An historic day in the short life of The University of Newcastle was Thursday, 21 October, 1966, for on this day was performed the final ceremony in the establishment of the University as an autonomous institution. The ceremony was the installation of Senator The Honourable Sir Alister McMullin, K.C.M.G., as the first Chancellor.

For members of The University of Newcastle the pleasure of the occasion was increased by the presence of representatives of many of the other Australian Universities. The visitors included:—

The Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Charles McDonald

The Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, The Honourable J. S. J. Clancy

The Chancellor of the University of New England, Dr. P. A. Wright

The Pro-Chancellor of the Australian National University, Dr. H. C. Coombs

The Deputy-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, Lt. Col. A. S. Gehman.

The Chairman of the First Council of Macquarie University, Mr. P. G. Price
The Vice-Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, Professor A. G. Mitchell, presented to Mr. Alister Wheatley for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, said:

Mr. Vice-Chancellor,

I present to you Alister Russell Wheatley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Professor of the University of Birmingham, Associate of the Australian Academy of Science, Fellow of the Royal Australian Geographical Society, Associate Member of the Institute of Chemical Engineers, Member of the Australian Chemical Institute, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and Doctor of Philosophy in the University of Birmingham and Doctor of Honours in the University of Canterbury, now to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science in the University.

Mr. Wheatley has studied Chemistry at the University of Birmingham where he was a student of the late Professor A. G. Mitchell, my predecessor as Vice-Chancellor. After a brilliant undergraduate career, he was awarded his bachelor of science degree in 1968 with first-class honours. He continued his research at the University of Birmingham where he was appointed Lecturer in Organic Chemistry in 1971 and Reader in Organic Chemistry in 1975. In 1979 he was presented with the Compton Memorial Prize and the P. N. Russell Medal for outstanding work in the field of organic chemistry. He was appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry in 1980 and was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1981.

Professor Wheatley has made major contributions to organic chemistry, particularly in the field of organo-metallic chemistry. His work has been recognized by his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1981 and as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1982. He has also been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1981 and was awarded the Compton Memorial Prize and the P. N. Russell Medal in 1979. He has also been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1982.

Since returning to academic life, he has served as a Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, where he has made significant contributions to the development and growth of the University.

Mr. Wheatley is a distinguished scholar and a leader in the field of organic chemistry. He has made significant contributions to the development of the University of Birmingham, where he has served as a Vice-Chancellor. His leadership has been characterized by his commitment to excellence in research and teaching, and his dedication to the development of the University. He is a true scholar, a true leader, and a true friend. I present to you, Mr. Wheatley, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, as a mark of respect and appreciation for your contributions to the University and to the world of science.
Mr. Fairhall's career presents one of the great pioneering success stories of this country in recent times. An early interest in radio led him to enrol in the Architectural Faculty of the University of Queensland at the age of 17, and he graduated as Bachelor of Architecture with first class Honours in 1930. He has since been a visiting lecturer at the University for a number of years, a member of the Building Advisory Committee, and, upon his return to Australia, he was several times Chairman of the Board of the Sir John Sulman Architectural Award and, for a number of years, a member of the Building Advisory Committee of the City of Sydney. He has served several terms on the Council of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects of which he has long been a Fellow and for many years was Chairman of its Publications Board. He was also a member of the Historical Buildings Committee of the then Cumberland County Council, and as such, was responsible for the architectural plan of the proposed Lord Mayors Park in the Royal Historical Society.

Mr. Fairhall has achieved distinction in the architectural profession and has paid his debt to the University through his continuous teaching. He has been a dedicated teacher and has always been willing to give of his time and experience to help the students of the University.

Mr. Fairhall has been a visiting lecturer for over a long period, in the Architectural Faculties of the Universities of New South Wales and Melbourne. But it is in the general field of research into the history of architecture that Mr. Fairhall has made his greatest contribution in the form of lectures and publications. Amongst his voluminous writings three of his major publications have not only been widely distributed throughout Australia, but have found ready acceptance in Europe and America. These are "The Early Australian Architect" published in 1930, "The Architecture of Sydney" published in 1934, and "The Australian National Capital" published in 1938. Mr. Fairhall's work on "The Early Australian Architect" and "The Architecture of Sydney" was widely praised and has been highly valued by the architectural world. His work on "The Australian National Capital" was praised and has been highly valued by the architectural world.

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CONFERING OF DEGREES

Two Graduation Ceremonies were held at the City Hall, Newcastle, in 1967, when 199 graduates were admitted to degrees by the Chancellor of The University of Newcastle, The Honorable Sir Alistair McMullin, K.C.M.G., Q.C., D.Litt.

At the ceremony on March 16 the Vice-Chancellor, Professor J. J. Anstich, delivered the Occasional Address. The Dean of the Faculties of Applied Science, Architecture, Economics and Commerce, Engineering, and Science presented 92 candidates for admission to degrees as follows:

FACTOR Y OF APPLIED SCIENCE
Bachelor of Science
Industrial Chemistry
Allan Lindsay Black (Honours Class II, Division I)

Metallurgy
Peter Thomas Gallagher (Honours Class I)
Mervyn Wilson (Honours Class III)
James Vincent Hep (Honours Class II, Division II)
Robert Alfred Milka (Honours Class III)
Peter Leonard Taylor (Honours Class III)
John Stephen Lundy

Bachelor of Science (Technology)

Chemical Engineering
Brendon Michael Dobbin

Industrial Chemistry
Kevin Arthur Clarke
Mervyn Charles Goronzy
Robert John McCarter

Metallurgy
Kenneth Owen Phillips

FACTOR Y OF ARCHITECTURE
Bachelor of Architecture
Colin Campbell Allan, A.S.T.C.
John Ashley Sara, A.S.T.C.

FACTOR Y OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE
Master of Commerce
Kenneth William Lemke, B.Com.(G'dt.)

Bachelor of Commerce
David Williams (Economics—Honours Class II, Division I)
Kevin James Foley (Economics—Honours Class II, Division II)
George Stanley Pappas (Accountancy—Honours, Class II, Division II)

Lionel Neil Brown
John Patrick Carey
Kenneth William Lemke, B.Com.(Qld.)
John Ashley Sara

Bachelor of Science

FACTOR Y OF ENGINEERING
Bachelor of Engineering

Civil Engineering
Robert James Wilson, B.E. (N.S.W.)

Mechanical Engineering
Arthur John Chambers, B.E. (N.S.W.)

Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Science

Civil Engineering
Peter William Whitting (Honours Class I and University Medal)

Mechanical Engineering
Malcolm Alan Whit (Honours Class II, Division II)

Bachelor of Engineering

Civil Engineering
John Regis Crittenden
Geoffrey John Steele

Mechanical Engineering
Colin Gross (Honours Class II, Division I)

Mechanical Engineering
John William Verney (Honours Class II, Division I)
Daryl John Cornell, A.S.T.C.
Glen Conrad Hogan
Reginald Alwyn Jones
George John Lucas, A.S.T.C.

Bachelor of Science (Technology)

Civil Engineering

John Sneddon, B.E., (N.S.W.)—with Merit

Mechanical Engineering

Ronald James Cott
Rois John Leonard
Stuart Willis Jones
John Charles Marsden

FACTOR Y OF SCIENCE
Bachelor of Science

John, Gordon Matheson (Chemistry—Honours Class I and University Medal)

Richard John Casey (Chemistry—Honours Class I)
Brian Paul Garfoot (Mathematics—Honours Class I)
Terence James Huig (Chemistry—Honours Class I)
Barbara Margaret McMenamin (Mathematics—Honours Class I)
Grahame Bruce Smith (Physics—Honours Class I)
Helen Margaret Clark (Psychology—Honours Class I)

John Edward Richard Dickson (Chemistry—Honours Class II, Division I)

William Stewart McKendrick (Physics—Honours Class II, Division I)

Warrick Richard Summers (Physics—Honours Class II, Division I)

Ian Campbell Graham (Physics—Honours Class II, Division II)

Geoffrey Alan Bell

Brian Raymond Brooks

Robert John Cherry

Elizabeth Jan Dickson

Jennifer Anne Driscoll

John Gerard Earnhart

John Geraghty

Kevin Vincent Cheung

Maria Catherine Lazarev

At the ceremony held on March 17 at which Senator The Honorable J. F. Gorton, M.A., O.S.T., Commonwealth Minister for Education and Science, delivered the Occasional Address, the 107 Arts graduates, presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, were—

FAC TORY OF ARTS
Bachelor of Arts

Mr. Chauvel.

I present to you His Excellency the Right Honourable Richard Gardiner, Baron Casey of Berwick, Victoria, Australia, and of the City of Westminster, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, a Companion of Honour, a member of the Distinguished Service Order, on whom has been conferred the decoration of the Military Cross, a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Master of Arts of Trinity College, Cambridge, Doctor of Laws of a number of Universities, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

It is an unusual man of whom it could be said: "He touched nothing which he did not adorn". We are indeed proud today to welcome a great Australian whose family has pioneered in our island continent for well over a century. After an early education in his native State and its University, Richard Gardiner Casey proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself in the Mechanical Science Tripos. His training as an engineer and as a courageous soldier in the First World War prepared him for an active life in public affairs and in the service of his country and of the world as Diplomat, Politician, Member of the British War Cabinet, Indian Governor, Stateman and finally as Governor-General and First Citizen of the country of his birth.

While at the University His Excellency unveiled the plaque commemorating the establishment of the University upon the Shortland Site and laid the Foundation Stone of the new Library Building. The plaque is located to the left of the entrance to the main University Building.

During the ceremony His Excellency was admitted to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor J. J. Anstich, when presenting Lord Casey to the Chancellor, said:

"I present to you His Excellency the Right Honourable Richard Gardiner, Baron Casey of Berwick, Victoria, Australia, and of the City of Westminster, a member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, a Companion of Honour, a member of the Distinguished Service Order, on whom has been conferred the decoration of the Military Cross, a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Master of Arts of Trinity College, Cambridge, Doctor of Laws of a number of Universities, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Chauvel, as an amateur pilot and dedicated enthusiast for air travel he also showed himself physically courageous in pane, whilst of course in the political turmoil of the Second World War his power of decision was equally valuable.

Mr. Chauvel, our Governor-General is a man of such all round distinction that it is difficult to know which of his many attributes to stress but as the descendant of pioneers he has in many fields been essentially himself a pioneer and so it is fitting that this new University at a pioneer stage should invite you to admit His Excellency, the Lord Casey, Governor-General of Australia to the honours of Doctor of Engineering."
In these days of specialization his academic interests and skills were refreshingly diverse. He was an expert not only in Marston and the Jacobean’s generally, but also in Yeats, Joyce, and in the whole field of American literature. At the time of his death he was planning books in still other fields, including one on the technique of the short story.

Within a department, he was the easiest man to work with. Although always helpful when asked for advice, he never imposed his will on his staff, but assumed that his colleagues were sufficiently intelligent and responsible to carry out their duties without unasked guidance from himself.

Gus Cross loved life. He was puzzled by the attitude of those who did not share his enthusiasm, and distrusted anyone who did not welcome all the enjoyments, both mental and physical, which the world can offer. The most salient characteristic of his intense hard work was his obvious delight in his subject and his unfailing belief that the study of literature was the most enriching and rewarding of activities.

B. W. ROOS

Bart Roos, Lecturer in Classics, died on 4th October, 1967, after an illness extending over a number of months.

Bart Roos joined the University with me in 1960. I had already met him several times when I was Classical Master at The King's School and he was teaching Greek at Sydney Grammar. After we were both appointed to Newcastle we planned our course one summer evening in 1959 on the old School House verandah at Parramatta looking out to a view full of jacaranda blossom. This began a happy partnership which only death has ended.

An essentially shy man, Bart never liked large Latin classes, but his gifts were particularly stimulating to the small Greek sets of largely Honours candidates. His vast erudition, his sharp sardonic wit at the expense of the commentator — never of a pupil — his distrust of vague theory and a devouring love of Homer made him a wonderful teacher of Greek Epic. A devoted father and husband, he acquired a farm at Bulahdelah for his large family. The two nights he had to spend in town were given over to long evening classes with part-time Latin students, with whom he showed great care and patience and who afterwards were his staunchest friends.

His final illness began on leave at home in Holland, where he had seen old friends and former teachers and had resumed his Sanskrit scholarship. Now he will leave us no volume expounding the metre and syntax of the Mahabharata, nor any scholarly memorial beyond one brief paper in the Mnemosyne of Leyden; but his true book was written in the hearts and minds of his colleagues and pupils, where he lives on as in that better resurrection of his devoutly Catholic hope.—R.G.T.

CONVOCATION

The first meeting of the Convocation of The University of Newcastle was held in the Main Lecture Theatre of the University on Friday, 10 March, 1967.

The Vice-Chancellor reported to the meeting that Dr. Basil A. Helmore had been elected unopposed as Warden of Convocation and introduced Dr. Helmore to the meeting.

Dr. Helmore's association with the University has been a long one having been a Member of the Council of Newcastle University College and of the First Council of The University. At the first election held to establish the full Council of The University of Newcastle, Dr. Helmore was elected as one of the representatives of Convocation.

The Warden said he appreciated deeply the honour bestowed on him by Convocation in his election as its first Warden and expressed the hope that Convocation would be influential in the life of the University and not inactive as was the case in some other Universities.

An Interim Standing Committee was appointed to discuss a constitution for Convocation and to bring before Convocation any matters felt to be in need of consideration or determination by that body. The following Members were elected to the Interim Standing Committee:

- Dr. B. A. Helmore
- Mr. C. B. Belcher
- Mr. E. J. Buckman
- Mr. R. Basden
- Mr. J. O. Reynolds
- Mr. J. P. Talty

Dr. E. J. Egan
Mr. E. E. George
Mr. W. H. Ward
Mr. E. J. Egan
Mr. R. D. Faraday
Mr. B. S. Johnson
Mr. W. G. Derkenne

At its meeting in May, 1967, the Council of The University of Newcastle recognised the Interim Standing Committee as the Standing Committee of Convocation for the purposes of the University Act.

In his report to the second meeting of Convocation the Warden stated that the Interim Standing Committee appointed at the first meeting of Convocation had met three times since its appointment. The Committee at these meetings devoted itself to deliberations as to how Convocation could become a useful factor in University life and development and sub-committees were formed to examine various aspects of this problem.

The sub-committee headed by Dr. Egan considered the matter of collaboration with student bodies, Mr. Faraday and his sub-committee discussed this University's matriculation requirements and the sub-committee chaired by Mr. Buckman investigated the functions of Convocation in other Commonwealth Universities. The Warden paid tribute to the valuable reports received from these sub-committees.

It was decided that the Interim Standing Committee should remain in office until the next meeting of Convocation and prepare a draft constitution for presentation to that meeting.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The term of office of Members of the Council presently representing Convocation expires on 30 June next.

The notice announcing the holding of elections and calling for nominations will appear in the Public Notices Columns of the Newcastle Morning Herald and the Sydney Morning Herald on 6 April, 1968.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is 9 May, 1968.