POSTPONEMENT OF BIOLOGY I

The Vice-Chancellor has announced that the introduction of Biology I into the curriculum of the university will be postponed until 1973. The postponement is due to the unfortunate death of Professor H. Newton-Barber, who was to have been the first Professor of Biological Sciences at the university.

Professor Barber had been Head of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of New South Wales since 1966. He was expected to take up his position at the university early in 1972 and had participated extensively in the planning of the new Biological Sciences building.

The Vice-Chancellor said that proposals made by the Australian Universities Commission now made it unlikely that the new building for Biological Sciences would be erected by 1973. However, every effort would be made to introduce Biology I by using temporary accommodation. The vacancy for a Professor of Biological Sciences had been advertised but was not likely to be filled until the end of this year.

CEREMONY AT GREAT HALL SITE

The foundation stone of the Great Hall will be laid at a ceremony at the university on Friday, 28th May, at 3 p.m. The stone will be laid jointly by the Lord Mayor, Ald. D. G. McDougall, C.B.E., and Ald. F.J. Purdue, C.B.E., who each had a prominent role in the fund-raising campaign which made the Great Hall project a reality.

The Great Hall will cost about $1-million, 50% of which has been derived from a public appeal launched in 1966. The Commonwealth and State Governments also contributed $500,000 to be shared equally by them. The Great Hall is being built by V.F. Doran & Sons Building Pty. Limited and the contract calls for the project to be completed by May, 1972.

UNIVERSITY CREDIT UNION

It is hoped that the University of Newcastle Credit Union will be formed by the end of June to give members of staff a convenient method of both saving and borrowing at favourable interest rates. A band of enthusiasts has obtained printed material on Credit Unions and has discussed the proposal with Mr. F. Jarvis, representing the Hunter District Water Board Employees' Credit Union.

The Vice-Chancellor has extended his support to the University Credit Union and, in addition, has agreed to arrange for the university to make payroll deductions on behalf of members of staff.

A meeting will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre on the 22nd June, at 1 p.m. to form the Credit Union. All members of staff are invited to hear a representative of the N.S.W. Credit Union League explain the procedure necessary for its formation and answer questions. The Vice-Chancellor has accepted an invitation to open the meeting.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Mr. P.G. Peterson has been appointed Lecturer in English. Mr. Peterson was awarded a
Master of Arts degree by Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand in 1969 and was a Junior Lecturer at Victoria University in 1969 and 1970.

Mr. K.W. Hale has begun duties as Senior Tutor in Legal Studies in the Department of Commerce. Mr. Hale, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in the University of Queensland, was a Research Officer attached to, first, the Prime Ministers' Department, and, then, the House of Representatives, and a Project Officer attached to the Law Revision Unit, Department of Interior, before joining the University.

CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1972

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is inviting applications for Churchill Fellowships for 1972 tenable in any part of the world outside Australia for periods of from three to 12 months. The awards are open both to young people who show promise of future achievement and to those whose achievements are already substantial in every occupation or field of interest. The fields may include primary industry, secondary industry and commerce, professional and academic occupations, education, the public service, the arts, community service, and, in addition in 1972, vocal and instrumental music and ballet. The awards offer overseas allowances for personal maintenance, return economy air fares, incidental travel expenses and an allowance for the maintenance of dependants, as well as some assistance with tuition fees, books and equipment. Application forms can be obtained from the Regional Secretary, The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, Box 1, P.O., Kensington. 2033 before the 19th July, 1971.

GRADUATE OVERSEAS

Professor I. Stewart, Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering, has just had a letter from Barry Robson, B.Sc.(Eng.), who took off free-lancing after receiving his degree in 1970. Mr. Robson has had twelve months with Norton's Refractories in England and is now Installation Engineer for gas liquefaction plants in the Bahamas. The letter, with comments on comparative standard of living in India and Uzbekistan, the industrial upset in England after the general elections, and the high quality of many of the Asians and Africans in England wishing to migrate to Australia, may be inspected on the Chemical Engineering Department notice board.

SPORTING NEWS

A few reports have percolated back from the universities where University teams played in Intervarsity matches. At home, Newcastle University won the Orienteering Contest, which drew teams from 10 universities and was held in torrential rain. In Adelaide, Newcastle University's Rugby Union team retained the Kanematsu Cup by winning the final. The two Combined Universities sides included five players from Newcastle.

Forthcoming fixtures

Rugby Union: 29th May, University plays Brisbane Water, Gosford Oval; 5th June, plays Tech. College, University Oval; 12th June, plays Waiitland, Lorn.
Rugby League: 29th May, University plays Westmead Teachers' College, University Oval; 5th June, plays Institute of Technology, ground to be arranged; 13th June, plays Macquarie University, University Oval.
Soccer: 30th May, University plays Kearsley, Stevenson Park; 6th June, plays Garden Suburb; 13th June, plays Argenton, Stevenson Park.
Australian Rules: 29th May, University plays City, Hawkins Oval; 5th June, bye; 12th June, Country Championships.
Women's Hockey: 29th May, University No. 1 plays Newcastle No. 1, National Park; other grades at University Oval.
Men's Hockey: 29th May, University plays West Leagues, Smith Park; 5th June, plays Police Boys, Smith Park.

VACATION ISSUE SHORTENED

University News has been purposely reduced in size this week because of the vacation. News items from the University Council meeting held on the 14th May will appear in the first issue for Second Term (10th June).