Finances Review Aluminium Plants SRC News

The Interim Report of the Review of University Finances, which was presented to Council at its meeting in August, is now available throughout the University for comment and discussion prior to further consideration by Council at its December meeting. The Council has asked for written comments to be submitted to the Secretary by October 17 for the consideration of the Finance and Personnel Committee at its November meeting. Copies of the Report are now available through Heads of Departments, the Library and Student Organisations. To assist in discussion, members of the two Working Groups who prepared the report have arranged to hold a University-wide seminar on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 at 12.30 p.m. in the Drama Theatre. It is hoped that members of the University might find the seminar discussion useful prior to submitting any written comment to the Secretary.

A.D. Tweedie, Vico-Principal.

Against a background of opposition from wine producers and others, the plans to build new aluminium smelters in the Hunter Valley will be discussed at a symposium arranged by the University's Engineering Fraternity.

The symposium will be held in the Spinifex Cross Lounge in the Union on September 17 at 6.15 for 7 p.m.

Mr John Miller, General Manager of Alumax of Australia Pty., will discuss the background of Alumax's entry into the Hunter Valley, its experience and qualifications, features of the proposed smelter and some of the impacts that could, or could not, be anticipated.

Mr David Ross, Director of Newcastle Ecology Centre, will discuss Alumax's contribution, or otherwise, to long-term job creation, together with the maintenance and improvement of environmental quality in the region.

Professor G. Jameson, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, will chair the symposium.

The cost is $2 per person and remittances should be sent by September 12 to Lloyd Spencer, Secretary, Newcastle University Engineering Fraternity, C/- Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Broadcasting Inquiry

The University made rooms available to the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal for a public hearing. The Tribunal is inquiring into the renewal of the licences of commercial broadcasting stations 2KO, 2HD and 2NX, television station NBN-3 and television translator station NBN-10.

The hearings were scheduled to be held in the Purdy Room of the Great Hall on September 3 and 4.

The SRC is offering free legal advice to students. The President (Mr Greg Holding) said a solicitor would provide this service on Fridays between 4 and 6 p.m., beginning on September 5. Students should go to the President's room in the Union between those hours.

Mr Holding said the SRC, the Students' Association and the Australian Union of Students had jointly booked a coach to take students to Canberra to stage a rally in front of Parliament House resisting reductions in education funding and possible retrenchments of University staff. The trip would be made on September 25, with the coach leaving the University at 7 a.m. Interested protesters should get in touch with Mr Holding to reserve seats in the coach. Following a decision of the SRC, a booklet will be published to provide voters with statements and photographs of all candidates in the elections for positions on the 30th SRC (1981). Nominations will open on September 7 and close on September 12.

Shield team

University Oval is becoming almost a home base for the New South Wales Sheffield Shield cricket team. After making use of the wicket in previous seasons, the Sheffield Shield Squad will return - on September 20 and 21, for practice, and on October 12 for a one-day match against a Newcastle representative side, prior to playing against Queensland in Brisbane.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S THIRD TERM MEETING WITH STAFF will be held in the DRAMA THEATRE on TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1980 at 1.05 p.m.
Postgraduate students in Biological Sciences meet Professor John Skinner. Professor Russell Jones is at the right.

As the world's population increases we will have to use every possible source of food. According to South African Professor, John Skinner, who visited the University recently, farming wild animals will become imperative if we are to survive. Already, springbok, buffaloes, blesbok, impala and kudu were being used in Africa as a source of protein, complementary to the use of domestic animals, to feed the population, Professor Skinner said. Giraffes were prospective candidates for human consumption. Professor Skinner has come to Australia at the invitation of the University of Queensland. He summarised what the Institute has done in the past and what it can do in the future.

Turning to the Institute’s work on endangered species, Professor Skinner said that traditionally venison had been popular with Europeans, who liked the strong gamey taste, and the meat of the impala, the springbok and some other species was regarded as a luxury by some. He was not opposed to the idea that kangaroos should be farmed to complement domestic meat supplies in Australia.

Professor Skinner talked specially about impala, springbok and giraffes, their reproductive cycles and factors which affected their productivity, because these species seemed to have a lot of potential as sources of food for humans.

To be able to manipulate wild animals so that we increase productivity, we obviously need to know about their breeding cycles. The spin-off as far as the Institute is concerned is more knowledge to help to protect endangered species.

He summarised what the Institute had learnt about the potentialities of the selected species -

- **Impala:** This species was most suitable because it had a short gestation period. To improve productivity, however, we might as well whistle in the wind, unless we can vary this species’ reproduction pattern to provide more than one lambing a year.

- **Springbok:** This species breeds continuously during the year and, thus, through careful management we should be able to improve productivity.

- **Giraffes:** Although it is difficult to improve productivity, because the gestation period is 470 days, we can improve the productivity of the giraffe farms, because they eat the fronds of acacia trees and not grass, which other animals eat. One problem is sustaining giraffes while the acacia trees, which are deciduous, are without leaves.

The Right Rev. Professor Crawford Miller, M.A., B.D., Moderator of the New South Wales General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, will be visiting the campus on Thursday, September 11. Rev. Miller will meet with the University Chaplains in the Staff House at noon and with students in the Basil Helmore Room at 1 p.m. Professor Miller is a member of the Board of Studies in Divinity and a Lecturer in Philosophical and Historical Theology at the University of Sydney. He will be present at some seminars in the afternoon. At 8 p.m., Professor Miller will read a paper to the Theological Society. Rev. Joy Bartholomew (telephone: 55 9132) has more details about the Moderator’s visit.
Fellow of Academy Lost-Wax Casting

Dr Donald Laycock, who graduated as a Bachelor of Arts at Newcastle University College in 1957, has been elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities. He is the first former student to be elected to any of the four Academies.

Dr Laycock, senior fellow in the Department of Linguistics of the Research School of Pacific Studies, The Australian National University, Canberra, is one of Australia’s foremost linguists.

Dr Laycock is a native of Newcastle whose mother lives in Merewether. He was educated at The Junction Primary School and Newcastle Boys’ High School and was one of Newcastle University College’s first Arts students.

In 1954 he enrolled in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Tighes Hill. During an outstanding undergraduate career he was awarded the Newcastle Morning Herald prizes for English II, III and IV and graduated with honours in English and German.

During Dr Laycock’s term as a student at Newcastle, the New South Wales University of Technology was the parent academic institution and Arts degrees were awarded by the University of New England.

Dr Laycock had a research post at the University of Adelaide for a year before studying for a Ph.D. degree at the ANU. He was awarded his doctorate in 1962 and, for two years after that, taught in the United States and travelled in Europe and North Africa.

He joined the staff of the ANU in 1964.

Dr Laycock’s principal interests are the description and classification of non-Austronesian languages of the Pacific region, especially of Papua-New Guinea, the prehistory of Melanesia and pidginisation, especially in relation to New Guinea Pidgin.

A Pointed Request

Drama Studio Gala Opening

Drama students have been working with the writer-in-residence John Romeril, on his new comedy about American innocents in war-time New Guinea. The result is a workshop presentation of this play, presented in the new Studio, as a special display for the University and an opportunity to see the new space in action.

This is not a public performance but a private, in-house celebration for the University. As such there is no admission charge.

The event commences on the evening of September 19. The Drama Department secretary for Information (ext. 606) and watch your mailbox.

1980 Union Dinner

Venue: Southern Cross Lounge
Date: Friday, September 19
Cost: $10, or $7.50 for student members, each. Includes reception, four-course dinner, dinner wines, port and cigars, liqueurs and coffee, after dinner drinks.

Guest Speaker: Professor Manning Clark

Information and Reservations: Union Office. Telephone 683 717.

R.S.V.P. by September 12. Music provided by: Les and the Palm Fronds.

(The number of acceptances so far received has been very pleasing and includes a number of past Presidents of the Union and past and present University staff members who have been associated over the years with the Union.)
Albert Camus' novel La Chute (The Fall) (1956) is one of the most problematic of his works, and has been the subject of a great deal of critical attention. The aim of the thesis was to analyse one of the chief unities of the wide diversity in interpretation - the role of the interlocutor - and by means of close textual analysis to propose a new view of the role of the interlocutor contained within the novel. This interlocutor never intrudes directly in the narration; he never "speaks". His personality and comments can be discerned by the reader only through Clamence's verbal reactions to them.

The ambiguity which results has attracted a great deal of critical attention. Some commentators assert that it is impossible to distinguish the interlocutor from Clamence himself, whilst others have been so intrigued by this shadowy companion that they have attributed to him the role of main character.

The thesis sets out to respect the ambiguity inherent in the technique. For, although Clamence assumes the existence of this separate individual, the reader is quite unsure of the interlocutor's status. Starting from this premise, the thesis directs its attention at the position, not so much of the interlocutor, as of the reader. Whereas "traditional" novels call upon the reader to "participate" in the fictional world by identifying with one or more of the characters (so that the world of the novel becomes relevant to the reader's own), The Fall works quite differently. Any information about what is happening to or around the characters is offered by a single voice: that of an uninitiated reader, but in incidental remarks made by Clamence to a companion already privy to the events and scenes of the novel. Thus the reader is deliberately kept in a state of some ignorance about the fictional world, from which he is conscious of being excluded.

This situation is found to be peculiarly effective as far as the reader's understanding of the novel is concerned. Because he feels the absence of those relationships that are traditionally set up between a novel and its reader, he is all the better able to perceive the isolation to which Clamence is condemned by his selfish endeavour; moreover, being unable to conceive the fictional world as forming part of his own, the reader cannot imagine a situation beyond that depicted in the novel (i.e., one where Clamence might be seen to succeed). Clamence's failure as a "judge-penitent" is, by this means, clearly shown.

The Fall, then, signals new trends in novelistic technique which became more marked with the advent of the 1960's. The present interpretation assigns greater importance to the reader's participation, which depends not on his imaginary projection into the novel's world, but on his actual and irreducible role as reader.

The Forgotten Twenties

Members of the University have been invited to attend a conference on The Forgotten Twenties, to be presented by the History Club and the Department of History in the Medical Lecture Theatre on September 14.

The programme is:
9.20 a.m., film, Between Wars (1933). 11.15 a.m., Dr Peter Spearritt, Lecturer in History, Macquarie University, Growing Up in the Twenties (oral history and its techniques).
12.15 p.m., Lunch.
1.30 p.m., Dr Heather Radi, Lecturer in History, University of Sydney, Bruce (Prime Minister of Australia from 1923-1929). 2.45 p.m., Dianne Beever, Art Trends and Tensions in the Twenties (Art Deco and the conflicting trends in Australian art in the 1920s).
4 p.m., Dr John Turner, Senior Lecturer at the University, Changing Newcastle - The Impact of the B.H.P.

Those who attend are free to bring their own picnic lunches. Tea, coffee, white wine and biscuits available for 40¢ a time. The fee for the conference is $2.
Travel to Israel

The New South Wales committee of the Australian Association for the Weizmann Institute of Science invites applications for grants-in-aid to facilitate travel between the Weizmann Institute of Science (Rehovot, Israel) and New South Wales Science Societies. For further information write to the Honorary Secretary, New South Wales Branch, Australian Association for the Weizmann Institute of Science, GPO Box 3486, Sydney 2001. There is no closing date.

Fulbright

The Australian-American Educational Foundation has sent

Head of Departments Information concerning the 1982 American Fulbright Program.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 October, 1980.

SPORT

The end-of-season positions of University teams -

Soccer: The semi-finals were attained by Firsts, Seconds and Thirds. The Seconds were beaten in the semi-finals for their best result in the Weizmann Institute of Science. The Thirds had their poorest results.

Rugby: The only two games were won during the season by the Firsts, which had their poorest results for 20 years. The Rugby Club will make an all-out effort to bolster its membership to retain its rightful position in Newcastle Rugby.

Basketball: The Firsts concluded the season with a win. The club had a successful season with no grade making the semi-finals.

The cricket season is scheduled to commence early in October. Accordingly, University Club is conducting practice sessions for its members - on Saturdays from 10 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m.

A club practice match will be played at No. 2 Oval on September 14. The game will be under the control of the two Permanent Selectors.

Next, the club will send a team to Wollongong on September 20 and 21 to play a match against Wollongong University.

On September 21 a first grade squad will play the University of NSW at No. 2 Oval (all day match). A full club trial, in at least 3 grades, will be held against Waratah at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 ovals on September 20, the fitness tests being bowled at 10 a.m.}

Staff House News

The Australian-American Educational Foundation has sent Heads of Departments Information concerning the 1982 American Fulbright Program.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 31 October, 1980.

The Venerable Gentlemen (the staff fifth grade team) refuse to go down. Interested Venerables should contact Hugh Floyer (Ext. 466) or Norman Talbot (Ext. 536). The annual match against the Electricity Commission will be played on Ray Watt Oval in October.

In cooperation with the Electricity Commission, a permanent barbecue will be erected at Ray Watt Oval. A refrigerator has been installed in the amenities block.

The Sportsman's Bar at the Pavilion is open weekends and during the week. The hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 4 p.m. each day.

Any Faculties, organisations and departments wishing to use the bar or facilities should contact the Amenities Office. You have an opportunity to book the bar for your departmental Christmas show.

Grass Skiing enthusiasts may practise their skills on Mondays from Midday to 2 pm on the grass slopes between Nos. 1 and 2 ovals. The necessary equipment is available on site.

The results of the 1980 University Squash Championships were to have been printed in the latest issue of The News but space was too tight. The results:

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Diary of Events

FRIDAY, SEPT 5
11 a.m. Informal Research Discussion - Department of Commerce - on Organisation Structure of the Accounting Profession in the USSR. Speaker: Mr Roger Motyka. Room 5.203.

1 p.m. Adelaide Debating Team in the Courtyard. Topic: Sex and Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll are all you ever need.

2 p.m. Civil Engineering Seminar on Wind Effects on Reaeration and Turbulence in Contained Water Bodies. Speaker: Mr H. Sivakumar (Postgraduate student). All Welcome. Room EAG01.

6.30 p.m. Sing for your supper - Stan's Bar.

SUNDAY, SEPT 6
6 p.m. Fluids Symposium, conducted by the Engineering Fraternity, in the Camellia Courtyard (next to Stan's Bar) consisting of kegs and barbecue. Cost $1. All interested are welcome.

MONDAY, SEPT 7
1 p.m. Candidates for City Council election give their policy speeches. Courtyard.

THURSDAY, SEPT 11
Noon Film - Don't Look Now. Common Room.

12.30 pm General meeting of the University Subdivision of the P.S.A., Drama Theatre.

2 p.m. Theatre for the Deaf. Either Courtyard or Southern Cross Lounge.

2.10 p.m. Sociology Seminar on Immigration and the Making of the Working Class by Dr Gill Bottomley (Anthropology and Comparative Sociology, Macquarie University). In Room 326, Department of Sociology.

8 p.m. AT HOME with Pel Mel. Students $2.00. Others $4.00.

FRIDAY, SEPT 12
1 p.m. Singer in Stan's Bar.

8.30 p.m. Sing for your Supper in Stan's Bar.

SUNDAY, SEPT 14
Noon Pig and Sheep Roast, Scoble's Neath (behind Engineering complex). Cost: $2 for Engineering Fraternity members, $4 for others. All welcome.

9.20 a.m. Conference on The Forgotten Twenties, organised by the Mystery Club. Lecture Theatre K202 in the Medical Faculty. (See p.6.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17
1 p.m. Concert by Aquila Altera in the Courtyard.

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6.15 p.m. Symposium on aluminium smelters, organised by the Engineering Fraternity, Southern Cross Lounge. The Union.

THURSDAY, SEPT 18
Noon Film - Slaughterhouse Five. Common Room.

FRIDAY, SEPT 19
1 p.m. Play by the Out-of-Workers: The Give Us a Go Show

2.00 p.m. Civil Engineering Seminar on Resist Wind Pressure by Mr L.R. Baker, Senior Lecturer at Deakin University in EAG01.

6.30 p.m. Sing for your Supper - Stan's Bar.

7 p.m. Annual Union Dinner, for Southern Cross Lounge.

SUNDAY, SEPT 21
8 p.m. Newcastle Film Society - Cria Cuervos (Raise Ravens) (C. Saura, Spain 1976). A film about childhood and about how children come to terms with the reality of death and with aggression in the world around them. A major success at the 1977 Sydney Film Festival. B01.

THURSDAY, SEPT 25
8.10 p.m. Sociology Seminar on Business Accounts: Some Issues in the Study of Corporate Deviance by Mr Peter Earley. Room 326, Department of Sociology.

FRIDAY, SEPT 26
11 a.m. Workshop - Department of Commerce. An Analysis of the Results from a Survey on Product Costing and Cash Flows in the Wine Industry by Mr Brian O'Shea. Room 5.111.

SUNDAY, SEPT 28
9 p.m. Newcastle Film Society - Harlan County, U.S.A. (B. Kopple, USA 1976). A documentary dealing with a strike at a Kentucky coal mine which lasted for 13 months and ended after a picketing miner was killed and the mine owners agreed to negotiate a contract with the union.

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