THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Beginning in France in the mid seventies the U3A movement has now spread to most countries and has many hundreds of thousands of members.

U3A is a response to the idea that human life is divided into three periods: firstly, childhood and schooling; secondly, child rearing and work; and thirdly, retirement.

The third age is seen to provide the greatest opportunities for learning and understanding because it is during this period of retirement that the idea of a university as a community of those who seek greater understanding through learning can be put into practice.

The unique characteristics of U3A
- Learning topics are selected by the members
- In depth courses are planned by members
- Opportunities for reading, research and discussion are provided
- Presenters/facilitators are usually members of the groups
- The company of others who enjoy learning is ensured
- The atmosphere for learning is informal and friendly
- There are no examinations
- There are no compulsory activities
- Courses take place during daylight hours
- Costs are minimal and within reach of everybody

The U3A Dunedin Charitable Trust has recently entered into a partnership with the University of Otago which will enhance their shared community of interest by continuing to provide a programme of non-credit educational courses while further utilising the expertise and resources of the University.

ADMINISTRATION

COMPUTERS -- THEIR HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

Dates: September 8 to October 6
Time: 10.00 am - noon
Fee: $40

Tea and coffee provided

Enrolments -- limited to 50
You are able to enrol in more than one programme (subject to numbers). If you wish to enrol for more than one programme, you *must indicate your choice* on the Enrolment Form.

To be received on or before **mid-day Wednesday August 18.** After the draw those who were unsuccessful will be notified by August 27.

Venue
All sessions are held in the Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Arden Street, Opoho.

Course Organiser
Sam Sneyd (455 1506)
Assistant
Merv Smith (477 7058)

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1st choice ___ 2nd choice ___ 3rd choice ___
Please tick appropriate spaces.

First Name for Name Tag: _____

Surname: _____

Address:_____

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Telephone Number:_____

Payment
Course Fee: $40
Cheques payable to Rodgers and Associates

Please complete and return to:

U3A
Rodgers and Associates
151-155 Princes Street
PO Box 6200
Dunedin

on or before noon
Wednesday August 18 2004.

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The Programme

This series of five lectures traces the development of computers from the early war-time code-breaking activities at Bletchley Park which led to the creation of Colossus, the world's first programmable computer. From there, the important developmental stages which have led to modern computers will be analysed and discussed.

The course is designed for non-specialists with no previous knowledge of the field.

Lecturer for all sessions:
Associate Professor Hank Wolfe

Associate Professor Wolfe is a member of the Department of Information Science at the University of Otago. He has also worked in the area of computer security and assisted the police with difficult cases involving computers.

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PROGRAMME FOR 2004

Wednesdays 10.00 am - noon
Venue: Frank Nichol Room, Knox College

Sept 8 **Origins of the First Computer Part 1: The Part Played by Cryptography**

Sept 15 **Origins of the First Computer Part 2: Colossus**

Sept 22 **Electronic Accounting Machines**

Sept 29 **The First Successful Business Computer**

Oct 6 **The Advent of Microcomputers and the Origins of the Internet**

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