The Department of Geography has occupied new accommodation in the Social Sciences building. It is located in a three-storey wing at the northern end of the building.

The Departments of Economics and Commerce will be re-housed in the Social Sciences building when work on the construction of their respective new sections is completed. Laboratory space will also be provided for the Department of Psychology.

The Social Sciences Building has provided Geography, and will provide Economics and Commerce, with greater teaching, research and office areas than they had, or have at present, in the Arts/Administration building. Moreover, their reestablishment will allow the academic departments remaining in the main building to expand.

Social Sciences is being built by Dillingham Constructions Pty. Limited and will cost approximately $1.4 million. Exterior materials include off-form concrete columns, cement blocks and plastic coated metal windows. The building is bisected by a new 12-foot pedestrian walkway, connecting the University’s No. 2 Car Park and the Union Building.

Construction of a 250-seat lecture hall and drama theatre alongside the Department of Geography is also proceeding; the steel frame for the building was raised into place last week. The stage will measure 75 feet by 25 feet and have a forestage 10 feet deep.

Access to the Department of Geography is presently obtained through a door facing the Arts/Administration building, but this opening will be closed when work on the proper entrance, off the walkway, is completed. A pathway is to connect the University’s main building and the post office through this entrance.

At the entrance to Geography, on the Ground Floor, a display foyer where maps, models and photographs will be exhibited has been provided. Space on this floor has also been allocated to junior and senior laboratories, an 85-seat lecture theatre, a tutorial room, toilets, lecturers’ offices, two physical geography laboratories and a garage for the department's station sedan.

On the first floor of the Geography building are to be seen the professors’ rooms, offices for the Secretary and an assistant, lecturers’ offices, seminar rooms for students, a seminar room for staff, a lunch room for non-academic staff, an honours reading room and an honours laboratory.

The top floor contains lecturers' offices, a post-graduate laboratory and reading room, a human geography laboratory, a map library, a print room and a drafting room.

Occupation of new accommodation by Geography makes it possible for departments remaining in the Arts/Administration building to prepare for expanding or moving.
The Planner's Division has provided information about alterations to be made to space allocations in the Arts/Administration building as a result of the removal of the Departments of Geography, Commerce and Economics.

The Department of Philosophy will transfer from the Lower Ground floor to the First floor, taking over part of the space currently occupied by the Department of Commerce.

The Department of History will move along the Lower Ground floor and occupy the space vacated by the Department of Geography.

The Chaplains' Office will be relocated on the Lower Ground floor and the Department of English will expand to absorb some of the areas vacated by Philosophy and History.

As regards the Ground floor, some of the changes to be made there will follow the reestablishment of the Faculty of Mathematics in the Library. Mathematics can now be reached through the passage leading off the Lower Plaza. The former offices of the Faculty will be taken over by the Computer Centre and the Department of Adult Education of the University of Sydney, whose activities will become the responsibility of this university.

Academic accommodation on the First floor of the Arts/Administration building will be allocated to the Department of Philosophy (replacing Commerce), the Department of Education, which will reestablish in the Department of Economics, and the Department of Psychology, which will expand to embrace the area left by Education.

Minor rearrangement of the space occupied by some divisions of the Administration has also been authorised.

RESEARCH GRANT, SCHOLARSHIP

The Commonwealth and Queensland Governments jointly have formed a Committee which will recommend research grants for investigation of problems associated with the Crown-of-Thorns Starfish. The Committee is calling for applications for research in 1973, but the project does not necessarily need to be completed in that period. The project may cover any problem associated with the Crown-of-Thorns Starfish including reef ecology and coral formation; and involving either biology, monitoring or control measures.

Applications must be submitted through the administration of the applicant's institution so as to reach the Secretary, Crown-of-Thorns Advisory Committee, Department of Education and Science, Box 826, Post Office, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601, no later than 28th August, 1972.

The East West Center at the University of Hawaii is offering scholarships for the 1973-74 American academic year to students from East, South and South-East Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Islands of the Pacific. Five Institutes at the East-West Center focus on the problems of cross-cultural communication, population dynamics, culture and language learning, food systems, and technology and development. Study is underway on ways to increase attention to human values and the contributions of the arts and humanities in Center programs, including one possible new program to which major contributions would come from the disciplines of the humanities. Under any circumstances, humanistic considerations are, and will remain, essential components of the present Institutes. Regular grants by the Center are initially for an academic year commencing June or September, 1973. The grants include travel to and from Hawaii, tuition, books, board and lodging, health insurance and a small personal allowance. Qualified students may be given an opportunity to supplement their studies at a selected university in the United States on an academic tour of one semester. The grants make no provision for dependants.

Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree, preferably at honours level, and capacity for post-graduate study. They must also be between 21 and 35. The unique feature of the East West Centre grants is the availability, under certain conditions, of a study tour which permits award-holders to study on the mainland for a semester or a summer session.
Application forms will be sent only to those who state their qualifications and proposed fields of study when writing to request forms. Application forms may be obtained from: The Secretary, Department of Education and Science, (East West Center Awards), Box 826, Post Office, WODEN. A.C.T. 2606 Completed application forms must be returned by 15th September, 1972.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are invited for the following positions:

Buildings Supervisor Planner's Division Position No. N62/72

Prior experience in a similar position and a building-trade based background would be an advantage. Duties carried out under the direction of a professionally qualified person, will include supervision of cleaning standards, general oversight of minor works carried out by outside contractors, assisting with the assembly of information required for renovation programmes, space usage purposes, and related duties.

Salary range $4,600-$4,887,$5,175-$5,462-$5,750 per annum.

Laboratory Technician Department of Mechanical Engineering Position No. N64/72

Employment is available for one year with the possibility of a further extension.

The successful applicant will be required to work in the general area of Air Pollution, with special emphasis on new instrumentation and computer processing. Duties will include oversight of a Mobile Air Pollution laboratory, checking of relevant instrumentation; assistance with other laboratory work and research projects and processing of experimental data. It is envisaged that the successful applicant will assist with the design and development of special purpose equipment required for pollution monitoring and other programmes.

Applicants must possess an appropriate diploma, degree, or other qualifications deemed by the university to be appropriate.

Commencing salary will be within the range $5,724-$6,194 per annum depending upon qualifications and experience.

Further details of the nature of the work can be obtained from Professor A.J. Carmichael, 'phone 68 5528.

Office Assistant/Typist Amenities Section Position No. N63/72

Applicants should be competent touch typists. Duties include typing, assisting with enquiries and general office work. Commencing salary will be up to $62.54 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience.

Applications close 28th August, 1972.

NAME CHANGED

The Vice-Chancellor acceded to a request made by the Senior Student Counsellor (Mr. A.P.T. Loftus) that the Student Counselling Unit be renamed University Counselling Service.

Mr. Loftus, in a letter to Professor Auchmuty, said the alteration brought the title in line with counselling services in most of the other Australian universities.
The Vice-Chancellor announced the appointment of Dr. J.B. Biggs, B.A. (Tas.), Ph.D. (London), currently Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta, to the newly created Chair in Education.

Professor Biggs is a First Class Honours graduate in Psychology at the University of Tasmania and took his Ph.D. at the Birkbeck College within the University of London. He has taught at the primary and secondary level at the Hutchins School at Hobart and subsequently at a secondary modern school at Luton in the United Kingdom, which provided him with certification from the United Kingdom Ministry of Education. He then spent four years on the research staff of the National Foundation for Educational Research before coming back to Australia as a Lecturer in Psychology at the University of New England from 1962-1966. He was with the Educational Research Unit of Monash University before proceeding to Canada in 1969 as an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta. He was promoted to a professorial Chair at that university during the current year.

**ACTING DEAN ELECTED**

The Faculty Board, Faculty of Mathematics, elected Professor H.M. Lieberstein to be Acting Dean of the faculty to succeed Professor R.G. Keats, who will be absent on study leave from 18th August until March, 1973. Professor Lieberstein was elected to the position until the new Dean, to be appointed at the next biennial election, takes office.

**TO ATTEND CONGRESS**

Mr. K.F. Collis, Senior Lecturer in Education, leaves Australia next week to attend the Second International Congress on Mathematics Education to be held at the University of Exeter, Essex, England.

Mr. Collis, who is one of a three-man group that organised the Australian presentation at the Congress, will represent the Australian Association of Mathematics teachers and present a paper to the working group on the psychology of learning Mathematics. His visit will be jointly sponsored by this university and the Ian Potter Foundation.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the University of Newcastle Staff House Club Limited will be held at the Staff House on Monday, 28th August, at 1.30 p.m. The business of the meeting will be to:

* Receive the annual report, balance sheet and income and expenditure account for the period from 1st July, 1971, to 30th June, 1972.
* Elect a Committee of Management consisting of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four members for the ensuing year.
* Elect an Auditor for the ensuing year.
* Transact any other business.

**ONE MAN EXHIBITION**

Mr. Ian Henderson, Senior Instructor in Architecture, will stage an exhibition of his Canadian landscape paintings in the Architecture building from 4th-22nd September. The paintings embody his vision of the land of Northern Ontario. He will give a lecture on Canadian landscape painting in the Architecture building on 7th September.