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\$250,000 FOR INTERFERON RESEARCH

A team of researchers under the direction of Dr. Greg Tannock, Senior Lecturer in Pathology (Microbiology) of the Faculty of Medicine, has been awarded \$250,000 by a Swiss pharmaceutical company for a project designed to evaluate the effectiveness of interferon as a drug to fight respiratory viral diseases.

F. Hoffmann/La Roche and Co. Inc. is contributing the grant over a period of one year.

Under the agreement with the company, the research team will carry out an extensive clinical study of interferon's ability to fight respiratory illness.

The team will consist of Dr. Tannock, Assoc. Professor Richard Barry, Assoc. Professor Sandy Reid, Professor Nick Saunders and Dr. Michael Hensley.

An interesting feature of the Faculty of Medicine's study will be that about 400 volunteers will be used in case studies to attempt to establish the advantages of interferon.

Professor Reid will supervise this part of the research project, recruiting the volunteers, with the assistance of general practitioners, in the City of Lake Macquarie area. The participants will administer interferon to themselves by means of mouth sprays.



The interferon research team: (back) Professor Nick Saunders, Ms. Susan Gillett; (front) Ms. Caroline Princehorn, Dr. Greg Tannock, Assoc. Professor Richard Barry and Assoc. Professor "Sandy" Reid. Absent, Dr. Michael Hensley. Photo: Steve McInally.

"We will monitor the population for about four weeks during the mid-winter period when people usually catch respiratory infections", Dr. Tannock told **University NEWS**. "We will use nurses and hope to examine the volunteers in their own homes or in doctors' surgeries".

Dr. Tannock explained that the story of interferon began with the discovery in 1937 that monkeys infected with Rift Valley fever virus were resistant to subsequent challenge with yellow fever virus. In 1957, Dr. Alick Isaacs at the National Institute for Medical

Research, near London, isolated the interfering substance in the cells in the body and named it interferon.

By the early 1960s the promise of interferon as a wonder drug against viral diseases was in many ways analogous to that of Penicillin against bacterial diseases in the 1930s.

However, from the mid-1960s until the past five years interest in the use of interferon for anti-viral prophylaxis gradually declined, because there were problems in producing sufficient even for adequate clinical trials.

INSIDE: SRC to lift its profile

Subsequently, the output of the drug had been increased, Dr. Tannock said, by the application of recombinant DNA technology (genetic engineering). Using these techniques it is now possible to produce large quantities for evaluation in volunteer populations.

Dr. Tannock added that interferon was now recognised as having widespread effects on various parts of the body's immune system. As it is administered directly to the respiratory tract as a nasal spray it has great advantages over other methods of treating common-cold like virus diseases.

REPRESENTATION

The Students' Association, the Staff Association and the Public Service Association have asked for representation on any committee appointed to consider the selection of a successor to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor D.W. George.

Professor George will be retiring from office at the end of 1986 and the Chancellor, Sir Bede Callaghan, has invited interested persons to make submissions on the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor to succeed him.

The President of the SRC, Mr. Matthew Yates, has written to the Chancellor in the following terms:

"In reference to your suggestion for 'opinions and perceptions' from concerned people and groups about the appointment of the next Vice-Chancellor, I would like to express the opinion that if a committee is formed to select the next Vice-Chancellor the student body should be represented on this committee by a student.

"I feel that as the principle aims of any University are centred on students, students should have a say in the selection of the person who implements these aims.

Increased Enrolment

Whilst it is still a little early to speak authoritatively about the 1985 enrolment position, all indicators are that the University will exceed the targets set for this year despite the introduction of quotas for all academic areas.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Don George, says that the best estimate of the position at April 30 is that there will be a total of about 5,150 students enrolled (compared to 4,944 in 1984), corresponding to a student load ("old" WSU) of 4,350 (4,145 in 1984). These estimates were made on March 6 and have been forwarded to the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission in Canberra, as required, he says.

New undergraduate enrolments were strong in all academic disciplines, with acceptance rates during our first year in UCAC proving somewhat higher than anticipated.

The result has been over - rather than under - enrolments in almost all areas leading to few second round offers being made the Vice-Chancellor says.

The very strong demand for places in Engineering and

Commerce continued, but less predictable was the exceeding of the Arts target of 400 by a considerable margin - 348 enrolled in 1984 and 400 seemed optimistic at the time targets (or quotas) were being set. In terms of offers made, the HSC cutoff mark exceeded the 259 mark level (corresponding to the top 52 per cent of the leaving school year) in the disciplines of Architecture (310), Commerce (275), Civil Engineering (272), Computer Engineering (333), Electrical Engineering (310), Surveying (262) and Medicine (423).

Professor George says that whilst the CTEC will be unable to recognise our over-enrolments with additional funds in 1985, it will be interesting to see what impact they make on the University's supplementary submission for the years 1986 and 87 of the Triennium. We had been asked to indicate where expansion would be possible if more funds were made available, in line with the Government's policy of increasing intakes of school leavers. Any decision to reintroduce fees could, of course, completely shatter all these plans and predictions.

"I feel that a student representative could make a valuable contribution to this committee, expressing the specific needs of students and their expectations on this matter. I draw your attention to the presence of the Newcastle College of Advanced Education SRC President on the committee to select the new Principal at the College, and his valuable contribution to this committee," Mr. Yates said.

The Retiring President of the Staff Association, Dr. Don Wright, said the association was seeking representation on any committee appointed by the Council to consider the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor.

The Chairperson of the University Branch of the PSA, Mr. Lionel Farrell, has written to the Chancellor stating that there were, of course, many groups which would seek membership on the committee, but his association had no hesitation in maintaining a claim on behalf of the general staff of the University.

"With a constituency larger than that of the academic staff and with involvement in the affairs of the University covering the whole span of its activities, the general staff of the University has a significant contribution to make to the selection process in which their interests must be adequately represented," he said.

BODY TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING

A new University society is helping students to function happily as members of a large multi-cultural organisation.

The programme of 1985 activities to be run by the Society Uniting Nations (SUN) could bring about a revolution in the promotion of good understanding between the cultures represented on the campus.

In the words of SUN's President, Ms. Anna Bazzi: "We plan to hold festive and cultural activities to coincide with our general aim - awareness and understanding of the cultures present at the University and within Newcastle."

The Society's first function - an Oriental Festival to mark the Chinese New Year - was held in the Union on March 7.

The second will be a Grecian Night on April 1.

Thereafter, the programme will designate several emphases within the overall goal of promoting cultural understanding: an Australasian Night, an Arabian Night, an African Night, an Indian Night and other nights.

A cultural presentation is planned for the Mattara Festival this year and it is also hoped to stage a ball at the University at the end of the 1985 academic year.



Putting up the welcome lamps prior to the Oriental Festival in the Union - from the top: Habik Hayek, Caroline Kim, Tan Hang Huat and Danielle Fraser. Photo: Sun Herald.



Anna Bazzi

According to Ms. Bazzi, the University can be an interesting and rewarding place, or a quite, peaceful place, reminding everybody of a Devonshire tea party. SUN was formed last year by a group of students who were facing their annual exams and who were feeling "cheesed off" with Uni life.

"The Society's main object is to bring overseas and Australian students together through their talents and interests in art, music, dance and food. In particular, we want to encourage first-year students to get involved in University activities.

"Some of the countries represented in the student membership are the Dutch, Canada, Greece, Italy, Germany, Africa, Lebanon, Japan, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, as well as South East Asian countries which are represented by a large number of our students."

"To present the Oriental Festival, we worked closely with other associations on campus, including the Singaporean Students' Association and the Malaysian Students' Association."

Ms. Bazzi thanked the entertainers who had performed - a troupe of Chinese Lion dancers from Sydney, representatives of

the Newcastle Filipino Society, who put on national dances, and a Japanese martial arts team - and the students who had decorated the Union and given a display of firecrackers.

She also congratulated the catering staff of the Union, who had contributed to the success of the evening by cooking the food, based upon menus provided by SUN. The food was exceptional - suzchi, curry, fried rice and other delights from the Orient.

The Society will again supply menus to the staff to help them to prepare the food for the Grecian Night. Musicians and

dancers will provide entertainment from the Greek speaking islands and nations. Tickets cost SUN members \$3 and non-members \$5.

Apart from Ms. Bazzi, the office bearers of the new campus society are:

Vice-President, Mr. Dick Brugman; Treasurer, Mr. David Armstrong; Secretary, Ms. Danielle Fraser; Media Officer, Mr. Ibrahim Molas, and Social Officer, Ms. Carolyn Kim.



UNION OFFERS SPECIAL EVENTS

The Union has planned a series of special events to be held during its 25th Anniversary year.

Those who were on the staff of the Newcastle University College in the "early-Tighes Hill days" say the concept of a social centre for students and staff was formed in 1960.

The early life of the Union is preserved in "the first annual report of the Board of Management of Newcastle University College Union to the Council of the University of New South Wales."

The Board had "the honour to report the First Board took office on April 18, 1961, and consisted of:

Professor J.J. Auchmuty, Dr. T. Hamilton and Mr. D.L. McLarty, Appointed by the Council, Mr. J.F. Foley, Registrar of Newcastle University College; Mr. G.R. Bentley, Elected by Graduates; Mr. C.J.A. Cornelius, and Mr. A.P. Nelmes, Members of the Council of the Newcastle University College Students' Association; Miss F. Rowe appointed by NUCSA Council; Mr. E. Brennan, Appointed by NUCSA; Mr. E.A. Jones; Mr.

J.A. Lambert and Dr. A.M. Ritchie, Elected by full-time academic staff members of the Union; Mr. I.H.S. Irwin, Secretary/Manager of the Union."

Dr. Ritchie (now an Emeritus Professor) was appointed Foundation President. He noted in the annual report the successful initial growth of the Union:

"The success of the initial Union Dinner, which was a Union activity proper, and of the Recovery Ball, which showed that the College and the Union, and to some extent our Newcastle friends, had been welded together, were for me vital proof of the Board's success," Professor Ritchie wrote.

The Union's 25th Anniversary has prompted plans for:

- The production of a souvenir book.
- The holding of a Staff Reunion.
- The staging of a commemorative Union Dinner and the issuing of an invitation to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hawke, to be the guest speaker.

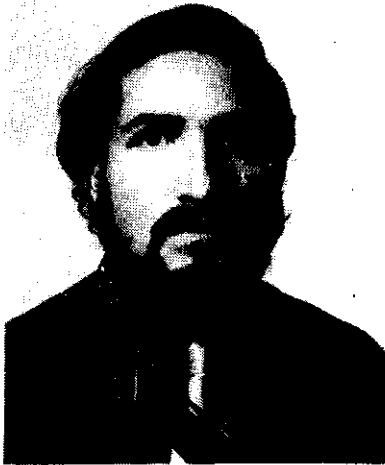
- The production of a special wall plaque for the names of Presidents of the Board, and
- The holding of debates.

The Secretary/Manager, Mr. John Broughton, said that the Union was first developed to meet the social needs of University people in an emerging University.

"From that inception, the Union has continued to grow with the University, providing services and facilities for the enjoyment of its members on two campuses, initially as a College Union at Tighes Hill and, later, at the current site at Shortland. During these years, there have been some memorable events and, more importantly, some unforgettable people who have shaped the Union into what we have today."

Mr. Broughton said the Board had named the room formerly occupied by the Health Service's Receptionist the Ritchie Room in recognition of Professor Ritchie's contribution to the establishment of the Union. The room offered students reading material and a television set.

Professor to Leave Uni.



Professor Bushen Karihaloo, the University's Professor of Civil Engineering, has resigned. He plans to take up his new appointment - a Chair in the School of Civil and Mining Engineering at the University of Sydney - in mid-August.

The School is within Sydney University's Faculty of Engineering, which is the oldest Faculty of Engineering in Australia. The School is composed of 24 academics and includes a well-established postgraduate section, with more than 100 students.

Professor Karihaloo, aged 41, took up the Chair of Civil Engineering in 1983. He goes to the University of Sydney from a Department which had its origins in the days of Newcastle University College and

whose academic leadership has been provided by only three professors. Professor Rupert Vallentine and Emeritus Professor Frank Henderson were his predecessors.

He took up a Lectureship at this University in 1976 when student numbers were considerably less than they are at present. He says that as well as increasing in size, the Department has transformed itself into a more academic department in which research has assumed much greater significance.

Professor Karihaloo says maintenance of firm links with the local civil engineering profession has been a special feature of the activities of his Department.

"Student numbers for the Department are continuing to increase and, provided it receives sufficient resources, the Department will continue to prosper," he says.

"The high respect in which the Faculty of Engineering at Newcastle University is held is the outcome of our high standards of teaching and research. I am proud to have been part of the Faculty.

"I say that our Engineering graduates are unquestionably on a par with those from any other university in Australia. What

I would hate to see is the Faculty of Engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying coming under pressure to increase the pass rate because of the high percentage of students who have failed in first year. I believe the quality of the student intake dictates how students perform, especially in first year."

Professor Karihaloo added that although he will live in Sydney he will maintain close links with his academic colleagues at this University. He says he has had "a good innings" here and will be sorry to leave in a period in which "things are happening" and the future of the University looks very bright.

Professor Karihaloo obtained his first degree (B.Sc. Eng.) from Ranchi University in 1963, where he received the University Gold Medal for the best Engineering graduate in all branches of Engineering. He obtained his Master of Technology degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, in 1966 and his Ph.D. from the Moscow Civil Engineering Institute in 1969. He came to this University after six years at the Technical University of Denmark. He is an international expert in the fields of structures and fracture mechanics.

RADIOISOTOPE COURSE No. 31



The Australian School of Nuclear Technology at Lucas Heights will conduct Radioisotope Course for Graduates No.31 from July 22 to August 16.

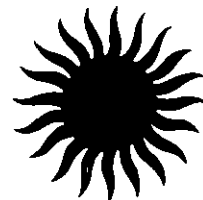
The objective of the course is to assist scientific, engineering and technical personnel of graduate level to obtain, within a short time, sufficient proficiency in radioisotope techniques to use them safely

and efficiently and efficiently within their individual fields.

The fee for the course, exclusive of accommodation, subsistence and fares, is \$800.

The closing date for receipt of applications is June 24, 1985.

For further information please contact Mrs. G. Durham at Extension 240.



NEW LEADER



Dr. Keith Lyne-Smith

Dr. Keith Lyne-Smith, Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering, has succeeded Dr. Don Wright as President of the University of Newcastle Staff Association.

At the Association's annual general meeting on March 12 the following Staff Association members were elected as the new Executive:

President, Dr. Lyne-Smith; Vice-President, Margaret Henry, Lecturer in History; Secretary, Mr. Pran Chopra, Senior Lecturer in Education; Assistant Secretary, Dr. Molly Cotton, Lecturer in Psychology; Treasurer, Dr. Bill Lau, Senior

Lecturer in Mathematics; Executive, Dr. David Dockrill, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy; Professor Ross Deamer, Assoc. Professor in Architecture; Mr. Bob Berghout, Lecturer in Mathematics; Mr. Duncan MacDonald, Lecturer in Economics; Mary Hall, Senior Lecturer in Geography. Auditors, Mr. W. Warren, Senior Lecturer in Education and Mr. Brian O'Shea, Lecturer in Commerce.

The following motions were carried:

● That this AGM of UNSA approves the proposed increase of FAUSA Capitation fee from 0.25 per cent to 0.35 per cent the mid-point of each salary scale. (The meeting was told that the capitation fee increase would mean the following subscription increases: Tutors, from \$73.05 to \$99.96 a year; Lecturers, from \$87.29 to \$119.44 a year; Senior Lecturers, from \$137.14 to \$187.66 a year; Assoc. Professors, from \$166.93 to \$228.43 a year and Professors, from \$197.70 to \$270.54 a year).

● This Staff Association requests the Council of the University of Newcastle to seek to amend the By-laws and/or Regulations of the University in accordance with the following principle:

"For all appointments to the academic staff of a Department the Selection Committee shall include as voting members a significant representation

from the tenured academic staff of that Department elected by the academic staff of the Department."

● The University of Newcastle Staff Association requests Council to seek the repeal of sections 10(5) (a) and (b) of the University of Newcastle Act which reads:

Two members, being professors, shall be appointed or elected in the manner prescribed by the By-laws, by such members of the academic staff of the University, as may be so prescribed.

Two members, being members other than professors of the academic staff of the University, shall be appointed or elected in the manner prescribed by the By-laws, by such members of the academic staff of the University as may be so prescribed.

and replace them with a single sub-section reading:

Four members of the academic staff shall be appointed or elected in the manner prescribed by the By-laws by the full-time members of the academic staff.

It was agreed that the minutes should express the very considerable gratitude owed to Dr. Wright, who had served the Association splendidly during difficult times.

Similarly, Mr. Ron Gibbins, Senior Lecturer in Commerce, who plans to retire this year, will be thanked for his outstanding service to the Association as a past Treasurer.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on March 20 to fill the position of Secretary and other casual vacancies on the Management Committee of the PSA.

Other matters on the agenda for the meeting include leave without pay for PSA members and a report from the Union's Regional Organiser, Mr. L. West.

The PSA must find a new Secretary because the previous holder

of the position, Ms. Kay Jackson, resigned from the University to take up an appointment as Conciliation Officer with the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board.

The meeting will be held in B01 at 12.30 pm.



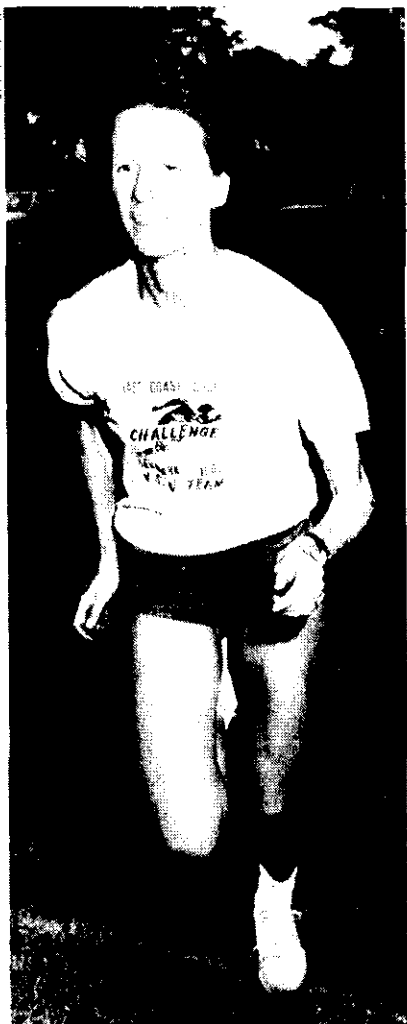
The Constitution of the Board of Trustees of the Community Child Care Centre provides that one Trustee shall be a member

of the staff of the University appointed by the Council on the nomination of such staff.

A meeting will be held in Room ALG29 (McMullin Building, lower ground floor) on Wednesday, March 20, at 1 pm for the purpose of nominating a member of staff of appointment for the current term. The previous appointee's term expired on February 28, 1985.

Nominations will be taken and, if necessary, a secret ballot conducted at the meeting.

Kim leaves them floundering...



Kim Jenkins

It was billed as the feature event of the year for track and field, a challenge over 400 metres between the University's Mrs. Kim Jenkins, who is enjoying a season of undreamed of success with five gold medals at the New South Wales Country Championships, and the three best distance runners on the campus, Mr. Terry Farrell (Newcastle 5,000m title holder), Mr. Arthur Kingsland (Newcastle 3,000m steeplechase title holder) and Mr. Albert Nymeyer (Newcastle 10,000m title holder).

Held at Newcastle Athletics Field on February 27, the University Challenge, as the event was called, turned out to be a tense, exciting affair, with all runners nervous.

Kim, in usual fashion, started strongly. She proceeded to run strongly, and finish even more strongly, leaving the distance runners floundering in her wake.

Her time of 55.97 seconds was excellent given the deteriorated state of the bitumen track.

The best of the vanquished men, Terry, recorded 57.14 seconds, followed by Albert, 57.28 seconds, and lastly, Arthur. There has been a suggestion of a return challenge over "a more sensible distance" of a marathon (42 kilometres).

Kim, a 24-year-old computer operator in the Computing Centre, has certainly had success recently as a sprinter. She won the gold medals for wins in the Country 100, 200 and 400m sprints and as a member of the winning teams in the 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relays.

Her subsequent performances in the State Championships - third place in the 400m final and 55.5 secs. in the heat - earned her selection in the New South Wales team to compete in the Australian Championships at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra at the end of March.

According to her coach, Trevor Height, Kim, who is a member of the Myers Park Novos Athletics Club, has a lot of potential and should improve her times for the 400m and the two relays.

Her interest in athletics began as a walker and high jumper when she was about 10-years-old. She "gave it all away" when she was 16.

Two years were to pass before her interest in running was re-awakened.

Her husband, Philip, is a middle distance runner who

provided the motivation for her comeback.

"I figured that if I had to sit and watch him training and competing I might as well join him", she says.

Kim trains mainly at University No.2 Oval after she has finished work. She also trains at Newcastle Athletics Field and likes to workout for two hours five days a week.

Asked why her performances have improved appreciably this season, Kim replied that Trevor Height was a marvellous coach who had improved her style and given her so much physical and mental support.

Kim's ambition is to match the qualifying times for those who run in National 400m events, namely 54.8 secs. After the trip to Canberra she will have only a short rest and then resume training in anticipation of a hard 1985-86 athletics season.

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CRICKET CLUB DINNER

Debbie Spillane, sports commentator for the ABC, will be guest speaker at University Cricket Club's annual dinner in the Southern Cross Lounge on April 12 at 6.30 pm.

Tickets for the dinner, which cost \$20 each, can be obtained from either Wilfred Schultz (telephone, 33 6000 or 87 3594) or Jim Psaros (68 5672 or 52 8806).

The Club hopes to celebrate successes in the Newcastle first and second grade competitions. When the NEWS went to press, the University's teams in these grades, led by Bill Wileman and Michael Tyler respectively, were playing in the last round of the 1984-85 season and were highly placed.

"STUDENTS WORKING FOR STUDENTS"

The Students' Representative Council is making an effort to raise its profile so that students can learn about the extensive services it provides.

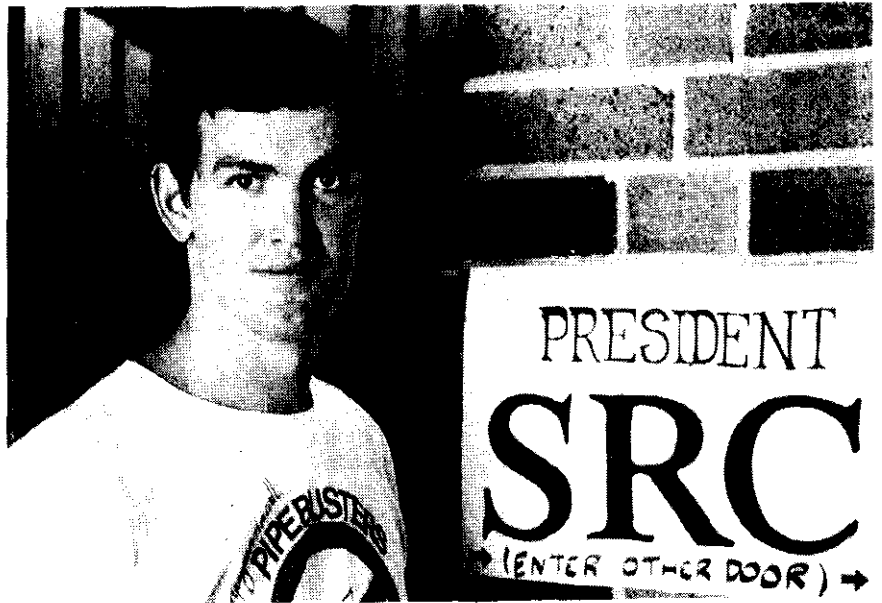
Mr. Matthew Yates, President of the 33rd SRC, says that the Council is "students working for students." Students who form the SRC are elected by the student population. Every student is entitled to nominate for the 30 positions on the Council.

Mr. Yates says that the SRC, through its office in the Union, offers students a number of services, including the following:

- Opus, the students' magazine.
- an extensive printing service which charges very cheap rates.
- secretarial and photocopying services.
- free legal advice and representation.
- help to administer clubs and societies.
- loans of up to \$100.
- advice about employment, accommodation and surviving at University.
- bail.

The SRC works with student representatives on Departmental and Faculty Boards, Senate, Council, the Sports Union and the Union Board, to promote the interests of students Mr. Yates says. Further, if requested, representations are made to Government departments and Members of Parliament.

"At some stage in their stay at University students will probably find the need to be represented at one of these levels," he says. "The SRC will hopefully have the answers, the



Matthew Yates

experience and the support to help them put their case."

The SRC plans to conduct a number of social functions, in particular in the week preceding Autonomy Day, July 19.

He is concerned at the critical student housing situation at this University and hopes to conduct an "ideas competition" to find new ways of providing students with accommodation.

"My Executive thinks it is ludicrous to spend in the order of \$1,000,000 to provide only 50 students with accommodation on the campus.

"They will live in new units near Edwards Hall similar to TUNRA House and, under the present policy, will not be accepted unless they have been residents of Edwards Hall - and well-behaved residents at that.

"The main question that ought to be discussed," he says, "is how students want to live at University? Various forms of accommodation, in particular those available for the cheapest rates, and modern students' lifestyles, should be considered before plans for the new units are implemented."

As an example of the SRC promoting students' interests, he referred to representations that have been made to the Urban Transit Authority asking for improvements to be made in public bus services to and from the University.

"We are hoping to hear that our suggestion for a regular direct bus to run between Belmont and the University has been approved, while we are also thinking about a 'hitch-hikers' guide' to help students to get lifts home."

After the annual general meeting of the Students' Association on March 13, the 33rd SRC will assume office. The new Executive is:

President, Mr. Yates; Honorary Secretary, Bonnie Rae and Inter-Campus Liaison Officer, Mr. Ian Kirkwood.

The names of the other SRC office-bearers will be announced following the elections which were taking place when the University NEWS went to press.

Mr. Yates says he wishes to congratulate the President of the 32nd SRC, Mr. Daniel Lucas, on a job well done.



Daniel Lucas

Mr. Lucas told the **NEMS** that he had been nominated for election as Director of Student Publications. If he is successful, he says, he will continue to work actively for the students. He still feels very committed to student affairs and has many things to do that he could not do as President.

LUNCH WITH A WRITER

The next **Lunch With A Writer**, organised by The Friends of The University of Newcastle, will be held at 12.15 pm on March 20, at Piccardi's Restaurant in King Street, Newcastle.

The speaker is Carol Odell, writer of children's books and cooking books. Mrs. Odell has also written scripts for television, including the well-known **Play School**.

Mrs. Odell will speak about research involved for her writings. Her latest book, **Ice-Creams, Sorbets and Frozen Delights**, gives a well-researched history of ice-cream, with recipes ancient and modern.

Cost of the luncheon is \$13. Tickets are obtainable from Mrs. M. Tietze (63 2774), or Arthur Warner's Book Shop.

It is hoped that Piccardi's will make one of the recipes as the sweet for the luncheon.

Student Discounts

The SRC is also a distributor of the directory of the National Student Discount Scheme, which includes forms which can be completed by students who want to make use of a wide-range of discounts.

An International Student Identity Card is available to full-time students and, as well as giving access to discounts available within Australia, it can be used overseas.

An Australian Student Identity Card is available to all students, full-time and part-time.

The directory of the National Student Discount Scheme lists the shops, theatres and other commercial establishments in Australia willing to give concessions to students.

The section covering the local firms which make discounts available runs for about three pages.

The categories include cinemas, bicycles, books, clothing, shoes, food, jewellery, hair-dressing, car parts, records and cassettes and sporting equipment.

Calligraphy

Calligraphy classes will be conducted in the Japanese Section of the Department of Modern Languages commencing on April 4.

The instructor is Masa Kisada. The classes will be given on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm for 15 weeks ending on September 12.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Pat Cowan, Secretary of the Japanese Section (Extension 414).

ELECTIONS

The annual elections for the student membership of various University bodies are about to get under way with the issue of notices calling for nominations. The bodies are:

- Senate
- All Faculty Boards
- Board of Environmental Studies
- Board of Studies in Medical Statistics, in Computer Science and in Business Administration
- Standing Committee on Asian Studies
- Library Committee

Full details of the elections, including the number of vacancies and eligibility, are contained in the notices which are being distributed to all faculties and departments throughout the University.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations will be Tuesday, April 2.

All students, except the very newest, will know that the bodies mentioned make decisions or recommendations on academic matters which are of direct concern to students. As these elections are the only chance students will have to secure representation on those bodies during the current academic year, the opportunity is not one to be missed.

Bible Study

The lunchtime Staff Bible Study group has recommenced and meets in Room S113 each Wednesday at 1 pm. The book of Hebrews is the current topic for discussion. Any member of staff, with or without any particular religious background, would be welcome to attend. Enquiries could be directed to Ron Gibbins at Extension 693.

Yookoso! (Welcome!)



A new arrival at the University is Ms. Juliet Tan, Tutor in Japanese.

Juliet wants to place a strong emphasis on good spoken Japanese.

She is responsible for students of Japanese being invited to mix with students from Kumamoto



University, Japan, both at social functions outside the University and at lunchtime on the campus.

"We hope that by getting some outside activities going, say on a monthly basis, we will encourage the students to practise their Japanese. At the same time, they will be



benefiting from the fraternisation."

Juliet Tan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, with Honours, and a Master of Literary Studies degree from the University of Queensland. She is of Chinese descent and migrated to Australia from Singapore 13 years ago.

Need to Re-argue

The incoming Executive of the University of Newcastle Staff Association should enlarge, and reargue, the Association's case for the democratization of some aspects of the government of the University and look for a new and better forum in which to present it.

According to the Past President of the Staff Association, Dr. Don Wright those who opposed the opening up of the Headship of Departments, or the Deanship of Faculties, and who rejected appropriate appeals mechanisms, or a Staff Association observer on Promotions Committee or the Outside Studies Programme Committee, must realise that they did so at the cost of both staff morale and the efficiency of the University.

"Morale, now disastrously low", Dr. Wright said in his President's report for 1984-85, "can best, and most rapidly, be improved by encouraging greater staff involvement and by ensuring that academic administrative positions are filled by the people best able to do the tasks involved.

"The concept of the 'community of scholars' is a good one. But, unfortunately, no attempt has ever been made to implement it in Australian universities.

"It can only be achieved if there is a general acceptance of the fact that involvement in the total life of the University, both academic and administrative, is both the right and the duty of all members of the academic community.

"The Administration and the Professors on the one hand,

must show themselves willing to open up all aspects of university government to their colleagues," Dr. Wright said.

"The 'other ranks' must equally, show willing to share in that work. In the long term, this might involve a reduction of the basic pay differentials between at least the senior ranks of academics and the granting of reasonable allowances for extra duties (headship, deanship, committee work, etc.)."

The Past President said the Staff Association's attempt to democratise some aspects of the government of the University failed in mid-1984, despite the Association's best efforts. When the question was raised in Senate, that body made little attempt to answer the Association's contentions, but was content to yawn and vote them down.

Anniversary Debates

The Chairman of Debates, Professor Godfrey Tanner, has arranged two debates to mark the Union's Silver Jubilee and sent invitations to several graduates who participated in debates on the old Tighe's Hill campus or the Shortland campus.

Professor Tanner recalled the commencement of University debating in March, 1960, when Paul Walmsley and David Karpin debated against two young doctors from a RNH Staff Debating Club.

"The function was held under my Chairmanship," Professor Tanner said, "in the old, upstairs Arts Common Room at Tighe's Hill, which was abolished that November after the opening of the Union. Though liberally lubricated with large draughts of Jimmy Dodd's Bulk Sherry, the function was felt to have been a great success, despite some doubts about the actual result.

"From this meeting followed the immediate establishment of the Debating Society, which proved a strong attraction to night life in the new Union, although under the vigilant eye of Chief Steward, Ken Maddox.

"With the promise of autonomy in 1962, came formal Parliamentary Debates (using the Standing Orders of the Commonwealth Parliament), where the late James King distinguished himself as Secretary for Debates and the floor of the House was adorned by personalities such as Virginia Chadwick, Tom Allen, Colin Burns, Terry Coulthard, Terry Ryan and Robin Connaughton."

Professor Tanner said that, in 1968, the whole control of debating came under the Union Board, through its Debates Committee. "This was the era of Pavlevic and Galbraith, and later Johnson, De Lyall and Alexander.

"Union liquor licences, popular bands and Whitlam euphoria damaged debating, despite attempts to exploit the Bar for facetious parliamentary evenings, where new speakers, like Mitchell Rolls and the late Peter Dawson, proved extremely good at taming drunken and bawdy audiences.

"The high point of history was 1976, when we played host to the national Intervarsity in our own Union."

There will be lunch-time and evening debates in the Union on Friday, March 22.

At 1 pm, in the Southern Cross Lounge, the motion will be "That this House believes this University is essential to the future of Newcastle."

In the evening, in the Bar at 6.30 pm, the topic is "That this House considers alcohol a good servant but a bad master."

FROM BANGLADESH

Bangladeshi Mohammed Alauddin is enrolled as a Ph.D. student with the Department of Economics. Following a six-month stay as a member of the University, he will shortly be joined by his wife, Kawser, and two young daughters.

Mohammed is working on research into technological change in Bangladesh agriculture, with help being given by Professor Clem Tisdell.

He comes from Rajshahi, near the Ganges, where he is a member of the staff of Rajshahi University. His first and second degrees, a BA and a MA,

come from that University, while his M.Ec. degree is from the University of Adelaide. Presently, he has leave of absence from Rajshahi University.

Mohammed came to the University last August when he took up a position as Visiting Fellow and Tutor in the Department of Economics.

He will give a seminar in Room 101 in the Department of Economics on March 29 at 11 am. The topic will be **Output, Employment and the Income Distributional Consequences of Technological Change in Bangladesh Agriculture.**



Mohammed Alauddin

The Smile on the Face of the Hunter

by: T.H. Naisby

Nimrod Publications

REVIEW by DON MATTHEWS

Somewhere or other I have stored away - for safe keeping - my original Nimrod magazines. If my memory is in order, I believe that they are circa 1964. The little company of poets and friends still thrives.

Norman Talbot has produced 15 volumes of Nimrods to date, and has big plans for 1985, intending to publish a book of haiku translations, a collection of Botany Bay Songs introduced by Cliff Hanna, and another anthology of young writers, this one entirely collected from the Hunter. Subscriptions are always welcome and the rate is \$30, entitling you to all 1985 publications plus (free) copies of several earlier volumes.

So, after the commercial, what of the product? Well, it's as good as anything in the "Quarry" series, which is saying a lot. This volume is full of fun: it goes a long way towards justifying the editor's long-time argument that Poetry is for everyone. After an expansive effort by Ross Bennett, who is surely one of the most gifted humorists Newcastle has produced, we are treated to a feast of witty, intellectual games, all phrased to best advantage, each capable of producing a wry smile when remembered a week or so later.

I particularly enjoyed Maureen Bonomini's obsession with racehorses:

In the one-horse town
the jockey is king

and speaking of Kings, Denis King's "poor sad billys fat", written with as much disrespect for punctuation as would make e e cummings proud, is a very fine poem indeed.

You'll find the reason for the ambiguous title of the book, and the explanation of the smile, in Donald Moore's naughty limerick. Some of the poetry is quite naughty; naughty enough to have you-know-who writing to the *Herald* again if he gets wind of it. Take, for example, Bob Jones' "Ladies and Gentlemen":

I wish to protest against
this over-
hasty
insertion
of sex-
education (that obscene
tool of the liberal-minded)
into our
very
own
curriculum.

They're not all naughty, but they're all written for fun, and would go well on the bedside table. More than anything Nimrod has ever done, this book reaches out to the general public.

Staff Moves

Appointments

Mr. Bryan Beresford-Smith, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science.

Mr. Terence W. Burns, Technical Officer, Department of Physics.

Mrs. Jeanie L. Curran, Tutor, Department of Classics.

Miss Alison L. Gentle, Junior Clerk, Bursar's Division.

Mrs. Elsie C. Kealy, Stenographer, Department of Drama.

Mr. Arthur J. Penn, Messenger-Driver, Bursar's Division.

Miss Vicki G. Probert, Junior Laboratory Assistant, Department of Biological Sciences.

Mrs. Leigh Ryan, Technical Officer, Department of Physics.

Resignations

Miss Deborah A. Archer, Machine Operator, Auchmuty Library.

Mr. Glen M. DeLore, Small Offset Printer, Secretary's Division.

Dr. Roger H.L. Down, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. David C. Kirkland, Storeman/Driver, Faculty of Medicine.

Ms. A. Chew Ng, Lecturer, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Trevor S. Phelps, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Biological Sciences.

Miss Julie A. Livingstone, Library Assistant, Auchmuty Library.

EEO Document available



Mr. John Girdwood from the EEO Unit distributing copies of the Strategies Report to Ms. Katrina Nilson, Liaison Officer for the Property Division. Mr. Jeff Morgan takes a quick browse.

order that the objective might be achieved, the position or body in the University responsible for implementing the specific action and how the impact of the strategy is to be evaluated.

In addition to feedback from individual staff members generally, comments have been invited from the Staff Associations and unions represented on campus, the Association of Women Employees (AWEUN), the Association of Postgraduate Students (APSUN), the University Council, the EEO Advisory Committee, the Office of the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment and other relevant persons and organisations.

The EEO Unit says it is important that the views of the University community be known and fully understood before the final draft of the EEO Management Plan is submitted to the University Council and the New South Wales Government for approval. **Comments and suggestions must be received by the Unit before April 2, 1985,** in order that the final draft can be prepared by mid-year. The comments and suggestions need not be limited to the strategies provided. If people feel that there have been any omissions, they should certainly suggest additional strategies.

People who are interested in reading the draft strategies booklet and have been unable to obtain a copy, should contact the EEO Unit at Extension 317 (687 380 CAE Office), or visit the Unit (G46/48, McMullin Building).

The first draft of the Strategies section of the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan is now being widely circulated to University Departments. Staff consultation is an important part of the development of the Plan. Heads of Departments and EEO Liaison Officers have been provided with copies so that staff can examine them and provide constructive comments and suggestions.

The EEO Unit reports that approximately 76 per cent of University staff responded to the EEO questionnaire. The Unit is hoping that the enthusiasm will continue throughout the staff consultation period in order to ensure that the EEO Management Plan will take account of the concerns of staff.

The issues addressed by the draft strategies include Recruitment; Selection, Appointment and Induction; Information and Communication; Staff Training and Personal Develop-

ment; Conditions of Service; and University Government and Decision-Making.

Many of the objectives and specific actions contained in the draft strategies are based on:

Comments and suggestions staff included in their EEO questionnaires.

The draft strategies drawn up by the staff who attended the EEO two-day Workshops last December.

The statistical information provided by the EEO questionnaire, and

Other EEO Management Plans produced by New South Wales Government departments and statutory authorities.

Each strategy contains an objective to be achieved, the group of people to whom the objective is specifically targeted, the specific actions which need to be carried out in



Presentation Dinner

Archdeacon Robert Beal has been chosen as winner of the 1984 Newton-John Award. Archdeacon Beal was Dean of Newcastle between 1972 and 1983. The Award was given for the leading role he played in the completion of work on Christ Church Cathedral.

The official presentation of the Newton-John Award will be made at a dinner in the Southern Cross Lounge in the Union at the University on Friday, March 29 at 7.30 pm.

For tickets to the dinner please write to the Secretary of Convocation, or telephone 685 328. The cost is \$18.50 per person.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S FIRST TERM MEETING WITH STAFF

Will be held in the

Drama Theatre

on Tuesday, March 19, at 1.05pm

From... The Smile on the Face of the Hunter

Ninrod Publications

BIG BREASTS, BEAUTIFUL BODY, NO BRAINS

i remember last december
i met a girl working in
a second hand bookstore
i looked at her from every angle
i confronted her
and i asked her
"how about you and me
goin out together?"
she looked at me
pessimistically
and said
"what kind of car you got?"
"i got mark II roller skates, but ..."
"what kind of clothes you wear?"
"i'm a nudist, but ..."
"how much money you got?"

"i've got ten bob, but ..."
"what kind of places
would you take me?"
"i'd take you tenpin bowlin, but ..."
"do you drink?"
"i like orange juice, but ..."
"do you smoke?"
"cigars, but ..."
"look, forget it, huh?"
"but i'll make it up to you --
i'll give you a good time and maybe .."
"i said forget it"
"but i love you"
"drop dead!"
"o.k."
so i went outside and climbed
into my red sports car -- varoom.

Philip Butkus

THE EUMENIDES

For its first production in 1985 the Department of Drama will present **The Eumenides**, the final play of Aeschylus' great trilogy **The Oresteia**, first performed at Athens in 458 BC. The play will be performed in modern dress, of the Victorian age.

For the production the Drama Studio has been adapted to resemble a smaller-scale version of the theatre used by Aeschylus - permitting the Department of Drama to create groupings and movements which respond to the theatre shape for which the play was originally conceived. To bring out for a modern audience the class and status differences between the characters, the play has been set in Britain, early in Victoria's reign.

Assoc. Professor Michael Ewans, who directed the Department's

1983 production of the second play in the trilogy, **The Libation Bearers**, directs the sequel - once again, in his own new translation. The vocal music is by Dr. Jennifer Ewans, and new instrumental music has been composed by young Newcastle composer, Michael Lonsdale.

The choreography is by Ellen Caryanides, the costume designer is Fran Oakes, and the lighting designer is Glen Stuart Beatty.

The cast includes Barry O'Connor, as Apollo, Kate Westbury, doubling the parts of the dream-image of Kiytaimestra and the goddess Athena, and Paul Makeham as Orestes. The central role of the Furies is played by seven students drawn from all three years of drama; Ellen Caryanides, Liane Chalmers, Liz Farmer, Sarah John-

stone, Tracey Pettiford, Jacki Stuart and Liz Vittali.

The Eumenides will be performed on the following dates: March 20, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at 8.15 pm and March 24 at 5 pm.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Please telephone the Drama Department at Extension 705 to make reservations.



Apollo (Barry O'Connor, Lecturer in Drama).

SPORT

University will enter local winter sporting competitions with all clubs intact.

The Rugby Club, which has been part of Newcastle Rugby Union's activities for years, will again be represented in all grades. The First XV will be defending its 1984 premiers title.

The Rugby League Club will continue to play a team in the University Cup competition, which comprises New South Wales universities and colleges.

The Soccer Club will have a unit in the local third division competition.

The University will enter two Tennis teams in local games.

The Baseball Club has attracted an increased number of members and hopes to fill five teams, as against three in last season's competition.

By contrast, the Squash Club has had to prune its representation in the local competition down from about 30 teams to 19.

University Colours will also be worn in the Basketball, Netball, Men's and Women's Hockey, and Volleyball competitions.

The Surfriders, numerically the strongest campus sporting body with about 150 members, will continue their club outings (protected from the cold by wetsuits).

The Weightlifters have managed to get a local Powerlifting competition going using the excellent facilities in the Auchmuty Sports Centre.

Members of the University who participate in Athletics will be able to compete in winter cross country running events.

The regular golf match between staff and students of the University will take place on Friday, March 29, at Steelworks Golf Club.

To accommodate staff and students who have afternoon classes, two starting times will be available - 8.30 am to 9 am, and 12.15 pm to 1 pm. All players are welcome and are requested to report to the starter on arrival.

The eight best Stableford scores are counted for each side to determine the holder of the trophy.

The staff will be out to win back the trophy, while the students will be trying hard to show that last year's result was not just a flash in the pan.

Graduation Dance



Convocation will hold a Dinner Dance again to mark graduation ceremonies this year.

Standing Committee of Convocation has authorised Mr. W. Schultz, Ms. D. Oughton, Mr. V. Levi and Mr. J. Broughton to act as organisers of the special event.

The Dance will be held in the Union on the night of the second day of this year's Graduation Ceremonies, namely Saturday, May 4.

Convocation will make subsidies again to Faculties for morning teas and other special gatherings organised for the enjoyment of the new graduates. The amount offered is \$1 per graduate.

Standing Committee believes that the functions on Graduation Day, together with performances by a brass band, which are also planned, and the

Dinner Dance, make the occasion more meaningful for the new graduates.

Academic dress meeting the regulations of the University of Newcastle is now available in the Union for hire.

The Union will reserve items of academic dress upon payment of a deposit. The required deposits are: Bachelor's and Master's gown, hood and cap \$25; Doctor of Philosophy \$40. On the return of the items, Bachelors and Masters will receive refunds of \$10 and Doctors of Philosophy \$20.

The Union also will be arranging for graduates to be able to have their testamurs framed immediately following the ceremonies and a photographer will be available.

Students interested in joining the Athletics Club should contact Albert Nymeyer at the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (or telephone 685 596). The cross country calendar is now out, and a full year of competition is planned. Intervarsity this year is to be held at Armidale for Cross Country. Newcastle University, with its present crop of runners, look to be favourites to win the event.

Weight training facilities at the University Sports Centre will be used for two major championships this year.-

The National Country Weightlifting Championships will be held in the Centre on April 20.

From September 2 to 6, the Intervarsity Powerlifting Contest will be conducted in the Centre.

MISSING

The following equipment has been removed from University lecture rooms:

- 1 Rollei P11 slide projector, Plant No. 1862/000.
- 1 3M 213 overhead projector, Plant No. 7574/000.
- 1 3M 213 delux overhead projector, Plant No. 8436/000.

Departmental staff responsible for equipment are asked to check their holdings in case the projectors have found their way into departmental use. The CRRC has no desire to claim the equipment back, but would like to transfer it to the stock list of any department claiming possession. Please telephone the CRRC at Extension 457.

Seminar

The Department of Chemistry will be holding a seminar entitled **The Pharmacology of Opiate Withdrawal** on March 22 at Noon. The guest speaker is Dr. Loris Chahl of the Faculty of Medicine.

Convocation House Fund

Readers of **University NEMS** will be aware of the increasing difficulty of finding suitable accommodation for students from outside the Newcastle area.

The Convocation Foundation recently appealed to all members of Convocation, the University's graduate body, for donations towards the building of a Convocation House to stand alongside TUNRA House.

To date over \$16,000 has been received, with many donors promising further gifts in later years. Some members of the University staff are making regular donations by deductions from salaries; other people have signed Bankcard or Mastercard authorities.

There is still a long way to go. Members of Convocation who have not yet responded to the appeal are reminded that donations are tax-deductible and may be sent to the Secretary, Convocation Foundation, University of Newcastle.

Advertisement

Accommodation Available

Self-contained flat in Waratah. This flat would suit a single person. All interested persons are requested to telephone Mrs. Philp at 68 1432.

Goods Wanted

We need to furnish our shared house cheaply: lounge suite, chairs, small wardrobe, frypan, plates, etc. Any offers? If you are able to assist please telephone Extension 315 or 358.

For Sale

Three bedroom, weatherboard and tile home, good exterior condition, fully renovated interior with good quality inclusions, ceiling fans in four rooms, oil heating. Brick garage with carport attached. This home is situated on small level block in quiet location adjacent to parks, high school and University bus route. The block is fully fenced, including brush fencing at the front, and has a secluded garden with many native plants. Negotiations begin at \$69,950. All interested persons are requested to telephone 52 6858.

Diary of Events

Tuesday, March 19, 12.50 pm

Lunchtime concert in the Union Courtyard.

7 pm to 10 pm

Entertainment in the Bar featuring resident band and comedy.

Wednesday, March 20, 1.15 pm

Game: Master Trivial Mind in the Union Courtyard.

8 pm to 10 pm

Entertainment in the Bar.

Thursday, March 21, Noon

Movie: "Planet of the Apes", Union Common Room.

9 pm to 1 am

Disco in the Southern Cross Lounge.

Tuesday, March 26, 12.50 pm

Lunchtime concert in the Union Courtyard featuring James Newman.

7 pm to 10 pm

Entertainment in the Bar featuring resident band and comedy.

Wednesday, March 27, 1.15 pm

Game: Master Trivial Mind in the Union Courtyard.

8 pm to 10 pm

Entertainment in the Bar.

Thursday, March 28, Noon

Movie: "Stagecoach" in the Union Common Room.

6 pm to 9 pm

GREEK NIGHT in the Union Common Room.

9 pm to 1 am

Disco in the Southern Cross Lounge.