RESEARCH GRANTS SUMMARY

More than $900,000 worth of research grants have been awarded to the staff of the University of Newcastle for research this year.

Among grants recently announced are a total of $141,061 from the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council (NERDDC).

Newcastle University staff received from the Australian Research Grants Committee for 1979 a record total of $300,175 for a record total of 14 research projects.

The University attracted support from the National Health and Medical Research Council for 14 research projects valued at $150,794. (Details of the ARG and NH and MRC grants were published in University News last November.)

The University has recently been awarded a grant of $51,000, spread over two years, for a project entitled "Education in the Cost-Effective Use of Laboratory Radiological Investigations in Clinical Decision-Making".

The grant will be used to employ professional staff, under the direction of Professor Rufus Clarke, Professor of Anatomy, to assist members of the Faculty of Medicine and the local medical profession to develop and evaluate an educational programme for newly-qualified doctors, based on the educational principles and experiences of the Faculty of Medicine's undergraduate education programme.

Professor Clarke explained that consideration of cost-effective clinical decision-making does not figure prominently in most undergraduate medical curricula. The project is an attempt, he says, to determine whether encouraging newly-qualified doctors to consider the cost and effectiveness of the investigations that they order has an effect on the pattern of decision-making and test ordering in hospitals.

Here is a summary of the sources of support for research to be undertaken at the University this year:

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TO THE EDITOR,

Dear Editor,

My first reaction on reading Mick Barr’s anguished letter in University News Vol. 5. No. 1 was one of empathy and frustration at the mind-boggling obstructionism of bureaucracies.

Second thoughts were, if the University rejected the scheme because of expense only but had no objection to the signs themselves (assuming this premise to be correct) then why on earth can’t the SRC get themselves together and make some signs and put them up.

I believe the scheme to be a very worthy one for a number of economic and social reasons, and I would urge the SRC to pursue it in spite of setbacks.

Surely there’s enough money, talent, time and interest in the student body to do something constructive in the way of self-help.

It’s all very well to bitch against the bureaucracy, but God helps those who help themselves.

Robin Loftus.

BALL FOR GRADUANTS AND THEIR FRIENDS

The Graduation Ball, usually a very successful occasion for graduands and their friends, will be held in the Great Hall on April 28.

Music, supper and liquor will be provided between 8 pm and 2 am. Two bands will provide continuous dance music and there will be a Light Show.

Mr. John Burne, Activities Officer of the Union, will be in charge of the night’s revels.

The cost per person is $15, which includes supper and a full liquor service.

A spokesman for the organisers, Convocation, stated that this year it would not be possible to reserve seats according to a loge plan. Tickets would entitle people to be admitted to the hall, not to particular seats. Consequently, graduands who arrived early would have a choice of tables and parties who arrived early would be able to sit together if they wished.

To ensure that people who will graduate on April 21 and 28 have priority Convocation will make tickets available to them by mail. If a cheque, a letter saying how many tickets are required and a stamped addressed envelope is sent to the University Union the tickets required will be posted. Mail bookings will close on March 30.

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S WELCOME

Welcoming new students on March 5 Professor Don George said he encouraged students to be bold in their approaches for help.

Professor George, speaking in the sun-filled Union Courtyard with a beach umbrella for shade, said: “Remember, members of the academic staff are once students themselves; Vice-Chancellors were, too. We are not unsympathetic. Being a student is not all beer and skittles”.

A lot of things of interest, he said were mentioned in the “Blue News”, the summary of student services, available in the Union. This provided a start as regards the services available on the campus - the Student’s Representative Council, the Counselling Service and the Sports Union.

Professor George suggested that new students become fully informed about all the sources of support available to them and remember to need them.

“I hope you achieve the ambitions that have led you to this beautiful university; you will get most by giving, by pulling your weight and by contributing to student activities”.

HEART ATTACK STUDY RECEIVES HELP

The response from the people of the Valley to the Hunter Valley Heart Attack Study has been good. No less than 236 cases have been received from hospitals, doctors, ambulance men, police and funeral directors.

The study aims to find out why there has been a decline in the number of fatal heart attacks in middle-aged men in Australia.

There are several schools of thought on this. It is because people are becoming more aware of information through the media on smoking, exercise and dietary habits? Perhaps it is due to better medical care for patients who have had a heart attack. Maybe there are other reasons.

The Director of the Heart Attack Study, Professor Stephen R. Leeder, Professor of Community Medicine at this University, has provided the following statistics about the study, which commenced last October.

Since October 236 instances of confirmed or suspected heart attacks were clustered (163 men and 73 women). Of these, eight people were re-registered, i.e. they had a re-occurrence, and eleven died.

BRITISH THEOLOGIAN TO GIVE LECTURES

This year’s Morpeth Lecturer is Father Mark Gibbard, of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, who is a distinguished British theologian and writer.

Father Gibbard’s general topic will be Jesus and Spirituality Today. He will present the Morpeth Lectures in Lecture Theatre E01 on March 22 and 29 and April 5 at 8 pm.

The annual lecture series is arranged in association with the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle to present each year to the clergy and laitymen of all denominations in the Hunter Region a theological scholar of world stature in an important area of Christian studies.

Father Gibbard is a graduate of both Cambridge and Oxford Universities. He has lectured and attended major conferences in most countries and has held extended visiting lecturerships at several major U.S. Theological Seminaries.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The winner of the 1978 Newton-John Award will be honoured by Convocation on March 31.

The actual award, which will be presented by the Warden of Convocation at a special dinner/dance in the Southern Cross lounge, is a wood carving by Don Norris, the University Planner.

A well-known sculptor, Mr. Norris was commissioned by Convocation to produce a suitable award.

Professor B. Newton-John joined the staff of the University in 1969 and retired in 1974. As well as being Professor of German Literature, he was Vice-Principal of the University and a Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

The award to which Convocation gave his name is presented to a graduate of this University who has been judged to have demonstrated innovation or creativity in any field.

Enquiries about the dinner/dance can be made to extension 275.
The University has established a fully-equipped electron microscope unit for use by researchers in a wide variety of scientific fields.

The unit represents a significant development by the University, as it will now be possible to satisfy nearly all the research and educational needs of the University in the electron microscopy field. The unit can also render a service to community users through TUNRA, the University's research company.

Installation of the Electron Microscope Unit has followed the purchase of a modern transmission microscope capable of magnifications of two million or more. This $130,000 unit has been combined with two other electron microscopes and associated facilities in an area on Level 1 of the Medical Sciences Building.

These microscopes and equipment are provided in the unit:

- An AEI EM6G transmission electron microscope, suitable for work in the metallurgy and materials science fields. Accelerating voltages up to 100,000 volts are available.

- The new transmission microscope, a JEOL JEM 100CX, serving both biological and materials scientists. A Japanese instrument, it incorporates the latest developments in the field and is suitable for both research and teaching purposes.

- A JEOL JXA-50A scanning microscope which is capable of magnification of both small and large (25mm diameter) specimens, and can be used for chemical analysis of minute areas of a specimen.

- Specimen preparation equipment including an ultramicrotome for the preparation of extremely thin sections, and apparatus for coating specimens with thin layers of carbon or gold.

The AEI EM6G microscope was built in the United Kingdom and purchased in 1966 with funds derived from the Australian Research Grants Committee, while the JEOL JXA-50A, the scanning microscope, was acquired in 1975. Until the central unit was established, these instruments were housed in the Metallurgy Building.

Transmission electron microscopes were in use soon after World War II. The scanning electron microscope first became available commercially in the 1960's.

 Whereas the transmission type requires specimen sections less than 1/10,000th of a mm thick, prepared using ultramicrotomes and possibly involving several days' work, the scanning type is able to use bulk specimens with a minimum of preparation. It is capable of displaying images of the surface shape of such diverse objects as bacteria, insects, mineral grains and fractured surfaces at magnifications ranging from less than 30 times or more than 100,000.

The new transmission microscope was commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor D.W. George, on February 28, when a representative gathering of people from the University and the community inspected the unit.

NEWCASTLE'S 1979 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Graduands of the University will receive their degrees in three conferring of degrees ceremonies on April 21 and 28.

The Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan, will confer the degrees.

The details of the ceremonies:

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
10.30 am Faculty of Arts

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
9.15 am Faculties of Architecture, Mathematics and Science.
INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

FACE UNIVERSITIES

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee believes that industrial matters will continue to be a major issue for Australian universities in 1979.

A report considered by members of the Committee on February 20 maintains that trade union activity involving university non-teaching staff continues both at the State and Federal levels, but recent developments have resulted in the involvement of academic staff also.

On January 16, 1979 notice of an application by the Association of Australian University Staff seeking registration as an employee organisation under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act appeared in the Australasian University Gazette. The organisation has the same President, Vice-President and General Secretary as FAUSA.

Towards the end of 1978 the University of Western Australia Academic Staff Association served a log of claims on the University of Western Australia to obtain a State award covering existing conditions of employment.

In Victoria, FAUSA, acting on behalf of the four academic staff associations, has made application to the appropriate State Minister for the establishment of a Wages Board to regulate conditions of service of academic staff at the Victorian universities.

On January 16, 1979 the University Academic Staff Association of N.S.W. sought an industrial agreement on conditions of employment with the University of Newcastle.

On January 31, 1979 the Minister for Administrative Services announced the appointment of Mr. Justice J. B. Ludeke as the Academic Salaries Tribunal in succession to Mr. Justice W. B. Cambell, for a period of one year from January 1, 1979.

The Academic Salaries Tribunal has given notice that it will sit in Sydney on February 26 to hear the views of interested parties on questions of practice and procedure in relation to matters brought before the Tribunal.

The implications of these developments for universities, which depend so much on a contribution by academic staff to the internal government and management, are being examined.

OTHER MATTERS

The AVCC Executive has met with Professor D.N.F. Dunbar, Chairman of the Universities Council, for discussions on a variety of matters, including a number arising from Volume 2 of the TEC Report for the 1971-81 Triennium. The matters discussed were: superannuation; entry scores; evaluative studies; ethnic studies; TEC Report in 1981; for 1982-82 Triennium; staff development and career opportunities; enrolment trends; funding of overseas postgraduate students in some faculties; admission of Chinese students to Australian universities; university advertising; admission of CAE staff and graduates for higher degrees in universities; university research and ASTEC; and part-time academic salaries.

The AVCC has congratulated its Chairman, Professor Rupert Myers, on his appointment as Chairman of the Inquiry into Technological Change in Australia. Professor Myers has expressed the hope that members of universities with special expertise in the field will be available as consultants or to make submissions on matters relevant to the Inquiry.

On December 7, 1977, the AVCC commissioned Dr. D. M. Myers, former Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University, to undertake a study on academic staffing issues facing universities. Dr. Myers' report entitled 'University Staffing in a Static Situation' has now been received. The AVCC has the report under consideration and has decided to release it as an Occasional Paper, as soon as sufficient copies are available, for discussion within universities and other interested organisations. The AVCC will welcome comments on the issues raised in the report.

The AVCC is monitoring the moves by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments to amend the Acts of the Australian National University and the University of Melbourne respectively to provide for voluntary membership of student organisations.

A Bill to amend the A.N.U. Act was introduced into the Federal Parliament on November 24, 1978; and it is expected that the Victorian Government will introduce new legislation to bring the Melbourne University Act into line with the Commonwealth Act.

The AVCC is following with interest the discussions which are taking place on a possible return to shared financial responsibilities between the Commonwealth and State governments by universities and colleges of advanced education. It is aware that this matter was discussed at length at the meeting of the Australian Educational Council held on December 5 and 8, 1978.

The AVCC has expressed some concern about certain restrictions on the publication of results achieved by grantees under the National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Programme. It is taking the matter up with the Government.

The AVCC has forwarded a detailed submission to the Department of Science and Environment in response to an invitation from it to comment on a proposal for a scheme of industrial fellowships in Australia to encourage greater interaction between research workers in tertiary education institutions and those in industry. The AVCC supports the proposed scheme, examples of which already operate in the United Kingdom and Canada.

The AVCC understands that the report of the Inquiry into Education and Training will be available by the end of March, and it has decided therefore to hold its previously postponed Conference of University Governing Bodies, on the theme 'Universities to the Year 2000', in Canberra on March 4 and 5, 1979, and new invitations will be issued in the near future.

BANISH MISFORTUNE

The Alaskan folk-singing duo, Banish Misfortune, have given a public concert in the Union of the University on March 23 at 8 pm.

Consisting of Laurie Pelon and Rusty Sabella, the group have been performing across the United States and Canada for the past five years.

In Alaska their shows have taken them to the major cities as well as to many of the bush communities and they have been included in the Alaska State Council on the Arts Shows to Go programme.

Banish Misfortune performs a musical potpourri of songs, dances and reels from Ireland, bawdy and traditional music from America, and Renaissance and Elizabethan songs.
Grants may be made for the establishment of new projects or to supplement outside grants and may include expenses which the outside agency will not consider as a matter of policy. Grants will not normally be made to cover expenses which could be obtained from the outside agency but were not requested or were rejected.

Requests for small amounts to finance on-going research or visits to nearby cities which the Committee believes should be met from the Departmental allocations for special research and recurrent funds will not normally be considered. Grants will not be made to cover the cost of pre-prints, reprints or page charges for journal articles.

Overseas Conferences Travel Grant - Grants for overseas conference attendance are restricted to applicants of the grade of full-time Senior Tutor or above. Applicants must be presenting a paper or occupying some senior office at a conference of international standing. Overseas Conferences do not include conferences held in New Zealand or Papua-New Guinea. The maximum Overseas Conference Travel Grant will be $700 per applicant per annum.

Application Procedure: Application forms may be obtained from Mr. J.S. Boydell, Secretary's Division, extension 341 and completed forms should be submitted to him by 5 PM on MONDAY, APRIL 2.

There will be a second opportunity to apply for Overseas Conference Travel Grants only later in the year. The closing date for the second round of applications will be MONDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Any member of staff wishing to have more details about these grants is invited to contact Mr. J.S. Boydell, the Secretary to the Committee.

FILMS IN GERMAN

The German Section of the Department of Modern Languages will be screening German feature films, newsreels and documentaries on a regular basis during First Term. The screenings will be every second Wednesday from 12 to 2 PM in the Language Laboratory (G28b/Arts Administration Building). Anybody interested in German Films is welcome to attend.

March 14: Deutschlandspiegel

Wozaak (Opera by Alban Berg based on Georg Büchner's play "Woyzeck")

AUSTRALIA WATCHED

The University received credit across Australia on March 3 because of the singing ability of Barry Hill, Professional Officer in Mechanical Engineering. Barry who was a semifinalist in National Star Quest, a talent show broadcast by a network of TV stations, was introduced as staff member of the University.

He is a baritone who has been singing seriously for several years and has performed on the stage in five productions. Next June Man of La Mancha will be presented by the Novocastrian Musical Society at the Young People's Theatre. Barry has a role in the show.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Applications are invited for the allocation of Special Research Funds in Response to Individual Submissions.

Three types of grant are available - Research Grant Type A, Research Grant Type B and Overseas Conference Travel Grant.

Research Grant Type A - Allocations to members of staff at junior academic level. These funds are intended to support the research activities of members of staff at junior academic levels to the point where support from outside agencies will be attracted.

Applicants must be employed or have access to permanent probationary fixed term appointments as lecturers, tutors or senior tutors on the staff of the University of Newcastle. All grades should hold appointments at least to the end of 1979. Such persons must have completed a research higher degree or equivalent and at the time of first application must be in the first three years of their academic career following completion of their higher degree. The Committee interprets academic career as employment in a University, Research Institute or equivalent institution. The qualifying period of three years will be counted from the completion of the latest research higher degree to be awarded.

Research Grant Type B - Allocations to Senior Research Investigators. These funds are intended to provide support to persons of very high calibre who have completed research of a standard that most likely attracted support from outside agencies. Persons who have previously attracted or currently hold funds from outside bodies such as the Australian Research Grants Committee are eligible to apply.
THEATRE ON CAMPUS

Linda Raponn-Coe, one of the characters in Counting the Ways. Drama Department students are off to an early start this year. In the second week of first term they will present a mini-festival of theatre, combining a new wave American drama from March 12 to 16 commencing at 11.30 am with lunch at 12.30 pm. A barbecue will be held at the conclusion of play at approximately 5.30 pm.

The lunch-time show in the Green Room, which is free, is a one-act Australian play, Man on the Mountain, by Irene Summy. It presents a woman's view of male/female relationships. The performances will be given daily from March 12 to 16 commencing at 1.10 pm.

The evening show in the Drama Theatre will give Newcastle a chance to see something of the new-wave American drama. It consists of a recent play by Edward Albee, Counting the Ways, and a short piece, The Line, by Israel Horowitz, one of the leading writers to emerge from the American fringe theatre of the late sixties. The performances will be given on March 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 24 commencing at 8.15 pm.

The evening of new-wave American drama will also provide an opportunity for viewing the work of some of our most promising student directors.

Tana Barfield, who is responsible for Counting the Ways, is a fourth-year honours student and the production is a part of her honours project.

Ian Watson, who is directing The Line, is from Drama III and was responsible for some spectacularly fine productions in 1978, notably Sam Shepard's Red Cross. Ian's production represents part of a continuing effort on his part to set up an alternative theatre group in Newcastle, the Warehouse Theatre.

SPOR TING NEWS

The University will be host for the annual cricket match between the administrations of New South Wales and Newcastle Universities on March 18. The match will be played on University No. 2 Oval commencing at 11 am with lunch at 12.30 pm. A barbecue will be held at the conclusion of play at approximately 5.30 pm.

University Golf Club will conduct a Get Together Day on Friday, March 23. The venue for the event will be Steelworks Golf Club and the starting time is noon.

Stableford and four-ball best-ball competitions will be conducted. Prizes will be provided for players with the best cards, as will a light snack after the golf.

The cost of the day is $3 plus greenfees. Participants are requested to contact Mr. Ian Joliffe, of the Department of Civil Engineering, extension 720 by Monday, March 19. All are welcome.

FROM THE UNION

Major changes have been made in hours of opening in the Union. The Fast Food Bar is now opened from 11.30 am to 2 pm and from 4.30 pm to 8 pm on Mondays and Fridays, and from 11.30 am to 8.30 pm on other weekdays.

The Billiards and Snooker Room in the Union has been refurbished. The four tables have been recovered and new balls and new cues have been provided. Cues and balls and table tennis bats and balls can only be obtained from the Bank Agency in exchange for student ID cards.

Due to unforeseen problems the proposed sandwich bar in the gallery near the Common Room will not commence trading until March 13. A large variety of fresh sandwiches will be provided.

There are three vacant positions on the Management Board of the Union that are open to members of the Union elected by the students. Nominations for election to the positions close on March 14. Polling will take place from March 19 to March 23.

During 1978 an office formerly occupied by a Student Counsellor became vacant. The Union Board of Management decided to allocate the office for the remainder of the year to student representatives of the Council and the Senate. The Board also decided to advertise the availability of the office at the beginning of the 1979 academic year and to invite student groups interested in using the office to apply to the Board which would allocate the office to the persons or groups whom it determined had the greatest need. Applications have been invited for the use of the office this year.
**DON DUNSTAN LECTURE**

On November 17 Mr. Don Dunstan delivered a lecture on "Women's Rights in the Great Hall to more than 1,000 Newcastle citizens. Since then he has been forced by illness to resign as Premier of the State of South Australia.

The University and Convocation have published Mr. Dunstan's lecture, entitled "Women's Rights: the Challenge of Social Democracy."

Copies are available to interested persons from the Publicity Office, Room LG32, Arts/Administration Building.

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**A NEW DIALECTIC**

Newcastle University Philosophy Club has published Vol. 16 of its journal, *Debates*, which contains these contributions:

Dr. H. Beran of the University of Wollongong, Political Authority and Consent; Assoc. Professor W. Donie of the University of Newcastle, Hegel and the Alleged Self-Contradiction of Motion; Mr. P. Harris of the University of Sydney, Ayn Rand's Objectivist Ethics; Mr. R. Poole of Macquarie University, Desire, Fear and the Self; Dr. R. Robinson of the University of Newcastle, Can Natural Theology's First Cause be God of the Bible.

This volume was edited by Robert Britts, assisted by W. Donie. Copies are obtainable from the Philosophy Department Office for $1.

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**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS ON 2NUR-FM**

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<td>At 69 years of age the distinguished social anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss is Professor of Anthropology at the College de France in Paris. He has written extensively on his subject and his books include THE SAVE MIND and THE ELEMENTARY STRUCTURES OF KINSHIP. For the 1978 Massey Lectures he has taken the theme 'Myth and Meaning'. (RCI) These programmes are weekly and are repeated Wednesdays 12 noon.</td>
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<td>Frederick Menkens the most important architect working in Newcastle at the end of the 19th century designed the Longworth Institute, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, The Baptist Tabernacle and the Cohen Warehouse. An exhibition planned by Newcastle architect Brian Suters to mark the centenary of Menkens' arrival in Australia was first shown at the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery after which it went on display in Sydney. Brian Suters discusses four aspects of Menkens' legacy.</td>
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Mr Hodges, an officer from the Commonwealth Department of Education, will be visiting the University on the following dates to assist students:

Wednesday 14 March, Thursday 15 March, Wednesday 26 March and Thursday 29 March.

The location will be Room T29 (Amenities Section).
**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

To celebrate its 25th anniversary the Australian Academy of Science in Canberra has arranged three weeks of special activities for the public. Commencing on March 7. As well as a science exhibition, films, lectures and displays, there will be symposia, with eminent scientists taking part, on March 27, 28 and 29. Mr. J.W. Armstrong, of the Secretary's Division, holds material dealing with the special activities.

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**ADVERTISEMENTS**

Buy a $5 "brick" to help the National Trust Appeal for the completion of Newcastle Cathedral. "Bricks" available at French Section office (6.39) or telephone extension 358. Donations are tax deductible.

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**DIARY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**
- Newcastle Film Society screening, 8011, 8 pm. **Farewell My Lovely**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13**
- Stan’s Bar, Singalong with Peter (Fingers) Mitchell, 7.30 pm.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**
- Evening concert, singer/guitarist/pianist Meryl Petein, Common Room, 8 pm.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**
- At Home, Matchbox, $2 students and $3 guests (I.D. Cards essential), 8 pm.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**
- A one-day seminar on Problems of Coping with Bereavement, jointly presented by the Department of Community Programmes and the Faculty of Medicine, Room VIII, 9.15 am to 4 pm.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**
- A.G.M. University Engineering Fraternity, Dining Room, The Union. All welcome. Free refreshments, 7.30 pm.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**
- Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia, guest speaker Mr. Kevin Harris, topic knowledge and education, Auchmuty Room, The Union, 7.30 pm.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**
- University Cricket Club's annual dinner, Staff House, Guest Speaker, Mr. P. Bennett, member of Australian Cricket Board of Control. $50 for ticket (available from the Amenities Office), 7.30 pm.

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**UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING SERVICE**

**COURSES**

- **ASSERTIVE TRAINING** (how to deal assertively with people), eight weekly lectures commencing March 14.
- **EFFICIENT READING** (how to increase reading speed), six weekly sessions commencing March 21.
- **STUDY SKILLS** (improving study methods), five weekly sessions commencing March 22.

**ADMISSIONS**

If you are interested in any of these courses would you please see University Counselling in Room L63 Administration Building.