ACADEMIC POSTS FILLED

As a result of the biennial election of Academic Officers the following persons will occupy positions for a period of two years from January 1, 1971:

Deputy Chairman of Senate
Professor L.N. Short

Faculty of Economics and Commerce
Dean, Professor B.L. Johns

Faculty of Applied Science
Dean, Professor E.O. Hall

Faculty of Arts
Dean, Professor A.M. Ritchie. Sub-dean, Mr. E.J. Braggett

Faculty of Science
Dean, Professor W.F.J. Pickering. Sub-dean, Dr. K.H. Bell (previously elected for two years from January 1, 1970)

Faculty of Architecture
Dean, Professor F. Romberg. Sub-dean, Mr. R. Deamer

Faculty of Engineering
Dean, Professor F.M. Henderson.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

DR. IAN ECKHARD, a post-doctoral fellow, has arrived at the University to assist Professor Summers, of the Department of Chemistry, with a research project.

Prof. Summers and Dr. Eckhard expect another post-doctoral fellow to join them before the end of this year.

They are working on research into the synthesising of organic compounds.

Geigy, of Switzerland, made a grant of $90,000 to the University so the project could be carried out.

Dr. Eckhard, who expects to be associated with Prof. Summers for at least a year, obtained his B.Sc. degree and doctorate at Loughborough University, Leicestershire, England, and was a research fellow at the Synvar Research Institute, San Francisco, before coming to Newcastle.

MR. Y.L. YOUSEF, B.Com., M.B.A., an Egyptian who worked in America for several years, has joined the Department of Commerce as a Senior Tutor.

Mr. Yousef obtained a B.Com. degree at Ein Shams University, Cairo, a High Diploma in Taxation at Alexandria University, and High Diplomas in Management and Organisation, Marketing and Cotton and Stock Exchange at Ein Shams University.

He studied at the University of New York and was awarded a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1968. For the next two years he stayed in America, being employed by the Flying Mailmen Service Inc. as an accountant.

Mr. Yousef came to Australia in June and taught at North Ryde High School and then worked briefly for Esso Standard Oil before joining the University. He and his wife live at New Lambton.

EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS 1971

The Cultural and Social Centre of the ASPAC-Asian and Pacific Council is offering one fellowship to nationals of each member country, tenable in any other member country for the first half of 1971. Member countries are Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Korea, South Vietnam, Taiwan and Thailand.
Fellowships are open to creative writers, scholars, journalists, artists of various fields including stage and dance performers. They are tenable for six weeks and must be taken up in the first half of 1971.

Applications should be lodged with The Secretary, ASPAC Fellowships, as soon as possible and definitely no later than 16th November, 1970. Further information is available from The Secretary to the University.

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY INTERCHANGE SCHEME - TRAVEL GRANTS

The Commonwealth University Interchange Scheme provides travel grants for University teachers or officers on recognised study leave and for post-graduate research workers holding research grants. Information on Conditions of Award and application forms may be obtained from The Secretary.

Applications for grants in respect to visits to commence during the year, 1st April, 1971, to 31st March, 1972, must be received by the Secretary, The Committee for Commonwealth University Interchange, London, by 15th December, 1970 in the case of University teachers or officers on recognised study leave, and by 31st March, 1971 in the case of post-graduate University research workers holding research grants.

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION, 1971

All students who may be entering the course for the Diploma in Education in 1971 are asked to complete an information sheet which may be obtained from the office of the Department of Education (Building A, Room 149). Details of the course, including conditions of admission, may also be obtained from the office.

It should be noted that students are required to undertake a period of two weeks' practice teaching in February or to make alternative arrangements with the Department. The practice teaching arrangements will be made by the Department on receipt of the necessary information.

COMING EVENTS

Economics Seminar

Dr. H. Bernasek, Senior Lecturer in Economics at Macquarie University, will speak in the Council Room on October 22 beginning at 2.30 p.m. A former Teaching Fellow at this University, Dr. Bernasek will speak on "Czechoslovakian Experience with Soviet Economic Planning". The seminar has been organised by the Department of Economics.

Women Graduates

The annual general meeting of Hunter Valley Branch of the N.S.W. Association of University Women Graduates will be held in the Council Room of the University on October 28. Sherry will be served from 6.30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7.00 p.m. Mr. R. Deamer, Senior Lecturer in Architecture, will speak on "Historic Homes in the Hunter Valley".

Talk on the Blues

How many people know that a lot of the musical sounds of to-day are derived from the Blues? Actually the musical tradition was begun further back in time in Africa. Mr. J. Taylor, a graduate of the University, who lives in Sydney, will outline developments in the Blues in the Union on October 23 beginning at 8.00 p.m. He will play historic tracks recorded by a number of Negro bluesmen and talk on the Blues, relating the form to the music of Canned Heat, Paul Butterfield and others. The talk will be mainly oriented towards Country Blues and will include demonstrations by instrumentalists. It will be staged for people attached to the University and visitors by the Musical Society.

Mathematics Seminars

The Department of Mathematics will hold two seminars on October 23 and one seminar on October 30. Messrs. Blackwell and Kavalieris have prepared a seminar on "Information Without Probability" to be conducted on October 23 in Room G24 beginning at 9.00 a.m. On the same day in Room G24 at 2.00 p.m. Mr. B. Sims will conduct a seminar on "A Characterisation of B*-algebras by Numerical Range".

Mr. D.G. Tacon, of the Institute of Advanced Studies, Australian National University, will speak on "Non-standard Analysis and a Generalisation of Weak Compactness" on October 30 in Room AG09 beginning at 2.00 p.m.
American Academic

Professor C.H. Coombs, of Ann Arbor University, Michigan, will visit the University from November 2 to 5 to conduct seminars for the Psychology Department. Professor Coombs is an eminent mathematical psychologist.

Teaching Conference

The Department of Education at the University will conduct a conference on teaching on November 3 and 4 in the Main Lecture Theatre (B01). The department has invited teachers and lecturers living in the Lower Hunter Valley.

Main events of the conference will be the reading of papers by Mr. P.N. Chopra ("The Nature of Teaching", "Programmed Instruction"), Dr. R.P. Tisher ("Review of Research into Teaching"), Mr. K.F. Collis ("The Role of the Classroom Teacher in Research"), Mrs. A.L. Chopra ("Teaching the Atypical") and Professor L.N. Short ("Technology in Teaching"). Dr. Tisher is Senior Lecturer in Education at the University of Queensland.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Professor B. Newton-John) will open the conference on November 3 at 2 p.m. A dinner will be held on November 4, after which a symposium, beginning at 7.30 p.m., will discuss the Evaluation of Teaching. Those to take part in the symposium include the Principal of Newcastle Teachers' College (Mr. G.H. Duncan) and Mr. H. Morgan, an Inspector of Schools.

Kindergarten Conference

The Department is also organising, with the Kindergarten Union of N.S.W., the conference on Pre-school education to be held at the University on November 6 and 7. All sessions of this conference will be held in the Science Lecture Theatre (H01).

Speakers will be Lecturer in Education, Mr. E. Braggett ("Trends in Pre-school Education"), the Principal of Sydney Kindergarten Teachers' College, Miss R. Harrison ("Learning Through Play", "Learning Objectives in the Area of Language"), Miss I. Chase, of the Kindergarten Union ("Introduction to the Pre-school Programme"), the Director of Wayfield Pre-school Kindergarten, Mrs. J. Howard and Miss J. Robinson, of the Kindergarten Union ("Creative Activities") and Miss H. Newton, of Sydney Kindergarten Teachers' College ("Learning Through Music Experiences").

At the afternoon conference session on November 7 Miss B. O'Donnell, Inspector of Schools, Sister Mary Ignatius, Supervisor of Infants' Teachers in Mercy Schools, Diocese of Maitland, and Miss Chase will take part in a panel discussion dealing with liaison between the Pre-school kindergarten and the 'infants' department.

After the exams are over

Tickets for the Recovery Balls to be held in the Union on November 27 and 28 are available at the Union Office. These will follow examinations and are specially staged so that students can jettison their exam preoccupations. Large attendances make it necessary for two balls to be held. Every Union member is entitled to a double ticket for one of the functions. The price per double ticket, $9.00, covers essentials.

RUGBY LEAGUE TROPHIES

At the University Rugby League Club's first Annual Presentation Night held at South Newcastle Leagues Club the following players received trophies: the John Raper Perpetual Trophy for best Forward in First Grade, Alan Piercy; the Bob Bugden Perpetual Trophy for best back in First Grade, John Wondergem; most improved player in First Grade, Peter Thomson; best forward in University Cup, Chris Berkeley; best back in University Cup, Neil Booth; most improved player in University Cup, Ken Gray; Clubman Award (presented by Doug Cross), Bruce Cruicks.

SPORTING FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Sporting Facilities Committee (formerly the Squash Management Committee) supervises the running of the Squash Court, the hiring of sporting equipment and the provision of associated services.

The Committee's first Annual Report (August 18, 1969 to August 17, 1970) discloses that, with the court open from Mondays to Sundays (7 a.m. to 11 p.m. everyday), there was a steady 65% usage. Up until March, 1970, the light-meter frequently jammed, causing the lights to stay on. As a result members
benefited to the extent of 672 half-hour playing periods, but $200 was lost in revenue.

A greater loss was incurred through members booking courts but failing to play and pay; 1,358 half-hour periods were wasted in this way, depriving other members of playing time and creating a loss of $400. A further loss was incurred by racquets, balls and sandshoes not being returned immediately after the game. It is believed that, in many cases, this equipment was passed on to other members.

It is considered that these deficiencies were due to the lack of an attendant at the court. When the three new courts become available early in 1971, the Sporting Facilities Committee and the Sports Union hope to provide continuous supervision, thus improving the service and ensuring optimum usage of courts.

In spite of the deficiencies, a profit of $2,500 was made. The Committee looks forward to an even better year when the new courts are in use.

**Basketball Grand-Finalists**

The University's No. 1 Women's Basketball Team defeated Carrington-Wickham 23-19 to win the grand-final of the C Grade international rules winter competition. In consequence, the side has been elevated to A Reserve Grade.

Coached by Mr. R. Baker, the team consisted of Linda Arntimer, Bev Kennedy, Renate Bley, Sue Richards, Mila Yates, Sue Markham, Marilyn Barnes, Sandy Young and Sue Abbott.

The University's No. 2 team also had a successful year and reached the grand-final, in which it was beaten by Gremlins 21-19.