ENROLMENTS

The university's student numbers this year are 3,571, an increase of 476 (or 15%) over those for 1970. The full-time student enrolment is 1,912 (53% of the total) and the part-time student enrolment is 1,659 (47%).

The total enrolment is approximately 130 more than the prediction made in 1970, and the ratio of full-time students to the total is higher than was expected. The full-time student enrolment (undergraduates and postgraduates) increased by approximately 21%, while part-time student numbers were enhanced by only 10%.

New undergraduate enrolments (first years) increased by 12% this year to 1,046.

Seventy-four per cent of the total enrolment is male and 26% female. This is the same apportionment of sexes as in 1970. In terms of statistics, the male enrolment is 2,628 students and the female 942.

A significant increase has occurred in enrolments for higher degrees, the figure rising by 35 to a total of 287. The percentage movement was 14%.

The number of overseas students enrolled is 257, an increase of 40 on the figure for last year. The ratio of overseas students to the total enrolment remains at 7%.

The figure for equivalent full-time students (E.F.T.S.) has increased by 17% from 2,505 to 2,928. Full-time higher degree students count as two E.F.T.S., part-time higher degree students and full-time undergraduate students as one E.F.T.S., and part-time undergraduate students as one-half E.F.T.S. The assessment is regarded as a more useful gauge of actual growth than enrolments.

STAFF HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the Committee of the Staff House Club, except Mr. E. Jacobs, were reelected for another term at the annual meeting on 13th August. Mr. Jacobs said he was declining nomination because he believed the ideas of a person who had not served on the committee would be beneficial to the club. Mr. J.D. Balfe was elected to fill the vacancy.

The committee of Management for the ensuing year will comprise:

President, Prof. B. Newton-John Vice-President, Prof. R.G. Keats
Hon. Secretary, Mr. R.B. Taylor Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. Floyer
Miss J. Murray Mr. K.F. Collis
Mr. J.D. Balfe Mr. K.E. Lindgren

Messrs. Forsythe and Co. were reelected Auditor.

In his report on the operations of the Staff House Club for the period from the date of incorporation to 30th June, Professor Newton-John said the membership now comprised 209 ordinary members and 27 associate members. "We are, of course,
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COMING EVENTS

Country Outing

On Saturday, 21st August, a coach carrying members of the Overseas Students' Association will travel 130 miles through Wollombi, Pokolbin, Singleton and some other centres of the Lower Hunter. The starting time for the outing is 9 a.m. (from the university's car park) and the cost is 50 cents per member.

Visit to Vineyard

Members of Convocation will travel in a coach to Tulloch's Vineyard, Pokolbin, on Sunday, 12th September. A barbecue lunch will be provided; Tulloch's Special Bin wines will be available; Professor W.G. McMinn will speak on "The History of Wine Making in the Hunter Valley" and Mr. Dickson Morris will talk about "Wine Making at Tulloch's". The cost will be $3.50 per person. Wives and husbands are welcome and seats in the coach will be allotted in the order of applications received by The Secretary of Convocation, C/- University of Newcastle, 2308.

SPORTING NEWS

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a small club and will be a small club for some time; this has presented peculiar
problems for the committee. We have had to manage without a full-time secretary-
manager, because of the cost involved in making such an appointment. This has
meant that the committee has had to shoulder a considerable amount of work. The
club has only been able to function because of the efforts of the members of the
committee and the cooperation received from our staff."

The club's application for a liquor licence was unsuccessful, Professor Newton-
John said. "The basic position is that the Australian Hotels Association
succeeded (as it seems to have done with other Newcastle clubs whose applications
it has opposed) in convincing the licensing court that technical breaches of the
clubs rules had been committed. Our barrister, Mr. D. Ward, has advised that, if
our house were put in order and the existing club were formally dissolved, then
re-constituted and incorporated, there would appear to be no reason why we
should not succeed with a fresh application. After all we were successful in
proving 'need' and 'suitability of premises'."

The annual meeting authorised the Committee to make a new application for a
licence.

Professor Newton-John said that the patronage of daily luncheons and evening
meals had been reasonably good. The estimated average daily number of patrons at
lunch during Term was 75 and the estimated average daily number of patrons at
dinner during Term was 15. The policy for luncheons and evening meals had been
such that prices charged were cheaper than one would normally obtain elsewhere.
A similar policy had been adopted for functions, so that the margin of profit to
the Club was comparatively small. However, in view of the increase in material
and labour costs since the beginning of the year, it was anticipated that a
review of prices would be necessary very shortly.

He reminded members that the Club was open from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; luncheon
was served from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 6.30 p.m. Members who were
intending to entertain an unusually large number of visitors or associates at a meal
would be wise to telephone Mrs. McCormack (Ext. 430) to give her advance notice
and to order the meals required.

Professor Newton-John said that the Committee considered the holding of functions
in the Club was worthwhile encouraging. On these the Club was able to make some
profit. During the period covered by the report 88 functions were held, being
luncheons or dinners of various professional associations, numerous departmental
gatherings and three weddings.

Mrs. Anne Kumm, Misses Judy Lewallen and Helen Smith and Mr. David Peters were
nominated for election to the 19th Council of Newcastle University Students' Association as general representatives. As only two vacancies had to be filled
a poll was conducted, with Mr. Gary Brim as Returning Officer. Ninety-four
people voted and after the distribution of preferences Mr. Brown declared Mrs.
Kumm and Miss Smith elected.

NEW SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

Mr. S. Farquharson was elected President of the University of Newcastle Staff
Social Club at the Annual Meeting on 17th August.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Mr. P. Myors; Secretary, Miss Sally Lewis; Assistant Secretary, Miss Carol White; Treasurer, Mr. D. Doherty;
Auditor, Mr. B. Penfold; Committee, Mesdames Lola Steel, Lorna Brent, Lee
Rynehart, Mr. T.R. Rodgers. The Vice-Chancellor is Patron.

It was decided to hold the club's annual Christmas Party in the Union on 11th
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The Australian Universities team will play five matches in New Zealand.

Forthcoming fixtures

Rugby Union:

21st August, University plays Technical College, No. 2 Sports Ground;
28th August, University plays Maitland, University Oval.

Soccer:

22nd August, University plays Warners Bay, Warners Bay.