ELECTION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL

1. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to subsection (6) of section 10 of the University of Newcastle Act, 1964-70, an election will be held on 25th October, 1971 and 26th October, 1971 for the purpose of electing to the Council of the University a student of the University. The person elected shall hold office until 30th June, 1973.

2. NOMINATIONS

Nominations of persons eligible for election are hereby invited.

Any person who is a student of the University, that is, a person who is enrolled as a candidate proceeding to a degree or diploma at the University, is eligible for election.

Nominations shall be made by delivering nomination papers to the Returning Officer (Secretary to the University, Room 174, Main Building) NO LATER THAN 12 NOON ON MONDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1971.

A nomination paper shall be signed by two persons entitled to vote at the election for which the candidate is nominated, shall be endorsed with or accompanied by the written consent of the candidate to his nomination, and shall specify the class of vacancy for which the candidate is nominated and the qualifications of the candidate and his nominators.

There shall be a separate nomination paper for each candidate.

3. PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED

The names of persons nominated will be published on the Noticeboard at the head of the main stairway in the Main Building on Wednesday, 13th October, 1971.

4. VOTING

In the event of more than one valid nomination being received, a secret ballot will be conducted by means of personal voting.

ALL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE

A student of the University for this purpose is defined as a person who is enrolled as a candidate proceeding to a degree or diploma at the University.

Votes will be taken in the foyer of the University Library between the hours of 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 25th October, 1971 and Tuesday, 26th October, 1971.

P.D. ALEXANDER,
RETURNING OFFICER.
ADMISSION OF NEW UNDERGRADUATES IN 1972

At its meeting on 17th September, the Council of the University considered the admission of new undergraduate students in 1972.

The Vice-Chancellor announced that next year would be the last of the current triennium, which meant that the resources available to the university were fixed some time ago. During the intervening period the growth in enrolments had been considerably in excess of prediction and the rate of growth could not be maintained without lowering the ratio of staff to students and endangering the quality of teaching in the university.

He said the Council had determined that the intake of new first year undergraduate students would be fixed at 1,000, which was the target figure for 1971. A small number of places would be reserved for sponsored overseas students (i.e., students coming to Australia under the Colombo Plan and similar schemes), applicants over 25 years of age who did not meet the standard matriculation requirements, and others who had not qualified by means of the Higher School Certificate Examination in this State.

It was expected this would mean that, for the first time, the university might not be able to find places for all applicants who had met the standard matriculation requirements of the university.

Application forms for admission in 1972 can be obtained from The Secretary. Persons who are seeking admission on the basis of a qualification obtained before 1st November, 1971, must lodge an application by this date. Other persons, including those sitting for the forthcoming New South Wales Higher School Certificate Examination, must lodge their applications no later than 21st January, 1972.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Sir Allen Fairhall, newly appointed to the Council of the University, attended his first meeting on 17th September.

Sir Allen holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Science in the university and was appointed to the Council by the Governor to succeed Mr. W.B. Burgess. He is a former Member of the House of Representatives and, during his parliamentary career, held the portfolios of Minister for the Interior and Works, Minister for Supply and Minister for Defence.

On the local level, Sir Allen played a major role in the development of radio broadcasting in the Hunter Valley and he served for a period as an Alderman of Newcastle City Council. He is a Companion of the Institution of Radio and Electronics Engineers (Australia).

Sir Allen's appointment gives the Council of the University a second Knight, the other being the Chancellor of the University, Sir Alister McMullin, who recently relinquished the Presidency of the Senate after a record term of 17 years.

DEATH OF DR. E. J. EGAN

The university heard, with regret, that Dr. Ernest John Egan had died in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital on 27th September.

Dr. Egan, who was 69, was one of the Members of the Council of the University elected by Convocation. He began his term on the Council in July, 1970 and was eligible to hold office until June next year.

Dr. Egan was a well-known ear, nose and throat specialist, a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, a member of the Newcastle Club and Newcastle Rotary Club.
The Vice-Chancellor said Dr. Egan had been closely interested in the university for many years and his death was a great loss. Professor Auchmuty, the Bursar (Mr. L. Harris), Professor A.M. Ritchie, Professor A.J. Carmichael and others from the university attended the funeral.

REPORTS FROM SENATE

Higher Degrees

On the recommendation of Senate, the Council approved the admission of the following candidates to the degrees specified at the next graduation ceremony:

Doctor of Philosophy

Mr. Richard John Casey, Department of Chemistry, thesis title: "Surface Chemical Studies of the Higher Vanadium Oxides"; Mr. Ian Douglas Blayden, Department of Geology, "On the Structural Evolution of the Macquarie Syncline".

Master of Science

Mr. Robert Barry Knott, Department of Physics, thesis title: "The Propagation of Pol Geomagnetic Micropulsations in a Thermal Magnetosphere"; Mr. Barry Ian Dillon, Department of Metallurgy, "The Thermal Stabilisation of Austenite in Steel".

Physics

The Council approved amendments to the Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Science to provide for introduction of alternative first year subjects, Physics IA and Physics IB, from 1972 onwards.

Physics IA will be an introduction to Physics II and has a mathematical and theoretical approach.

Physics IB will be designed primarily as a terminating subject aimed at drawing the principles of Physics from experience, emphasising physics as an experimental and observational discipline and treating a wider range of subjects which it is hoped will have some relevance to the interests of students majoring in other Departments. A provision is made, however, that students who pass at credit level or better may proceed to Physics II.

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Also approved were amendments to the Schedule of Subjects under the Requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In lieu of the existing statement concerning English subjects, the following statement will be inserted:

"The A subject is a pre- or co-requisite for the B and C subjects. Special approval is required for entry into a B subject unless the candidate for IIB has reached Credit Level in English I or for III B has reached Credit Level in English IIA and English IIB".

The subject Linguistics IIIA will be added to the schedule.

To the statement on Mathematics the following will be added:

"Mathematics IIB may, with the approval of the Head of Department, be taken in two parts".

In future either Physics IA or IB will be acceptable as a Group II subject.

Prizes

Council was informed that the Australian Corrosion Association (Newcastle Branch)
had offered to support an annual prize in the Department of Metallurgy and an annual prize in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Each prize will be valued at $20 and will be awarded to the student who submits the best assignment or seminar paper on any aspect of corrosion studies provided it is of sufficient merit. If requested by Newcastle Branch of the Association, the recipient of a prize shall be required to present the successful paper to a meeting of the branch.

Senate reported that the donor of the W.H. Ward Prize in Psychology had agreed to the award (books or equipment to the value of approximately $50) being made to either a student in the honours year or a student in the Diploma in Applied Psychology course. The current Conditions of Award provide for the prize to be awarded to a "fourth year student".

In future the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Prize will be awarded in Chemistry II and not in Chemistry III as at present. The value of the prize will be raised from $10.50 to $20 and student membership of the Institute will be granted to the prize winner for two years.

The Courtaulds (Australia) Ltd. Prize, at present awarded in Chemistry II, will be given in Chemistry III.

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Effect of Strikes

Owing to postponements of building caused by strikes his bimonthly report on progress made with the Building Programme was a depressing one, Ald. F.J. Purdue, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, stated at the Council meeting.

Immediately following the end of the concrete workers' strike, the contractors did everything possible to speed up work; in three days more concrete was poured than would normally have been done in three weeks. However, immediately thereafter the building labourers had gone out on strike.

Ald. Purdue said the university had expected 100 rooms in the Hall of Residence to be available for occupation in first term next year. Now, because of the delays in construction there was little prospect of the work being completed until second term at the earliest.

"It is the same sad story with other projects. For example, the Social Sciences Building is unlikely to be ready until at least the middle of next year".

Metallurgy Building

The Council authorised the Vice-Chancellor to enter into contracts with the lowest tenderer for the construction of extensions to the Metallurgy Building provided that the contract amount is within the funds available and all aspects of the tender are satisfactory.

Great Hall

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that work was proceeding on this project. However, in common with all other current projects, frequent industrial stoppages had had a significant effect on the rate of construction.

Engineering Complex - Stage II

Engineering Buildings 'B', 'C' and 'D' had been occupied by the university and apart from minor outstanding work the buildings were now operable.

Engineering Complex - Stage III

Engineering Building 'E', which had been affected by industrial delays, should still be completed by the 24th September. The builder had offered assistance in
making specific rooms available so the university could begin shifting in on the 27th September, even though some external and other works might not be completed because of the strikes.

Social Sciences Building

The Social Sciences Building had also been affected by industrial action, although the first floor of one wing was poured on the day following the concrete strike.

Library Stage IIA

This project was progressing at a very satisfactory rate prior to the recent strikes, but had been subsequently seriously delayed by the unavailability of concrete. However, the whole of the lower ground floor was poured on the day following resumption of work. This operation created a new record as regards suspended, reinforced floors. In all 450 cubic yards of concrete were required - the biggest pour of its type done in Newcastle so far.

Sporting Facilities

Tenders for the construction of No. 2 Oval and Tennis Courts would close on the 1st October.

Proposed Biological Sciences Building

A start on the construction of the Biological Sciences Building had been postponed, the Council was informed. The Australian Universities Commission and the N.S.W. Universities Board had given permission for funds previously allocated to the project being redistributed to certain projects at the university which were approved for construction this triennium.

Ald. Purdue said the redistribution of funds would considerably assist to overcome the deficiency in funds for the Social Sciences Building, the Engineering Complex and the Library.

One of the projects to be reinstated is the 260-seat Arts Theatre, which will be incorporated in the Social Sciences Building.

STUDENTS' HOSTEL SUPPORTED

There was a more than favourable response to the plans of the World University Service, Newcastle, to establish an international students' hostel in Newcastle when a public meeting to consider the proposal was held on 20th September. The 38 people who attended resolved that the hostel scheme was well worth pursuing.

As well as appointing a small committee to draft a constitution, the meeting subdivided the immediate efforts into special committees to: 1) Deal with the building problems and investigate alternative sites for the hostel (anybody knowing of buildings which might be suitable for development as a hostel should contact Mrs. N. Walsmey at 55 9864); 2) Define the hostel's method of government and 3) Publicise the scheme and obtain funds for building work.

Anybody prepared to give their services to one of these working committees, either immediately or after the conclusion of the examinations, should get in touch with Mr. M. Connon (68 5358) or Mr. J. Davidson (51 1448 after hours; 55 8331 in business hours).

The next meeting of people interested in the establishment of an international students' hostel will be held in the New Common Room of the Union on Tuesday, 19th October, at 8 p.m.

Already some sections of the university have given their support to the proposal. The Overseas Students' Association has donated the profits of a cabaret held recently, and a meeting of students ratified the following recommendation made by the Students' Representative Council:
That the financial feasibility of N.U.S.A. money being committed to such a students' housing scheme be investigated, on condition that: (1) the accommodation is of a type that could be afforded by economically disadvantaged students; (2) residents are selected on the basis of need and (3) the hostel's internal affairs are placed entirely in the hands of the residents.

NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT

Mr. A. Svirskis will be succeeded as President of Newcastle University Students' Association next March by Mrs. Anne Kumm, who was successful in the recent election for the position.

Mrs. Kumm, who is the first female student to be elected President since Miss J. Sawyers held the position in the early 1960's, defeated Mr. W.D. McKie. Mr. Svirskis did not stand for reelection. In the poll Mrs. Kumm obtained 116 votes and Mr. McKie 112. Three votes were informal.

Nominations are still being called for election to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the 20th Students' Representative Council. Nominations will close on 11th October. If elections are necessary they will be held from 13th October until 18th October.

Nominations are also open for election as representatives of Faculties and general, full-time students' and part-time students' representatives on the 20th Council.

ASIAN FEATURE FILM SCREENED

The Overseas Students' Association gave Newcastle citizens scope to learn about Asian film techniques when it screened a full-length colour feature at the Regal Theatre on 28th and 30th September. The film, "Newly Weds", is a modern adult comedy, made in Taiwan and spoken in Mandarin but with English sub-titles.

THESIS TYPING SERVICE

Miss P.R. Blight, of 1 Fellowes Street, Merewether West, has advised the university that she is prepared to type theses and other documents for fees assessed at the rate of $1 per 1,000 words. Miss Blight's 'phone number is 63 1819.

POSITION AVAILABLE

LABORATORY ATTENDANT Position No. N50/71

Applications are invited for the above position within the Department of Civil Engineering. Duties will include setting up apparatus for student experiments, assisting generally with work connected with the testing of materials, and routine maintenance of equipment in the concrete laboratory. Previous experience in a soils or concrete testing laboratory would be advantageous, but is not essential.

Commencing salary will be within the range $56.94 to $62.25 per week, depending upon qualifications and experience. Juniors are paid according to age.

Applications close 5th October, 1971.
Professor J.B. Duroselle, the distinguished French historian, will speak on "The Origins of World War II" in Room LG 53 on Friday, 1st October, at 3 p.m.

Professor Duroselle has been Professor of Contemporary History at the Sorbonne since 1964. His lecture will be specially valuable to students of History IIIB and IV. The lecture is being jointly sponsored by the Departments of History and French.

Maths Seminar

A seminar will be held in Room AG 24 on Friday, 1st October at noon. Emeritus Professor E.J.G. Pitman, of the University of Tasmania, will speak on: "The Sample Distribution Function". All those interested are invited to attend.

Mountaineering Club

The Mountaineering Club has organized an easy walking trip in the Gibraltar Range National Park, west of Grafton, for 2nd and 3rd October. The party will leave as early as practical on Friday night, 1st October (5 p.m. if possible) and return late on Sunday night, 3rd October. The club has three lightweight N.Z. packs suitable for new members to use and it will be possible to arrange most other necessary equipment. For further details contact the trip leader Bob Lewin at 61 4673. The cost is expected to be approximately $6.50 per person.

Seminar

Professor Raphael Trifon, of the Israel Institute of Technology, who is a visiting professor in the Department of Economics, will give a seminar in the Committee Room on 20th October at 10 a.m. Members of staff and postgraduate students are invited to hear Professor Trifon speak on "A Wage Bargaining Model Involving Sequential Decisions".

Talbot Prize

The English Society's Annual Dinner, to be held after the exams (29th November, in the Staff House), will again feature the reading of poems composed by those present.

The Talbot Prize (one of red and one of white) will again be awarded for the best of these poems. The conditions this year are: (1) the author of that poem shall be present at the dinner and the poem shall be read aloud; (2) the poem shall have a moral to inculcate, and that moral shall be stated overtly in the poem.

For those who cannot conceive of poems having morals, examples follow:

**Lord Finchley**

Lord Finchley tried to mend the Electric Light
Himself. It struck him dead, and serve him right!
It is the business of the wealthy man
To give employment to the artisan.

**Hilaire Belloc**

If you don't like my apples
Don't you shake my tree;
I'm not after your girl friend,
She's after me.

**Anon.**

Now the holly bears a blossom as white as the milk
And Mary she bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk;

Now the holly bears a berry as green as a grass,
And Mary she bore Jesus, who died on the cross;
Now the ivy bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary she bore Jesus, who died for us all;

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood it is red,
Then we trust in our Saviour, who rose from the dead.

and we all know poems that end

...Chloe is prudent - Would you too be wise?
Then never break your heart when Chloe dies.

Alexander Pope

and

...The man who'd kiss a pretty girl
And run to tell his mother
Ought to have his lips cut off
And never kiss another.

Anon.

and

...This story has no moral,
This story has no end,
This story only goes to show
There's no damn good in men -
            He was her man
            But he done her wrong.

Anon.

and so on...

N.C.T.

University News is one year old.

The first issue (September, 1970) carried the hope of the University Council that the news sheet would, by distributing factual information about ourselves to ourselves, remove some of the obstacles of ignorance that impede the useful interchange of ideas. Approximately 1,500 copies of every number are printed and completion of a year of publication seems an appropriate moment to remind members of the university that their contributions are welcome. Departments and clubs, as well as other university organisations, can use University News for publicity purposes.

We have offered to include a section in which members of the university (staff and students) could insert "For Sale", "Wanted to Buy" and similar advertisements. Few people have made use of it, although no charge is made, but the service is still available.

Please submit copy, advertisements and enquiries to Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division (Extension 341).