SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING

Work has started at the University on the construction of a Social Sciences building, within which the Departments of Economics, Commerce and Geography, and part of the Department of Psychology, will be rehoused. Completion of the new building will help to remedy the overtaxed accommodation position at the university. As well as providing greater teaching and research areas for the four departments now functioning in the Arts/Administration building, the new building will allow the departments remaining in the main building to expand into the vacated space.

The Vice-Chancellor said the Social Sciences building would be sited along a new pedestrian walkway to lead from the University's No. 2 Car Park to the main Plaza. The building would provide the university with 635 square meters of added floor space and would be constructed with off-form concrete columns, cement blocks and aluminum windows for the exterior.

The consulting architects, Crooks, Michell, Peacock and Stewart, of Chatswood, working closely with the University Planner's division, had designed the building to permit the independent expansion of each department in the future.

Originally, the plans had provided for an Arts Theatre to seat 260 people, but the tenders indicated that the cost of the full scheme would exceed the amount of money available to the university ($1,540,000). Consequently, on the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the University Council had decided to postpone a start on the Arts Theatre, giving its construction the highest priority in works to be done in the 1973-75 triennium. When constructed the theatre would provide stage and dressing facilities, together with seating, and would be used by the university as an auditorium for drama, concerts, lectures and the teaching of students of drama.

The main space allocations in the building:

Three lecture rooms, ground floor, for undergraduate teaching in the various departments.

Psychology: ground floor, perception, physiological and special laboratories, operating theatre, control and holding rooms, experimental room.

Economics: ground floor, Moniac and junior statistics laboratories, tutorial rooms; first floor, lecturers' offices, senior statistics laboratory, compactus, reading rooms, post-graduate reading; second floor, Professors, lecturers' offices, research assistants, seminar rooms, honours reading room.

Commerce: first floor, Professor, Secretary and clerical room, lecturers' offices, staff conference room, accounting research materials, post-graduate reading, seminar room, honours reading room.

Geography: ground floor, junior senior and physical geography laboratories, tutorial room, lecturers' offices, display foyer; first floor, Professors, assistants' room, lecturers' offices, honours reading room and laboratory.
tutorial, seminar and staff rooms; second floor, lecturers' offices, print room, map library, drafting room, human geography library, post-graduate laboratories and reading room.

**FENCE TO BLOCK GRAVEL ROAD**

A safety fence will shortly be erected around the construction site of the Social Sciences Building. The site is located between the temporary staff office blocks and the post office.

The fence is necessary to safeguard members of the university but it will restrict, to some extent, motor and pedestrian access across the site while the Social Sciences building is being constructed.

One consequence of the fence will be the closure of the gravel service road leading to the post office. P.M.G. vans and other authorised vehicles will be able to use a new entry off the Union Car Park to gain access to the Post Office and Main Store.

People who leave their cars in No. 2 car park will be unable to use the old gravel road; they should walk on the tar service road between the Arts/Administration building and the temporary offices.

**PROFESSOR ALLEN TO BE FAREWELLED**

Professor J.A. Allen, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry, leaves Newcastle later this month to begin duties as Executive Officer of the C.S.I.R.O. in Canberra. He and Mrs. Allen will be farewelled by friends and associates including members of the University Council and Senate and staff attached to the Department of Chemistry.

The Department of Chemistry will hold a buffet dinner, at which Professor Allen will be guest of honour, in the Staff House on Thursday night, 13th May. Dr. R. Basden will make a presentation and Messrs. E. Jacobs and J. Nicholson will speak.

Council and Senate will farewell Professor and Mrs. Allen at a dinner to be held in the Staff House on Friday night, 14th May. The Chancellor (Sir Alister Mc'Ellin) will preside and speakers will include the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor (Dr. G.A. Edwards), Professor A.D. Tweedie and Mrs. W. Pickering.

**ARRANGEMENTS IN VACATION**

The Union will be open on week days only. The cafe will serve meals between noon and 1.30 p.m. and 5 and 6 p.m. Opening times for the coffee bar will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 2 to 5.30 p.m.

The Staff House will be open in the vacation on week days to provide lunches. However, it will close every day at 5 p.m.

The Library will not open on week-ends in the vacation. It will be closed on 15th and 16th May, 22nd and 23rd May, 29th and 30th May and 5th and 6th June. Items in the Reserve Collection can be borrowed from 5 p.m. on Fridays until 9 a.m. on Mondays. The Library will be open on week days in the vacation from 8.30 a.m. until 10 p.m.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATIONS - 1971

Every student desiring either to sit for an annual examination or to obtain a result for a subject not formally examined must complete ONE "Application for Admission to Examinations" form and lodge it with the Examinations Officer by 18th June, 1971.

These forms are available from the Student Administration Section or the departmental offices in the Architecture, Engineering and Metallurgy buildings.

ARTS REPRESENTATIVES ON S. S. C. C.

Messrs. G.M. Brown, R.D. Farrell, J.H. O'Brien and A. Laffan were nominated for election as student representatives of the Faculty of Arts on the Staff/Student Consultative Committee. A ballot was necessary, since the Faculty of Arts elects three representatives. The result of the ballot was: Brown 20 votes, Farrell 19, O'Brien 16, Laffan 14 and informal, seven. Messrs. Brown, Farrell and O'Brien have been declared elected.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Mr. M.J. Lewis has taken up duties as Tutor in History. Mr. Lewis is a B.A. with honours in the University of N.S.W. He was attached to the London School of Economics as a Research Assistant in 1968 and to the School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University as a Research Assistant in International Relations in 1969 and 1970.

Mr. P.M. Pojer has begun his appointment as Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Chemistry. Mr. Pojer graduated from the University of Sydney in 1967 with a B.Sc.(Hons.) degree. Before joining this university he was a Ph.D. Student at Monash University.

Mr. J.E. Carr, who graduated as a B.A. in this University in 1970, has commenced duties as Demonstrator in Psychology.

VISITORS TO THE UNIVERSITY

In future, information will be compiled concerning academics who are expected to visit the university. The lists will be prepared every term with the assistance of the Heads of academic departments. As well as publishing details in the NEWS, the lists will be circulated to the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee and other Australian Universities.

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Professor Raphael Trifon, Israel Institute of Technology

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French, as Visiting Lecturer
Economics, as Visiting Professor

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May to August, 1971.
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UNION MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS

Annual elections for certain positions on the Board of Management of Newcastle University Union have been concluded and the Returning Officer (Mr. W.V. Bridgwater) has declared the following people elected:

Mr. J.M. Bennetts, G.M. Brown, Miss R.K. Floyd, Miss V.J. Knight, Mr. G.S. Martin, Mr. S.M. Noon, Mr. J.W. O'Sullivan and Mr. A.A. Pitt. They were elected by students of the University.

Mr. Bridgwater said Mr. T. Ryan had been elected to the Board for two years by graduates of the university. The other graduate representative on the Board was Mr. K. Moss, who did not have to contest re-election.

The Students' Representative Council announced that Messrs. R. Farrell and D. McKie had been elected by the council to represent it on the Board.

Mr. Bridgwater said the Board also included Miss A. Pears, who represented the Sports Union, and Messrs. K. Booth, M.L.A. and M. Nelson, delegates from the University Council.

Members, at the first meeting of the new Board on 11th May, elected Mr. G. Martin President of the Union and Chairman of the Board, Mr. J. O'Sullivan Vice-president and Mr. J. Bennetts Honorary Treasurer. The new President succeeds Mr. K. Moss.

S. R. C. LOOKING FOR NEW TREASURER

Nominations will be received at the S.R.C. office up to 5 p.m. on Friday, 11th June, from candidates prepared to stand for election as Treasurer of Newcastle University Students' Association. The association is seeking a successor to Mr. J. Skehan, who recently resigned. A vacancy still exists on the 19th Council for a representative of the Faculty of Applied Science.

INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY SEMINAR

Twenty-five Senior Librarians from African and Asian countries recently returned to their positions after attending the International Library Seminar - 1971 in Australia. Arranged by the Department of Foreign Affairs, the various sessions of the seminar were held in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Perth. The visitors inspected some leading Australian Libraries and heard lectures, including one delivered by Mr. E. Flowers, Librarian at this university, who spoke to the Africans and Asians on "National Needs in Science and Technology Information" at the Fisher Library, University of Sydney.
LATE RETURN OF BOOKS

In an attempt to convince all users of the Library that they should return books by the due dates, the Library is displaying a notice which indicates the procedures followed as regards fines.

From Monday, 10th May, fines of $1 per book have been levied on borrowers of overdue books. The fines increase by $1 after seven days and at the same rate for every week thereafter until the book is returned.

An invoice for the amount of the fine is issued to the student when the overdue book is returned. Fines must be paid to the University's Cashier in the Administration building within 14 days of the issue of the invoice. Fines not paid within this time will increase by $1 per week until they are paid.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN

NEW ZEALAND AND MALAYSIAN AWARDS 1972-73

The Department of Education and Science has informed the University that invitations have been received from New Zealand and Malaysia to nominate candidates for Awards tenable in these countries from the beginning of the 1972 academic year under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.

Australia has been invited by New Zealand to submit three nominations and by Malaysia to submit two nominations. Brief details of the Awards are as follows:

Tenure: The New Zealand Awards are tenable from March, 1972 and the Malaysian Awards from May, 1972. Both Awards are normally tenable for a period of one or two years.

Eligibility: A candidate must be a citizen of a Commonwealth country or a British protected person who is normally resident in Australia or the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and prepared to return to Australia at the end of the Scholarship period.

Procedure for Applying: A candidate who is a graduate of an Australian University or has other affiliation with another Australian University should lodge his application with that University. Candidates with "other affiliation" include not only undergraduates who have nearly completed their degree courses but also graduates undertaking postgraduate study at a University other than the University of their first graduation.

Closing Date for Application: Each University has been requested to set its own closing date for the receipt of applications. The closing date for applications lodged by students at the University of Newcastle is Monday, 31st May, 1971. Applications should be lodged with the Secretary to the University by that date.

Form of Application: The Forms of Application for Scholarships under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan may be obtained at the Student Administration Office.

Full details about the Awards may be obtained from the Heads of Academic Departments or from Mr. J.D. Todd, at the Student Administration Office.

AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Australian Tobacco Research Foundation is calling for applications (closing date 30th June, 1971) for financial assistance in 1972 to conduct research into the relationship in Australia between tobacco smoking and health and disease in its widest context.
Application forms and brochures may be obtained from: The Medical Secretary, Australian Tobacco Research Foundation, C/- Department of Medicine, University of Sydney. 2006.

INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

The celebration this year of Colombo Plan Day on the 1st July, will mark the 20th anniversary of the Plan. The Colombo Plan Bureau has organised an international essay competition which is open to contestants in two age groups - under 16, and over 16 and under 21. In the first instance the essay will be judged on a national basis and each winner will receive free air travel from Australia to Singapore and return. Winning entries in the national competition will subsequently be sent to the Colombo Plan Bureau for judging. The bureau is offering six prizes ranging from $50 to $100 for winners of the International Competition. Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division, has details of the requirements to be met by contestants.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The National Gallery of Victoria is inviting entries from photographers and student photographers for its "Young Australian" Photographic Exhibition to be held at the Gallery in August, 1972. The exhibition will be restricted to photographers who were born in or who are working in Australia and who will be 25 or less in January, 1972. Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division, has further information about the proposed exhibition.

COMING EVENTS

Mathematics Seminar

Dr. R.F.C. Walters, of the Department of Pure Mathematics, University of Sydney, will speak on "The 2-Category of Categories and Yoneda Theory" at a seminar to be held in Room G24 on 14th May, at noon.

General Meeting

The University of Newcastle Subdivision of the Public Service Association will hold a general meeting in the Main Lecture Theatre on Monday, 17th May, at 1 p.m. The Chairman will report to the meeting on progress made with the formation of a Credit Union and with the Conditions of Employment Award.

Symposium in Chemistry

The University will be the venue for the 5th Biennial Symposium in Analytical Chemistry to be conducted by Newcastle Section of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. The symposium will be held on Wednesday, 19th May, in the Science Lecture Theatre. Registration will cost members $4, non-members $6 and students $2. The fee includes lunch in the Staff Club. Various companies will stage exhibitions in the ground floor of the Chemistry building.

The Chairman of the Newcastle Section (Dr. L.K. Dyall) will give an address of introduction at 9.30 a.m., followed by a lecture by Dr. D.L. Swaine, of the C.S.I.R.O., on "Methods of Solid Fuel Analysis". At 11.15 a.m., Mr. J.K. Haken of the University of N.S.W., will speak on "Analysis of Organic Surface Coatings on Metals". There will be an inspection of exhibitions at 1.15 p.m. and Mr. A.B. Timms, of the Australian Mineral Development Laboratories, will speak on "The Operation of Laboratories Processing Mineral Samples" at 3 p.m. People wishing to attend the symposium should get in touch with the Secretary of the Newcastle Section (Dr. K.H. Bell) at the Department of Chemistry.
Yoga Classes Postponed

Yoga classes will not be held on 17th May. However, they will be resumed on 24th May. The classes are held in the Union on Mondays from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FORTHCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

Intervarsity Sport

Teams from the university will take part in Intervarsity sporting competitions in the vacation at the following locations: Athletics, A.N.U.; Badminton and Women's Hockey, Queensland University; Netball and Rugby Union, Adelaide University; Orienteering, Newcastle University; Rugby League, Sydney University; Men's Rowing, Brisbane; Women's Rowing, Sydney; Soccer and surf riding, Melbourne; Table Tennis, Monash University.

Entries for the Orienteering Contest, for which Newcastle University will be host, have been received from 11 Australian universities. The contest will be conducted on 22nd and 23rd May. Contestants will assemble at the pavilion at University Oval on 22nd May at 8.45 a.m. They will be transported to a bushland area near Newcastle where the contest will be held until noon on 23rd May.

Rugby Union: 15th May, University plays The Waratahs, Waratah Oval; subsequent fixtures not known.

Rugby League: 15th May, University plays Sydney University Golds, University Oval; 16th May, University plays West Wallsend, Stewarts and Lloyds Oval; 22nd May, University plays N.S.W. University Reeds, David Phillips Field, Sydney; 29th May, University plays Westmead Teachers' College, University Oval.

Soccer: 16th May, University plays Cardiff Workers' Club, Alder Park; 23rd May, University plays Warners Bay, Warners Bay; 30th May, University plays Kearsley, Stevenson Park.

Australian Rules: 15th May, University plays Wests, Hawkins Oval; 29th May, University plays City, Hawkins Oval.

Women's Hockey: 15th May, University plays Oxfords, National Park.

Men's Hockey: 15th May, University has a bye; 22nd May, University plays Stockton, Smith Park.