NIDA RETURNS WITH
MAJOR BARBARA

The National Institute of
Dramatic Art's production at
the University this year will
be Shaw's Major Barbara. The
season will begin on July 18
and end on July 22.
NIDA takes its third year
students on a tour of NSW
Country centres every year.
Past tour successes at this
university have been Oh What
a Lovely War (1973), The Merchant
of Venice (1974), The Country
Wife (1975), A Midsummer Night's
Dream (1976) and, last year,
The Hostage.

Major Barbara, a witty and
intelligent comedy, is one of
Shaw's best comedies. The
story concerns Major Barbara
Undershaft of the Salvation
Army, whose father, Andrew
Undershaft, a millionaire
munitions manufacturer, considers
poverty the greatest crime.
Barbara is engaged to Adolphus
Cusins, a gentle Professor of
Greek who has joined the
Salvation Army to woo her.
The author, George Bernard Shaw,
began as a novelist and writer
of political material for the
Fabian Society. During the
nineties, Shaw wrote both
theatre and music criticism
and was the first British
champion of the controversial
Norwegian dramatist, Henrik
Ibsen.

Shaw turned his hand to play-
writing, but found it extremely
difficult to get his work
produced until he was taken up
by Harley Granville Barker, at
the Royal Court Theatre in 1905.
Today Shaw is mainly remembered
for a whole series of brilliant,
witty comedies. Caesar and
Cleopatra, Pygmalion and Major
Barbara made very successful
films during his lifetime.
Major Barbara starred Rex
Harrison, Robert Morley and
Wendy Miller.

Students in the third year of
the NIDA Acting Course function
as a professional theatre company
seeking the highest possible
artistic and entertainment
standards. They also participate
in radio, film and T.V. studio
productions with the A.B.C. and
receive regular classes in voice,
dancing and singing. Both set
and costumes for Major Barbara
are designed and executed by
members of the NIDA Design Course.
The Director of Major Barbara
is John Clark, who worked at the
Bristol Old Vic, prior to his
appointment to NIDA as its
Director.
Dear Sir,

I read with interest (University News, No. 9, 15th June, 1978) Associate Professor Giles' letter to the Editor complaining about the Union incinerator. In my short tenure at the Union the incinerator has been the cause of considerable concern to staff and students. I have spent a good deal of time investigating possible alternatives.

As a result the incinerator will be taken down (except for emergency use) as from Friday, 30th June, 1978, when the current contract for rubbish clearance expires. On this date a new system of rubbish clearance will be introduced. This instruction was issued to staff on 11th May, 1978.

I must point out that in recent times the volume of rubbish has increased significantly by the University population generally and more than one Department is guilty of utilising the Union's incinerator selfishly to dispose of bulk material it wants burnt. Selfishly because often this material has been dumped in the incinerator by the courier with no possibility of burning until it has been taken out and fed in loose leaf by Union staff, at considerable cost in time.

If there is an Associate Professor Giles suggests, the incinerator pollution has 'become worse and more widespread' and has affected areas such as the Bank and the Staff House, let me suggest that these two concerns, amongst others, have only been "getting some of their own back".

Yours sincerely,

Stan Barwick
Secretary Manager
Newcastle University Union:

STUDY LEAVE

Senate has held a special meeting to consider a report on the Tertiary Education Commission's recently released draft Report on Study Leave. The Commission had invited responses on the recommendations in the draft report by July 14. On June 7 Senate asked Professor A. Tweedie, Professor B. Boettcher and Professor D. Frost to form a committee to produce a reaction to the report, which proposes significant changes to the existing study leave schemes offered by universities.

Senate resolved: that the report be amended in the light of the discussion and that the committee be authorised to submit the amended report to the Council on behalf of the Senate. A special meeting of the Council has been called for June 30 at 3 p.m. to consider the T.E.C.'s recommendations on study leave and their effect on staff of the university.

FROM THE UNION

The Board of Management of the Union has lifted its ban on dances organised by student clubs and societies. Permission will be granted on condition that fees charged aimed at limiting attendances and preventing damage are complied with.

At its meeting on June 26, the Board rescinded the decision made in July, 1975, which had discontinued club dancing in the Union because of misbehaviour and damage to the building. Instead, the Board decided to reserve the Union on Tuesday nights, from 8 o'clock to midnight, for club and society functions, with rules following to be obeyed:

- Tickets to be printed by the Union and provided to the Organising Committee at the Union's expense.
- The maximum number in the Southern Cross Lounge to be 300 and in the Wistaria Room/Stan's Bar 400.
- The Union to provide all staff required, except one member of the Organising Committee who is to be with the doorman at all times.
- Any unused staff (for example, doormen, bouncers, liquor permit extension, damage, additional cleaning staff on overtime for regular staff, any loss on wages paid to bar staff) to be borne by the Organising Committee.
- The maximum number of guests per member be two; i.d. cards to be shown by members; the book by the Organising Committee.
- The booking for the Architects' Ball on Friday, July 14, was approved.

Students' Association

The third meeting of the 26th S.R.C. was surprisingly productive. The major matters arising from the meeting:

- The S.R.C. has authorised the publication of 2,000 copies of the Newcastle Concessions Handbook 1978. The booklet lists about 150 Newcastle businesses which give discounts of benefit to students. Most of these are special student concessions, but it does include some that give discounts to everybody.

The handbook is the result of more than a month's work by Kieran Murphy and myself. We hope that students will find this booklet helpful.

- Hitch-hiking Signs

Shortland County Council has given permission in principle for N.U.S.A. to erect signs on some of the power poles around the front entrance to the Uni., and is still waiting for permission from Newcastle City Council.

These signs, if erected, will have the names of a few suburbs on them, and will be used as hitch-hiking pick-up points, with students standing near whichever sign has the name of their destination so that they can be picked up.

The S.R.C. has given the go-ahead for these signs (to be paid for by N.U.S.A.). All things going well, they should be erected if, and when, we obtain final permission from Shortland County Council and Newcastle City Council, as soon as we can have the signs built.

- Bicycles

Unfortunately, the S.R.C.'s bicycle policy will not be operating for a while, as there is disagreement as to how their maintenance will be funded.

- Abortion Policy

As of Monday night, June 12, N.U.S.A. has no policy on abortion. Moderates on the S.R.C. managed to get this policy, despite ferocious opposition from radical feminists and the pro-abortion lobby. This recognition that it is harmful and wrong for the S.R.C. to have any policy on the abortion issue is a major advance towards responsible representation, and will no doubt alleviate much of the hostility normally directed against the S.R.C.

Mick Barr
President
Newcastle University Students' Association.
PROFESSOR BEVERLEY RAPHAEL

Professor Beverley Raphael, who has recently taken up duty as Foundation Professor of Psychiatry with the University of Newcastle and has the additional responsibility of being Principal Advisor in Psychiatry with the Health Commission to the Hunter Region, intends to promote and develop some innovative forms of psychiatric care in this area.

She is particularly experienced in the sphere of preventive psychiatry and is intending to develop major programmes aimed at the prevention of psychiatric illness and the lessening of psychiatric disorder within the community.

She is hoping to establish an Australian Centre for Preventive Psychiatry within a Professorial and Academic Unit in Newcastle. Preventive Psychiatry aims at a wider community education for better psychological adjustment. In this framework Professor Raphael, in collaboration with Professor T. Vinson, Professor of Behavioural Sciences, and Dr S. Robinson, a Community Psychiatrist for the Region, intends to develop and test more appropriate methods of mental health education.

Preventive Psychiatry also hopes to provide outreach psychological counselling for groups who may have a risk of psychological decompensation. Such groups include the recently bereaved (both adults and children), patients experiencing motor vehicle accidents and persons suffering stress through illness, surgery or major life events such as divorce, unemployment and the like.

Professor Raphael hopes to develop a programme which will provide backup for those Centres already existing with other urgent crisis counselling for people who perceive themselves as stressed and near "breaking point".

There will be further development of child and family psychiatry services in the Region as well. The appointment of a Child and Family Psychiatrist to the Region, Dr. G. Rickarby, will lead to the development of consultation programmes and improved services to children and families who are stressed so that disorder could be prevented or ameliorated with this group also.

It is intended that the new services will be fully evaluated and assessed throughout, so that there may be a proper scientific basis for their implementation and monitoring at both patient care and cost benefit level.

The Premier, Hon. Neville Wran, QC, LLB, visited the University on June 16 - a day for umbrellas. Mr Wran, pictured with Professor K. Lindgren, of the Department of Legal Studies, and the Vice-Chancellor, spoke on the proposal (endorsed two days later in the referendum) to reform the Legislative Council in New South Wales.

There are also 10 committee members.

It is hoped the Maritime Archaeological Association will allow amateur and professional divers to become legitimately involved in the maritime archaeological activities that will probably be generated by the Federal Historic Shipwrecks Act of 1976.

The Vice-Chancellor's
Second Term Meeting
with Staff
will be held in the
DRAMA THEATRE
on
Tuesday, July 11, 1978
at 1.05 p.m.

The Third Term Staff Meeting will be held on October 17, 1978.
GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSITY FUNDING

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee has issued a statement saying it deeply regrets that it was not possible for the Commonwealth Government to accept the advice of the Tertiary Education Commission.

It is a serious matter when the advice of such independent bodies appointed by the Government is not accepted, the Committee says. The Committee has examined the Government's guidelines for the funding of education in 1979, which were announced by the Minister for Education (Senator J.L. Carrick) on 9 June and their likely implications for the universities.

It acknowledges that universities, along with other sections of the community, must contribute to the Government's programme of financial restraint in the interests of reducing inflation and the national deficit and applauds the Government's increased provision for the technical and further education sectors.

The T.E.C., together with its three advisory councils, is independent bodies comprising not only university and other educators but also distinguished citizens who were appointed to make a realistic assessment of the needs of the university, C.A.E. and T.A.F.E. sectors.

The A.V.C.C. welcomes the principle of the return to fixed triennial funding for recurrent grants and hopes that it will be restored progressively in the areas of building and equipment funding. For the return to fixed recurrent funding to be really effective for universities, however, it will be necessary to vary the structure of the States Grants (Tertiary Education) legislation to allow for greater flexibility in the management of university finances, it states.

"It is noted with relief that the grants for 1980 will be determined by adjusting fully the approved base amounts for 1979 'for increases in all relevant costs during the year.' "It is vital that in making these adjustments account is taken of all such costs - including for example the costs of incremental crop and supplementary superannuation arrangements which have been costing universities each year an additional amount of well over 1 per cent of their recurrent grants," the Committee says.

It is regrettable that the provision of money for buildings is so low that little major building construction will be possible. This will create serious problems for the new developing universities in particular. The A.V.C.C. believes that it is essential that, despite the absence of a building programme, the allocation for minor works be maintained.

The reductions in funding will inevitably mean an erosion of standards in some areas of university activity. The full effects of this may not be felt for some time but restoration will be more difficult then.

The A.V.C.C. has arranged meetings with the Minister for Education and the Chairmen of the T.E.C. and the Universities' Council to discuss the Government's guidelines and other matters.

The A.V.C.C. has also discussed at length the Tertiary Education Commission's Draft Report on Study Leave in universities and colleges of advanced education, which was released by the Minister for Education on 11 May. The Committee recognizes that individual universities and other interested groups will be making comments on the Draft Report but it has also forwarded a submission to the T.E.C.

A.V.C.C. representatives will be meeting first with the Chairmen of the T.E.C. and the Universities' Council, and later with all members of the T.E.C. for discussions on study leave.

It received advice that the Commonwealth Government had under consideration a number of proposed changes to the operation of the Australian Research Grants Committee. Because it was concerned about the possibility of deleterious changes being made, the Chairman, A.V.C.C. wrote to the Ministers for Education and Science expressing the A.V.C.C.'s concern that such decisions could damage universities and with them the whole education system and the vitality and effectiveness of the Australian research effort.

In February the A.V.C.C. received a request from the former Universities Commission to comment on the report prepared by the National Library entitled 'Development of Resource Sharing Networks - BIBDATA Network' (BIBDATA). The A.V.C.C. appointed a Working Party to examine the National Library document to advise the A.V.C.C. on a possible response. The A.V.C.C. has approved a report entitled 'National and Regional Library Networks for Australian Academic Libraries' which has been forwarded to the Tertiary Education Commission.

FOR THESE DEAD BIRDS SIGH! A PRAYER

Above: Terry Walshe and Leigh Dennis rehearse a scene from the Department of Drama production of For These Dead Birds Sigh a Prayer, by Newcastle writer Peter Matheson. The season in the Drama Theatre will be the first full-scale production it has received.

For These Dead Birds Sigh a Prayer will be performed from June 30 to July 8 (excluding only the Sunday) commencing at 8.15 pm. Admission Charges will be $3.50 (reduced to $2.50 for parties of twelve or more). The rate for students and pensioners is $1.50. Bookings, as usual, can be made through the Union Shop and the Civic Theatre, with party bookings through the Department of Community Programmes (Ext. 600).
The matter of Casey University, the proposed Australian Defence Force, had been raised. After considerable discussion during which a variety of strongly opposed views were expressed, a motion set out below was put to the meeting of Vice-Chancellors. A majority of those present and voting favoured the adoption of the motion and it was declared to be carried. The motion has been forwarded to the Minister for Education.

"The A.V.C.C., having noted the Bill for the establishment of Casey University—Australian Defence Force Academy, the substantial discussion of it in the media, before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and in the Commonwealth itself; and that the Bill was not passed through all its stages during the recent sitting of the Commonwealth Parliament, and that the establishment of the Academy has thus been still further delayed, believes that it would now be in the national interest if a close and up-to-date investigation of the broader issues relating to the training and tertiary education of Defence Force officers should be undertaken before the Bill proceeds further. The A.V.C.C. accordingly respectfully urges the Commonwealth Government to institute such an inquiry at its earliest convenience.

On 11 May the Minister for Science (Senator J.J. Webster) announced that the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into CSIRO and the A.V.C.C. to investigate means of collaboration between CSIRO and the universities. The Minister stated that he would be having talks with the Minister for Education on the implementation of this decision.

The A.V.C.C. has written to the Ministers for Education and Science advising that the A.V.C.C. stands ready, through its Inter-University Committee on Research, to enter into discussions on the establishment of the Joint Committee. The A.V.C.C. has reviewed the events which preceded the Minister for Education's statement of 1 June on compulsory membership of student organizations. The Secretary of the Committee has discussed the Minister's statement with representatives of the Australian Union of Students and the A.V.C.C. will raise this matter with the Minister.

Professor Max Deutscher, Professor of Philosophy at Macquarie University, will present a paper on Sartre's Theory of Freedom on July 10. Jean-Paul Sartre is the most influential of French existentialists, having written many philosophical works and a playwright of considerable fame.

STAFF MEMBER'S RETIREMENT

Administrative Assistant, Joan Bale, a well-known member of the staff, has elected to retire on July 6 after working for the University since March, 1965, or soon after it was first established. At that time accommodation for the Administration was still being erected at Shortland and Joan, with the early appointments to the staff, including Neil Emanuel, Hugh Floyer, Glennie Jones, Robert Heaphy, and Kathleen Smith, was located at Tighe's Hill in the former Newcastle University College. She was a Bachelor of Arts, initially attached to the Administrative Department and has seen this section grow from one with just a small personnel to one made up of several divisions, including her own—the Secretary's Division. Before joining the University, she worked for the P.M.G.'s Department for 10 years. During World War II she served in the W.R.A.A.F.

The setting up of the register of Convocation, the association of graduates of the University was the principal duty allotted to Joan by the University. Convocation's membership has grown from 1,300 in 1965 to almost 7,000, including 450 staff members. The maintenance of the register has made a continuing demand on Joan's time, so far this year 1,600 changes have had to be made to the file and every possible opportunity is taken to reduce the numbers of addresses no longer known. The present stands at 1,300.

Joan extended her thanks to the Computing Centre staff for their assistance all the time with the computer file for Convocation. In 1966 Joan assumed responsibility for the preparation and distribution of the University's publications, which included the Handbooks for the then six Faculties and the Publications and Research Interests booklet. Added later were the Calendar (1967), the Gazette (1968-70) and the Handbooks for the Faculties of Mathematics (1970), Education (1976) and Medicine (1978). The "run" of handbooks has increased from 7,700 in 1967 to 21,700 in 1978. Joan also extended her thanks to the staff of the University's Store and Local Printers for their co-operation and assistance with the handbooks and calendars.

She expressed the wish that the University would consider attaching a Division of the Secretary's Division to a new handbook on University publications be supplied on time. Because more effort has not been made to meet her deadlines only one set of handbooks—those issued in 1975—was available to prospective students before the end of the year.

Since March 1965, she has produced for the Vice-Chancellor every two months a report on the work and activities of the University for meetings of the Council. In 1972 the National Library of Australia arranged for the University to allocate international Standard Book numbers for its research papers. This has also been one of Joan Bale's duties and she has allocated more than 300 ISBN's. Joan's colleagues in the Secretary's Division will take the opportunity to wish her well at a dinner at The Marathons Rugby Club on July 6.

The craft textile course at Newcastle Technical College, which includes spinning and weaving, Chinese history, and language, music, reading and travel will be her main interest in the future.
SPORTING NEWS

University's Tae Kwon-Do Club has held its first gradings for 1978. The official was Mr. Kim Myung Man (4th Degree Black Belt), the club's chief instructor. About 20 Coloured and White Belts from the University sat for their gradings, along with several NCAE students.

Mr. Kim commented on the high standard of proficiency of the club and offered helpful suggestions to a number of the members after the gradings. It is known that all but one member has passed to at least the next belt above his or her present one. Congratulations to those members.

Following the coloured belt gradings, a black belt grading was conducted by Mr. Kim. Tom Osborn (Brown Belt) from the University and two visiting Sydney Black-tips members underwent this examination. Richard Teo, instructor of the Uni Tae Kwon-Do Club, and Tom Osborn participated in the N.S.W. Tae Kwon-Do Championships at Wollongong on May 13. About 50 Black belts and 80 Coloured belts from the Australian Tae Kwon-Do Association took part in the Tournament.

Black belts were divided into seven weight divisions, with Richard entered in flyweight (55-60Kg) and Tom in featherweight (60-65Kg). Both Richard and Tom found themselves in the semi-finals. Despite a lack of experience in full-contact tournaments, they both strove to do their best for the three rounds of two minutes and at the end, thoroughly exhausted but not overwhelmed, they were declared defeated on points. Both Richard and Tom enjoyed the tournament and hope that next year, in lieu of a T.K.D. Intervarsity, the Uni Club will be adequately represented at the tournament in both Black and Coloured belt levels.

Following is a rundown of the outcome of the grading function:

Tom Osborn (Black Belt), Hum Sin Hoon, Brian Hayes and Greg Stanford (all Blue Belts), Phil Gardiner (Blue Tip), Danny Garred, Murray Hillan, Tony Savia, Tony Hayes and Jim Hung (all Green Belts), Daniel Lush, Rob Gansi, Luke Hartseyuker and Ian Geyer (all Green Tips), Stephen Bianch, Gail Drews and Robert McDowell (all Yellow Belts).

Gardner, Lush and Gansi each received a double promotion.

Mr Steve Whiteman, a member of University's First XIII, was chosen to represent Combined Australian Universities in its match against an English Association Team in Sydney following the Intervarsity Rugby League Contest. He was also a participant in the Newcastle Second Division v Illawarra fixture in Wollongong on June 25.

The following Recreational Classes are seeking additional members:

Scottish Country Dancing - Wednesdays, 7.30 pm, Union Dining Room
Ladies Keep Fit - Thursdays, 5 pm, Auchmuty Sports Centre
Ladies Self Defence - Fridays, 10 am, Auchmuty Sports Centre.

In the Campus Putting Competition the lowest score for the nine holes is 16 strokes. You can probably score so low without a round. Contact the Squash Pavilion for gear and cards.

The Campus Net Ball Competition is played Thursdays, at No. 1 Oval between 1 pm and 2 pm and any interested ladies are most welcome.

At the end of Round 1 of the Newcastle Second Division Rugby League competition University A team lies fourth. The Reserve team is placed third. Both teams are confident of having further wins and reaching the semi-finals.

Among the wide range of sporting goods being offered to members of the University at the Pavilion and the Auchmuty Sports Centre is a newly-established University Tracksuit in maroon and white, blue, or green and gold costing $25 and available in all sizes.

University Soccer Club has entered a team in the Northern N.S.W. State Amateur Cup, a knock-out competition which has attracted 32 entries from Northern N.S.W., including such faraway centers as Moree, Tamworth and Armidale.

For its first-round match the club travelled to Landsdowne, near Taree, and defeated the local side 2-0. It now moves onto the second round of the competition.

The Club is still looking for new experienced players (undergraduates and graduates) in order to strengthen its teams.

The Third Division is much harder than in previous years, so much so that University is near the bottom of the competition.

The Club's ground has been transferred from Stevens Park to University No. 2 Oval. The next home game will be against South Cardiff on July 1 at No. 2 Oval.

With the Autumn Squash Competition almost over University teams have performed creditably. Of our 29 teams, 14 reached the semi-finals and only three failed to progress further.

Special mention should be made of our men's D3 and E2 teams, which have already qualified for the Grand Final. Commiserations to our ladies' B5 and D2 teams, which both lost two each on games.

Commiserations also to our A grade and B1 men's teams which both lost on points.

Best of luck to all teams for the finals and grand finals.
The Squash Club will screen a two-hour film in which Geoff Hunt and Ken Hiscol deal with the basics of squash on Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16. Further details will be given on the notice board at the Pavilion.

STUDENT CYCLING SURVEY

The responses to the student cycle survey have been disappointing. So far only one student in six has bothered to return the survey form.

As this survey has been expressly designed to yield data to support an improvement in cycling facilities both on and off the campus, it is hoped that all students will complete the survey, whether they are cyclists or not.

A higher percentage return of survey forms will give the survey greater validity. Only students who do not use cycles are also requested to complete their forms in order to provide a comprehensive return.

Return the forms to the Student Records office, the Second-hand Bookshop, the Union or the Circulation Desk in the Auchmuty Library, or post to Cycle Survey, C/O the University, N.S.W. 2308.

Forms already returned are being processed and preliminary results will be available for the next University News.
STUDY LEAVE

In the opinion of the Staff Association of this University the Tertiary Education Commission's draft report on Study Leave in Australian Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education is generally ill thought out and unacceptable. The Commission's recommendations are based, in some instances, on questionable logic and, in others, on misconceptions as to the proper aims and functions of universities, the Staff Association says. These and other objections to the report on study leave are contained in an official Staff Association submission, which has been sent to the T.E.C. The Commission has invited responses to the draft report, which proposes major changes in existing study leave schemes. The Staff Association believes that this is inadequate, as it does not give sufficient attention to defining the nature of the research commitment of academic staff. The committee, in its view, has failed to talk of an obligation to do research, and, to consider the rights of those obliged.

"What rights do academic staff have in respect of their obligation to do research?" nowhere does the report consider such a question, at least not in any straightforward or clear fashion", the Staff Association adds.

The submission alleges that the report's treatment of empirical evidence about the needs and practices of academic researchers reveals certain serious deficiencies which are most apparent in the arguments advanced for the proposal that "eligible academic staff be granted no more than seven weeks release from teaching and administrative duties in any three year period."

The Staff Association contends that research plans and projects are extremely varied in nature and the sort of study leave opportunities necessary for their fulfilment will reflect that variety. For some years, shorter periods of study leave may best suit their research needs. For others, longer breaks will always be best. And, for others again, a mixture of longer and shorter breaks will be what is most required. No general rule about the sort of study leave for all staff can be rationally based on claims about the rapid change of knowledge.

It was expected that the chief recommendations would have been based on a careful empirical study of the sort of work done during study leave. Such information was readily available: "The Working Party had the opportunity to examine 869 study leave reports submitted by university academic staff returning from leave in 1975", the T.E.C.'s Report says. These reports showed that 48% of those on leave in that year were involved in direct research (involved 'working at a fixed place on a specific problem or problems - this will include the writing of books'), 20% were involved in research visits. The Staff Association asks: What were the research and study leave for some of these scholars? nowhere does the Report tell us this despite the Working Party's access to 869 study leave reports. It can hardly be doubted that the experience of academic researchers is of primary importance in determining policies to support university research.

It points out that while the report sees some modest reduction in the cost of study leave programmes as desirable in the view of the changes which have occurred in the past 30 years and the acknowledged lack of control over some of the existing study leave schemes it is forced to acknowledge elsewhere that there is little evidence of the abuse of study leave opportunities.

Further, the Report recognises that the increased research facilities within the country are seriously inadequate when compared with facilities overseas. Nevertheless, the Report is intent on reducing the cost of study leave and proposes that the total amount of university funds to be spent on study leave arrangements in any one year be no more than 0.5% of the total academic salaries within the university.

The submission continues: "The savings in the proposed system are largely to be made by eliminating the assistance for dependents. But other savings will probably follow in the wake of this gain, for how many staff members, particularly amongst the younger staff, will be able to travel overseas when they have both to support themselves outside the country and to maintain their families and mortgages at home? The should have argued policy of no more than 13 weeks every three years turns out to possess the advantage that it "coheres with the desire to reduce costs", the Staff Association states.

Under the proposed rules, opportunities for overseas study leave in universities will be brought more into line with the conditions that hold in public and private research organisations and, moreover, will be less open to community and journalistic envy. The Staff Association argues that universities are both teaching and research institutions and the range of their activities far outstrips that of any public or private research institution. There are significant and far reaching differences between the universities and C.S.I.R.O. and research institutes sponsored by private industry. The submission makes this final point: Research is a central activity in the Australian universities. It would be disastrous to change the conditions governing that research without the most careful investigation. The Report cannot be allowed to determine Government or University policy on these matters.

STUDY SKILLS COURSE

The University Counselling Service will be conducting a short course aimed at improving study methods. The course will consist of four one-hour sessions with an emphasis on practical skills.

Time: 6 pm to 7 pm, July 6, 13, 20 and 27
Place: Counselling Service Theatre (Room LG 59)
Numbers are limited. Call in and enrol for the course at the University Counselling Service office (Room LG 63), Administration Bldg., or ring Ext. 255.

RELAXATION GROUP

Techniques of relaxation and reduction of tension will be run by the University Counselling Service in a series of five lunch-hour sessions. The techniques are effective in shortening recovery time, increasing alertness and concentration as well as the ability to cope with stress-producing situations e.g. examinations, deadlines, assignments, and locking your keys in your car!!

Sessions commence on July 3 and will be held weekly from 1 to 2 pm in the Counselling Service Theatre (Room LG 59).

Further information can be obtained from the University Counselling Service either by calling at the office (Room LG 63) or phoning Ext. 255.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr J.A. Cooper, Computer Programmer, Computing Centre
Miss T. Darapong, Computer Programmer, Computing Centre
Mr P.J. Hanlon, Visiting Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics.
DIARY OF EVENTS

JUNE 26 TO JULY 14

Union Street campus of Newcastle College of Advanced Education, exhibition of work in progress by College's sculpture students.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30
Architects' Review, Architecture Building, small admission charge.

7.30 pm MUSECS (Newcastle University Society of Economics and Commerce Students) are holding a New Year's Party at the hall in Newcastle Road, WallSEND. Members $2.50, non-members $3.00. Everything supplied. For further details and where to get tickets see noticeboards in Union or Economics/Commerce building.

TUESDAY, JULY 4
8 p.m. English Society's Bush Night featuring the Haitland Bush Band, Union Dining Room and Courtyard, barbecue and potatoes. $1.50 members and $2.00 non-members.

1.15 pm Japanese Film with Japanese and English subtitles - "Shichinin no Samurai" (The Seven Samurai) - price $1.50.

2 p.m. SNUGS (Society of Newcastle University Geography Students) are holding a Seminar on Pollution. Speakers are Mr Alan Campbell, Head of the Newcastle Branch of the State Pollution Commission; Mr Peter Michel, Water Investigation Engineer of the Hunter District Water Board; Dr Howard Bridgman of the Department of Geology; and Mr Brian Smith, an Engineer from the Sulphide Corporation. Slides will be shown. Admission free. Discussion and questions welcome from all Geography Building.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
12 to 2 Films in German - "Mahlzeiten" and "Hundertwasser: Regentas".

5 to 7 Language Laboratory G28b.

8 to 9 Arts-Admiral Bldg. All welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 9
8 a.m. English Society's bus trip to the World to see Alexander Hay as Henry, John Neil as Prince Hal, and Frank Wilson as Falstaff in Shakespeare's Henry IV. Coach leaves 8 a.m.