Governors Visit

In perfect weather on August 17, the Governor, Sir Roden Cutler paid a visit to the University of Newcastle. Sir Roden was able to see a wide range of teaching and research activities, as well as student services.

His Excellency was met by the Chancellor (Sir Bede Callaghan), the Deputy Chancellor (Mr. Justice Michael Kirby) and the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Don George).

He then walked through the central campus to the Auchmuty Library, where he was met by the Chairman of the Library Committee (Professor L.N. Short) and the Assistant Librarian (Miss Joan Murray). In the Library Sir Roden inspected part of the rare book collection, before leaving to go to the Medical Sciences Building.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Professor D.C. Maddison) greeted His Excellency, who inspected the Division of Medical Education and Programme Evaluation and the Division of Clinical Practice.

At the Union Sir Roden was met by the President, Mr. G. Duggan and the Assistant Secretary/Manager, Mr. D. Doherty.

The Governor inspected the Auchmuty Sports Centre, where he was met by the President of the Sports Union, Assoc. Professor W.A. Oates, and the Amenities Officer, Mr. H. Bradford and had lunch at Edwards Hall with members of the University Council, Deans and Senior Administrative Staff.

Mr. S. Date, Sir Roden and Mr. C. Duggan, President of the Board of Management, during the visit to the Union.
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Dear Sir,

On Tuesday, August 14 I attended the Forum on Preparing People for Retirement, organised by the University Department of Community Programmes and the N.S.W. Council of the Ageing.

The forum was directed mainly towards employers, unions, service and welfare organisations and public authorities who wished to organise programs for their members who were approaching retirement.

A great deal of information was provided regarding the content of such a program and the organising skills necessary to conduct a successful program.

Among those present were representatives of industry, trade unions, building societies, Lions clubs and the C.A.E., who all showed interest in carrying out such a program for their employees or members.

The reason for this letter is to ask - WHERE WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT of the University of Newcastle? Surely, a forum being conducted at the last meeting of the Administrative Council has decided that by cheque, The second motion

Counselor Robertson.

The Vice-Chancellor has announced the appointment of Professor Clifford Alan Hooker to the vacant Chair of Philosophy at the University.

Professor Hooker is presently Professor of Philosophy in the University of Western Ontario, Canada. A science graduate of the University of Sydney (1967) with first class honours in Physics, Professor Hooker also holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Physics from that University and obtained a second Ph.D. in 1970 from the University of York, this time in Philosophy.

At the University of Western Ontario he has developed, in association with the Faculty of Engineering, inter-disciplinary courses in the area of environmental studies which concentrate on the systematic analysis of socio-environmental problems. He is internationally known for his contributions to the philosophy of science, and he has consulted to governmental bodies in the area of energy policy.

Professor Hooker, who is 36 years of age, is married and has two young children. He will take up duties in Newcastle in August, 1980.

Mayor Cummings probably gave the real reason in recent comments on the subject. She said employees (mostly male) hate the thought of their true pay being revealed to their spouses - they no longer would be able to embezzle, as they do now, some part of the pay packet before handing the envelope over to their spouses.

Incidentally, the Commonwealth Bank surely ought to waive its requirements for savings or cheque account by the employee. The simple pre-registration of signature could entitle the employee to cashing privileges (Coates, Woolworths etc., do this because it generates traffic.)

In the hope that the people involved will use the small amount of grey matter they are endowed with, I am

George E. Ferris, Senior Lecturer.
Having opened the Council meeting on August 17, the Chancellor drew attention to the recent selection of Dr. Frank Purdye, a member of the Council, as one of the two winners of the 1979 Senior Citizens Quest. The Quest recognizes people who serve the community with distinction. The Chancellor's congratulations were supported with acclamation.

Council noted that Professor John Burrows, one of the members elected by Professors, was attending his last meeting. Following his election to a Commonwealth Fellowship at St. John's College, Cambridge, Professor Burrows resigned from the Council. He plans to enter upon the Fellowship when the next academic year at Cambridge begins.

Council approved the establishment of the Australian Federation of University Women, N.S.W. Hunter Valley Branch, Fund for Postgraduate Assistance. The Hunter Valley Branch of the A.F.U.W., which made a donation to establish the fund, stated that it wanted short-term loans to be available to postgraduate students who are faced with financial emergencies. Council decided that the fund be operated by the Student Loan Committee and that the donors be thanked.

Council approved an increase in the Union's component of the general services charge for next year. Following the Finance and Personnel Committee's recommendation, Council increased the Union's share by $4 to $56. The general services charge was concomitantly increased to $113.50 a year for full-time students and $109.50 a year for part-time students.

Mr. James Fenwick and Mrs. Enid Fenwick have offered to sponsor two prizes in Linguistics "as a small gesture of appreciation" to the University, from which their three children have graduated. Council approved conditions for the awarding of a prize to the student who achieves the best performance this year in Linguistics II A and an annual prize to the best student in either Linguistics IIIA or IIIB.

Mr. John's Professor Stanton and Professor Miller after receiving their honorary degrees.

Professors Miller, Professor Geography at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, was admitted to the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, while Professor Stanton, Chairman of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Manitoba, was admitted to the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Honorary Degrees

Geographers and mathematicians gathered in the Drama Theatre on the morning of August 17 for the conferring of honorary degrees on Visiting Professors, Professor David Miller and Professor Ralph Stanton.

They were admitted to the degrees by the Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan, in recognition of their contributions to scholarship.

As a result of the decision to enclose the re-entrant angle of the Arts/Administration Building to provide additional accommodation, it has been necessary to remove the stainless steel replica of the university emblem. The sculpture was created by a Sydney sculptor Michael Santay in 1965 and was erected in this location when the building was one of only three existing on the site.

The Building and Grounds Committee considered a number of locations, both externally and internally, in prominent locations around the site and decided that a location inside the Great Hall auditorium would be the most suitable.

The University Council approved the Committee's recommendation that the emblem be re-erected on the brick wall on the right-hand side of the stage. The emblem would be erected high on the wall and together with the entry doors and the colourful banner over them, will balance the visual impact of the organ on the opposite splayed wall.

Professor Beryl Nashar, who was appointed Associate Professor in Geology in 1964, has informed the Vice-Chancellor of her intention to retire, with effect from February, 1980.
Music in Tibet and India

Last summer, a party of four people from the University and Newcastle College of Advanced Education went to India and Nepal on a research trip lasting three weeks.

Members of the group were Dr. Geoffrey Samuel (Department of Sociology, University), Mrs. Linley Samuel (Department of Education, C.A.E.), Mr. Graham Mills (Department of Social Welfare, C.A.E.), and a postgraduate student in the Department of Sociology at the University of Edinburgh, and Ms. Jenny Evans (postgraduate student in the Department of English, University).

Primary objects of the research were to collect information and make recordings of Tibetan and Indian music, and to gather texts and photographic material on Tibetan religion in connection with Dr. Samuel's work in this area.

The musical research covered three main types of music, two Tibetan and one Indian. The Tibetan songs, called nangma and solohey, were played as entertainment music at the banquets and parties of the Lhasa aristocracy before the Chinese takeover. Nowadays they are still performed by some of the Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal. The singer is accompanied by several instruments: a kind of lute, one or two Chinese-style two-stringed fiddles, harmonium, and flute. (There also used to be dancing by a group of dancing girls, but the expedition was unable to trace any dancing girls.)

A major focus of the research was the transformation in style and context of performance, and in attitudes to the music, which has taken place in the refugee situation. Several musicians were recorded, and a large body of the traditional musical notation photographed. These tapes were acquired by Dr. Samuel for his earlier research, and hopes to produce a record and further publications as a result of last summer's work.

Tibetan music notation: text and part of the music for two songs, a nangma and a solohey.

A second form of Tibetan music studied is associated with the old Tibetan epic poem of King Gesar of Ling. Gesar, whose name derives from Caesar at several removes, was a mythical Buddhist hero ruling in East Tibet many centuries ago. The epic contains 20 or more sections, which exist in a variety of oral and written versions. New parts are still being written.

The epic begins with the council of the gods who decide to send Gesar to earth, followed by Gesar's miraculous birth, the horse-race by winning which he gains his wife and his kingdom, and a series of wars with the rulers of neighboring countries, each of which concludes with their accepting Gesar's sovereignty, and the bringing back to Tibet of various precious items (including, for instance, a horse of gold). In one section, paralleling Muhammad's night journey or Dante's Inferno, Gesar visits the hells of Buddhist cosmology. At the end of the epic, Gesar, using his yogic powers, leaves earth for heaven along with his closest companion, but, like King Arthur, he will return at some time, to restore the rule of justice to Tibet. The different versions of the epic vary considerably in the length of the episodes and in the degree of Buddhist influence.

The Mongolians have versions of the epic too, and they worship Gesar as a kind of god of war. The Tibetan singers recorded by the expedition performed the epic as a prose narrative, interspersed with songs for the various characters. Traditionally the epic bard is possessed by the appropriate character as he sings his song. These passages are sung unaccompanied to a number of traditional melodies.
Kathmandu, and information concerning them was collected.

Ms. Evans did most of the filming and other photographic work of the expedition. In addition she was interested in aspects of Tibetan and Indian literature related to her own work on African literature.

Altogether the trip was successful in meeting its primary research objectives, and provided a valuable and enjoyable learning experience for those involved.

Broadcasting Hearing

Mr. Ray Watterson, Lecturer in Legal Studies at the University, was the only witness admitted by the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal when it recently held an inquiry into the proposed acquisition of radio station 2HD by television station NBN 3.

The Tribunal took the view that Mr. Watterson could be of assistance to it, seeing that he is an authority on Media Law and Monopolisation.

The Tribunal's ruling that NBN 3 be denied consent to buy 2HD was a very important, even historic decision, says Mr. Watterson.

It seems to mean that the Tribunal has a policy of "one company one radio station" and if this policy is applied to new commercial FM radio licensing the owner of an existing radio station will not be able to get an FM station.

The public hearing into the transfer of the licence of 2HD to NBN 3 was conducted in Newcastle from June 20 to 22. The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal, among other things, found that so long as the ownership of NBN 3 remains in its present form, with Broadcasting Investments Pty. Ltd. (owner of radio station 2KO) among the shareholders, the real possibility existed of a degree of control and influence by Broadcasting Investments Pty. Ltd. of 2KO, NBN 3 and 2HD that would be contrary to the interests of the Newcastle Public as they relate to broadcasting services available to them.

Mr. Watterson explains that the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal has had the power to grant, revoke, renew and control the disposal of radio and television broadcasting licences since January, 1978.

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Clearly, Mr. Watterson says, it is on the cards that while the present shareholding structure of NBN 3 remains in its present form, with a link between 2KO and NBN 3, it is most unlikely that the Tribunal will grant a local FM station licence to NBN 3, or 2KO.

At the hearing he argued that the concentration of media control can have adverse consequences for the public. If one person owns more than one radio station, then he can make decisions on the basis of commercial expediency, which can effectively limit the range and variety of news coverage. It is in the public interest to have a diversity of news gathering services. Otherwise, all local news, including political commentaries, can be derived from just one office, or source.

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Sport

The University Athletics Club Cross Country Championships were held in conjunction with the Campus Scamper.

With Mike Beistly at lectures (keep it up Mike!) the runners were led to the mercy of Terry Wall and Trevor Scott. A close battle developed early before Terry ran out a comfortable winner, repeating his success of last year. Trevor was forced to relinquish second position through sickness but managed to jog over the line for third just ahead of Terry Hines.

Second place was gained by the multi-media personality, Stanley Barwick (minus race fitness). Other good performances came from new member Albert Nymeyer (5th), Bob Kimberly (8th), Dick Parberry (13th) and Colin Whitehead (14th).

The Commonwealth Bank Campus Touch Football Competition has reached half-way point. At the end of term last year's premiers, the Administration "Gunners", were leading by two points from last year's runners up, Edwards Hall A.

The points score, after nine rounds: Gunners 14, Edwards Hall A 12, United 10, Rah Rabs 10, Arts 6, Edwards Hall B & 6, Uni. Vets 2 and All Blacks 2.

The Gunners, again sporting their heavyweights, have suffered only one defeat at the hands of Edwards Hall A, 0-2.

With "Heavies" like N. Porter, J. Abbott and J. Orzyzga, its a full-time job for their Captain, G. Peck to keep these players spread across the field. The problem being, with these three players situated on the one side of the field, there is a distinct chance the ground may tip over although, with the pace (3) of other veterans P. Archer, Ducky Blanch and H. Carrow does compensate for this weight handicap.

With a four week rest until resumption of the competition, the Gunners feel by training on a crash diet (that is the diet that crashed) of meat pies and brown ale they should be at their peak to defend their title in October.

The competition again has been a great success and is being thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.

The Inter-varsity Basketball Contest, to be hosted by the University in the week beginning August 17, promises to bring nearly 350 visitors from other Australian universities to the campus.

Sixteen men's and 14 women's teams will participate in the contest, which will be conducted in daily sessions at the Sports Centre and the Basketball Stadium at Broadmeadow.

The week of basketball will be climaxd by a combined men's team and a combined women's team playing against each other at Broadmeadow Stadium. Their opponents will be Falcons and Newcastle respectively.

The IV Basketball Dinner will be held in the Union on August 31.

Council Election

At the closing time for the receipt of nominations for the election of a Professor to fill the casual vacancy on the Council caused by Professor J.F. Burrows' resignation, the following valid nominations had been received:

Kenneth Raymond DUTTON
Kevin Edmund LINDGREN and Ronald Godfrey TANNER.

Completed voting papers must be forwarded to the Returning Officer, so as to reach him no later than 12 noon on Friday, August 31.

At Home On Campus

Former Artistic Director for the Hunter Valley Theatre Company, Terry Clarke, says he is "very happy" to work again in "very familiar" surroundings.

Terry was referring to the Drama Theatre on campus, where his world premiere presentation of Jonah will be staged for three weeks beginning on September 5.

With a close association with Newcastle (and Newcastle with him) owing to the fact that he laboured as Foundation Artistic Director for the Hunter Valley Theatre Company from early 1976 to March, 1978. In this period he produced approximately 12 plays for the company - The Floating World, Equus, Hamlet, The Glass Menagerie, a new work and several theatre restaurant pieces. Robert Alexander, Kerrie Walker, Tony Sheldon, Alan Becher and Claire Crowther were on his acting staff.

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Terry, Alexander, Becher and Crowther will return to Newcastle soon to participate in Clarke's other regional engagement - directing Flexitime, a funny play about the Public Service, for the Hunter Valley Theatre Company. This production will be seen at the Playhouse from September 21. Jonathan Blenkins, a student of the University, will have his first professional role in Flexitime.

Clarke said that Jonah offered several parallels with a production that he directed in the Drama Theatre previously. As with A Happy and Holy Occasion, he was working again with John O'Donohue, the playwright, John Woodland, the designer, and Nancy Tarran, one of the cast.

Since resigning from the Hunter Valley Theatre Company, he has freelanced as a man of many theatrical parts - directing opera, acting, advising the Australian National Playwrights' Conference, lecturing and directing (one venture was William's Department in the Drama Theatre). Presently he is writing the music for a new production of The Venetian Twins, by Goldoni, in the Sydney Opera House.

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Campus Scamper

The Campus Scamper, by now a regular keep-fit event at the University, produced at least two new track stars on August 9.

The winners of the short course (4 km long) had not taken out the awards before.

Helen Stokes, who keeps healthy playing hockey for University, was the first woman home - in 29 minutes 48 seconds which is a record.

Martin Ooms, staff member in Mechanical Engineering, won the men's section in 18 minutes 35 seconds.

Icky Hazelwood and Helen Stokes (Robyn Cross, Pam Hazelwood and Helen Stokes) won the women's team event and left, was the judge?

Paul Taylor and Anne Rees (Reg Goodwin, Paul Taylor and Anne Rees) won the men's team event. (Where was the judge?)

Jennifer McGee won the women's section and Lance Robertson, Glen Campbell and Anthony Wilson, of Newcastle College of Advanced Education, took out the men's team event.

The Commonwealth Bank Shield was won by the Engineering team - Terry Well, Richard Parberry and Mike Elfick.

Mr. Pat Matthews, Manager of the University Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, attended. Professor Godfrey Tanner acted as Director.

Aerial Research

The Department of Physics' infra-red scanning equipment, which takes "heat pictures" of stretches of land and water from the air, is attracting increasing commercial usage.

Mounted in a survey aircraft, the equipment employs infra-red radiation from the ground to reveal the presence of geological mineral and water resources, water pollution and many other phenomena.

Professor C.G. Ellyett, Head of the Department of Physics, who runs the project, stated that as well as being used for research purposes the infra-red equipment

had been commissioned by the University's research company, TUNRA. In recent months to:

- Carry out a geological survey of parts of North Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales for the B.H.P. Co. Ltd. (the contract was valued at $50,000).
- Examine outflows from power stations for the N.S.W. Electricity Commission.
- Survey buildings in New Zealand and find heat losses from buildings would be investigated, and in September and in conjunction with Flinders University of South Australia, with assistance from the Australian Water Resources Council, in the evaporation of water in a pine plantation, Kingston, South Australia, would be monitored.

Professor Ellyett added that the N.S.W. Department of Main Roads would probably use the infra-red scanning equipment in the Moree area to endeavour to find shingle reserves for use in road construction.

The work had already earned the Department of Physics $2,000 as a preliminary grant.

Research Funds

At its last meeting Senate approved changes in the procedure for the allocation of Special Research Funds in response to individual applications.

The most important change is in the closing date for applications for Type A and Type B Research Grants. These grants are for professors of staff (academic level) and for senior research investigators respectively. All applications for these grants for projects to be carried out in 1980 must be submitted by October 2, 1979. The Internal Research Assessment Committee hopes to advise successful applicants before the end of the year.

For the third category, Overseas Conference Travel Grants, there will be two closing dates. The first closing date will be October 2, 1979 and the Committee will consider applications for the assistance to attend overseas conferences in the second half of 1979 and the whole of 1980. The second closing date will be April 1, 1980 when the Committee will consider applications for conferences in the second half of 1980.

Details of the procedure will appear on notice boards shortly and may also be obtained from J.S. Boydell, Secretary's Division (Extension 38).
Diary of Events

The Department of Civil Engineering will hold a seminar on Friday, September 7 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Dr. B. L. Karnaboo will speak on 'Lattice Fracture: From Griffith to the Present State of the Art in Room E1001, Engineering Complex, University of Newcastle.'

To commemorate its Silver Jubilee, the Department of Geography will hold a dinner in Edwards Hall on September 7.

Mr. Errol Hodge, Assistant Director of Overseas Services, News and Public Affairs for the A.B.C., will be guest speaker. Mr. Hodge is a former student of the Department.

Places for the dinner are available from the Department of Geography, Extension 654.

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Dr. Tim Shopen, of the Linguistics Department at the Australian National University will visit the University on September 10 and 11. Dr. Shopen is a graduate of U.C.L.A. and spent some years doing fieldwork in Africa. He is currently editing a series of textbooks in linguistics and the first two Languages and Their Speakers and Languages and Their Status have already appeared. He is extremely interested in the uses and applications of linguistics in education.

Dr. Shopen will address a meeting of the Newcastle University Linguistics Society in the Special Functions Room of the Great Hall on September 10 at 7 pm. His talk is entitled The Hyponym Principle and will be of special interest to those working in language learning and foreign language teaching. The talk will be followed by questions and discussions over wine and cheese.

On the morning of September 11 Dr. Shopen will also be leading a graduate seminar in the Department of Linguistics. The topic will be Lango Tone Sandhi.

All interested people are welcome to attend both talks.

On Monday, September 10 from 2 pm - 4 pm a Geographical Society seminar will be held. The seminar will be entitled Coal Resources in the Hunter Valley. The seminar will be held in Lecture Theatre R02. Guest speakers will be Dr. Britten from the Joint Coal Board and Mr. Noble from the Trades Hall Council. Wine will be provided after the seminar. All are welcome to attend.

The Management Committee of the University's sub-division of the Public Service Association will hold a meeting of stenographers in Lecture Theatre B01 on Tuesday, September 11 at 12.30 pm. The special item to be discussed is the University's proposal to appoint a Departmental Secretary in the Department of Modern Languages. The Committee envisages that the appointment could have undesirable consequences in other Departments and is interested in the views of stenographers.

BRIAN KELLEHER, Secretary

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