Jess Dyce is to receive the Newton-John Award presented by Convocation. This year’s presentation will be made at a dinner in the Union on March 26.

A panel of judges recommended the Newton-John Award for 1981 be presented to Jess Dyce in recognition of her substantial contribution to teaching in New South Wales. In all, she spent 42 years working as a teacher in primary schools in Teachers’ Colleges. She was Principal Lecturer in English at Newcastle Teachers’ College when she retired.

Jess Dyce is a descendant of a Scottish family which settled in the Yass district in the 1820s. Farming was the occupation followed by several members of the family, including Jess’s grandfather, who owned a farm in the Coolamon district near Wagga Wagga.

Her father, Alexander H. Dyce, was able to take up teaching as a result of winning one of the 20 teacher’s scholarships offered annually in those days. He was a student at the University of Sydney before the First World War. The University of Newcastle awarded the Newton-John Award winner moved from Armidale to Newcastle Teachers’ College, where the Principal was Mr. Griff Duncan. As well as lecturing in English at the College she was in charge of student drama productions for 15 years.

In 1971 she was awarded a Master of Arts degree by this University. The book Patrick White as Playwright, published by Queensland University Press, is her amended thesis. On retirement in 1975 less: she commenced work on a Ph.D. degree. She completed her thesis, An Assessment of the Poetry of Christopher J. Brennan & Poems (1913) and The Burden of Tyre, a few weeks ago.

Jess Dyce has a wide range of community interests. She contributed to courses conducted by the WEA, the English Teachers’ Association, the Department of Community Programmes and the Working Women’s Centre and vacation courses conducted by the Teachers’ College. Some local organisations with which she has been connected are the Parish Council of the Uniting Church of New Lambton, the Altrusa Club of Newcastle, Treetowners, the Women Graduates’ Association, the Retired C&L Lecturers’ Association and Nimrod Publications (as a contributor). She served on Standing Committee of Convocation for two terms.

Jess is the eldest of five children. Her sister, Joan, has retired from the senior staff of the Mitchell Library. Her brother, Douglas, is well known as a solicitor in Newcastle and Maitland and her brother, Alexander, is a solicitor in Auburn. She has nine nephews and nieces.

For further details of the Newton-John Presentation Dinner, please telephone Extension 328.

Problems with Space

The next issue will be published on Thursday, March 4, 1982.
SHIRLEY RETIRES

Shirley Byron will be wished a fond farewell and a happy retirement at a dinner on February 26.

A woman with a bubbling personality who is well-known across the campus, Shirley has worked for the University for more than 15 years. She was asked to help run student netball before coming to the University. She then transferred to the Department of Psychology as Secretary.

Having been an active netball player before coming to the University, she was asked to help run student netball competitions. Shirley went to the Inter-Varsity competitions as Manager of the University team.

As an A Grade golfer Shirley is a familiar figure at the Steel Works Golf Club. Golf will be a main item on her retirement agenda. She says her first game is arranged for the day after she retires.

INITIATION

Initially, Shirley’s retirement will be devoted to putting the final touches on her new home at Caves Beach. She also intends to swim, ride a bike, read, help her two daughters and two granddaughters

Those members of the staff who wish to attend the farewell dinner in Shirley’s honour should get in touch with Mrs. Aileen Rowley, of the Physics Department (Extension 235).

Letters to Editor

Dear Sir,

On Friday February 12, 1982 I had the good fortune to be in Sir Hermann Black’s audience when he made the occasional address (100th Anniversary of the University of Sydney) to the graduating students in Medicine at the University of Sydney. Among his witty remarks — for which he has a reputation — he pointed out:

- the two top graduating students in a class of 200 were females.
- that, in his opinion, “the medical profession could only benefit if it were flooded by women”.

He then, somewhat to my surprise, proceeded to put in a very strong “plug” for the book “Geeze Observably Great” which is a collection of papers illustrating the contribution to this country’s survival made by females. May I add to that my own recommendation — based on substance, rather than literary merit — that some of our academic and administrative may every attempt to read the book?

The lack of an earned Doctorate has not stopped Sir Hermann from being Chancellor of our senior University in this State (as it has aspirants to higher academic degrees e.g. at this University). In fact Sir Hermann’s Doctorate is an Honorary one awarded by the University of Newcastle, NSW. Perhaps if he had an earned Doctorate he could not make the wonderful speeches he is famous for (a non sequitur, if I say so myself).

GEORGE E. FERRIS,
Commerce Department.

Road Closures

As reported in an earlier issue of UNIVERSITY NEWS (Vol. 7 No. 18), the Committee advising the Vice-Chancellor on the implementation of the University Traffic Regulations, recommended the installation of speed control humps at a number of locations where speeds in excess of the 35 km limit on the campus were putting both the driver and others at risk. Subsequently the Buildings and Grounds Committee of Council supported this action and recommended that speed humps be located before the curve between Mathematics and the Union car park and on the Engineering road.

The humps will be of a new profile being used by traffic authorities elsewhere, such that, when crossed at speeds below the campus speed limit, produce little discomfort but become effective deterrents when crossed at higher speeds.

The eastern leg of the Ring Road will be closed between the Mathematics and the Union car park from February 18 until February 25. The Engineering road will be closed beyond the Engineering car park during the same period. While this work is being carried out, access to the sports fields area will be via Rankin Drive and Mirra Crescent. Access to the Engineering complex will be via the western leg of the Ring Road as will access to the Union, Staff House, Post Office and Temporary Offices. In the case of the latter the temporary route will be established off the Union car park near the Social Sciences sub station.
The situation concerning amalgamation with the CAE remains very complicated, the Deputynth Chairman, Professor M.P. Carter, said when reporting to Senate on developments in the amalgamation proposal in recent months.

Professor Carter said that at the beginning of December, 1981 the University had received a letter confirming that it would be responsible for the funding of Newcastle College and that the amalgamation would take effect from July 1, 1982. Within three weeks, however, the Federal Minister announced that the College would be separately funded for the whole of 1982.

Apart from the problems which this rapid reversal of policy implies for amalgamation negotiations, Professor Carter said, there was an issue of compensation for the foregone economies - since the joint funding which had been proposed had not been foreseen. Half of the year was justified in terms of savings, not least in administrative costs.

The University has sought an extra grant to cover these foregone economies, but it seems unlikely that any money will be forthcoming in this respect," he said.

At a brief preliminary meeting in mid-January, at which the Principal of the College, Dr. Richardson, the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Carter were present, Dr. Richardson reaffirmed the preference of the College for the policy stated by the Higher Education Board. Discussion of the relative merits of the University's preferred mode and that of the College explored the possible scope for modification which might accommodate the aspirations and ameliorate the anxieties of the two institutions, Professor Carter said.

It has been agreed that more detailed discussion was possible in certain areas - the University's Division, the Planners' Division etc., and arrangements had been set in hand for negotiations to occur at these levels.

FAUSA Fighting Fund

FAUSA has asked that the monies collected out of the call to establish the FAUSA Fighting Fund be now transmitted to the central account.

Accordingly, the Executive asks that those members who have not yet sent a cheque to the Treasurer do so as soon as possible. For members and non-members of the Fund, it arose from a call by FAUSA for a National Day of Protest against the Federal Govern-
The project was commenced in 1978, when Professor Collis was on the staff of this University. He and Professor Biggs, currently Dean of Education at the University, obtained an initial grant of $23,000 from the Educational Research and Development Committee. This work resulted in an additional report, which was very favourably reviewed by the ECDC’s assessors, and is the basis of the present book.

Professor Biggs and Collis accept that the quality of learning is something that concerns all educators. “We think we know quality when we see it,” they say, “but most teachers find that quality is difficult to assess, and extremely difficult to explain to students.”

“Evaluation in education is lopsided. We have a sophisticated technology to tell us how much learning has taken place, while the assessment of how well something has been learned is subjective, even primitive, often taking the form of global comment such as ‘poor politics’. Our argument doesn’t follow.’

The researchers suggest that the evolution of thought, from childhood to adulthood, gives an important clue as to quality. That clue is structural organisation, which they say discriminates well-learned from poorly-learned material in a similar way as mature thought is distinguished from immature thought.

Since it was published in 1980, Dr. D.M. Parkes and Dr. N.J. Thirlst’s book on the importance of time in the study of Geography has received favourable reviews from the U.K., U.S.A. and Australian academic periodicals.

The 527-page book is Tswaves, Spaces and Planes: A Chrono-geographic Perspective, published by John Wiley and Sons. Prior to publication the authors obtained responses to their concepts and assertions from senior Geography students of this University. Without this contribution, Dr. Parkes says, the book’s value would have been much diminished.

In Regional Studies, a U.K. Journal, Professor R.J. Bennett, of the University of Cambridge, writes that “It is a fascinating book, extremely attractively produced and will become a standard text for all undergraduate courses where courses on time-geography are taught.”
The Geographical Journal, principal journal of the Royal Geographical Society, London, comments that the book, although described as an undergraduate text aimed at introducing time to human geographers, is so full of imaginative ideas that it will appeal to a wide audience.

Environment and Planning, the U.K. and the U.S.A. journal, says that as an introduction to the place of time in human geography and as a stimulus to exciting ideas, the book must be highly recommended.

Annals of the Association of American Geographers has printed a three-and-a-half-page review of the book by Professor Yi-Fu Tuan, who asserts that "the book is rich fare, an intellectual smorgasbord for which we owe Parkes and Thrift our thanks".

Australian Urban Studies, published by the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, writes that the authors are to be congratulated for gathering so much material from many disciplines and presenting it in a challenging and thought-provoking manner.

Advice on Book

The Librarian (Mr. E. Flowers) and Assoc. Professor McMinn of the History Department will be guests of the Singleton Historical Society on March 8 for the publication by the society of Time's Subject, by Alton Greenhalgh.

The book has been aptly described by the author as "the biography of a place". Goorangoola, north of Singleton, which was pioneered by Mr. Greenhalgh's family.

Professor McMinn, who, with Mr. Flowers, advised the author and the society during the preparation of the manuscript, describes it as "an extracted place of historical writing, astounding in the depth and breadth of its scholarship; much more than a mere history, for it places the story of a remarkable pioneering community in a national, indeed almost in a cosmic context".

Mr. Greenhalgh, who before his retirement was Principal of William Balmain Teachers' College (now Kuring-Gei CAE), has a continuing association with the subject of his book. His mother still lives at Dawson's Hill, on the site of the old Goorangoola homestead. He was, coincidentally, Vice-Principal of Armidale Teachers' College when Professor McMinn went there as a student in 1948.

New face in the Union

The new Secretary/Manager of the Union, John Broughton, will take up his appointment on March 8. He succeeds Stan Barwick, who had been in the post since 1977.

John will be familiar to many people, since he is one of the University's B.Com. graduates.

John came to Newcastle as a RAAF Officer in 1972. He had a grounding in the club-industry with Newcastle RSL Club. He was Personnel Officer with the Sulphide Corporation and will leave the same position with Edmunds Moir to come to the University.

Loretta O'Donnell, President of the Union, said John would be full-time Executive Officer of the Union, responsible for the implementation of Board of Management decisions and the day-by-day supervision of about 50 members of staff.

John's sporting interests include sailing, squash and fishing. A family man with four daughters, he said he was enthusiastic about his new appointment and saw many exciting changes if amalgamation with the CAE and other developments took place.

STAFF MOVES

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. S.L. Byrnes, Stenographer, Faculty of Medicine.
Miss J.V. Castles, Punch Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.
Mrs. C.A. Cranfield, Stenographer, Faculty of Medicine.
Mrs. D. Davis, Library Assistant, Auchmuty Library.
Mr. P.D. Earley, Lecturer, Sociology Department.
Miss A. Elkington, Pre-School Teacher, Community Child Care Centre.
Miss J.A. Farrell, Library Assistant, Auchmuty Library.
Mr. J.J. Fennessy, Tutor, Modern Languages Department.
Mrs. J.L. Gardiner, Pre-School Teacher, Community Child Care Centre.
Mrs. L.R. MacKay, Laboratory Assistant, Biological Sciences.
Ms A. McLeod, Tutor, Modern Languages Department.
Mr. G.L.G. Morrison, Attendant, Faculty of Medicine.
Miss B.L. Parkinson, Clerk, Personnel Department.
Mr. I.E. Smith, Computer Programmer, Computing Centre.
Mr. P.A. Warren, Technical Officer, Faculty of Medicine.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. I.A. Wilkinson, Clinical Supervisor, Faculty of Medicine.
Ms M.B. Atkinson, Stenographer, Faculty of Medicine.
Ms C.A. Cameron, Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.
Mr. L.E. Cooke, Senior Technical Officer, Psychology Department.
Mrs. J.D. Dowd, Pre-School Teacher, Community Child Care Centre.
Mr. P.J. Garfoot, Technical Officer, Metallurgy.
Ms A.M. Smith, Junior Library Assistant, Auchmuty Library.
Ms G.R. Street, Professional Officer, Faculty of Medicine.
Mr. P.J. Thomas, Senior Technical Officer, Faculty of Architecture.
Ms P. Lesonginkohl, Clerk, Bursar's Division.
Mr. B.J. Mason, Senior Technical Officer, Physics Department.
Ms B.A. Richards, Clerk, Personnel.
Ms K.A. Samson, Pre-School Teacher, Community Child Care Centre.
Miss C.L. Shae, Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.
Staff House Changes

The Staff House re-opened on February 2. It is hoped that a number of initiatives taken by the Committee will lead to improved service to members.

Effort has been made to produce a Notice Board in the foyer indicating the names of the Committee who can be approached with suggestions. The Board also has provision to show details of significant conferences catered for by the Club and likely to effect regular users, thus allowing adjustment of usage to avoid congestion and delays.

Perhaps the most significant change is that Mr. K. Sanderson (Sandy) has been appointed Club Supervisor. This appointment, the Committee feels sure, will smooth the general running of the Club, and Sandy is to be congratulated on his promotion.

ABORIGINAL SITE

Mr. Percy Haslam, one of Convocation's Visiting Scholars at this University, is a member of a team under contract to the Hunter Development Board to investigate sacred and significant aboriginal sites in the area covered by the proposed Kerrabee Dam. Aborigines in the team include Bert Marr, Senior Elder of the Birrpai people, near Taree; and Guboo Ted Thomas, leader of the Yuin people, South Coast.

On February 1 the "transfer of engagements" of the University of New South Wales Credit Union to that of the University of New South Wales Staff Credit Union was effected. As a result, the Credit Union now covers 3,404 members at the University of New South Wales, Newcastle University and Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

The move is a first step designed to strengthen the membership and deposit base in a rapidly-changing financial climate. It reflects a growing professionalism in the operations of the UNSW Credit Union, in particular, and the Credit Union movement, generally.

Services to members have expanded considerably over the past two years. Term deposits, NOW accounts and special purpose savings accounts operate at attractive interest rates, while loans at competitive interest rates are available for any worthwhile purpose.

Further information about services is available from the Credit Union Office in the Temporary Buildings (T33) or by telephoning Extension 472.

Credit Union amalgamation

Three mother tongues are freely spoken at the camp sites, located in the mountains and river flats.

The project requires "walking" 47 miles of the Goulburn River and 14 miles of the Merriwa River, as well as exploring caves and other areas.

Other Aborigines include Bert Marr Junior and "Zac" Martin of Queensland. Already some sites of great spiritual belief have been examined and several hundred artifacts and relevant stone chippings found, including cores.

One great find at a sacred site was two fire-making bricks in perfect condition. A very large number of bark tree cuts have been recorded, including one at least 30ft. long, with the stone wedge used to prise bark still lodged in the trunk.

The work is being organized through the Newcastle Awabakal Aboriginal Cooperative. Its President (Kevin Anderson) said: "We at long last are re-writing Aboriginal history of the Hunter Valley".

Directors of the Credit Union who had to step down from office because of the combining of the Credit Union and the University of New South Wales Credit Union. During the just-over-10-years' life of the University of Newcastle Credit Union, approximately 35 members of staff actively worked as Directors. Pictured are Trevor Ackie, Bob Swetman, Richard Dean, Sue McKell, Maurice Edmonds, Jill Ide, Darryl Okerady, Bob Richardson and Brian Nareden. Maurice Edmonds has been appointed a Director of the UNSW Credit Union and a Newcastle Union Committee has been established.
Professor John Burrows, Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

Professor Geoffrey Kellerman, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Professor Eric Parker, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture.

Professor Bill Pickering, Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Professor Alan Roberts, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

Professor Reyn Reals, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics.

Professor Joe Winsen, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce.

Professor John Biggs, Dean of the Faculty of Education.

Environmentalists hope that their activities this year, the Australian Year of the Tree, will be reflected in a boost in awareness of the value of trees.

The need for this increased awareness is well illustrated by the actions of one truck driver in the Library Service yard on February 12. Finding himself on the wrong site, he attempted to turn his vehicle and backed into the only tree in the area. He then drew away and reversed hard into it. The tree was uprooted and fell across the covered way leading to the Medical Sciences Building.

The University Planner, Mr. Morris, has written to the Sydney firm involved, expressing the University's concern at this disregard for the natural and built environment. Fortunately, only minor damage was caused to the covered way but the tree has had to be removed. Mr. Morris commented that over the years the University has generally received the full co-operation of contractors and carriers in its endeavour to maintain as many trees as possible on the campus.
Advertisements

FOR SALE

ORREFORS CRYSTAL GOBLETs (Rhapsody design) eight red wine, five white wine, and five sherry. Half shop price - $100. Please telephone 43 3959.

GOLD PARKER FOUNTAIN PEN - $30. Please telephone 43 3959.

The following items are offered for sale. Please telephone 87 3520 or 20 1584 (a.h.) - prices will be on application.

FIVE BERTH FRANKLIN CARAVAN, NATIONAL JUICE EXTRACTOR, LONDOV, CUPBOARD WITH DRAWERS, BREVILLE ELECTRIC HAIR ROLLERS and LARGE DESK.

STEELCRAFT REGAL PRAM - Excellent condition, $35. Please telephone 54 9762.

WANTED TO RENT

FURNISHED HOME for Canadian on study leave visitor and family. Home is required for 12 months commencing September 1982. Please telephone the Chemistry Department at Extension 426.

DIARY OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11 am ORIENTATION DAY

Official welcome to new students by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor D. Georgiou and the Deputy Chairman of Senate, Professor M. Carter.

11.20am Survival on Campus, talks by the Vice-Principal, Professor K. Dutton, the Librarian, Mr. J. Flowers, the President of the Students' Representative Council, Margaret Ravenagh. Film presented by the Director of the University Counselling Service, Mr. P. Loftus.

12.30pm LUNCH

1.15pm Escorted walking tours of the campus will start from the Union Foyer.

2 pm to 4 pm FACULTY ACTIVITIES

6 pm SRC ORIENTATION BARBEQUE at the Squash Courts. Tickets $5, available at the SRC Office in the Union and the Counselling Service. Staff members are also very welcome.

ORIENTATION WEEK PROGRAMS

MONDAY, MARCH 1

1 pm JOHN EWANK in concert.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME (Union Courtyard).

6 pm Freewheels Theatre in Education Room with RED EARTH (Common Room).

FILM: LAI LAI DREAMTIME

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

NOON Health Service films: GETTING IT ON (re: contraception).

AS A MATTER OF FACT (re: abortion).

1 pm SRC DEVONSHIRE TEA with Les and the Palm Fronds.

6 pm Pippi Storm Theatre Troupe present the rock'n'roll show, EITHER YOU HABIT OR YOU DON'T (re: drugs).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

1 pm Lunchtime Concert - MARIE CUNNINGTON and LIP SERVICE.

8 pm Bush Dance and Sheep Roast featuring THE RUMPULLS and CHIEF O'NEILLS FAVOURITES. Tickets are on sale at the Bank Agency. (Students: $4 others $6)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

NOON to MOVIE MARATHON

Midnight Films: Heaven's Gate

Dogs of War

STIR

A Day at the Races (Marx Bros.)

Nonster

Homicide from the Deep

American Graffiti

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

10 am PANCAKE and ORANGE JUICE BREAKFAST - P R E E

1 pm MIRA DANCE COMPANY of SYDNEY

6 pm ORIENTATION BALL with SLEAZY SUE CRUCKSHANK and THE HAMFATS (in the Bar).

8 pm BUSHMAN'S AXE (in the Common Room)

8.30 pm A selection of acts from the Festival of Sydney (Southern Cross Lounge).

The Afro-rock band, KING COBRA (Dining Hall).

GOLDRUSH (Dining Hall).

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