New Oval Materialising

A combination of favourable growing conditions and fertilisation has allowed rapid progress to be made with work on No.3 Oval. The Electricity Commission of New South Wales and the University are jointly constructing the playing area, which covers almost the same area as No.1 Oval. The new oval will be used as a cricket field in summer, starting next season, and as a soccer field and a hockey oval (concurrently) in winter.

When construction commenced earlier this year sufficient finance was available to complete only half of the project. Now it has been decided to complete the entire oval in the very near future. The University will have the use of the oval for an initial period of ten years.

Enrolments

Enrolment of students as at April 30 totalled 4364 compared with 4429 in 1978. This represents an annual rate of decrease of 1% compared with 4% for 1977-78. The enrolment for higher degrees increased this year from 391 to 403 - a gain of 3%.

There has been a 2% fall in the enrolment in other than higher degrees, now 3961 as against 4038 in 1978.

Of the total enrolment 55% is full-time and 45% part-time.

This compares with 58% and 42% respectively in 1978. In terms of students the full-time enrolment is 2392 and the part-time 1937. The male student numbers are 2735 or 63% of the total, and the female enrolment 1629, or 37%. In 1978, 64% was male and 36% female.

The number of students from overseas has continued to fall from 188 in 1977, 160 in 1978 to 145 in 1979.

The greater number of our overseas students came from: Singapore 33, Hong Kong 29, Malaysia 15, India 8, Indonesia 8 and Fiji 7. Students also came from Bangladesh, Botswana, Brunei, Finland, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Mauritius, Nigeria, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Africa, Sri-Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

Nutrition

A Nutrition course will begin at the Health Service on June 11 at 6.30 pm. Anyone interested in finding out more about the value of different foods and the "hows and whys" of eating will be welcome.

Pop into the Health Service and let Joy know if you're thinking of coming.
Visiting Director

Visiting Director, Kim Boucher, has arrived on the campus and commenced work for the Department of Drama on a production of A Man’s A Man, by Bertolt Brecht.

A Man’s A Man is thought to be the first Brecht play presentation in Newcastle for many years.

Written by Brecht in 1926, the play, which deals with the adaptability of human beings, will be staged in the Drama Theatre. The three-week season begins on June 20. It will be the second visit to the University by an experienced director this year.

Aare Naene, the well-known stage producer, visited the University in April and May and collaborated with the Department of Drama on productions of The Real Inspector Hound, by Tom Stoppard, and The Cripple, by Sheridan. Reviews of these presentations were very favourable.

A Man’s A Man contains similarities with Charlie Chaplin’s film, The Gold Rush, which was released shortly before Brecht wrote the play. It contradicts the myth that Brecht’s plays are gloomy and unfelicitous. In fact, many of the playwright’s works, like A Man’s A Man, are comedies. The Man of the title is a Charlie Chaplin-like figure, who is converted into a soldier despite his best intentions.

The play, based on the poems of Rudyard Kipling, is set in a German version of the British Raj in India.

STAFF MEMBER HAS ADVICE FOR EDUCATORS

Dr. Eddie Braggett, of the Department of Education, delivered one of the major papers at the 15th National Conference of the Australian Preschool Association, held in conjunction with the International Year of the Child activities in Australia.

More than 600 delegates from all Australian states, New Zealand, U.S.A. and Canada attended the Conference in Sydney in May.

In his address, Dr. Braggett claimed that Early Childhood Educators had neglected to involve parents in their own children’s education, and that consequently preschool education had become institutionalized to the detriment of the children and their families. Research had indicated the need to involve parents if long-term effects of preschool education were to be materialized.

Dr. Braggett claimed also that most children experienced dis-

continuity of educational experiences as they moved from the preschool centre to the primary school. Again the parents were ignored in this transition and they frequently failed to discern any continuity in this phase of their children’s education.

Dr. Braggett has since been requested to act as consultant to the Australian Capital Territory Schools Authority and Special Education Services of the New South Wales Department of Education.

ELECTION AT UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Professor D.M. McCallum has been re-elected Chairman of the Professorial Board of the University of New South Wales for a further two years from July 1.

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Mr. Duggan has come here after having worked with a well-known actor and former student of the University, Mr. Colin Anderson, at the Riverina College of Advanced Education in Wagga Wagga. Mr. Anderson is head of the College’s Department of Drama, to which Mr. Boucher was attached for five weeks collaborating with students on studying the Theatre of The Abund.

Before going to Wagga Wagga Mr. Boucher was a teacher at the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney. He had had experience, first, with the Radio Drama and Features Department of the A.B.C., and later as a student in the Director’s Course at NIDA. He came originally from Melbourne.

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Newcastle University Athletics Club members have acquitted themselves well in recent races.

In the Newcastle and Central Coast Branch Road Championships, Terry Wall placed third recording 26:05 for the testing 8 km course.

Mike Beesty, although burdened with a heavy cold, managed a creditable fifth, whilst Dick Parberry (14th) and Stan Tomkins (26th) ran well-judged races.

Terry Wall continued his good form on the following weekend. He placed 18th in the State 25 km Road Championships at Richmond. Terry continues to train strongly and is hoping to reach peak condition for the State Marathon at Newcastle on June 23. Terry was on the line the 1978 Newcastle Central Coast Marathon champion.

The overall strength of the Club has been bolstered recently by the registration of new members, Paul Manuel and Steve Hines. Any other prospective athletes, or fun runners who would like to "get with the strength" (at the subsidised rate of $1.00 for full registration), could contact Dick Parberry at Mechanical Engineering.

Female runners are needed for the forthcoming Inter-varsity Cross Country Championships at the Australian National University. These Championships will be held on two consecutive days in the week August 27 to 31. Anyone interested could contact Dick Parberry and thereby assist in the formation of a complete team for IV.

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the Pavilion Common Room (Squash Complex) on Wednesday, June 27 at 7.30 pm. Any interested are cordially invited to attend.

Coming Events:
2 June - 8km Cross Country Handicap at Munmorah.
9 June - 10km Cross Country Handicap at Cessnock.
9 June - Parramatta Road Races.
16 June - Aberdeen-Muswellbrook Road Races.

For further details (or fun run information) contact Dick Parberry (Mechanical Engineering) or Terry Wall (Chemical Engineering).

**Final placings for Newcastle University teams which competed in inter-varsity contests earlier this month:**
- Badminton: Monash, Fifth
- Hockey (Men): Tasmania, Tenth
- Hockey (Women): Tasmania, Seventh
- Rugby League: U.N.E. Four only converted (won by U.N.E.)
- Volleyball: N.S.W. Fourth (Group A)
- Tennis: N.S.W. Fourth (Group B)
- Squash: N.S.W. Second

The University Squash Championships will be contested during the coming term (more details later). In addition to the University Open Championships there will be championships and Plate (for those eliminated in the first round) events for all grades, plus a novices event.

All students and staff of the University are invited to enter. Entry is free to financial Squash Club members and a small entry fee will be asked of non-members.

Students and staff are advised that the Aquatic Centre at Raymond Terrace, together with the equipment (apart from racing shells), is available for use. Further enquiries should be directed to Mr. Jack Armstrong, Activities Organiser, extension 469.

At the Blues Dinner in the Union on April 27, the guest speaker was the Foundation Vice-Chancellor, Professor J.C. Auchmuty.

Blues were awarded to Mr. Brian Atkins (Rugby) and Mr. Steven Peter Whiteman (Rugby League).

Colours were awarded to Jennifer Bastian (Hockey), Kim Colyvan (Squash) and Mr. Paul Nelson (Hockey).

The President of the Sports Union, Professor Alan Oates, presented gifts from the Sports Union to Mr. Brian O'Shea, Retiring President, and Dr. Ian Beam, the Treasurer.

The Cricket Club's Annual Dinner was held on April 20 in the Staff House. The guest speaker was Mr. Fred Bennett, a member of the Australian Cricket Board.

Inter-varsity Rowing 1980 will be held in the May vacation and hosted by the Australian National University. The President of the Club, Professor Godfrey Tanner, and Boat Club captain Mr. Tom Osborn, advise that the University will boat an eight and a four (men and women) at these championships. Interested parties should contact Tom (672 644) or Jock Armstrong, Activities Organiser (extension 469).

Resurfacing the four University tennis courts has been completed. The work was carried out by Alpine Constructions Pty. Ltd.

University tennis players are highly delighted with the results.

The Tennis Club will conduct social tennis on the courts on Thursday evenings from 7-10 pm commencing June 7. It is anticipated that a coaching class of instruction in tennis will also be arranged. Students and staff are invited to attend.

The University has four men's and two ladies' teams competing in the Newcastle and District Winter Tennis Competition.
Separating Cancer Cells

The Department of Biological Sciences has taken delivery of new cell-sorting apparatus which the Department hopes will open up new possibilities for cancer detection.

The Department is using the apparatus to separate leukemia cells from normal white cells as part of an investigation of changes in the material of chromosomes which lead to cancer.

The Head of the Department (Professor B. Boettcher), who has developed an hypothesis on the induction of cancer, learnt about the cell-sorting apparatus, known as a LACS, when he visited The Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam in 1977. The LACS was developed by Dr. W.S. Bont, a researcher attached to the Institute, and is remarkably cheap compared with other types of modern cell-sorters.

Professor Boettcher stated that the European Molecular Biology Organisation in 1978 compared the capacities of different machines to separate cells. Particular interest was centered on the $150,000 Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter, he said. However, the LACS which costs approximately $1,000 was more efficient in sorting cells. As well, it was able to separate chromosomes from Chinese hamster cells, which the Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter was not able to attempt.

Because of the potential of the machine the apparatus would now be manufactured in Australia by Paton Industries, of Adelaide, under licence to the Dutch manufacturers, De Koningh.

Professor Boettcher’s hypothesis on the step necessary for the induction of cancer stems from his interest ever since his student days in human blood groups.

As he explained to University News: “It is recorded that in many cases of stomach cancer the cancerous tissue expresses blood group compounds that are not found on the red blood cells of the individual concerned. Consideration of this has indicated that genes which the individual carries but which would not express and would transmit unexpressed to future generations become expressed in the cancerous tissues. This indicates that, in the induction of cancer, a procedure for inducing the activity of genes occurs.

“It is known that the chromosome material has been determined. It appears that the histone involved in stopping the expression of genes is the histone termed H1.”

Professor Boettcher stated that consequently he proposed that an initial step in the induction of cancer was the removal of specific sets of histone H1 from unexpressed genes in the chromosomes, leading to the expression of previously inactive genes. This hypothesis was being investigated within the Department.

The principle of the LACS apparatus is that a density gradient is set up in a plastic rectangular cylinder 50cm tall. The mixture of cells to be separated is put on top of the liquid gradient. The apparatus then tilts the plastic chamber through 90° to lie it down horizontal.
The German Section of the Department of Modern Languages will be screening German feature films, newsreels and documentaries every second Wednesday from 12 noon until 2:00 pm in the Language Laboratory (AG28b/Arts Administration Building). Anybody interested in German Films is most welcome to attend.

**Blues Dinner**

The Chancellor cuts the Blues Cake.

Kim Colyvas assisted with his colours by the Vice-Chancellor.

**Blood**

The Blood Bank will be on the campus again on Thursday, June 14 and Friday June 15.

Donors are asked to come to the cafeteria in the Dining Room of the Union between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

In anticipation of an increasing use of bicycles on the University campus, provision was made last year for a number of bicycle stands in strategic locations adjacent to academic buildings. Each stand provides for about ten bicycles and enables riders to chain the frames of their bicycles to the pipe supports for security.
At its meeting in first term the Traffic and Parking Committee was advised that while most bicycle riders were making use of these facilities, some riders were chaining their bicycles to lamp standards or trees around the site. This practice is undesirable because of the obstruction caused to pathways, the damage to paint work on the lamp posts and damage to trees and gardens. Bicycle riders are, therefore, asked to avail themselves of the facilities provided for the parking of bicycles and not to use lamp posts and trees for this purpose. The locations of the existing bicycle stands are shown on the plan.

The Traffic and Parking Committee, which is made up of two representatives from each of the student body, the academic staff and non-academic staff (under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Principal, Professor A.D. Tweedie), advises the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the University Traffic Regulations and associated matters.

The Committee discussed a wide range of matters of concern to users of the University site and drew attention to a variety of ways in which we can all assist the orderly movement of traffic and convenience of users of the University site. Some of these are:

1. The left hand turn lane off Rankin Drive enables two lines of traffic to enter the University at the same time. While this minimises delays for vehicles waiting in Rankin Drive to turn right into the University, it is essential for safety reasons that both lines of vehicles remain within the lane allotted to them. An unbroken centre line is painted on the main entrance driveway up to the pedestrian crossing immediately beyond the main entrance gates. Lane changing should be delayed until the driver is beyond the pedestrian crossing. Here it is safe for the driver to change lanes, so long as normal courtesy is extended by other road users. The diagram of this section of the University road system shows the restrictions applying to this area.

2. Visitors and members of the University arriving at the University site by taxi, or being driven by friends, should use the set down bay near the main directory board on the entrance drive, rather than at the head of the driveway, where the vehicle impedes the safe movement of other vehicles on the University site.

3. Except where rear to kerb parking is signposted (as in the section of ring road immediate below the Library), drivers should park with the front of the vehicle to the kerb. This avoids the risk to other users from towbars or exhaust pipes projecting from the rear of vehicles across pathways, which are provided immediately behind the kerb in many locations.

4. The Committee was advised that additional speed limit signs had been erected at critical points on the road system. However, some motorists continue to drive at dangerous speeds within the University. The Committee is reluctant to recommend the introduction of speed control devices such as "humps" or "dips" at this stage, but all members of the University are requested to observe the speed restrictions applying on the campus in the interests of general safety.

5. Members of the University are requested when leaving the campus to refrain from obstructing buses turning into the University's bus access road as this can cause a build-up of traffic entering the University and increase the risk of accidents.

Appointments

Professor Dennis Biggins, Associate Professor in English, has taken up duties as Acting Head of the University's Department of Drama.

Professor Biggins is expected to serve as Acting Head for approximately a year whilst the Head of the Department, Professor R. Jordan, is on study leave.

Professor C.A. Tisdell, was replaced by Professor L.K. Dyall as Acting Head of the Department of Chemistry from June 1.
MEET THE ANIMALS WEEKEND

An Introduction to Marine Biology presented by the Biology Society.

Time: June 23 and 24
Place: Camping, Boat Harbour; Diving, Boat Harbour and Halfpenny Park.

No previous knowledge required. Tuition by experts, inexperienced, scuba and snorkelers welcome. BYOC. Sheep roast on Saturday night. See either Pam Lake (extension 537) or Jim Stacker (extension 537). Learn to classify crab species. Learn the difference between octopuses and crabs. Interested persons should record their names on the Biology Society Noticeboard in the Biological Sciences Building.

Financial Statements

You're a business or professional person, literate and intelligent.

There is, however, one area that you do not seem to be able to come to grips with: the whole confused, and foggy world of accounting. Conventions and financial mumbo-jumbo, the world of balance sheets, capital and revenue transactions, and the meaning of working capital and the like. You feel slightly guilty about this, because you know it lies at the heart of every business.

You also feel slightly resentful because, deep down inside, you have a suspicion that it is not really all that complicated. You are quite right! It is basically quite simple.

The aim of a different kind of 'shop at the University on June 15 is to explain balance sheets and financial statements to non-accountants who want to understand them. Enrolment costs $20. The workshop will be held in Room 502 in the Social Sciences Building from 2-5 p.m. Films will be shown and Professor J.K. Winsten will lead discussions. The workshop has been arranged by the Department of Community Programmes and the Department of Commerce.

ANZAAS SYMPOSIUM

ANZAS (N.S.W.) will conduct a one-day symposium on Automation and Unemployment in the Stephen Roberts Theatre, University of Sydney, on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 9.15 am.

The symposium will discuss the State of Computer technology today, the implications for employment, and future employment prospects.

The symposium will be opened by the Minister for Industrial Relations, Technology and Energy, Mr. Pae Huile. The panels will consist of economists and sociologists, representatives of management and unions and speakers from computer science and technology.

Admission is by an enrolment fee of $7 per person; ANZAS members $4, students $2. For further information telephone ANZAS at 02/231 4827, or write to the Convener, Automation Symposium, Box 873, S.P.O., Sydney. 2001.

Films Available

Members of the University might not realise that it is often possible for them which have been borrowed by the Auchmuty Library. The following 16mm films will be available at the library for the period shown:

*Possini - The Seven Sacraments: June 6 - 13.*
*The Smiler of Reason: June 6-18.*
*The Vision of William Blake: June 7-18.*
*Protected: June 11-13.*
*Obedience: June 4-5.*
*L'Her: June 7-19.*
*Tout Visiteurs du Soir: May 31 - June 12.*
*Les Valois: June 7-19.*
*How to Make Better Television Production Parts 1 & 2: June 4-6.*
*Basketball for Girls: June 6-13.*
*Anxiety: June 6-7.*
*Behaviour Therapy with an Autistic Child: June 13-14.*
*A Matter of Mind: June 5-7.*
*And Their Ghosts May Be Heard: May 25-June 3.*
*Pearson Island: June 1-11.*
*The Cell: A Functioning Structure Parts 1 & 2: June 9-14.*
*The Changing Forest: June 4-5.*
*The Galapagos: Darwin's World Within Itself: June 4-5.*
*Maroo, The Red Kangaroo: June 6-11.*
*Nectar Eaters: June 6-11.*
*Wildlife in the Jungles of Latin America: June 6-11.*
*The Great Barrier Reef: June 11-18.*
*Autumn Too Soon: May 29-31.*

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS SUPPORT GROUP

Staff members are invited to attend a meeting which will discuss the interest in, and feasibility of forming a group to provide (mainly policy discussion/research) support to the Australian Democrats. Senator Collins Mason has been invited and it is anticipated that he will attend. The meeting will be held in Room S113 in the Social Sciences Building on June 20 at 1 p.m.

Photos

The photographs of No. 3 sheep, Mr. Ken Bouwer and the LADS apparatus were kindly taken by Mr. Frank Sabran, of the Department of Metallurgy.

Scholarships

Two scholarships are available from the University of Newcastle for postgraduate research on the weathering characteristics of coal. Applicants should possess a good Honours degree in Science or Engineering and will be expected to register for a Master or Ph.D. degree. The scholarships carry a taxfree living allowance of A$4,200 p.a. dependents, travelling and other allowances are tenable for two years for Masters or three years for Ph.D. candidates.

Apply to Associate Professor W.A. Oates, Department of Metallurgy, University of Newcastle 2308, Australia by June 30, 1979.

A number of scholarships are being offered to Hungary by the Commonwealth Department of Education. They are for postgraduate study for periods of three to five months in Hungarian educational institutions. Applications close on June 31, 1979 at Hungarian Government Scholarships Section, Department of Education, F.O. Box 826, Woden, ACT 2606.

The Phillips International Institute of Technological Studies is offering first year postgraduate scholarships in 1980, in the Netherlands. The applicants should possess a university degree in a field related to electronics and its engineering principles. Candidates should be under 30 years of age. Applications close on August 1, 1979 with Dr. G. de V. Gipps, Phillips Industrial Holdings Ltd., N.O. Box 1538 North Sydney. 2060.

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting nominations for the 1980 Pawsey Medal. The medal is endowed to commemorate the unique contributions to science in Australia by the late Dr. J.L. Pawsey, F.A.A., its purpose is to recognize outstanding research in experimental physics by younger scientists. Candidates must be under the age of 36 years at the closing date for nominations, and the research must have been carried out mainly in Australia.
The Academy is also inviting nominations for the 1980 Gottschalk Medal. The Gottschalk Medal was endowed by the late Dr. A. Gottschalk, FAA. Its purpose is to recognise distinguished research in the medical or biological sciences by younger scientists. Candidates must be under the age of 36 years (and not Fellows of the Academy) at the closing date for nominations, and their research must have been carried out mainly in Australia.

Nominations are confidential and should be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Australian Academy of Science, P.O. Box 886, Woden, ACT 2606 on September 10.

Further details on scholarships are available from the Student Administration Office, extension 303.

Advertisements

TUITION IN LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Outdoor drawing and painting classes to help keen beginners understand the basics of the landscape, and to develop their own individual style. Small classes taken by professional artist on beautiful Paterson river front property. For enquiries please telephone 38 5224 Saturday, Bribri School of Art.

POSITIONS WANTED - Typing

Mrs. L. Hogan, of 42 Dalrymple Street, Charlestown is willing to type theses, reports etc.

Diary of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 12
1-2 pm
Preliminary meeting to consider the practicality of holding a course aimed at exploring the nature and function of sexuality, Counseling Theatre (LG59, Arts/Administration Building). Louise Beech, piano, Stan's Bar, The Union.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
1-2 pm
Preliminary meeting to discuss the practicality of conducting a course aimed at helping people to develop more effective skills in dealing assertively with people, Counseling Theatre (LG59, Arts/Administration Building).

Professor Ron Laura to speak to members of the Hunter Valley Branch of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia, The Union. At Home with Facts, The Union.

Admission: Students $1
Guests $2

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