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The University of Newcastle



UNIVERSITY NEWS

NEW DIRECTORY BOARD TO ASSIST TRAFFIC MOVEMENT ON CAMPUS

For a number of years the University has seen the need for a directory board on the main entrance driveway to assist people in locating departments and buildings on the University site. Approval was granted in the last triennium for the construction of this directory board and work was about to commence when the Federal Government advised universities that uncommitted work was to be held in abeyance.

In response to representations made by the University to the Universities Commission, approval was subsequently received for the work to proceed because of the dual function of the directory board as part of the University's fire alarm system. The fire alarms in each University building will be connected to the directory board to illuminate the coloured plastic replicas of each building. Should a fire alarm occur, the particular building affected will light up on the directory board, thus assisting the fire brigade in quickly locating the building on the University site. This arrangement has been provided at the request of the New South Wales Fire Brigade which sees it as a significant improvement in the University's fire safety arrangements.

Because of the fire alarm relays and lighting housed in the board, the directory will be a more substantial structure than would have been necessary for the directory alone. The face of the board has been designed to provide maximum clarity for quick identification of buildings. Groups of buildings will be colour coded in relation to the major car park closest to

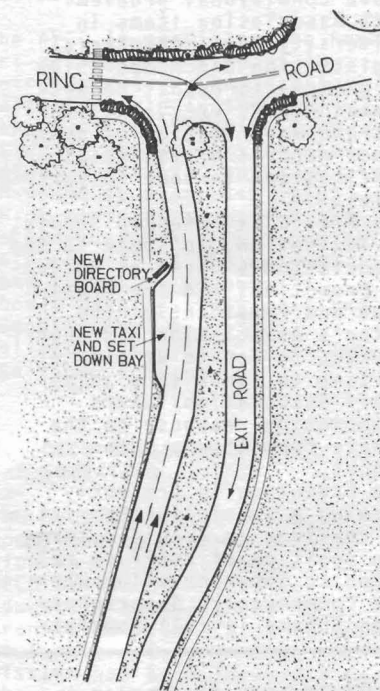
them to which the visitor will be directed. From this car park a series of pedestrian signs will guide him to the individual building housing the department he is seeking. The existing pedestrian signs around the University will be adjusted following the erection of the main directory board and will be colour coded in the same way as the directory itself. The names of departments will be listed alphabetically on the face of the directory board and will provide for future development and changes.

The original intention was to erect a directory board on the central median strip adjacent to the widened section of the entrance driveway. Experience has shown that this widened section of the road is unlikely to be used for the purpose originally envisaged and it is now proposed to modify the existing kerb lines near the head of the entrance driveway to create a 'layby' on the western side of the road.

This will enable the directory board to be erected on the western side of the entrance driveway so that it will be equally accessible to both car drivers and pedestrians. The 'layby' will also be signposted as a set-down area for taxis and other vehicles bringing passengers to the University site. It is hoped that this arrangement will avoid the tendency of taxi drivers and others, to drop passengers at the head of the driveway beneath the 'No Standing' sign effectively blocking other traffic movement in this critical area while they do so.

It is proposed that the alterations to the entrance driveway and the erection of the directory board will be carried out during the May vacation, weather permitting, and every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience to users of the site during its construction.

D.D. Morris,
UNIVERSITY PLANNER.



*Diagram shows location of
Directory Board*

MEMBERS OF STAFF
ARE REMINDED
THAT THE CLOSING DATE
FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
THE ALLOCATION OF
SPECIAL RESEARCH FUNDS
IN RESPONSE TO
INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS
IS

FRIDAY, 14TH MAY, 1976

THE STAFF ASSOCIATION

Over the last few weeks the Executive has taken appropriate action as a whole or in various committees sometimes augmented by other Association members, on a number of matters, the major ones being: The Senate Committee's Tutors Report, Housing Loans (particularly under the University Housing Loan Scheme), Academic Promotions and Appeals, a proposed revision of Study Leave conditions, problems with Association items in University News, Industrial Registration and Membership, Allowances to Deans, Departmental Heads, etc., and staff retrenchment in view of newspaper reports of financial difficulties in some Universities.

The President attended Senate, by invitation, to speak to the Association's paper on Academic Promotions and the President and President of the Tutor's Association had been invited to Senate at time of writing to speak to a joint Staff Association/Tutors Association response to the Senate Committee's Tutor Report.

The Executive is presently forming a specialist Committee to consider in specific terms the position of staff in relation to Superannuation when the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme is fully operat-

ive, and is in contact with FAUSA which has commissioned a full-scale independent actuarial examination of Schemes operating in all N.S.W. Universities and the relative advantages and disadvantages of moving into the Commonwealth Scheme when this becomes possible. (The FAUSA research will allow comparison with an AVCC study in connection with which the Executive had taken some initiative).

The Association's University Government Committee has considered the "White Paper" on University Government and is preparing a further submission to the Council Committee. In terms of the motion of the First Term Meeting a further poll is to be conducted and members and non-members of the Association are urged to once again respond on this question when questionnaires are received.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the first or second week of June (4th or 11th) and Preliminary Notices calling for motions will be issued in the near future. It is also appropriate that motions for the FAUSA Council Meeting, to be held in August (at this University), be passed through an A.G.M. Members are accordingly invited to submit motions for FAUSA with those for our own A.G.M. by the date indicated on the preliminary notice.

W.G. WARREN,
Secretary.



Professor Burrows.

the century since English literature had become accepted as an academic subject the trend had been away from purely philological studies towards a situation where English was a house of many mansions.

"To my mind our first duty is to the main body of English literature and our own Australian literature and provided that this centre is solidly established, there is room for a great deal of exciting work to be done in areas such as Creative Writing, Film, and the Inter-relationships with other Literatures and Arts." Professor Burrows stressed that the 'centre' of English studies must be held - Shakespeare and Milton, Wordsworth and Jane Austen were too important to go neglected. Modern writers, and perhaps we thought first of Australian writers, could only gain from being read in such a context. The foundations for working along these lines had been firmly laid by his distinguished predecessors, Professors Gus Cross, Clive Hart, and Tony Gibbs. He was very pleased to come to an able and energetic department at an exciting stage of its development.

Professor Burrows is married and has three daughters, aged 17, 14 and 7. His wife, who grew up in Glen Innes, was also an English teacher in Sydney and on the North Coast.

PROFESSOR BURROWS JOINS ENGLISH

The new Head of the Department of English is 47 year old Professor John F. Burrows. He obtained his Bachelor's degree from the University of Sydney, was a school teacher in Taree and Sydney, and eventually became an Associate Professor at the University of Sydney.

Having spent most of his life circling about Newcastle - in New England, on the North Coast, and in Sydney - Professor Burrows hoped that he was ready to come to the centre of it all.

Professor Burrows obtained his MA (Hons. I) from the University of Sydney in 1965 and his PhD from the University of London in 1967.

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 at the Higher School Certificate. He has been acting Editor of *Southerly* on two occasions. Professor Burrows said that in

ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSING, BOARD

Susan Cruickshank, University's Housing Officer, will be available in the foyer of the Union on weekdays from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. to be interviewed by students who are looking for accommodation.

AUSTRALIAN VICE-CHANCELLOR'S COMMITTEE

2.1 ARGC Funding

Senator Webster has given an assurance that universities will receive full reimbursement in July this year of the bridging finance that they provided to cover the shortfall in funds available for ARGC purposes during the first half of 1976. Professor Derham also discussed with the Minister the possibility of indexing ARGC grants in some way.

The AVCC is convening a conference of appropriate university representatives, under the Chairmanship of Professor G.M. Badger, to prepare a document on the philosophy of university research. If approved by the AVCC, this document will be forwarded to the Minister to assist him when discussing the funding of research in 1976/77 and later years.

2.2 Science Policy and ASTEC

Professor Derham discussed with the Minister the development of a science policy and the role and future of ASTEC.

3. REPORTS ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN TASMANIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The AVCC has noted the reports of the inquiries into post-secondary education in Tasmania and Western Australia and that a similar inquiry has been foreshadowed in South Australia. It has written to the Minister for Education in Western Australia offering advice about any legislation to give effect to the central recommendation in the report affecting that State, namely, the establishment of a Post-Secondary Education Commission.

4. ACADEMIC SALARIES

The AVCC has noted the Determination and Report, February, 1976 of the Academic Salaries Tribunal which was made in response to written submissions from FAUSA, FSAACAE and the AVCC, seeking interim increases in academic salaries. The AVCC regrets the Tribunal's decision that there should not be any immediate adjustment to academic salaries, apart from those which flow from National Wage Case decisions. It is awaiting the outcome of the wide-ranging review being undertaken by the Tribunal.

5. SUPERANNUATION

All universities have authorised the AVCC to negotiate on their behalf to have them classified as "approved authorities" for the purposes of the new superannuation scheme for Commonwealth Government

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employees. The AVCC has approached the Minister for Education on this matter, who has taken it up with the Treasurer. It has been made clear to the Minister that if universities are declared "approved authorities" it will be the responsibility of each university to negotiate actual terms of entry for its staff members. Now that details of the proposed new Government scheme are available, the AVCC is in a position to press its negotiations with the Government through the Universities Commission and the Treasury.

6. MUSEUMS REPORT

The AVCC is examining the Report of the Committee of Inquiry on Museums and National Collections including the Report of the Planning Committee on the Gallery on Aboriginal Australia, entitled "Museums in Australia 1975", which contains a chapter and recommendations on university museums. It will consider what comments, if any, it should make on the Report and suggests that individual universities will wish to make their own comments.

7. OECD REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION

The AVCC appointed a Subcommittee to prepare a submission in connection with the OECD Review of Australian Education on the theme "The transition from school to work or further study". That submission has been forwarded to the Department of Education.

8. NEAT

The AVCC has under consideration the recently announced reductions in the allowances payable under the NEAT scheme which are causing financial hardship to some students.

9. STUDY OF STUDENT PROGRESS

The Department of Education has agreed to a request from the AVCC to undertake a survey of student progress similar to the 1961 Study, involving both universities and colleges of advanced education, and based probably on new entrants in 1971.

10. MEETING WITH FAUSA

AVCC representatives will meet FAUSA representatives on 17 June, 1976.

F.S. Hambly,
Secretary

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

The AVCC held discussions with the Minister for Education (Senator J.L. Carrick) on the evening of April 20, 1976.

1.1 Triennial Planning

The AVCC discussed with the Minister the need to restore the triennial system for 1977/79. The Minister indicated that both he and the Government have a commitment to triennial funding, and that he hoped it would be possible to restore it in the context of the Australian Government's budget for 1976/77. The Minister accepted an offer from the AVCC to provide him with a paper on the triennial principle. Such a document has been sent to the Minister.

1.2 Tertiary Education Commission

The AVCC discussed with the Minister the possible merging of the Universities Commission and the Commission on Advanced Education into a single Tertiary Education Commission, and emphasized the desirability of any legislation preserving the special position and role of the universities.

1.3 Student Assistance

The AVCC told the Minister that increases in TEAS allowances and Commonwealth Postgraduate Award stipends should be given the highest priority in the 1976/77 budget, and that they should be maintained at realistic levels based on movements in appropriate indexes. Further, it requested financial support for loans schemes to supplement TEAS.

1.4 University Research

The AVCC raised with the Minister the question of university research, including research dependent upon the interest and support of Australian Government agencies not responsible to the Minister, for example, the ARGC and the NH and MRC.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER FOR SCIENCE

The Chairman, AVCC (Professor Derham), held discussions with the Minister for Science (Senator J.J. Webster) on 19 March, 1976.

LAST READING COURSE THIS YEAR

The University Counselling Service will run a short six-session Efficient Reading Course during the May vacation. The course is aimed at increasing speed and flexibility, while holding comprehension at a reasonable level.

TIME : Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

PLACE : Lecture Theatre V01
(Ground Floor, Mathematics Building)

COMMENCING : Wednesday, May 12
FINISHING : Friday, May 28

Similar courses run with students have resulted in average gains of 100% in speed, with no change in the average level of comprehension. Places are limited, so it is advisable to enrol as soon as possible at the Counselling Service.

The Service informed some students that it would run a course in Term II. It regretted that resources could not be stretched to this extent. The next Reading Course will be before Term I, 1977.

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THREE UNIVERSITY MEDALISTS

The Department of Mathematics was represented by three University Medalists at the recent Graduation Ceremonies - Mr Peter Cummings, Miss Christine Kennedy and Mrs Katherine Heinrich.

All three are currently post-graduate research students in the Department of Mathematics and recipients of Australian Government Postgraduate Awards.

In addition, Mr Cummings is a recent Gowrie Scholarship recipient, while Miss Kennedy and Mrs Heinrich were recently awarded Jamieson Prizes of \$50 each. There were only five Jamieson Prizes awarded in the state of New South Wales of which four were awarded at this University. The awards to Miss Kennedy and Mrs Heinrich were on the basis of outstanding performance in a field of science.

R.W. ROBINSON.



*Xavier Herbert is admitted to his degree
by the Chancellor*

TRIP BRINGS TWO AWARDS

Xavier Herbert came South from his native Queensland on April 22 to receive two awards for his contributions to Australian literature.

One, conferred on him at the Arts Conferring of Degrees Ceremony held in the Great Hall of the University the next day, was from the University.

In the words of the Vice-Chancellor, who gave the Occasional Address at the Ceremony, the author from Cairnes "joined the select and distinguished list of

those on whom the University has conferred its highest accolade in the field of Arts and Literature, namely the Degree of Doctor of Letters, *Honoris Causa*".

Xavier Herbert was the recipient of the second Award in Sydney three days later. His mammoth novel, *Poor Fellow My Country*, earned for him the 1975 Miles Franklin Award. Xavier and Miles Franklin, a female novelist who died in 1957, were close friends. Winners of the Award in the past 10 years include Patrick White, George Johnston, Ronald McKie, Thea Astley and Thomas Keneally.

CONVOCATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of Convocation of the University will be held at the Newcastle Rugby Club, 45 Newcomen Street, Newcastle, on June 3 at 7.30 p.m.

Christina Stead, the Australian-born novelist who is expected to arrive at the University a few days before to take up her post as Writer-in-Residence, will be the guest speaker.

The agenda for the meeting includes the election of a Warden to succeed Professor K.R. Dutton, who had decided not to stand for re-election and the election of two members to fill vacancies on the Standing Committee.

DIFFERENT SPEAKER FOR SOCIETY

The Economics Society of Australia and New Zealand has had no alternative to changing the speaker for its June meeting. The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) has found that he is now unable to meet his original commitment to the Society. However, Senator Peter Baume (N.S.W.) has agreed to address the Society in his place and this meeting is scheduled for June 22.

It is anticipated that Senator Baume will look at the question of the appropriate level of government welfare spending in the light of national economic management and the expectations of the community.



Professor E.O. Hall

DEEP RESPECT FOR UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Professor E.O. Hall, Professor of Metallurgy, has returned to the University after 16 months' secondment to the Universities Commission, Canberra.

Professor Hall was initially closely involved with the development of science policy within the Commission, which led to the concept of encouraging "special post-graduate centres" proposed for the 1976-78 triennium.

He stated that he was still of the opinion that these proposals, embodied in the Commission's *Sixth Report*, would be a major advance in rationalizing the very fragmented approach to research which has been the pattern in Australia in the past.

Professor Hall stated that it was disappointing to him that the previous government found itself unable to accept the recommendations of the Commission's report, since this was the first time that such an event had arisen since the Universities Commission was established in 1959.

"The political events of late 1975, and the budget deficit which the new government had to face, has caused it to look on 1976 as a year outside the normal triennium pattern. The recommendations for the period 1977-79 will now not be known until after the budget is brought down in August," he said.

In addition Professor Hall was Convenor of working parties for the Commission on Clinical Pharmacology and on Rehabilitation Medicine, and he took a keen interest in the application of computers to Library Resources throughout Australia.

He described his time at the Commission as a fascinating and very instructive period. He had come away with a deep respect for the work of both the Commissioners and the Secretariat for the Commission.

FINAL NIGHTS FOR HAMLET DEBUNKING

The Hunter Valley Theatre Company's season of "Hamlet on Ice", which explains what was so rotten in the state of Denmark in a couple of hilarious hours, closes on May 8. The "adult pantomime" is being presented in the Arts/Drama Theatre.

"The Glass Menagerie", Tennessee William's play, is the Company's next production.

It is scheduled to open at the Arts/Drama Theatre on Friday, June 4. This play is the company's contribution to the American Bi-centennial celebrations and is also a set school text.

Membership of the Company is available for an annual subscription of \$10. This offers supporters the opportunity to be involved in the company from its beginnings and to have a say in its operation through the election of Board members, or by standing for the Board themselves.

In return the Company offers members preferential bookings to all productions, a concession of 50¢ a ticket per production each, occasional members' nights and other activities such as seminars and films and a newsletter. Tickets will cost \$4 on Friday and Saturday nights, \$3.50 at other times.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SUBJECTS

The 5th July is the deadline for permission to withdraw without penalty from all subjects (other than some in Engineering).

If you are unsure of your present situation, we suggest you make an appointment with a counsellor to discuss the problem.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING
SERVICE.

UNIVERSITY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

We meet every Friday night at 7.30 in the Technical College Union Hall to enjoy country dances old and new. Come along, bring your friends, and make new ones. The University S.C. Dancers are affiliated with the Newcastle College's Scottish Country Dance Club, a senior group of the Hunter Valley Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. You will be expertly introduced into the mysteries of country dancing by experienced teachers and will have lots of fun. From May 15-22 the H.V. Branch will conduct a residential Winter School at Tocal Agricultural College, near Pater-son, along the lines of the famous New Zealand Summer Schools. There may be some vacancies.

On August 7 the Club's 20th Anniversary Ball will be held to the music of the String Fiddle Tradition from Canberra.

For mid-September, a relaxing walk, swim and dance weekend has been planned at "Flotilla" near Smith Lakes.

We'll be happy to see you Friday nights and at all our other activities. For further information get in touch with Nancy Kirby (Biological Sciences, Ext. 566), Heinz Duewell (Chemistry, Ext. 437), John McLennan (Metallurgy, Ext. 504).

H. Duewell.

TRAVEL GRANT TO POST-GRAD. STUDENT

Sam Bashford, a second-year PhD student in the Department of Metallurgy, has been offered an Australian-American Education Foundation Travel Grant for study in the U.S. in 1976-7.

The grant provides for free travel to and from the American University involved. Sam hopes to leave this year to study for 12 months in the Department of Metallurgical Engineering at the Ohio State University and work with Professor George St Pierre, who was visiting Professor of Metallurgy at the University of Newcastle in 1975.



JAZZ "PROM" IN GREAT HALL

The Steely City Jazz Band, one of the groups to play at the Jazz Prom on May 9.

For the first time in Newcastle a jazz concert will be patterned on a "prom" concert. The idea was derived from the ABC Youth Orchestra's regular guest performances in the Great Hall of the University of Newcastle.

These are in the style of "proms", the orchestra's repertoire being more light-hearted and entertaining than usual and people sprawling on the floor on rugs or cushions. A jazz band's repertoire, too, can be lively - ragtime and boogie woogie, for example - and enjoyable for people who are relaxing.

The Department of Community Programmes will present the

jazz "prom" in the Great Hall on Sunday, May 9, beginning at 2 p.m.

At least five principal local bands have been invited to play - so the music may continue until after dusk. "Classic", dixieland, mainstream and jazz-rock schools of jazz are to be represented. At the time of writing, these bands have agreed to be associated with the jazz "prom":

The Newcastle New Orleans Jazz Band,
Three Upp Plus One,
The Maryville Jazz Band,
The Steely City Jazz Band,
and, Al Vincer's Trio
with Errol Collins.

COOPERATIVE BOOKSHOP

By joining the University Co-operative Bookshop you will participate in the profits. Last year shareholders received 18½% on their purchases of rebatable books. You join by purchasing a \$10 share, which will be bought back if at any time you want to pull out. There is a branch in The Union where you can join. If you do you'll get a cheque representing your share of the profits of the bookshop in October/November.

COMPUTING CENTRE HANDBOOK

The Computing Centre has published its second handbook (for 1976) to provide a guide to most of the services and facilities of the Centre. Authorship was shared by the Director (Mr J. Lambert) and programmers in the Centre. Copies are available for \$2.50 each. Departments may obtain them by Computer Materials Requisitions. Students, etc. may purchase copies through University Cashier.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA MEDAL

In its Centenary Year, 1959, the Royal Society of Victoria decided to institute a Medal for Scientific Research. The award consists of a silver medal, to be awarded annually for scientific research. The fifteenth award will be made for work falling into the category Natural Sciences - Agriculture, Botany, Forestry, Geology, Physiology, Zoology and related sciences. This work must have been published between January 1, 1970 and December 31, 1975.

Nominations should be made to the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Society of Victoria, 9 Victoria Street, Melbourne. Vic. 3000, by September 1, 1976.

RAILWAY TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

The University has received a supply of Railway Student Identification cards, which are valid for one year from April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977.

Cards are available to full-time students of the University who are not engaged in business or in employment, and are intended to be retained in the student's possession for the period of validity. Holders will be entitled to half fare concession rates for rail travel interstate and within New South Wales, except for journeys of less than 40 kilometres wholly within a suburban railways area. The Newcastle suburban railways area extends to Narara, Dungong and Singleton.

N.E.A.T. STUDENTS

Students at the Newcastle College of Advanced Education involved in the N.E.A.T. scheme have held several meetings to discuss the hardships involved in the Government's change of policy regarding N.E.A.T.

N.E.A.T. students at the University who wish to be involved in a concerted effort to try to get improvements made in the N.E.A.T. scheme should contact Mrs B. Penglase, President, N.C.A.E. N.E.A.T. Students Association, C/o Mr A.J. Kavanagh, Newcastle College of Advanced Education, Box 84, Post Office, Waratah. 2298

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

At its April meeting the Committee considered requests from members of staff who, by reason of their duties had to leave and return to Campus at various times during the day or who as shift-workers finishing late at night, found the present parking arrangements unsatisfactory. The Vice-Chancellor has accepted the Committee's recommendation that the needs of these members of the University be given special consideration in the allocation of reserved parking spaces and that the allocation of all reserved parking be reviewed and allocated in terms of needs such as physical handicap or the special duties of members of the University. To implement this policy in relation to the needs of Union staff and Method lecturers in the Faculty of Education, car spaces on the west side of No. 4 car park (immediately adjacent to the Post Office) are to be marked "Reserved - Authorised Vehicles Only" and will not be available for general car parking from the beginning of second term.

A.D. TWEEDIE,
Vice-Principal.

CALL SIGN FOR RADIO STATION

The University has now received word that approval has been granted for the establishment of an experimental FM broadcasting station. Before application can be made for the granting of the necessary operating licence it is required that the University submit a list of at least four callsigns. Each callsign must take the form of 2 XYZ-FM (where X, Y, Z are the variables). All members of staff are invited to submit their suggestions for suitable callsigns so that an appropriate choice can be made. Suggestions should be forwarded to me, preferably not later than Friday, May 14.

L.N. SHORT,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor

SPORTING NEWS

Plans are going ahead for the University's Aquatic Centre on the Hunter River at Raymond Terrace to be officially opened on June 20. It is hoped that the opening will be part of an aquatic day and that one of the special activities will be a rowing contest between the Faculties of the University. Facilities for canoeing, water skiing, sailing and rowing will become available to students and members of staff of the University when the Centre is opened. Alterations have been made at the Centre, including the construction of a kitchen on the first floor and improvements to the boat ramp. A portable barbecue is also available. The Amenities Officer is carrying out investigations into the purchase of a power boat and water skis estimated to cost approximately \$7,000. The boat will be used by the newly formed Water Ski Club, which is functioning with the assistance of NUDES, and by members of staff and students at the Aquatic Centre. The University Rowing Club, which has a membership of more than 20, will operate at Raymond Terrace. The Centre will be made available to Clubs, Societies, Departments and Faculties of the University for recreation and social functions.

A meeting at Newcastle Technical College on May 6 at noon will decide whether or not an Inter-Tertiary Sporting Competition should be introduced. The proposal is for students and members of staff from the University, Newcastle College of Advanced Education and Newcastle Technical College to compete against each other in several codes on a regular basis.

The host team for the 1976 Inter-Tertiary Golf Competition, Newcastle Technical College, has selected Friday, September 17, as the day on which the match will be played. The venue is Steel Works Golf Club. It will be a stroke competition with the four best net scores being totalled as the team score. Under the rules for the competition teams of eight players each are required, to be nominated by the 3rd September, and all players in the competition must be a member of a registered golf club with a current club handicap. Players from the University are invited to submit their names to the Amenities Officer (Mr H. Bradford).

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The Briefing Committee appointed for the construction of two additional squash courts has finalised requirements and the Planner's Division is presently working on sketch plans. 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 I.R. Beaman) and the Sports Union representative on the Sporting Facilities Committee (Mr J. Pegg). The University Council has approved 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 plans provide for, along with the new courts, the construction of a new office/kiosk on ground level.

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BURSARY, TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A.F.U.W.-A.C.T. BURSARY - 1976-77

The Australian Federation of University Women-A.C.T. Association is offering, in 1976-77, free board and accommodation for up to three or four weeks at Ursula College, in the Australian National University, Canberra, to a woman graduate, or a final-year Honours' student from universities and tertiary colleges in Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and the South Pacific countries. Applications close on Friday, July 23, 1976. For further information contact the Student Administration Office.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The French Government is offering a limited number of scholarships to enable Australians working in professional and technical fields to visit France to further their experience through observation and, where appropriate, participation. Scholarship benefits include a monthly maintenance allowance of a minimum amount of \$200 and economy class air travel from France to Australia. The scholarships are normally tenable for three to six months with provision for limited extension. This series of awards covers the period April, 1977 to April, 1978. Further information is available at the Student Administration Office.

Forthcoming Sports Fixtures

RUGBY LEAGUE: 9th May, University plays Cardiff, Cardiff; 16th May, University plays Beresfield, University Oval; 23rd May, University plays Wallsend, Federal Park.

AUSSIE RULES: 15th May, University plays City, Hawkins Oval; 22nd May, University plays West, Harker Oval.

RUGBY UNION: 8th May, University plays Hamilton, University Oval; 15th May, University plays Merewether-Carlton, No. 2 Oval; 22nd May, University plays Mayfield East, Dangar Park.

SOCCER: 9th May, University plays Kahibah, Kahibah; 16th May, University plays Belmont, University Oval; 23rd May, University plays Stockton, Stockton.

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STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Mr John Paul Abbott has taken up duties as a Clerk in the Accounting Section of the Bursar's Division.

Mr James Alwyn Swan has joined the Staff of the Planner's Division as a Maintenance Assistant.

Mr Raymond Owen Graham has joined the Auchmuty Library as a Junior Library Assistant.

RESIGNATIONS

Mrs Ella R. Walpole (Stenographer, Department of Economics), Mr Gordon J.L. Ramel (Junior Laboratory Assistant, Department of Psychology) and Miss Susan J. Flynn (Office Assistant/Typist, Department of Economics) have resigned.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

MGB Mark II, registered to March, 1977; good condition, radio, overdrive, \$3,500 o.n.o. See Christine at Library or Tel. Ext. 248.

For immediate sale - owner transferred:

Colour TV, 'Rank Arena' 22", 11 months old, \$595; 'Thomas' organ, 2 key board, solid state, 2 years old, \$525; Caravan, 'Viscount Ambassador', 4 berth, all electric, 15' x 7', with Annex, \$1,800 o.n.o.;

three bedroom house, weatherboard with tile roof (Beresfield, vicinity Bowling Club), triple fronted, lounge, dining-kitchen area, inside w.c., laundry off rear patio. Carpets, venetians, curtains and light fittings included. Ceiling insulated. Tel. connected. Separate double garage with roller doors and power connected. \$29,250. Tel. 66 1679 - if unanswered, Tel. University Ext. 371.

WANTED

A Philanthropist. The Department of Mathematics is seeking the donation of an old bicycle to be used to transport members of the Department around the campus. If you have an old bicycle lying under the house - preferably with no gears and as rugged as possible - that you no longer require, then here is your chance to be warmly remembered by generations of grateful mathematicians. Please contact the Chief Bicycle Acquisitions Officer (A.J. Guttmann) on Ext. 666 or Tel. 57 5850.

FLAT FOR RENT

Two or three bedroom flat, 115 Janet Street, Merewether. Tel. Alf Sernas, 63 1653 for further information.

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8 p.m.

Films of Protest series, "The Last Picture Show" (US 1971, Director: Peter Bogdanovich) - Basden Theatre.

8 p.m.

Bush Ball, four bands (Larrikans, Rock'n'Roll-Call Bush Band, Maitland Bush Band, Uncle Willie's Dead Nephews) - The Union.

1 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 8 to SUNDAY, MAY 30

University Vacation.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

2 p.m.

Jazz 'prom' - Great Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 to FRIDAY, MAY 28

Vacation Reading Course, organised by the University Counselling Service, 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday and Friday - Lecture Theatre V01.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Meeting of The Institute of Engineers, Australia, Newcastle Division; talk on the study relating to possible artificial harbour at Williamtown or possible off-shore loader by Mr W.J. Kerle, Principal Engineer, Harbours and Rivers.

6.30 p.m.

The Australian Federation of University Women - N.S.W., Hunter Valley Branch will be holding a dinner and musical evening in the University Staff House. Music will be provided by members from the Newcastle Conservatorium. The meeting is open to members and guests and the cost is \$4.50. For further information Tel. Mrs E Sheehan, Ext. 770.

DIARY OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Votes will be taken in the election of Student Member of the Council of the University. Polling places - lobby of Level 2 of the Union, between 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and foyer of the Auchmuty Library, between 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

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2 p.m.

Seminar, Department of Civil Engineering; Speaker, Assoc. Prof. Owen G. Ingles, of the School of Civil Engineering, The University of New South Wales; Topic, "The Use of Statistical and Probabilistic Methods for Improved Economy in Civil Engineering Practice" - Room EAG01, Engineering Complex.

MONDAY, MAY 31

noon

Staff/Student Seminar, Department of Geology, "On the Atlantic Island Arc Systems", Mr C. Mawer and Professor C. Diessel - Room G04.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

7.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of Convocation of University of Newcastle, Newcastle Rugby Club, followed by address by Christina Stead, the University's Writer-in-Residence.