CONFERRING OF DEGREES CEREMONIES

Approximately 370 people who have completed the University's requirements for admission to degrees are expected to take out their degrees on 19th March. It is also anticipated that approximately 60 people will be awarded diplomas.

Two Graduation Ceremonies will be held in the City Hall, degrees in the Faculties of Applied Science, Architecture, Engineering and Science being conferred at 10.30 a.m. and degrees in the Faculties of Arts and Economics and Commerce at 2.30 p.m. Lectures and practical classes at the University will be cancelled on 19th March.

Professor J.A. Allen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry, who expects to leave the university to take up duties as Executive Officer of the C.S.I.R.O. at the end of May, has accepted an invitation to deliver the occasional address at the morning ceremony. Mr. Hermann D. Black, Chancellor of the University of Sydney, will address the afternoon ceremony and an Honorary Doctorate of Literature will be conferred on him. Tea will be served in the Supper Room at the City Hall at the conclusion of both ceremonies.

A meeting of people who intend to take out their degrees will be held in the new Common Room at the Union on March 18 at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by a reception to be given by the Chancellor and members of the University Council.

Convocation will conduct the Graduation Ball in the City Hall on the night of the conferring of degrees ceremonies (March 19). A loge plan and tickets for the ball are available at the Union office, which has reported that tickets have been selling at a fast rate. The tickets cost $5 each and cover the cost of refreshments. Dancing will be held in both the main auditorium and the Supper Room and the Graduation Waltz will be played at 10 p.m.

The Union has stocks of Academic dress tailored to the regulations of the University. Gowns etc. can either be purchased or hired from the Shop, which is open from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

STAFF/STUDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, 1971

In 1971, all students may vote in the election of Student Representatives on the Staff/Student Consultative Committee and any student may stand for election.

Each Faculty elects one student member, except the Faculty of Arts, which elects three.

The Committee consists of equal members of elected staff and student members,
and has, as ex-officio members, the Deputy Chairman of Senate, the President and Local Education Officer of the S.R.C. and the President of the Staff Association.

For the benefit of new members of the university the principal functions of the S.S.C.C. are to foster personal contact between students and staff, to channel information both ways between students, staff and Council and to bring to the attention of those concerned the results of its deliberations. The S.S.C.C. deals with academic matters only. It advises; it cannot legislate. It depends entirely on the goodwill and interest of students and staff.

Details of the Committee's deliberations remain confidential, although a general outline of matters discussed are published through Broadsheets and "University News".

I agreed to make arrangements for the election of the student representatives early this term. It is not possible, because of numbers and timetables, to hold meetings at which candidates could introduce themselves to their electors.

The only solution to these problems is to hold a ballot by means of voting papers, which I shall organise later in the term, thus giving Freshmen a chance to get settled in before voting.

In the first April edition of University News I shall call for nominations.

B. NEWTON-JOHN
CHAIRMAN S.S.C.C.

V. C. TO ADDRESS ACADEMIC STAFF

Members of the academic and teaching staff are invited to a meeting to be held in the Main Lecture Theatre (B01) on Wednesday, 10th March, beginning at 1.15 p.m. The Vice Chancellor (Professor Auchmuty) will speak on "The Current Australian University Climate".

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Miss B.L. Stuart has been appointed Tutor in English. Miss Stuart graduated in Arts in the University of Sydney in 1969, being awarded First Class Honours at Graduation.

Dr. B. Lancaster has taken up his appointment as Lecturer in Chemical Engineering. Dr. Lancaster is a graduate in Science of the University of New South Wales and obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Melbourne. For the last three years he was a Senior Engineer in the Research Section of Westinghouse Electric Corporation plant in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., working on the control of pollution caused by electric utilities.

PROFESSOR BACK FROM STUDY LEAVE

Professor G.A. Cranfield, Professor of Modern History and Head of the Department of History, has returned to the University after an absence of six months on study leave. Professor Cranfield visited Rhodesia and Greece before going to England, where he visited History Departments at several universities, including the University of London, Warwick, York, Lancaster, Norwich, Canterbury and Sussex. He was in England for four months. On his return trip to Australia he stopped over at Delhi, Bangkok and Hong Kong.
The Department of Education and Science has published a Bulletin which gives the main dates of the academic years of schools, teachers' colleges, universities and other teaching institutions in Australia for 1971. It is held by Mr. P. Beckett, the Secretary's Division. As well as giving other information about the institutions, the Bulletin indicates the first days and last days of terms and when examinations will be held.

S. R. C. ELECTIONS

The Students' Representative Council is inviting nominations from members for the filling of eight positions. Nominations will be received from 15th March to 28th March for one representative of full-time students, one representative of part-time students and six general representatives.

The elections will be held from 30th March to 2nd April between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Candidates who are defeated in the separate elections for representatives of Faculties (to be held from 16th March to 19th March) are eligible to stand for the later elections.

UNIVERSITY SKILLS ASSESSMENT, 1971

At the University Skills Assessment held on 25th February, 506 students (almost 60% of those to whom notices had been sent) attended the two sessions.

The Senior Student Counsellor (Mr. A.P.T. Loftus) said that although numbers were slightly less than last year the response was still very encouraging and it was hoped to analyse the scores within a fortnight, after which students could discuss the results with a Counsellor and remedial courses could be arranged.

For the benefit of students who missed the main sessions, a Supplementary Skills Assessment would be held on 19th March, he said. This was Graduation Day and lectures had been cancelled for that day. The programme would take place in B01 (the main lecture theatre). Any new undergraduate who missed the original session and who wished to take the tests should come to B01 before 9.10 on the morning of 19th March. The programme would take a little over two hours.

P. & O. LINES FREE PASSAGE SCHEME TO NORTH AMERICA FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Under this scheme six free first-class passages are provided annually in each direction to enable persons who have taken their first degree entirely at Australian Universities to travel to North America (Canada or U.S.A.) for post-graduate study.

Further information on the scheme may be obtained from Mr. J. Todd, Secretary's Division. Applications must be lodged with the Secretary on or before Friday, 14th May, 1971.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LABORATORY CRAFTSMAN - DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Position No. N21/71
Duties will include construction and maintenance of electrical and electronic instruments used in teaching and research. Qualifications should include Electrical Trades, or Fitting and Machining Trades. Post-Trade studies in the Electronics area would be an advantage. Experience in machine shop practice, sheet metalwork and electrical fitting, would be acceptable but experience in the electronics or control areas is preferred. Experience in electro-chemical processes would also be an advantage. Commencing salary will be within the range $78.32 to $90.54 per week, depending on qualifications and experience.

LABORATORY ASSISTANT - DEPARTMENT OF METALLURGY

Position No. N25/71

Duties will include the maintenance and operation of the Department's Electron Microscopes and applicants should have had training in either metallurgy or science. Commencing salary will be within the range $3,520 - $4,351 per annum, depending upon qualifications and experience.

LABORATORY ATTENDANT - DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Position No. N24/71

The position will involve assistance in preparation of material and equipment for laboratory classes and for research projects; physical maintenance of laboratories, equipment and stores. Previous experience in laboratory work an advantage, but not essential. Commencing salary for adults will be within the range of $56.94 to $62.25 per week, depending upon qualifications and experience. Junior rates are according to age.

LABORATORY ATTENDANT - DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Position No. N26/71

Duties include assisting with the handling of equipment and materials in laboratories, the setting up of equipment for lecture demonstrations and the keeping of records of equipment within the Department. Commencing salary for adults will be within the range $2,969 - $3,246 per annum, depending upon qualifications and experience. Junior rates are according to age.

Interested persons should apply immediately to the Personnel Office.

ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES WELCOMED

Studies in Year V in Architecture include the subject Fine Arts; this course provides a broad survey of painting and sculpture of all ages, covering the cultural and historical backgrounds of various styles, the lives of artists and visual demonstration of works.

Dr. N. Clouten, Lecturer in Architecture, who is in charge of the course, said he welcomed the attendance at Fine Arts lectures of students from other faculties and interested members of the public. Lectures were given in the Architecture Building on Thursdays between 2.15 and 3.45 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Dinner

The Students' Representative Council will hold its annual dinner at the Alcron Restaurant on Friday, 5th March beginning at 7 p.m. The Council has invited Cultural Affairs Director of the Australian Union of Students
(Miss Robin Love) and the National Abscol Director (Mr. Tony Lawson) to be guest speakers.

Mathematics Seminar

The first Mathematics seminar for 1971 will be held in Room G24 on Friday, 5th March, at noon. Dr. D. Holton, of the Department of Mathematics, University of Melbourne, will speak on "Stable Graphs". All those interested are invited to attend.

Student Players

The Student Players will hold their annual general meeting in the Union Lounge on Wednesday, 10th March, beginning at 1 p.m. Possible drama productions for this year will be discussed and the election of officers will be held.

Small Group Recital

A quartet from Musica Viva - Newcastle (flute, cello, piano and violin) has accepted an invitation to play for members of the Staff House Club on Friday, 12th March, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

The programme, lasting about 50 minutes, will consist of some English 16th Century pieces, Trio Opus 1 No. 2 in G Major by Beethoven, Bach's Flute Sonata in E flat Major, the first and second movements of Trio in D Minor by Mendelssohn and Eugene Bozza's Aria pour flûte et piano.

Lorna Denham (flute), Aljordis Hartmann-Smith (cello), Sharon Raschke (piano) and John Bottrill (violin) will perform the musical works.

Gathering to Welcome Staff

New members of the academic and teaching staff will be welcomed to the university at an informal gathering in the Staff House on 12th March between 4 and 6 p.m. The welcome will be jointly staged by the Staff Association and the Staff House Club.

SPORTING NEWS

Sporting Facilities

The Amenities Officer (Mr. H. Bradford) has stated that work would be completed in the early future on the construction of three new squash courts and two new tennis courts and these would be welcome additions to sporting facilities on the university's campus.

Mr. Bradford said that Freshers who had paid their general services fees were automatically entitled to membership of the Sports Union, which embodies 24 sporting clubs. Information on each of the clubs could be obtained from the Sports Union - Amenities Office ('phone 344).

He said that members of staff could become Associate Members of the Sports Union by paying $8 each per annum; as a result they were eligible to membership of sporting bodies which were affiliated with the Sports Union and the use of the university's sporting facilities.

In addition, he said there were members of staff who only wished to avail themselves of the university's squash and tennis facilities. To cater for these people the Sporting Facilities Committee had introduced a special membership fee for 1971 of $4, which entitled these members of staff to use tennis, squash and other sporting facilities on the campus for the period of their subscription.
Mr. Bradford said staff personnel intending to become members should call at, or 'phone, the Amenities Office. The Sporting Facilities Committee was confident that the revised arrangements for the use of sporting facilities would prove to be in the best interests of both students and staff.

Cricket

The University First Grade Cricket team achieved its first outright victory of the current season on 27th February. It seems likely that the No. 3 Fourth Grade team will qualify for the semi-finals.

Inter-varsity cricket matches were played between Newcastle and the University of New England on 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th February. The fixtures were socially successful. However, New England Staff and Student teams both defeated their counterparts from Newcastle.

Administration continued its good form by beating a Maitland G.U.O.O.F. side at University Oval on 28th February. Administration took the laurels despite what seemed like dirty work at the cross-roads on the part of Graham Searles, who normally plays with Maitland. Administration had scored 165 runs and Maitland was trailing well behind when Searles tried to give his Maitland mates a lift by dropping two simple catches. Nonetheless, Maitland scored only 140.

Two weeks before, in a match between Administration and Academics, Herb Presker delivered the coup de grace for Administration by taking four wickets for one run off two overs. The diabolical Academics claimed that Herb, who is curator of University Oval, had exploited his own wicket. In the match against Maitland, Brian Penfold emulated Presker's prowess by taking four wickets for 11 runs off four overs.

Squash

The Newcastle Squash competition recommenced on 1st March. The University has entered six men's teams and two women's teams.

Yoga

Tuition in Yoga and physical fitness will be introduced shortly. Students and members of staff who wish to join the classes should make arrangements with the Amenities office.

Swimming Championships

The University's swimming championships will be held at Lambton Swimming Centre on Monday, 15th March from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Entries will be received up to 10th March. Races over 50 and 100 metres will be held for both men and women in various styles of swimming. Inter-faculty relay swims, diving competitions and races for swimmers wearing flippers will also be held. The Amenities Office has invited entries for a special staff 4 x 50 metres freestyle relay.

Athletics

The Athletics Club will hold its annual general meeting in the pavilion at the oval on 18th March beginning at 8 p.m.

John Hawkins, a member of the club, has been nominated for selection in the Australian Universities team to tour New Zealand in April. John is an outstanding hurdler.