MINISTER FOR SPORT, RECREATION AND TOURISM.

The Honourable Ken Booth, M.L.A. since 1960 and a member of the Council of the university since 1965, has been included in the new Labor Government's Ministry.

Mr Booth received the portfolio of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, a fitting appointment seeing that before he was elected to Parliament he was a physical education lecturer and, later, Welfare Officer for Newcastle University College and Newcastle Technical College. He says he has always enjoyed sport, having played first grade soccer (with Kurri Kurri, Lysaghts and Metters), league (with Kurri and Wagga) and rugby (with University). He has also played baseball and cricket.

Mr Booth, who holds a Diploma of Physical Education, was a teacher at Cessnock High School and a lecturer at Wagga and Sydney Teachers' Colleges.

As Welfare Officer for the colleges in Newcastle he was instrumental, with Assoc. Professor Arthur Ritchie (now retired), in the formation of University Rugby Club in 1955. Ken was full-back in the club's early teams and foundation Secretary of the Rugby Club.

The new Minister succeeded his father, George Booth, as M.L.A. for Kurri Kurri in 1960, after Mr Booth Snr. died.

Mr Booth has been a member of the Board of Management of the Union for many years. He is a Former Chairman of the Hunter Valley Research Foundation, an active member of the Church of England, a member of the Mount Sugarloaf Trust, a Patron of the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Association and a Board Member of Newcastle Basketball Association.

RESULT OF COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

Mr Patrick James McDonald, a full-time student in the Faculty of Science, has been elected to the University Council by the students of the University.

Mr McDonald was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation from Council of Mrs B.J. Lord.

Marjorie Biggins, John Joseph Skehan and Mr McDonald were nominated.

A poll was conducted and 151 formal votes, and one informal vote, were received.

Voting was as follows:

First Count - Marjorie Biggins 63, Mr McDonald 70 and Mr Skehan 18.

When Mr Skehan's preferences were distributed the outcome was Marjorie Biggins 70 and Mr McDonald 81.

Mr McDonald will hold office for the remainder of Mrs Lord's term, that is until December 31, 1977.

SIXTH FORMERS' VISIT TO CAMPUS

On May 26 approximately 1,500 Sixth Form students will visit the University to participate in lectures and discussions on a wide range of topics relevant to life as a student at the University of Newcastle.

The Faculties of Science, Mathematics, Engineering, Arts, Economics and Commerce and Architecture will present lectures on courses, career opportunities and other contemporary matters such as inflation, graduates and society, study methods, orientation to University life and finance problems. Students will be attending from as far afield as Taree, Gosford and Scone.

Each student will receive, prior to the visit, a package containing a timetable of lectures, an information sheet related to the lectures and a University map.

An Information Centre will be established in the foyer of the Union Complex, with representatives from the Students' Association, Sports Union, and Secretary's Division attending to students' needs during the day.
SUPERANNUATION NEGOTIATIONS

The universities in Australia, including the University of Newcastle, are negotiating with the Commonwealth Government for university employees to be brought into the new superannuation scheme for Commonwealth employees, which will take effect from July 1.

The universities are also negotiating for the university employees who contribute to existing superannuation schemes, such as the State Superannuation Scheme, and who do not wish to enter the new scheme to have their rights preserved.

The Universities authorised the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee to carry out the negotiations on their behalf.

Recently the A.V.C.C. approached the Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) and the Treasurer (Mr Lynch) to provide a document setting out in full the details of the new superannuation scheme.

The A.V.C.C. told Senator Carrick that it understood the new Commonwealth superannuation scheme differed in some respects from that proposed by the previous government and that universities were anxious to know as soon as possible whether they would be "approved authorities" for the purposes of the new superannuation scheme.

The A.V.C.C. made it clear to Senator Carrick that if the universities were classified as "approved authorities" in the Act introducing the scheme the universities would be individually responsible for negotiating the actual terms of entry for their employees.

Mr Lynch has made available details of the proposed superannuation scheme and some features are:

- Contributions of 5% of salary with option to contribute an additional 5% of salary as supplementary contributions.
- A government-financed pension of 50% of final salary at age 65 after 30 years' contributory service and the additional pension financed by a member's total accumulated contributions up to a maximum of 20% of final salary.

The whole of the additional part of pension may be converted into a lump sum equal to the accumulated contributions.

A supplementary Government-financed pension of 1/3 of salary for each additional year of contributory service above 30 up to a maximum of 23% for 40 years, payable at age 65. Where retirement occurs before age 65, or where less than 30 years' contributory service is completed, the benefit is reduced.

Pensions paid to spouses of deceased members to continue after remarriage.

The preservation of benefits available after five years' service or on movement to other public employment.

Provision for part-time employees to be brought into the scheme.

At the last meeting of the Senate of the University the Acting Vice-Chancellor (Professor A.D. Tweedie) reported that the new South Wales Universities Vice-Chancellor's committee has been formed to prepare a document setting out the advantages and disadvantages of the State and the proposed Federal Superannuation schemes.

REDEFINING THE O.S.A.

Since its establishment in 1967, the Overseas Students' Association has had the reputation of being an Association of Asian students, by Asian students and for Asian students exclusively. In part, this image accurately reflects the nature and purpose of O.S.A. ... to provide a social and cultural forum for foreign students on the campus.

As it turns out, the majority of foreign students at this University are Asian, with a strong contingent from Singapore and Malaysia. Accordingly, Executive Committees in the past, and even now, reflect this fact.

Yet the keen observer would note that there has been a marked change in how this year's Committee is approaching the question of what O.S.A. is. A series of Culture Days, featuring the sights and sounds of a number of foreign countries, and a speaker from Kenya are planned for Term 2.

An Oriental Winter Festival incorporating some of the major Asian festivals of the year, will also be held. The Cultural Night will feature new items from Greece and Italy, besides those from Malaysia, India and the U.K.

The Association will participate in the Newcastle City Library's Cultural Exhibition series.

Four Winds, the O.S.A.'s new Journal, has featured items of general interest like meditation and international affairs.

Though many of the Association's programmes have a distinctively Asian flavour it is important to note (a) that the O.S.A. is no longer content to restrict its activities to largely social ones, (b) that the Association is no longer willing to restrict itself to the University and will continue to broaden its operations outside through say, interviews on the local mass media and representation at functions when important (e.g., the recent Greek Mother's Day Dance), (c) that the O.S.A., formerly known for always having an overseas student as President (under its pre-amended Constitution) now has an Australian in that position and (d) that the Association is diversifying its whole range of activities so that it can become a truly representative society of all major cultures on campus, to some extent, outside it.

Vincent J.E. Mitchell, PRESIDENT.

ANNUAL DINNER FOR STAFF MEMBERS

The Annual Non-Academic Dinner will be held in the Southern Cross Lounge of the Union on the evening of Wednesday, May 26. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George, will attend. The Annual Dinner will be conducted under the auspices of the Public Service Association of New South Wales, University of Newcastle Sub-Division.

Pre-Dinner Drinks will be served in the Queen's Chambers Room, upstairs in the Union, at 6.30 p.m. and the Dinner will commence at 7 p.m. A gate prize will be awarded at the Dinner. The gate prize consists of two return tickets to either the Gold Coast or Brisbane on an Ansett-Pioneer express coach.
PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the Management Committee members of the Committee were disturbed by a report that a Head of a Department had referred to non-academic members of staff in his department that a representative of the Public Service Association was not entitled to be present when a Head of a Service Association was present. Members are advised that it is their right to have a member of the association present as an observer if they so desire when a Head of Department wishes to speak to them about their conditions of employment. Do not hesitate to contact a member of your Management Committee at any time on any matter.

A Staff member is entitled to an annual salary increment and this is not paid on the first pay day after it becomes due. Enquiries as to the reasons for nonpayment should be made, in the first instance, to the Bursar and then to the Association's Management Committee if satisfaction is not obtained. The Management Committee has considered the "White Paper on University Government and will make a further submission to the Council to review University Government. Any non-academic member of staff who wants his/her views included should get in touch with me.

E. EDMONDS,
Ret., University Subdivision of the P.S.A.

OVERSEAS SERVICE PROGRAMME

The Australian Volunteers Abroad programme functions to send qualified Australians to live and work for a number of years in one of the developing countries of Africa, Asia or the South Pacific.

The Overseas Service Bureau feels that there are many students at present in tertiary institutions in Australia who would be interested and suitable for the Scheme. To bring the programme to the attention of students a publication explaining the AVA Scheme in detail has been produced. Mr J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division, has copies and will give them to people interested in the Scheme.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Students and staff are invited to hear a paper by Professor D.C. Maddison, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, on "The Politics of Psychiatry" on Wednesday, June 16 in the Committee Room at 5 p.m. After the paper and discussion, wine and cheese will be served in the Philosophy Department area.

The annual Philosophy Club Camp, held during the last weekend of First Term at Morpeth Conference Centre, was a great success. The theme of the Camp, "Ethics - Objective or Subjective?", was developed by 12 speakers, visiting and local. Some 30 persons were resident participants and a large number of non-residents attended individual papers. This year the Camp's intention was to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Club's existence, and all concerned appear to have been more than satisfied.

SANDRA PELNERS,
President.

FORTHCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE: 23rd May, University plays Wallsend, Federal Park; 30th May, University plays Raymond Terrace, University Oval; 6th June, University plays Hexham, Hexham.

RUGBY UNION: 22nd May, University plays Mayfield East, Dangar Park; 29th May, University plays Wanderers, No. 2 Sports Ground; 5th June, University plays Maitland, University Oval.

SOCCER: 23rd May, University plays Stockton, Stockton; 29th May, University plays Kurri Kurri, University Oval; 6th June, University plays Muswellbrook, University Oval.

AUSSIE RULES: 22nd May, University plays West, Harker Oval; 29th May, University plays Cardiff, international Sports Centre.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Robyn Denise Baer has joined the Computing Centre as an Office Assistant/Typist.

Elizabeth Gail Williams has begun duties as an Office Assistant/Typist in the Department of Economics.

Elizabeth Joan Cleary has commenced duties with the Department of Electrical Engineering as an Office Assistant/Typist.

Harry Redman is attached to the Planner's Division as a Leading Hand/Gardener Groundsman.

Lionel Farrell, LLB(London), formerly a Solicitor in Sydney, has taken up his appointment as Assistant Secretary in the Secretary's Division.

John Bernard Waanders has joined the Department of Chemical Engineering as a Technical Officer.

Diane Lesley Watten has begun duties as a Stenographer in the Department of Legal Studies.

RESIGNATIONS

Sharon Vernon, formerly a Stenographer in the Vice-Principal's Unit, has resigned.

Rodney Allan Stewart Gibbs, Administrative Assistant in the Secretary's Division, has resigned with effect from May 21.

THE CREDIT UNION

The activities of the Credit Union are constantly being checked by a Committee, designated the Supervisory Committee, to ensure that all activities are in accordance with approved procedures and, thereby, ensuring that the interests of all members of the Credit Union are protected. Any member of the Credit Union who would be prepared to assist the current Committee until the Annual General Meeting in September, 1976, is asked to contact the Chairman, Maurice Edmonds (Ext. 201). Unless assistance for the Supervisory Committee is forthcoming delays will be unavoidable in forwarding financial statements to members after June 30, 1976.

M.E. EDMONDS,
Chairman.
ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET

Three-bedroom furnished weatherboard house with new bathroom at Blinwillows Park, $35 p.w. Enquiries to Ext. 338 or 305 or to 26 1518

UNION SHOP

Grand clearance sale starts June 1. Great bargains on such items as calculators, paints, drawing instruments, picture framing, pens, stationery, briefcases and many more; one outstanding special. Antiquarian Drawing Boards $30 and our once-a-year second-hand book sale, be early, don’t miss out.

Hewlett Packard calculators: The HP-27 is the most powerful pre-programmed pocket calculator Hewlett Packard has ever built. The HP-91 is the first battery operated scientific/statistical calculator that prints a printed record of all your calculations. AC-DC operation with rechargeable batteries, very compact (9½ x 9½ x 2.5”), and extremely lightweight (only 2.5 lbs). Hewlett Packard HP-25, now $160, 72 functions and operations, 8 addressable memories, and 49 program steps — complete with AC-DC power supply, rechargeable batteries, comprehensive owner’s manual, and application book. Plus a free H/P T-Shirt.

Good reliable small car in good condition, Ext. 474, K. Turner.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting of Convocation of University of Newcastle. Newcastle Rugby Club, followed by address by Charles Steele, the University’s Warden-in-Residence.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

8 p.m. Meeting of Newcastle Group of the Institute of International Affairs. Speaker: Dr J.R. Angel on “Indonesia’s Foreign Policy” E.A. Centre, Newcastle.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Commencing JUNE 2, 12 sessions on Advanced Italian, Mr Livio Faidiga, Wednesdays, the Language Laboratory, 8 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 and SUNDAY, JUNE 6

A Festival of Latin American Protest Films, Arts/Drama Theatre. The programmes: TUCEROS (Uruguay/Sweden), Director, Jan Lindquist, Documentary, Saturday, 10 a.m. COMPANEROS (Chile), TERRA EM TRANS (Brazil), Director: Glauber Rocha, session starts Saturday, 1.30 p.m. LUCIA (Cuba), Director: Humberto Solas, Sunday, 10 a.m. DEATH OF A BUREAUCRAT (Cuba), Director: Thomas Gutierrez Alea, Sunday, 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 and THURSDAY, JUNE 17

7.30 p.m. Opera-on-Film Series, “Otello”. Regal Cinema, Birmingham Gardens.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

8 p.m. Open public seminar on The Press and Politics in Australia, Guest Speakers: Donald Horne, journalist-critic, John Allan (The Newcastle Morning Herald) and Brian Cogan (Australian Journalists’ Association) - 801.

TRAVEL SERVICE

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Business and Professional Courses

The University

Commencing JUNE 15, eight sessions on an Introduction to Domestic Science, Mr R. Dear, Tuesdays 6.30 to 8 p.m.

Commencing JUNE 28, six sessions on Investment in an Inflationary Situation, Mr R. Gibbins, Mondays 6.30 to 8 p.m.

Commencing JUNE 7, seven sessions on Personnel Management, Mr M.E. Spautz, Mondays 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Commencing JUNE 1, eight sessions on Marketing, Mr G.E. Ferris, Mondays 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Commencing JUNE 9, a course of seminar-type classes on The Law of Land Transactions in association with the Department of Legal Studies, beginning at 6.30 p.m.

Commenced MAY 29, series of lectures on the history, design and regio importance of Newcastle Harbour, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. until June 2, Room DGO9, Physics.

Daytime Courses, The University

Commencing JUNE 10, eight sessions on Poetry and Humanity, Dr Donald Moore, Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon.

Commencing JUNE 9, eight sessions on Opera, Professor Brian Newton-John, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon.

Commencing JUNE 11, eight sessions on Human Personality, Mr Don Martin, Fridays 1 to 5 p.m.

THE COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE, Kerrigan Street, Nelson Bay

Commencing JUNE 4, eight sessions on Small Boat Sailing Time, Dr Clive O’Connor, Fridays 8 to 10 p.m.

Commencing MAY 22, eight sessions on The Sea and the Diver, Dr Clive O’Connor, Saturdays 8 to 11 a.m.

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