DATE DEFEATS WALSH
IN COUNCIL ELECTION

Mr. Stephen Date, a full-time student in the Faculty of Arts, has been elected to the University Council by the students of the University. Mr. Walsh, President of the Newcastle University Students' Association and a part-time non-degree student in the Faculty of Arts, and Mr. Date were nominated. A poll was conducted on May 11 and 12 and 366 formal votes, and seven informal votes were received. Voting was as follows:

Stephen Date 188,
Leo Walsh 178.

Invited to outline how he plans to represent students, Mr. Date directed these words to his electorate:

"My term will start with submissions I will be preparing for Council on drainage. I will be asking for information on this and photographing and mapping 'trouble areas'.

"I hope to be giving periodic progress reports to the student-body either in the courtyard or in the lecture-theatres.

"I see a need for topgrassing certain areas near the Maths building and drainage of the area near the Metallurgy/Architecture bridge, where there is a bad runoff problem at present.

"If you have any problems or ideas, please do not hesitate to tell me - my policy is to give ACTIVE representation - I need YOU to bring about that ACTION, by letting me know." Mr. Date added.

CONTRIBUTION RECOGNISED

The first Chancellor of the University, Sir Alister McMullin resigned earlier this year because of poor health. Appreciation of Sir Alister McMullin's support for the University was voiced at Graduation Days last month.

At Sir Alister's request, the University's foundation Chancellor and we regret his absence for the first time from a graduation ceremony." He took the opportunity of publicly acknowledging the University's lasting gratitude to him for his decade of distinguished service to the University.

Another tribute was made to Sir Alister at a similar occasion a week later. Having congratulated new graduates at the Education/Arts graduation ceremony on April 30, the Federal Minister for Education (Senator J.L. Carrick) commented that he felt honoured to walk in when the new fanfare was being played. Convocation commissioned the fanfare and dedicated it to Sir Alister. "It is a nice and enduring tribute to a man who was my close friend for a long period," the Minister said.

QUARTER CENTURY OBSERVANCES

Convocation is continuing special observances to mark the conclusion of the first Quarter Century of University education in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. Newcastle University College, the University's predecessor, admitted its first students in 1952. The graduate body commissioned a musical score for a fanfare and processional from Nigel Butterley, the Australian composer, and premiered the work at Graduation Days held last month.

The Quarter Century will also be marked by two reunion dinners, one for "graduates near" and one for "graduates afar". The latter will be held at St. John's College at the University of Cambridge. Invitations have been posted to those graduates and former staff members of the University who live in Britain. Mr. W.G. Jones, former Secretary of Convocation, who is coordinating arrangements. His address is: 96 High Street, Ridgmont, Beds., MK43 OTY. The second dinner will be held at Edwards Hall.

The two commemorative dinners will be held simultaneously on August 20. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary of Convocation, care of the University of Newcastle, N.S.W. 2308.
REPORT FROM THE UNION

UNIVERSITY'S ENROLMENT INCREASES TO 4621

Enrolment of students as at April 30 totalled 4621 compared with 4501 in 1976. This represents an annual rate of increase of 3% compared with 2% for 1975/76. The enrolment for higher degrees increased this year from 316 to 384 - a gain of 15%

There has been a 2% growth in the enrolment in other than higher degrees, now 4257 against 4185 in 1976.

Of the total enrolment 59% is full-time and 41% part-time.

This compares with 60% and 40% respectively in 1976.

In terms of students the full-time enrolment was 2722 and the part-time 1999. The male student numbers are 2999, or 65% of the total, and the female enrolment was 1622, or 35%.

In 1976, 65% was male and 35% female.

The number of students from overseas has continued to fall from 260 in 1975, 219 in 1976 to 188 in 1977.

The greatest number of our overseas students came from:

- Singapore 56
- Malaysia 49
- Hong Kong 16
- Indonesia 13
- Vietnam 11
- Thailand 6

Students also came from Bangladesh, Botswana, Brunei, Canada, Cyprus, Fiji, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mauritius, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

SOCILOGY SOCIETY

Talks by public figures, film screenings. Social gatherings ... some of the activities proposed by the recently-formed Newcastle University Sociology Society.

The first meeting of the society on May 12 also elected an Executive and approved a Constitution which, among other things, permits affiliation with Newcastle University Students' Association.

Mr. John Ure, an Arts student, was elected President.

Other office bearers are:
- Vice President, Mr. Roger Peters
- Honorary Secretary, Ms Yvonne Kachel
- Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Ann Bissett
- Publicity Officer, Mrs. Mary Sivyer

LEO WALSH
President N.U.S.A.
CONVENTION EXPLORED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Despite the air traffic controllers’ strike, the University’s Institution of Industrial Economics held a successful convention on The Future of Manufacturing Industry in Australia at Terrigal over the weekend, April 29 to May 1. The 110 people who attended included 68 convention participants.

The convention discussed a number of long-term trends affecting manufacturing industry. In particular, attention was focussed on the substantial decline in the proportion of the workforce employed in manufacturing from about 30 per cent in the 1960’s to just over 20 per cent now.

As the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) stressed in his after-dinner speech on Saturday evening, there is considerable agreement that the most suitable solutions to the problems of Australian manufacturing are still being sought. Nevertheless, a consensus appeared to emerge at the convention that it is extremely important that the forthcoming White Paper on Manufacturing Industry provide clear guidelines as to future government policy.

While some assistance from government may be necessary, this might involve changes in taxation policy and assistance with forward-looking structural adjustment as much as tariff and other protective measures.

AWARDS TO STUDENTS

C. John Bowers, former post graduate student and Senior Tutor in the Department of Economics, has been admitted to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University to study for a Ph.D. Mr. Bowers was awarded a Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship for the academic year 1977-78 for study in the Department of Business Economics at Harvard. He also received a Fulbright Award for travel to the U.S.A. Mr. Bowers expects to leave Australia in September and be away for about three years studying industrial organisation and finance.

Dianne Atkinson, a Ph.D. student in Science, has been granted a Jameson Award by the N.S.W. Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women.

EXPERIMENT WITH POETRY SOCIETY

The Greater Cook’s Hill Poetry Society has been launched to link people with an interest in poetry, in particular beginners. Dorothy Hewett, the University’s Writer-in-Residence for this year, was the featured guest at a poetry reading conducted by the recently-formed Society on May 12.

As well as featuring well-known writers such as Hewett, The Greater Cook’s Hill Poetry Society aims at encouraging all local poets interested in meeting regularly, working with other poets and perhaps performing their own work.

Mr. Ross Bennett, Tutor in English at this University, stated that enthusiasm for the formation of the Society had followed talks about the Friendly Street Poetry Society in Adelaide, which during 1975-76 met once a fortnight in an old fireworks factory. Attendances varied between 30 and 60.

“As far as we know, there is nowhere in Newcastle at the moment where young or beginning poets can read their work and invite constructive comment from a critical, but sympathetic and supportive audience.” Mr. Bennett said the society might like to compile an anthology of the best work presented at the readings throughout the year.

Meetings of the G.C.H.P.S. are held at the W.E.A. in Union Street, Newcastle.

STAFF

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. K.R. Mitchell, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. (NSW) has taken up his appointment as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Medicine.

Mr. G.R. Dowling, B.Com., Dip. Bus. Stud., AASA has been appointed a Lecturer in the Department of Commerce.

Mrs. J.E. Walsh has begun duties in the Department of Medicine as Stenographer.

Mr. C.L. West has joined the N.S.W. Division as Attendant (Patrol).

Mr. N.P. Ackland, B.A. (Monash) has taken up his appointment as Tutor in the Department of English.

Mr. Terry J. Ryan, M.A., Dip. Ed., has been appointed Lecturer in the Department of Classics.

RESIGNATIONS

Mr. A.E. Brady will resign as librarian in the Auchmuty Library on May 31.

Mrs. J. McGinley has resigned as Stenographer in the Department of Psychology.

Mrs. L.A. Proot will resign as Laboratory Assistant in the Department of Biophysical Sciences on May 27.

Dr. T.B. Smith will resign from the Department of Mathematics as Associate Professor on May 31.

Mrs. A.D. Stevens, Adult Library Assistant has resigned.
ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Land for Sale - Seaham (Level corner block) 64' x 120' on top of Hill. Water, power and telephone available. Close to school. Beautiful river views. 30 minutes to Newcastle. $7,000. Ext. 209.

Large timber D.H. windows and screens, excellent condition. 

OXFORD OX9 FOR

Land for rent Available for 6 months from close to Heathrow. For further details contact Mr. J. Sommers, Thatched House, Great Milton, OXFORD OX9 7NF ENGLAND - 9406-341.

FOR RENT

House for rent - Kotara South - fully furnished, 4 bedrooms, separate study, large family room, separate dining room, large kitchen, oil heater, dishwasher etc. Available for 6 months from July 1st. Ring Mrs. McCallen, 61 1071.

HINTED TO BY!

One small girl's bike in good condition, K. Turner, Ext. 474.

Bicycle suit child 6 years old, Ring Ext. 628 or leave message on Ext. 209.

UNION SHOP SPECIALS

L P records, The Foreday Riders, Dutch Tilders and Beramida, sell for $4.95 (reduced from $6.50). A large range of jewellery reduced to $1.20 per item.


N55/77 Histologist Technician/ Mortuary Technician Medicine - Closes 20.5.77

N60/77 Stenographer (Junior) - Psychology - Closes 23.5.77

N64/77 Computer Programmer - Closes 6.6.77

N65/77 Graduate Clerk (Temporary) Secretary's Division of Administration - Closes 23.5.77

Information and full details may be obtained from the Personnel Department, Extension 518 or 350.

INTERNAL RESEARCH ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Applications are invited for Type A grants from special research funds. Type A grants are intended to support the research activities of members of staff at junior academic levels, that is to say, at the point where support from outside agencies will be required.

Applicants must be employed or have accepted permanent, probationary or fixed-term appointment as lecturers, tutors or senior tutors on the staff of the University of Newcastle. All grades should hold appointments at least to the end of 1978. Such persons must have completed a research higher degree or equivalent and at the time of the first application must be in the first three years of their academic career following completion of their higher degree. The Committee interprets academic career as employment in a University, Research Institute or equivalent institution. The qualifying period of three years will be counted from the completion of the latest research higher degree to be awarded.

Application forms are now available from Mr. J. S. Boydell, Secretary's Division of Administration - Closes 23.5.77.

Applicants should be submitted to the University no later than Friday, 14th JUNE, 1977.

Referees should be included and must be submitted to the Committee no later than Friday, 28th JUNE, 1977.

Application forms should be returned to him before 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1977.

The Committee will be in receipt of the referees' recommendations before 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1977.

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Applicants will receive support from outside agencies such as the Australian Research Grants Committee or similar agencies and this support will normally be for a maximum of one year.

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Graduates with outstanding records are invited to apply for the 1978 Harkness Fellowships offered through the Commonwealth Fund of New York. The Fellowships provide for 12-21 months' study and travel in the United States. Applications will close with the Secretary to the University on Thursday 22nd May, 1977.

GRANTS May not be held concurrently with enrolment for higher degrees. Support for any project will normally be for a maximum of one year but proposals for continuation of funding into the following year may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

The Internal Research Assessment Committee (IRAC) consists of: Professor C.D. Ellyett, Chairman, Professor J.B. Biggs, Professor R.A. Antonia, Professor W.W. Robinson, Professor W.M. Robinson. Any member of staff wishing to have more details about these grants is invited to contact any member of the Committee or Mr. Boydell, the Secretary to the Committee.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 20

11 a.m. Seminar/Lecture, Mathematics Building Room Y02 Speaker, Mr. Mohmed Dahlan MU. AlN Topic, The Malay Rural Community Engineering Complex.

9 a.m. Management Conference "Managing for the 1980's".

SUNDAY, MAY 22

University Rugby League Club's reunion dinner. The Union.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 28 and 29

The Fourth Annual Experimental Psychology Conference will bring together academics and representatives of the C.S.I.R.O. and hospitals, and will be held at the University.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

2.00 - Seminar, Department of Civil Engineering Speaker, T.F. Burtin.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

1 to 2 p.m. Food fair, The Union Courtyard, conducted by the Overseas Students' Association.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting of Newcastle Masonic Club, to be followed by address by Dorothy Hewett.

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