COUNCIL MEMBERS
REAPPOINTED

The Governor’s appointees to the University Council have had their terms of office renewed. The University has been advised that the Lieutenant-Governor, on the advice of the Executive Council, has approved the re-appointment of the present members of the University’s Council who hold that office by virtue of an earlier appointment by the Governor. The new term of office of these members will be until June 1, 1982.

The Honourable Kenneth George Booth, DipPhysEd, MLA,
Sir Bede Bertrand Callaghan, CBE, HonDSc, FBA, FAIM,
Leslie Gibbs, MEn, FAIM,
The Honourable Mr. Justice Michael Donald Kirby, BA, LLB, BSc (Sydney)
Albert Oliver, CMG, FASA,
Clarence Morgan Willoughby, BSc (Sydney), DipEd(Admin)(New England)

SCHOLARSHIP TO OXFORD FOR GRADUATE

1978 BA(honours class I and the University Medal)graduate in the Department of History, Peter McDonald, has been awarded a St. John’s College, University of Oxford, Scholarship. The scholarship provides for him to study at Oxford for a D.Phil degree. He intends to expand the research work he has done under the supervision of Associate Professor A.H. Anderson in connection with the Pontificate of Pope John XXII (1312 to 1332). It is the first Oxford scholarship for a History student of this University. During his undergraduate studies Mr. McDonald, a former student of Marist Brothers, Hamilton, achieved outstanding results in History, English and French including the Sarah Wheeler Prizes in history and prizes in French. Mr. McDonald is expected to begin his studies at Oxford in August.

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE U.K. FOR ENGINEER

A former member of the University Council elected by students, Graeme Hurrell, has been awarded a Confederation of British Industry overseas scholarship. Only five scholarships are awarded in Australia each year. Mr. Hurrell is a civil engineer employed by the Public Works Department on the Port Kembla Coal loader and the C.B.I. Scholarship allows Mr. Hurrell to study port development with British firms, Costains Civil Engineering and Posford Pavry and Partners. The scholarship provides for travel, work opportunities and an allowance of about $5,000. Mr. Hurrell was a member of the Council elected by students in 1974.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

J.R. GILES, MATHEMATICS.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. GILES, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS.

SENATE NOTES

A committee of the Vice-Principal Professor A. Tweedie, Professor D. Frost and Professor B. Boettcher has been established by the Senate to produce a reaction to the Tertiary Education Commission's draft report on study leave, which proposes major changes to the existing study leave schemes offered by universities and colleges of advanced education. Senate asked that the Committee's report be submitted to a special meeting of the Senate to be held on June 22 at 2 pm. The TEC has sought comments on the draft report by July 14. Copies of extracts from the report were circulated to members of Senate before the meeting on June 7.

The Vice-Chancellor informed Senate that before Senate held its special meeting it would have attended a meeting of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and it would be helpful to know about the comments received from other universities.

Senate was advised that the term of office of the two members of the Board of the Institute of Industrial Economics elected by the Senate expired on June 30. Professor E. Hall and Professor K. Robin were re-elected for a further two-year term.

Professor K. Dutton was elected by Senate as a member of the Board of Community Programmes.

Senate received a report from the Committee of Deans dealing with admission standards and first year performances 1975 to 1977 and referred it to Faculty Boards for appropriate action.

The report stresses that there are many difficulties in interpreting data relating to success and failure and in ascribing reasons for trends which may be discerned or postulated. The Committee of Deans believes it is nonetheless clear that there is sufficient prima facie evidence to make it highly desirable for Departments and Faculties to review the aims, objectives, content and method of teaching, in the first year especially, with a view to articulating more adequately the levels and scope of appreciation of subjects in the final year consistent with the University's objectives and expectations.

Senate noted the report dealing with admission standards and first year performances 1975 to 1977 which was prepared by the Higher Education Research and Services Unit at the request of the Committee of Deans.

SPECIAL AUTHORITY NEEDED TO PARK

By reason of the heavy dependence of the Faculty of Medicine on staff (part-time and full-time) whose duties require frequent movement off and on campus, the car park adjacent to the Medical Sciences building was designed to accommodate these needs by being reserved parking only. As in other reserved parking areas, entry to and parking in this park is permitted only to those displaying a special authority.

I apologise for the confusion that has arisen by the failure to display this intention by signs as soon as the car park was completed. The appropriate signs are now posted and erected and I would be grateful if those without authority could observe the signs and park elsewhere.

A.D. TWEEDE, VICE-PRINCIPAL.

A NEW DIALECTIC


CONVOCATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Convocation of the University will be held at Newcastle Masonic Club, Bolton Street, Newcastle on Wednesday, June 28, at 7.30 p.m.

Professor Ken Dutton, Professor of French and Immediate Past Warden on Convocation, will be the guest speaker. At this time when tertiary education is coming under increasing scrutiny and Governments are reviewing educational objectives, Professor Dutton will consider our own university's experiences in this area. Special guests, are invited to attend with their wives, husbands and friends.
When calls are not answered promptly staff can be sure that the operators are not asleep, knitting or reading. The three areas of the switchboard require attention:

- Incoming calls - local, interstate and international.
- Outgoing calls - as above and internal calls to the switch.

It is inevitable that at times delays will be experienced by those trying to attract the attention of the operators. Mr. Emerton pointed out that at times they have had as many as seven trunk calls going out and a mixture of 11 calls coming in. To answer the incoming calls promptly an alarm sounds in the room and at Mayfield Exchange. The University has been on the full-time Newcastle Exchange to "phone us within one minute to establish our whereabouts and condition."

It would be a great help if University Department's listed information about tickets, locations of functions and Convenors of seminars clearly and distinctly. Daily the operators are invited to "look", to "listen", "perhaps you can help me", "can you give me some advice", "we heard something on the radio", "there is a rumour circulating" "... saw in the paper where such and such is to take place". Naturally the operators don't read all the papers and listen to all Radio & T.V. programmes. Mr. Emerton and Mrs. Schuck maintain that we are generally a very patient and understanding group to work with. If anyone gets cranky it's usually a new member of staff. Our switchboard operators are a big factor in the University's favourable public image.

P.S.A. GOLD MEDALLIST

Mr. Neil Keats holds a New South Wales Public Service Association gold medal in recognition of long and meritorious service to the association.

A Professional Officer in the Department of Chemistry, Mr. Keats received the gold medal from the P.S.A. President (Mr. J. Finnane) at the annual conference of the association in Sydney. He stepped down from the office of the Chairman of the University subdivision of the P.S.A. last year after an eight-year term, but stayed on the Management Committee, which he joined in 1963.
GUIDELINES FOR 1979-81 TRIENNium ANNOUNCED

Senator the Honourable J.J. Carrick said the Minister for Education has announced the guidelines within which the Tertiary Education Commission will have the overall responsibility for recommending programs for 1979 and the subsequent years of the triennium.

The Minister said that "for universities and colleges we will recommend increases in recurrent funds to sustain intakes of students at present levels and to accommodate the Commission's projected increases in total enrolments but it has been necessary to impose substantial restraint at this stage on the capital programs for universities and colleges of advanced education in 1979." He also reported that after further consideration of budgetary priorities the Government may wish to review the capital allocations for triennial funding arrangements in respect of recurrent grants, other than equipment grants, and to provide annual cash allocations for expenditure on capital works and equipment. For universities and colleges it is envisaged that the level of recurrent funds to be provided under the fixed triennial arrangements in respect of recurrent grants, other than equipment grants, and to provide annual cash allocations for expenditure on capital works and equipment will be maintained at their present levels. The Government noted that intakes to pre-service teacher education courses have been falling in recent years and believes it important that the Commission have discussions with State and institutional authorities - as, indeed, the Commission has fore-shadowed in its Volume I Report - with a view to achieving further reductions in intakes into these courses in 1979 in response to the present and prospective surplus in the supply of teachers. The Commission will continue to monitor this situation.

Capital Funds

The Government has found it necessary to restrict the funds available for capital expenditure in 1979. The Commission is therefore asked to reassess in consultation with the States all major capital works projects under existing programs, except those for which contractual building commitments have been entered into by June 30 to ensure that total capital expenditure in 1979 is contained within the total funds allocated. Although the allocation for capital works is significantly below the level recommended, the Government invites the Commission to explore the possibility of making a start on some new projects in 1979.

Triennial Funding

The Tertiary Education Commission recommended that in place of the rolling triennial arrangements the Government should fix firm guidelines for the triennium for recurrent expenditure and determine annual cash allocations for capital works. Senator Carrick reported that "the Government acknowledges the merit of these recommendations and, whilst economic restraints preclude their total acceptance, we are prepared to implement them in varying large measure." From the beginning of 1979 the Government has decided to reintroduce for the higher education sector fixed triennial funding arrangements in respect of recurrent grants, other than equipment grants, and to provide annual cash allocations for expenditure on capital works and equipment. For universities and colleges it is envisaged that the level of recurrent funds to be provided under the fixed triennial arrangements will accommodate the enrolment levels proposed by the Commission.

Senator Carrick said he believed that this decision would greatly assist the Commission in coordinating programs and in achieving fuller consultation with authorities and institutions. Funds for capital projects and equipment will be provided in firm amounts on an annual basis on the assumption that the Commission will continue to plan building programs for some years in advance.

Enrolments

For 1979 the Government expects that total student intakes in universities and colleges will continue to be maintained at their present levels. The government's commitment to education for all has not diminished, Senator Carrick said, the Commission was asked to make detailed recommendations on allocations for universities and colleges of advanced education and, subject to these recommendations, to determine the level of recurrent and capital expenditure within the total funds determined for these sectors. The Commission is asked to submit its report by 31 August 1978 to permit time for consideration of its recommendations and passage of the necessary legislation during the Budget Sittings of the Parliament.

EVERYONE'S COMPUTER

A new computing system has been installed in the University. It is the DEAMON computer, situated in the Author's Library upstairs room (down the stairs from the reserve collection). This computer is available for all staff and students to use - in fact anyone with access to the library can use it. The idea of the system is as follows:

- the student or other interested user prepares his own program by marking cards with a pencil. He inserts his card deck in the card reader and his job is run immediately. He tears off his output and picks up his card deck, and the system is ready for the next user. The user is his own operator and turnaround is immediate. If the user prefers punched cards he can prepare these in the usual way.

The DEAMON system runs the MONECS software, developed as an educational system at Monash University for teaching introductory computing. The three languages BASIC, FORTRAN and COBOL are available at the bookshop. An excellent book is available at the bookshop. A similar book for COBOL is expected to be published shortly and Beginning Basic for Monest FORTRAN is available at the bookshop.

Some software bulletin on MONECS FORTRAN AND BASIC is available at the Computing Centre. A software bulletin for DEAMON is being prepared.

THE EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF A DEC PDP 11/04 computer with 1125 cards, 1125 floppy disks, CMS 11 card reader and two RXII floppy disks.
Translation for the uninitiated:

DEC is Digital Equipment Corporation of USA, the world's largest mini computer manufacturer.

PDP stands for programmed data processor.

11/04 is the model number in the PDP 11 range of computers.

floppy disk drives - floppy disks use a storage medium rather like a small flexible gramophone record permanently enclosed in a dust jacket, which can be "recorded" or "played" by the disk drive, and with a storage capacity of half a million characters.

The mark sense cards for each of the three languages FORTRAN, BASIC and COBOL (respectively yellow, green and brown printed) are available from the Union stationery shop at 40s per bundle of 200 cards. This price includes distribution costs only and is considerably less than the value of the cards themselves.

Further information can be obtained from the system manager, Mr. David Morrison (ext. 563).

DEAD BIRDS IN THE THEATRE

In June 29, the Drama Department will be opening another production in the Drama Theatre. To quote from the prospectus, "It's a case of supporting the local industry. The play is a mixture of the realistic and the occult - acutely observed comedy of family life coupled with elements of the weird and the marvellous."

The Drama Department produced a new Australian play last year as a case (Box) and the possibility is that this could become something of a pattern. New authors don't find it easy to get their plays staged and in this way the Department can provide a small service to Australian theatre as well as giving students the experience of working on an untitled script. In this case there is the added value of appealing to local pride of serving community interests by presenting a play that is of local origin and is coloured by local experience.

ONE-DAY SEMINAR

Care of the Aged, a one-day seminar organised jointly by the Department of Community Programmes and the N.S.W. Health Commission, will be held on June 24.

The forum will be held to enable those who have accepted private responsibility for caring for aged people to discuss their worries and mis­givings and to learn from specialists in the field some of the ways in which ageing can be made safer and generally more pleasant.

The venue for the seminar is the Mathematics Building of the University.

1978 MORPETH LECTURER

Canon Dr. Peter Carnley, Warden of St. John's College in the University of Queensland will deliver the 1978 Morpeth Lecture.

Titled Canterbury and Rome: Some Aspects of the Present State of Dialogue, the lecture will be given by Canon Carnley in the Drama Theatre on June 28 at 8 p.m.

EXPLORING SEXUALITY

The University Health Service and the University Counselling Service are offering to staff and students films, information and discussion on such topics as sexual hangups, putdowns, contraception, body language, loving and caring for ourselves and others.

There will be two courses on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 pm and Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm starting on June 21. The courses will continue for six weeks.

Those who would like to get personally involved in enhancing their sexual awareness can join the groups by ringing 763 or 255.

HISTORY PROFESSOR'S NEW BOOK


To quote from the prospectus on the cover:

"During its earliest days the Press has been an increasingly powerful factor in social change. It has influenced, as well as been influenced by, the different attitudes and pressures in society. This latest title in the Themes in British Social History series deals with the social history of the Press, and the growth of the reading public, from the beginnings with Caxton to the advent of Lord Northcliffe. It does more than simply explain how the newspaper developed; it answers a wide variety of related questions. How many people could read at a given time? What were they actually reading? What was in their news-sheets? Did they guide or merely reflect public opinion? What were the effects on the Press of the French Revolution - and the Industrial Revolution and the growth of radicalism?"

To tackle so broad a field Professor Cranfield adopts an unusually wide interpretation of the Press. He includes not only newspapers proper (and improper), but also broadsheets, ballads, pamphlets, serial fiction, penny dreadfuls and so on. The result is not only a valuable survey; it is also a mine of intriguing, entertaining and occasionally scurrilous detail."

Professor Cranfield has also received copies of his development of the Provincial Newspaper, 1700-1760 of XIV ' 287 pages, originally published by the Clarendon Press in 1962, and now reprinted by the Greenwood Press, U.S.A.
SPORTING NEWS

University Clubs reported in the following terms on their visits to other universities for Inter-Varsity Contests:

Volleyball (University of New South Wales) -
This year's I.V. proved to be the largest yet staged in the history of the competition. An impressive total of 15 universities were represented, with 27 teams (men's and women's) participating. The size of the tournament obviously posed major problems for the organisers. The overall standard of play was high. Melbourne University, much to the dismay of the other sides, once again demonstrated their superiority by taking out both the men's and women's finals. For Newcastle, and especially the new players, the week undoubtedly afforded invaluable experience. The men's and women's teams were placed 14th and 7th respectively.

I would add, however, that these results in themselves do not reveal a great deal. As in past years both teams demonstrated a peculiar ability to extend "fancied" sides, often taking sets off them. The most surprising converse of this story is that when playing teams of mediocre calibre we performed indifferently. As a coach and manager I find this puzzling, yet feel it can be remedied by further hard work and match practice in the local competition.

Steve Allen, President U.V.C.

Golf (Macquarie University) -
The University of Newcastle was represented at the Inter-University Golf Tournament by A. Walker, D. Taylor, D. Lacey and K. Flowers. These players were only permitted to compete in the stroke play held on the Thursday and the Friday. On the Thursday 36 holes of stroke play were contested at Mahon Point. All players performed well in this event. The scores were: A. Walker 141, D. Taylor 145, D. Lacey 156 and K. Flowers 156.

Eighteen holes of golf were played on the Friday at Royal Sydney course. For this A. Walker and D. Taylor recorded 76, while D. Lacey and K. Flowers both recorded 86 strokes. The golfers representing this University were the only players who had a single style of pennant shirt. It was obvious that the use of a pennant shirt gave our players pride in their representation of the University. Some players from other Universities commented on the merit of having a pennant shirt.

Ian Joliffe, Manager.

Rugby (University of New South Wales) -
Our first game was against the strong New England side, which eventually won Division 1. We lost 24-0. In our second game we beat Tasmania 10-3 and in our third game beat ANU 6-0. ANU eventually got into Division 1 because of a better average for/against.

This left Queensland, Melbourne, Wollongong and Newcastle in Division 2. We played Melbourne and won 8-3 in a hard fought game which gave us the right to play in the final. In extremely heavy conditions we played Brisbane in the final. Brisbane's size was a little too much for us and we were beaten 17-0. Players who stood out included Brian Atkins, Chris Rawbags and Dick Hodgson.

Peter Brecht, Manager.

A Staff v. Students Golf Day as held at Steel Works Golf Club on June 24. The Chancellor's Trophy was given for the Stableford Competition. The best eight cards were: Kevin Perkins 32, David Taylor 32, Glen Davies 33, Carl Flowers 30, Ian Joliffe 23, Frank Bullen 23 and Louis Fenelon 20. Total 198 points.

Staff - Gwen Southward 35, Allan Gates 33, Neil Keats 32, John Le Lieu 31, Shirley Byron 29, Peter Dunkley 29 and Evelyn Hazell 28. Total 218 points. The best student was Kevin Perkins and the best staff member was Gwen Southward.

The best 4-ball score in the Staff was Kevin Perkins and David Taylor - 42 points. The best 4-ball score in the Staff was John Heath and Gwen Southward - 39 points.

Newcastle Squash Racquets Association has acquired a two-hour syndicate. They have been selected and the best players will be presented, by Bill Smith, who has made a close study of Chekhov for many years, giving attention to the creation of films from his work. The films in the series:

Jul 15 THE DUEL (1973), Director Josef Heifitz.
Jul 22 THE SEAGULL (1971), Director Yuli Karasik.
Aug. 5 THE GRASSHOPPER (1965), Director S. Samsonov.
Aug. 12 AN UNFINISHED PIECE FOR A PIANO (based on Platonov) (1977), Director N. Mikhailov.

The films are all subtitled in English and, with the exception of one, are all on 35mm prints. They will be shown in Theatre 801.

University Women's Hockey Team's attendance at Inter-University proved enjoyable and worthwhile from a playing and social view. All team members gave off their best on the field, this resulted in the team being placed equal third with A.N.U.

FOUR OF SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS AS FILMS

A season of Shakespeare on Film begins at The Regal Cinema, Birmingham Gardens, on June 20 at 8 pm with the screening of King Lear. The remaining films in the series:

Thursday, June 22, OTHO.ELLO, Sunday, June 25, CHIMES AT MIDDNIGHT.

Thursday, June 29, THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.

All screenings begin at 8 pm.

The season has been arranged by the Department of English and admission is by free passes, which are available from the Department's Office.

CHEKHOV ON FILM

A series of Antov Chekhov films will be screened at the University on Saturdays at 8 p.m. commencing on July 15.

They have been selected, and will be presented, by Bill Smith, who has made a close study of Chekhov for many years, giving attention to the creation of films from his work. The films in the series:

July 15 THE DUEL (1973), Director Josef Heifitz.
July 22 THE SEAGULL (1971), Director Yuli Karasik.
July 29 UNCLE VANYA (1970), Director A. Mikhailov-Konchalovsky.
Aug. 5 THE GRASSHOPPER (1965), Director S. Samsonov.
Aug. 12 AN UNFINISHED PIECE FOR A PIANO (based on Platonov) (1977), Director N. Mikhailov.

The films are all subtitled in English and, with the exception of one, are all on 35mm prints. They will be shown in Theatre 801.
STAFF MEMBER’S BOOK

When copies of British reviews of Michael Evans' book on Janacek's Tragic Operas arrived in Newcastle they were found to be highly favourable. The praise followed propitious comments about the book by a number of Australian critics. Evans' book on Czech Composer, Leos Janacek, is the first study in English to offer a detailed and accurate companion to the Composer's mature serious operas. Excerpts from some of the reviews:

"In this brilliant book the portraits of one man's music-dramas leap compellingly to life." - T.H. Naisby, Newcastle Morning Herald.

"This is a book that was overdue. There is little doubt that the six operas Evans has explored are among the very greatest operatic works in the history of the art and Evans has approached them in a manner as direct and immediately involving as Janacek's own writing." - Nadine Amadio, Financial Review.

"Michael Evans has produced the most substantial original English-language contribution to the study of Janacek we have had so far." - Gerald Abraham, Times Literary Supplement.

"The Operas of Janacek have been slow to make headway towards popularity in this country. ... All the more reason, therefore, to welcome Michael Evans' meticulous, clear and interesting book analysing his "tragic operas." - Philip Hope-Wallace, The Guardian.

Books and Bookmen ascribed the "most thoughtful and thought provoking book on Janacek to "New Classics" while "a perceptive and tightly well-written study" was the opinion of The Observer.

Janacek's Tragic Operas is published by Faber and Faber and sells for $22. The Cooperative Bookshop on campus has copies.

HOW TO MANAGE A SERVICE STATION

The Department of Community Programmes is offering a course on Profitable Service Station Management. Commencing on June 21, the course will be held on Wednesday nights from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and conclude on July 26. This course is designed for service station proprietors or assistant managers wishing to improve the profit performance of their stations. Mr. Fred Guilhaus, of the Department of Commerce, who was formerly a Sales Supervisor in the oil industry, will conduct the course.
**DIARY OF EVENTS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

1 pm The Premier, Hon. H.K. Wan, will speak on Reform of the Legislative Council, Drama Theatre.

Dr. Pat O’Neill, of the Drug Advisory Centre, will speak in the Courtyard on Man Takes Drugs.

8 pm Poet Donald Moore will read poems from his book, Idols of the Market Place and other Poems, Staff House.

10.30 pm "At Home", The Union with "OUR TODAY". $1 students $2 guests.

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

8 pm Screening of Japanese film. Three Faces of Love. 801, arranged by Australia-Japan Society, admission free.