This is the first issue of our "new-look" UNIVERSITY NEWS for 1976, with which it is hoped to broaden and extend the flow of information about events and affairs of the University to all its members. Effective communication is a primary need of any organization, particularly when that organization is growing in size and complexity. The regular issuing of a news sheet such as this can contribute invaluably to the free flow of fact and opinion and stimulate discussions on matters of importance to the University.

In an introduction to the first issue of the NEWS in September, 1970, Emeritus Professor Newton-John described it as "not an organ of opinion but a disseminator of information". This it has been in its 109 issues spread over the past five and a half years and there is no intention to reduce the coverage given in the new NEWS to decisions of Council and Senate, reports from student and staff associations, news of appointments and resignations, of coming events and so on. However, in its new format contributions are also sought in the forms of letters to the editor, comment on research or work in progress (restricted at present to the less frequently published Gazette) and generally more feature articles than have appeared in the past. Inevitably space will be a limiting factor and the editorial staff will face the problems of selecting and cutting material to accommodate it to the new format. One news sheet I receive generally more feature articles than have appeared in the past. 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Mr N.M. Million, Senior Lecturer in French, died on February 6, at the age of 43.

Professor K.R. Dutton, Professor of French, writes:

"Norman Melville Million took his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oxford University in 1953, and his Master's degree in 1957. An Honours graduate in Diplomatic in the University of Durham. In 1962, he took up a position as Lecturer in French at Newcastle University College, and was promoted to a Senior Lectureship at the University of Newcastle in 1968.

For many years a diabetic, he discovered in 1970 that the disease was beginning to affect his eyesight. After some months of gradual deterioration in his vision, he became totally blind in 1971. He nonetheless continued to teach, transcribing a great deal of background material onto tape and reading his lecture notes in Braille. He was a familiar sight in and around the Arts Building, being led to and from classes by his guide-dog. Despite his handicap, he willingly took on the duties of Acting Head of the French Department from May 1972 to May 1973.

In late 1973, there was a marked decline in Norman Million's general health; after nearly a year of continual illness, his condition was eventually diagnosed as almost total kidney failure. From that time on, he required renal dialysis three times a week and occasional longer periods of hospitalisation. His sister travelled from England in late 1974 to donate a kidney, only to discover that there had been an error in the initial compatibility tests and that the transplant would be impossible. In spite of this setback and the psychological blow it brought him, he continued his work uncomplainingly and in 1975 hardly missed a class. Only those close to him realised how much he felt this cost him, and indeed how ill he really was.

In December 1975, he received a kidney transplant in Sydney; after some uncertainty as to the possible rejection of the new kidney, he was able to return to Newcastle in January. Looking forward to eating normally once again and hoping for an improvement in his general health. It was only a week, however, before he had to return to hospital, where he died a few days later as a result of a viral infection.

A specialist in the reading of mediaeval book hands and court hands, Norman Million was seriously hampered in his research by his blindness. During the period he was falling, he continued his work on mediaeval manuscripts with the aid of powerful magnifying glasses, and eventually brought it to a stage at which a few months of good health would have enabled him to publish an important study of the hand and text of the Lumiere as late, a fourteenth-century Anglo-Norman poem. It is hoped that the work may be published posthumously.

It is for his devotion to teaching, however, that he will be particularly remembered by those who were his students. His Fourth Year course in mediaeval French literature and philology was invariably the most popular; foremost amongst Honours students, a number of whom have gone on to postgraduate work in mediaeval studies. His colleagues will remember his dry humour, the reserve which only thinly overlaid the warmth of his personality, and above all the bitter sense of complaint or self-pity that he showed from the beginning of his long illness until his death. Mr Million leaves a wife and four children.

SOUTHERN CROSS LOUNGE WITHDRAWN FROM GENERAL USE

Burdened with continuing losses from catering activities in the Union, the Board of Management decided to close the Southern Cross Lounge, Bistro and Sea Horse Bar and restrict normal catering services to one level of the Union. When the Board opened the Southern Cross Lounge five years ago it was hoped that the added operating costs would be offset by an increase in customers and sales but this situation was not realised. The Lounge has been withdrawn from general use and made available during the week to students, members of staff, the University and departments for dinners, cabarets, farewell, seminars, conventions, receptions, cocktail parties and other functions. The Department of Community Programmes has been requested to use the Lounge at “at home” nights, together with weddings and other commercial functions at weekends and at other times during the week. Work on alterations and conversions necessary to achieve the reorganisation started in January.

The main aspect of the reorganisation in the Union:

- The Southern Cross Lounge, Bistro and Sea Horse Bar closed for normal daily use.
- The Lounge Coffee Bar and the adjoining Camellia Room and the Cafeteria remain open.
- The Fast Food Bar becomes the licensed area operating according to the requirements of the Licensing Court.
- The Common Room Servery operates between 9.15 a.m. and 6 p.m. with equipment and staffing greatly increased.
- Menus in the Cafeteria are reduced in choice but varied daily.
- The sandwich preparation area relocated.

Services in the Union on Monday and Friday evenings will be curtailed when customer counts and takings indicate that areas are operating at an excessive loss.

The Lounge Coffee Bar and the adjoining Camellia Room and the Cafeteria, which are covered by the Union’s liquor licence, has become the Bar. The Board states that there is considerably more seating in this area and it is more comfortable than is provided in the Godfrey Tanner Lounge. Tables and umbrellas have been placed in the two courtyards to make them more attractive for drinking and eating.

UNION SERVICES

All students of the University are members of the Union. It appears that some staff members are not aware that they, too, are members. The Union provides catering, banking facilities such as the Lounge Bar, the Fast Food Bar, The Bistro (and Coffee Bar) the Servery in the Common Room and the Cafeteria.

Students, members of staff and Departments can hire the Southern Cross Lounge for functions. There is also provided a Union Shop, a Pharmacy, a Health Service and a Bank.

The Union Shop, as well as selling stationery and other goods required by students, stocks calculators, greeting cards, magazines and other items. The shop also acts as an agency for film developing, dry cleaning, watch repairs and engraving. A Gift Shop was opened last year.

The Pharmacy offers a normal range of pharmaceutical lines, together with a dispensing service. Customers receive a 15% discount. The Pharmacy is open between 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on weekdays. The Health Service provides a doctor for consultation and no charge and a nursing sister for advice and discussion. The Service recently expanded its accommodation by establishing a reception room in the former Meeting Room in the Union. The pharmacy for the Bank of New South Wales is open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Courtyard. A permanent concrete bandstand has been provided.

The Activities Organiser (Mr. J. Burne) has occupied the area formerly taken up by David Jones (Newcastle) Pty Ltd on Level 2.
What does the word "counselling" mean or suggest to you? Most people imagine counselling to be "giving advice" or "solving people's problems"; some associate it with "headshrinking" (which is pretty off-putting). We'd like to clear up some of these misconceptions by telling you how we see ourselves and what we have to offer you - the students and staff of the University. True, we do often deal with people's problems - but we don't try to solve them by giving paternalistic advice. We respect your personal values and freedom of choice; and we are unbiased. So what you may well be different from what's best for somebody else. Maybe we can provide some additional information (or put you in touch with another staff member or trusted person who can), or help you to clarify some of the issues involved in making a decision. You may find that by talking with a counsellor you can gain greater understanding of yourself, your situation and your relationship with others. The general aim of the exercise always depends on you and what you want to change in order to feel more comfortable in your current situation. You may discover that there are more options open to you than you'd imagined! Of course it must be stressed that all counselling is completely confidential. Nothing discussed in counselling will be passed on to anyone else, thin the university or outside, without your express permission or request of the person concerned. Some other services we provide are designed to prevent problems from arising in the first place, and to meet a specific need or current area of interest. We run regular courses in study skills, in efficient reading, in relaxation techniques. From time to time we lead groups in human relations and interpersonal communication. We're currently running a course in interpersonal skills training for the staff of one department. This coming year we'd like to branch out to new areas such as mediation, body-mind techniques and biofeedback (which involve showing people how they can gain voluntary control over bodily processes i.e., physical symptoms, e.g., headaches).

CAREERS EMPLOYMENT JOBS

NEW STUDENTS - RE-ENROLLING 1976

Have you established in your own mind and to your complete satisfaction, a realistic set of strategies for obtaining employment upon leaving University?

If not, NOW is the time to investigate and plan! Don't let the "Positions Vacant" column determine your future. Try and plan your future in a positive way. The services of the Careers & Student Employment Office are available to assist students in the planning of their future work life.

Call in NOW - discuss the alternatives in which you are currently interested - ask for further information to be obtained.

The Careers & Student Employment Office is located in Room No. T25 - Temporary Buildings.

MORPETH LECTURES

Professor H.F. Woodhouse, Regius Professor of Divinity at Trinity College, Dublin, will deliver the 1976 Morpeth Lectures. His subject is "Belief as a Basis for Behavior, a Christian Perspective, some ethical implications for man, the world and history."

Professor Woodhouse's addresses will be: March 29, Who Am I? What is Man? April 5, Our World: What Is It All About? 12, Human History: For What are we Here? The lectures will be given in room 801.

Dr H.F. Woodhouse comes to Australia at the invitation of the Diocese of Newcastle as Visitor to St John's Theological College. He will examine some implications of Christian ethics in the modern world.
HEALTH SERVICE

The Health Service is situated in the northern corner of the Union Building near the Chemist shop. It is staffed by a Medical Officer (Bob Burke), a Nursing Sister (to be appointed) and a Secretary (Joy O'Neill).

The Service is free and open to all students and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for part-time students only. When you wish to visit the University Health Service it is preferable to make an appointment, to suit you, by visiting the desk or phoning the secretary at 68 5763. Accident and emergency cases, acute illnesses or problems which cannot wait until you are free to see the Sister will be seen by the Sister and referred to the Medical Officer when necessary.

Information regarding health, pathology tests and attendances is regarded as strictly confidential and will not be given to any person without the student's written or expressed consent and agreement. The Health Service is independent of your family and Academic and Administrative Staff.

Information will not be given to these people without the students full approval. The Health Service does not have hospital beds or provide inpatient care and is not equipped for major operations. The service does not attempt to treat students only from their local doctors and in fact encourages students to establish themselves with a family doctor.

The student is regarded as being responsible for his own health and must initiate his own attendance. The needs of a student are often different from other people in the community and while physical illness occurs, problems are often likely to arise in areas related to emotional and psychological distress which interfere with concentration, ability to study or interpersonal relationships. Therefore students should feel free to approach the service with any problems they may have. In this way they will help establish a responsible attitude for their present and future well-being.

Not all of these problems will be able to be handled by the Staff of the Health Service. In such cases the Service will facilitate the student to obtain help from a variety of other agencies, such as the University Counselling Service, Academic and Administrative Staff, private medical practitioners, hospital and casualty departments, physicians, and psychologists.

When students feel that they do not know where to take a problem or seek help then they should feel free to visit the University Health Service. The Staff will not consider any disorder or distress (medical or otherwise) too small or trivial to receive their attention.

The Health Service has some special areas of interest and these include contraceptive and family planning advice as well as information and diagnosis of suspected venereal disease. Students are encouraged to come and seek information about these topics and appointments for discussion of the above will be welcome with either the Doctor or Sister.

Another area of interest is health education and preventive medicine and discussion groups with films and informal talks will be held monthly. A health action committee will be formed and students and staff interested in these areas, are invited to assist. Information can be obtained from the secretary at 68 5763.

The aim of the Staff of the Health Service is to provide a readily available service which is confidential and free. We try to make this service approachable and informal so pop in and meet us before the year is too old.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Council was told on January 16 that the interchange of staffs between the Faculties of Mathematics at this university and the University of Waterloo, Canada, being covered at no financial cost to the university, were extremely rewarding. Assoc. Professor L.J. Cummings, of Waterloo, Canada, had been a visitor to the university for 1975 and Assoc. Professor A.J. Guttmann, of Newcastle, had been attached to Waterloo for six months.

It was reported that because of the change made in normal triennial funding of universities it had become necessary to begin the planning of the Clinical Sciences building to be built at Royal Newcastle Hospital. Four thousand square metres was the preliminary estimate of the space required.

Assoc. Professor L.A. Summers, of the Department of Chemistry, has received an initial grant of $18,750 U.S. (~$14,700 Aust.) from the Diamond Shamrock Corporation of the U.S.A. to assist him with his research to study precautions and herbicides. The grant will be used to finance the salary of a post-doctoral research fellow.

Council was informed that Dr Patricia Kirton had donated an oil painting by Rex Neil to Edwards Hall. Dr Kirton is a member of both the Council and the Board of Trustees of the Hall.

The Australian Science Education Research Association will hold a conference at the University in May and Dr M.N. Maddock, Senior Lecturer in Education, is Organiser.

The Director of the Department of Community Programmes (Dr B. Smith) giving a report on his department's activities last year, said the most notable development was the initiation of joint activities with the Newcastle College of Advanced Education. The advent of the Community Care Centre at Port Stephens had also made it possible to develop a regular programme there.

Council was told that Dr. A. Vinson would take up his appointment to the Chair of Behavioural Sciences in Relation to Medicine on July 1.

It was reported that Mr Ronald Greenhout, of the Department of Mathematics, would be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Mathematics at the next Graduation Day. His thesis was entitled "Group Rings".

STANDING COMMITTEE OF SENATE

Senate has elected Faculty representatives on its Standing Committee. They are: Professor E.C. Parker (Architecture), Professor K.W. Robinson (Arts), Professor M.O. Jager (Economics and Commerce), Professor J.B. Biggs (Education), Professor I.MCC. Stewart (Engineering), Professor R.G. Keats (Mathematics), Professor G. Kellerman (Medicine) and Professor J.A. Keats (Science).

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN EDUCATION

A new Faculty of Education, which initially embraces the Department of Education, has begun operations. Professor J.B. Biggs and Mr W.G. Warren have assumed duty as Dean and Sub-Dean of the Faculty respectively following their election by the Faculty Board.

Assoc. Professor K.F. Collis has begun his appointment as Head of the Department of Education. His term of office, which started on January 1, is for two years.
CHAIRS FILLED

The second professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering is 51-year-old Robert A. Antonia, who obtained his Bachelor, Master, and doctoral degrees from the University of Sydney.

Professor Antonia was born in Ismailia, on the Suez Canal, and lived in Egypt and France before immigrating to Australia. After completing his studies at the University of Sydney he proceeded in 1970 to Imperial College, University of London, as a CSIRO Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Aeronautics, where he was involved in turbulence flows research. From February to May 1971 he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Laboratoire de Mécanique des Fluides, Ecole Centrale de Lyon, Ecully, France. He returned to the University of Sydney in June, 1971 as an ARC Research Fellow and became a Lecturer in May, 1972 and a Senior Lecturer in January, 1975.

Professor Antonia’s industrial experience includes periods spent with Australian Consolidated Industries, the British Motor Corporation and ICI. One of Professor Antonia’s current research projects is the study of the air-sea interaction. This project is supported by the Australian Research Grants Committee and includes, as one of its aims, the understanding of the process of momentum transfer at the sea surface. The experimental work for this project has been carried out as part of Project BASS (Basic Air Sea Studies). The project’s initiatives include scientists from the Royal Australian Navy Research Laboratory, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and several Australian Universities.

Professor Charles Engel, aged 53, has begun duties as Foundation Associate Professor in Medical Education. He was previously Director of the British Life Assurance Trust Centre for Health and Medical Education at the British Medical Association.

Professor Engel was in charge of the Department of Medical Illustration at Guy’s Hospital from 1948-56, and was Director of the Department of Audiovisual Aids at the University of Melbourne in 1966-67. His contribution to the study of medical education and medical education policy generally has been outstanding, spanning 25 years. His former Department has an international reputation, which stems basically from his own prestige, which is a Consultant to the World Health Organization and a member of its expert Advisory Panel on Medical Education.

"In my last post in London I was able to observe the many exciting changes that are taking place in medical education all over the world. The only snag was that I had to sit on the fence, as it were. I could participate in the changes only indirectly.

"Another source of frustration was the patchiness of progress in medical education. There are, of course, many interesting changes here and there but hardly any radically new advances. In a way, most medical schools seem like the city council that built a street with a new type of rear mounted engine when what is really needed is an underground railway system.

"Here in Newcastle we have the singular opportunity to apply all we have learned from recent advances in medicine. In Newcastle we can contribute to the development of a fundamentally new approach to medical education in company with the small band of pioneering medical schools in Canada, Israel, Mexico and Norway. These schools aim to fit young men and women to be adaptable and sensitive to the constantly changing needs of society, to manage problems effectively - whether problems of individual patients or of the community, to practice as members of the ever more complex team of health workers, and to manage their own further academic and continuing education.

"There is no more sure recipe for achieving these aims. While we can adapt what has proved to be successful elsewhere, new methods will have to be evolved for helping students in their learning and for providing ways to assess their own progress. All this is a challenge of no mean order, and we will need all the goodwill and help we can muster."

Professor Geoffray Kellerman, aged 48, has taken up his appointment to the Foundation Chair of Medical Biochemistry at the University of Newcastle. He has come from Melbourne, where he was an ARC Senior Research Fellow and RAEng Lecturer in Biochemistry.

Professor Kellerman is committed to the policy of the Medical School of the University of Newcastle, believing strongly in the integration of teaching throughout the total medical educational programme. A graduate in Science and Medicine from the University of Sydney, he obtained first class honours and the University Medal on both occasions. After several years of postgraduate study in hospitals and universities in Australia and abroad, including King’s College Hospital, London and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, he was appointed Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry at the University of Sydney in 1959. He was promoted to Associate Professor and moved to Monash University in the following year.

Professor Kellerman has maintained broad teaching and research interests in Biochemistry, including its applications to the understanding of disease processes and the diagnosis by laboratory investigation. Research interests have included transport by renal cells, metabolic disorders especially of lipids and the formation and function of cellular membranes especially as affected by antibiotics. Of common concern in nutrition is the role of developmental processes which has recently led to collaboration in a study of the feeding of small premature infants. On his last study leave at Rockefeller University, New York in 1973 he became involved in a project concerned with the behaviour of cancer cells and their growth pattern.

LECTURER IN JAPANESE

The first Lecturer in Japanese to be appointed by the University is Mr Kiyoharu Ono who, for the past four years has been Assistant Lecturer in Japanese at Sydney Teachers’ College. Prior to that he was the first teacher in Japanese to be appointed to a New South Wales State high school from Japan.

Mr Ono, who began duty with the Department of Modern Languages in January, will be in charge of a new course which has attracted, among others, language teachers from high schools and professional men from local industries who are seeking a working knowledge of Japanese so that they may use it in their employment.

The University is presently increasing the Asian content of some of its courses, having received a special grant from the Commonwealth Government. Subjects with Asian content have been added to courses in Geography and Economics, as well as Modern Languages. Dr Rosemary E. Barnard has been appointed Lecturer in Asian Studies in Geography and Dr Howard W. Dick Lecturer in Asian Studies in Economic History. A teacher who has completed only one year’s study at the University should be able to teach Japanese to Forms I to IV at a school.

Mr Ono’s students will also be able to make use of Japanese in such disciplines as Asian Geography, History, Economics, Sociology, Literature and Linguistics. He is hopeful that there will be enough interest to allow expansion of the course to comprise Japanese I, II, III and IV.

Born in Nagoya, Japan, in 1936, Mr Ono obtained his Bachelor of Education degree at Aichi University of Education.
SUNTERTE py NEWS

RECREATION CLASSES
The Amenities Office has arranged for the following recreation classes to be held from March 9 until April 29:

Ladies Keep-Fit (Instructress Mrs. S. Martin), Auchmuty Sports Centre, Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Yoga (Mrs. L. Chegwidden), Auchmuty Room, The Union, Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Ballroom Dancing (Miss Robin Hollings), Southern Cross Lounge, The Union, Tuesdays, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Pottery (Mrs. J. Cliff), Department of Metallurgy, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Billiards and Snooker (Mr. B. Fletcher), Union Snooker Room, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

Male Fitness (Mr. K. Thompson), Sports Centre, Wednesdays 5 to 6.30 p.m.

The Amenities Office is looking at the possibility of staging coach tours to the Snowy Mountains in the May vacation and holding trampolining, leatherwork, tenpin bowling, archery, canoeing and carpet bowls classes. Interested students and members of staff should contact Mr. S. Barwick, Amenities Office, Ext. 469, concerning these activities.

STAFF KEEP-FIT CLASSES
Members of staff of the university are able to attend keep-fit classes in the Auchmuty Sports Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Dr. D. Parsons, Head of the Department of Physical Education at Newcastle C.A.E., is the instructor. An extra class will be held if attendances increase noticeably. Further information can be obtained from Assoc. Professor C. Key (Exts. 234 or 235).

WATER SKIING
A Water Ski School will be conducted at the University's Boat Club at Raymond Terrace on March 28 and 29. State representative Skiers will be the instructors.

TENNIS
Entries for the Winter Competition close on March 7. The names of persons interested in playing must reach the Activities Organiser by March 4. The Tennis Club's annual general meeting, followed by a barbecue and social tennis, will be held at University Courts on March 4 at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

"ONE-WOMAN BAND"
Although the University sent only one participant, it was able to win the Intervarsity Women's water skiing competition in Adelaide. Our "one-woman band" is Jill Halliwell, a second-year student, who won the open teams' championship, the open slalom, the open jump and the open trick events.

CAMPUS SPORTING COMPETITION
This is a mid-week, social sporting competition conducted normally between noon and 2 p.m. Teams are invited from all areas of the University. In the past they have represented Faculties, Departments, Edwards Hall, the Administration, the Library, sporting clubs and various "odd" groups. If you can raise a team in any sport, or if you just wish to be included in a team in a particular sport, please contact the Activities Organiser as soon as possible. Competitions planned for First Term are:

S-side Indoor Soccer - entries close March 5, competition commences March 11;

Basketball - entries close March 5, competition commences March 9;

Mixed Volleyball (three men, three women) - entries close March 5, competition commences March 10.

UNIVERSITY BLUES, COLOURS
University Blues have been awarded to the following for their sporting performances last year:

Judy Walters, Pam Hazelwood and Robyn Fernaly (Women's Hockey)

Terry McLennan (Squash)

Glyn Cox (Athletics), and

Craene Walsh (Rugby Union)

Sports Union Colours have been awarded to Pamela Martin (Women's Hockey), Ray Armstrong (Squash), Terry Katchel (Rugby League) and Terry Ranage (Rugby Union).

The Vice-Chancellor will present the awards at the Blues Dinner in Edwards Hall on March 19. The Guest Speaker will be the Secretary General of the Australian Olympic Federation (Mr. J. Patching).

SAUNA PROVIDED
You should watch "University News" for information about the procedures in the sauna in the Auchmuty Sports Centre, scheduled to commence operations in March.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Members of University Men's Hockey teams have started training for this year's competition. Training is held at National Park on Saturday mornings from 10 o'clock. The club's annual general meeting will be held at Mr. P. Cumming's home, 670 Macquarie Drive, Milebana, on March 7 at 7.30 p.m.

TRAINING ROSTER
Training times on Nos. I and II Ovals and in the Auchmuty Sports Centre will be allotted at a meeting of representatives of Clubs in the Amenities Office on March 2 at 6 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING
The Sports Union's annual general meeting will be held in the Council Room on March 11 at 1 p.m.

CHILD CARE CENTRE
A meeting of the Management Committee of the Child Care Centre was held on February 11 to hear reports on the progress of the Centre. Construction commenced in September, 1975 and it had been expected that the building would be ready for occupation by the beginning of Second Term. The Committee was told that unexpected difficulties had been encountered and that there was now little hope that the Centre could begin operation in 1976. No action is to be taken on the recruitment of staff or the acceptance of enrolments until a firm completion date can be determined.

L. N. SHORT.

GRADUATES' PRESIDENT
Professor K.R. Dutton, Warden of Convocation, has been elected President of the Australian University Graduate Conference.

The Conference, which embodies delegates and observers from convocations, alumni associations and other graduate bodies connected to universities in Australia, held its tenth annual meeting at the Flinders University of South Australia. Twelve graduate organisations were represented.

Professor Dutton, Ms Kathy Heiner, Mr W.J. Crook and Mr J.W. Armstrong were delegates from Convocation of the University of Newcastle.

Other officers elected in Adelaide were:

Vice-Presidents, Mr A.S. Fraser (Flinders University), His Honor Judge J.F. Lincoln (Macquarie); Executive Secretary, Mr A.J. Mason (Sydney); International Liaison Officer, Mr R.A. Corin (New South Wales); Education Officer, Brother M.J. Lynch (Adelaide); Representative on the Graduate Careers Council, Mr W.H. Schneider (Adelaide), and Press Officer, Mr J.W. Armstrong (Newcastle).
STAFF ASSOCIATION REPORTS

At its meeting on February 3 the Executive discussed matters relating to: University Government, replies to action taken over certain activity surrounding the December election campaign, Taxation Bulletins, the FAUSA Special Council Meeting held on February 15 and 16 in Sydney, short-term appointments in the University, promotion procedures and appeals, an Association of Australian Universities, Council representation of sub-professional staff, housing loans for non-tenured staff, loan ceilings and timing of negotiations on loan ceilings and the First Term Meeting. The Executive, at its meeting on February 17, discussed matters relating to the FAUSA Special Council Meeting (minimum standards across Australian Universities, the Salary Tribunal's pending report and the Second FAUSA Submission of February, 1976, industrial registration of N.S.W. University Staff Associations), a Tenure Statute, the vacancy on Council, and the replacement of the Procedures and Financial Subcommittees. Policymaking of the FAUSA Salary Submission will be made available as soon as they are to hand. A Draft Submission prepared for the above Special Council Meeting and accepted with minor modification has been placed on the Notice Board in the Staff House. The First-Term Meeting of the Association will be held on March 26, to be followed by a welcoming reception in the Staff Club. Notice of meeting calling for motions will be issued shortly.

PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The Vice-Chancellor, in a letter to the Public Service Association of N.S.W., has advised that the University is prepared to introduce a six-month trial flextime scheme in certain areas and has asked for the P.S.A.'s comments on the proposed guidelines. He said the areas to be involved were the Bursar's, Secretary's and Planner's Divisions, with staff in the Administrative, Clerical, Professional and Board categories. It was hoped that the six-month period would commence at a date to be determined in March, 1976. The Management Committee of the P.S.A. considered the Vice-Chancellor's offer on flextime on February 17 and decided to suggest that some of the guidelines for the scheme be altered. It is hoped that these discussions will take place during the next two weeks.

More than 50 members were present for the annual general meeting of the sub-division of the P.S.A. on December 17. The Chairman (Mr N. G. Keats) reported on the main matters considered during the year. These included the Conditions of Employment Award, which had required several meetings and discussions, and the proposal that flextime be introduced. The Vice-Chancellor had continued to make an impact at industrial meetings, and the number of salary claims had been negligible owing to indexation. The election of officers resulted: Chairman, Mr. N. G. Keats; Secretary, Mr. M. E. Edmonds; Management Committee: Mrs J. Odgers, Messrs J. Leis, W. Bates, R. Archer, D. Kay, J. Armstrong, S. Jordan, A. Brady and B. Kelleher.

APPPOINTMENT TO CHAIR

The Vice-Chancellor has announced the appointment of Professor J. F. Burrows to a Chair of English in the University.

Professor Burrows, who is 47 years of age, holds the degrees of BA (Sydney) 1949, MA (Hons I) (Sydney) 1965 and PhD (London) 1967, and also has a Diploma of Education from Sydney University (1950). His BA and Diploma were obtained from study at New England University College and Armidale Teachers College respectively. After ten years of secondary school teaching, he took up an academic appointment at the University of Sydney where he is currently Associate Professor of English. Professor Burrows has had extensive university teaching experience both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in almost every aspect of post-Renaissance English literature, including American and Australian literature. His research has lain in two areas. First in Australian literature, where he is known mainly for his publications on Patrick White, although he is also an authority on Shaw Neilson and on the nineteenth century Australian novelists, notably Marcus Clarke. But secondly, he is even better known for his work on Jane Austen and for his book "Jane Austen's 'Emma", which achieved international acclaim when published in 1968. A more recent work is "Andrew Marvell and the Idea of Wit", published in 1972. Professor Burrows has played an active role in various literary societies and was for some time Senior Assistant Examiner in English and the Higher School Certificate. He has been acting Editor of "Southerly" on two occasions. Professor Burrows is married and has three daughters, aged 16, 14 and 6.

CONVOCATION

The next "Members' Night" will be held in the Mitchell Room, Newcastle Rugby Club, 45 Newcomen Street, Newcastle, on March 4, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Mr Ulrich Berstein will talk about his plans for a Newcastle Symphony Orchestra. He will bring with him a small concert group of musicians. During the evening they will perform.

CONTACT

This is an information and referral service staffed by students. If you have any enquiries about anything, be it how to find your way to the second floor of the University, or to the back of a flock of sheep to drive down Hunter Street, try Contact - they may not be able to give you the answer directly but at least they can direct you to someone who can.

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1976 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The Graduation Ceremonies this year will be held over two days, Thursday, April 22, and Friday, April 23. Degrees in the Faculties of Economics & Commerce and Science will be conferred on the Thursday afternoon; those in Architecture, Engineering and Mathematics on the Friday morning; and those in the Faculty of Arts on Friday afternoon. There will be no Succinct Lectures and other classes on the day of the Graduation Ceremonies will be discontinued.
DIARY OF EVENTS
This will be a regular feature on this page.

YOU CAN HELP
University News is widening its range of news items. Among other things, we are introducing a Diary of Events. This is a major task and we will need your help. We want the diary to be an efficient record of the many events at the university such as conferences, seminars, stage productions, short courses, sports meetings and so on. We would be happy if any members of the university, staff or students, would contact the Publicity Office (telephone Ext. 341) when future events are being planned. The Office is located on the Ground Floor of the Arts/Administration building in Room 671. Your cooperation will ensure that university events are better publicised within and outside the university.

COMPUTING CENTRE INTRODUCTORY LECTURES
To introduce new users to the Computing Centre’s systems there will be two introductory lectures during the second week of term – on Wednesday, March 10, at 1500 hours and 1700 hours. The lectures will be held in Lecture Theatre 801. The first issue of the Computing Centre’s Newsletter for 1976 is due to appear in the next few days. Interested members of the University may obtain copies at the Centre.

VISITING ACADEMIC
Dr Low Kun-She, Lecturer in Chemistry at the University Pertanian, Malaysia, is visiting the Department of Chemistry for six months from February 14. Dr Low is a graduate of Otago University, New Zealand, and his research interests include: ‘Synthetic work on diterpenses’, ‘Spectroscopic studies’ and ‘A correlation study on lead content in milk obtained from cows fed on roadside grass’. Dr Low is in Newcastle to study Environmental Chemistry with Professor W.F. Pickering.

MATHEMATICS CLUB
The Club is now entering its second year of existence, and to help new students (and old students) ‘orient’ themselves, the Club is publishing a special edition of its highly acclaimed magazine, ‘Trivia Analysis’. As usual, the emphasis is on humour in Mathematics, but this time the special feature is a guide to the lecturers in the Mathematics Department. It is hoped the magazine will appear in the first week or two of term. Copies will be available in and around the Mathematics building, particularly from room V208. Don’t miss the exciting story of ‘The Jacobians and their Struggle for Independence’.

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TRADE FAIRS
Trade fairs will be held in the Union building foyer from March 1 till 4. All brands of calculators, including Sanyo, Sharp, Cannon, Hewlett and Pachard, and a large range of drawing instruments.

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CHILD CARE
Mrs D. McIntosh, of 39 Englund Street, Birmingham Gardens, Tel. 51 2406 is available to care for up to four children of members of staff and students during the day and evening. She has had considerable experience.

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