ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

At its first meeting in July the full Council of the University unanimously elected Senator The Honourable Sir Alister McMullin K.C.M.G. as Chancellor.

Sir Alister McMullin was first elected as a Senator for the State of New South Wales in 1951. In 1953 he was elected President of the Senate and still holds this office.

In 1957, Her Majesty the Queen conferred upon him the honour of Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

A grazier in the Scone district, where he has lived all of his life, Sir Alister played an active part in the public life of the district serving on the Shire Council, the Pasture Protection Board and the Scone Hospital Board. During the Second World War he served in the R.A.A.F.

As Chairman of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services, Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library Committee and Deputy Chairman of the National Library Council of Australia, Sir Alister has rendered important services to education in this country.

As President of the Senate, Sir Alister has represented Australia at many overseas functions. While having the sad duty of representing Australia at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy in Washington, he has been fortunate enough to have had the pleasure of joining in national celebrations in many countries.
CONFERING OF DEGREES

Graduation ceremonies this year were held on two days at the City Hall when degrees were conferred on 170 graduands.

The combined ceremony of the Universities of New South Wales and Newcastle on April 5th, the Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, Mr. John Clancy, on behalf of the parent University presented the University of Newcastle with a ceremonial mace. The Acting Chancellor of the University of Newcastle, Mr. G. A. Edwards, admitted 28 candidates to degrees on April 5, and a further 110 on April 6. These were the first degrees conferred by the University of Newcastle.

The candidates, presented by the Deans of the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts, Engineering, and Commerce, and were:-

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

B.Eng.—Bachelor of Engineering

Chemical Engineering


Industrial Chemistry


FACULTY OF ARTS.

B.A.—Bachelor of Arts

Elizaheth Anne Richardson (Politics-Hons Class I, Division I)

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE

B.Com. (Economics)—Bachelor of Commerce (Economics)

Ronald Keith Barton (Hons. Class I)

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DIPLOMA IN

John Bennett (Chemistry—Hons Class II, Division I)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

B.E.—Bachelor of Engineering

Chemistry

Geoffrey Carlton Curtinays, B.Sc. (Syd.), M.Sc.

Physics

James Edwin Cleary, B.Sc.

B. Sc.—Bachelor of Science

Diane Foy (Honours Class I)

Industrial Engineering

M. Sc.—Master of Science

John James Turner (Honours Class I, Division I)

FACULTY OF SCIENCES

B.Sc.—Bachelor of Science

Annie Linda Tuck (Geology-Hons Class I, Division I)

Graeme Leonard Richardson (Chemistry—Honours Class II, Division II)

PhD.—Doctor of Philosophy

William George Davenport (psychology—Honours Class II, Division II)

Octavio Casterllo (Physics—Honours Class II, Division II)

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Margaret Ann Adam

Reginald Alan Davies (Chemistry—Honours Class II, Division II)

Helen guests. (Chemistry—Honours Class II, Division II)

Kerry Ann Underhill (Physics—Honours Class II, Division II)

John Graham Show (Honours Class I)

Susan Patricia McGeach (Pharmacy—Honours Class II, Division II)

Margaret Anne Adam

Christopher John Pollock

Margaret Anne Welsh

Kerry Ann Underhill

John Graham Show

Wendy Elizabeth Storton

M. Sc.—Master of Science

Ann Bennett

Charles Ashe, B.Ec. (Syd.)

first

Lynette Dorothy Firkin

Anita Steinerts

Lynette Dorothy Firkin

Ralph Graham Corlis (Honours Class I, Division I)

Douglas Franklin Bissell (Honours Class I, Division I)

Leigh Brian Daley (Honours Class I, Division I)

Ronald Keith Barton (Honours Class I)

David William Proud.

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Chemistry

Geoffrey Carlton Curtinays, B.Sc. (Syd.), M.Sc.
In his address at the conferring of degrees ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor J. A. Juchtmann, said that—

This is a notable occasion in the history of the University. We are gathered together as an independent "University" or corporation to confer degrees by our own authority on many to choose to graduate with the University of New South Wales and to elect a Chancellor — about me. For a few short years, they may do something since I am Vice-Chancellor by Act of Parliament.

On an occasion like this it would be remiss not to recall the great services to the developing University, and more especially to the Union, of our first Chairman, Mr. D. Lyon Mclntyre, O.B.E., formerly Director of the State Dockyard — it was our lasting misfortune that Mr. Mclntyre and another distinguished citizen, the Hon. Leicester Saddington, O.B.E., had their tenure of office cut short so early. For the academic members of the Council like myself and some of my colleagues, membership was an easy extension of normal University duties, but men like our Chairman, Mr. G. A. Edwards, Managing Director of Courtauld's, or Vice-Chairman, that learned Attorney, Dr. Basil Helmour, or Mr. E. E. Rogers, Mr. E. Buckman and Mr. K. Booth, M.L.A., a farmer member of our own state, to whom membership of Council was not only a pleasant continuation of former associations as well as an initial Mathematics degree of the University of New South Wales in this area of Engineering and Technology to recall that it was at the Newcastle University College that standards were originally set for the University of New South Wales degrees; so were also the original honours degrees in Chemistry and of course all the pass and honours degrees in Arts or where they applied in Science. Accordingly we are entitled to be proud of our reciprocal contribution to the life and development of the University of New South Wales even if not very much of a junior partner. In many subjects a real national and international reputation has been achieved by Newcastle graduates. This is not the place to enumerate past successes but rather to offer congratulations on those of the present and to offer good wishes to all graduating today — but there are now Newcastle graduates pursuing further studies at overseas Universities, in the United States and on the European continent in France, Germany as well as course as elsewhere in Australia. May they be followed by some of those graduating today.

It is one of the most satisfying results of our independence that since the January, 1965, our enrolments have gone up by over 25% and today stand at a figure around 2,000. Obviously from now on we shall, as this year, be more likely to have more than one graduation ceremony and where this is so it is the established practice at some Universities that the Vice-Chancellor should give the occasional address at one of these ceremonies and speak on some of the outstanding events of the previous year.

You have all heard much of our new-won independence, of our move to Shortland of the problems of a divided campus and the late completion of the Union building — on none of these do I wish to pay tribute today, on your behalf, to the members of what we may call the Interim Council, who first as a committee responsible to the Council of the University of New South Wales were given the task of paving the way to autonomy and of planning the move to Shortland, and secondly as a committee named in December, 1964, and who were specifically required under Section 9 Paragraph 5 un inters ional world of scholarship.

We are gathered for examinations, for conferring of degrees, for symphony concerts and for major public lectures — but graduates will also be needed in Convocation, in support of the Union and of the members clubs of the Sports Union so often dependent on outside and appreciated friends for organisation and assistance.

Loyalty is a much abused word and there is no call to be loyal to the Union. Only in your University wherever you may be — it is not a word to be used in your University wherever you may be — it is not only hasty that the Lord Mayor will be anxious for your support in his Appeal, an Appeal whose primary purpose is the advancement of a Great Hall, a project which will meet with no dissent from the University, of New South Wales even if as very much of a University College to that of the University of New South Wales, generally, and it was better pleased than Sir Philip Baxter at our independence.

In his address of 8th January, 1965, the Hon. F. J. Finnin, C.B.E., who for the last few years had been the active Chairman of our building committee, opened happily lived long enough to see us established at Shortland and Dr. Thomas Hamilton whom we are glad to see back after his visit overseas. For the Hon. Frank Finnin whose death is a great loss to me personally, his long exercise of power as a Minister of the Crown and as a member of the various government instrumentalities made him an invaluable colleague with a keen appreciation of how to get things done.

In the final years of our Council's existence as a subordinate Council to that of the University of New South Wales, generally acted as Council Chairman until with independence. Mr. Edwards happily elected at our first meeting, whilst for a time we had Dr. McCoffey, as a very useful and helpful member. In the last resort no man, if that were possible, was better pleased than Mr. Edwards at our independence. Following the charism of the success of the last few years, he was and still is a willing and helpful with advice. strong in support and with, his long experience, outstanding in encouragement.

Speaking as former Warden and now Vice-Chancellor, I want to stress the great services these gentlemen have given voluntarily and often at great personal inconveniences to the development of University education in Newcastle and I hope that every graduate realises that behind the hard work put in by the academic and administrative staff, who after all are employed just for that, there has been much voluntary work on the part of distinguished public spirited citizens whose tenure of office is now coming to an end, and through it to be hoped that some may find their way to membership of the permanent Council. You who are graduating have a say in this since you automatically become members of Convocation, whereas graduates of other Universities, living in this area who are encouraged to join may pay a fee and instead of one graduate elected member of Council as at present, there will be no more than five elected by Convocation in the future. It is my fervent hope that those of you who have chosen to graduate with the University of Newcastle will maintain a continuing interest in your University wherever you may be — it is not just that the Lord Mayor will be anxious for your support in his Appeal, an Appeal whose primary purpose is the advancement of a Great Hall, a project which will meet with no dissent from the University, of New South Wales even if as very much of a University College to that of the University of New South Wales, generally, and it was better pleased than Sir Philip Baxter at our independence.
OVERSEAS VISITORS TO THE UNIVERSITY IN 1966

Mr. R. M. Moelle, K. H. R., D.Ph. (Innsbruck), Geologist, The Bel-Gas Company Ltd., as Lecturer in Geology on March 22nd, 1966.

Mr. J. T. Gunther, recently appointed Visiting Professor of German at the University of Queensland, as Lecturer in German on 28th March, 1966.

Professor B. V. Share, formerly Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, commended duty on June 20th, 1965, as the Founder Professor of Chemistry.

The Council of the University of Newcastle on March 18th, 1966, conferred the Vice-Principal, Associate Professor B. Newton-John, the personal title of Professor of German Literature.

Mr. B. D. O. Anderson, B.Sc., B.E. (Syd.), Ph.D. (Stanford), Assistant Professor at Stanford University, California, has accepted the Chair of Electrical Engineering.

STAFF CHANGES — SINCE JANUARY 1, 1965.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.


Dickinson, N. J., B.Com. (N.S.W.), Lecturer, Newcastle Technical College, as Lecturer in Commerce on January 29th, 1965.

Rubench, Jonice, B.A. (Toas.), as Lecturer in French on May 20th, 1965.

Cam J. C. R., M.Sc. (Hull), as Lecturer in Geography on April 1st, 1965.

Cattell, N. R. M. (Syd.), Senior Lecturer in Engineering on May 7th, 1965.

Halford, G. S., M.A. (N.E.), as Lecturer in Psychology, on June 20th, 1965.

Lau, W. T. F., M.S. (N.E.), Senior Tutor, University of New South Wales, as Lecturer in English on August 10th, 1965.

Kendall, P. M. J., M.A. (Lond.), M.Litt. (Oxon.), Head of the Department of Computer Science, as Lecturer on September 1st, 1965.

Gordon, B. L. J. M., M.Sc. (Syd.), as Lecturer in Mathematics, on November 1st, 1965.

McKeen, J. D. B.Ec. (Syd.), as Lecturer in Economics, on December 6th, 1965.

Rutherford, N. B. (N.S.W.), Research Scholar, Australian National University, as Lecturer in Economics on 15th May, 1966.

Alexander, P. D., B.A., Dip.Ed. (Syd.), Senior Graduate Assistant, University of New England, as Assistant Secretary to the University on January 1st, 1966, and as Secretary on May 20th, 1966.

Sheehan, W. J., B.Ec. (Syd.), M.A., Lecturer in Economics, as Secretary to the Department of Philosophy, on January 1st, 1966, and as Secretary on May 20th, 1966.

Stromman, P. M. Sc., (Econ.), (London), Lecturer, City College, Manila, as Lecturer in Economics on January 6th, 1965.


Hill, G. M. A. B., (A.C.), II B.(I'd.), M.A. (Oxon.), Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, as Lecturer in Classics on October 1st, 1966.

Beare, R. C. H., B.A. (Can.), Assistant Lecturer in Classics, Westfield College, University of London, as Lecturer in the Classics on March 1st, 1966.

Harr, C. B., Dip.Ed. (W. Aust.), (Ph.D.), previously Senior Lecturer, as Associate Professor of English on March 18th, 1965.

Holliday, R. B. A., Ph.D. (Can.), as Lecturer in French, as Lecturer in French on March 22nd, 1966.

Irwin, P. G., B.A. (Syd.), B.Com. (I'd.), M.A. (N.S.W.), Lecturer in Geography, Geography, as Lecturer in Geography, on April 18th, 1966.

Steer, W. A. J., B.A., M.Litt. (Can.), Lecturer, University College, Cork, as Lecturer in Applied Physics, in the Department of Mathematics on April 18th, 1966.


Talty, M. G., B.Com. (N.S.W.), A.S.A., previously Assistant Lecturer in Finance, as Lecturer in Finance on August 1st, 1965.

Walker, G. W., A.S.A., previously Assistant Accountant, as Accountant on May 20th, 1966.

Camm, J. C. R., as Lecturer in Classics, as Lecturer in Classics on September 1st, 1966.

Buchanan, G. A., M.Sc. (Hull), as Lecturer in Mathematics, as Lecturer in Mathematics on September 1st, 1966.

McMinn, W. G., B.A. (N.E.), M.A. (N.S.W.), Lecturer in English, as Lecturer in English on September 1st, 1966.

Newton-John, B. Newton-John, previously in private practice, as Senior Lecturer in Architecture, as Senior Lecturer on January 1st, 1965.

Associate Professor E. C. Parker, A.S.T.C., F.R.A.I.A., Department of Architecture, has been seconded to the position of University Planner to assist in administering the building program. He will continue to lecture in the Faculty of Architecture.


Lea, J. M., B.A. (Queensland), M.A. (Oxon.), Research Scholar, as Research Scholar, on his appointment as Professor of Chemical Engineering in the University of New South Wales.

I. D. Johns, Lecturer, Department of Psychology on May 20th, 1966, as Lecturer to a position in the University of Adelaide.


Professor J. McP. Ritchie, Head of the Department of German on his appointment as Senior Lecturer in the University of Hull.

Associate Professor E. C. Parker, Faculty of Architecture, on July 18th, 1966, to take up an appointment in the University of California.

NEW PRIZES

Since the granting of autonomy in January, 1965, funds have been reserved in the University for the founding of a number of annual prizes.

THE AUSTRALIAN INSTI TUTE OF STEEL CONSTRUCTION PRIZE.

Two prizes of $30 and $60 respectively will be awarded to the best performance in Stages I/1 and IV. and the best performance in Stages II/1 and IV.

The first award of the prize was made to Adrian William Page.

THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY LIMITED PRIZES.

A number of prizes of $25 given by The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited will be awarded as follows—

Faculty of Applied Science.

1. Chemical Engineering — for the best performance in Second Year, or Stages III. and IV.

2. Engineering — for the greatest proficiency in the field of the theory and design of steel structures.

The first recipients of these prizes were Peter William Whiford (Third Year) and Govin Shaw Donald (Fourth Year).

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The Commonwealth Banks' Prize.

The Commonwealth Banking Corporation has donated a prize of $50 to be awarded to the Science student who, on completing four years of study, scores the highest aggregate marks.

The first award of the prize was made to Adrian William Page.
THE ECONOMIC SOCIETY PRIZE.

A prize of $6.30 and one year's honorary membership of the Society has been arranged by the Economics Society for meritorious performance in the examination papers for the final year of the Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) honours degree or the Bachelor of Arts honours degree in Economics.

THE JAMES HARDIE WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING PRIZE.

The James Hardie Water Resources Engineering Prize of $50 is awarded for the best academic performance in the field of water resource engineering.

MATHEMATICS PRIZES.

Royalties derived from publication of the books, "Complementary Mathematics" and "Mathematical Method" are used to establish a Prize Fund which will provide two prizes of equal value for (1) the best simultaneous overall performance in any two Second Year honours Mathematics subjects and (2) for the best overall performance in any two Third Year honours Mathematics subjects.

THE MORISON PRIZES IN ENGINEERING.

Two prizes of $25 each are awarded for the outstanding academic performance in completing studies in Mechanical Engineering Design and for the outstanding performance in the first course of Mechanical Engineering Design.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN GRADUATES (HUNTER VALLEY BRANCH) PRIZE.

The New South Wales Association of University Women Graduates, Hunter Valley Branch, has arranged for a prize of $20 and one year's membership of the Association to be awarded to the woman undergraduate who has the best performance in Mathematics III.

W. H. WARD PRIZE IN PSYCHOLOGY.

Dr. W. H. Ward has donated a prize to take the form of books and equipment to the value of $50 to be awarded to the Fourth Year Student who presents the best report of an investigation in Applied Psychology.

THE LORD MAYOR'S NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY APPEAL

Apart from the standard pressures for good causes, the Newcastle area has been subjected this year to two major ones — the Appeal for the Sports Centre and the Appeal for the Great Hall at the University. Taking into account these demands and the effect of the drought, it is heartening that some seven weeks before the close of the campaign, over two-thirds of the target sum has been raised. Without the support of industry, there was no hope of reaching the target, and that support has been given most generously. The Newcastle City Council has also shown its belief in the future of the University and in co-operation between Town and Gown by a substantial donation.

Organising an Appeal of this magnitude demands a great deal of very hard work and only those who are closely connected with it are in a position to know how much effort has been given by the Campaign Chairman, Alderman F. J. Purdue and his Chairman of Committees, including the very active Women's Committee. The work of some of these committees has been easy, but by far the most diffi-