Radio producer

NBN has offered to second an experienced radio producer to join the staff of the University's radio station, 2NUR-FM.

This was announced by Professor L.W. Short, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, who stated that the seconded person would be Senior Producer working under the Station Manager.

Professor Short recalled that last August the University announced it had become necessary to review the financial commitment to Radio 2NUR-FM and that decisions had been made with respect to the provision of staff for 1980 and 1981.

It had been determined that responsibility for funding the station would have to be transferred gradually to other sections of the University. In the first place the University would provide for 1980 two, rather than three, members of staff and meet the costs of the studio facilities and transmitter. In 1981, no staff positions would be paid for by the University, but the studios and transmitter would be provided.

Professor Short disclosed that there had already been significant indication of support for the station.

"About 12 local companies have undertaken to sponsor programmes and it is expected that the number will continue to grow. In addition, NBN has offered to second an experienced radio producer.

"Several other possibilities for staff support are being pursued and it is hoped that for 1981 the station will operate with a significantly higher level of paid staff, as well as its large group of voluntary helpers. "Clearly more serious problems are to be expected for 1981 but every effort is being made to ensure that the station will continue to serve the Hunter Region", he said.

Acknowledgement

University News wishes to thank the Faculty of Medicine for its continued assistance. As a result of having been offered access to the Varityper in the Division of Medical Education, we think we can present a more attractive campus newsletter than previously.

Study Mission

The Chinese Vice-Minister of Public Health, Dr. Cut Yuell, headed a study mission which visited the University on October 18.

The mission, in Australia for four days for tours of the Universities of New South Wales, Sydney and Newcastle, met with senior representatives of the Faculty of Medicine, who explained the philosophy and work of the Faculty through a Chinese interpreter.

The visit to Newcastle had been recommended to the Chinese authorities by the World Health Organisation. Four of the six visitors work at medical schools in China.

Picture above: Members of the Chinese delegation and their hosts from the Faculty of Medicine.

Photo: Bruce Turnbull

FAMILY LINK

At its meeting on October 19 the Council established a new position which will have a significant impact on the University's research programme in future years. To be known as the James Johnstone Visiting Fellowship in Engineering, the new position has been endowed by a gift to the University from the family of the late James Johnstone to commemorate a long family association with the Hunter Valley and in particular with James Johnstone's lifelong involvement with the coal mining industry in this area.

The object of the Fellowship is to facilitate the appointment from time to time of a distinguished visiting scholar to promote research and scholarship related to the coal mining industry.

Commenting on the value of the gift to the University, the Vice-Chancellor (Professor D.W. George) said that it was particularly welcome at this time when reduced public funding was placing severe restrictions on the research activities of the University. He was sure that in the years to come, the Fellowship would be of benefit not only to the research activities of the University, but also to the industrial growth of the Hunter Region with its most important contributions to the nation's energy resources. He expressed his gratitude to Mrs. D. Johnstone and her family for an endowment that made the Fellowship possible and so ensured an acknowledgement in perpetuity of the contributions of the late James Johnstone and his father to the coal mining industry in the Hunter Valley.
Student elected

Mr Stephen Dato, an Arts III student, has been elected to the Council for another term.

Mr Dato was previously elected as the student member of the Council to hold office until December 31. On the basis of a ballot conducted this month, he will continue to hold office until December 31, 1981.

Announcing his plans for his term of office he made these points:

"It will be continuing my current policy of availability to students at all times. This means that I will be somewhere in the Union building, or Library, for students to come and speak to me on Council issues (over a cup of coffee). Any ideas or issues that you wish me to pursue, will be appreciated. I like to be kept active.

"There are issues which must be carefully examined and acted on. It is my job to look at cutbacks in teaching staff. Last year, when History was cut back and had two lecturers frozen, I told Council that I felt it would disadvantage teaching in that Department. I was proven right.

"I have ideas of my own, which I wish to pursue. I will be doing my best to stop Motorway 23 from ruining our site, or Motorway 14, for that matter. I will try to get the transport improved, despite Peter Cox’s present attitudes. I will start campaigns on the current political issues, which are vital issues in the New Year. I will remain a strong voice of student opinion on the SRC.

"When I am elected as a student member of the University Council, I am concerned that each student should be given the right to bring his/her views to Council. Please don’t forget to vote and see me ... I’ll do my best to help you.”

PLAY ON CAMPUS


White Wire Wheels, the Drama Department’s latest offering, is an early work by the Melbourne playwright Jack Hibberd. It portrays the stereotyped lives of three young Australian men in stylistic action and dialogue. Ursula Hugo’s production at the Drama Theatre in fact wavered a bit unnecessarily between monochrome stylisation and a sympathetically humorous treatment of the characters.

The best moments came when the pathos of the impoverishment and insecurity of the young men’s lives was glimpsed - mainly in their inane repetitions and in their uncertain reactions to the taunting of the girl upstairs. Things warmed up. Too, when the men took their squabbles about Rovers, Mustangs and Valentines to frantic extremes. Tossing beer cans around and ripping them open until the place was awash. The most powerful performance here was Leigh Rice’s as Simon. Felicity Biggins appeared as each of the girlfriends in turn, and then as the girl upstairs: she had her finest hour making a disco production number of her entrance to the milk bar round the corner.

In general, though, the impression left was sketchy one, the result of uncertainties about the style and purpose of the play.

The second half of the programme was a decidedly colourful and uninhibited production of Sam Shepard’s play, or sketch for a play, Icarus’s
Holding opened the Council meeting on October 19, the Chancellor welcomed new members, Professor Ken Dutton. Professor Dutton was elected by the Professors to succeed Professor John Burrows, who resigned from the Council to study at St. John's College, Cambridge. The Chancellor also referred to the re-election of Mr. S. Date by the students "by a large majority.

Following a recommendation from the Vice-Chancellor, Council approved the granting of a concessionary holiday to staff of the University on Monday, December 24, 1979, the day before Christmas Day.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that since Professor Beryl Nashar had announced her intention to retire, the matter was to be effective in February 1980, Senate had decided to appoint a Chair Review to make a recommendation concerning the filling of the Chair. The Committee is to report as soon as possible and no later than December 31, 1979.

Council gave the Faculty of Arts permission to introduce a Diploma course for students who wish to upgrade their pass BA degree to the equivalent of an Honours qualification. Council was told that a significant number of students of this kind undertook MA qualifying examinations although they had little expectation of writing theses.

Following a recommendation of the Outside Studies Programme Committee, Council approved a proposal that all students who have programmes for outside study were successful be required to provide the Outside Studies Programme Committee with copies of the reports which they are required to submit to Council within four weeks of the conclusion of their Outside Studies Programmes. If the research or scholarship undertaken has not been published by the time of the compilation of the report, the applicant will be required to furnish publication details when they become available so that the Committee will have a complete record of the result of the leave granted.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Council that the papers concerning the proposal to reduce the University's commitment to the support of 2NUR-FM would be forwarded to the appropriate Working Group currently reviewing the University's finances. Council resolved that while considering the future of the radio station, the working group give consideration to representations from organisations and individuals expressing concern at the proposal.

Council approved increases in fees in the University's hall of residence, Edwards Hall. The new weekly scale for undergraduate students will be $45 a term week from January 1, 1980.

The University is to call tenders for alterations to the Squash Pavilion to meet the requirements of the Licensing Court, which granted the Sports Union a liquor licence subject to the alterations being carried out. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to enter into a contract for the work on behalf of the University.

DONATION

Two books by the eminent Egyptologist, the late Professor Girgis Mattha, have reached the University Library through the good offices of Professor Mattha's daughter, Sonia, who lives in Newcastle. The valuable additions to the Library's collection consists of Demotic Ostraca and The Code of Hermopolis West, plus plates. The volumes are some of the fruits of wide research done by Professor Mattha into the Demotic language — the popular language of the ancient Egyptians. Sonia, a French II student of the University, received the books from her mother, Mrs. Odette Mattha, who lives in Cairo. Sonia decided to place them where they could be used by students in the University's Library.

Mrs. Ghabrial and Mr. Flowers examine the rare books on the Demotic language.

Sonia and her husband, Dr. Youssef Ghabrial, have lived in Newcastle since 1975. Dr. Ghabrial is an orthopaedic surgeon and is at the Royal Newcastle Hospital. Born in Egypt, the couple lived in England for some years before coming to Australia. Mrs. Ghabrial's father was Head of the Department of Egyptology at Cairo University from 1948 until he died in 1972.

Prior to joining Cairo University, he was at the University of Oxford. Expressing thanks for the donation, the University Librarian (Mr. E. Flowers) said the rare editions were a further enrichment of the Library's research collection. Some 2,300 volumes were donated to the Library by members of the public and staff last year and the University was indebted to these people.

Council was advised that the Minor Works Programme for 1979 was well-advanced. Construction of the Drama Studio adjacent to the Drama Theatre was proceeding satisfactorily, with completion anticipated by the end of October. Work on the alterations to the Computing Centre was also progressing satisfactorily, but, because of delays, the work was not expected to be completed until the end of October.

Council approved a programme of Minor Works for 1980 for submission to the TEC following release of Volume 3 of the Commission's Report for the 1979-81 triennium which recommended a grant of $232,000 to this University for this purpose. This compares with a grant of $318,000 in 1979 and in view of the University's difficult recurrent fund position priority has been given to projects likely to result in a saving in this area. Further details will be provided when approval of the pro-
Dip.Ed. 1980
Prospective applicants are reminded that there has been a 14 week past to limit numbers accepted for candidature for the Diploma in Education, and that it may be necessary to limit the numbers in 1980 in certain areas.

Applications for admission to candidature for the Dip. Ed. must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Student Administration Office. Admission to the Dip. Ed. course is automatic and cannot be obtained merely by submitting a re-enrolment form. Depending on numbers enrolling, it may be possible for some candidates to take a second Curriculum & Method unit.

Applications may be submitted NOW. It is not necessary to wait until 1979 results are available. In any case, applications must be submitted by students already at this University by January 4, 1980.

People who have fulfilled the entry requirements (e.g. people who have a degree, but are not doing Honours) can be considered immediately and may receive an early offer. However, people who have not yet completed their degree cannot receive an offer until their 1979 results are confirmed.

It's pay up time
The Bursar's Division will shortly be sending out to some students notices for payment of money to meet the cost of library books that they have lost and other incidental charges, including outstanding debts to Edwards Hall. In addition, a number of students have outstanding library or parking fines.

The attention of students is directed to the policy of the Council that students should not be permitted to complete re-enrolment for 1980, be issued with a transcript of their academic record, or proceed to Graduation in 1980 if they are indebted to the University. So now is the time for you to check amongst your papers and make sure there are no outstanding fine notices that you have overlooked. If you do have any fines, charges or other debts to pay, please take the fine notice or letter to the Cashier and pay the amount before the end of term.
Exams

In the forthcoming examination period, The Auchmuty Sports Centre will again be used for examinations.

The following information may assist you in making arrangements for any examination you will be taking in the Centre.

PARKING:
Temporary parking space will be available on grassed areas within the vicinity of the Centre. Signs and a patrol attendant will be provided to assist students in parking.

It cannot be guaranteed that the temporary parking areas will accommodate all candidates so you are requested to allow sufficient time to use the alternative parking facilities at the Squash Courts (six minutes walk to the Centre) and Engineer ing (six minutes walk to the Centre).

WALKING:
12 minutes should be allowed to walk to the Centre from the Union/Library area. Students travelling to the University on the Route 100 bus can walk to the Centre through the Newcastle College of Advanced Education grounds in approximately 12 to 15 minutes if they leave the bus at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education bus stop.

Address

Mr W. Randall, the Manager of the Newcastle Branch of the A.M.P. Society, will give an address to students and staff in Seminar Room 113, Social Sciences Building, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15.

This talk is of particular interest to Arts graduates, Commerce graduates and indeed graduates from any other Faculty who are interested in employment in commercial enterprise.

Every graduating student is invited to attend.

Chekhov on film

The 1978 series of films of Anton Chekhov stories was well-received, prompting the Department of Community Programmes to offer a second season, as follows:

November 16 - The Lady with the Dog (Director, Josef Heifitz).
November 23 - The Duel (Bere tantsova and Rudnik).
November 30 - The Shooting Party (Emil Lotyanou).

All screenings will be in 801 beginning at 8 pm.

Change

The office of the Administrative Officer who handles examinations, Miss G. Jones, has been moved and, in consequence, her telephone number has been changed from 617 to 616.

Mrs. Judith Donegan, BA, will be awarded the 1979 Goethe Prize for scholastic performance in German.

The Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. W. Frank, will visit the University on November 1 to present the prize to Mrs. Donegan, who gained high distinctions in every year of her course.

Formerly Judith Gordon, of Adamstown, she is presently studying for a Diploma in Education in Sydney.

Alan Renouf's Visit

A lecture by Mr. Alan Renouf, former Australian Ambassador to the United States, is to be presented by Convocation as the next in its members' night series.

The lecture will be given in Lecture Theatre E01 on November 7 at 8 pm. Supper will be provided afterwards in the Staff House of the University. Everybody is welcome.

Vladimir and Estragon in the Drama Department's production of Samuel Beckett's Waiting For Godot, scheduled to open in the Drama Theatre on November 1. There will be further performances on November 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 and matinees on November 8, 9 and 10. The cast is headed by Gary McLean (Vladimir) and Gary Abbott (Estragon).
SPORT

Instruction in Catamaran Sailing will be made available, subject to sufficient student and staff interest, in Belmont Bay from December 10 to 21. You can telephone Mr. Jock Armstrong, on extension 469, for particulars.

Water Skiing at the Aquatic Centre, Raymond Terrace, or Speers Point, on Fridays, November 31, December 7 and December 14, 9 am to noon. Students and staff are invited to participate. Please contact Mr. Armstrong.

An afternoon, or evening, cruise on Lake Macquarie in early December. A cruise lasting some three hours is envisaged. Barbecue facilities are available on a BYO BBQ and refreshments basis. Swim if you wish. The cost is approximately $2 per person. Please telephone Mr. Armstrong.

Aquatic week-end Myuna Bay or Myall Lakes in early December. Power boat, water skis, Catamarans and Kayaks supplied. BYO sleeping bag, food etc. Cost is $4 per person. This includes one free BBQ. Please telephone Jock Armstrong.

Should Kite Flying, Quoits and Carpet Bowls prove to be sufficiently interesting they will be made available on the campus speedily. Please telephone Jock Armstrong, Activities Organiser (extension 469), or call at Room T23 in the Temporary Building.

Congratulations to these winning finalists in the Campus competitions: Basketball - Brian's Bombers (Civil Engineering), Indoor Soccer - Edwards Hall 1, Round Robin Squash (Teams event) - ‘Mostly’ (Civil Engineering), Touch Football - ‘Gunners’ (Administration), Volleyball (Male) - Mathematics. Presentations of trophies will take place when a date is specified.

In the near future a notice will appear in the Squash Courts seeking entries for the 1980 Newcastle and District Autumn Squash Competition (starting mid-March 1980). If you are interested in playing competition squash for the University, either as a team (with three others), or as an individual, append your name, address and telephone number to the list. Alternatively, contact the Club’s Secretary, Dr. John Gamble, (extension 278) or the Amenities Office. The University was represented in the recent challenge match between the Women’s Squash Racquets Association of Sydney and Newcastle. The University team represented Newcastle in C Grade and won both its matches, conceding a single rubber.

The team members were Trish Stanton, Joan Weston, Menka Weddell, Frances Gamble and Jenny Sager. Congratulations.

A combined Australian Universities Cricket Team will play the touring MCC Team in Adelaide from November 22 to 25. Players nominated from Newcastle are Tim Curran, Peter Briggs and Chris Boasty and it is expected that the team will consist of mainly first class players.

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Newcastle players selected in the State Practice squads have been using University No.1 oval's facilities every Wednesday under the direction of former State Player Kerry Thompson. The oval's facilities will also be used by the visiting MCC team on November 15 and 16 prior to their two one-day matches against a Northern NSW team at Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground on November 17 and 18.
Gunners again

The Commonwealth Bank's Campus Touch Football competition was completed on October 17 at No. 2 oval.

Minor premiers, the Admin. Gunners (translated as, so many were 'Gunna play' and so few did), had defeated Rah Rahs 4 - 2 in the semi, whilst Joe Drzyzga, Neil Peck and Harry Carroll led Admin.

The second half saw play continually sweeping the length of the field, both sides having several scoring chances only to be repelled by last-ditch defence.

Finally, with time running out (and the Gunners conditioning), Fat Jack Abbott received a long pass from Coach/Captain Peck, ran (7) 20 metres before diving over in the corner to score the winning try. Admin. had again emerged victorious.

The game, which was played at a very fast pace entertained a very large crowd (pro-Admin., thanks to Cate Fogarty and Glenda White for financing the scenery) and conducted in fine spirit.

Even though Edwards Hall had defeated the Gunners 2 - 0 in both competition matches, they took defeat in fine style and no doubt will be attempting to stop the Admin. side from gaining their third successive title in 1980.

Thanks must be extended to Jock Armstrong for conducting the series and overcoming several problems regarding grounds. Also to Paul Tracy for refereeing the final under trying conditions.

It is to be hoped that all teams will be back in 1980 enjoying the facilities available on Campus.

RITCHIE BLANCH,
A Gunner

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Mick Young

Mr. Mick Young, Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, will come to the University on November 12 to give a public talk in the Drama Theatre at 11 a.m.

Mr. Young was Federal Secretary of the Australian Labor Party from 1969 to 1973 and entered Federal Parliament as MP for Port Adelaide in 1974.

His visit to the University was arranged by the Eleventh of November Committee, a group of staff members which believes that the constitutional problems highlighted by the events in Canberra in November 1975, must not be forgotten.

The Hon. Frank Walker, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice in NSW, delivered the first lecture for the Eleventh of November Committee last year.

Coal mining talks

At least 200 people are expected to attend the Third Public Discussion on Coal Mining Development in Singleton Shire on November 9. The audience will embody representatives of community, mining, municipal, government and other interests.

Sponsored by the Department of Community Programmes and members of the coal mining industry, the discussion aims at allowing citizens and civic and mining representatives from the fast-developing Upper Hunter to establish contact and afford the various interests an opportunity to learn about each others requirements.

The major items for debate this year include the report of the interdepartmental Committee Investigating Coal Mining Beneath the Alluvial Lands of the Hunter Valley and the apprenticeship requirements in the Upper Hunter in the 1980’s.

The Public Discussion will be officially opened by the Shire President (Cr. N.W. McNamara).

FELLOWSHIPS 1890/81

Two AVCC Visiting fellowships will be awarded for Australian scholars to visit universities in:

Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

The fellowships are intended to cover the cost of travel and subsistence to a maximum value of $3,000.

Copies of the Conditions of Award are available from the Student Administration Office. To meet the AVCC closing date, applications must be submitted to The Secretary, University of Newcastle by November 30.

Resignations

Mr. N.J. Hensley, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine.

Simon, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Mathematics.

Appointments

Ms. K.V. Leonard, Stenographer, Department of Education.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED: Violin or any other string instruments in any condition whatsoever. Also interested in old timber frame piano. Please telephone: 43 7383.

WANTED: FEMALEs are invited to apply for the position of crew on a 29ft yacht cruising the Whitsunday Islands (off Central Queensland Coast) in late November early December. Successful applicant will be chartered by two final year Engineering students. Cost in the vicinity of $350 for eight days. Further details available from Electrical Engineering Secretary, Betty Fewings (extension 591).

POSITIONS WANTED: TYPING

Mrs. Morten, Cardiff, would like to type these, reports, occasional papers. Please telephone: 64 6060.

Mrs. Christine Hills, experienced typist with IBM electric typewriter available for the typing of reports, articles, theses etc. for staff and students. Prompt and accurate service. Please telephone: 43 0177.

Pat Blackwell, 2 Dudley Street, Charlestown, would like to type theses, reports, occasional papers etc. Please telephone: 43 1481.

Mrs. J. Scott, 35 Cowislaw Street, Redhead would like to type these, reports, occasional papers etc. Please telephone: 49 0175. Mrs. Scott has an Adler Golf Ball machine.

FOR SALE

Phillips car radio with two speakers and antenna. The lot for $35.00. Telephone extension 675.

FLUTE - silver plated Bore. Good pin replacement, in excellent condition. Inspection welcome $150. Please telephone extension 534 or after hours: 43 4505.

Fibreglass Runabout 12’, 20 H.P. Mercury Outboard, back to back seating, forward controls, Brooker trailer, all A1 condition. $1,700 ono. Phone extension 556.

FOR RENT: FURNISHED HOUSE

Available from December 1 to end of February 1980 (all conveniences). For further information please contact Wm Thompson: 57 2166 Kotara.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Any staff member whose house will become available for rent in the early future can negotiate with Mr. Colin Fitzgerald, of 9 Red Chapel Avenue, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7004. Mr. Fitzgerald is seeking a suitable property for renting for an initial period beginning November 19.

WANTED TO RENT

FLAT or HOUSE, Belmont-Swansea area or the Lake, for one month from December 31. Please telephone Gwen Southward, University Union: 56 3717.

MUSICIAN

Mr. Benny T. Gomes is available for immediate start. Mr. Gomes plays all types of music. Please telephone: 68 4337 (54 Tigne Street, Waratah).

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Christmas Dinner of the Hunter Valley Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women, Southern Cross Lounge.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pre-Christmas Dinner of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Union Common Room, speaker Mr. K.L. Hardy, retired diplomat and director of the AIIA in Canberra. Room 102. (Social Sciences Building)

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