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T H E A T R E N E A R S C O M P L E T I O N

The University of Newcastle's Arts/Drama Theatre is expected to be completed by February next year and in full operation as a venue for stage productions soon afterwards.

The Theatre, which will have a seating capacity of 250, will be air-conditioned, cost approximately \$200,000 and be equipped with dressing rooms, projection booth, ticket box, stage manager's booth and basement workshop and excellent stage lighting, sound and communication systems.

It will embody two main sections - the Auditorium (with tiered seating) and Stage/Dressing Rooms. The space underneath the Auditorium section has been developed for use as a workshop (scenery drops and other stage equipment can be stored there); people will be able to smoke on an elevated terrace at the rear of the theatre; a 16 mm projector will be installed; seats will have writing tablets for note-taking when the theatre serves as a lecture hall and these will fold out of the way for stage productions.

The theatre will have a stage 75 feet wide by 25 feet deep, with a proscenium 30 feet wide and a 10-foot removable forestage extending in front of the arch. The unorthodox width of the behind-curtain area allows for the handling of scenery and compensates for lack of a fly. Two dressing rooms will be provided.

A sliding door folding into the wings will close off the stage for lectures and support blackboards and a screen for film shows.

The projection booth at the rear of the seating area will be the main control point for sound and lighting in the theatre. An amplifier, sound mixer, tape deck and record player will be installed in the booth, together with stage and auditorium dimmers. During a dramatic production the stage manager will be able to control lighting and communicate with dressing rooms and projection booth from his office in the wings. While lectures are in progress speakers will be able to operate the lights and the sound system from the lectern at the front of the stage. Inter-house phones will connect the projection booth, the ticket box and both dressing rooms.

The theatre will be used by University departments as a venue for lectures between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After lecturing hours the theatre will primarily be used for the teaching of drama, language and literature in the University. But it is hoped that it will also be possible for other bodies, both in Newcastle and elsewhere, to make use of the theatre from time to time for stage productions, musical recitals, film screenings and other cultural activities.

Applications for booking the theatre should be addressed to the Secretary, University of Newcastle, 2308. Enquiries about the theatre and its facilities should be addressed to Professor A.M. Gibbs, Chairman of the Theatre Committee, care of the University.

G R E A T H A L L D O O R S A P P E A L C L O S E D

In the light of a decision to make a contribution of \$2,000 to the Lord Mayor's Newcastle University Committee, the Standing Committee of Convocation has closed Convocation's appeal for funds for the provision of doors for the Great Hall.

The Standing Committee launched the appeal early this year and a cheque for \$50 sent by Mr. A. Young this week brought the total donations to \$1,873.

On 5th December the Standing Committee listened to the University Planner (Professor E. Parker) talk about the design for the doors and decided to increase Convocation's contribution to \$2,000 by using some of the funds at the bank. Professor Parker said that the balance of funds required for the doors was available from Great Hall allocations.

In his talk, Professor Parker said the doors would be constructed of sections of anodised aluminium and blue glass. As a result they would reflect the university's colours of silver and blue. The entrance would be formed from two sets of double doors and the aluminium sections and glazing would be arranged vertically in a regular pattern. The quote for the supply and installation of the doors was \$3,559, which included the provision of a panic release mechanism and special pull handles.

The Standing Committee is also investigating the staging of a "showing", or inspection, of the Great Hall to be held when work on the building is completed early next year. The function might be conducted in association with the Lord Mayor's Newcastle University Committee.

A C A D E M I C A P P O I N T M E N T

Dr. R.J. Vaughan has joined the staff of the Department of Mathematics as Lecturer.

Dr. Vaughan holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Master of Engineering Science and Master of Engineering in the University of New South Wales and Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Adelaide.

Before beginning duties at the university he was attached to the Research Group in Traffic Studies, University College, London.

A M E D I C A L S C H O O L F O R T H E U N I V E R S I T Y ?

TUNRA has in the press the proceedings of the seminar that considered the politics, problems and prophecies associated with the establishment of a Medical School at the University.

The seminar was held at the university last July and was addressed by Dr. Sidney Sax, Director of Planning and Research, N.S.W. Department of Health, Professor D.L. Wilhelm, Professor of Pathology, University of N.S.W. and Professor F.O. Stephens, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Sydney.

Convocation conducted the seminar and in the Foreword the Warden, Mr. W.G. Derkenne, states: "The seminar attracted wide attention and stimulated very obvious interest, both within and without the University, and the publicity given to it and its public response indicated that there was a need for the otherwise potential transient ideas and concepts put forward to be encapsuled in some durable way".

Copies of the booklet will be available shortly from the Cashier for 60 cents each. Orders can be made by telephoning Ext. 341.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

FOR SALE: IBM electric typewriter, model C, wide carriage, new parts, excellent condition, \$250, with metal table on castors; ring Ext. 404 or call at 6 Ranclaud Street, Merewether.

FOR RENT: Brand new unfurnished 3-bedroom home in Rankin Park; \$30 per week; available immediately; ring 68 1701 after 4 p.m., or write Box 83, P.O., Mayfield, 2304.

FOR SALE: Shortland, approx. 10 years old, tile-roof cottage, 3 bedrooms, large lounge/dining room with divider, central bathroom, h.w.s., garage foundations, includes light fittings, curtains, venetians, floor coverings, very large, level corner block. Apply 2 Chapman Street, Shortland, price \$14,850.

FOR SALE: Three-bedroom cottage with carpets, blinds, curtains, large garage, barbeque, established garden, ring Mrs. McCormack, Staff House, Ext. 430.

FOR RENT: Home unit, near City (Lemnos Parade), compact but very comfortable, fully furnished including a study; suits a single member of staff, or a young couple; available for approximately twelve months from mid-January, 1973; contact Bill Doniela (Philosophy Department, Ext. 326), or 'phone 2 3611.

FOR SALE: Hardly used (U.K.) English Electric cooker, three rings, oven - suit bachelor flat, or newly married couple, ring 43 0404.

P O S I T I O N S A V A I L A B L E

Research Assistant Department of Economics Position No. N79/72

A university graduate in economics is required to assist Dr. Tisdell with his research into economic aspects of Industrial Research and Development in Australia and studies of Australian Industry. It is anticipated that the period of employment will in the first instance be for six months commencing 5th February, 1973 and the position will involve an average of 20 hours of work per week. The hours of work will be by agreement. Further details may be obtained by ringing 68 5411.

Applications with details of qualifications, should be lodged with the Personnel Officer, by 19th January, 1973.

Stenographer Department of Legal Studies Position No. N80/72

A competent and experienced stenographer is required to commence duty in January, 1973. Previous experience in a legal office would be advantageous.

Commencing salary will be within the range \$35.19 to \$68.84 per week, depending upon age, qualifications and experience.

Stenographer Secretary's Division Position No. N81/72

A competent and experienced stenographer is required with typing and shorthand speeds of at least 50 and 100 words per minute respectively. A higher shorthand speed would be an advantage.

Commencing salary will be up to \$64.84 per week. depending upon age, qualifications and experience.

Interested persons should contact the Personnel Department, Ext. 251.

Applications close 18th December, 1972.

Graduate Research Assistant Position No. N84/72

A Graduate is required to assist in research project entitled "The Development of Formal Operational Thought in School Mathematics". The project is financed by Australian Research Grants Committee. Applicants with a degree which

includes some study of Psychology and Mathematics will be preferred. Teaching experience and some knowledge of computer programming will be advantageous. Part-time or full-time employment will be considered and will be limited to 1973. Remuneration in respect of full-time employment will be the weekly equivalent of \$5,151 per annum.

Information regarding the project etc., may be obtained from Assoc. Professor K.F. Collis of the University's Department of Education. Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Department. Applications close 29th December, 1972.

C H R I S T M A S C A R D S O N S A L E

Christmas cards are available for purchase by students and members of staff.

The cards depict trees in the grounds of the University. The sketch was executed by Mr. Ian Henderson, Senior Instructor in Architecture. The cards can be purchased from the Cashier for 10 cents each.

C O M I N G E V E N T S

Summer Schools

The W.E.A. Hunter Valley Region, and the Department of Adult Education, University of Sydney will jointly conduct two residential summer schools in January.

Morpeth Conference Centre will be the venue for a summer school from 2nd-7th January offering courses in Geology, human relations, practical painting and pottery for beginners. Comfortable dormitory style accommodation will be provided and, with tuition and meals, the cost per student is \$47. The closing date for enrolments is 18th December.

The Ecology of the Myall and Smiths Lakes will be studied at a residential summer school from 7th-14th January to be conducted at Smiths Lake Research station. Accommodation will be provided under canvas and the individual student fee is \$37. The closing date for enrolments is 21st December.

Philosophy Club

On the night of the Arts Examiners' Meeting (and unofficial release of Arts results) the Philosophy Club will hold its traditional informal party: 7 to 11 p.m., Wednesday, 13th December, Union Lounge. Some liquid refreshments will be provided free. All club members, Philosophy students, friends and staff are cordially invited to drop in. Admission: members free, 50 cents per others. (An additional invitation to staff, both academic and administrative: the Annual Philosophy Party provides a social meeting ground for people at all levels of this University).

Club's A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Staff House will be held at the Staff House on Wednesday, 13th December, at 1.30 p.m.

Business will be: to receive the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, elect a Committee of Management (President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four members), appoint an Auditor (the retiring Auditors, Messrs. Forsythe & Co., being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment) and transact any other business.

Before the meeting a smorgasbord luncheon (commencing at 12.30 p.m.) will be served. The charge for the smorgasbord is eighty cents payable at the door.

TUNRA

The Annual General Meeting of The University of Newcastle Research Associates

Limited will be held on Friday, 15th December, in the University Council Room at noon.

1 9 7 3 H A N D B O O K S F O R F A C U L T I E S

1973 handbooks for all Faculties of the university are expected to be available at the Cashier's Office before the end of January. The handbooks sell for 50 cents each, plus 25 cents postage.

The Faculty of Architecture and Faculty of Applied Science Handbooks are available now. Those for Science should become available on 8th December, for Arts on 15th December and for Mathematics on 22nd December.

Economics and Commerce and Engineering Faculty handbooks should be supplied by the printer before the end of January.

B O O K L E T O N C O N F E R E N C E R E L E A S E D

The proceedings of the First Australian Conference on Combinatorial Mathematics are available from the Cashier of the University.

Compiled as a 240-page book which sells for \$5, the proceedings consist of papers presented at a conference at the University of Newcastle in June, 1972. Both the conference and the book were sponsored by TUNRA.

" D E G R E E M I L L S " C A U S E C O N C E R N

The following article appeared in a recent issue of the University of New South Wales' *University News*:

"British university authorities are concerned about the number of fake educational degrees and diplomas being granted by self-styled universities and colleges in Britain. There is, as yet, no law to prevent these 'degree mills' from handing out worthless pieces of paper describing the holder as anything from a graduate accountant to a professor emeritus, although it is ten years since the Robbins Committee on Higher Education recommended legislation to restrict the power to grant degrees to only recognised and registered authorities.

"During July, a man obtained a fellowship for his cat in a fake real estate association. The cat, Oliver Greenhalgh, was enrolled as a rodent expert. Oliver's certificate, which cost his owner \$22, stated that he had 'satisfied the council as to the thoroughness of his knowledge of estate agency and valuation subjects'.

"Fortunately, there are no 'degree mills' operating in Australia. However, the attention of Australian university authorities has been drawn to the existence of an organisation in Victoria which calls itself 'The Independent University of Australia'. Information published describes it as a 'quality University'. The guide continues - 'only those considered to have the potential and the character to complete a degree in the minimum time (two years) will be accepted. ... No examinations will be conducted, and there will be no failure of any applicant accepted into the University. Such a system requires very careful selection in the first place.'

"The 'university' offers 'degree courses' in Arts, Science, Commerce and Education, each course comprising three subjects taken for two years. The 'university' considers that Esperanto is so important that it may count as two subjects for the 'Arts degree'. Fees amount to \$200 per annum, payable in advance, the entire course being conducted by correspondence.

"It appears that the new 'university' is somewhat concerned about its status, for its information brochure concludes with the following passage: 'Undoubtedly, some would-be applicants will question whether other universities, and Government departments, will recognise the degrees awarded by this University. We do not

know what the official attitude will be but we suspect that it will be unfavourable, for a year or two. After all, we are in opposition to the traditional universities, and they will be unlikely to encourage our establishment and growth'.

T I E I N P O E T R Y S T A K E S

Fortunately, it was possible to split the Talbot Prize. At the English Society Dinner on 27th November two poems were judged the best, and one author received a bottle of red and the other a bottle of white.

Entries, which had to be read or otherwise performed at the dinner itself, were restricted this year to parodies of lyrics.

Mr. Bill Buckland, a B.H.P. Co. Limited research Chemist, won a prize with this Chaucerian item:

*A CLERK ther was of old Dunelm also
that unto Australia came longe ygo,
As leene was his hors as is a rake,
But he was right fat, I undertake,
And looked rounde, and none to sobrely.
He treated al with parfit curteisie.
Of al the bookes of philosophie
The best to him were those of L. Trotsky.
And after the teaching of swych philosphre
He hadde but litel gold in cofre.
For him alway hadde endelong his beddesheed.
Ful twenty bottles of the Hunter red.
Which bathed every vein in swich licour
His visage was as red as any flour.
Syngynge he was, or recytynge, al the night
He koude songes make and wel endite.
A manly man, and manly in his speech,
And gladly wolde he lerne and gladly teche.*

Mr. R.P. Laidlaw, Lecturer in English, having been tempted by Alfred Person, composed these stanzas:

To Lucy Beetan

*She delved in all the culinary ways
Which cannibals do love,
Blue eyeballs she would often braise,
Roast a hand in a pastry glove.*

*Choosing a bone, she well did know
How juicy was a knee,
An earlobe in the gravy, oh,
What a difference there would be!*

*No human roasting does she now, remorse
Has spoilt her fleshly teas;
She serves a normal dinner course
Of soups and chops and cheese.*

S U B J E C T A D D E D T O A R T S L I S T

The subject Legal Studies I has been added to the list of subjects approved in 1973 for the course leading to the Bachelor of Arts.

It is listed as a Group II subject, that is, those which are offered by Faculties other than that of Arts. Up to three of the subjects in this group may count towards the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

A further restriction placed on Legal Studied I is that any student who takes the combined B.A./LL.B. course will not be allowed to count this subject as one of the seven necessary for admission to the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

NEW STYLE "COMMONWEALTH"

The Royal Commonwealth Society's journal, "Commonwealth", is published six times a year at a cost of £2 including postage. The purpose is to inform and stimulate, not to indoctrinate. It keeps its readers in touch with many aspects of Commonwealth Affairs, including the little-published work, below the political level, of functional co-operation among specialised organisations in a wide range of professional and academic fields.

The Commonwealth Foundation has just approved a three-year grant to help the Society promote the readership and enhance the quality of "Commonwealth". With the aid of this it will be the policy to increase the variety of specially commissioned articles and book reviews, to continue publicising the work of the professional organisations and to promote readership among academic and professional people and other leaders of thought throughout the Commonwealth.

The Royal Commonwealth Society is specially anxious that the journal should develop a readership covering teachers, researchers and students in all academic fields.

The journal can be obtained by writing to the Society at 18 Northumberland Avenue, London. W.C. 2.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR TO JOIN UNIVERSITY

As a result of proposals initiated by the Board of Environmental Studies, a Fulbright scholarship has been awarded to Professor J.L. Knetsch to enable him to spend some months in Newcastle in 1973 working in the environmental field. His exact programme is still to be arranged.

Professor Knetsch is basically an economist who has had experience in environmental and land use planning, notably as head of the School of George Washington University, U.S.A. He has recently spent a year in Malaysia as adviser on environmental planning to a Project team from Harvard University.

STAFF MEMBER'S BOOK

Enthusiastic reviews are ~~are~~ appearing for Dr. Norman Talbot's book of poems, *Son of a Female Universe*.

With a beautiful dustjacket by John Montefiore, the book is a companion volume to the first, *Poems for a Female Universe* (1968). A third book, *A Female Universe Rides Again*, will complete this, the first cycle of his poems.

Son of a Female Universe subdivides into three sections. The first, *I*, deals with self-consciousness, self-contempt, self-mockery, self-knowledge, egoism and the rejection of the ego. The second, *Tristan in the Distance*, takes up the Tristan story. Here the story is seen largely from outside Tristan's personality. Isolde of Ireland, her mother, and Isolde of Brittany are the major characters.

The third section shows the poet closely involved in social and political realities outside himself, though without claiming the empathy that Whitman asserts in the passage that gives this section its title, "*One of my Changes of Garments*".

The publishers are South Head Press and the book sells for \$3.50.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mr. J.D. Todd, Student Administration, has further information about the following scholarships and prizes:

	Closing date
French Government professional and technical scholarships for Australians who wish to work for 3-6 months in France	none
Government of Thailand fellowships worth 20,000 bahts per year (\$A807) and scholarships worth 15,000 bahts (\$A605) for research at Thailand Universities	22nd December
Netherlands Government Scholarships for post-graduate study in the Netherlands in 1973-74	8th December
The Australian Federation of Air Pilots and Department of Civil Aviation "grant in aid" (\$1,500) for research by final year or post-graduate students into any discipline with potential to improve aviation	not stated
William Selkirk Scholarship for graduates with experience in the mining industry wishing to do research at Imperial College, London, for one year	31st March, 1973
Beit Fellowships for scientific research at Imperial College, London	1st January, 1973
National Health and Medical Research Council grants and fellowships in special research areas	15th January, 1973

SPORTING NEWS

Athletics: John Hawkins, of University Athletics Club, returned to top form and brilliantly won the 110 metres hurdles in the record time of 14.8 secs. at the Newcastle and Central Coast Championships.

Cricket: University of N.S.W. defeated Newcastle on the first innings in the Intersarsity Cricket match at University Oval on 3rd, 4th and 5th December. Robert Wilkinson knocked-up 50 runs for Newcastle.

Boat Club: A new racing four (worth \$1,500), named the Lieut. John Shortland, was rowed for the first time at Raymond Terrace on 2nd December. Boat Club members described it as a superb racing craft.

Volleyball: At the inaugural meeting of Newcastle Volleyball Association, Brent Couper, representing University, was elected Publicity Officer. Brent worked very hard to establish Volleyball at the University. A women's team from the University is placed second in the local competitions table at present.

Inter-faculty Cricket: The 1972 final will be played at University on Sunday, 10th December, beginning at 1 p.m. Finalists are the Arts Faculty and Accapad.

Rugby Union: Mr. Brian O'Shea, Lecturer in Commerce, has gained a position on the Selection Committee, as well as the post of Coach for Newcastle Rugby Union. The President of the University Club (Mr. D. Brinkley) was elected President of Newcastle Rugby Union.

Tennis: Messrs. B. Penfold and P. Myers defeated Professor K. Lindgren and Mr. D. Broad in the final of the University's Open Doubles Tennis Championship on 5th December. The scores were 6 - 3 and 6 - 2.