RE-ELECTED “Change and Challenge”

The year 1982 was a year of change and challenge for the Board of Management of the Union.

In the 22nd annual report submitted to the annual general meeting on April 22, the Past President, Mr. Stephen James, said the Board had been faced with difficult and controversial decisions in its endeavour to maintain a viable operation.

“Due largely to the effects of the recession and inflation, it has been necessary to rationalise staff in all categories of our operations, office administration, shops and catering outlets, house staff and activities”, he said.

The 1982 Board had addressed the perennial problem of the leaking roof and associated building rectification with a view to finding a permanent solution.

The Board up-dated the dining room furniture. In addition, Mr. James said, new furniture in the Galleries had brightened this area up considerably.

Other initiatives of the 1982 Board were the continuation in upgrading cash registers, re-organisation of the store and improved access to the Gift Shop.

The meeting, attended by nearly 200 members of the Union, resolved that the position of Activities Officer be upgraded to a full-time position.

A motion that the Union Board award Chris Tingley $3,000 as compensation for the inhumane rapidity of her retrenchment from the position of Activities Officer and as compensation for the unnecessary degradation she suffered by being unemployed for some weeks following was defeated.

The following members of the Union were elected to the Board of Management following the elections held from April 11 to 15.

Peter Edward Goodwin (Graduate Member), Terry Joseph Slevin, Mark Raymond Brogen, Christopher Tola, Francis Osborne, Mark Andrew Hoffmann, Kevin J. Tidball, Charles Maddison and John Mack Costley (Student Members).

Lengthy discussion was devoted to motions concerning features of the Board’s decisions to change the position of Activities Organiser from full-time to part-time and not to offer the position to the previous Activities Organiser.
Dear Sir,

On April 20, 1983, the following letter was sent on behalf of: Roger Peters, ASPUN President, Sandra Grimes, Acting President of the Association of Women Employees of the University of Newcastle, David Kay, President, PSA, and John Armstrong, for the ALP Supporters' Group on Campus, to the Minister for Education, Senator the Hon. Susan Ryan, MHR.

Dear Minister,

In my capacity as spokesperson for the students of Newcastle University, I am writing to you in regard to certain rumours concerning the proposed amalgamation of the University and the Newcastle College of Advanced Education.

These rumours pertain to the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission's action in continuing to recommend that this amalgamation proceed (I refer you to the article appearing in the Newcastle Morning Herald — April 15, 1983) as desired by the former Fraser Government. Such rumours have caused considerable consternation; not only amongst the students of Newcastle University, of which I am acutely aware, but also amongst those involved in tertiary education in both institutions at all levels.

I feel sure Minister, that, the decisions you make on the question of the recommendations of the CTEC and of the amalgamation issue, will re-affirm the policy promises adopted by your Government, which if I may reiterate — are:

- Section 9.2 of the ROLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH TERT. EDUC. COMMISSION.
- "A Labor Government would act to ensure that the Commission accurately communicated the concerns and responses of tertiary institutions to the Government. This will involve strengthening the role of the Universities Council and the Advanced Education Council." Quoted from ALP Policy 1982.
- If I may digress. — Both the University and the NCAE have from the very beginning opposed amalgamation.

Also, Section 10.2 AMALGAMATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

It is not clear whether all of the proposed amalgamations will have been concluded by the time of the next election. Those which have not been finalised would not be proceeded with by a Labor Government in advance of the parties to the amalgamation being satisfied with the proposals. — Also quoted, ALP Policy 1982.

Further, I beg to advise you of a telegram received by me on March 4, 1983 from your colleague, the then Shadow Minister for Education — Mr. Chris Hurford; stating in his first sentence that —

- "A Labor Government, when elected on March 5, will stop the amalgamation of the Newcastle CAE and the University of Newcastle."

I feel sure you will agree that a clarification on the matter of the recommendations of the CTEC will help allay the very real fears of those that are vitally affected by your decisions.

TERRY SLEVII.
President.
Students Representative Council,
University of Newcastle.

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Faculty Visitor

Professor David Newell said he had planned to come to this University before now. However, he was held up by the longest court case in Scottish history.

"I was an expert witness for the local authority which is defending its decision to fluoridate Glasgow's water supply", Professor Newell said. "The case has occupied the period September 1, 1980 until now and the judge has still not handed down his determination."

Professor Newell has come to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in England where he is a member of the Faculty of Medicine. He is Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Statistics and Director of the Health Care Research Unit.

At this University he has spent approximately two months working with Professor Stephen Leeder, Professor of Community Medicine, and Professor Annette Dobson, Assoc. Professor in Mathematics. Together they are working in Professor Newell's areas of specialisation — medical statistics and the provision of health care. Professor Dobson organises the only Australian postgraduate course in Medical Statistics.

His visit is a direct outcome of meetings between Professor Dobson and himself in Sydney and overseas and correspondence between them in connection with their mutual research interests.

Professors Newell, Leeder and Dobson have been devising sections of the Master of Medical Sciences degree in Clinical Epidemiology course, which is being offered by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Clinical Epidemiology. Further they have been discussing developments in the use of medical statistics and Durham.

Professor Newell graduated from the University of Cambridge with a Mathematics degree in 1952. He also holds a Diploma in Mathematical Statistics in the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. degree in the University of the provision of community health services.
COUNCIL

Council endorsed in principle the motion of a student house, built with funds provided by overseas interests, to allow the University to house additional overseas students. The proposal was submitted to the Council by the Convocation Foundation which will seek to raise the funds for the project. The proposed house would relate to the needs of Malaysian students.

The Vice-Chancellor has been authorised to lead discussions with appropriate authorities as an initial step in the programme.

The Executive Officer of Convocation Foundation, Mr. Derek Bocoy, informed the Council that the proposal potentially opened the way to similar schemes involving other countries, particularly Australia’s neighbours, and added both to the attractiveness and viability of the University.

The proposal is that the form of the Malaysian student block be similar to the existing TUNRA House, which provides 15 self-cook places for students. Part of the proposal is that the University undertake to provide 10 residential places in Edwards Hall for Malaysian students.

The possibility of the block being designed to reflect Malay architectural style has been noted.

Professor G.W. Kellerman’s appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine was extended for a further 12 months.

The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby, the Deputy Chancellor, was congratulated for having been appointed a Judge of the Federal Court.

Council appointed Mrs. E. Morrison and Mr. B. Reif to new terms of office as Trustees of the Board of Edwards Hall and Mr. P. Chopra and Mr. T. Askle Members of the Board of Management of the Union. Council recorded its gratitude for the service of Mr. W. Falconer, Assistant Bursar, as a Council appointee to the Union Board.

The Sports Union is to make extensions and alterations to the Auchenflower Sports Centre. The Vice-Chancellor was authorised to enter into a contract with Civil and Civic Pty., Ltd. for the construction and management of the project for a target sum of $122,243.

The roof of the Union is to be replaced because of the continuing problem of roof leaks. Council agreed to the removal of the tile roof of the Union and the substitution of a new metal roof for an estimated cost of $150,000.

To minimise disruption, the work will be done after next October during the Long Vacation.

Council was informed that the Board of the Union had commissioned an independent investigation into roof problems which had caused considerable cost not only in roof rectification but in damage to carpets, furniture, fittings and disruption of functions. It would appear that the only solution likely to give long-term security against a recurrence of the roof leaks is the replacement of the existing tiles with a metal roof deck. Every effort had been made to find an alternative solution which would retain the existing tiles. However, this did not seem practicable.

Council was told that the Board had been most concerned to ensure that any change to the roof should be in keeping with the aesthetic quality of the Union. It was convinced that with the selection of an appropriate colour and profile and careful detailing of the metal roof deck the attractive appearance of the building could be maintained and would be in harmony with other University buildings such as the Library, Drama Workshop etc.

Council agreed to the Myall Lakes Field Study Centre being known as the Les Gibbs Field Study Centre in recognition of Mr. Gibbs’ contribution to the establishment of the field study centre. The Vice-Chancellor informed Council that this was the wish of the University-Macquarie CAE Joint Committee for the establishment of the Centre, which had been chaired by Mr. Gibbs until he stepped down last year.

The Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity has made a number of recommendations which it believes will ensure the equality of opportunity in employment within the University. Council accepted the motion of a full-time Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator in principle but is unable to make such an appointment at the present time given the University’s budgetary position.

It has requested the Vice-Chancellor to consult with the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, and to designate an officer to act as Equal Opportunity Co-ordinator and to prepare an equal opportunity management plan.

The Vice-Chancellor informed Council of a proposed visit to the University of the Universities Council on May 17.

Marxist

Terry Griffiths, the British Marxist playwright will deliver an open lecture on

POLITICAL THEATRE

for the Department of Drama on May 3 at 2 pm in the Drama Theatre.

Griffiths has had substantial success in the establishment theatre with his three best known plays, Occupations, The Party and Comedians. He has also written for the fringe, most notably with Apricots, Thermidor and Sam, Sam, but has recently devoted his time to television and film.
James Docherty is a graduate of this University (B.A., with Honours Class I and University Medal) whose book on Newcastle is receiving well-deserved strong critical acclaim.

The book, based on the doctoral thesis Docherty completed at the Australian National University, brings together a wide range of information, much of it from unpublished or inaccessible sources.

With steel production presently being reduced in Newcastle, the need for informed critical assessments of the City's future has become urgent.

Docherty concentrates on modern Newcastle's formative years, the period 1900 to 1930, and examines the change from a coal town to a steel city. By relating his study to the 1900s he has stolen a march on most other historical researchers. Without the profusion of illustrations, maps and diagrams, which intersperse the history, the strong critical support would probably not have been possible.

Apart from Introduction, bibliography and Index, the book analyses "the place and the people" of Newcastle, earning a living, the spread of the suburbs, the social landscape, retailing, amalgamation of suburban councils and attempts at town planning.

For this reader the book's chief notability stems from Docherty's reflections and conclusions, in which he discusses the worth, or otherwise, of some of the strategies used to regenerate Newcastle.

Docherty is sorrowful about the historical forces which have shaped Newcastle. In his own words: "Before 1942 there was only one true boom period, that between 1919 and 1921. Virtually all other years were characterised by either stagnation, depression, or painful consolidation ... . For Newcastle, perhaps more than other parts of Australia, 'the good old days' have been far and far between."

From the start of the BHP entering the iron and steel industry, the relations between the company and Newcastle were those of superior to inferior. He relates how the General Manager of BHP, Mr. G.D. Delprat, wanted land which had been set aside as a botanical reserve to be given to the company for nothing. Reluctantly, Newcastle Council agreed, but the State Government refused and BHP was forced to pay.

In return for economic growth, Newcastle had to strike a Faustian bargain with heavy industry, Docherty says, and the price exacted has been high. Although the City had long suffered from atmospheric pollution, heavy industry considerably worsened the problem. Other costs have included indirect local subsidies for water supply, attrition of transport facilities, noise, unsanitary development, and a lack of social concern by the principal industrial employer (BHP).

Docherty asks whether the policy of encouraging more industrial development has been mistaken? There is much evidence to show that it has, he says. Newcastle is inherently disadvantaged by its poor harbour and closeness to Sydney and, therefore, the City has found it almost impossible to attract a wide range of manufacturing industries, let alone build a diversified local economy.

Industrial Newcastle, as a trade union town, has been a much quieter place this century than the 19th century coal town, which had a reputation for industrial militancy. The coming of heavy industry meant that the old independent coal mining unions were replaced by unions whose head offices were in Sydney and, instead of originating large scale disputes, Newcastle tended to suffer them. Newcastle even lacked the radicalism of the towns in the nearby coalfields.

Docherty also relates how the 19th century bequeathed Newcastle a monopoly of ownership of its suburban land. The owners were a collection of coal mining companies, large private estates and the Crown. Home ownership was curbed because private land owners attempted to hold onto their lands for as long as possible.

And, finally, there is Sylvia Hale, of Hale & Iremonger, with Mr. Peter Morris, Federal Minister for Transport, and Dr. James Docherty, at the launching of Docherty's book on Newcastle.
2NUR-FM
May 8-May 11 1983
Public Broadcasting Week!

LIVE SPECIALS AND HOOK-UPS

OFFICIAL OPENING OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING WEEK
by Prime Minister Hawke, with the Minister for Communications,
Mr. Michael Duffy, also speaking. Coming direct from 2XX in
Canberra, and broadcasting live to the fifty other stations
in the country. SUNDAY 8th MAY : 11.00 am

DIRECT LIVE HOOK-UP WITH CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION
relaying their highly acclaimed current affairs program,
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the program, which may feature a report from Australia.
MONDAY 9th MAY : 8.00 pm

OPEN LINE ON FRANKLIN DAM CONTROVERSY
with Murray Wilcox, President of the Australian Conservation
Foundation, speaking. Followed by a national open-line talk­
back format with questions from stations around Australia.
TUESDAY 10th MAY : 8.00 pm

THE STATUS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IN AUSTRALIA
Featuring interviews and discussion live from the studios of
various stations including 4ZZZ-FM in Brisbane, 2XX in
Canberra, 3RRR-FM and 3CR in Melbourne, 5UV in Adelaide, 6NR
in Perth, as well as the co-ordinator of the program, 2SER-FM
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MUSIC

1983 NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL
The National Folk Festival held over Easter in Adelaide was
recorded by 5UV there. A selection of music from these
recordings can be heard on SUNDAY 8th MAY.... 6.30 pm

WIZARDS OF OZ
Australian entertainers who have given us a place in popular
history are under the spotlight. Some of the Australian
'wizards' looked at include Rolf Harris, Joan Sutherland,
Peter Weir, Barry Humphries, Percy Grainger.
WEDNESDAY 11th MAY..10.00 am

DAMAGE ON THE AIR
New wave, punk, new music, call it what you will : this is a
sampler of the latest rock in the 'new music' vein from the
United States. WEDNESDAY 11th MAY..10.00 pm
TALKS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS

THE KANGAROO - WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE
An investigation of the kangaroo industry, including speakers such as Peter Rawlinson from the Zoology Department at La Trobe University in Victoria, Patrick Moore, Director of Greenpeace in Canada, and Jack Absalom, ex-professional kangaroo shooter.
SUNDAY 8th MAY ......1.00 pm

HAS FULL EMPLOYMENT GONE FOREVER
A review of employment trends since World War II.
MONDAY 9th MAY ......4.00 pm

COUNTERFORCE: NUCLEAR WAR FIGHTING STRATEGY
The political and military implications of deploying the new generation of Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles, is investigated in the form of a debate. In particular, the MX Missile is discussed, which copes with the possibility of deterrence failing - limiting, not maximising, damage. From the United States.
TUESDAY 10th MAY...10.00 am

A SENSE OF IDENTITY
Multicultural Australia - how do people of ethnic origin see themselves; how do they react to others' perception of them? This program explores the feelings Australian have towards our multicultural society.
TUESDAY 10th MAY... 1.30 pm

THE RACE
500 hours of recording and production resulted in this action-packed documentary on the 1981 Sydney to Hobart Race, from on board the yacht 'Nike'.
TUESDAY 10th MAY... 4.00 pm

A HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO DOUGLAS ADAMS
Author of the 'Hitchhiker' trilogy is interviewed and the phenomenon he created is examined.
TUESDAY 10th MAY... 10.00 pm

RADIO AS A TOOL OF THE CULTURAL WARRIOR
The importance of the role of radio, especially community radio, in upholding the oral tradition, and representing people who would otherwise have little access to the media is discussed in this address by a black activist who is also director of the Smithsonian Institution's Black History and Arts Unit in the United States.
WEDNESDAY 11th MAY....1.00 pm

JOSEPH GOEBBELS ON THE MASS MEDIA
This program contains extensive quotes from Goebbels's own writing, and looks at the way in which radio was used as a propaganda tool in Nazi Germany.
WEDNESDAY 11th MAY....5.00 pm

THE WORKING CLASS AND THE MICROPHONE
THURSDAY 12th MAY : 12 noon
Dramatisations of great trials in history plus a commentary on their legal and political implications by Lionel Fredman of the University of Newcastle's Department of History is the focus of this fascinating series. Local actors and Lionel re-enact the court scenes from some of the most controversial and intriguing trials ever conducted. A realistic portrayal of the characters is achieved, followed by Lionel's discussion of the issues raised. In May, the trials dealt with are:

Oscar Wilde - criminal libel, an accusation of homosexuality; if found true, Wilde was liable under the law of the time to prosecution and imprisonment.

Ned Kelly - murder of a policeman; could Ned Kelly have offered a plea of self-defence for this charge?

Tichborne Estates - fraudulent claim to inheritance by a man who had three names: Thomas Castro, butcher; Arthur Orton, and Tichborne. Was this the fraud of the century?

Dr. Crippen - ghoulis murder of his wife and escape with his mistress. They left clues everywhere and were caught. Straight from a romance/thriller plot.

NOTABLE TRIALS: THURSDAYS at 10 am or FRIDAYS at 9 pm

Childbirth

A comprehensive look at contemporary childbirth. Patricia Rhodes has compiled interviews with local obstetricians, midwives, other experts in the field of childbirth, as well as parents. Together with detailed research on all aspects of the childbirth process and experience, this series combines information, insight and first-hand experience, plus expert opinion on the subject. SUNDAYS: 9 am

Radio Oz

A four-part overview of the history of radio in Australia - this fascinating program includes archive sound material and anecdotes from past radio personalities. FRIDAYS: 12 noon

BIG BAND PARADE

Our regular program on big band music this month features the top recordings of the 50 or more big bands from around the world. SUNDAY: 10.30 am & WEDNESDAY: 2.00 pm

CURTAIN UP

This month's program on songs from the shows features the 50 or so longest running book musicals from Broadway. SUNDAY: 11.30 am & WEDNESDAY: 3.00 pm

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53rd ANZAAS Congress

THE 53RD ANZAAS CONGRESS
16th-20th May 1983
Venue : Perth
Theme : Resources and Responsibility

This year's Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science Congress will be held at the University of Western Australia, Murdoch University, and the Western Australian Institute of Technology in Perth. Public broadcasting stations 6UVS-FM and 6NR in Perth, with assistance from other public broadcasting stations, will be broadcasting eight hours of material from the Congress to their audiences each day, live from the various Congress venues. In addition they will prepare programs of an hour's duration featuring highlights from each day's proceedings.

2NUR-FM, along with several other stations, will broadcast these specially prepared sessions each night during the week of the Congress, at 9 pm.

A huge range of topics will be covered, with papers given by people eminent in their fields.

ANZAAS CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS : 9 pm EACH NIGHT on 2NUR-FM, 16-20 MAY

Medicine
the Newcastle Approach

MEDICINE - THE NEWCASTLE APPROACH

On April 30th, the first medical students graduated from the University of Newcastle. They undertook a medical course quite different from those of most other universities - different in its aims, its teaching methods, its admission procedures - in its whole basic approach.

In May, 2NUR begins a series of programs about the Faculty of Medicine at Newcastle University. Entitled "Medicine : The Newcastle Approach", the series will cover many aspects of the Faculty - students' opinions of the Bachelor of Medicine course, the aims, the means of implementing these aims, how students' progress is assessed, the way in which the course itself is evaluated, the whole-term electives which involve students travelling to medical centres around the world.

All of these, and many other aspects of the Medicine course in Newcastle will be covered, every Thursday at 4.15 pm on 2NUR-FM.
Newcastle's political system, which, in theory, should have ameliorated the disadvantages.

"As a Labor Party stronghold, Newcastle could have expected rewards when Labor was in power. In practice, however, the very strength of Newcastle's allegiance to Labor has meant that rewards were unnecessary. Newcastle's representatives... have never been numerous enough within the Labor Caucus to form a powerful faction to lobby effectively for the City. On the other side, the non-Labor parties knew that they had nothing to gain from helping Newcastle and so could ignore or victimise the City with impunity".

J.W. Armstrong

Public Address

Mrs. Helen Jessup is an Australian-born architectural historian who lives in the United States.

On May 10 at 5.30 pm, Mrs. Jessup will present an illustrated public lecture on Dutch Architectural Versions of an Indonesian Tradition in a Committee Room at Newcastle City Hall.

The Lecture is sponsored by the Newcastle Division of the New South Wales Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

Mrs. Jessup will show how two architects, Macalpine Pont and Karstens, successfully blended modern techniques and vernacular practice to develop very exciting tensile structures.

A small entrance fee will be charged to defray expenses.

Dr. Ian Seggie was elected Assistant Secretary of the Staff Association at the Association's annual general meeting on March 29. This occurrence was inadvertently missed by the NEWS in the last issue.

Archibald Prize subject, Professor Godfrey Tanner, and the portrait.

The work was painted by Della Scales, the Newcastle artist, and will be submitted for this year's Prize competition. At present it is on loan to the Union, with which Professor Tanner has had a close association for several years. Should the portrait not take out the Archibald Prize, Professor Tanner will acquire it so that it can return to the Union.
Review

by: D.H. CRAIG

The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin is the story of Robert O'Brien, a Toorak elocution teacher whose mild transvestite activities lead to disaster when a 12-year-old boy pupil tries to seduce him. It is a one-man show. Gary McLean, who takes the part in the production currently at the Civic Playhouse, gives a big-hearted performance as O'Brien, disciplinarian but kindly teacher in public, outrageous old queen in private.

In fact, it is the serious side of the play — the cruelty of O'Brien’s fate — that is emphasised in this production, rather than its comedy. The funniest parts come when O'Brien minces about his flat pelotonally abusing imaginary people and occasionally smashing things. (The bod tamper is more convincing than his self-satisfied smiles and fruity laughs — this side of the character is rather hard toathom early on.)

However, the play certainly becomes more engrossing as the instability of O'Brien’s world is revealed and as the audience begins to realise how carelessly interwoven the various strands of the play are. O'Brien is strictly a 'fantasy man', by his own account, always ready to turn back into a pumpkin to face the straight world when the fun is over. Gin, gay bedding, and the odd tea party in full feminine regalia are enough to compensate for the demands of his pupils and conventional Melbourne. He is overwhelmed by the sudden and precocious pupil: finally he is trapped in wig and high heels, unable to change back, and at the mercy of an enraged mob and the implacable authorities. The last part of the play shows the harshness of the penalty exacted from this essentially innocent and even honourable man.

This is a well-lit and well-prepared production, which should run even more smoothly as it gets into stride. The director, Robert Page, has ensured that the audience is engaged and stirred by O'Brien’s fate. In the end, violent changes brought by hetre, talented, attractive and sexually, they respond not so much to the issues of transvestism or injustice in the play but rather to the complexities of the character of O'Brien himself. He demands sympathy and understanding from them as he does from his friend Bruce, 'for I'll bite your balls off, capice?'

The Men (Gary McLean), the leading character in The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin.

The Last Photo

This is the last time Photo: Arthur Johnston will appear in our photograph credits. Arthur, well-known across the campus as the Metallurgy/CAWSU/News etc. Photographer, retires on April 29.

He came to the University of Newcastle in 1974 as a Laboratory Assistant in the Higher Education Research and Service Unit's predecessor, ERSU. Arthur was reclassified as a Photographer in June, 1981. He is married to Margaret and has four children and six grandchildren.

A tradesman in the building industry by training, he served to spend his time on now? "Moving from Narramother to Port Stephens to fish and play bowls with the RAAF in New Guinea in the war and with the British Commonwealth Occupational Forces — also visiting my family."
Faculty Boards and members of the academic staff have been asked for their reaction to a report put forward by the committee set up to consider research opportunities, needs and administration.

Senate discussed the report, which includes 14 recommendations.

Professor R.J. McDonald, Chairman of the Committee, said the philosophy of his committee was important and must be publicised as such. The main thrust of the Report, he said, was the reorganisation of the administration of research within the University.

Senate authorised the circulation of the report to all members of the academic staff with a request that any comments be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee. It recommended that Departmental staff and Faculty Boards discuss the recommendations and forward any comments to the Chairman of the Committee.

The report and comments will be considered at the May meeting of the Senate.

The Deputy Chairman reported that 379 overseas students were enrolled this year compared with 248 in 1982. In 1975, 260 overseas students had been enrolled and there had been a decline to 145 in 1979 and 80. The majority of overseas students came from Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore, although 30 countries were represented. By far the largest percentage of overseas students were in Architecture, with 53.6 per cent. Next largest was Engineering, with 16.7 per cent. The overall percentage for the University was 8.2 per cent.

Australian Union of Students' New South Wales Organiser Bronwen Turner visited the University last year as part of the AUS's programme establishing liaison, identifying student issues and communicating information.

Bronwen is pictured with the President of the 31st SRC, Terry Sleevin, who met her and showed her some of the activities of his body.

The State Organiser said that since the new Labor Government had announced it would not proceed with the introduction of the Student Loans Scheme and dropped some other proposals of the previous government conditions in Australian universities had become less critical for students. However, AUS would move into studies of curricula, progressive assessment, course content and other matters, seeking to foster awareness and participation in campus affairs.

Allco Steel, of Tomago, has agreed to provide $12,000 a year for a postgraduate research scholarship at the University.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Alan Roberts, said the Allco Steel/University of Newcastle Scholarship was a move by Allco Steel to provide for research to be undertaken into industrial problems in four specific fields of engineering.

These were: Mechanical design associated with bulk materials handling, civil design in relation to concrete foundations, computer engineering and communication systems and operations research.

Professor Roberts said that the University would offer an Allco Steel/University Scholarship for two years to a full-time candidate for a Masters' degree who enrolled in the Faculty of Engineering or, in exceptional circumstances, for three years to a full-time candidate for a Ph.D. degree.

He said that because the allowance was appreciably larger than that provided for a Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarship there should be a good response from interested students.

Applications for the scholarship have been invited and will close on May 20. They can be submitted to Professor Roberts or Mr. P.H. Farley, C/- the Student Administration Office, Secretary's Division.
Advertisements

**FOR SALE**

**VICTA 'SABRE' LAWNMOWER** — brand new (won in raffle), $220 or near offer. (Retail is 'special' at $279). Interested persons are requested to telephone Alicia at Extension 248.

The University has the following Motor Vehicles for disposal by tender:

- **1982 COMMODORE WH 4 speed Manual Station Sedan, 4.2 Litre V8 engine, Air Conditioning, power steering, four wheel disc brakes, fitted with "12" pack, and tow bar. Registration No. LOP 206.**

- **1981 FALCON XD Auto Station Sedan, 3.3 Litre engine, Registration No. LEI 333.**

- **1981 FALCON XD Auto Utility, 3.3 Litre engine, Tow Bar, Tonneau cover. Registration No. LEI 663.**

- **1981 GEMINI 1600cc Manual Station Sedan, two door, Registration No. JPR 109.**

Vehicles will be available for inspection on Tuesday, May 3, only between 9 am and 4 pm. Inspection can be arranged by telephoning the University’s Purchasing Section at 60 5371.

Tenders should be forwarded to the Purchasing Section, University of Newcastle, 2308 in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Vehicle".

The closing date is 11.30 am Friday, May 6, 1983. The University reserves the right to reject all tenders.

**DRESSMAKING**

Dressmaking, alterations and curtain making done at reasonable rates. Interested persons are requested to telephone 52 8804. No job too small.

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**Art Classes**

Jon Vason is a staff member in the Archibald Library. He conducts a water colour course at 10 Mr. Verland Road, Toronto. On April 30 Term II will be continued. There are still vacancies for Term I, the Beginners’ Class. The complete course consists of three terms, each of 10 lessons. Drawing is included in this instructive course. Included in the course are slide nights and sketch/painting trips. To obtain further information or your enrolment form please telephone Jon at the Studio 59 2327.

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**Farewell**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those I have had contact with during my employment with the University for their assistance and say farewell to those I was not able to contact personally.

Arthur Johnston

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**SPORT**

The Pavilion Shop’s autumn sale will be held from Saturday, April 30 until Sunday, May 8. The sale will offer items at down-to-earth unbeatable prices. Visit the bargain centre now and avoid disappointment.

The annual Students v. Staff golf match is scheduled to be played at the Steelworks Golf Club on Friday, June 10. Intending players should contact Jock Armstrong (Extension 469).

The University Sailing Club is again active and is presently recruiting members. Please contact Peter Muller at Extension 488, or David Henry at 20 411 (or Extension 178).

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**FLAT TO SHARE**

Guy or Girl to share a fully furnished modern two bedroom brick flat in Acacia Avenue, Lambton. Interested persons are requested to telephone 68 5779 or contact Room 137, Economics and Commerce Building. Rental: $32.50 plus electricity per week.

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