ON LEAVE FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Professor Hussan Eltaher's background and specialisation form a rare combination. From King Saud University, in Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, he is a zoologist with considerable expertise in bird behaviour.

On sabbatical leave from his University for a year, Professor Eltaher is working in the Department of Biological Sciences developing an understanding of bird behaviour in Newcastle and its environs. In this field he will be making use of "dummy" eggs and a move camera to study the birds' acceptance or rejection of foreign eggs. In particular, he will use his knowledge to compare bird behaviour with that of Saudi Arabia.

Professor Eltaher, who holds a B.Sc. in King Saud University and a Ph.D. in the University of Reading, United Kingdom, is accompanied to Newcastle by his son, Nawaat, daughter, Nermeen, and wife, Huda, who is expecting another child shortly. The Eltahers, who have rented a flat at Adamstown, like Newcastle very much. Professor Eltaher has joined the Newcastle Ornithology Club and has been offered the club's help with his research.

Professor Eltaher spoke about the rich vegetation and good water supply which promoted insects and, consequently, birds in the Newcastle District. This was the predominant reason for his choice of Newcastle rather than any of the three other Australian universities that had accepted him.

He pointed to the age similarity between King Saud University and this University. "My University is 28 years old, but it has twice as many students. We have departments scattered right across the city of Riyadh and we are replacing them with a combined University designed to cater for 40,000 students. The new university is sited on an area of 20 square kilometres and should be a fabulous University".

In his University's Department of Zoology, which has a staff of 18, he is an Assoc. Professor of Ornithology and Malacology.

Professor Eltaher said Saudi Arabia did not have any scientific links with Australia. This state of affairs, he believed, was unfortunate because of the up-to-date research being done in this country. "We would like to have reciprocal academic exchange programmes, since it is not good to have visiting researchers just from the United States and the United Kingdom".

RESULTS OF VISIT

Carol Dance, editor of the New South Wales University Press, visited the University on October 10 and 11 and discussed book publication with interested staff members. She said she was greeted with many, many publishing ideas and several manuscripts; several books are expected to result from this visit.

Mrs. Dance wishes to thank the University for the welcome she received and for the many interesting book proposals received.

INSIDE: Stigma of H.C. Home

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Dear Sir,

At its last meeting the Council of the University of Newcastle decided to support a joint appointment of an Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator with the NCAE. This decision was taken against the advice of the Council's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity which recommended the appointment of a full-time Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator.

Although the Minister for Education, Senator Susan Ryan, had advised that there should be evidence of co-operation between the two Institutions by 1985 if amalgamation is to be avoided, the joint appointment of an equal opportunity co-ordinator would not appear to be the best way to begin. The field of equal opportunity is a new one, fraught with potential difficulties and hardly an area in which the two Institutions would find it easy to collaborate. It would be more appropriate, I would think, to cooperate in areas where there are demonstrably overlapping functions which could be streamlined by staff familiar with their respective roles.

The University of Newcastle has a poor record as far as the number of women academics and the relatively low levels at which all women staff members are employed. The joint appointment of an equal opportunity co-ordinator in this context would further compound the apparent lack of commitment to equal opportunity, at a time when at both Federal and State Government level, tertiary Institutions are coming under close scrutiny in this matter.

There is moreover no precedent for such a joint appointment. Kuringai and Sydney CAE and the Institute of Technology have already made full-time appointments. Bathurst and Nepean Colleges are at present advertising for full-time co-ordinators. Among universities we would find ourselves isolated since the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales and Macquarie University have all appointed full-time equal opportunity co-ordinators.

There is the further consideration that joint appointments may not be the best way to achieve the desired co-operation but that this hasty decision may set a precedent for others.

Agreement on the part of the two Institutions to this joint appointment, moreover, may be seen as a tacit acceptance of de facto amalgamation. After both Institutions have struggled so hard to maintain their autonomy, both Federal and State Governments may well see our acquiescence on this matter as a weakening of our position and put amalgamation back on the political agenda. This alone should generate debate within the University on what after all was a closely contested Council decision.

Margaret Henry,
History Department.

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Services for Elderly People

Mr. Leo McLeay, a Federal MP, will come to Newcastle to address a public forum on the McLeay Report on Accommodation and Home Services for Aged People. The forum will be held in the main lecture theatre of the David Maddison Building, next to Royal Newcastle Hospital, on November 24 at 2.30 pm.

The McLeay Report titled In a Home or At Home, offered a comprehensive plan for housing and improved home care services for elderly people. It was agreed to by both the Liberal and Labor Parties and has become the basis of both parties' policies on aged care.

The McLeay Report is the fourth Commonwealth Inquiry into the care of the elderly in recent years. None of the others have been acted upon, and some of those interested in services for elderly people say that unless there is community pressure, especially from elderly people and interested groups, there is a risk that the McLeay Report will share the fate of the other reports.

Dr. Anna Howe, adviser to the Parliamentary Committee which produced the report, addressed a very well-attended meeting in Newcastle last March and recommendations from that meeting were sent to the Ministers concerned.

Mr. McLeay, is Chairman of the Committee, is in a good position to report on the present position of the Report and to discuss with those interested in obtaining better services promised by the Report how best to persuade the Government to implement it.

The forum has been jointly organised by the Australian Association of Gerontology (Hunter Valley Chapter) and the Department of Community Programs. All interested people are welcome to attend.

The enrolment fee is $2 and bookings can be made with the Department of Community Programmes (telephone 685 600 or 685 522).

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NH & MRC GRANT

In the last issue of University NEWS it was reported that Assoc. Professor B. Fenelon was to receive $49,264 in 1984 for the project Effects of Refractive Error, Strabismus and Amblyopia on Stereoscopic Vision. Professor Fenelon has informed the NEWS that Dr. D.B. Dunlop is a co-investigator in that project and that the grant is also to fund another of his own projects Stereoscopic Visual Functions in Aircrew and Other Skilled Performance Groups.
Preparations are now well advanced for the Newcastle University Choir's last major concert for 1983 -- Handel's masterpiece, Messiah.

It will be presented in the Great Hall on Saturday, December 3, at 7.30 pm.

Distinguished soloists Mareile Davidson (soprano), Irene Waugh (mezzo-soprano), Raymond McDonald (tenor) and Grant Dickson (bass) will join the choir and the 20-member orchestra specially formed for the occasion. The performance will be under the direction of Peter Brock.

This year has been very successful for the 60-voice Choir, which won the Open Section of the ABC Hunter Region Choral Festival. As a result, it performed in a national live broadcast for the ABC from the Sydney Opera House.

In a first for radio in the region, 2NUR-FM will broadcast the performance live in full stereo.

The photograph of the choir above was taken at the Sydney Opera House.

This will be the first full concert performance of Messiah in Newcastle for several years and people are advised to purchase their tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available now from a number of agencies, including the Westpac Bank Agency, University Union.

The cost is $7.50 adults and $5 concession (plus booking fee if applicable).

**staff book release**

Russian for the Scientist and Mathematician, by Assoc. Professor Clive Croxton, of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, has just been published by John Wiley & Sons (New York and Chichester).

The book, based on lecture courses given at Cambridge University and here at Newcastle, is designed to enable scientists and mathematicians to rapidly acquire a reading knowledge of scientific Russian literature, less than 25 per cent of which is ever translated into English. Russian, moreover, is slow and expensive to have translated.

Clive Croxton was Russian Language translator to the Philosophical Library at the University of Cambridge, and currently translates for the American Mathematical Association.

Wiley have recently contracted Professor Croxton to produce a similar text, Chinese for the Scientist and Mathematician, designed to anticipate the imminent development of scientific literature associated with Deng XiaoPing's planned expansion of Chinese science, Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, based on the statistical mechanics of liquids, polymers and proteins. His ninth book is due to be published in 1984 and is an edited collection of chapters on Interfacial Phenomena.
Dr. Peter Hendry, a member of the University Council, has been honoured by the World Association of Societies of Pathology (WASP) for his contribution to world pathology.

The association awarded Dr. Hendry a gold-headed cane during its twelfth world congress of Pathology in Tokyo in October. A cane is a prestigious award in medical societies.

Dr. Hendry practised as a clinical pathologist in Newcastle until he retired a few months ago. Presently he is a part-time consultant pathologist.

He has been an executive member of the Royal Australasian College of Pathologists for many years and a delegate to WASP congress since 1960. As Secretary of the Commission on World Standards of the association he carried out an Australia-wide survey of pathology laboratories and this practice was followed in many overseas countries.

The Executive positions on WASP held by Dr. Hendry include President (1972 until 1975) and Vice-President (1969 until 1972). In 1975, he led a team that organised the association’s congress in Sydney and was elected President of the congress.

PROJECT of NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Commonwealth Schools Commission has engaged Dr. Eddie Braggott, of the Faculty of Education, to undertake a number of studies relating to the Education of Gifted and Talented Children in Australia. His work will be funded as a Project of National Significance during 1984.

The project has been prompted by the growing concern across Australia that educational systems do not always cater adequately for gifted and talented children. All states and territories are presently examining ways in which this might be done more effectively.

Dr. Braggott will work closely with State Departments and the Schools Commission in examining present provisions for gifted and talented children. This project will involve a study of variations in relation to curriculum; specific programmes, instructional methods; desirable or necessary administrative changes; resources; inservice education; and the role of central, regional and school authorities in matters of change, development and provision. The study will be undertaken within a curriculum development framework embracing the four basic areas of planning, design, implementation and evaluation.

A second, and related, project will entail visits to libraries, tertiary institutions, State departments and independent schools searching for published investigations and reports, unpublished research, theses, extended essays and implemented programmes. This material will be analysed and presented as an
annotated bibliography of Australian literature on the education of gifted and talented children.

A number of reports and publications are expected to result from Dr. Braggett's research. These will not only report on existing provisions within Australia but will also make recommendations on future policy.

While visiting the various states and territories, Dr. Braggett will have the chance to address senior administrators and policy makers on the educational provisions that may be made at primary and secondary school levels.

Dr. Braggett is a member of the New South Wales Coordinating Committee on the Education of Talented Children. He was recently invited to present papers to the First National Conference on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children in Australia, and to the National Seminar on Curriculum Provisions for Gifted Children. At the invitation of the New South Wales Department of Education, he has prepared a Resource Document for teachers, and is contributing to a teaching kit to be produced this year. He has published a number of papers on the education of outstanding children in Australian and overseas journals.

Dr. Braggett invites university personnel involved in projects with gifted and talented children to contact him. Any research papers, reports, theses or research in progress will be considered for inclusion in future annotated bibliographies.

A spectacular aerial colour photograph showing the University (set on its tree-covered site) and the city which it serves is available in the form of a poster. It has been jointly published by The Friends of the University and Convocation, measures 80cms by 45cms and is a useful memento of the University or gift.

Copies cost $2.50 each and can be obtained from the Publicity Office (Room G60 in the McMullin Building).

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**Mr. Boosey moves on**

The Executive Officer of the Newcastle Convocation Foundation, Mr. Derek Boosey, is to take up an appointment as Technical Advisor to the Korean Ministry of Sport and the Korean Athletics Federation.

Announcing the appointment, the Chairman of the Convocation Foundation, Mr. P.J. Miller, said that Mr. Boosey had managed to achieve a great deal in the year he had been in Newcastle. In addition to raised the University's profile in the community, he had attracted approximately $35,000 in support of the Foundation's projects. It was expected that further financial support would be received as a result of Mr. Boosey's work.

Mr. Boosey will take up his new position next month.
Professor Bushan Karthaloo, who was recently appointed to the Chair of Civil Engineering, is leading a project in connection with the development of a cement as strong as structural steel, or 50 times stronger than ordinary cement.

The project is a joint venture between the Civil Engineering and Surveying, Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy Departments and besides Professor Karthaloo the participants are Professor G.J. Jameson, Assoc. Professor W.A. Oates, Mr. B.S. Heaton, Mr. J. McLennan and Dr. J. Raper.

The team believes it will be a revolutionary material which will in many instances replace plastics and metals. It could be used for a wide range of products, from bottle tops to roofing. There is even an experimental super cement coil spring in England.

Professor Karthaloo learnt of the development of a new type of cement known technically as macro-defect-free cement, while on study leave in England early this year.

ICI, the British-based chemicals and plastics company, has patented certain processes in its development of macro-defect-free (MDF) cement but Professor Karthaloo believes the Newcastle team can overcome the many unresolved problems associated with the product and improve it.

He explained that while cement was fairly strong when compressed it was very weak when flexed or bent. This weakness was due largely to air pockets and the fact that the actual cement particles tended to form lumps within the product.

By eliminating the large air pockets, or macro defects, and mixing a polymer with the cement to disperse the cement particles the product's strength could be dramatically increased.

The cement would be mixed in a vacuum and the product made under pressure to eliminate the air pockets.

The team also was developing a system to grade the cement particles into two or three different sizes so when mixed in certain proportions the smaller particles could fit between the larger spherical particles and give a denser mass.

"Its uses will be many," Professor Karthaloo said. "It can be used in all sorts of shapes, patterns and colors. It's the sort of material architects dream about!"

The super cement would probably replace many of today's building materials, including particle board and asbestos sheets.

The advantages of the new cement would be its cost, considerably less than that of steel and aluminium, its energy
efficiency, using only one-third of the energy consumed in the manufacture of steel and plastics, and the fact that the ingredients, largely limestone, were virtually inexhaustible.

Crude bench-scale preliminary work has provided sufficient encouragement and the background to recognise the equipment needed to produce efficiently larger quantities of material.

Funds for several items of equipment have been requested to enable a pilot-scale study to be conducted on MDF cement.

Professor Karthaloo said he hoped the super cement would be available for manufacture, hopefully by a Newcastle firm, in mid-1985.

VACANT POSITIONS

When nominations closed for election to executive positions on the University Sub-Division of the Public Service Association, there were fewer candidates than the positions to be filled.

That being the case, nominations for election to the unfilled positions will be called from those members present at the next general meeting of the Sub-Division.

Those who have been nominated to serve on the executive in 1984:

Chairman, Mr. Lionel Farrell.
Committee Members, Mrs. Mary Stroud, Mrs. Margaret Davie, Ms. Susan MacDonald, Mr. Bega Jordan and Dr. David Kay.
Delegate to Annual Conference, Ms. MacDonald.

The positions of Secretary, presently held by Mr. Brian Kelleher and Assistant Secretary, Ms. Kay Jackson, three places on the committee, two positions of delegate to Government Agencies Division Council, the second position of delegate to Annual Conference and the nominee for election to Central Council have not attracted nominations.

OBITUARY

Mr. R.G. Smith, better known as Bob Smith, who died on October 31, was practically a member of the University community.

Troubled by a lengthy illness, Mr. Smith had resigned as Regional Secretary of the Hunter Region Workers' Educational Association on doctor's orders after giving 17 years of devoted service.

Until his illness prevented him, he worked closely with staff in the Department of Community Programmes on the organisation of joint adult education courses and schools. He was a member of the Board of Community Programmes. Further, he regularly presented jazz programmes on radio station 2NUR-FM as a voluntary presenter and was a member of the Board of the station.

Mr. Smith succeeded Mr. Charles Bentley as Regional Secretary of the WEA in 1966. His associates found him to be intelligent and highly motivated and his direction of the work of the WEA brought rapid growth of the association in Newcastle. He organised and implemented the transfer of the headquarters from Gibson Street into Lesileville, the old Arnott Family home, in Unison Street. He was also well-known for his contribution to the development of the Temple Book Shop and his work as a Marriage Guidance Counsellor.

The Director of Community Programmes, Dr. Brian Smith, made his tribute to Mr. Smith as follows: "Bob and I worked very happily and co-operatively on the University/WEA joint adult education programme, as he and Dr. John Turner previously did when the programme was conducted by Sydney University.

"Able people who devote themselves unstintingly to adult education are all too rare. Bob devoted his life to the ideal of a liberal education for everybody".

As Mr. Smith left his body to medical science, there was no funeral service. However, a memorial gathering will be held in Centennial Park, Cook's Hill, near where he lived, on Sunday, November 13, at 10 am.

Mrs. Smith has asked University NEWS to advise those who knew her late husband that they are welcome to attend the gathering and a jazz wake in Blackbutt Reserve, near Carnley Avenue, beginning at 11.30 am.
Sporting News

Sport & Recreation Officer

At the recent Inter-tertiary golf match the Technical College team was victorious, for the first time since 1975, with an excellent score of 268 (four people). The CAE and the University were some considerable way behind. Tom Hall of CAE had a magnificent one under par round.

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Work at the Auchmuty Sports Centre on extensions and renovations to the weight training room are approaching completion. It is anticipated that the new spa and sauna will be in operation later in November.

Staff Association

The University Staff Association decided on November 8 to endorse the Federation of Australian University Staff Association's policy on overseas appointments.

Voting on a motion that the policy be supported was 11 to 9 against.

In a report presented to the Staff Association's third term general meeting, the Executive, whilst presenting FAUSA's policy on overseas appointments, made no recommendation for or against adoption.

FAUSA's policy includes the devising of procedures that ensure a non-national be appointed only if proof is provided that every effort has been made to ascertain that there is no equally suitable Australian applicant for the position.

It also recommends that each university establish an Appointments Review Panel to which any proposed appointment of a non-national by an Academic Selection Committee shall be referred.

Mr. Warren reported on the personal files kept by the University. He said that for some time members of the academic staff had had access to their personal files.

The practice in the past was to remove information obtained under the privilege of confidentiality and place this in an envelope attached to the back of the file, to which a staff member did not have access (access was supervised).

More recently, Mr. Warren said, the 'plain brown paper envelope' material had been transferred to a separate file to which there was no access by the individual to whom the material related.

"The type of material on this file is, presumably, References Reports in connection with appointments, promotions and Outside Study Leave, perhaps References Reports for IRAC or other grants. Whether these files contain 'unsupported allegations' is another matter", he said.

Mr. Adrian Iakin, who will take up the position of Sport and Recreation Officer at the beginning of next year, paid a visit to the University on October 31 to meet senior officers and see sporting facilities. Mr. Iakin is currently a Tutor in the Centre for Behavioural Studies at the University of New England.

A photo by John Purser shows Mr. Iakin with the Vice-Principal, Professor Ken Dutton.

It would appear that once the purpose for obtaining a confidential report had passed the need for the material also passed and there was no reason for its retention.

The meeting directed the Executive to pursue with the Vice-Chancellor, UASA (NSW) and FAUSA, acceptance of the policy and practice that subject to the agreement of the staff members concerned any material obtained under the privilege of confidentiality be destroyed when the immediate purpose for which it was obtained has been satisfied or met.

Following FAUSA's decision to refer the question of FAUSA's affiliation with the ACTU to its members at Australian universities, the Staff Association voted to support a motion that affiliation be sought 13 votes to 12.

A vote of thanks for the President, Dr. Don Wright's, contribution to the work of the Staff Association this year was carried with acclamation.
The effects of the rapid influx of Housing Commission residents upon an established community was recently studied by Mr. A. Everett and Dr. R. Telfer, of the University’s Education Department. Funded by the Institute of Family Studies, the research examined the views of existing and new residents by means of two series of interviews in February and October, 1982.

Mr. Everett and Dr. Telfer say that an interesting change in the period between the interviews was the social integration of the new residents. Because of the minimal social networks available to them when they moved into their new homes, the new resident respondents contrasted sharply with existing residents in terms of social integration.

Mr. Everett and Dr. Telfer found by the time of the second interview that difference was no longer significant as the newcomers had formed friendships and relationships. These links, however, tended to be with other new residents, not with the existing residents of the community.

The issue of stigma emerged as one of the important findings of the study. Initially, the new residents said there was little stigma attached to living in a Housing Commission home. But at the end of the six month period, 60 per cent of the new residents reported a high degree of stigma attached to Housing Commission residence. Existing residents perceived considerable stigma on both interview occasions. Awareness of stigma does not necessarily translate into negative behaviour, but the interviews provided evidence of the reciprocity of negative views of the "other" group. For example, one group was described as "rowdy" (and worse), while the other group was described as "snobbish" (and worse). The perception of stigma became more pronounced over the period of the study.

Positive forces facilitating the adaptation of both new and existing residents were the activities of the Community Development Officer and Youth Officer; the functions held at the Neighbourhood Cottage and Community Hall; and the new policy of sealing private building blocks and private homes near the Commission developments.

Different types of families (joint parent, single parent, and aged) showed different means of adapting. Single parents needed most assistance to adapt, mainly because of the stress of sustained child supervision when youngsters were of pre-school age.

Mr. Everett and Dr. Telfer concluded that the insularity given the Housing Commission development by a well-defined border of tarred and kerbed streets was a major barrier to social integration of the new residents. This planning boundary became a barrier which could only be overcome by a conscious effort from both new and old residents.

If, as indicated in this study, existing residents have higher levels of self-esteem and security, then it can only be advantageous to have them living in close proximity to the new residents. The extent to which spatial relationships are important in the integration of new families could soon be tested by the settlement of the new homes in the Commission estate.
The new trails complex in Blackbutt Reserve clearly demonstrates the value to the community of the University's expertise and research.

The complex became a reality as a result of a collaboration between University staff members and Newcastle organisations, companies, Apex Clubs and citizens.

The network of trails in the Reserve will be officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman Joy Cummings, on November 13 at 12.45 pm.

Professor Cliff Hooker, of the Department of Philosophy, followed up an idea he obtained at the ANZAS Congress in 1981 by proposing that a walking trail for use by blind people be put into the Awabakal Field Study Reserve at Dudley. Subsequently, Dr. Paul Kavanagh, of the Department of English and Dr. David Finlay, of the Department of Psychology, combined with Professor Hooker to put a similar, but more comprehensive, idea to use in Blackbutt Reserve.

Implementation of their proposals has depended upon assistance being given by the Association of Apex Clubs of the Newcastle District, the Corrective Services Department, the City Council, the Blackbutt Committee, the Life Without Barriers Foundation, Individuals and a number of suppliers of materials.

The design for the trail complex is an extension of the normal concept of environmental-sense trails.

"We are offering five separate trail guides, each of which provides the visitor with a different insight into the Reserve's delightful natural environment", Professor Hooker says.

The visitor is able to consult pamphlets to learn about:

- The ecology of Blackbutt Reserve, or how the plants utilise resources to create different habitats,
- The methods Aborigines used in order to support themselves,
- The methods pioneer white settlers used,
- The Indigenous fruits and flowers, and
- The Indigenous ferns and vines.

"To our knowledge, the Aboriginal and Early Settlers guides are unique in Australia."

Professor Hooker says provision has been made for blind and physically handicapped people to obtain a full appreciation of the delights of the Reserve.

School children, too, can have a similar experience by putting on blind-folds, "as well as making the children aware of some of the special characteristics of the Australian bush, being blind-folded gives them the opportunity to understand what it is like to be blind".

When the University staff members were preparing the design of the trail complex they received assistance from Dr. Frank Clarke, of the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying, and Mr. Don Morris, the University Planner.

The trails were constructed by Apex Club members over two 12-week periods. The clubs were also responsible for organising the extensive donations of materials and equipment needed.

The trail complex has been developed on a network that was originally established by Newcastle City Council and the Blackbutt Reserve Ranger, Mr. David Waterhouse provided commentaries and identified some of the plants.

Professor Hooker says that the Blackbutt Reserve trail is probably also the first attempt at integrating an amenity for both blind and physically handicapped people with an environmental educational trail.

He acknowledged with gratitude the donations of expertise and time and the contributions of materials and equipment. For example, the Life Without Barriers Foundation provided $1,200 and the Apex Clubs $1,000 for materials. The overall contribution, however, far exceeded this amount and was worth at least $30,000.

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**HONOUR FOR NEWCASTLE IDENTITY**

Dr. Peter Cummings, who won the University Medal for Mathematics in 1975, has been awarded a Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation grant for Newly Appointed Young Faculty in Chemistry at Virginia University.

Dr. Cummings holds a doctorate from the University of Melbourne. He joined the University of Virginia this year, where he was awarded the grant of $25,000 from the New York-based foundation. Before accepting this position he was a research associate at the State University of New York.

Dr. Cummings conducts research on the thermodynamic properties of molecular liquids and liquid mixtures using computer simulation, integral equations and perturbation theory. He, and his charming wife, are well-known in the Faculty of Mathematics, and many people remember his help when he was a postgraduate student here.
AFTER DINNER BLUES

Hunter Valley Branch of the Australian Federation of University Women is offering a trio led by a top guitarist as the entertainment at the Branch's Christmas dinner.

James Taylor, the guest guitarist, grew up in Wallsend and taught Mathematics at the Kings School, Parramatta. He has had wide musical experience in Australia and America and is reputed to be one of the top blues guitarists in Australia. As well as being a performer, well-known in folk clubs, he is a song writer and has recently released a record of his own compositions.

The dinner will be held in the Staff House on November 23 at 7 pm for 7.30 pm.

Mrs. E.G. Hamilton, phone 48 8025, is able to reserve places for the dinner.

Interest Rates Cut

The State Superannuation Board wishes to inform Fund member borrowers and applicants for housing finance, that the interest rates attaching to housing loans provided from the Fund, have been reduced by 0.25 per cent per annum, effective from October 3, 1983.

The new rates applying are 11.75 per cent for loans less than $50,000 and 12.75 per cent for loans of $50,000 or more. The rate attaching to loans to ex-Fund members, irrespective of amount, is also 12.75 per cent per annum.

Borrowers may elect to seek reduced repayments by contacting the Secretary of the housing co-operative which provided the loan. Alternatively, they may wish to leave existing repayments stand, thereby effecting savings in overall interest.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms Nancy R. Argent, Stenographer, Community Programmes.

Miss Vicki L. Beeton, Junior Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.

Mr. Ian D. Cook, Clerk, Personnel Division.

Miss Angela L. Di Santo, Stenographer, Commerce Department.

Mr. Jack Eason, Maintenance Assistant, Property Division.

Mr. Richard D.C. Graham, Architectural Draftsman, Property Division.

Miss Lisa D. Kane, Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.

Mrs. Ena M.W. Mawer, Stenographer, Faculty of Medicine.

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs. Margaret L. Bell, Stenographer, Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs. Michelle L. Fahey, Animal House Attendant, Faculty of Medicine.

Mrs. Christine M. Hollis, Punch Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.

Mrs. Jack W. McNaughton, Patrol Attendant, Bursar's Division.

Mrs. Lisa M. Muir, Stenographer, Education Department.

Mrs. Kathryn M. Renfrew, Senior Tutor, Economics Department.

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near offer; Breville Kitchen Wizz, $50 or near offer; Vulcan Thermostat Control Fan Heater,
$25 or near offer. All of these items are between one and two years old. Interested
persons are requested to telephone As keen Ghosh at 52 8816 or Extension 467.

1978 HOLDEN GEMINI (metallic blue) in good mechanical condition. This car is regist-
ered until October, 1984. Asking price: $3,500 or near offer. All Interested persons
are requested to telephone Extension 760.

1978 MAZDA 323 (three-door model) in good condition. This car is available from mid-
January in England. Features include: Cassette player and has been a most reliable study
leave car. Asking price: $2,000. All Interested persons are requested to contact David
Dockrell, Linacre College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

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33 2262 or Extension 383 for further particulars.

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Two roomed furnished unit in Marswether, close to ocean. Availability about November 1,
1983. Rental per week: $95. Interested persons are requested to contact Richard Kalman at
63 4870 or 43 7051.

House in the Cardiff/Garden Suburb area. This house has three bedrooms and is fully
carpeted. Furniture is available if required. Availability is from late Novem-
ber. All Interested persons are requested to telephone 54 5126.

Very comfortable four bedroom home on Redhead Bluff with magnificent ocean views. This
home is available from mid-December until February, 1985. Rent is negotiable based upon the willingness to look
after flora and fauna. All Interested persons are requested to telephone 49 8017.

Three bedroom home with swimming pool in the Warners Bay area from November 27 until
June 30, 1984. Interested persons are requested to telephone 48 6398.

Caravan or reasonably priced house to rent for two weeks from January 9, 1984 by couple
with one year old child. Husband is attending University postgraduate course during
January. If you are able to assist please telephone Margot at Extension 392.

Comfortable three bedroom house in Brisbane suburb of Tingha which I want to swap and/or let
for a house in Newcastle or suburbs, close to beach, for two weeks from December 18 to
January 1, 1984. Rent negotiable and or swap. Interested persons are requested to telephone
Brisbane (07) 371 2492 or Newcastle 63 2836.


Applicants should have a substantial background in Physics for the Physics I laboratory demonstrating,
senior undergraduates in Science, Engineering or Mathematics will be consid-
ered.

For details please contact the Physics Department Secretary.

Christmas Gifts

Cards, calendars, stationery wrapping paper, books, tea
towels and other individually designed goods and Austral-
iana -- Ideas for Christmas and overseas mailing --
available from Jan Ebbek at Extension 262.

All proceeds assist the National Trust in its conserva-
tion and advisory work.

Delegates Appointed

The University of Newcastle Staff Association recently
appointed the following members as delegates to the Council of the University Academic Staff
Association of New South Wales:

Dr. Don Wright (History),
Dr. Geoff Samuel (Sociology) and
Mr. Bill Warren (Education).

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tion date.