointment as a Lecturer in Economics.

Dr R J Evans, BE (Melbourne), ME and PhD (Newcastle), has begun his appointment as a Lecturer in Electrical Engineering.

Professor J Williams, MCom, Dip Ed (Tasmania), B Ed (Melbourne), PhD (Western Australia) has joined the Department of Commerce as Professor.

Dr A Brand, BA (Amsterdam), MA (Western Australia), PhD (Layden), has taken up his appointment as Senior Lecturer in Sociology. Mrs P R Scuttiffe has joined the Secretary's Division as an Office Assistant/Typist.

Dr M J Bern BA (Sydney), PhD (Macquarie), has joined the Department of Sociology as a Lecturer.

Mrs Glaede J Williams has begun duties as a Punch Machine Operator in the Library. Dr R G Cane, BA (Western Australia), MA L (Montpellier), PhD (Western Australia) has been appointed Lecturer in Modern Languages.

Mr M H Eifick, a Registered Surveyor, Dip. Surveying Service (Sydney), has taken up his duties as an Lecturer in Civil Engineering.

Mrs C. Dean has begun duties as a stenographer in the Secretary's Division. Mrs A H Low, Dip of Teaching (Brisbane Teachers' College) has taken up her appointment as Pre-school Teacher at the Community Child Care Centre. Mrs P. O'Neill has joined the Secretary's Division as an Office Assistant/Typist.

Mrs K J Kasprzyk, a stenographer in the Secretary's Division.

FELLOWSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS,

The Indian Centre for Development Studies and Activities - School of Planning:

Workshop in Development Planning is being organized for interested persons who wish to attend a field oriented project, from July 31, to August 3, 1977, to obtain a short intensive introduction to third world development problems.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Administration Office.

The Australian Government is inviting Australian citizens, who have studied the Chinese language at tertiary level for about two years, to apply for Australia-China Student Exchange Scholarships.

The Scholarships are tenable at the Peking Language Institute. Benefits include return air travel, placement, tuition, text books, living and other allowances.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Administration Office.

The Department of Education, Dublin, invites applications for Research Fellowships in Science and Engineering, tenable in Ireland.

Applicants should hold the degree of Ph.D. or have equivalent research experience and be less than 30 years of age. Initial salary will be between £3,226 and £4,294. Further information may be obtained from the Student Administration Office.

The Danish Institute for Information has advised of Scandinavian Summer Seminars to be held during 1977.

Topics include Scandinavian Architecture, Urbanism and Ecology, Industrial Design and Applied Art in Scandinavia, Art Museums in Scandinavia, Scandinavian Democracy, Scandinavian Pre-school and Elementary Education, Special Education in Scandinavia, Care of the Aged in Denmark, Life in Danish Communities, Human Relations in Scandinavia, and the Nordic Community.

Further information may be obtained from the Student Administration Office.

POSITION AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND.

The Students' Representative Council of the University of New England is seeking nominations from suitably qualified persons for the position of Students' Supervisor. The appointee will reside in Armidale and initially be paid a remuneration at a rate of $18,000 to $20,000 per annum and will be supplied with all appropriate facilities, and reception assistance in an on-campus surgery. Applications including details of qualifications and experience and indicating the earliest date of commencement should be addressed to the Students' Supervisor, University of New England, Armidale, N.S.W. 2351. Applications close on March 11, 1977.

AND THE BIG MEN FLY

Newcastle New Theatre will present And The Big Men Fly, a riotous comedy by Alan Hopgood, in the Drama Theatre for a season beginning on February 25. Alan Hopgood says: "It is a tall story, a yarn about one of our greatest pastimes - football. As it's part of our national character to enjoy a yarn over a glass of beer, I ask you to receive this story with the same good-humoured lean against the bar we know is truly Aussie".

The season will open with a gala night on Friday, February 25, with a chicken and champagne supper to follow the performance.

Further performances will be given on: February 26, 8.15 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.; February 27, 8.15 p.m., March 1, 8.15 p.m., March 2, 8.15 p.m., March 4, 8.15 p.m. and March 5, 4.30 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.

Tickets cost Adults $2.50 and Students and Pensioners $2. Booking at D.J's, or telephone 489007 or Ext. 473-
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