The Fifth Report of the A.U.C. will be published towards the middle of next year when we should know the success or otherwise of the submission made by this University for support and development in the triennium 1973-75. Compared with the older Australian Universities we have been reasonably fortunate in recent years. Because we have been able to some extent to control our own pace of development we have not had to cut departmental funds or postpone appointments to approved vacancies as other Universities with heavy fixed commitments and in desperate financial straits have been compelled to do. Insofar as we have fallen behind, it has been in the provision of accommodation for the increased number of staff required by the growing number of students. For this delay we have to blame building problems and the satisfaction of many masters in the preparation of plans. Compared with previous triennia this has been a triennium of marked building achievement and we expect to have spent all of our allocated funds prior to the end of next year. 1972 will mark another stage in the growth of the University when we are compelled to limit the number of those we would accept for entrants. When enrolments were completed in 1971 we discovered that our student numbers were 130 in advance of the figure on which the A.U.C. had calculated its provision of recurrent funds, and it is now the University's policy strictly to relate the number of students admitted to the amount of funds available. We will not, I believe, be able to bring these figures absolutely into relation in 1972 but we feel quite strongly that there is another equally important principle to be stressed - that of not reducing our intake of students from the local area so by fixing a figure of 1,000 we hope to maintain the intake as it has been established in recent years. Of course, next year we will be able to accommodate some 160 students in our new Hall of Residence so that in fact had more money been available in recurrent funds we could have quite legitimately taken more students and provided accommodation for the additional teaching staff. It is a very difficult task to balance funds, student numbers, staff and teaching accommodation exactly in any one year. Ultimately we propose that the Residential Hall will cater for 400 students and in addition to its completion next year we also expect the new Social Sciences Building, which will provide very considerable staff accommodation, additions to the Engineering Complex, the extensions to the Library and to Metallurgy, and, of course, the Great Hall, all to be completed well before the end of the year, as well the No. 2 Sports Field will have made considerable progress towards its ultimate usefulness for the various sporting activities of the University. The death of Professor Newton Barber and the consequent postponement of the Biological Sciences Building was a heavy blow to the University, but the new Professor Dr. B. Boettcher, is already preparing the plans for a high priority building in the next triennium and also drawing up courses for approval by Faculty so that the teaching of Biological Sciences can commence in temporary premises in 1973. So far as academic and teaching staff of the University are concerned, I think we can look forward to 1972 with the confidence that the present accommodation problems in the University will be eased and that conditions will be more comfortable, both for staff and students, on an expanding site which of necessity must be inconvenienced by continuous sounds of building activities.
In wishing all associated with the University a happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year, I look forward to the same co-operation in the development of the University from staff and students alike that we have received in the past and I am confident that our progress will continue to be certain if occasionally it seems to some to be slow.

J.J. AUCHMUTY
VICE-CHANCELLOR

GRAND PIANO FOR GREAT HALL

The generosity of two Australian musical firms and of a Japanese piano manufacturer has made it possible for the University to acquire a Concert Grand Piano for the Great Hall.

Mr. V.C. Millington of the Novocastrian Piano Company brought to the attention of the Chairman of Directors of Rose Music Pty. Ltd. of South Melbourne, Mr. A. Rose, the University's need for funds and equipment for the Great Hall. Both gentlemen agreed to offer the University a Yamaha Concert Grand, waiving their retail advantages in the interests of the Appeal. The offer was gladly accepted. When the Board of TUNRA (The University of Newcastle Research Associates) heard of it, the Directors decided to use some of the Company's profit to purchase the piano, as a gift from TUNRA to the University as a whole.

The final act of generosity came from the directors of Yamaha, who agreed to meet the cost of delivering the piano to Australia.

The Great Hall is intended not only for University ceremonial occasions (and examinations) but for the presentation of symphony concerts. The rising cost of building had made it extremely unlikely that the University would be able to purchase a worthy piano.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Rose, Mr. Millington and Yamaha and the University spirit of TUNRA, we shall have a piano which enjoys an extremely high reputation among musicians for its mechanical reliability and the power and brilliance of its tone.

PROFIT FOR TUNRA

The second annual report of the Directors of TUNRA discloses that the company earned a profit of $9,564 between 1st July, 1970, and 30th June this year after receiving an income of $53,471.

The surplus was left after TUNRA paid $7,359 to members of university departments as consultant fees, $35,034 to the University of Newcastle (including $27,000 in connection with the grant made to the Department of Chemistry by Geigy) and $1,514 to meet other expenses. The $9,564 surplus compares with $604 profit made by the company in the 1969/70 financial year.

Twenty-four research projects, in addition to those mentioned in the last Directors' Report, were undertaken to 30th June, 1971.

Five education courses were held during the year. These ranged from a Mathematics Bridging Course to a Remedial Services Clinic by the Department of Education. The growing interest in projects of an educational nature was a cause of satisfaction to the Directors. In time, it was hoped that the Company's activities would become more evenly balanced between research and educational projects.
During the year, Professor J.A. Allen, the Chairman of the Research Committee and a Foundation Director, resigned from the Board to take up duties as Executive Officer with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Canberra. The Board placed on record its sincere thanks to Professor Allen for the valuable help he gave in initiating successfully the formation of the Company and implementing and developing its current systems.

GRANT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

The Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Mr. J.A. Phillips, has announced that a grant of $800 has been approved by the Bank towards a project being undertaken by Mr. R. McShane, of the Department of Economics, University of Newcastle. Mr. McShane is carrying out research into "The Estimated Demand Function for Australian Meats".

Mr. Phillips said that $728,220 had been approved by the Reserve Bank in Australia from the Rural Credits Development Fund for 1971/72 to support research and extension designed to benefit primary industry. Grants totalling $6.2 million had been distributed by the Fund since 1960.

TALBOT PRIZE AWARDED

When Dr. N. Talbot was giving notice of the English Society's 1971 Annual Dinner, he stated that the evening would feature "the reading of poems composed by those present" and that his prize (one of red and one of white) would be awarded for the best poem with a moral to inculcate.

As it turned out the prize was awarded to a poet whose work was sung. The winner, judged at the dinner in the Staff House on 29th November, was Mr. P.L. Kavanagh, Lecturer in English, whose wife, a secretary in the Department of Psychology, presented the poem vocally without musical accompaniments.

The best poem with introduction:-

Like all ballads, this poem seems a little strange stripped of its music, but, if you want to hum along, you can find the tune for which it was written in John Manifold's Penguin Australian Song Book, p. 20.

THE BALLAD OF BLENHEIM HOTEL

She was a lady small and fair
with hair as black as miner's dreams
and coal black eyes alive with fire,
for she was warm and loved a man.

She went one bitter night with him
to Blenheim pub to quench her thirst
and found no lounge to drink her gin
but outside open to the storm.

She went into the bar with him
the men's complaint was loud and long
get rid of her and toss her out
the blokes can't talk with her around.

The barmaid said you'll have to go
there's no place here but round the back
it might be a bit cool tonight
there seems to be some rain about.
The barman came to see them out
and though the lady's wrists were small
she lifted him right off the ground
and smashed his head against the wall.

The gamest men came up too near
and others tried to make the door
but found her standing in the way
the broken bottle in her hand.

Her friend said we had better go
the bar is wrecked and blood and beer
slip on the floor and whisky fumes
distil the air my love let's go.

She lit a match and threw it in
the bar exploded at their backs
the hotel burning in her eyes
her hair shone blue as raven's wings.

The moral of this ballad is
beware whom you refuse a drink
for you may find that you have turned
away an angel unawares.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Union will close for the Christmas-New Year recess. During the long vacation
the Union will be closed at weekends but its facilities will open on week days
according to this schedule: Union, 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., Cafeteria, noon to 1.30
p.m., 5 to 6 p.m.; Coffee Bar, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shop, 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 2
to 5.30 p.m.

The Staff House will close for the Christmas-New Year recess on 24th December and

The Library will close on Christmas Eve and reopen after New Year. Until the
first day of first term, 1972, the Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and
Thursdays.

COMING EVENTS

Hostel Group

The next general meeting of the Newcastle International Student Hostel Steering
Organisation (which was formed out of the W.U.S. Housing Sub-Committee) will be
held on Tuesday, 14th December, in the Psychology Laboratory at 8 p.m. Business
will include the submission of reports from the Management Committee and the
Finance, Planning and Management Sub-Committees. Persons interested in the
affairs of the organisation, and particularly the question of the management of
the proposed hostel/s, should be present at this meeting.

P.S.A. Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle University Sub-Division of the Public
Service Association will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre on Wednesday, 15th
December, at 1 p.m.

Nominations have been invited for the following positions on the Sub-Division's
Management Committee for 1972: Chairman, Secretary, eight Committee members
representing, as far as practicable, the various groups of members in the employ
of the University of Newcastle, one Central Councillor, two Government Agencies
Division Councillors and two Delegates to Annual Conference.
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 20 cents.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Vice- Chancellor's Unit - Stenographer (Secretary) Position No. N79/71

The University wishes to recruit a tactful, energetic stenographer to carry out stenographic and other duties for the Vice-Principal and other Senior Administrative Officers.

Commencing salary will be up to $61.66 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition, efficiency allowances of up to $6.90 may be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

Interested mature persons of wide experience with a shorthandwriting speed of not less than 100 w.p.m. will be considered for a salary up to $68.37 per week. A mutually satisfactory commencing date will be arranged.

For members of staff wishing to apply, the closing date is extended until 5 p.m., 17th December, 1971.

Accounting Machine Operator Position No. N77/71

There will be a vacancy in the Accountant's Department late January/early February, 1972 for an Accounting Machine Operator and applications are invited for this position. Class 32 National Accounting Machines are currently in use. The position calls for an operator with wide experience, but applicants with some experience in the mechanised recording of stores, creditors and debtors, payroll, etc., will be considered.

Commencing weekly wage will be in the range to $61.66 depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition, proficiency allowances of up to $4.60 per week are available.

Applications close on 20th December, 1971.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Staff House

The Staff House would be very pleased to receive a donation of one or two old refrigerators for peak period usage.

If, after settlement, the retailer does not take your trade-in away, the Staff House would be pleased to receive a donation of the unit, if it is still in working order.

ANY OFFERS ??????

Accommodation in Sydney

Board available for student over long vacation. Near Roseville station. 'Phone Mrs. J. Shenstone Sydney 46 5141

HOUSE FOR RENT: From 15th December, 1971 for 12 months; three-bedroom, four-year-old timber home, Grandview Road; fully furnished, air conditioned, oil heater; $35 per week, Ring Mr. John Richardson 61 4233.
SPORTING NEWS

Science and Arts will play in the final of the Inter-Faculty Staff Cricket Competition. Science received four points for two victories (against Accounts/Personnel/Planner's and Commerce/Architecture) and Arts three points for one win (against Student Administration) and a draw (rain washed out play against Engineering). The final will be played at University Oval on Tuesday, 14th December, beginning at 1 p.m.

To Represent in Cricket

Paul Harrison, who is enrolled as a student in the Faculty of Science, has been selected in the N.S.W. Junior Cricket Union team to play in the Australian Championships in Newcastle at Christmas. Five players from Newcastle clubs were chosen in the side.

Paul plays in the C. and S. competition as a member of West Rules A Grade team, for which he bats first drop. Last season he scored 101 not out against Carrington.

Match Postponed

The Combined High Schools v. University annual cricket fixture was washed out by rain on 7th December and has been postponed until 20th January, 1972.

NEXT NEWS IN FEBRUARY

There will be no issue of UNIVERSITY NEWS in January but publication will resume in February.