Futures Expert

Two public lectures will be given at the University by Dr. Goren Backstrand, Co-director of the Swedish Secretariat for Futures Studies. The Swedish Secretariat for Futures Studies reports directly to the Prime Minister of Sweden and has had significant impact on the development of a wide range of Swedish technological, environmental and economic policies.

Dr. Backstrand's long-standing interest in energy policy and environmental issues has grown into a wider interest in long-range goal formation within a society. He is an active debater and author on energy, environment, the consumer society, international solidarity and the role of Futures Studies in government.

Dr. Backstrand is currently visiting Australia as a Commonwealth Fellow. He will be in Newcastle briefly to discuss futures issues before meeting with Federal Cabinet Ministers in Canberra to outline his views.

His first public lecture will be delivered in the Staff House on March 7 at 4.30 pm. The topic will be Swedish Technology Development: Lessons for the Hunter Valley?

An opportunity will be given for questions from the audience following the lecture.

A buffet dinner will be served in the Staff House at 6 pm to be followed by further open-ended discussion with Dr. Backstrand.

Another public lecture will be given by Dr. Backstrand in Lecture Theatre B01 on March 8 at 12.30 pm. The subject will be Futures Research and Public Policy Planning.

GRADUATION DINNER DANCE

A long tradition of staging graduation dances in Newcastle was broken in 1980. More than 20 functions of this type were held since Newcastle University College was established. As a result of a disappointing attendance for the 1980 Graduation Ball, Convocation decided that the annual functions should cease.

Peep from the past - the Graduation Ball, 1973. A similar celebration will revive the function this year.

This year Convocation and the Union will collaborate to revive the dance for new graduates. The proposal has emanated from the University's decision in 1981 to hold just one Graduation Day, instead of two as previously, and Convocation's successful efforts to revitalise Graduation Day.

What was a special occasion for ever so many new graduates for many years will take the form this year of a dinner-dance. It will be held in the Union on the night of Graduation Day, April 30.

A sit-down roast dinner and soft-rock music for dancing will be provided for guests. The cost will be $15 a head.

Graduands and their friends can buy tickets through a mail order system. Cheques should be sent to Graduation Dinner-Dance, C/- the Union and a stamped addressed envelope included.

The cost does not include liquor and soft drinks, a wide range of which will be available at the Bar. However, Convocation will pay for the liquor drunk with dinner.

The dinner-dance will not be formal. New graduates are being encouraged to take their academic dress (in keeping with a long tradition). It will then be available for the Graduation Waltz.

INSIDE - LIBRARY MOVES
Dear Sir,

Night I comment on some aspects of style and spelling in the article "New Teaching Facility" appearing in Volume 9, Number 1.

Some computer programming languages such as FORTRAN (FORmula TRANslation) and COBOL (COMMON Business Oriented Language) often have their names printed in capitals to emphasize their origins as acronyms. There is, however, no justification for a similar practice in referring to Pascal (named in honor of Blaise Pascal) or Ada (named in honor of Augusta Ada Byron, Countess of Lovelace).

While it has become common in some circles this century to use what printers call the American spelling 'programme', the older English spelling 'program' is used universally in computing.

JOHN A. LAMBERT,
Computing Centre.

On February 25 at a function at which new students were briefed on life at the University, Terry Slevin welcomed the new starters "on behalf of the entire student population. "Everyone's experience of Uni. is different", he said, "and usually depends on attitudes towards education and life style".

Terry Slevin is President of Newcastle University Students' Association.

University was probably one of the few times when one's destiny "was almost entirely in one's own hands", he said. The new students had the opportunity, while at Uni., to make personal inputs into almost every facet of Uni. life.

Almost every major decision-making body at the University had at least one position for a student representative and some were predominantly student-controlled. The student-controlled bodies were those which received income from annual student fees. The fees were divided between the University Union, the Sports Union and the SRC.

"At Uni., Terry said, "you only learn what you want to learn - so, if you want to find out about the bodies, ask! That probably goes for any information you require - how to find a journal article in the library, how to get TEAS, etc. There is always someone who holds the information you need and can share that knowledge. You must not be afraid to ask someone about things you are unsure about".

Terry Slevin suggested that if students had inter-
est, problems, complaints or questions, a good place to start at was the SRC office in the basement of the Union Building. Alternatively they could ask him. While at the SRC they could look up Peter Giles, the '83 SRC Media Officer. "You could find out how you can help with the student newspaper, Opus, or participate in the making of a regular radio show".

The President urged the students to take an active part in their University and help to develop it as an enjoyable, useful, and practical institution.

Mr. Pat Matthews, the Manager of the Commonwealth Bank's University Branch, will very soon be transferred to the Commonwealth Bank, The Junction. Mr. Matthews has been a well-known campus personality since coming to the branch in February, 1975.

The Commonwealth Bank has announced the appointment of Mr. B. O'Doherty, Manager at the Bank's Waratah Branch, to succeed Mr. Matthews.

CREDIT UNION
The Credit Union's Newcastle University office is now open on weekdays from 9 am until 3 pm.

The Credit Union presently has $1,000,000 to lend for any worthwhile purpose. So, why not enquire now at the Credit Union Office at Extension 472?

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THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S
FIRST TERM STAFF MEETING
will be held in the
DRAMA THEATRE
on TUESDAY, MARCH 15
at 1.05 pm
(The Second and Third Term Staff Meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 21 and Tuesday, October 4.)
IS THIS FOR YOU?

Do you readily respond to music to its rhythms? Does it make you want to move in harmony with its melody and mood? In other words, do you feel invited to dance?

Then, you may be interested in the creation of a demonstration team to dance before fellow students as the occasion arises to show off the beauty of the Scottish Country Dance.

The team will consist of six men and six women, teenage to mid-twenties, an age group you would readily identify with. You will be trained by an experienced fully certificated teacher of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. There are no special dress requirements at the moment. Men will be dancing in short black and long socks, women in cotton frocks.

For further information and to register your keen interest please contact N. Duewell, Room 214, Chemistry Department or telephone Extension 437.

WANTED -

TO RENT

Two-bedroom house or flat for the period of August 1983 to August, 1984 for a visiting staff member on sabbatical leave. If you are able to assist please telephone Professor B. Boettcher at Extension 586.

NON-SMOKING BOARDER

Non-smoking boarder is needed to share fully furnished house in Argenton. Interested persons are requested to contact Vicki at 20 411 or Extension 844.

WANTED !!! A BUYER !!!

For a large comfortable house in the New Lambton area. Double brick/weatherboard/tile, with a large kitchen, two bathrooms, five bedrooms, rumpus with bar/cellar, workshop, new chief upstairs, $68,000. Interested persons are requested to telephone 52 2702; if unanswered please try again during the evening. From March 7 please telephone 28 1833, and ask for Mr. Frank Prasek.

FOR SALE

SAILING DINGHY - N.S. 14. Excellent father-and-son boat, in good condition and ready to sail. Features include: Fibreglass hull, freshwater sails, near-new alloy mast,

NEWTON-JOHN AWARD

A cylinder vase illustrated by painter John Earle has been chosen for this year's Newton-John Award. Convocation, which presents the Newton-John Award to a graduate of this University for innovation or creativity, always chooses original works of art by regional artists to present to the recipient of the Award.

John Earle had his first major exhibition at the Cook's Hill Gallery in 1981. This year he will be having further shows in Newcastle and Sydney.

The item which Convocation has chosen is a slip moulded cylinder vase illustrated in brilliant ceramic glaze.

Mr. Trevor Waring, well-known for his community work as a clinical psychologist, is the winner of the Newton-John Award for 1982.

Mr. Waring came to Newcastle in the late 1960s and helped to set-up the Newcastle Youth Service. He introduced the new idea of using street workers for youth welfare purposes. He gained B.A. and M.Sc. degrees as a part-time student of Newcastle University.

Mr. Waring will be guest of honour at a dinner in the Southern Cross Lounge in the Union on March 25.

The Warden of Convocation, Mr. Philip Miller, will present the Newton-John Award to him.

Convocation is interested in hearing from those who want to attend the dinner to see Mr. Waring receive his award. Members of the University and their friends can arrange to obtain tickets, which cost $17.50 each, by calling at Room G60 in the McMullin Building, or by telephoning Extension 213.

CRUISE CRAFT REGAL 5.03 m (16'-6") - (A Must for the Keen Fisherman) Half-cabin, flybridge screen with canopy, 85 hp Johnson Motor PTT, Furuno echo sounder, 27 MH3 marine radio, Brooker tilt trailer, safety gear, registered until December, $5,700. Interested persons are requested to telephone Extension 581 or 63 3247.

Three bedroom weatherboard and tile home in New Lambton Heights. Features include: beautiful bushland setting with a 60 mile view from balcony, modern kitchen and bathroom, large lounge and dining room with entertaining balcony. Asking price $76,000. Interested persons are requested to be present 26 2380 for inspection.

CARE GROUP ON CAMPUS

Parents interested in forming an occasional care group on campus are asked to attend a meeting to be held in the Union Courtyard at 1 pm (lunch time) on Tuesday, March 8. Alternatively interested persons are requested to telephone 57 4974 or 67 4419 for further particulars.

Vynl clad Weatherboard and Brick Veneer Home with Terra Cotta Tiled Roof in the vicinity of Ocean View Parade. Features include: Two bedrooms (one with built-ins) and Sun Room (could be used as a third bedroom). Lounge-dining Room, "eat-in" kitchen, two toilets plus garage. Asking price: $59,000 or near offer. Interested persons are asked to telephone 43 8618 for inspection.

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MOVES IN LIBRARY

During the Christmas vacation much more shelving was installed in the Achnamy Library. This was an effort to contain the collection within the Library for a little longer while waiting for Stage II B.

The seating areas of the four reading rooms have become much more cramped, because the tables and carrels have been put closer together. The resulting inconvenience to readers is regretted. These shelving changes have been, or are being, made:

Humanities Monograph Reading Room - Seven double-sided presses have been inserted in the centre of the shelves just inside the door. On the eastern wall, all monographs numbered 000 to 099 have been moved across to the Science/Technology Monograph Reading Room and the collection has been expanded into these spaces.

Science/Technology Monograph Reading Room - The Sci/Bib collection, formerly housed in the free-standing shelves adjacent to the western wall, has been wiped out and reshelfed in either the Reference Collection or Stack. All records have been changed to show this. Additionally, 80 presses have been added throughout the Reading Room - on the western wall, adjacent to the fire escape, to the right of the entrance and adjacent to Law. Incorporating the 000 to 099s moved from Humanities, the entire collection is being eased into the expanded accommodation.

Humanities Serials Reading Room - The serials display stands have been moved closer together and seven double-sided presses have been inserted each side. The serials numbered 001 have been moved to the Science/Technology Serials Reading Room and the collection has been eased into these spaces.

Reference/Catalogue Lobby, Science/Technology Serials Reading Room and Stack - The seating on the southern side of the Science/Technology Reading Room has largely been moved to the northern side, where reader places are now closely packed.

In this Reading Room now, 001s and Psychology 130s and 130s begin the main run in the shelves vacated near the Psychology/Bio/Med display shelves. The 500s follow, breaking at the door and resuming in the wall shelves on the southern wall round to the main serial shelves.

Indexing and Abstracting Services - Pre-1970 and closed runs of indexing and abstracting journals, formerly shelved in the alcove adjacent to the Psychology/Bio/Med display shelves, have been moved one floor down to the former cassette listening area, adjacent to Archives.

The indexing and abstracting journals formerly in the Reference/Catalogue Lobby have been moved into the wall, and free-standing presses, standing on the carpet to the left of the main door, into the Reading Room.

Reference Material - This is now spread through the wooden shelving in the Reference/Catalogue Lobby and the former indexing and abstracting shelves and the sequence has changed to an integrated serial/monograph reference collection.

The maps have been amended to show the main shelving arrangements and as the move is completed the hays will be re-labelled.

Additional changes are envisaged during 1981.

JOAN MURRAY, Assistant Librarian, Reader Service.

AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVE

Assoc. Professor Terry Wall, Director of the Institute of Coal Research, will attend a workshop in California next week under the aegis of the International Energy Agency. He will be the official representative of Australia at the workshop.

To be conducted at the Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, California, on March 8, 9 and 10, the workshop has these objectives:

- Exchange of information by researchers on the specific coal combustion research issues and topics of interest to each member country of the IAE.

- Identification of potential joint co-operative coal combustion research projects, and

- Familiarisation of the international scientific coal research community with the unique capabilities of the Sandia Laboratories.

Professor Wall said that the Sandia Laboratories had pioneered many optical (laser) techniques to study coal combustion. To duplicate these expensive facilities in other countries would not be possible. The workshop was therefore planned to establish co-operative programmes.

Professor Wall's visit will be sponsored by the National Energy Research Development and Demonstration Council.

ENGLISH Difficulties

Are you having difficulty in speaking and listening to English? If so, the Language Laboratory has equipment and tapes which can assist you in practising your English. You are invited to visit the Language Laboratory where the Director, Mrs. Gay Reeves, will assist you in choosing an English programme to suit your needs.

You will find the Language Laboratory (G28), Ground Floor, McMullin Building.
SPORT

BASEBALL

People interested in playing baseball for the University this winter are invited to attend the Club's annual general meeting in the Sportsman’s Bar (Squash Courts) on March 9.

If unable to attend, or have any queries, please telephone Paul Berry (61 4556) or Paul Garaty (49 1540).

SKI CLUB NEWS

The University Ski Club, whose activities cover water, grass and snow skiing will be holding a ski film and wine and cheese night on the night of March 10 in the Godfrey Tanner Room, University Union. Films to be shown include a new ski film entitled "Moments". Persons who are interested in joining the Club are cordially invited to attend.

anorexia

The first meeting of a self-help group for suffers of Anorexia and their families will be held at 56 Stewart Avenue, Hamilton on Friday, March 11, at 7.30 pm.

Future meetings will be held separately on a weekly basis.

For further information please telephone 69 1752.
Elaine and Bill Sheehan have presented to the Auchmuty Library an index to all birth, death and marriage records of New South Wales before 1900.

Bill Sheehan retired as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics after having been at the University since 1957.

Elaine began work at the University the same year as Bill. Her first position was a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Economics. She was Secretary in the Anatomy Department of the Faculty of Medicine when she retired recently.

The set of 437 microfiche, prepared by the New South Wales Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages, has been placed in three binders and will be shelved in the Reference section of the Auchmuty Library (on the quarto shelves).

This valuable addition to the Library's Australiana research resources has arrived at a fitting time when great interest in local history and identities has been aroused by the approach of the Bicentennial Celebrations in 1988.

Mr. Peter Wildblood, Deputy Registrar of the University of New South Wales and Chairman of the Universities Credit Union Limited, has been appointed to the Credit Union Savings Reserve Board. The appointment was made by the former Minister for Housing and Co-operative Societies, Mr. Shehan, MLA.

The Credit Union Savings Reserve Board was established by Act of the Parliament of New South Wales to safeguard the funds of members of the credit unions in the State ($1 billion in assets as at September 30, 1982).

It does so by closely monitoring the trading position of all credit unions, by ordering inspections and by administering a fund amounting to many millions of dollars which has been accumulated through compulsory levy on all credit unions.

Although it is an independent authority, the Board works closely with the Registrar of Credit Unions.

In his letter appointing Mr. Wildblood, the Minister referred to his 'credentials and experience in the credit union movement' and to his belief that he "will make a worthwhile contribution to the Board's role".

University's chances of becoming a Newcastle cricket finalist for the first time have taken a steady upward climb this season.

The first grade XI currently share the lead on the points table with one round remaining before the semi-finals.

Sporting commentators have written about having been very impressed with University this season.

Michael Hill, who writes for The Newcastle Herald said that University was possibly the hardest team to beat if his outfit (Charlestown) was to retain its NDCA major premiership trophy. When University and Charlestown played their match, seen by many cricket fans as the "test of the titans", a result was not possible because of rain. University, beaten only once this season (by Waratah-Mayfield), is certain to be a semifinalist. It is believed to be the first time that our team has done so. The players, who are mainly students or graduates of the University, will be striving hard to not only become the premiers on top of the table but also win the Citecorp final to be played on March 26 and 27 at No.1 Sports Ground.

As a follower of the team's performances commented, there are "11 reasons why the team is doing so well". One very big reason is that the team is being captained excellently (for the second consecutive season) by Graham Faraday, a fine spin bowler.

David Johnston has been prolific with the bat. His innings against Stockton ended when he was 230 not out. University scored 424 against Stockton. Johnston's tally that day was the highest individual score in Newcastle first grade cricket for many years.

Tim Curran, the fast bowler, has had a very successful season, as have student batsmen Andrew Butler, who scored a centur y, and Bill Wileman.
COUNSELLING SERVICE

The University Counselling Service will be holding groups and courses for all members of the University in First Term.

A Body Mind course, presented by Bruce Furner, will allow participants to learn more about their bodies and gain insight into their physical and mental functioning.

A preliminary meeting to arrange a suitable time will be held in the University Counselling Service Theatrette (Room LG59), McMullin Building, on March 10 at 1 pm.

Building your Own Self Esteem, a course presented by Peter Bamford, is designed to help people identify the ways in which they tend to undervalue themselves, and, more importantly, to enable them to develop some of the ways in which they can actively build up their own self-esteem.

A preliminary meeting to arrange a suitable time will be held in the Counselling Service Theatrette on March 9 at 1 pm.

The Efficient Reading course is aimed at increasing reading speed without loss of comprehension by introducing students to more efficient reading techniques and encouraging a flexible approach to reading.

Lectures will be given in Lecture Theatre V02 on Fridays from 1 pm until 3 pm for six weeks, commencing on March 11.

Study Skills is a short course aimed at improving study methods. The course will consist of one-one-hour weekly sessions, with emphasis on informal discussion.

A preliminary meeting to arrange a suitable time will be held in the Counselling Service Theatrette on March 14 at 1 pm.

The Efficient Reading and Study Skills courses will be conducted by Pat Loftus.

LOANS

Information and application forms are now available from the Student Administration Office.

Students applying for a loan should present in person the Application with at least Sections 1 and 2 completed and their 1983 Student Card to the Student Administration Office for completion of the Enrollment Officer's Declaration.

Dr. David Stephenson has arrived at the University to work with the Department of Physics as the first Schmi Fellow. He is an unemployed scientist from Canada, where from 1970 until 1979 he was attached to the Institute of Space and Atmospheric Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

At the University of Newcastle he will spend until the end of April assisting Assoc. Professor Colin Keay to assemble his radar meteor detection system. This is a fully automated device which monitors the influx of particles into the Earth's atmosphere and relays radio waves from the atmosphere back to Earth. The device includes an analysis system which comprises eight micro-computers.

Dr. Stephenson, who is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and the British Interplanetary Society, was recently invited to join an international commission which is inquiring into extraterrestrial intelligences.

He says that because he is single he is able to keep moving and attract some of the very limited employment opportunities available in research.

"It is a grim situation for scientists in every country of the western world. Most of those who are between 30 and 40 years of age are being thrown into the streets. Practically all research is now being done by two or three year contract and, in my opinion, you cannot do effective research on such a short-term basis."

Dr. Stephenson holds a degree of Bachelor of Science in Physics in the University of Southampton and a Ph.D. degree in the University of Sheffield.

Leaving the University of Saskatchewan, he worked for NASA on space craft instruments for about two years and was later a temporary visiting scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Aeronomy in Germany.

sayonara Newcastle

Mrs. Yoko Nishimura, Visiting Fellow in Japanese Culture, bade farewell to her friends at the University. She presented an example of Japanese calligraphy to the University as an expression of appreciation. The Deputy Chairman of Senate, Professor M. Carter, officially accepted the gift.
IRAC APPLICATIONS

The Internal Research Assessment Committee has decided to invite applications in each of the three categories for the April closing date. Normally the only applications invited at this time are Category "C" – Overseas Conference Travel Grants.

However, as the Committee has a little more money than is usual at this time of the year, it has decided to consider applications for Category "A" – Research Projects proposed by newly qualified academic staff and Category "B" – Research Projects proposed by established researchers as well as Category "C". Application forms are available from Mr. J. S. Boydell, Secretary's Division (Extension 341). The closing date for the submission of applications is April 7.

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

Have you a job to be done? Do you know someone with a job to be done? Please let the Careers & Student Employment Office (Room T25), Extension 466, know.

Many students are anxiously seeking part-time and casual work.

Students most often seek the following types of work:

- Coaching
- Garden Labouring
- Laboratory Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Waitressing
- Petrol Station Attendant

WOMEN'S GROUP

The University Women's Group will offer drinks, lunch and baby sitting as part of the agenda for its annual general meeting on March 17.

All women associated with the University are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Purdey Room in the Great Hall and start with drinks at 11.30 am.

Women wishing to attend are asked to contact Sue Rostas, C/- Dr. J. Rostas, through the internal University mail, or telephone Shirley Morris (48 8629) before March 14.

DIARY OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 10.30 am

1983 Bill Childs Memorial Event, a discussion of Goals Fears of the Australian Society, discussion Leader Canon Peter Hollingworth, Director of the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, Geography Lecture Theatre. Inquiries 685 522.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MARCH 5 & 6

Working Creatively with Communities – a weekend Conference for Community Workers, Morpeth Conference Centre. Inquiries 685 522.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 8 pm

Newcastle Film Society presents: The Trout (Garcia Sanchez, Spain, 1980). Lecture Theatre B01.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 3 pm

Radio Station 2NUR-FM presents: The Senior Citizens' Hour, a weekly programme presented by Senior Citizens for Senior Citizens. Senior Citizens' Week specials on March 8 to 11.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 7.30 pm

Orientation meeting for the Open Foundation Course, Great Hall. (Enrolments can still be accepted.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 10.30 am

One-day seminar, Local Government - The Consumers' Viewpoint. Inquiries 685 522.


10 am

One-day seminar on Knowing and Understanding Multiple Sclerosis, organised by the Lake Macquarie Auxiliary of the MS Society, address by experts (morning), workshop (afternoon), Great Hall. Inquiries 488 520.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 8 pm

Newcastle Film Society presents: Aguirre - Wrath of God (Herzog, Germany, 1973). Lecture Theatre B01.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 6 pm

Introduction to Computing - eight sessions. Inquiries 685 522.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 8 pm

Advanced Computing course. Inquiries 685 522.

SATURDAY to FRIDAY, MARCH 18-26

Ceramics Competition and Exhibition, organised by The Friends of The University, Great Hall, 10 am to 5 pm (weekend), 10 am to 3 pm (weekdays). Inquiries 685 327.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 9.30 am


8 pm

Radio Station 2NUR-FM presents: Castanet Club Live at the Clarendon Hotel. In the tradition of live radio in the 30s and 40s, the Castanets will present 90 minutes of comedy, music and intrigue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 8 pm

Newcastle Film Society presents: Black and White in Colour (Annaud, France/Germany/Italy, 1976).
Matters dealt with by the Council on December 10 included the following. The notes are distributed as a single sheet because publication of University News has ceased for the year.

ACADEMIC STAFF

PROMOTIONS

Council has promoted the following members of the academic staff from January 1, 1983:

Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor –

Dr. M.C. Ewans, the Department of Drama. Dr. Ewans joined the staff of the University as a Lecturer in the Department of Classics in 1973. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1978 and, in August 1981, became Head of the Department of Drama.

Lecturer to Senior Lecturer

Dr. L.A. Chahl, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Queensland), Faculty of Medicine (Clinical Pharmacology); Dr. J.W. Heath, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Melbourne), Faculty of Medicine (Anatomy); Dr. A.J. Husband, B.Sc.Agr., Ph.D. (Sydney), Faculty of Medicine (Immunology); Dr. J.R. Kirby, B.A. (McGill), Ph.D. (Alberta), Department of Education; Dr. A.C. Oakley, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Melbourne), Faculty of Medicine (Clinical Pharmacology); Dr. F.G. Peterson, M.A., Ph.D. (Victoria, Wellington), Department of Linguistics; Dr. P.K. Seccombe, M.Sc. (Melbourne), Ph.D. (Manitoba), Department of Geology; and Mr. W.G. Warren, M.A., M.Psych. (Clinical), MAPS, AASA, Department of Education.

ACADEMIC PLAN

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Administration and Senate were considering Council's decisions on the Academic Plan and how it should be prosecuted.

The Allocations Committee had not been able to achieve the reduction in Part-Time Teaching Allocations hoped for.

Three of the vacant chairs were to be advertised: those in the Department of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Surveying, and Electrical and Computer Engineering.

CONTACT WITH INDUSTRY

Referring to the Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council on the Activities of Departments during Third Term, the Chancellor expressed his interest in the range of contacts being made with commerce and industry and asked that this aspect of the University's operations be highlighted in future reports.

Members of Council commented that it was encouraging to learn that at least $2 million would be available to members of staff for research in the fields of medicine, biology and the physical and social sciences in 1983.

ANALAMATION

The Vice-Chancellor reported that although the University had received acknowledgements from many of the recipients of its statement on the amalgamation of the CAE with the University definitive advice on the situation for 1983-84 was still awaited, both in regard to amalgamation and the funding available.

LONG SERVICE

The Vice-Chancellor had been asked to advise the Council on an appropriate way in which the University could recognise staff who gave long service.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

While stating that it was not in a position to offer any financial assistance, and recognising that a great deal of work would have to be completed before any firm decision could be made, Council agreed in principle to the holding of the games in Newcastle in 1987.

PREMIER TO VISIT

It was reported that the Premier of New South Wales, Hon. Mr. Neville Wran, would deliver the Oration Address at the University's first conferencing degrees ceremony on April 20, 1983.

SUPERANNUATION

Council noted the opposition of the Public Service Association of New South Wales to any attempt to transfer members of the general staff to the State Superannuation. It was reported that the Vice-Chancellor had advised the Finance and Personnel Committee of the belief that the general staff had no cause for alarm. Council resolved that on information available to it, it understood that there was no intention to transfer present staff to another superannuation scheme even if the University were to become associated with another superannuation scheme at some future date.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ACADEMIC STAFF

The Council, in the light of interim advice from the University's Solicitors, did not reach a decision on whether to enter into the proposed agreement with UASA.
POSITIVE INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Following a report from the Positive Initiatives Committee, which, among other things, informed Council that a number of helpful ideas were still under consideration and new ideas were still being received by the Committee, it was resolved that the life of the Committee be extended for one year, i.e. until February, 1984.

BUILDINGS NAMED

Council agreed to the request made by the Board of Trustees of Edwards Hall that the two original residential blocks at the Hall be named Burnet House, in honour of Sir MacFarlane Burnet, and Cutler House, in honour of Sir Roden Cutler. Sir MacFarlane and Sir Roden have had links with the University and each holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

ACCESS TO COUNCIL

Council agreed in principle that its meetings be open to all members of the University. An edited copy of the Agenda for meetings of Council is to be placed in the Library at the same time as it is sent to members of Council.

The Secretary has been asked to report on the editing and publishing of the minutes of meetings of Council.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity, reported that her Committee had met twice and considered how it should approach its task. Mrs. Morrison had consulted with the State Director of Equal Opportunity and the Committee was attempting to arrange for the Director to speak to it. An invitation to hear the Director would be extended to others.

Mrs. Morrison said the Committee had noted that the Director had identified these areas of concern to the New South Wales Government:

- Discrimination based upon race,
- Discrimination based on marital status, and
- Discrimination based on sex.

She said the Committee had decided to direct its attention to these areas, with discrimination on the grounds of sex being initially concentrated upon.

The Committee believed that it would be desirable to have direct access to the views of a person with an ethnic background and, accordingly, asked for the Vice-Chancellor to be empowered to appoint an alternate member of the Committee to serve when The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Kirby was unable to attend.

Further, in view of the pending amalgamation of the CAE with the University, the Committee had decided to invite the CAE Council to nominate an observer to attend meetings of the Committee.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

The following appointments were made:

- Assoc. Professor J.R. Evans, Department of Drama, until December 31, 1983.
- Dr. F. Clarke, Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying, until March 31, 1983.
- Professor C. Tidmarsh, Department of Economics, for three years from January 1, 1983.
- Professor L. Jagger, Department of Commerce, for three years from December 1, 1982.

I would like to thank all the people — academic, photographers and printery — who helped us throughout the year with University NEWS. We look forward, with your continued support, to a brighter year ahead.

Please remember that we welcome your ideas and suggestions for stories and pictures. These should be addressed to The Editor, c/- Publicity, or telephone Extension 328 and ask for Mr. John Armstrong or Mrs. Linda Aurelius.

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!