Professor J.A. Allen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University and Professor of Chemistry, has accepted an appointment as Executive Officer of the C.S.I.R.O. and expects to take up duties in Canberra at the end of May. The newly-created position that Professor Allen will fill will make him responsible for the planning of C.S.I.R.O. head office activities and continuing examination of the organisation's technical, advisory and related functions.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor J.J. Auchmuty) said that while expressing his pleasure at the great honour done to Professor J.A. Allen by his appointment to so responsible a post as Executive Officer to C.S.I.R.O., nevertheless he was bound to regret the loss of the services of one of those who had done much to create the independent University of Newcastle.

Professor Auchmuty said that Professor Allen joined the University in 1959 as Head of the Department of Chemistry and had been Deputy Chairman of Senate and, for the past 2 1/2 years, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. He had made a major contribution not merely to the academic life of the University but also to its organizations and principles of development. He was executive officer of the Planning Committee which produced the recent submission to the A.U.C. In all that he had done for the University he had shown a mastery of detail, associated with a wealth of vision, which had been of great advantage in the period of development.

GRADUATION DAY ADDRESS

Mr. Hermann D. Black, M.Ec., Chancellor of the University of Sydney, has accepted an invitation to address the afternoon conferring of degrees ceremony on Graduation Day, March 19.

The Vice-Chancellor (Professor Auchmuty) reported Mr. Black's acceptance to the University Council and said that Mr. Black had had a distinguished academic life since joining the University of Sydney's Economics Faculty as a Lecturer in 1933. He had had associations with the University of Newcastle's Department of Economics over several years.

An Honorary Doctorate of Literature will be conferred on Mr. Black at the Graduation Ceremony.

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES VISITOR

Sir Hugh Springer, who is Secretary-General of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, will visit the University on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25.
Sir Hugh succeeded Dr. J.F. Foster as Secretary-General and head of the association's London office last October. He attended the Commonwealth Education Conference in Canberra this month and is currently visiting Australian universities at the invitation of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

**ACTION TO PRESERVE TREES**

A number of trees in developed areas of the University site have been showing increasing signs of deterioration due to changes in soil aeration, alteration of drainage patterns and increased wind exposure. In an effort to reverse this process, action has been taken to cultivate compacted soil and, where possible, to establish a service cover of suitable grasses.

Trees that show sign of debility are at present being trimmed and others which have deteriorated more seriously have been lopped or coppiced. This work is being carried out by contractors under the supervision of staff of the Planner's Division. The aim is to enable the trees to recover or regenerate and to remove dead and dangerous sections adjacent to buildings and paths. The contractors are working in front of the Administration Building, in the main plaza and adjacent to the Architecture and Engineering Buildings.

**VISITING PROFESSOR OF HISTORY**

Professor Mark Naidis, an American, has arrived at the University to act as Visiting Professor in the Department of History for first term. He will lecture on Indian History to students in History IIIA.

Professor Naidis teaches British History at Los Angeles Valley College and British Imperial History at San Fernando Valley State College. He was an officer in the United States Air Force in World War II and served in China, Burma and India. He obtained his Ph.D. at Stanford University and carried out post-doctorate studies at the University of London. Research took him to London again in 1967 and to India in 1969.

Professor Naidis has been Visiting Professor at the University of British Columbia, Rutgers University, the University of Hawaii and San Francisco State University. He is the author of "The Second British Empire, 1783-1965", "India: An Introductory History" and "The Great Western Tradition". He has also written articles for several historical journals.

**ORIENTATION WEEK**

A number of functions at which Freshers will meet each other and be informed about features of the University will be held between February 23 and 27. Nearly all will be staged in the Union.

In a debate on "Tertiary Education is wasted on Students" to be held on Tuesday night, February 23, some students and some members of staff will be opposed.

On Wednesday, the choir will perform between 1 and 2 p.m. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" is the play chosen for a rehearsal reading on the Wednesday night. The play will be read by Lorrie Cruickshank (Martha), John E. O'Brien (George), Phillip Paterson (Nick) and Margaret Groft (Honey).

The President of the Australian Union of Students (Mr. G. Macaulay) and the Education Vice-President of the A.U.S. (Mr. K. Newcombe) will speak in the Main Court on Thursday, February 25, at lunch time. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on Thursday the Philosophy Club will conduct a seminar on "The Value of Philosophy in Relation to other Subjects", with Dr. W. Donella and Dr. D. Dockrill as speakers.
Tully will perform at a “happening” to be illuminated by Ellis D. Fogg in the Dining Room on Thursday night.

The English Society will stage a Poetry Reading on Friday, February 26, beginning at 4 p.m. and Newcastle Fold Club, assisted by Sydney folk singers, will entertain at night from 7 o’clock.

The Australian Rules Club will stage a car rally on February 27. Cars will Leave the University at 9 a.m. and follow a route taking in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. There will be an entry fee of 50 cents a participant. Pewter mugs will be presented to male winners and bottles of champagne to female winners.

As a conclusion to Orientation week the World University Service will hold a Cabaret on the Saturday night at 8 p.m.

S. R. C. NOMINATIONS

The Students’ Representative Council is inviting nominations from members for election to positions on the 19th Council except executive positions. Elections were held last October but the elections were later invalidated by the Council.

Nominations will be received from March 1 to March 14 for four representatives of the Faculty of Arts, two representatives of the Faculty of Science, to representatives of the Faculty of Engineering, two representatives of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, one representative of the Faculty of Applied Science and on representative of the Faculty of Architecture.

The elections will be held from March 16 to March 19 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The ballot box will be located in the S.R.C. Office. The office has a copy of the by-laws governing these elections and prospective candidates can peruse it.

The executive of the 19th Students’ Representative Council will take up duties after the annual general meeting. Mr. A. Svirskis is President-elect, Mr. T. Laffan is Secretary and Mr. J. Skehan is Treasure. The 18th S.R.C. will meet for the last time on March 4.

1971 UNIVERSITY SKILLS ASSESSMENT

First year students interested in knowing more about their ability to handle university study have been invited to take part in tests devised by the Student Counselling Unit. The tests will be conducted by the unit on February 25.

The Senior Student Counsellor (Mr. A.P.T. Loftus) has informed the students that the skills assessments are not compulsory but he hoped the students would take advantage of them. Several hundred students had followed up similar tests in previous years by making appointments with the Student Counselling Unit to discuss their results and, in many cases, had gone on to such things as reading courses or help in study skills.

He said the assessment measured a variety of skills which were known to be relevant to success or failure at university. Reading speed, examination anxiety and note-taking from lectures were among the attributes that were assessed.

Everything the students wrote during the tests was completely confidential and would not be used outside the Student counselling Unit. Information obtained would be revealed only to students who requested the information.

Students attached to the Faculties of Applied Science, Mathematics, Architecture,
Science and Engineering have been asked to take part in tests to be conducted in the morning of February 25, beginning at 9.10 a.m. Students in the Faculties of Arts and Economics and Commerce have been asked to attend in the afternoon, when tests will begin at 1.10 p.m. However, a student who cannot attend the session for his or her particular faculty can arrange to come to the other by ringing the Student Counselling Unit (68 5255). Students whose names begin with A-L should go to the Main Lecture Theatre, M-S to Room G24 of the Administration Building and T-Z to Room 127 of the Administration Building.

Mr. Loftus said that when the results of the skills assessment had been determined the students would be offered the opportunity to discuss the results with members of the Counselling Unit. Further, the unit would write to any student whose results indicated the likelihood of any aspect of his university skills having an adverse affect on his later work.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. M.M. Davies has been appointed Demonstrator in Psychology. Mrs. Davies was a part-time Tutor at the University in 1969 and a Tutor at the University of Melbourne in 1970. She graduated from the University of Newcastle as a B.A. with Honours in 1970.

**LECTURER IN GERMANY**

At present visiting schools, teachers' colleges and universities in Germany is Mrs. Gaynor E. Reeves, Lecturer in Education, who was awarded a scholarship by the Goethe Institute. Mrs. Reeves left Newcastle in January and is expected to return in March. The scholarship also allows her time to meet the German people, visit private homes and see as much of German culture as possible.

**1970 BOOK AND SERIAL LOANS**

The Assistant University Librarian (Reader Services), Miss J.E. Murray, has stated that in 1970 students and members of staff took 90,814 books out on loan from the Library. This figure is a record. Miss Murray said that the Library had also strengthened its participation in the Inter-Library Loan Service in 1970. Previously it had borrowed more books through the service than it lent; in 1970 the Library supplied 2,691 books on loan to other libraries and borrowed 2,653.

**UNIVERSITIES - STEEL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE**

Professor T.M. Henderson, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, will represent the University at a conference of representatives of Australian universities and the Australian steel industry in Port Kembla on February 23 and 24.

The Conference will be sponsored by the B.H.P. Co. Ltd., which conducted similar meetings between 1956 and 1966. The Company said its purpose in reviving the conferences was to show some of the activities and developments in the steel industry, to have discussions on matters of mutual interest and so promote better understanding between industry and universities.

Professor Henderson will go from Port Kembla to Melbourne to attend the biennial conference of Civil Engineering Professors to be held at Melbourne University on February 25 and 26.
LETTRASET AGENCY ESTABLISHED

The Union has acquired an "on campus" agency for Letraset Instant Lettering and such architectural and designers' aide as Letratone, Instantex, Letrafilm, Letracolor and Letraline.

Comprehensive stocks are available for "over the counter" sale and prompt service is available for special orders. Acquisition of the agency to serve the University has been difficult. Now that comprehensive stocks are held on campus, delays in obtaining supplies should be eliminated. The Union is hoping that patronage will justify the venture.

HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM 1970 - 72

The University has received two copies of a Handbook for students from overseas and their advisers. One copy will be placed in the Library and the other will be held by Mr. J. Todd, Student Administration.

NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR T.T.A. FEES

Use of the S.R.C. Office as a location for the payment of membership fees for the University of Newcastle Trainee Teachers' Association has been discontinued. A notice will be placed on the board in the Union giving details of the new arrangement for the payment of fees.

LITERARY MAGAZINE FOR SALE

Copies of Nimrod No. 7 are still available for 40 cents each from the S.R.C. Office. The magazine was supplied by the printers after examinations commenced last year and it is considered that some students do not know that it is available. Nimrod is the Students' Association's literary magazine. It contains poetry, literary criticism and short stories, most of which were written by members of staff and students.

THE FRED A BAGE BURSARY

The Council of the Australian Federation of University Women is offering the Freda Bage Bursary, valued at $500, for tenure in the period July, 1971 to June, 1972. The bursary is open to women graduates who are members of the Australian Federation of University Women. The purpose of the bursary is to provide assistance during a period of post-graduate study or research in any field in Australia or its Territories. The period of tenure is not more than one year, but may be shorter.

Application forms may be obtained from Ass. Professor E. Liggins, School of English Studies, Macquarie University, North Ryde, 2113, and must be returned to Professor Liggins by March 31. Further information can be gained from Mr. J. Todd, Secretary's Division.

COMMONWEALTH TRAVEL GRANT, BRISBANE CONGRESS

The Commonwealth Government is making funds available to assist scientists to attend the 43rd ANZAAS Congress to be held in Brisbane from May 24 to 28. Bona
fide residents of Australia seeking assistance from the Commonwealth Grant should apply, stating the contribution (if any) they are likely to make to the congress, e.g., presenting a paper, and the financial assistance (if any) they are likely to receive from other sources, e.g., their own universities.

Applications should reach the Central Office before March 20th, 1971 and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, ANZAAS, Science House, 157 Gloucester Street, Sydney, 2000. (Telephone: 27 2620).

QUEEN ELIZABETH II FELLOWSHIPS - PHYSICAL & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

To commemorate the Royal Visit to Australia in 1963 the Australian Government established the Queen Elizabeth II Fellowships Scheme. Under this scheme up to ten fellowships may be awarded each year for full-time research by young scientists of exceptional promise and proved capacity for original work. These are post-doctoral awards tenable in an Australian university or approved research institution normally for two years. Tenure of a Fellowship is expected to commence within nine months of the announcement of the award.

Queen Elizabeth II Fellows must be either Australian or United Kingdom citizens. They should have a Ph.D., or equivalent qualifications, in one of the physical or biological sciences (which are deemed to include mathematics and the scientific aspects of statistics, engineering, metallurgy, agriculture and medicine)

Awards will, in general, be restricted to applicants who are not more than 30 years of age on the date when applications close.

The stipend is $A7,000 a year, increasing to $A7,500 at the age of 28. Allowances are payable in respect of a Fellow's wife ($500 p.a.), each dependent child ($200), superannuation payments (up to 10 per cent of stipend), appropriate insurance coverage and necessary travel expenses. Host institutions are paid an allowance towards the cost of setting up the fellow and his research work.

Persons interested in applying for the above fellowships should obtain application forms and a statement of the conditions of award from the Secretary, Queen Elizabeth Fellowships Committee, Department of Education and Science, P.O. Box 826, Canberra, 2601. Applications for the next round of awards, which will be announced in June 1971, close at the Canberra address on March 19, 1971.

BRITISH PASSENGER LINES' FREE PASSAGE SCHEME

Under a generous scheme the member lines of the Australian and New Zealand Passenger Conference provide annually 30 free first-class return passages to graduates of Australian and New Zealand Universities proceeding to the United Kingdom and Europe to further their studies. Of these passages, 25 are awarded to graduates of Australian Universities and the remainder to graduates from New Zealand. The passages are available by vessels leaving Australia or New Zealand between July 1 and December 31, and from the United Kingdom by vessels leaving between March 1 and June 30. In the event of graduates travelling other than by a direct line to or from Australia or New Zealand they must bear the cost of the inter-Dominion fare, and all selected graduates will be required to make their own ways to their ports of embarkation in Australia.

Should the recipient of one of the passages prefer to travel other than by first class, this may be arranged subject to the lines being able to provide such accommodation.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from Mr. Todd, Secretary's Division. Applications must be lodged with the Secretary on or before Monday, March 8, 1971.
PHOSITIONS AVAILABLE

LABORATORY ATTENDANT/ASSISTANT  DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Position No. N13/71

In general the position will involve assistance in class preparation and operation of equipment.

Salary ranges for the position are:

- LABORATORY ATTENDANT  $2,969 - $3,246 per annum
- LABORATORY ASSISTANT  $3,520 - $4,351 per annum

and commencing salary would be dependent upon age, qualifications and experience. Applicants for Laboratory Assistant must possess a Technical College Certificate in Chemistry or other recognised qualifications deemed by the University to be appropriate.

LABORATORY CRAFTSMAN  DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  TIGHEs HILL

Position No. N20/71

The appointee will work on the manufacture and maintenance of instruments and equipment used for departmental teaching and research, and will have access to a wide range of machine tools and other equipment. Applicants should have had extensive experience in fitting and machining and some experience in sheet metal working and welding. Additional experience in the development of special purpose equipment or manufacture and maintenance of electrical or electronic equipment would be a distinct advantage.

Commencing salary will be within the range $78.32 to $90.54 per week, depending upon age, qualifications and experience.

STENOGRAPHER  DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position No. N18/71

A competent and experienced stenographer is required. Commencing salary will be up to $55.50 per week depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $5.75 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/TYPIST  SECRETARY'S DIVISION

Position No. N19/71

A competent touch typist experienced in office routine is required. Commencing salary will be up to $53.41 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $1.92 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

Interested persons should apply immediately to the Personnel Office.

HOUSE FOR SALE

A two bedroom weatherboard tiled roof home, located adjacent to the university, seven years old, with a tiled bathroom, carpets, venetian blinds and a landscaped garden is for sale for $14,000. People interested should contact Mrs. S. Byron, Secretary's Division, (Ext. 341).
Theosophical Lecture

Miss Helen V. Zahara will give a public lecture under the auspices of the Theosophical Society in the U.E.A. Adult Education Centre, Union Street, Newcastle, on February 25 beginning at 7.30 p.m.

Miss Zahara will level the question, "Is There Evidence For Thought Power?" She is attached to the Theosophical Society's American headquarters and since taking up duties at the international headquarters of the society in Madras, India, in 1946 has addressed audiences in more than 30 countries.

Sausage Sizzle Reception

To welcome students coming to the university from overseas, a barbecue will be held at Glenrock Lagoon on February 27 from 3.30 p.m.

The Newcastle Co-ordinating Committee for Overseas Students, which is arranging the barbecue, is inviting people to attend. The charge will be $1 a head and 50 cents a child. Newly-arrived overseas students will be guests.

Students who wish to attend should contact Mr. A. Chia through the S.R.C. Office. The organizers would like to be supplied with the names of people who require transport to Glenrock Lagoon and people who can provide transport for other people. Some cars will meet at Civic Park at 3 p.m. Further details can be obtained from Mr. Chia and Mrs. T. Wright (phone 43 2244).

Annual Meeting

The Left Action Front will hold its annual general meeting in the Union Lounge on March 3 at 1 p.m. Business will include reading reports, moving constitutional changes and election of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of Newsletter. Notice has been given that the group be named the Democratic Socialists' Society.

Civilization Film Series

During the first half of 1971 the Faculty of Architecture will be screening the series of thirteen 'Civilization' films produced and narrated by Sir Kenneth Clark.

The films will be screened in the Main Lecture Theatre (B 01) every Thursday at 1 p.m. commencing on March 4. Students and members of staff are invited to attend.

Sports Office Relocation

The Sports Union Office has been transferred from the Union to the temporary office block behind the Administration Building. The office is now located in Room S 10 adjacent to the Amenities Office.

Squash and tennis bookings can be made in the newly-located office (68 5520, or Extension 520) until work on the construction of three new squash courts at University Oval has been completed. It is expected that the new squash courts will be completed early in May, after which the office will be transferred to the pavilion.

Pop Concert

Doug Parkinson and the Fanny Adams will entertain at a pop concert to be held in the Union on March 3 beginning at 8.15 p.m. Tickets cost $1.50 for non-students and $1 for students. A.U.S., the Aquarius Foundation and the university's Students' Association will sponsor the concert.