New Buildings, including Great Hall

A major building programme is underway at the University to provide expanded facilities for tuition and sport.

The year 1970 was significant in the University's life because it brought virtual consolidation of the whole of the institution at Shortland. The new Architecture Building was occupied by Professor F. Romberg and the Faculty, and the Faculty of Engineering (Professor F. Henderson, Dean) was successfully re-established. Twenty-one departments in seven faculties are now operating at Shortland, with work proceeding on the construction of new engineering classrooms and laboratories.

A contractor is working on extensions to the pavilion at University Oval. Plans are being drawn for a further stage of development for the Union building. In addition, the Staff House has become a useful meeting place for academics.

Now materialising on a central block of land is a building which will be both a conspicuous local landmark and an important university amenity. This is the Great Hall, the auditorium of which will accommodate 1,500 people. The project is valued at $1.000,000.

Work on the construction of the Great Hall started last November and the building may be completed in time for the ceremony at which degrees are conferred in 1972.

Also of special interest is the proposed Hall of Residence, which will provide students with living accommodation at the university rather than in hostels, private homes or boarding houses. Work has recently begun on the construction of the first stage which will cater for 200 students and be expanded in subsequent years.

The current building programme also includes the erection of a Social Sciences Building (to rehouse the Departments of Economics, Commerce and Geography), the first stage of a building for the Department of Biological Sciences and extensions for Metallurgy, Engineering and the Library.

When the Gazette went to press, work was in progress on the construction of five new buildings and the extension of the Sports Pavilion. It is expected that 12 building projects will be underway by the end of March, 1971. Work is planned so that all these buildings, except for the Great Hall, will be completed by February, 1972.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Auchmuty) has expressed the university's pride in what has been achieved in the six short years of independence, building upon the secure foundations of the former university college.

University Medallist

Mr. Peter Barry, 22, who has completed studies for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering, will be awarded a University Medal in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Barry was the only student to be chosen for a University Medal as a result of annual examinations in 1970.

He is a B.H.P. Co. Ltd. trainee and enrolled at the University in 1966. In all, he obtained four High Distinctions, six Distinctions, five Credits and one Pass as an undergraduate.

This year five students will share two new awards.

John Knott, of Merewether, and Donald Richardson, of Beresfield, will be presented with the Apollo Commemorative Prizes for meritorious work in Physics.

Three Economics and Commerce undergraduates will be awarded Australian Institute of Management Sir John Storey Memorial Prizes.

They are Mohamed Rahman, a Malaysian, Katherine Lamb, of Belmont South, and Terence Lawler, of Shortland.

The Australian Institute of Management previously made the award for research work, but has decided to make it in future to undergraduates enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce degree course.

Mr. Rahman will be awarded Sir John Storey Memorial Prizes for both Management Studies I and Management Studies II. Miss Lamb for Industry Economics and Mr. Lawler for Labour Economics.

As regards the Apollo Commemorative Prizes, these have been made possible by the donation of $2,300 to the University for the establishment of a capital fund from which two annual prizes of $50 each will be awarded to students judged to be of highest merit in three stages of physics. The $2,300 had been made available by an anonymous Newcastle donor.

The prizes are intended to honour the achievement of the American Apollo lunar landings and at the same time provide some encouragement for young people to become more involved in astronomy and space exploration. The anonymous donor has a deep interest in space flight and wishes to foster space-oriented studies at the University of Newcastle.
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Young Children's Education

More than 200 delegates attended a two-day conference on Pre-school Education, arranged by the Department of Education, in November. Those attending included administrators and teachers in infants' departments of public and church schools, together with representatives of preschool centres in the Hunter Valley area.

The conference spurred such wide interest amongst those concerned with young children's education that the proceedings have been published in book form. The book is available from the Cashier, University of Newcastle, 2308, for 75 cents.

Larger Computer Arrives

Installation of an ICL 1904A computer was completed at the university in December, two months ahead of schedule. The machine replaced the IBM 1130 computer and should add considerably to the special Govern-
ment grant of $450,000.

The ICL 1904A possesses greater power, capacity and speed than the IBM 1130. These qualities, together with the machine's ability to be interrogated from outside locations via telegraph lines, will enable the university to address problems reaching, research, administration and book loans to be met for some years ahead.

The purchase of the ICL 1904A will be the printing everyday for the library of a full list of books which are not on the shelves, the dates on which they are due to be returned, and the numbers of members of the staff wanting to look for use by outside institutions. Additional tele-
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ford, M.A.(N.S.W.), Department of Psychology; Mr. N. A. Molloy, B.E.(Qld), Department of Metallurgy; Dr. J. S. Ramsey to Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy.

The following Lecturers have been promoted to Senior Lecturer grade:

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Patterns in Australian Foreign Policy

Dr. E. M. Andrews, a Lecturer in History at the University, has kindly written this article, condensing material from his book, Isolationism and Australian Foreign Policy, to Australia, Reaction to the European Crises, 1915-1939, published last year by UNSW Press.

A comparison of Australian foreign policies in the late 1930's and the late 1960's reveals many striking similarities. In both periods, the basic assumption of Australians was that they could not defend themselves or their vast empty continent, and so had to seek the support of some 'great and powerful' nation in the form of an "alliance without subservience", still does not seem to have been understood by Aust-
ralian politicians.

In both periods too, the Australian government followed its allies' policies with more
the nuclear non-alignment movement, Germany and Assistant German War Minister J. W. G. V. M. (1833-1900) who was called upon to report on Vietnam. The motive, however, has been more a wish to avoid commitment, the former being more imperialistic, but at the same time more ineffective. It seems clear that a new policy would be able to do differently, but with the same effects. In the thirties, some Australians have shown little interest in the conflict and have avoided taking sides. However, there seems to be more understanding and the issues are becoming somewhat irrelevant. The difference with the Vietnamese war is that a large number of Australians are now interested in the conflict and want to do something about it. In fact, it is possible to see a large number of people, by virtue of this moment, doing for the first time feel personally involved. This is unusual.

The community attitudes that form a background to these events remain similar also. Australians in the past, and today, though they are interested in foreign events, and the coverage of them in the newspapers is scanty. Little background information is given, and even when a sudden crisis occurs, and the reader finds this information after the event, and the issues are too large and irrelevant. The difference with the Vietnam war is that a large number of people, by virtue of this moment, doing for the first time feel personally involved. This is unusual.

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Graduate Conference

The Warden of Convocation (Mr. J. Talby), who is Past Executive Vice-President of the Australian University Graduate Conference, with the Secretary (Miss. Kaye) and Mr. W. Derkentz attended the Annual Meeting of the Conference held in the University of Sydney, on the Anniversary Day weekend.

The Conference admitted to full voting rights the Australian Federation of Women and the Australian National University.

An appeal was made to the 100,000 graduates in Australia to take an active interest in the affairs of their former University. They were urged to concern themselves with ensuring the continuation of the University's autonomy and integrity.

The Conference expressed its grave concern at the further deterioration in the finances of the Australian universities. Increasing capital costs and the effects of increased salaries and wages were noted.

The conference committed itself to the maintenance of high standards of education.

Errol Ritchie was re-elected President of the Conference.

A special Assembly was held to present a resolution to the University of New South Wales requesting that the spelling of the word "university" be standardized.

Academic Posts

Academic Posts are available at the Union. For further details of these positions, please contact the Office of the Faculties of Science and Engineering.


Faculty of Architecture: Dean, Professor F. H. Roper. Dipl. Arch. (E.T.H. Zurich). F.I.R.A.I.A.; Sub-Dean, Mr. R. Demer, A.S.T.C., F.R.A.I.A.; Faculty of Arts: Dean, Professor A. M. Ritchie, D.Sc. (Ox.), O.B.E. (Univ. of Sydney); Sub-Dean, Mr. J. E. Bragg, B.A. (N.E.); M.A. (N.S.W.); M.Ed. (Syd.). Dipl. Ed. (N.E.); M.I.C.I.A.; C.B.C.

Faculty of Economics and Commerce: Dean, Professor B. L. John, M.A.(Can); Sub-Dean, Mr. D. J. McKee, B.E. (N.S.W.); Faculty of Education: Dean, Professor F. M. Henderson, M.S. (B.E.); N.Z.); M.I.C.E., M.A.S.C.

Faculty of Mathematics: Dean, Professor B. G. Keats, B.S.C., B.P.(Adel.); F.A.S.A.; Sub-Dean, Associate Professor I. L. Rose, B.E. (N.S.W.); Faculty of Science: Dean, Professor W. J. Pickering, M.R.C.P. (Syd.); Ph.D. (A.S.T.C.); F.R.A.I.A.; Sub-Dean, Dr. K. H. Bell, B.S., Ph.D. (N.S.W.); A.R.A.C.I.

Academic Dress Available

A limited number of students catered to the regulations of the University of Newcastle, has been imported from England by the Faculty of Science for sale to a few graduates. The dress can be purchased from the Union Shop.

Students who are Master's and Doctor of Philosophy are also available. It is considere that the number of items in some degree might not meet the demand, so en quiries should be made early. If necessary, items may be reserved by the day of deposit.

The Union will also hire academic dress to students for tickets and to students who wish to rent for dress to be worn on Graduation Day. March 19, should be made as early as possible. There is no notation of booking.

Graduates wishing to hire dresss. to be able to name the degree they will receive. The Union accepts no responsibility for members. lost book, the same is not to be returned to rectify errors at a later date. Further information can only be obtained from the shop (hours 9 a.m.-10 p.m., p.m. 2 p.m. 7.30 p.m.). Telephone: 5717.

Graduation Ball

A large scale and tickets for this year's Graduation Ball, to be held at the Sydney University on Saturday, March 23, are available at the Union. Tickets cost $5.00 each; supper and refreshments are in cluded in the charge.

The ball will subdivide into two sections the auction room of the Union and the Union Ballroom. The students will work in Britain for about two months.

Prof. A. Hordern, of the University of New England, was visiting lecturer for the academic posts.

Mr. H. M. Turner, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Syd.), a member of the University Council, donated sixty-three items to the Library, including five books of Shakespeare by Beresheld Ten Brink.

Mr. R. G. Corlis, a 1966 Bachelor of Engineering with Honours Class II Division II in Chemical Engineering, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry by the University of Sydney.

Mr. P. Curnier, a 1962 B.A. graduate, is teaching at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, Sussex. English. He was a Master in History and Teacher at Shore before going to England.

Mr. J. Turnbull, who received his B.A. degree in 1968, is distinguishing himself as a Proctor of drama for NSW ponderances.

Mr. J. G. Robertson, a 1970 B.A. with Second class honours in Geography, has left New South Wales where he worked as a consultant for his Ph.D. at Hall University.

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Mr. A. B. Hair, an Honours graduate who is just completing his Master's thesis in Chemical Engineering, expected to take up a scholarship for Ph.D. work in the University of New South Wales in January.

Miss Basuny El-Halil has been appointed Principal of the Women's College, University of New South Wales.

She completed her Honours degree in 1967 at the University of New South Wales in Geology.

Thea Hopson (Economics and Commerce student) was also enrolled as a part-time student at the University of New South Wales.

She was selected to join a team of 24 Australian students for a working and touring Students' Union in Britain.

Eight students from universities in N.S.W. were chosen.

This team was arranged by the National Union of Australian University Students (N.U.A.U.S.) and the British Students' Union (B.S.U.) in conjunction with the University of Newcastle.
Mr. R. E. Hedre, who graduated as a Bachelor of Arts in the University of New England while a student in the Newcastle University College in 1959, and graduated Bachelor of Arts with honours at graduation in Irdenesian and Malayasian Studies in the University of Sydney last year, has been notified of his admission to the degree of Master of Science in Communication in Boston University, U.S.A. He is at present the A.B.C.'s Representative in Djakarta.

Mr. P. W. Whitford, who graduated with first class honours in Civil Engineering and a University medal in 1966, is working for the World Bank in Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Mr. S. J. Burges is an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A. He is a B.E. and B.Sc., with first class honours in Civil Engineering.

Both Mr. Whitford and Mr. Burges obtained Master's and Ph.D. degrees at Stanford University, California.

Mr. W. P. Driscoll, a 1957 graduate of the university, has been appointed a Lecturer in History at Armidale Teachers' College. Formerly a high school teacher at Cessnock and Wauchope, Mr. Driscoll qualified for admission to the degree of Master of Arts with a thesis on "The Development of the Wine Industry in the Hunter Valley". He is the author of a Local History monograph which deals with the beginnings of the wine industry in the Hunter Valley and which was published by Newcastle City Council.

Sporting News

A University of Newcastle Staff team defeated the Staff of the University of New England at Armidale on October 31. The teams were all square at the conclusion of the match — for the third time in five years of competition between the universities — but Associate Professor A. Oates sealed the match for Newcastle at the third hole in a play-off.

Mr. Alwyn Wardle, a member of the Fencing Club, was a member of the Combined Australian Universities Team which competed at Universiade in Turin, Italy, last September. Mr. H. Bradford, Amenities Officer, was Assistant Manager of the team. Mr. Wardle has been selected in the Australian Fencing squad for the 1972 Olympic Games.

At the University Rugby League Club's first annual presentation night on October 12 trophies were presented to:— Alan Piercy (The John Raper Perpetual Trophy for best forward in First Grade), John Wondergem (The Bob Bugden Perpetual Trophy for best back in First Grade), Peter Thomson (most improved player in First Grade), Chris Berkeley (best forward in University Cup), Neil Booth (best back in University Cup), Ken Gray (most improved player in University Cup) and Bruce Cruicks (Clubman Award, presented by Doug Cross).

The University's No. 1 Women's Basketball team won the grand-final of the C Grade international rules winter competition and, as a result, has been elevated to A Reserve Grade. Coached by Mr. R. Baker the team consists of Linda Mortimer, Bev Kennedy, Renate Bickley, Sue Richards, Mila Yat, Sue Markham, Marilyn Barnes, Sanie Young and Sue Abbott.

The University's Women's Squash team won the C Grade competition conducted by Newcastle Squash association. The team consists of Lee Rynehart, Claire Sidebottom, Carolyn Cranfield, Bess Burns and Margaret Cook. Blues will be awarded to Bruce Devin, Darryl Williamson and Keith Brown (all Rugby), Alison Smith (Badminton), David Lai (Table Tennis), Virginia Green (Tennis), Alwyn Wardle (Fencing) and Cliff Hanna (Squash).

Ten Universities competed in the Inter-University Underwater Contest at Port Stephens on December 4, 5 and 6, for which the University of Newcastle was host. About 100 students participated in the contest, with the University of Newcastle narrowly winning the aggregate. The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Auchmuty) presented trophies and prizes for a dinner at the end of the contest.