DISSATISFACTION WITH BUS SERVICES

The Students' Representative Council has been told that students are often dissatisfied with bus services provided to and from the university.

Paul Hughes, the Council's Transport Officer, reported on the services as follows:

**Outward Journeys**
- Route 100 (8.02 a.m.). First stop Silso Street. Supposed to precede 8.03 a.m. bus but usually comes later. No seats after Islington.

**Inward Journeys**
- Route 100 (5.03 p.m.). As most people at C.A.E. and university finish at 4.55 p.m., everyone goes for this bus. The 5.07 T, 5.02, 5.32 p.m. from Wallsend 233 buses and 5.16 p.m. 100 are useless. (Usually no seats at the University and C.A.E. kids stand).

**General**
If anyone starts lectures after 9 a.m. most buses arrive at least 20 minutes early, and if anyone finishes before 5 p.m. most buses leave at least 20 minutes later.

Mr Hughes prepared the report in response to suggestions that, rather than informing local politicians about resolutions in connection with transport problems, a comprehensive case for improvements, based on bus times, loads and other factors, be prepared.

The Council has also endorsed the view that improved bus services to and from the university will result in a lessening of the demand for parking spaces.

The S.R.C. has invited students to make comments on bus services and parking problems. Comments should be written down and placed in the Suggestion Box in the S.R.C. Office.

**Handbook Comes Off Press**
Copies of the 1976 Orientation Handbook, "an' now I am one" are available in the S.R.C. Office. The handbook contains 100-odd pages of general articles and information on Newcastle University students' services. Members of staff have been asked to make a donation of 50 cents when they obtain copies. The Handbook was edited by Peter Ormonde and designed by Tony Nolan and Peter Ormonde.

**Krate Klothes**
The new gear shop is now open, trading in the Union, next to the Pharmacy. The shop is stocked with jeans, shirts, tops, kaftans, batik fashions and materials, jewellery and bags. Footwear and other lines will soon be available. All items will sell for below normal retail prices to students and staff, and lay-bys are welcome on all goods. The unique fittings in the shop were designed by an architecture student from this university.

**Student Elections**
As a result of the recent elections for student representatives on various bodies within the University, Mr Ken Dray and Mr Leo Walsh were re-elected to the Senate and Mrs Anne McCosker and Mr Peter Tullgren were elected to that body. Mrs McCosker served on the Senate in 1974 and Mr Tullgren is currently a student member of Council. Mr Peter Cummings was elected to the Faculty Board, Faculty of Mathematics.
DEATH OF FIRST WARDEN

Dr Ralph Basden, first Warden of the former Newcastle University College, died at Wallsend Hospital on March 25 at the age of 82.

Dr Basden was born in Croydon, Surrey and left Petersham Superior Public School at the age of 14. Before World War I he attended classes in Chemistry and Mineralogy at Sydney Technical College and received his Diploma in Chemistry (A.S.T.C.). He served in Egypt, France and Belgium during World War I with the 15th Ambulance.

In 1923 he became a Teacher of Chemistry at Hunter Street Technical College, Newcastle. He was Principal of the Broken Hill and Wollongong Technical Colleges before returning to Newcastle in 1939 as Principal of Newcastle Technical College.

Work on the construction of the Tighes Hill Technical College had commenced about five years before he took up his appointment as Principal. When he arrived in Newcastle the Sir Edgeworth David Building had just been completed. During the Technical College’s formative years he was responsible for establishing a good deal of the College’s educational facilities. He was admitted to a BSc degree with first class honours, by the University of London in the thirties, and to BEd and MEd degrees by the University of Melbourne in the forties - all resulting from study by correspondence.

The Principal of the Technical College was made also Warden of the University College when it was established within the College in 1951. He remained Warden until his retirement in 1959. Professor J.J. Auchmuty served with Dr Basden as Deputy Warden of the College from 1955, succeeding Dr Basden as Warden.

At the official opening of the Chemistry Building in September 1969 Dr Basden was admitted to the honorary Degree of Doctor of Science. He also served on the University Council from 1965 to 1970 as a representative of Convocation. He was an Honorary Research Fellow in the Department of Chemistry and came to the campus nearly every day to carry on his lifelong interest in the chemistry of the excretions of insects which live on eucalyptus trees, a field of interest about which he published a number of scholarly papers.

He also spent a lot of time in the field collecting samples for analysis. His principal hobby was bushwalking, an activity which resulted in him being an expert on the Barrington Tops area.

For more than 50 years he held an appointment as a Public Analyst - believed to be longer than anybody else. Dr Basden lived in Parkway Avenue, Newcastle, for many years. The high standard of his garden was well known. He moved to Hawkins Masonic Village, Edgeworth, last year. The University Council renamed the Science Lecture Theatre "The Basden Theatre" in honour of Dr Basden, whose portrait, executed by the controversial painter Joshua Smith, who also had his portrait painted by Dobell), hangs in the Theatre. The portrait was painted at the time of his retirement and was commissioned from Smith by the University of Newcastle staff.

Dr Basden was a widower. He is survived by his sons - Ken, a Senior Lecturer in Fuel Technology at the University of New South Wales, and Lexton, a Metallurgist in Port Kembla.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Don George) stated that the University learned of Dr Basden's death with great regret. He was a very special kind of person who was held in high esteem by all who worked with him in the era when the Technical College and the University College were the only centres of tertiary education in the North.

Dr Basden made a singular and lasting contribution to the development of these tertiary institutions and many people in local industry still remember him fondly from their Tech. College and University College days. Nobody who met him could fail to be impressed by his energy, urbanity and knowledge. His interests spread far beyond the administration of the Colleges into the Sciences, Conservation and the Masonic Lodge. Hosts of friends and former colleagues, some of whom are still attached to the Physics, Geology and Chemistry Departments of the University, benefited from knowing him.
THE UNION

The Board of Management of the Union decided to defray the expenses of a group of student debaters by $50 a person. The expenses will be incurred when the University Debating Team goes to Melbourne in May to compete in the Intervarsity Debating Contest. The Board is expected to appoint soon an Assistant/Secretary whose main duties will be accounting. Four men and a woman, who applied for the position, were interviewed on April 7.

Elections for the Board will commence on April 9. Eight student positions and one graduate position will be filled. The Union's statement of Accounts was adopted by the Board on April 7. It will be presented to the annual general meeting in the Courtyard on May 6 at 1 p.m. The elections for non-voting positions on the Council result-
ed the following have been elected to voting positions on the Council: Environmental Officer Anne T. McCosker, Women's Officer Ali Ben Kain, Race Relations Officer Michael Merrick, Finance Officer Jennifer Lyon, Social Action Officer John Unicombe. 

The high temperature in the kitchen of The Union incited employees to ask the Board for assistance. It has been decided to install a mechanical ventilation system as soon as possible.

THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The new Vice-President of Newcastle University Students' Association is Jennifer Lyon, a full-time student in the Faculty of Arts. Jennifer holds the voting position of Services Officer on the Students' Representative Council elected Vice-President at the inaugural meeting of the 24th Council on March 29. Kim Wheeler resigned as Treasurer because of the pressure of university studies. Paul Drinkwater agreed to be Acting Treasurer. The following have been elected to voting positions on the Council: Environmental Officer Anne T. McCosker, Women's Officer Ali Ben Kain, Race Relations Officer Michael Merrick, Finance Officer Jennifer Lyon, Social Action Officer John Unicombe.

The elections for non-voting members on the Council resulted: International Officer Greg Wicks, National Affairs Officer Michael Merrick, Correspondent Tony Nolan, Transport Officer Paul Hughes, Incoming Delegations Officer Peter Law, AUS Committee Member Peter Tullgren, Jim Gardiner, Director of Student Publications Paul Drinkwater, Library Officer Ali Ben Kain, Interim Representatives on the Board of the Union Jim Gardiner, Peter Tullgren, Members of the Finance Committee Jim Gardiner, Ali Ben Kain, Members of the Library Committee Peter Tullgren, Paul Drinkwater, Delegations and Representations Committee of the Community Child Care Centre David Hill, Delegates to the Non-Competitive Pastimes and Diversion Committee Michael Merrick, Jennifer Lyon, Honorary Solicitor W.G. Cannington and Sons, Representative on the Environment Committee Tony Nolan.

Any other overseas student with language problems will also be offered assistance. However, the full extent of EFL problems on the campus is known it is difficult at this stage to organise classes for everyone. Mrs Laidlaw may be contacted in Mechanical Engineering (Room 227) Ext. 633, Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mrs Reeves may be contacted in the Language Laboratories, Ext. 463.

PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

While the Government Agencies Division of the Public Service Association, which includes the majority of academic staff at The University of Newcastle, has not had a single member retrenched to date, the Government Agencies Divisional Council is concerned at the possibility of retrenchments in the future associated with possible cutbacks in Government expenditure in Education and other areas.

The Public Service Association has lodged an application in the Industrial Commission for a REDUNDANCY AWARD to provide benefits to persons at Universities and Colleges of Advanced Education who are members of the Association and who are retrenched. The benefits sought are as follows:

1) Four weeks notice
2) A redundancy payment of four weeks pay for every completed year of employment with the current employer.
3) Payment of pro-rata annual leave loading.
4) The monetary value of accrued sick leave standing to the credit of the employee at the time of termination.
5) The employer's share of contributions to superannuation together with any bonus or interest payable
6) Provision, during the four weeks notice, to take time off to look for other employment.

The Sub-Division will keep members informed of progress with this Award application.

M.F. Edmonds
Secretary University Subdivision of the P.S.A.
PHILOSOPHY CLUB

The Philosophy Club, 10 years old this year, is pleased to be one of the oldest, active and consistent clubs at Newcastle University. The Club's programme for First Term:

A paper will be given by a member of the Drama Department on "The New Aesthetic". Venue: The Staff House. Time: 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 14.

This paper should appeal not only to those interested in Philosophy but also those interested in the status and direction of modern drama.

A paper will be given later in April by Dr P. Chopra. A paper on "The Ethics of Political Psychiatry" will be given later in the term.

The annual camp will be at the end of the term - from Friday, 7th to Sunday, 9th May.

This year's theme is "Ethics-Objective or Subjective?". The camp attracts speakers from Sydney as well as having local and student contributions.

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DEBATERS PLAN TRIP TO MELBOURNE

The University will send a team of three speakers and a reserve speaker to compete in the Intervarsity Debating Contest in Melbourne in the May vacation.

The representatives will be selected following the debate in the bar of The Union on April 13 at 8 p.m. The subject will be "The World Is Out of Joint".

The debate and the trip to Melbourne have been arranged by the Debates Committee of the Union, whose Secretary is Warren Johnson and Assistant Secretary David Cox.

Debates are staged every two to three weeks and members of the university can attend.

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SPORTING NEWS

Rick McCosker's return visit to the University was more "noteworthy" than his first.

Rick performed different roles on the two occasions - first, as a batsman in the New South Wales side, and second, as guest speaker for University Cricket Club's annual presentation dinner.

He scored a duck and one run for N.S.W. at University Oval; he held the attention of all one of the 120 guests at the dinner in the Union on April 2.

Since his debut with N.S.W. at University Oval, Rick has performed most successfully as a cricketer in Australia and England and made a comeback following a few low scores against the West Indians.

McCosker told the Cricket Club's guests about his initiation into Test cricket - at the S.C.G. on January 4, 1975. His feeling of acute tension was eliminated when he walked onto "the hallowed Cricket Ground" with Ian Redpath to open for Australia and heard the applause of 50,000 people.

The S.C.G. was a fitting contrast with the dusty area behind the house on his family's sheep property near Inverell where he and his friends used to play "test matches".

Guests were welcomed by the President of University Cricket Club (Mr D. Willett). The President of the Sports Union (Mr B. O'Shea) proposed the toast to Cricket.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to McCosker on behalf of the university and himself and presented trophies to the following members of the Club:

- Michael Cooper (most runs, bat donated by the Rural Bank, best batting performance in First Grade).
- Geoff Andrew (most wickets - 38 - and best bowling performance in First Grade).
- Peter Pickering (best batting in Second Grade).
- Paul Anderson (best bowling in Third Grade).
- Ted Burk (best batting in Fourth Grade).
- Stewart Johnson (Harry Bradford Award for the most improved undergraduate cricket player).
- Frank Clarke (Clubman of the Year).

A pewter and club cap were presented to Jack Walsh, the Coas, in thanks for his assistance to the players. The Secretary (Mr A. Richardson) explained that the criteria for the award of club trophies included the achievement of 20 wickets or 200 runs in the season.

Special presentations were made to the following women who helped with lunches, afternoon teas, etc.: Mrs Willett, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Andrew, Mrs Bradford, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Gummow.

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The Vice-Chancellor has appointed a Briefing Committee for the construction of two additional squash courts on the campus.

Members of the Committee are the University Planner (Mr D.D. Morris), the Amenities Officer (Mr H. Bradford), Assistant Bursar (Mr J.M. Falconer), the Treasurer of the Sports Union (Mr A. Beaman) and the Sports Union representative on the Sporting Facilities Committee (Mr J. Egg).

The naming of the Briefing Committee follows the University Council's approval of the Sports Union's and Sporting Facilities Committee's plan to construct the courts. The two bodies are prepared to provide funds of the order of $50,000 for the project.

The Vice-Chancellor has asked Mr Morris to call a meeting of the Briefing Committee at an early date to finalise requirements and allow documentation to proceed. Before these are finalised, however, the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Council must approve the plans and a submission must be made to Newcastle City Council.

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The social campus sporting competition, which involves teams from all areas of the University, has commenced. Fifteen teams are entered in the 5-a-side indoor soccer competition, which is conducted in the sports Centre every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. and every Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

The basketball competition is conducted in the Sports Centre on Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. Entries can be made by ringing Mr S. Barwick (Ext 469).

The mixed volleyball (three men, three women) is played on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. Teams can still enter by getting in touch with Mr Barwick.

The Amenities Office reports vacancies for participants in the following Non-Competitive Pastimes and Diversions:

- Ballroom Dancing (Miss Robyn Holling (instructress), Sports Centre, every Thursday, 7 - 8.30 p.m.

- Snooker Room, Tuesdays, 7 - 10 p.m.

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

People can attend these recreation classes by making arrangements with Mr S. Barwick.
APPOINTMENTS

Leo Henry Scheps, BA, MA (Sydney) has begun duties as Tutor in English. Before joining the university he was a freelance journalist in New York and Amsterdam.

Professor John Arthur Campbell, BSc (Adelaide), SM I. T., DPhil (Oxon), MA (Cantab.), has taken up his appointment to the Third Chair in the Department of Mathematics. Since 1972, Professor Campbell has been Gray-Ramsey Research Fellow in Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge.

Susan Cruickshank has joined the Amenities Office to deal with student housing. She was previously a Community Worker with Wickham Community Group.

Kathryn Jan Kasprzyk has begun duties in the third window of the University Union.

Noel James Taylor, previously Accountant for the University Union, has taken up duties as a Clerk in the Bursar's Division.

Terry John O'Brien has begun duties as Clerk in the Bursar's Division.

Kim Mary Marshall has joined the University as a Laboratory Assistant in the Department of Chemistry.

Dr Aldric Loughman Brown, MA, PhD (Cantab.), of the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, is a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics.

RESIGNATION

Coralee Isabella Howell, Junior Stenographer in the Department of Commerce, has resigned.

ADVERTISEMENTS

DISCOUNTS

Tudor Salon, 85 Tudor Street, Hamilton (next door to Rayfords), is offering students (both male and female) 15% discount on all types of hair treatment. Hair cutting, trimming, perms, tints, blow waves, etc. Mens hair and beards trimmed and shaped. Students must produce current Student ID Card.

BP Jesmond Service Station, Blue Gum Road, is offering to members of staff discounts on the sale of petrol, oil and greases. The discount on petrol is 4% per gallon, on oil 3% per pint and on grease and oil changes, $1. The offer is subject to a total purchase by staff of the university of 600 gallons of petrol every month. The service station is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

FOR SALE

Sakai electric guitar, as new, 7 months old, solid body. $65, o.n.o. Tel. Stephen, 48 9284.

Kotara Heights, beautifully presented, as new, contemporary home of masonry and western red cedar, with extensive views. Upstairs: 3 bedrooms, lounge, dining, excellent kitchen, fully-tiled bathroom, toilet, two balconies. Downstairs: large entry foyer, rumpus room, double garage, workshop, large laundry, second toilet. Includes curtains, blinds, fly-screens, carpets, many built-ins including in lounge. Sydney TV aerial, phone connection, rotary clothesline. $39,000. For further details contact A. Lee at Ext. 673.

Whitebridge, $30,000. Contemporary weatherboard two-storey home. Four bedrooms, separate lounge and dining rooms, modern kitchen, family room, fully-tiled bathroom. Ocean and lake views. Sydney TV. Close to schools, transport, 5 minutes to Charlestown shopping centre. Tel. 49 7280 or Ext. 317.

Contemporary weatherboard, three-bedroom home in New Lambton Heights, 15 squares, large lounge-dining area, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, laundry, sun room, garage and carport, newly painted, in quiet street opposite a small reserve, $42,000. Tel. 57 5850 or Ext. 666.

DIARY OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

9.15 a.m. Symposium on Settler Designs for Hydro- to Metallurgical Systems - Room 4AG02 (Engineering Building).

3.15 p.m. Opening and Introduction, Mr M. Allman and Professor I. McE. Stewart; Short Papers (followed by discussion) by Dr K. L. Smith, Messrs A. Lazaridis, W. Liotoki, Mrs J. McGee, Professor Stewart and Dr. I. Lewis.

1.05 p.m. Mr Lee Collins, BSc and MSc (Newcastle), a scientist attached to the Institute for Radiation and Environment Research, Munich, West Germany, will give a seminar on Medical Physics Overseas - Room D12, Physics Building.

8 p.m. Union 'At Home' featuring "Maitland Bush Band" - Southern Cross Lounge.

10 a.m. "Coralee Lansdowne Says No" by Alex Buxo, production by Newcastle C.A.E. Drama Club - Griffith Duncan Theatre, Director: Mr John Robson.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

10 a.m. Voting in the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.

Monday, April 12
10 a.m. Voting in the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.
6.15 p.m. Office.
11 a.m. Film "Seven Samurai" - Drama Theatre. (English I Film Course).
6 p.m. Meeting of the Australian Geomechanics Society (Newcastle Sub-Group), University of Newcastle, "Reinforced Earth", Mr. J. Reid, Managing Director of Vidal Reinforced Earth Pty Ltd., Mr. J. Verge, Sydney Partner of W. P. Brown & Partners Pty Ltd consulting Engineers - Room E002. Preceded by refreshments in the Staff House at 5.15 p.m.
7.15 p.m. Address to Economic Society by Mr. Duncan Ironmonger.

Tuesday, April 13
10 a.m. Voting in the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.
6.15 p.m. Meeting of the Australian Geomechanics Society (Newcastle Sub-Group), University of Newcastle, "Reinforced Earth", Mr. J. Reid, Managing Director of Vidal Reinforced Earth Pty Ltd., Mr. J. Verge, Sydney Partner of W. P. Brown & Partners Pty Ltd consulting Engineers - Room E002. Preceded by refreshments in the Staff House at 5.15 p.m.
8 p.m. Union 'At Home' featuring "Vehicule Up + 1" - Southern Cross Lounge.

Friday, April 16
Tuesday, April 20
Easter Holidays (University Closed)

Wednesday, April 14
10 a.m. Voting in the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.
6.15 p.m. Office.
1 p.m. A.U.S. Lightshow, "Uncle Bob's Band" - Union Courtyard.
6.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Area Committee of the Economics Society - Staff Conference Room, Social Sciences Building.
1.10 Free lunch time concert, Errol and Dorrityn Collins (violin) and Joan Dawson (piano).
1.50 p.m. Works by Handel, Arne, Leclair, de Berio and Rimsik-Korsakov - Great Hall.

Thursday, April 15
10 a.m. Voting in the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.
6.15 p.m. Meeting of the elections for members of the Board of Management of The Union - The Union Office.
11.30 a.m. Lecture on "The Sulphur Problem and Non-Ferrous Metal Production in Australia", Dr. T. R. A. Davey, of the C.S.I.R.O. Division on Mineral Chemistry - Room G14, Metallurgy Building.
Dr. Davey will discuss the natural sulphur cycle and the contributions made to it by human activities; the sulphur supply-demand position in the world and in Australia; the effects of SO2 on plants, animals and humans; the probable future trends in dealing with the sulphur problem.

Meeting of Trainee Teachers' Association, to provide students with information about the objectives of the association - Court Yard, The Union.

Friday, April 23
10 a.m. Conferring of Degrees Ceremony - Great Hall.
2.30 p.m. Conferring of Degrees Ceremony - Great Hall.
8 p.m. Films of Protest series, "Easy Rider" (US 1969, Director: Dennis Hooper) - Basden Theatre.