AMALGAMATION

The governing councils of the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Institute of Higher Education have agreed to proceed towards an amalgamation of the two institutions.

Procedures to implement the decision, set out in a Heads of Agreement, have been adopted by the Councils (on September 22 by the HIHE Council and by the University's Council on September 23).

The two councils have decided to set up an Amalgamation Implementation Committee to address priority matters and a Joint Committee of both councils to make recommendations to the councils.

The councils have agreed to amalgamate to form a consolidated University which, as a member of the Unified National System of higher education proposed by the Federal Government, will provide a comprehensive range of teaching programmes leading to awards at all levels of higher education; pursue excellence in scholarship, research and teaching; and contribute to the economic and cultural development of the community.

The Institute and the University will now inform the State and Federal Ministers for Education of the decision and shall work co-operatively, positively and expeditiously towards implementation of the structures and processes entailed in amalgamation.

The Amalgamation Implementation Committee will comprise the Chancellor (or her nominee), the Vice-Chancellor, and the two Deputy Vice-Chancellors from the University and the President (or his nominee), the Principal, the Deputy Principal and the Bursar from the Institute.

The committee will establish working parties to address separate issues such as the educational profile; legislative and legal matters; academic structure; industrial relations and staffing; administration and support services; and student services. Membership will comprise equal representation from each institution.

After receiving reports from the working parties the AIC will advise the Joint Committee of both councils, which will comprise 10 representatives from the University Council and 10 from the HIHE Council.

The Councils agreed that the Joint Committee would submit regular reports on progress made with the priority matters and that members of both campuses would be kept informed. Further members of the Council will be able to participate in the discussions.

The Heads of Agreement, among other things, specifically preserves positions, industrial agreements and salaries consequent on amalgamation and provides for full consultations with staff unions.

Students enrolled in or on leave of absence at the time of amalgamation shall not be adversely affected in their courses.

The councils shall invite the graduate bodies (Convocations) of the two institutions to provide advice through the AIC on arrangements for membership of the Convocation in the consolidated University.

The Council of either institution may provide the Council of the other institution with written notice that this agreement will be terminated and thence become null and void 30 days from the date of issue of the notice.
"Reputation must be maintained"

If the amalgamated University is to be a first rate institution, then the first rate reputation and traditions of the University of Newcastle must be maintained.

Mr David Yee, the President of the Union, said this during the toasts at the 26th Annual Union Dinner on September 16.

Among the 116 people who attended were special guests, the Chancellor, Dr Elizabeth Evatt, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor R. Morgan, the Dean of Students, Professor K. Dutton, who was Master of Ceremonies, and Past Presidents, Ms Loretta O'Donnell, Mr Paul Drinkwater, Mr Chris Tola and Presidents and Managers from other Unions.

Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon Mr Tola and Mrs Freda Bartlett, who is retiring from the Union in October after 25 years of service.

Mr Yee said he believed the Union was set to take on a stronger role in the University, whether it liked it or not, as the University abdicated its responsibilities for traditional areas for the sake of "fiscal restraint" and "economic pragmatism". However, the Union was still viable, despite a University that was broke.

"The future of the institution is uncertain with amalgamation upon us.

"As the institution enters its third decade, we are slowly building its reputation and traditions that are so much a part of the "prestige" universities around the world.

"The building of these traditions is not only in the University but also in the Union, the SRC and the Sports Union - each a separately identifiable body."

This tripartite system did not only have tradition and identity — it was also the most effective way for the three bodies to carry out their vastly different roles for the benefit of all students.

Ms Alison Kinder, Vice-President of the Union, said the Union was about to embark on its first major expansion since 1974. The project was the culmination of many years of planning by various Boards of the Union.

"The effect of increased student numbers has been a challenge for recent Boards to meet," Ms Kinder said. "The Board has had to review all aspects of the Union's operations in order to meet the demands placed on it in the 1980s."

The planned development and extensions to the Union would reinforce the institution as the cultural and social focus of the University.

The Union is an integral part of University life. It provides a social framework in which people of all backgrounds, ethnic origins and disciplines can come together to participate in activities, form friendships and exchange ideas.

"This is the true spirit of the Union — whether it takes place over a cup of coffee, in Engineering Frat boat races or in the Autonomy Day billy cart derby," she said.

$4,000 for environmental research

The City of Lake Macquarie has set aside $4,000 to support two honours projects at the University in 1989.

The Council has assigned priorities to preferred research areas and applications are invited for project support in any of these categories.

Additional information may be sought from Dr R. Kidd, the Environment Officer, Lake Macquarie City Council, Administrative Centre, Speers Point (telephone: 58 5333, Extension 312).

Applications should be submitted to Dr Kidd before October 14.

Applicants are advised to discuss possible project topics with the Head of Department and prospective supervisors before writing to the Council.

The final ranking of applications and recommendations to Council, will be undertaken by the LMERC Committee in November.

The LMERC Committee has identified the following areas for investigation, and established appropriate priorities therefor.

**High Priority**

- Identifying and quantifying non-point sources (runoff) of sediment, nutrient and other pollutant loading.
- Quantifying rates of sedimentation, statistical treatment of existing data sets.
- Fate of diffuse sources loadings — pollution budget for the lake.
- Effects of diffuse sources — water chemistry, sediment structure and chemistry, ecology (seagrass changes and algae floristics).
- Controls — priorities and techniques/methodologies.
- Planning requirements for the implementation of runoff controls.
- Development of useful monitoring tools.

**Medium Priority**

- Fish stocks/fishing pressure.
- Protection and management of wetlands, particularly those important to the fish resources and water quality of the lake.

**Low Priority**

- Transfer of toxic metals between water sediment and biota.
- Effects of thermal discharge.
- Point source nutrients.
- Effects of boating.
- Enhanced tidal flushing.

EEO and AA seminar series

The series continues on October 4 with Betty Little, the Aboriginal Liaison Officer with ODEOPE, speaking at 12.30 pm on her personal experiences.

The final seminar will be held on October 11, with Dr Sue Willis, EEO Co-ordinator at Macquarie University, speaking on "Changes in General Staff Levels in the Tertiary Sector."

The venue is the Audio Visual Theatre in the Auchmuty Library and all are welcome to attend.
**Nine projectors in a.-v. show**

A highlight of the Faculty of Medicine’s 10th Anniversary Celebrations was a Review Day, which highlighted the Faculty’s development since its first intake of students in 1978.

The review, held on September 7, incorporated a series of Expo-style media displays, including five videotapes produced by the Medical Communications Unit detailing the Faculty’s innovative educational programme, its community orientation and research activities over the decade.

A highlight was the presentation of a multi-projector audio-visual programme on the history of the Faculty of Medicine. The programme was repeated on a number of occasions throughout the day for conference delegates, staff of the Faculty and hospitals, invited parliamentarians and community representatives, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and representatives of the University of Newcastle.

The programme was researched and produced by the Medical Communications Unit, under the direction of the Unit’s Audio-visual Co-ordinator, Mr Phillip Lloyd, who was responsible for writing the script. Nine slide projectors were used to project a sweep of images around the walls of the lecture theatre.

Mr Adrian Daniel, Director of the Medical Communications Unit, explains: ‘We set out to produce a programme about the Faculty’s history.

‘Most of us tend to think that the Faculty history commenced in 1973 with the tabling of the Federal Parliament of the Karmel Report recommending a Medical School in Newcastle.

‘In fact, the first moves for the establishment of a medical school go back to 1957. Pressure over some 16 years from the Royal Newcastle Hospital, the Central and Northern Medical Association, the University, the Trades Hall Council, political parties and many other groups in the Region had galvanised support from the local community for “their medical school.”

The Lord Mayor, Alderman John McNaughton, has been so impressed with the programme that he has requested it be shown to the Newcastle Council and Executive Officers as an example of what community pressure can achieve in Newcastle.

Mr Daniel is arranging a number of repeat screenings of the programme in the near future following many requests from Faculty, Hospital and University staff.

The Faculty was fortunate in receiving funding to produce the programme and the five videotapes from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, USA, which generously supported the Faculty with funding in 1975 to initiate its innovative educational curriculum.

For the technically minded, the programme has some 360 slides projected onto multi-screens from nine projectors. The projectors are linked through dissolve units in banks of three to a four-track reel-to-reel tape recorder which controls each dissolve unit. Three tracks of the tape are pulsed with inaudible pulses to activate the projectors through the dissolve units. The fourth track carries the commentary and music. Mr Vic Rooney, well-known in Newcastle and Sydney acting circles, recorded the voice.

The excellent photographs used in the presentation were produced in the photographic section under the direction of Mr Bruce Turnbull and the graphics were prepared by Mrs Cheryl Grant.

Staff within the Audio-visual Section of the Unit were responsible for researching archives of the Auchmuty Library, Newcastle Regional Library and the Newcastle Herald for historical material.

Equipment used for the presentation was kindly loaned by the Instructional Media Unit of the Institute of Higher Education, the Auchmuty Library Audio-visual Section and the Maritime Services Board, whose co-operation is gratefully acknowledged.

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**Proposed Unified National System**

The Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee is to seek further clarification from the Federal Government about its proposed Unified National System.

At a meeting in Canberra, the AVCC decided not to advise members whether to join the System until further discussions with the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Mr Dawkins.

The Chairman of the AVCC, Professor John Scott, said that while the universities welcomed many of the reforms of the White Paper on higher education, there remained concerns about how far the Government would intrude into the operations of the universities and over the funding of research.

Professor Scott said that the institutions had until the end of October to decide whether to join the System. Those decisions would be made ultimately by the governing bodies of individual universities.
Staff body opposes repeal of Uni Act

The University's Staff Association believes that amalgamation should be accomplished by amendments to the University of Newcastle Act and not by a new Act.

A special general meeting of the Association on September 22 directed the Executive to present this viewpoint strenuously when the working parties address the issues involved in amalgamation.

Speakers claimed that if the Act were replaced by a new Act there would be a risk of staff of the amalgamated University losing conditions they wished to preserve and gains made as a result of University government having been reviewed a few years ago.

The meeting also decided to ask the Executive to meet with the Executives of the staff associations at the Hunter Institute of Higher Education and present to staff of the consolidated University the advantages of amalgamation being effected under the present Act.

The President (Mr R. Mackie) spoke in support of an Executive motion which put forward proposals for inclusion in the Heads of Agreement between the University and the HIHE, which sets out the procedure for amalgamation.

The meeting endorsed the motion, which made a number of suggestions, including:

- The name of the consolidated University will remain 'The University of Newcastle'.
- The current industrial relations arrangements and agreements within the University will remain in force.
- There will be no reduction in staff working conditions. The entire academic staff of the consolidated University will fall under the same conditions of employment as far as appointment, promotion, OSP leave, long service leave etc are concerned.
- During and after amalgamation there will be no spill of positions.
- There will be no involuntary redundancies and retrenchments as a result of amalgamation.
- No fixed-term positions at present existing at the University will be abolished as a result of amalgamation.

Changes in Heads of Departments

Assoc. Professor R.W. Gibberd has been appointed Acting Head of the Department of Statistics until October 7.

Mr. D.W. Palmer is Acting Head of the Department of Classics until February 8, 1989.

Senate addresses three main issues

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The name of the consolidated University — The University has an established record earned for its excellence in research, teaching and administration in the last two decades, and Senate saw no reason for a change of name.

Legislation — While acknowledging the need to consult with parliamentary drafting authorities on the style of amendments, it was felt that the University should avoid the repeal of its legislation, as this process may result in the loss of provisions that the University wished to preserve, and to the imposition of a style of legislation that was, on balance, less appropriate to the needs of the consolidated University than the existing legislation, as amended.

The size and composition of the Council for the consolidated University — While noting the views expressed in the White Paper on the need to keep the size of university councils to a manageable level, Senate felt that there were advantages that should not be foregone in having a Council with adequate representation from the academic staff, the general staff, students and Convocation. There was a perception of a Council having 50 per cent of its members selected from representative groups.

It was resolved to:

- Endorse the Vice-Chancellor's recommendation that Council agree to the amalgamation of the University with the Hunter Institute of Higher Education to form a consolidated University in accordance with the proposed Heads of Agreement document.
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Aerobithon — last stop for overseas students

The University's five Rotary International Scholars will return home in a few weeks. In the rundown to their departure, they have included an unusual fund-raising event.

They will attempt to raise a worthwhile sum to donate to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Campaign.

The visiting students will hold an aerobithon, an aerobics session lasting three hours, in the Auchmuty Sports Centre on Sunday, October 9, beginning at 2 pm.

They have named the event Aerobithon Plus for Polio Plus.

Troy Falck, Frank Moran, Nancy Bohannon, Debra Bateman, Deena Caldwell, and Craig Caldwell, from the United States, and Janet Wilkinson, from Great Britain, are appreciative of the support given by their sponsors and keen to assist the polio campaign with a successful function.

At the University they were sponsored by various local Rotary Clubs for studies that lasted for approximately a year.

Aerobithon Plus for Polio Plus will support the Rotary Foundation's campaign, which aims at raising a minimum of $120 million to supply polio vaccine to more than half-a-billion children in the world. The event will be sponsored by Pablo's Liquor Marts.

Mr Falck said everyone was invited to participate in the afternoon, which would be fun-filled and healthy.

Participants should obtain pledge forms from the Auchmuty Sports Centre office or any Pablo's Liquor Mart.

Participants are expected to obtain monetary pledges from families, friends and neighbours for each hour of aerobics they complete," he said.

Prizes would be awarded to the participants who collected the most money for the polio campaign.

Elections for SRC leaders

When Campus Bulletin went to press elections were being held to fill positions on the SRC's 1989 executive.

Voting was scheduled to close on September 30 and the names of the successful candidates were to be announced on October 4.

Following the resignation of the President of the Students' Association, Mr Glenn Beatty, the Vice-President, Mr Chris Fotefi became Acting President.

Mr Fotefi said whoever was elected President for 1989 was able to assume office on October 1, when Mr Beatty's resignation became effective, or take up duties next February. Should the new President defer taking up office, he (Mr Fotefi) would continue to serve as Acting President.

The following students were nominated for election to the executive:

President
Alison Kinder, Julian Christopher Little, Chris Fotefi and Glenn Integrity Beatty & Brian Trustworthy Birkefeld (duo nomination).

Treasurer
Sebastian Alexander Diesell, Astrid anHuef, Michael Jameson, John Bishto and Glenn Integrity Beatty and Brian Trustworthy Birkefeld.

Womens' Officer
Julie Johnson, Samantha Jane Pearl and Melissa Jones.

Honorary Secretary
Catherine Anne Jameson, Frank De Vitis, Michael Bedford and Glenn Integrity Beatty and Brian Trustworthy Birkefeld.

Intercampus Liaison Officer
Omar Jamal, Milton Okopoulos, Derek N. Wigmore and Glenn Integrity Beatty and Brian Trustworthy Birkefeld.

Media Officer
Vanessa Bates and Natalie Downing and Grahame Cooper and Eddie O'Reilly.

Rich and varied papers commemorate Thomas Hobbes

The Departments of English, History and Philosophy combined on September 9 to commemorate the quarter-centenary of the birth of Thomas Hobbes in 1588 by means of an interdisciplinary conference entitled 'Hobbes and His Contemporaries'.

The richness, variety and number of papers offered by members of the University revealed a number of excellent papers on Hobbes and his contemporaries. The rich and varied papers offered by members of the University revealed a number of excellent papers on Hobbes and his contemporaries.

Despite a relentless schedule offering a dozen papers in a single day, audience numbers remained high throughout, with students and members of the general public included. The only complaints heard concerned the surfeit of riches and consequent lack of time, rather than tea and lunch breaks, for further discussion of the papers and their implications.
LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Certain material which was printed in Opus originated from Professor Ian Plimer. There are many statements I take exception to. However, in most cases no reference is given, so they can safely be ignored. But the thing that concerns me most is that he seems to write as a defender of orthodox Christianity, to defend us against terrorist fundamentalists sects. To do this, he attacks the credibility of the Bible! How can this be?

May I ask Professor Plimer if he in fact claims to be a Christian? And if so, what does he understand a Christian to be? e.g. Some would say a Christian is someone who tries to live a morally upright life, or someone who was born in a Christian country, or someone who goes to church. I personally reject all these definitions, so would be very interested in Professor Plimer's answers to my two questions.

It is perfectly understandable when atheists attack the Bible, affirming as it does the existence of a creator God. Humanists too must attack any idea that allows the existence of a supreme being. According to humanists, Man is the ultimate reality, which means that they logically must have religious faith in evolution, which they do. See the humanist manifesto I points 1 and 2. So it is to be expected that people who have espoused the religion of Humanism may be bigoted against the Bible and Christianity.

A Newcastle branch of Skeptics Inc. (of which Professor Plimer is a member) was reported as having been formed in Campus Bulletin No. 4 of June 27, 1988. These people are sceptical of anything that entails the existence of the supernatural, which includes all miracles in the Bible: Everything from the people of Israel crossing the Red Sea on dry ground (Ex. 14:23) while the Egyptian army were drowned (Ex. 14:28), right up to the splitting of the Mount of Olives when God's feet will stand there (Zech. 14:4).

Orthodox Christianity on the other hand is founded on the divine inspiration of the Bible. Whenever and whenever Christianity has been successful in improving the lot of man, its exponents have taken the view expressed by Martin Luther — The Holy Scriptures require a humble reader who shows reverence and fear toward the Word of God and constantly says teach me, teach me, teach me.

So what is Professor Plimer's position? There seems to be no doubt amongst the readers of Opus. In the Letters to the Editor, Saint Hubert, Optimus Maximus and Quasimodo all understand his position as being hostile toward evangelical Christianity in general.

David Malcolm,
Computing Centre.

Dear Sir,

Pressure is mounting to have Justice Marcus Einfeld, President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, removed from sexual harassment cases after a recent judgment he handed down in a New South Wales case. Although Justice Einfeld found that Dr Attalah Shelban had been guilty of sexual harassment against three women while they were employed as his receptionists, he refused to award them any compensation for loss of wages or injury to feelings.

Justice Einfeld found that Dr. Shelban had indulged in 'occasional, mild if aggravating touching, momentary, insignificant though unwanted holding, and aporadric, assertive if unwanted attempts at closer physical or facial contact'. He went on to say that 'women would normal experiences ... know very well the various ways in which some men occasionally behave', suggesting that women should be able to treat such behaviour lightly. Justice Einfeld did say, at the beginning of the judgment, that 'women and men are equally entitled to and must receive, by legal means if necessary, full personal respect and unhindered access to work of their choice'. But the net effect of his judgment was, in my opinion, a negation of this view.

A leading judge and a number of academics have criticised Justice Einfeld's judgment and have called for him to be removed from hearing such cases. On The 7.30 Report on the ABC on Thursday, September 22, the judge denied that there had been any pressure from the Prime Minister for him to step down. I believe all people who are concerned with the freedom and dignity of women should seriously question whether or not Justice Einfeld has shown an adequate understanding of the meaning and effect of sexual harassment as an abuse of male power and should voice their concern.

Susan Jones,
EEO Co-ordinator.

New appointments for the AVCC

Professor Brian Wilson,
Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, has been elected as the next Chairman of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

Professor Wilson, who is present Deputy-Chairman, will take up his appointment on January 1 next year when the term of the present Chairman, Professor John Scott, expires.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University, Professor Laurie Nichol, has been elected Deputy-Chairman.

Professor Wilson has been Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland since 1979. He was previously Vice-President (Academic) and Professor of Astronomy at Simon Fraser University in Canada.

Professor Nichol has been Vice-Chancellor of ANU since March this year. He was previously Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England, an appointment which he took up in 1985.

Professor Brian Wilson
Postgraduate off to Denmark

An Indian postgraduate student in Materials Engineering will leave the campus soon to take up a prestigious research position in Denmark.

V.S. Ananthan has accepted an appointment as Visiting Scientist at the RISO National Laboratory in Roskilde.

Assisted by Professor Eric Hall, Ananth has completed work on macroscopic and microscopic aspects of Luders bands in mild steel and submitted his thesis for a PhD degree.

He said the RISO National Laboratory was a nuclear research establishment, with a Department of Metallurgy, to which he would be attached. The Technical Director, Professor Niels Hansen, was interested in Luders bands in mild steel.

'Ananth', who is single, came to this University in 1985 after graduating from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur with BAppSc and MMet degrees.

He has lived in a small flat at Jesmond and is in two minds about leaving the University. 'I have had a very nice time — everybody has been helpful — but I also have to be serious about my career.'

Belmont High successful in schools competition

Belmont High School achieved outstanding results in the competition for schoolchildren sponsored by BHP Collieries Division, Ansett Airlines and the University's Department of Geology.

Each year the competition has grown in status. This year 128 schoolchildren in the Hunter, Illawarra and Campbelltown districts submitted entries.

First prize went to Jason Lear and Luke Manhood, who attend Belmont High School, for their joint entry. Both students and their teacher will win an all expenses paid trip to Central Queensland to inspect a giant BHP open cut coal mine and a coal loader before flying to Brisbane to spend two days at Expo 88.

Their prize also includes a trip down a BHP coal mine and visits to a coal washery, a power station and a steel plant in the Newcastle area. The students will be accompanied by their winning counterparts from Wollongong.

Four other local high school students were commended for the high standard of their entries.

The Third Annual Dinner of the Board of Environmental Studies

will be held on

Wednesday, November 2, 1988

in the

Southern Cross Lounge,
University Union
6.30 for 7 pm

Tickets: $20

Dinner Chairman:
Dr Howard Bridgman
Guest Speaker:
Professor John Burton
(Professor of Natural Resources, University of New England).

To secure a place at the dinner please send $20 for each ticket to the Secretary of the Board. Please make cheques etc. payable to 'The University of Newcastle.'

Secure your place by October 31.
Dr Don Parkes and Professor Reg Golledge with the new aid for the blind.

Tactile-audio graphics for the blind

'It's incredibly easy for a blind person to use,' says Professor Reg Golledge, 'and has great potential as an information and teaching system.'

The recently blind University of California academic, during a recent visit to the University, gave his evaluation of a new device which allows blind people to hear, as well as feel, information on tactile maps or other tactile graphics, such as graphs, diagrams, building plans, even simple coloured pictures.

The device is the brain-child of Dr Don Parkes, of the Institute of Behavioural Sciences. Mr Richard Dear, of the Computing Centre.

The Royal Guide Dogs' Association of Australia and a number of blind people, as well as those who teach and work with the blind, have given the new product their strong support. The RGDA through SEETEC's Director in Melbourne, Dr Tony Heyes, has also agreed to back further tests on the production of an inexpensive prototype.

Professor Golledge said the invention had the potential to help an enormous number of visually-impaired and blind people in that it included their ears in the communication and learning exercise.

Professor Golledge last worked with Dr Parkes at the Institute of Behavioural Sciences for five months in 1986. He returned to Newcastle for further collaborative work. He and Dr Parkes presented papers at the International Psychological Union Congress and the International Geographical Union Congress in Sydney in August on blindness and mobility.

Professor Golledge hopes to return to the University of Newcastle next year on a US National Science Foundation Grant to work with Dr Parkes on navigation, mobility, orientation and cognitive maps for the blind. In particular he will work with Dr Parkes on another invention of Dr Parkes', presently known as a WAI Finder, a device that will literally 'talk blind people through complex environments.' He and Dr Parkes have been comrades in research for many years.

Professor Golledge added: 'One of my interests is in building electronic aids for blind people, such as computer and navigational systems.

The tactile audio device is one of the most interesting developments I have come across. It has everything that Dr Parkes claims, being both an information and a teaching system.

'The system can probably be enlarged to take in an enormous range of subjects.'

Professor Golledge, who is Professor of Behavioural Geography at the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California, was born at Dungog. He holds degrees from the University of New England, the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and the University of Iowa, US. He has been severely vision-impaired since 1984.

Dr Parkes calls his device NOMAD after a guide dog belonging to a blind student at the University who had contributed enormously to his understanding.

Three manufacturers, one Australian and two overseas, have recently expressed interest in manufacture.

Resource Submissions for 1989

The past practice of requesting departments to submit written requests for resources for the following year is to be discontinued.

Instead the newly-formed Budget Sub-Committee will this year receive 1989 resource submissions from Heads of Departments via an interview.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and the Deputy Chairman of Senate have together already conducted a number of interviews and are expected to complete the interviews of all academic and academic service departments in the near future.

The Bursar and I will conduct interviews with all general departments starting late in October.

L.F. Hennessy, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration).
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The University had a visit the other day from the Director of the Affirmative Action Agency, Valerie Pratt. The visit was part of the seminar series organised by the EEO Unit and others on issues relating to women and EEO generally.

The Affirmative Action Agency is the Commonwealth Government body set up under the Affirmative Action Act 1986 to administer the legislation, to advise and assist relevant employers in the development and implementation of their affirmative action programs, to issue guidelines on how to formulate a program, to receive and evaluate annual reports from employers, and to involve itself in research and educational functions.

Valerie Pratt's seminar was informative and stimulating. Her title was Progress of Affirmative Action in Tertiary Institutions. She began by recalling the justification for a deliberate policy of affirmative action: the fact that women were hardly represented at all in senior academic and administrative positions in universities, the fact that so many women were locked into lower-paid occupations with little scope for advancement. She said that Bob Hawke had made the point that if women make up 50 per cent of this nation's brainpower, why weren't they 50 per cent of the general workforce?

She outlined the progress being made by companies and other education institutions in meeting the reporting requirements of the AA Act. This seemed to convey that most were making reasonable efforts to respond although there appeared to be less than total commitment to early or significant change.

As I saw it, an important part of her presentation was to dispose of the myth that affirmative action involved setting quotas or breaching the merit principle. She specifically noted that the 'forward estimates' or 'targets' which were required to be set under the Act were not necessarily numerical ones. They could be detailed plans or the expectations which would result from detailed plans.

Ms Pratt also appeared to acknowledge that movement towards equality or a better balance of men and women would be slow in those areas where women had been traditionally disadvantaged by schooling. The obvious cases are academic positions which require advanced work in mathematics and science.

This does not let us off the hook. The University has an obligation to examine its employment profile. Ros Cameron will be presenting in a future issue of the Bulletin an analysis of our employment profile which shows up the balance of opportunities between men and women employees of the University. That balance is decidedly unequal, in favour of men, in a way that cannot be justified in a fair and democratic society or on grounds of efficiency.

We are 20 years on from the days when women could only become temporary employees if they married, or were put off if they became pregnant. But, as I've written before, there is really a very long way to go before our society can claim to have given a 'fair go' to its women.

The pity of Ms Pratt's seminar was that it was so poorly attended. Perhaps we could have done more to publicise it through this medium. Perhaps there is also a feeling that 'EEO and all that' has become a considerable irritant around the campus, and that 'it doesn't concern me'. Whatever the reason for the poor turnout, the University can hardly relax on these issues. It can claim to have made progress, through its EEO Management Plan, in removing the more obvious discriminations and setting up the basic conditions for a future equality. But that equality will be much of the future — not this century — unless the University now follows through with a range of supportive policies and actions to demonstrate a real commitment.

I suggested to Ms Pratt that the Agency's response to the University's first report to the Agency had been somewhat severe. The Agency had summed up our report as giving her the impression that 'the University has failed to take seriously the requirements of the legislation and has mistakenly concluded that no real action was necessary for it to meet the fresh obligation placed on it (by the Affirmative Action Act).'

We will be submitting our second report in the near future and I am hopeful that it will be somewhat more convincing, especially given the range of initiatives which have been agreed this year by the Council's Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity and endorsed by the Council itself.

Perhaps early next year, after the Affirmative Action Agency has had the opportunity to evaluate our second report, we will ask Valerie Pratt back to the campus for a review of the progress we are seen to be making or not making. And, perhaps, then we might be able to demonstrate a greater interest and commitment through the attendance of members of staff.

Lance Hennessy,
Director of Affirmative Action.

General staff development pilot

The Assistant EEO Co-ordinator attended a Management Skills for Women course this year organised by the Office of the Director of Equal Opportunities in Public Employment. The course required participants to develop a work-based project which she did, this pilot is the result:

Communication Skills and Assertiveness

Presenter: Dr Monica Hayes
Time: 9 am to 12.30 pm
Dates: October 24 and 31
Target audience: all general staff, particularly EEO target groups (two half-day sessions).

Career Development

Presenters: Roslyn Cameron
Helen Parker
Susan Jones

Time: 9 am to Noon
Date: October 20
Target Audience: female general staff.

Cross-Cultural Training

Presenters: Trudy Mills-Evers
Julie Klem

Time: 10 am to Noon
Date: November 16
Target audience: all general staff.

Meeting Procedure

Presenters: Frank Hawkins
Julie Klem

Date: November 4
Target audience: all general staff.

The venue for all of the abovementioned courses will be the Audio-visual Section in the Auchmuty Library.

If you would like to attend any of these courses please telephone Cathy Bergquist at Extension 473 or the EEO Unit at Extension 317 or 58 7380.
Mr Bill Linklater

Auchmuty Library has space advantage

The new University Librarian is impressed by the Auchmuty Library's expanded facilities.

Mr Bill Linklater, who will succeed Mr Flowers after he retires at the end of this year, said Stage IIb of the library, completed and occupied this year, provided excellent facilities in terms of flexible space.

At Swinburne Institute of Technology in Melbourne, where he is Librarian, the library enjoyed the latest information technology resources but lacked funding to expand space.

Mr Linklater spoke to Campus Bulletin during a brief visit to the University on September 28.

He mentioned his strong interest in the role of audio-visual services and associated educational technology in supporting undergraduate instruction and training and said that at Swinburne he was responsible as Librarian for the provision of these services in the Institute.

Aged 44, Mr Linklater is married with two teenage sons and a daughter.

Move for students to assess staff

The working party was set up following calls by the Federal Government for the development of a set of indicators which could be used to publicly assess the work of higher education institutions in both teaching and research.

The report, which has been circulated for comment, argues that the best use of performance indicators is as raw material for a more sophisticated process of assessment, rather than as an end in themselves.

It warns against a simplistic use of such measures and suggests that their main role should be as indicators rather than proof of performance. The indicators should be designed to measure the effectiveness of teaching and research (which accounts for 85 per cent of institutions' budgets) rather than issues such as telephone answering costs.

The report suggests several indicators to help in the assessment of teaching and curriculum, research, and professional services.

For example, indicators under the teaching and curriculum category include measures to determine student demand for courses; the quality of enrolling students; how quickly students complete their courses; and the employment patterns of an institution's graduates.

One of the more controversial suggestions is that students should evaluate teaching and subjects on a regular basis. Such assessment is not standard practice at present, although some departments conduct surveys of students on an ad hoc basis. As well, a number of student unions have carried out surveys of what students think of their lecturers, generally for publication in student newspapers.

According to the working party, the indicators for research performance should include the number and value of research grants, the ratio of publications and conference presentations per academic staff, and the number of postgraduate degrees completed.

The report is seen as an important first step in defining more precise measures of the work of colleges and universities. It has been circulated for comment. Once finalised the indicators will be tested in a number of universities and colleges next year. The testing will be done on a joint basis with the Federal Government.
Verse read in the Art Gallery

Kristopher Saknussemm and Yvette Christiane each read one of their poems at a ceremony at the Newcastle Region Art Gallery on September 23.

The reading was a highlight of an evening held by the Hunter District Water Board to present the Mattara Bicentennial Poetry Prizes.

This year's Prize, the eighth, attracted an increased number of entries, namely 1,300.

The HDWB sponsored the prize, the Literary Arts Board of the Australia Council provided a grant and the University published the eighth Mattara anthology of entries, The International Terminal.

The anthology contains work by 33 poets as well as the prize winners. The title is taken from that of Les A. Murray's entry.

The judges commended highly entries from Ken Chau, Yvette Christiane and John Watson. They also expressed pleasure at the high standard of work received from poets under 25. Sudesh Mishra, John Hawke and Sarah Newton-John are among the younger poets in this collection, while the youngest are Matthew Schulz (18) and Timothy Stevens (16).

Kristopher Saknussemm, marketing manager for the Law Institute in Victoria, won the $6,000 senior section.

Robert Carver, a Canberra poet, currently completing a PhD thesis at Oxford University, England, won a special Bicentennial prize of $4,000 for Under 25 poets.

Mr Saknussemm's winning selection of eight poems, Say When, Call to Worship, Lesson at the Millpond, Juice in the Pail, Midwives and Men, Avalanche, Lilies, Lowering Him into the Tank and Alligator Wishes, recount a tense competitive father and son relationship fought out against a backdrop of North American trout-stream and forests.

Mr Carver's poems, a sequence entitled Feasting with Solipsists, were praised for their dream-like narratives by this year's judges, Ms Fay Zwicky, from Perth, Mr Andrew Taylor, from Adelaide, and Dr Christopher Pollnitz, from the Department of English.

Copies of The International Terminal are available from the Department of English for $12 each.

Board President, Mr Allan McLachlan, said it was decided to offer the youth award as an encouragement for young Australian writers.

The Board views the Mattara Poetry Prize as its traditional contribution to the arts. In this Bicentennial year, we decided to make a special contribution in the form of a youth award.

The Board has also joined forces this year with the Newcastle Bicentennial Community Committee and NBN produce the Hunter Kids' Book.

Long commitment to Rugby Club

Mr Frans Henskens, Senior Tutor in Computer Science, is highly esteemed by past and present University Rugby Club players.

The club has benefited considerably from Mr Henskens' commitment to the sport.

He commenced playing in 1972 whilst a student and in July this year played his 200th game for University. Only three or four players have achieved this long period of service.

Frans Henskens played for the Firsts for several seasons. In 1975 and 1986 he was a participant in the Grand finals of lower grade teams.

University's Fourths were defeated by Wanderers 0-4 in the grand final on September 22 and unfortunately the loss was probably Mr Henskens' last game. 'I think I am finished,' he said. 'I have two young sons to consider and I will stay in the club as a selector.'

Previously a teacher at Newcastle High School, he became Senior Tutor at the start of this year and is continuing his studies for a PhD degree in computer science.

Mr Frans Henskens
Tax threat to research

The Federal Government's so-called graduate tax threatens the future of Australia's research effort, according to the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

The AVCC has expressed strong concern that the Higher Education Contribution Scheme will be a serious deterrent to thousands of honours and postgraduate students.

The Chairman of the AVCC, Professor John Scott, said that Vice-Chancellors were worried that the limited number of exemptions available under the scheme would reduce the numbers of young people prepared to continue to higher degree studies.

In a statement issued after a meeting of the AVCC in Canberra Professor Scott said that postgraduate training was one of several concerns the AVCC had about the future direction of Australian research.

Professor Scott said that the AVCC strongly supported the Federal Government's efforts to define national research priorities as part of its efforts to improve the nation's research performance. It welcomed the consultative process launched by the Australian Research Council to develop a list of broad priorities.

However, the AVCC remained concerned about:

- The transfer of funds from the universities' operating grants to the ARC for reallocation. The AVCC believed that the Government should put more money into research to finance this change of direction.
- The earmarking of about 25 per cent of these funds, which the Government had always argued would be open for competitive bidding from researchers, for specific Government-designated activities.
- Reports of controversy surrounding the ARC, particularly efforts to change the composition of ARC specialist advisory committees, with a potential weakening of the committees' expertise and independence. The universities valued broad input into these committees, but members must be chosen for their expertise, judgement and commitment to excellence rather than because they represented particular interest groups.

On postgraduate training Professor Scott said that the exemptions from the HECS which had been offered by the Government fell far short of the numbers of postgraduate and honours students in the system.

At present there were about 30,000 such students, yet the Government would waive the HECS for about half that number only. The Government had said that universities would be able to allocate some of the 15,000 exemptions to honours and masters coursework students but the Government had not been prepared to increase the number of exemptions.

He said that 3,000 of the 15,000 exemptions had already been earmarked by the Government for professional upgrading of teachers. This meant that there would be a shortfall of about 12,000 exemptions in the honours and postgraduate area.

The universities recognise that as the postgraduate research area is vital for the future of the nation it is likely that the bulk of the exemptions will be allocated to these students,' he said. 'The 12,000 will effectively cover all research PhDs but this process will almost certainly reduce the flow-through of students to postgraduate levels in future years.

The Government has made it clear that it wants to see a greater research output from universities, yet it betrays a very superficial understanding of the kind of long-term support needed to achieve this.'

Tales from 32 years' play

Past and present players from the University Cricket Club paused during matches played on September 3 so this photograph could be taken.

The Reunion, held during Open Days, began with a 10-over competition, which was contested by four teams. The Past players took the honours on the day.

The highlight of the Reunion was a dinner held at night in the Staff House, which attracted more than 110 past and present players. Some Past players came from as far afield as Tasmania, Melbourne and Canberra.

Entertainment included a poetry recital by Norman Talbot and plenty of tales from the club's 32 years of competition cricket.
I I, the first Australian
President

At the 9th International
Conference for Thermal
Analysis (ICTA) Congress, held in
Jerusalem, Professor S. St.J.
Warne, Associate Professor of
Geology, commenced his four-year
term as President of the body.

Professor Warne is the first
Australian to be elected to this
position. Through its affiliated
National Societies, ICTA has some
4,000 members and is responsible for
regular International
Congresses in different parts of the
world.

Also, through the working
committees of its Scientific
Commission and its links with
IUPAC, ongoing contributions
at the international level in the areas
of nomenclature, development of
reference standards, calorimetry,
metals, polymers, earth sciences
and education indicate its other
areas of responsibility.

Conferences, seminars and
opportunities

The Office of the Director of Equal
Opportunity in Public Employment
will run the following courses for
members of the EEO target groups:

- Assertiveness Training for
People with Disabilities —
November 3 to 4 and December
8.
- Public Speaking and
Presentation Skills for
Members of EEO Target Groups
— December 6, 7 and 8.
- Communication in the
Workplace for People of a
Non-English Speaking
Background — October 6 and 7.
- Assertion Skills for People
Incurring Repetition Injuries in
the New South Wales
Government — October 31 to
November 1 plus November 28.
- Job Skills for People with
Disabilities — October 18 and 19
plus November 11.

Details on all the above courses are
available at the EEO Unit
(Extension 317).

Uni could help with
a Hunter brewery

The University could undoubtedly
provide knowledge and skills
which would help in the
re-establishing a Hunter brewery,
according to Mr Graham Walker, a
Senior Tutor in Management.

The Newcastle Herald
recently reported that a Newcastle
consortium, formed after the
closure of the Bond-owned Hunter
Brewery at Cardiff in August last
year, had met with principals of
other brewing groups to consider
the possibilities of a Hunter
brewery.

Mr Walker, who is one of
these involved in assessing the
proposal, said he was keen to be
aware of the assistance that could
be available from within the
University.

He could envisage the
desirability of many people from
the University — geographers,
marketing, computing,
information systems, quality
control — being briefed to make
sure that, if the consortium
proceeded with the brewery, the
operation would be lean and
efficient.

Our intention is that the
brewery will have majority local
ownership and control thus the
Hunter Valley will receive priority
on the public issue,' he said.

Mr Walker said the situation
where the Hunter was buying beer
from Sydney called Hunter Old was
ludicrous.

Consortium members were
confident that all the ingredients
for the success of the industry were
there: the strong tradition of
brewing in the Hunter Valley, a
large enough population to support
its own product, a port to develop
the export potential and
resentment over the closure of the
Cardiff Brewery.

The big questions are how
much of the Hunter market could
be captured and whether the
community would take to a local
brew,' he said.

Environmental
Achievement
Award
Nominations

The Board of Environmental
Studies requests nominations
for its 1988 Environmental
Achievement Award. The Board
gives preferential consideration
for the conferring of the Award
to those individuals or groups
who make their contribution to
environmental achievement of
their own initiative, in their
own time and for no financial
reward. The Award will be
presented at the annual dinner of
the Board, tentatively
scheduled for November 2, 1988.
Nominations for the Award
should be made to the Secretary
of the Board by Friday, October
14. All nominations must be in
writing.

For further information
and full instructions regarding
nominations for the Award,
contact The Secretary, Board of
Environmental Studies, The
University of Newcastle, New
South Wales, 2308 (telephone:
68 5634 or 68 5711).
Before rain caused Twelfth Night to move indoors: from left — Malvolio (David Berthold), Olivia (Lucy Skilbeck), Fabian (Angela Davies) and Feste (Michelle Offen).

REVIEW

Twelfth Night

The final performance of Twelfth Night was astutely moved from its original site (near the fountain) to the Drama Studio, but perhaps a week of rain and wind had already dampened the spirits of the players beyond revival. Their generally lugubrious approach to the script seemed quite at home in the dim dustiness of the Drama Studio. The initial idea was a good one: an open-air production of one of Shakespeare's sunniest, funniest plays, taking advantage of the perfumed surrounds of early Spring evenings. Perhaps director Jane Goodall will have another go at theatre-on-the-grass in a kindlier season.

Much of the wit and most of the fun one expected from the play was, unfortunately, muffled or missing. Only Brendan Strahan (Aguecheek) and Anita Foley (Maria) sparked in the large cast. They were both delightful. Davld Berthold's Malvolio would have been properly ridiculous in his pomposity if the rest of the players had provided more contrast but, with the exceptions noted, they were all mere variations on a grey theme.

Philip Bilton-Smith and Lucy Skilbeck were sedate and noble — and rather dull — as Orsino and Olivia. Martin Davies was pleasantly sincere in smaller roles, Viola, as interpreted by Suzanne Adamson, was a stoic with no sense of the game she was playing. The lyricism and romance written into her lines simply failed to jell with the sombre tone of her presentation. Tony Anthony's Toby Belch was not a rollicking joker but a surly, sneering bully.

Cross-casting women as Feste (Michelle Offen) and Fabian (Angela Davies) muddled the meaning of some of Toby's references to Maria. Especially in Feste's case, it was distracting to the point of annoyance: a flirtatious clown, neither Topsy nor gypsy, was simply somehow wrong.

As we have come to expect, technical aspects were well done. Adam Macauley's minstrels (Anita Foley again and Fiona Creed) set a nice mood, as did the costumes by Alexis Wolloff and Jacqueline Turton.

Oudous though they are, comparisons of this Twelfth Night with the Drama Department's recent Romeo and Juliet are inevitable. Where its pace was lively, this plodded. Where its characterisations were colourful, these were drab. Where it had great charm and energy, this had little of either. Better weather would have helped, but it probably wouldn't have helped enough to have made Twelfth Night the complete pleasure it could have been.

by: DORRIT NESMITH

Vacancies on PSA's executive

Following the resignation of the Secretary of the University's Sub-division of the PSA, Mrs Joan Allridge, the Sub-division has called nominations for a successor.

Nominations for not only election as Secretary but also Assistant Secretary and Committee Member (positions which have been vacant for some time) will close on October 7.

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Examination Result Notices and Re-Enrolment Kits

Examination result notices and re-enrolment kits will be available for collection between 2 and 6 pm from the Drama Studio on the following days:

- Wednesday, December 7: Education and Architecture.
- Thursday, December 8: Mathematics and Economics and Commerce.
- Friday, December 9: Arts, Science, Engineering and Non-degree.

Results and kits that have not been collected by Friday, December 9, will be mailed that evening. If you are not able to collect your results and kit please ensure that we have your correct mailing address. (Change of address forms may be submitted at the Student Administration Office).

Please Note: The change in procedure for collection of re-enrolment kits is for this year only. In 1989 the University will revert back to having re-enrolment kits available for collection in October.

Off to the US on Qantas award

Mr Brett Gleeson, Manager of community radio station 2NUR has won a study trip to the United States, courtesy of Qantas.

Mr Gleeson won the Qantas Award for Excellence in Public Broadcasting, which was announced at the Annual Conference of the Public Broadcasting Association of Australia (PBAA), which represents more than 70 public radio stations.

Qantas will provide Mr. Gleeson with a return air ticket to the United States, where he will study listener-generated fund-raising techniques used by public broadcasters. He suggested that this area be studied when he submitted his entry for Qantas Award.

There are two critical areas for broadcasters to consider, Mr Gleeson said. The first is programming, and the other is money. Public radio has very limited access to the public purse and the advertising dollar, so we have to look elsewhere for funds. It's a constant challenge.

There is much we can learn from American campus and community broadcasters in this regard.

Mr Gleeson plans to visit the United States in March/April next year and to have his report written in time for 1989 conference of the PBAA.

STAFF MOVES

Appointments
- Mr Brian W. Mills, Laboratory Assistant, Faculty of Education.
- Mrs Arlen G. Petrovic, Administrative Assistant, Secretary's Division.
- Dr Meir Teitel, Research Associate, Department of Mechanical Engineering.
- Mrs Lynnette D. Pezely, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Biological Sciences.
- Mr Stephen J. Watson, ADP Manager, ADP Unit.

Retirements
- Mrs Marcia M. Couper, Stenographer, Department of Mechanical Engineering.
- Mrs Elsie C. Kealy, Stenographer, Department of Drama.
- Assoc. Professor Winston McMinn, Department of History.
- Mr Lance E. Roberts, Senior Attendant (Patrol), Buildings and Grounds Division.
- Mr James P. Walker, Attendant (Patrol), Buildings and Grounds Division.

Resignations
- Mrs Joan M. Allridge, Stenographer, Department of Economics.
- Mr Roberto L. Milan, Clerk, Staff Office.

Position in CICS

Ms Greta Davies has taken up a secondment as Administrative Assistant in the Centre for Industrial Control Science (CICS). Previously Departmental Secretary in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Ms Davies can now be contacted at Extension 582.

VISIT OF BAKER LECTURER

Professor David Bragg, Baker Lecturer for 1988, will visit the University on October 20 to deliver three lectures. His visit has been arranged by the Royal Australasian College of Radiologists.

Professor Bragg is Professor of Radiology and Chairman of the Radiology Department at the University of Utah, USA.

He will give the following lectures:

- October 20, NEWMED II
  The radiology of the new born chest, differential diagnosis of common entities, 12.15 pm and The current position of organ imaging in oncology, 1.15 pm.

- NEWMED I, David Maddison Theatre
  Lungs and chest trauma: radiological patterns, diagnostic approach, differential consideration or initial presentation, 3.45 pm.
Diary of Events

Tuesday, October 4, 12.30 pm
Entertainment in the Courtyard featuring Throbbing Popstera. Admission: free.

1 pm

Wednesday, October 5, Noon
Department of Geology seminar entitled Uplift of granulite facies terrains in the Arunta Block, Central Australia. Speaker: Dr Bill Collins. Venue: CG04, Geology Building.

Noon

2 pm

Thursday, October 6, Noon
Department of Statistics seminar entitled What they don’t teach you at Uni (yet). Guest speaker: Mr Frank Tuyt, BHP Newcastle. Venue: V107, Mathematics Building.

Noon
Movie: Shame in the Common Room. Donation: 50 cents.

Friday, October 7, 1 pm
Film Buffs’ Club present Opening Night, Double Indemnity (classic Noir thriller, the first to use the narration style of the Hardboiled School of American Writing) in the Common Room. Admission: free.

Monday, October 10, 9 am
Workshops on alcohol-related problems, conducted by Dr Ian Smith (Western Australia Alcohol and Drug Authority). 9am – The Prevention of Alcohol-related Problems and 1.30 pm Assessment, Treatment and Evaluation of Programs for People with Alcohol-related Problems. Venue: K202, Medical Sciences Building. Enquiries: 68 5600 or 68 5522.

11 am

Noon
Department of Geology seminar entitled Stratabound scheelite deposits of Mittersill, Austria. Guest speaker: Dr Oskar Thalhammer, Institute of Mineralogy & Petrology, Leoben, Austria. Venue: CG04, Geology Building.

7.30 to 12.30 pm
Club de Groove presents Vince Jones (for the first time in Newcastle, and winner of the Star music awards) plus The Cool Dudes. Tickets: $8 (members) and $12 (non-members) are available from the Secondhand Bookshop.

Tuesday, October 11, Noon
Lunchtime entertainment in the Courtyard featuring Alex McCombie. Admission: free.

1 pm

1 pm

4 pm

Wednesday, October 12, 1 pm

Thursday, October 13, Noon
German feature film entitled Pfingsttausflug [English sub-titles] + Newreel (Deutschlandspiegel) in Audio-visual room A132, McMullin Building.

Noon
Movie: Steel Dawn in the Common Room. Donation: 50 cents.

7.30 pm
Public lecture on The Beginning: Aboriginal Spirituality held in association with The Maitland Diocese and Chaplains of this University and the HIHE. Guest speakers: Ray Kelly and (who lived for 15 years on East Armidale Aboriginal Reserve, known as ‘Silver City’). He was influenced by his grandfather, one of the few initiated men of the Armidale-Nambucca Heads area and had the opportunity to learn from him.) Paul Gordon (who comes from Brewarrina, and as he grew up had a variety of contacts with bush elders of the Yampa tribe). Venue: K202, Medical Sciences Building.

Friday, October 14, 1 pm
Film Buffs’ Club presents Woof Woof, The Horse’s Mouth (Joyce Cary’s wry novel starring Alec Guinness) in the Common Room. Admission: free.

Sunday, October 16, 2 pm
The Changing Face of Newcastle—a guided walk, leaving from Fort Scratchley. Enquiries: 68 5600 or 68 5522.

Monday, October 17, 11 am

Noon
Department of Geology seminar entitled The exhalites of the Blackwoods Open Cut: a unique opportunity to study such lithologies in proximity to the Broken Hill Iode. Speaker: M Tony Wiggins. Venue: CG04, Geology Building.

Tuesday, October 18, 11.15 am
This year’s Newcastle Lecture in Political Economy will be presented by Professor Geoffrey Blainey (University of Melbourne). His topic will be Australia 1788-1988: Myths and Mirages.

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Au Pair Girl
Ms Susanne Scherer, 19, would like to come to Australia as an ‘au pair’ girl. In other words, she is looking for a position as a household help in return for board, lodging and pocketmoney and an opportunity to attend part-time English classes. Her address is C/- Dr. Wolfgang’s Help (her uncle), Schloßwaldweg 19, 6245 Lindenfels, German Federal Republic. Her telephone number is: (06172) 45101.