Mr Linklater to take over from Mr Flowers

Mr Bill Linklater has been appointed University Librarian and will succeed Mr Ted Flowers when he retires at the end of this year.

Mr Linklater was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree (1967) and the Diploma in Librarianship (1969) by the University of New South Wales; and the Diploma in Educational Technology (1977) by Plymouth Polytechnic. He is an Associate of the Library Association of Australia.


During his period as Librarian at Swinburne Institute of Technology, Mr Linklater undertook a major restructuring of the library in response to needs accompanying the substantial growth of the Institute. Most recently he has assumed responsibility as Librarian for the audio-visual services provided with the Institute.

He has been widely active in professional activities for the Library Association of Australia, the Australian Society of Educational Technology and the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services. He has been active as a consultant for IDP in Thailand, Malaysia and in Brunel where he was joint author of the design brief for the academic services centre at the new University of Brunel Darussalam.

Open Days '88 — a PR success

Welcome to... "Open Days"

- Distributing the visitors’ programmes, Mrs Donna Fuller (Secretary’s Division) and the other campus guides were the first to welcome members of the community. More on Pages 6 and 7.

Resignation of SRC President

The President of the Students’ Representative Council, Mr Glenn Beatty, has resigned and will vacate the position on October 1.

As Campus Bulletin went to press nominations for election as members of the SRC’s 1989 executive were being called, with nominations scheduled to close on September 23.

Because of the vacancy caused by the President’s resignation, the SRC will have to decide whether or not the Vice-President, Mr Chris Poteff, will assume Mr Beatty’s duties for the remainder of 1988.

Presidents normally take up their duties in February and serve full 12-month terms.

A possibility is that the SRC will empower the new President to begin serving from the date of his election.

The elections for President, Media Officer, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Inter-campus Liaison Officer and Women’s Officer are scheduled to take place between September 26 and 30.

The President and the Media Officer are the Newcastle University Students’ Association’s only paid officers.

Mr Beatty resigned after he was appointed Arts Officer of Newcastle Trades Hall Council.
HIGHER EDUCATION EXPANDED IN FEDERAL BUDGET

More than 40,000 extra places by the end of the next triennium and the best capital funding since the late 1970s are the centrepieces of the Federal Budget, which also marks the end of free higher education in Australia.

The higher education details of the Budget, amplified in a separate statement released by the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr Dawkins, include a commitment to expand the system over 1989-91.

Mr Dawkins said that funding would increase by an extra $843 million above present funding levels in real terms although $307 million of this would come from the students through the new Higher Education Contributions Scheme.

Even so, the Government's own funding for higher education will represent 1 per cent of GDP over the triennium.

The overall increase comprises an extra $141 million next year; an extra $275 million in 1990 and an extra $427 million in 1991. Compared with the 1988 funding base, this is an increase of 5.3 per cent in 1989; 10.3 per cent in 1990 and 16 per cent in 1991 in real terms.

About 100 major construction grants will be commenced or completed over the next three years and there will be a special dollar-for-dollar program next year to renovate old buildings.

The new students will be funded at an average cost with the funding levels increasing on average by 14 per cent in real terms. The average rate will be $8,000 per EFTSUs, representing, in Mr Dawkins' words, 'a move away from past levels of marginal funding'.

AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY benefits will be improved and the Government will introduce an assets test.

Other initiatives include two new equity programs and a program to assist low-cost student residences.

Capital

Capital funding will increase by $214 million over the triennium compared with current levels, to provide a total of $450 million. This breaks down to $126.7 million in 1989; $145.4 million in 1990 and $177.2 million in 1991.

Next year's grant includes $19 million, available on a dollar-for-dollar basis for urgent renovations. Institutions will be invited to submit proposals of the order of $1-2 million to be funded under this matching arrangement.

Over the triennium, $20 million of extra capital money will be allocated for expansion of residential accommodation for students. Some of this money will come from redirection of funds at present available under the Special Assistance for Students Program.

AUSTUDY

According to Mr Dawkins, part of the strategy for achieving equity in higher education is to expand the system, but the Government acknowledges this is not enough. New programs, costing $6 million over the triennium, will try to address this problem more directly.

As well, expenditure on AUSTUDY for tertiary students will be increased by more than $100 million over the next three years, with the extra money spread across more people as well as to raise the rates of assistance.

Higher Education Contribution Scheme

The scheme, under which students will be liable for an annual course charge of $1,800, will apply from January 1 next year and is expected to raise $83 million next year; $98 million in 1990 and $126 million in 1991. By the turn of the century more than $500 million per year is expected from these contributions.

The Higher Education Administration Charge will be abolished from the beginning of next year.

The universities will receive $10 million each year to offset the administrative costs of the new scheme.

The annual course charge will be calculated on a pro-rata basis for part-time students, and students can opt each semester to pay their charge up-front with a 15 per cent discount or pay through the tax system, commencing when their personal taxable income reaches $22,000.

Postgraduates will be liable for the charge although up to 15,000 scholarships will be provided by the Government in 1989 (to be reviewed annually) for institutions to distribute among postgraduates to cover the cost of their courses.

The Government will establish a Higher Education Trust Fund to receive all funds from the scheme which will then be used to finance expansion of the system.

Expansion

The increase of 40,000 places includes the pipeline effect over the triennium including that flowing from increases already in the system due to intake decisions past years.

The intakes will increase over 1988 levels by 6,500 students in 1989 (5.3 per cent); 12,300 in 1990 (10 per cent); and 17,000 in 1991 (14 per cent).

Priority will be given in the expansion to disciplines 'most relevant to Australia's economic and industry development needs, especially in the fields of engineering, the sciences and technologies, business, management and accounting, and Asian Studies'.

But Mr Dawkins said that within this package, it was expected that there would be extra places in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Funding Arrangements

Funding will be on a rolling triennium. The Government will legislate in the Budget session for operating grants, other recurrent grants and capital funds for the new triennium. In each subsequent year it will legislate to update triennial allocations for cost increases and to add an extra year of funding to the legislation.

A single operating grant will replace the existing general recurrent, equipment, minor works and special research grants.

From next year, the payments to institutions will be changed so that equal amounts are paid in the first and second half of the calendar year, compared with the present system of payment of 54 per cent in the first half and 46 per cent in the second.

Postgraduate Awards

The Commonwealth Postgraduate Awards will be indexed next year and endowments will be increased by 10 per cent in real terms — to $10,415 compared with $8,882 in 1988.
University College stalwart retires

Jake Ramsey

JAKE RAMSEY, Assoc. Professor in Physics, retired recently after 34 years' service to the University.

Professor Ramsey came from Lysaghts to Newcastle University College as a Lecturer in April, 1954. When he commenced duties he was the fifth member of the staff directly appointed to the College; the other four were James Auchmuty, John Bach, Cyril Renwick, and Sandy Anderson. The bulk of the staff had been transferred from the Newcastle Technical College.

'My commission was to assist Stan Baker to get the full-time science course under way that year,' Professor Ramsey says. 'The full-time course was comprised of approximately one-third science and two-thirds engineering students. Most of the engineers were converting their diplomas into degrees.'

Laboratory equipment was scarce and we were under-staffed, but we were fortunate to have several top-quality students.'

Jake Ramsey grew-up in the Melbourne working class suburb of Williamstown; when he was only six months old his father, a wharfie, was killed in an industrial accident.

'It was the Depression, with unemployment greater than 30 per cent and many men were forced to take reduced wages.

'Many of my school friends, some very able, were forced to leave school for economic reasons. The waste of talent was particularly great.'

'I attended Williamstown State Primary School 1183 and Williamstown High School between 1930 and 1940.

'Looking back, the teachers were intelligent, able and amiable and I enjoyed school.

'The State education system worked well for me and many of my contemporaries.'

An aspect of public education which Jake Ramsey found most valuable was the Museum/Library/Art Gallery complex at the northern end of Swanston Street, Melbourne.

'From the age of about 15 he says, 'I spent many weekends reading and enjoying the excellent Melbourne art collection, or spending a few hours in the museum devoted to one topic or another.

'Institutions of this kind, together with ABC radio broadcasts were invaluable in the education of the interested poor.'

At this time, Ramsey says, Australia was cut off from the main sources of power (children's comics were always five weeks out of date) and Williamstown seemed at the periphery of the edge of the world.

'One great European country was going mad in the 30s, in particular in connection with absurd and irrational racial theories.

'So, I became active on a committee to combat Fascism and Anti-Semitism — my first political activity at 15.'

On finishing high school in 1941, he was 'called up' to help Australia's war effort.

'The enemy were knocking on the gates in 1942 but it seemed that our rulers were not sure what to do. My military career began in the army in December, 1941. Early in 1942, I was seconded to university studies, principally, because I'd been awarded a free place.'

From 1943 to 1945 he served in the RAAF and in 1946 he returned to university. He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BSc and an MSc in 1950.

From leaving university to joining Newcastle University College, Jake Ramsey occupied scientific positions with the Department of Supply, the CSIRO and Lysaghts.

He has been active in politics, the peace movement, the anti-nuclear campaign and civil liberties.

He remembers in May, 1965, organising with Phillip Rossel, of the WEA, a weekend teach-in on Vietnam at the University College. He says many Australians could not then differentiate between Vietnam and China. 'All Asians were the same,' he says.

'We had a great deal of help from the staff of the University College and some distinguished people attended such as Professor C.P. Fitzgerald and Gough Whitlam.'

For many years Professor Ramsey was an active worker for the 11th of November Committee, which held public meetings to focus attention on the constitutional problems raised by the Governor-General's dismissal of the Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam.

'Our feelings were initially stirred up by the deferral of the budget by the Senate. We formed a group named the Committee to Return the Elected Government and it provided workers in front of polling booths throughout the Hunter.'

Retirement for Jake Ramsey will mean an overseas jaunt at first, to see his son, Michael, who is working in Innsbruck in Austria, and to attend an international symposium in Wroclaw in Poland. Later, he will return to the Department of Physics as an Honorary Researcher.

He has pursued a variety of research interests, working since 1969 mainly in the general area of surface chemistry and physics, particularly related to clean single crystal faces of metals and adsorption thereon.

Women 88 Awards

Nominations are now open for the Women 88 Awards sponsored by the Bicentennial Authority.

The sponsors are looking for Australian women from all walks of life who have consistently demonstrated qualities such as courage, tenacity, leadership, compassion, humanity, creativity in their work. They are women who have made an ongoing contribution to their community or to the larger society and whose contribution deserves recognition.

ADMIN NOTES
[From the desk of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Mr Lance Hennessy]

The University has advertised three new administrative positions in the Secretary's Division concerned with its reinforced commitment to equity. We are seeking special Commonwealth funding for these positions. The three positions are described as schools liaison officers: their task will be to encourage normal entry to the University from disadvantaged schools and groups. 'Disadvantage' refers especially to lower socioeconomic groups, with particular attention to young women and Aborigines.

The new staff will be expected to target especially those high schools in the region which send very few of their students on to a higher education of any kind. Even a cursory examination of entry to the University from the high schools in the region shows alarming and hard-to-justify differences among them.

I emphasise that what the University is seeking to achieve here is the level of participation which is appropriate for it given its population catchment. Allowing for the fact that the University could not expect, in the foreseeable future, to provide certain courses such as those in veterinary science and dentistry, and even given the rapid expansion of recent times, the University appears to be some 1,000 EFTSU below the level of participation that could be expected if it achieved the State average level of participation. And that State level, once overseas students are excluded, is the lowest on the mainland (yes, even lower than Queensland)!

I would also emphasise that the activities of the newly-recruited equity group will be directed, in the first instance, to normal entry to the University. That is, working with members of academic staff, with careers advisers in schools and directly with students themselves, they will be seeking to raise the aspirations of those who have clearly got the ability but have not previously sought to go on to higher education. We are not, at this stage, looking at special entry provisions.

This project will require the co-operation and support of all faculties and departments of the University. I propose to convene an equity project co-ordinating committee to provide guidance and support to the liaison officers in this equity project. I would like, through this column, to invite expressions of interest in this activity and to call the committee together as soon as appointments are made. Notwithstanding the limited tenure which has been attached to these positions (associated with special Commonwealth funding), we have obtained a gratifying response to the advertisement and I am hopeful that appointments can be made in the near future.

More good news!

As a result of the tough economic measures adopted by the University and arising out of negotiations with DEET on our profile, the University will be moving over the next few weeks to advertise a number of academic and administrative positions in the departments and sections of the University which are under the greatest of pressure for staff resources. As with the filling of the equity positions, the final decision is to be made when we have assurance about the Commonwealth dollars. However, it is worth noting that we can proceed in this way because of the wide range of economic measures which have been adopted by Council. The advertising of a limited number of positions does not mean that we can let up on the tough measures — indeed the new positions are only possible because of the economic measures.

The message is that there is some reward for the tough measures which the University has been forced to take.

Salary: commencing salaries will be within the range $22,051 per annum to $24,028 per annum depending on qualifications and experience. Further information concerning these duties can be obtained by contacting Mr L. Caldwell, telephone 68 5352.

Applications quoting position number, should be addressed to the Staff Office. Please include all relevant information including qualifications, experience, and previous employment. Applications should include copies of recent references or the names and addresses of three referees from whom further information could be obtained.

Equality of employment opportunity is University policy.

Clerk — Bursar's Division
(Position No. N118/88)

A Clerk is required for the Bursar's Division, responsible to the Finance Officer — Finance/Travel Section.

Duties will include:

• certification of travel claims
• payment and preparing travel commitments for processing by computer
• arranging car rental and motel bookings
• processing for payment of monthly travel accounts
• arranging and maintaining the Delegation of Authority File
• reconciliation and invoicing of accounts in respect of recoverable expenditure
• processing Store Issue Notes and reconciling the Store Stock Subsidiary Ledger
• assisting in Salaries and Accounts Receivable/Payable areas one day each fortnight

Essential: sound clerical experience, previous experience of the use of computers.

Desirable: good communication skills, a knowledge of travel booking procedures.

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Ms Arten Petrovic has joined the staff of the Secretary's Division as an Administrative Assistant.

Ms Petrovic will be primarily responsible for the awarding of prizes and will assist with examinations, graduation, academic transcripts and postgraduate scholarships.

Her telephone Extension is 302.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified existing members of staff for the following position. The closing date is September 30.

Application forms are available from the Secretary's Division, Finance Section.

Further information on these positions can be obtained by contacting Mr L. Caldwell, telephone 68 5352.

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Council's special meeting on amalgamation

A special meeting of the Council will be held on September 26 to discuss the amalgamation of the University with the Hunter Institute of Higher Education.

The Council will consider a report from the Vice-Chancellor on matters relevant to amalgamation, including negotiations with the HIHE and other parties.

While he has been carrying out the negotiations, Professor Morgan has been holding consultations with an advisory committee which includes representatives of staff and student organisations, Convocation and Senate.

On June 10, the Council resolved to support the principle of amalgamation with the HIHE on the basis that the Institute would be amalgamated with the University under The University of Newcastle Act, as necessarily amended, subject to satisfactory negotiations with the Institute and appropriate Commonwealth and State authorities.

The Council of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education advertised its views on amalgamation in The Newcastle Herald on September 3.

The Council said in the advertisement that it was pleased to note that some progress had been made through informal discussions.

'The Hunter Institute Council is strongly of the view that the best interests of higher education in the Hunter and Central Coast Regions will be served if the Institute and the University can agree to come together to create a new university.'

However, the Council said, it had strengthened its resolve to insist on two principles which it considered to be fundamental to the creation of a new university through amalgamation.

'First, it has reaffirmed its requirement that there be a new Act of Parliament. The Council is of the view that the Hunter and Central Coast Regions deserve a purpose-designed Act, not amendment of legislation designed for a different time and a different purpose.

'Second, it has stipulated that the new university should have a new name and believes that the name should reflect the expanding educational profile and geographic responsibilities of the new institution.

'It's earlier suggestion that the Institute be called Newcastle University was viewed by the Hunter Institute as a reasonable compromise between the University's desire for "continuity" and the Institute's desire for change and may no longer be appropriate,' the Council said.
Open Days '88 ... a PR success

The University informed and entertained an estimated 15,000 visitors in perfect weather for UNIVISIT '88, Saturday, September 3 and Sunday, September 4.

An enormous variety of activities illustrated the great range and depth of operations at a first-class university.

Among those who visited the campus were the New South Wales Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Aged, the Hon. Virginia Chadwick, the Federal Minister for Industrial Relations, Mr Peter Morris, and the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman John McNaughton.

Mrs Chadwick, a graduate of the University, performed the official opening on the Saturday afternoon.

The Chairman of Open Days '88, Assoc. Professor Colin Keay, hailed the Open Days as a great success for the University, which, he said, belonged to every citizen in the Hunter Region. (See his statement and the Vice-Chancellor's Letter to the Editor).

Showing off the University's teaching and research in the Bicentennial year was the University's intention and the imaginative venture, mounted in 25 academic Departments, the Electron Microscope Unit, Edwards Hall, the Buildings and Grounds Division, the Sports Centre, the Department of Community Programmes and other departments, as well as the special events, achieved this object.

Carnivale '88 attracted a large crowd keen to see the dancing and instrumental displays in the Drama Theatre and the arts and crafts display in the Drama Studio. Organised by the Ethnic Communities Council, Carnivale also included the sale of ethnic food from mobile kitchens.

A steady stream of visitors moved through the Great Hall where attention was given to an array of displays presented by about 20 firms and community organisations.

There was also a steady stream of prospective students, parents, teachers and ordinary inquirers to the information booth (dubbed Hawkins House after its designer—Mr Frank Hawkins, of the Secretary's Division).

Questions about courses, careers or departmental displays were answered.

Some staff and students wearing UNIVISIT '88 T-shirts and 'ask me' badges passed out programmes and directed people to buildings and special events.

In the middle of the Plaza a large stage was centre of activity with musical entertainment by the bush band Mob of Dogs, the Broadmeadow High School Big Band, Toronto & District Brass Band and Fools Paradise attracting relaxed visitors of all ages.

2NUR broadcast from its outside van and provided amplification for music and announcements on loud speakers. The crew for the two days comprised more than 20 staff and volunteers.

The campus radio station followed-up the Radiothon by increasing the total raised from new subscribers to $12,500.

Edwards Hall provided guided tours for visitors. The Auchmuty Library also attracted attention, with exhibitions and invitations to inspect the new extensions. As well as sporting displays in the Sports Centre, Past v Present Players Cricket matches were held at the Oval.

The abselling antics of the Mountaineering Club down the northern face of the McMullin Building gave visitors their umptieth interesting display.

What could possibly come next? Dr Robin Offler, of the Department of Geology, said hopefully nothing more as he rubbed his sore feet.

Tribute paid by Chairman

So many members of the public expressed to me their pleasure and satisfaction with their visit on the Open Days, that I have quite lost count. Certainly, indications are that the total number of visitors was greater than ever before.

The beautiful weather enhanced the efforts of the many staff and students who laboured long and hard to present an attractive and entertaining image of our University. My meteorological gratitude has already been silently dispatched in the appropriate direction.

It remains for me to convey my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Open Days '88 Committees for their massive effort over the past 15 months since planning commenced, and to all those in the various departments, units and divisions of the University for their mighty labours in making it all come together.

My appreciation is also extended to the members of Carnivale '88 for their unique contribution to the atmosphere of the occasion.

Finally, I should like to acknowledge the assistance we have received from many private firms and public bodies.

Colin Keay

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On reaching the Great Hall, many visitors took an interest in seeing the displays by about 30 community organisations.

Carnivale '88 included a combined arts and crafts display presented by groups from the Ethnic Communities Council.

Mrs Virginia Chadwick, Minister for Family and Community Services, was pleased to perform the official opening of Open Days. She is a graduate of the University of Newcastle. With her are the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, and the Chairman of Open Days '88, Assoc. Professor Collin Keay.

Clarke Richards, 7, of Charlestown took home his own dinosaur. He was the winner of the 'Draw the Dinosaur' competition held by the Department of Geology.
Proposed model for academic structure

SENATE on August 31 endorsed in general terms a proposal for the academic restructuring of the University if amalgamation with the Hunter Institute of Higher Education is approved.

The restructuring will, among other things, give the HIHE the status of a School within the University of Newcastle. It will be headed by a Director in line with the Schools of Humanities, Science and Mathematics, Engineering and Architecture, Economics and Information Science and Medicine.

The current Schools of the HIHE will be given the status of Faculties. The Head of each School will have the status of a Dean.

The model for the integrated University-HIHE structure envisages Senate being made up of the Deans of Faculties in the University sector, the Heads of School in the Institute sector, Professors of the University, Heads of Departments, representatives of the current Faculties of the University and Schools of the Institute, certain defined positions, e.g. Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Librarian, Director of Computing Centre, Equal Employment Officer, and others to be decided, Directors of Schools and four representatives of students of the University and four representatives of students of the Institute.

Senate was told that the membership of the proposed Senate may go to as many as 100. If all members were in attendance meetings.

All courses, degree, diplomas and subject offerings will be continued as long as is necessary to allow students enrolled at the time of amalgamation to complete them.

An interim arrangement for executive action is proposed -

The current Deputy Chairman of Senate will remain in position for the first year after amalgamation; an Associate to the Deputy Chairman of Senate will be elected by the existing Academic Board of the Institute; and an election for Deputy Chairman of Senate, and if deemed necessary, an associate to the Deputy Chairman, will be held with all members of Senate eligible to nominate, no later than one year after the date of amalgamation.

Senate was told the model for the new academic structure had been discussed with senior management of the HIHE.

A report on new legislation to give effect to amalgamation (from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. Morgan) and a report on the general organisation and administrative structure for the consolidated university (from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration, Mr L. Hennessy) were tabled for the information of members of Senate.

The Vice-Chancellor said the three papers (Senate, legislation and administration) would be distributed widely throughout the University to allow discussion.

LETTERS

Open Days '88

Open Days were a great success. Congratulations and thanks are due to all those who were involved.

The amount of work entailed in the planning and preparation is huge; the disruption of normal activities adds to the burdens. But the results fully justified the efforts.

The attendance was good, even better than appeared to the eye because of the great successes of the various departmental and divisional activities. The quality of the displays and presentations was reflected in the interest, enthusiasm and satisfaction that they generated. Above all the excellence and diversity of the work in the University were both seen and appreciated.

All those concerned should feel pleased and proud at the outcome. I extend my thanks and congratulations to all who were involved. There is of course a price to pay for this success — the expectation that there will be another Open Day perhaps in four year's time which will need to live up to the high expectations that have now been generated.

K.J. Morgan,
Vice-Chancellor.

Objection

In the current Campus Bulletin reference is made (page 10) to 'former graduate' of the University.

I must object.

The two people referred to became graduates when they were admitted to their degrees. They remain graduates unless the University were to strip them of their graduate status by revoking their admission to any degree.

Please. We have former students, but not former graduates.

John A. Lambert,
Director, Computing Centre.

WHITE PAPER


They can be borrowed from the Short Loans Collection for reading in the Library.
Uni venue for Vince Jones

Vince Jones, the jazz singer from Melbourne who has become a cult figure in Australian jazz, will give his first concert in the Hunter at the University.

Jones and his eight-piece back-up group will play in the Dining Room in the Union on October 10. If his successes in Sydney and Melbourne are an influence on his performance, the place will be booked out.

Craig McGregor wrote in The Sydney Morning Herald that Vince was an unlikely sort of bloke to be a cult figure: with his big ears and battered face, curly Gaelic hair and black suit. 'But he is undoubtedly one of the finest male jazz singers in the world today and in a scene dominated by women vocalists he is unique.'

Adrian Jackson, the critic for The Age, wrote that singer Vince Jones has a striking natural talent, with a rare blend of musical ability and almost charismatic appeal that enables him to entertain and satisfy both the diehard jazz fan and the 'average' listener who might have no real understanding of jazz.

Jones is also an effective horn soloist, playing trumpet or bugelhorn for solo breaks on vocal numbers, or for instrumental performances.

Tickets for the performance are available from the Secondhand Bookshop in the Union. They cost Union members $8 and non-members $12.

Uni should not have a new name

Convocation had made representations to the Council seeking the retention of the name and identity of the University of Newcastle in the event of amalgamation being approved. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Keith Morgan, told Council at its last meeting:

Convocation's resolutions, made at the graduate body's annual general meeting, were that, in the event of amalgamation:

- the University Council consult widely with graduates of the University, University staff, current students and the community to ensure their views are known before any moves are made towards amalgamation;
- the name and identity of the University of Newcastle be preserved, and
- the standing of graduates of the University be maintained or enhanced.

The Vice-Chancellor said his thoughts on the name to be given to the institution in the event of amalgamation being approved were well-known. The right name was The University of Newcastle.

Professor Morgan, addressing Council on the Commonwealth Government's White Paper on Higher Education, said the University should be pleased because some of the points it had made previously to the Government had been recognised.

For example, the University had placed considerable emphasis on the critical role it played in the development of the Hunter Region.

The White Paper stressed the importance of people having access to higher education and equity goals being achieved. It was comforting to have a government policy which took higher education seriously.

However, the Government was imposing far more political control on universities than had ever been proposed before. For example, an educational profile had been called for to provide a basis for gauging a university's resources and establishing research priorities. Further, every institution was expected to double the proportion of non-tenured staff at senior lecturer level and above.

The Vice-Chancellor said his main criticism was the reduction in recurrent grant funds as a means of funding the new Australian Research Council. By 1991 there would be a cut of $65 million in the base for the current funding and this was in addition to the reduction made as 'an efficiency tax'.

Professor Morgan said withdrawal of funds from the infrastructures of universities to support research would become an enormous problem. The decision would effectively weaken such departments as the Archival Library and the Computing Centre.

He said he hoped ways would be found to reconcile the favourable and the unfavourable aspects of the White Paper.

The Vice-Chancellor added that officers of the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) visited the University for discussions with senior administrators to obtain information on the future directions of the University.

The team had indicated that the Federal Budget would provide for expansion of higher education and additional funds for research. Indications were given that there would be some support for the University's Capital Programs and the DEET officers seemed to accept the fact that the student accommodation situation at this University was extremely unsatisfactory.

Professor Morgan said strong representations were made about the lack of support given for the Open Foundation Course, which this year embraced 550 students. So far the Government had helped to fund neither the course nor any other equity programs.

Ramsland head of society in 1989

Professor John Ramsland, Assoc. Professor in Education, was elected Vice-President (and President-elect for 1989) of the Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society at the annual conference held recently at the Australian National University.

At the conference Professor Ramsland presented a paper on travelling circus children in Australia, which examined the problems of researching an educational history of an itinerant sub-culture.

He and Dr Allyson Holbrook, another member of the University's Department of Education, were appointed co-convenors of the 1989 conference to be held at this University from July 6 to 9. The proposed conference theme is 'Past, Present and Future, and the History of Education'.

The society, with more than 200 members, holds its conferences annually in various universities in Australia and New Zealand.

Scholars interested in history of education and wishing to give a paper or attend the 1989 conference at Newcastle may wish to contact Dr Holbrook (Extension 277) or Professor Ramsland (Extension 477) to be placed on the mailing list.
Culture part of human beings

DR GEOFFREY SAMUEL, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, is the author of Mind, Body and Culture: Anthropology and the Biological Interface, to be released shortly by Cambridge University Press.

Dr Samuel, who has been working on the book for several years, said the basic ideas came together five or six years ago, when he was trying to understand political and symbolic processes in Tibetan society (which had been his main research area since his first fieldwork with Tibetan refugees in 1971-72), and he was working on the analysis of advertising, and other symbolic processes, in Australian society.

'I realised that we needed a way of talking about how culture is part of human beings,' he said, 'how it goes beyond the concepts and ideas that human beings use to include how we feel, how we behave, how we react to the events of our lives. This led to the idea of cultural “states”, of both society and individual, body and mind, around which my book is constructed.'

At the same time Dr Samuel felt it was important to identify the ways in which people had freedom to develop throughout their lives, to change their responses to the world around them and, in the process, to change the society in which they lived.

'Too much anthropological and sociological writing sees people as simply puppets of forces beyond their control,' he said. 'To accept that is, in a way, to accept our own domination by a society increasingly driven by the anti-humanist forces of the profit motive.

'All this led me to suggest a new theoretical framework, which I call the multi-modal framework, not so much in order to replace currently existing approaches as to highlight some of the issues our current approaches fail to deal with properly.'

Dr Samuel first presented the new theoretical framework in a series of papers in Australia and overseas from 1983 onwards. His new book was completed last year during an Outside Studies Program at the University of Manchester.

In the book, Dr Samuel identifies starting points for his new approach in the work of contemporary anthropologists, including both the 'symbolic anthropologists', such as Victor Turner, and their critics in recent years.

He argues that the symbolic processes they discuss need to be rethought in terms of a more general model of the ‘social manifold’. The resulting framework offers a new approach to key anthropological issues such as ideology, the state, the mind-body relationship, and shamanic religion.

Dr Samuel is now finishing a second book in which the ideas from Mind, Body and Culture are applied to religious and political processes in the history of Tibetan society.

Graduates hit out at reduced representation

It is imperative that university graduates maintain a position of influence in university affairs.

This is the view of the Australian University Graduate Conference, which held its 22nd annual meeting at the University of Western Australia on September 3 and 4.

The conference expressed its concern that graduates have an effective voice in the government of universities after the Warden of Convocation of this University, Mr Vic Levi, reported on a proposal which was considered by Senate on August 31 to reduce Convocation's representation on the Council after amalgamation.

Mr Levi said Convocation was alarmed by the suggestion that in the re-composition of the Council Convocation's representation be changed from seven members to two, with at least one of those being a graduate of the Hunter Institute of Higher Education.

He said he had informed the Vice-Chancellor that at an emergency meeting of Standing Committee of Convocation on September 1 it was decided to make a stand against the proposal.

The AUGC resolved:

- it strongly recommends that all university graduate bodies seek to have a minimum representation on their university's governing bodies of 30 per cent.
- it views with alarm the proposal to reduce the number of Council members of The University of Newcastle elected by Convocation of the University from seven to one and suggests that this proposal be rejected.

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr Dawkins, was guest speaker for the annual meeting. He spoke to the White Paper on Higher Education.

The AUGC is an organisation attended by representatives of graduate bodies from nearly all Australian university campuses. It has been meeting annually since 1965 to discuss issues of graduates importance to tertiary education.

Mr Levi was elected President-elect of the AUGC for 1989.

Blood! it's give and take

You can give at-
Mobile Blood Donor Unit
between Union & Library
Wednesday, October 5, 10-2 pm
The winners of the following Open Days competitions were announced during the event:

2NUR Radiothon draw, 1st prize (a trip for two people to the Gold Coast, donated by the St George Building Society) - Mr Ted Gough, of Cooks Hill; 2nd prize (a Sharp personal computer) - Mrs E. Collins, of North Lambton; 3rd prize (a CD player, donated by Wardell Sight’n Sound) - Mrs Arlene Weekes, of Thonton.

The Electron Microscope Unit ‘What is It’ competition, a Posh and Pampered Weekend for two people at the Park Royal Hotel - Mr D. Lamotte, of Cardiff; a $400 voucher from the Co-op Bookshop - Miss Nadine Collins, of Wakefield. Her school, Barnsley Public School, receives the set of electron micrographs for display.

The Geology Department’s Draw Dino the Dinosaur, Competition, 1st prize Dino the Dinosaur — Clarke Richards, of Charlestown.

The Building and Grounds Division’s draw for prizes worth a total of $1,700. Hen Ginger tiles - Anita Bray, of Shortland; Sharp Radio Cassette — Scott O’Donohue; W.A. Flick House Treatment — D. Moore, of Waratah West; Sarah Coventry Jewellery — J. Cavanagh, of Cardiff; Linda 16” Oscillating Fan — Ann Alchin, of Belmont Arth; 12 Litres Taubmans Paint — Joan Hall, of New Lambton; Table Lamp — Rowan Mackenzie; Goldair Fan Heater — Margaret Bray, of Shortland; Student Desk Lamp — Joan Cousins, of Speers Point; Auto Car Extinguisher — Jill Norburn; Auto Car Extinguisher — Betty West; First Aid Kit — Warren Hayden, of Mayfield; Six Native Shrubs — Ashley Gear.

Day for storytelling in Australia

The Language and Literature Board will hold Austoryia Day, a day of dance, prose and verse about Australia, on September 23. As in previous years, speakers at the Board’s Day will not assume that their audiences have specialist knowledge; you don’t need to be an expert to take part! Anyone interested in the day is welcome.

This year there will be seven speakers: Ms Fay Zwick, Mr Julian Croft, Mr Roland Robinson, Professor Ken Dutton, Dr Doug Absalom, Dr Marea Mitchell, and Dr Cliff Hanna: there will also be a performance by Aboriginal dancers. In the evening there will be a dinner in the Student Union.

For bookings and further information please telephone Extension 219.

Lake research projects offered

A late item received by Campus Bulletin concerns support being offered by the Lake Macquarie City Council for research into pollution of Lake Macquarie.

The Council has set aside $4,000 for two honours degree projects next year. Applications should be lodged with Dr R. Kidd, C/- Lake Macquarie City Council, before October 14.

The full text of the statement on the projects will be printed in the next Campus Bulletin.

Staff development course

The Office of the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment has organised the following staff development course:

Public Speaking and Presentation Skills for Members of EEO Target Groups.


The Equal Employment Opportunity Unit (Extension 317) can provide more details.

REVIEW

by: DORRIT NESMITH

Escape from a Better Place

The set for Escape from a Better Place says it all: It is a bedroom suite of grandiose dimensions, with surreal distortions suggesting a dreamscape. The floor is littered with clothing; shelves are covered with family clutter. Room and bed are surrounded by vertical poles hiding at the bars of a cage. In short, the set evokes clearly what the script attempts with less success. The play is a muddled and rambling anecdote with a single punchline which is neither illuminating nor amusing.

Through soliloquies, fantasies and conversations a husband and wife parade their frustrated desires. It is a role-reversed household: she (Georgy) is the career person while he (George) tends to domestic duties (or fails to attend to them). Neither one is happy. She feels cut off and unappreciated in the disorienting pace demanded by her job while he hides the loneliness of the full-time housekeeper under a veneer of bravado: someday he will start the novel he intends to write.

Within the prison of marriage there is some warmth. Some sharing to mitigate the battle of the sexes, with each partner doing or claiming to do for love what the other wants. There is also the question familiar to many couples: ‘How did we get there? This isn’t what we expected it to be like.’

Director Brent McGregor does his best to keep things lively. He brilliantly highlights the script’s many clichés with movie/TV themes and impersonations — a cute device which becomes tiresome — and also moderately entertaining with some dialogue-free sketches of marital routines.

The two actors are both familiar as Castanet Club characters: Warren Coleman is ‘Bowling Man’ and Angela Moore is ‘Shirley Purvis’. Their cabaret techniques enliven the script in some ways and diminish it in others: they enhance the humour but do not conceal the cracks and patches in Jan Cornall’s writing.

The play’s greatest attraction is that a number of its situations are instantly recognisable to anyone who has lived in or carefully observed a long-term partnership. George and Georgy are not irredeemably miserable with each other, but the play offers nothing, implicitly or explicitly, to suggest how their situation might be improved. This isn’t Tennessee Williams or Harold Pinter but Peggy Lee: ‘Is that all there is?’ And that question is not only asked by the characters on stage but by the audience as well.

Escape from a Better Place is being presented by the Hunter Valley Theatre Company at The Playhouse until September 24.
Diary of Events

Monday, September 19, Noon

Tuesday, September 20, Noon

1 pm
Department of Sociology seminar entitled From Maverick to Deputy: The professionalisation of Community Health in New South Wales. Speaker: Shirley Schulz. Venue: W326A, Sociology Department.

Wednesday, September 21, 7.30 pm
Public forum on How to prevent heart disease. Discussion will be led by Professor Richard Heller. Venue: Level 2, David Maddison Building.

Thursday, September 22, 1 pm

Friday, September 23, 10 am
Austoryla Day — ancient and modern storytelling in Australia — in dance, prose and verse. Venue: Rooms S02 and R02.

Monday, September 26, 11 am

Noon
Department of Geology seminar entitled Fatigue cracking in some anisotropic sedimentary rocks. Speaker: Mr Li Gang. Venue: CG04, Geology Building.

8 pm

For Sale by Tender
Two Macintosh computers, 512K models, with 800K internal drive disk drive and 512Kbyte memory. We are also offering a 400Kb external disk drive and printer with each computer; these can be purchased separately if desired. One machine has an optional Turbo trackball keypad as well as mouse.

Tenders should be forwarded in a sealed envelope marked 'Tender for Macs' and addressed to the Purchasing Officer, University of Newcastle, 2308, or placed in the Tender Box outside the Casual's Office. Tenders close at 11.30 am on Wednesday, September 28. The University reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

For Rent
Three-bedroom home with study, modern kitchen, open fireplace, established garden and unobstructed ocean views. Rent: $200 per week. Use of car can also be negotiated if required. No pets (ours or yours) allowed. This is only available for rental between February to September of 1989. Please telephone 49 8323 anytime between 8 am and 10 pm.

For Sale

Mini Clubman which runs well has no rust and has pink slip (owner going overseas). Asking price: $650 or nearest offer. Please contact Anand at Extension 725 or 51 1560.

Zardax Word Processor program for Apple 11 Plus. Asking price: $100 (cost $300). Please telephone 67 3931 after 5 pm.

Macintosh 512K/800 — entry level Mac in immaculate condition. Asking price: $1,650. Please telephone Extension 527 or 33 7368.

For Sale
Three-room house in a quiet street in the heart of town. Asking price: $29,000. Please telephone 592 1234.

Wanted
Old Cedar or Pine furniture unrestored (in any condition) together with old furniture handles and bric-a-brac etc. Cash paid. Please telephone 59 2319.

Guitar lessons offered for young beginners. Please telephone 52 4625 or Extension 569 for further details.

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