On 2nd November, the Staff/Student Consultative Committee, which consists of elected students and members of staff as well as ex-officio members, held a special meeting to consider the proposal that Newcastle Teachers' College be incorporated with the University of Newcastle.

The supporters of the proposal claimed:--

Teaching had been hampered in its development by the very degree of its importance to the state. The current moves for greater independence to be given to Teachers' Colleges were particularly aimed at freeing them from pressure exerted by employing authorities. Of greater importance than the association of trainee teachers with university students would be the effect of university environment on staff of the Teachers' College, which may change the character of courses and teaching.

The Teachers' College's status as a College of Advanced Education would increase its autonomy and there would be pressure on it to combine with tertiary institutions offering diploma or degree studies and become a full-scale C.A.E. eligible for Commonwealth grants. If it were not incorporated with the university it would probably award its own degrees.

Dissent to the proposal was expressed by some members of the Committee, who made several points, including:--

A university had to meet more than local demands and standards.

If a percentage of the students enrolled in the proposed College of Education was passed because the students were needing in the teaching profession then the role of the university would be affected. The number of Teachers' College staff (95) was too high for normal staff selection procedures to be waived so they could be added to the university's staff.

If a decision had to be made now the right one was a loud and resounding "no", since, otherwise matters of academic importance would probably have to be subjected to negotiation. The proposed Faculty of Education would become the most influential in the university; it would draw students from other faculties. Because it would be controlled to some extent by the State Government it would have far less autonomy than existing faculties.

An explanation for the haste being shown was needed particularly since it was understood that the Professorial Board of the University of Sydney had not yet considered any take-over of Sydney Teachers' College. Would officers of the N.S.W. Education Department be placed on the University Council?
Why the proposal was dated 9th September when the idea was first considered in 1969 was a question which should be answered. As it was proposed that an assurance be given that the number of teachers being prepared would not be reduced what requirements would be suggested for a B.Ed. degree and would university standards be maintained?

The snob appeal of associating teacher training with the university had been raised as a reason for incorporating the Teachers' College with the university. Snob-satisfaction was a poor substitute for job-satisfaction and it was here, surely, that a beginning must be made if good men and women were to be attracted to teaching. The close proximity of the Teachers' College to the university was hardly a reason for negotiating in haste.

The following motion was put and carried by seven votes to four:-

That this committee, while not necessarily opposed to the principal of university participation in teacher education nevertheless considers the proposal for the incorporation of Newcastle Teachers' College in the University of Newcastle at present before Senate to be an entirely unacceptable basis for such participation by the university since it contains propositions that in the opinion of this committee must threaten the academic standards and autonomy of the university.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Mr. L.V. Entrekin has taken up his appointment as Lecturer in Commerce.

Mr. Entrekin comes from Arizona, U.S.A. and holds the qualifications of B.S. in Northern Arizona University and M.B.A. in the University of Nevada. He graduated from Northern Arizona University in 1966 with Distinction and Phi Kappa Phi. He worked in the Marketing Division of the Eastman Kodak Company from 1970 to 1970 and was granted leave of absence to enrol at the University of Nevada. Mr. Entrekin belongs to Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honorary scholastic society connected with Business.

His wife and 2½-year-old daughter will join him in Newcastle soon.

Dr. M.W. Blackmore has begun duties as Warden of the University's first Hall of Residence. Under the terms of his appointment Dr. Blackmore will divide his time between the Hall of Residence and the Department of Chemistry, to which he has been attached as a Visiting Senior Lecturer.

Dr. Blackmore is a B.Sc. graduate with honours of Queens University, Belfast. He came to Australia in 1966 to take up the post of Senior Demonstrator in Inorganic Chemistry at La Trobe University, was promoted to Lecturer in 1970 and between February and October this year was a Lecturer at Canberra College of Advanced Education. In addition, during his appointment at La Trobe University he held the position of Senior Resident Tutor of Menzies College.

BALLS TO FOLLOW EXAMS

Two Recovery Balls will be held after the conclusion of the annual examinations. They will be held in the Union on Friday, 26th, and Saturday, 27th November.

The sale of tickets will be terminated by the Union Office on Tuesday, 23rd November.
Subsequent to the decision to declare the election of a student member of the University's Council null and void, due to the ineligibility of one of the candidates, Mr. G. Martin, the S.R.C. conferred with the Returning Officer (Mr. P.D. Alexander) and later carried the following motions:-

That the Council hold an audience with the Vice-Chancellor; that compensation be sought for candidates who incurred expenses in electioneering; that State Parliament be asked to legislate so that students of the university were completely represented on the University Council until the new election was conducted in March, 1972; that the Visitor to the University, His Excellency, the Governor, be asked to resolve the situation and that the member of Council elected by undergraduates (Mr. M. Nelson) bring to the Council's notice the fact that students were, at the moment, under-represented.

On the 8th November, the President of the S.R.C. (Mr. A. Svirskis) received a letter from The Governor advising, among other things, that the Vice-Chancellor had indicated that he proposed to invite the President to accompany him to any meetings of the University Council which may be held between now and the declaration of the next Poll. The Vice-Chancellor anticipated that, under the circumstances, the Council would agree to allow the President to participate in decisions, although he would not have the right to vote. The Governor added that he trusted the S.R.C. would feel that these arrangements would meet the position satisfactorily until a new election could be held.

The President of the Students' Representative Council (Mr. A. Svirskis) disclosed that his body has withdrawn support from Newcastle International Student Hostel Steering Committee. He said he was appalled by the organisation's lack of consideration for the wishes of students and acceptable procedure.

Mr. Svirskis said the S.R.C. representatives had no alternative to withdrawing from the organisation because the constitution conflicted with the self-government provisions, and did not include other criteria contained in the original motion of support that was passed by Students of the University. Also, the constitution was not fully compatible with the recommendations made by the organisation's Government sub-committee. Personally he regretted the time and effort which he and other people had wasted by attending the sub-committee's meetings. There would be no thought of support from Newcastle University Students' Association or the S.R.C., or even encouragement, until radical changes were made.

Christmas cards are available for purchase by students and members of staff. The cards depict the main entrance to the Arts and Administration Building. The sketch was executed by Mr. John Carr, who is enrolled as a student in the Faculty of Architecture. The cards can be purchased from the Cashier for 10 cents each.
S. R. C. APPOINTMENTS

Miss Jan Chambers and Mr. David McKie have been appointed to positions connected with Orientation Week 1972 by the Students' Representative Council. Miss Chambers is Director of Orientation Week and will organise the programme. Mr. McKie is Editor of the Orientation Week Handbook.

UNION BOARD ELECTION

The vacancy that existed on the Union Board Management for one graduate member was filled when Mr. T.J. Ryan, B.A., was returned unopposed to serve a two-year term. There were two other candidates, but the Returning Officer announced that they did not fulfil the requirements of the constitution.

OPTIMIZATION SEMINAR

The Australian National University Computer Centre will hold a one-day seminar on Optimization on Wednesday, 8th December. The programme of papers to be read at the seminar will deal with Unconstrained and Constrained Optimization. Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division, has further information about the seminar.

RE-ENROLMENT 1972

Although the official closing date for the return of re-enrolment forms for 1972 is 7th January, 1972 it would greatly assist the Student Administration if students would submit the forms as quickly as possible after receiving them.

It could also be of benefit to students themselves as they would receive notification of the approval of their enrolment earlier than in past years. This would allow sponsored students more time to arrange the payment of fees.

The staff of the Student Administration section will be working during the week between Christmas and New Year to deal with re-enrolment forms and will be available to answer any queries during this period.

CURTAILING OF UNION FACILITIES

The Annual University Dinner will be held in the Union on Friday 19th November. This will necessitate an alteration to normal trading and opening hours as follows:-

- Dining-Room & Coffee Room will close at 2.00 p.m.
- McLarty Room will be open for a refreshment service until 6.00 p.m.
- Common Room Servery will be open to provide Coffee Bar type service from 6.00 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.
- Games Area will close at 6.00 p.m.

These hours have been adjusted to provide a service for students, while, at the same time, providing facilities for the University Dinner. Your co-operation would be appreciated by the Union Staff.
Mr. J.D. Todd, Student Administration, has further information about the following scholarships and awards.

The Thomas T. Roberts Education Fellowship is open to past or present students of Sydney Teachers' College who are graduates or undergraduates of a British Commonwealth University. These people include those who wish to have a period of travel and study overseas and who would subsequently return to give the benefit of their experience to education in Australia. The Fellowship is not primarily for academic study. Applications close on 31st December.

The American Council of Learned Societies is offering short-term scholarships to Australian postgraduate students who are working on American Studies subjects for their higher degrees, primarily in history, literature or government. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable postgraduate students to complete their research in the United States. Applications close on 14th January, 1972.

The University of California offers approximately 400 fellowships and graduate scholarships with varying stipends in 1972-73. While some fellowships are restricted to specific disciplines or have other specialized requirements, many carry no restrictions. The deadline for filing applications is 1st December.

Three scholarships are being offered by the Netherlands Government to Australian students wishing to undertake postgraduate study in the Netherlands during the academic year 1972-73. No restrictions are prescribed regarding the fields of study. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 29th November.

Three scholarships are being offered by the Swiss Government to Australian students for postgraduate study in Switzerland for the academic year commencing October, 1972. Studies in the fields of Music and Fine Arts are not provided for by the programme. A good knowledge of either French or German is essential. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 29th November.

The Victorian University Women Graduates' Association is calling for applications for the ninth Lady Leitch Scholarship which will be available during 1972 or 1973. The Scholarship is open to all members of the Australian Federation of University Women for study or research in any country on any subject. Application must be lodged by 9th February, 1972.

A limited number of scholarships are available for postgraduate study in the Julius Krutttschnitt Mineral Research Centre, University of Queensland, for graduates in Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology or Economics.

The University of Melbourne invites applications for the Sir Arthur Sims Travelling Scholarship, 1972, to be awarded for outstanding merit and promise in Ancient or Modern Languages, History, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Medicine. The purpose is to give the scholar an opportunity of further study or of carrying out research work at some institution in Great Britain approved by the Committee. Applications close on 29th February, 1972.

On the recommendation of the Thailand National Commission for Unesco, the Government of Thailand is offering six research Fellowships and four scholarships to non-Thai students in other countries for 1972. The Fellowships are open to candidates from all nations and are tenable at universities in Thailand. The closing date for receipt of applications is 7th January, 1972.
The IBM Fellowship Plan provides fellowships which give talented workers in Computer Science an opportunity to extend their experience in an industrial applied research and development environment. Each Fellow will work full-time at the IBM Systems Development Institute in Canberra. Two fellowships are awarded annually, tenable from 1st February.

The French Government is offering scholarships to Australian students wishing to undertake postgraduate study in France during the academic year 1972-73. While scholarships are available for all fields of study to be undertaken in tertiary institutions - including the sciences - a large number will be reserved for candidates undertaking some aspects of French Studies.

The Government is also offering a limited number of scholarships to enable Australians working in professional and technical fields to visit France for from three to six months to further their experience through observation and, where appropriate, participation. In the past these scholarships have been awarded in such diverse fields as scientific research, education, mass media, medicine, public health, town planning, architecture, agriculture, rural development and public administration.

The French Government is offering a number of awards to Australian teachers of French wishing to take up positions as "Assistants" in French high schools. Applicants who wish to undertake study at a French university can apply to be appointed to a high school in a university town. Successful applicants will be required to conduct conversation classes (in English) with small groups of students for twelve hours per week.

Completed application forms for all the awards offered by the French Government close on 16th December.

POSITION AVAILABLE


A competent and experienced stenographer is required. Commencing salary will be up to $55.50 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $5.75 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

ADVERTISEMENTS

SHARE FLAT: Student wanted to share large furnished flat in town near sea; after 14th November; $9 a week. Contact Denis Rowe, 22 Tyrrell Street, Newcastle.

TO LET: Fully furnished house, Garden Suburb, four bedrooms (two with own verandah access), air-conditioned study; wall-to-wall carpeting, phone, T.V., oil-heating; sewered; garage for one car plus carport for two; close to Public and Catholic schools, 1 km. from High School; 13 months' leave from 3rd January, 1972, $40 p.w., 'phone Sherwood 43 4742 (home) or Ext. 268 (Univ.).

HOUSE FOR RENT: Fully-furnished, modern three-bedroom home, Highfields, for rent for 12 weeks over Christmas vacation; rent negotiable with suitable tenants; 'phone 43 5303.

HOUSE FOR LEASE: Architect-designed split-level home situated Kotara Heights in bushland setting; three bedrooms, living room, dining room, study, two bathrooms, carport. Available for 13 months, commencing late December, $38 per week; phone B.J. Fraser, Ext. 237.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Brick-veneer, three bedrooms, large lounge; kitchen, laundry, toilet, all Tflux lined; tiled bathroom. Landscaped gardens. $21,500. 11 Lester Parade, North Lambton. 'phone 57 5503.

COMING EVENTS

Convocation
A general meeting of Convocation will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre at the university on Friday, 26th November, 1971 at 8 p.m. The Vice-Chancellor will speak to Convocation on "The University of Newcastle in the 70's". At the conclusion of the Vice-Chancellor's address, Professor Ritchie, Professor of Philosophy in this University, will enlarge on views he expressed on the role of convocation at the Annual General Meeting. His talk is entitled "Convocation and the University". A wine and cheese supper will be served after the meeting.

TUNRA Annual Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of The University of Newcastle Research Associates Limited will be held on Friday, 19th November, in the Council Room at 11.30 a.m. Members of staff have a standing invitation from the Chairman (Dr. G.A. Edwards) and the Board of Directors to attend the meeting. TUNRA offers specialised services as regards research and education to clients from industry, commerce and the community. The company was established in 1969 by the Council of the University.

University Regiment
The University of Newcastle Company will hold an Open Night on Friday, 3rd December, in the King Street Depot (opposite Birdwood Park), Newcastle West, at 7.30 p.m. Comprehensive displays of weapons and equipment will be features of the night. Films will be screened showing the company's recent helicopter insertion exercise, and other exercise activities. Senior N.C.O.'s and Officers will be present to demonstrate and answer any queries about services and conditions in the University Company.

End-of-Year Party
The Philosophy Club invites staff and students to attend an End-of-Year Party, in the Staff House on Wednesday, 15th December, commencing at 8 p.m. (the evening of the Arts Examiners Meeting). Cheese and some drinks will be provided. Admission: Club members free, others 20c.

P.S.A. Annual Meeting
The Chairman of the University of Newcastle Sub-Division of the Public Service Association of N.S.W. (Mr. N. Keats) said that the Annual General Meeting and election of officers of the Sub-Division will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre on 15th December at 1 p.m.
Prize for Poem

If you turn up at the English Society Dinner on 29th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Staff House (tickets from Mrs. Hill, English Department Office) and make up a moral poem you might win the Talbot Prize (magnificent wine—one white, one red).

In appreciation of the service rendered to the University and its students, it is proposed to invite citizens who make accommodation available in their homes to students to an inspection of the University on Friday afternoon, 3rd December. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the inspection.

Invitations are being sent to all citizens who made accommodation available through the Amenities Office.

In addition, the University is anxious that those people who made accommodation available by private arrangements with students should also receive an invitation. Students who have been provided with accommodation in this way are asked to give the name and address of the person concerned to Mr. J.W. Armstrong, Secretary's Division (Room G.68, Ext. 341) so that an invitation can be sent.

Professor B. Newton-John, Vice-Principal.

SPoRTING NEWS

First Grade Cricket

The Captain of University's senior side is John Mendel (Economics-Commerce), who has succeeded Colin Whitehead.

With three matches completed in the Newcastle District Cricket Association competition, the first-grade side has achieved an outright win against Waratah-Mayfield, been defeated by Southern Lakes and had a first-innings win against Cardiff-Boolaroo. Nine catches were dropped by University players in the match against Southern Lakes, but the team redeemed itself by improving their fielding against Cardiff-Boolaroo.

The following cricket matches, including Intervarsity games, have been arranged:

Newcastle University v. Wollongong University College, University Oval, 28th November; v. University of New South Wales, Sydney, 12th and 13th December, return match at Newcastle 23rd and 24th January; v. University of New England, University Oval, 20th and 21st February. In the first match of the series, played against New England at Armidale in September, New England achieved a win. A match against University of Western Australia, with University Oval as the venue, is being negotiated.

The annual Newcastle v. Newcastle Combined High Schools match will be played at University Oval on the 7th December.

The following itinerary has been prepared for this season's under-23 competition:


Golf Win

The University Staff Golf Team won its third consecutive match against University of New England Staff at Armidale on 30th and 31st October. Newcastle won 10 matches and New England 7½ matches. The University will be host for the return match to be played on 28th and 29th April, 1972.