Work is proceeding on the construction of a fountain in an area bordered by sections of the Engineering Complex. The fountain will be the central feature of Corlette Court, commemorating the late Brigadier J.M.C. Corlette. Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, is providing the Court with the assistance of the Faculty of Engineering.

Brigadier Corlette died in 1969 at the age of 89 after a distinguished and fascinating life during which he became principally known for his services to engineering, soldiering and the community. He was Chairman of Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers in 1927 and 1928 and was Chief Engineer of the Hunter District Water Board from 1925 to 1945.

The institution is raising the funds required to provide the fountain, seating, paving, a drinking fountain, trees and shrubs. A number of contractors and industries have done some work free and members of the Faculty of Engineering have designed, and supervised the construction of, the fountain.

The Bulletin of Newcastle Division of the Institution described the fountain design as "rather dramatic". Water will cascade down chains from a trough into a circular pool. It will be possible for people to walk through the fountain under the trough. The Bulletin states that the institution was indebted to Professors A. Carmichael, F. Henderson, B. Anderson, Professors A. Herzog and A.K. Johnston and Messrs. W. Short, G. Hanson and R. Goodhew for their assistance.

Work began on the construction of the fountain with excavations and the pouring of concrete last Monday. The stainless steel sections which will form the fountain structure have been manufactured and will be erected soon. Connections will then be made to water pumps and electricity and, hopefully, the fountain will be functioning by Christmas.

Newcastle Division of the Institution has stated that while it appeared sufficient funds would be to hand to complete the fountain, additional donations were required to landscape and furnish Corlette Court. The contributions, which are deductible from taxation payments, should be sent to The Registrar, I. of E. Aust., Box 238C, Post Office, NEWCASTLE. 2300

SEMESTERS CONSIDERED AT MEETING

The report of the Semester Steering Committee was discussed and questions were answered by the Chairman of the Committee (Professor B.L. Johns) at a meeting of members of staff held on 3rd November.

Professor Johns said he and the other members of the committee, Professors B.D.O. Anderson and A.M. Ritchie, had endeavoured to supply a little more background information than was contained in the report of the earlier Semester Committee. For example, Professor Anderson had prepared notes on semester and quarter systems of teaching, and the committee had reprinted a document written by the Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University about the advantages and disadvantages of the semester system that operated at Macquarie. The committee had investigated how a semester system would tend to operate at the University of Newcastle and whether the cost would be reasonable.
He said that using information supplied by the Heads of academic departments and the Secretary to the University—the Committee had assessed how important were the advantages claimed of a semester system: a student's programme of studies could be more flexible and a student could recover from a failure more quickly. The committee had concluded that these advantages would not be achieved initially. To do so some Departments would have to change their approach. It was doubtful whether any individual Faculty or Department could be permitted to go a separate way; Senate must eventually make a global decision respecting the University as a whole.

Professor Johns said discussion on the Semester Committee's report would continue at Faculty Boards next year.

Some of the points raised in the discussion that followed were:

A half semester late in the year could put the university to use in summer and permit students to recover quickly from failures; it might be that the best way of students recovering from failures would be to introduce special tutorials and deferred examinations, the Semester Committee had not favoured a change to a quarter system of teaching, a semester system might not be able to operate if members of staff collaborated to the same extent as at present on writing and marking examination papers, more emphasis should be placed on the more even distribution of the study load possible under a semester system.

MISSING BOOKS WANTED

The University Librarian (Mr. E. Flowers) has stated:

"Before finalising the major stocktake of the University Library's resources (a stocktake that has been proceeding for the past two years as a by-product of the computer-controlled circulation system), it is considered worthwhile to try to get back into the Library those books, which, from a variety of causes, are now missing.

"In the hope that many of these books still exist, perhaps lying unwanted and unloved in many homes in this area, we have asked our present students, some of whom may be responsible for the unrecorded departure of the books, from the University Library, to bring them back, and have undertaken to accept them back without restraint or penalty. It is hoped that students will take this opportunity of returning books which will continue to be of great value to future generations of readers in the University.

"At the same time, we seek the co-operation of parents and landladies in the area who may have lying around in their homes University Library books left there by their children or boarders who have now left the district. Could anyone having any of our books either drop them into the Library or ring us at 68 5397 and we will make arrangements to pick the books up.

"The University Library is one of this region's most important assets, educationally, culturally and industrially, and we therefore seek the co-operation of the people of this area in keeping up its strength."

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Christmas cards are available for purchase by students and members of staff. The cards depict trees in grounds of the University. The sketch was executed by Mr. Ian Henderson, Senior Instructor in Architecture. The cards can be purchased from the Cashier for 10 cents each.

INSPECTION OF UNIVERSITY

In appreciation of the service rendered to the University and its students, citizens who make accommodation available in their homes to students have been invited to an inspection of the University on Friday afternoon, 1st December.
Invitations have been 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.

BETTER THAN WALKING?

The Reporter, published by the Australian National University, informs readers that the University has given its support to a scheme forwarded by students for greater use to be made of bicycles on the Canberra campus.

Apparently postgraduate and undergraduate students want to see bicycles more widely used throughout the University because of the cost of providing parking space and the advantages that would be gained by members of the University if the number of cars parked on campus could be reduced.

Student leaders have asked for University assistance in the scheme, which involves the purchase of fifty second-hand bikes for use next year. The bicycles would be lent to students for a $5 annual deposit with the proviso that the bikes be returned in reasonable condition at the end of the year.

The University has given its support as long as students can make adequate administrative arrangements for the scheme. The University's working party on car parking recently reported that bicycles, including bicycles available on a communal basis, were one way of helping to ameliorate the pressure for increased car parking space on campus.

The students propose that at least half the bicycles would be retained for students' use. The bicycles would be painted yellow or white and bear a plate stamped with a number to make them readily distinguishable.

A student would be employed to repair the bicycles and arrange hiring. Bicycle racks, such as those outside the Menzies Building of the Library, would have to be placed conveniently outside other buildings. During the long vacation the bicycles could be offered to visitors attending conferences and seminars at the University.

ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET: Fully furnished house at Dudley, large lounge, dining room/kitchen, two bedrooms and study or third bedroom, "phone, garage, washing machine, close to beach, ocean view; from mid-December to end January, 1974, $30 a week, contact A.J. Hassall, Ext. 292 or 49 7669.

WILL GIVE AWAY: two kittens (5 weeks old) to kind people, ring Mrs. Price 57 3209.

WANTED: Fully furnished flat/house needed for rent from December, 1972 to accommodate a couple with a child; please contact Dr. K. Murty, Department of Metallurgy, Ext. 425.

FOR SALE: Stereo record player, new, portable, automatic, $80, (38% discount from list price); Sapphire, blue, natural, cut but not set; lady's automatic watch, in guarantee, nice Christmas present $38 (retail $76); (Ring Mr. M. Capek, Ext. 210, home 61 3642.

FOR SALE: Modern weatherboard and brick home on a ½ acre, three bedrooms, builtins throughout, open beam ceiling, lounge with bush view to Mt. Sugarloaf, kitchen view to Redhead Beach, carpets and drapes included, future possibility of flat development, Whitebridge, $17,500, 'phone 43 1550.

TO RENT: Furnished cottage for rent, Merewether Beach, up to five months from 1st February, 1973; 1 bedroom, sunroom, lounge, dining, etc., 'phone 63 1317.
TYPING: Do you require the services of a professional typist? I am a proficient typist, experienced in all phases of work - letters, accounts, invoices, schedules, etc. Reasonable rates. Ring 58 1966 before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: IBM electric typewriter, model C, wide carriage, new parts, excellent condition, $250, with metal table on castors; Ring Ext. 404 or call at 6 Ranclaud Street, Merewether.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Stenographer Position No. N77/72

A vacancy exists for a Stenographer in the Department of Physics to work for Professor C.D. Ellyett (Head of the Department) and other members of staff.

The work is varied and interesting and includes considerable shorthand. The position is one calling for trust and confidentiality, and involves meeting and working with numerous people. Some additional assistance is provided in the Departmental Office.

Commencing salary will be within the range $35.19 to $64.84 per week, depending upon age, qualifications and experience. Salary rates may be reviewed shortly. In addition, efficiency allowances may be gained by passing the prescribed tests.

Application forms may be obtained by telephoning the Personnel Section Ext. 25 during business hours.

Applications close on 20th November.

CREDIT UNION HAS LOAN FUNDS

With pressure to be exerted on pockets by Christmas, the University Staff Credit Union has announced that it has surplus funds which can be borrowed by members at a rate that costs approximately $6.60 for a loan of $100 repaid in 12 monthly instalments.

Credit Union business is carried out in Room G 55 on the Ground Floor of the Arts/Administration building between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m.

ARE YOU VISITING CANBERRA?

If so, why not stay at University House, which can temporarily accommodate visiting academics, professional people and their wives (without children under 16) during holiday times? In November and December rooms are often available at rates 20% below normal.

Temporary residence is now available to graduates of other Universities who wish to stay in Canberra. Residential accommodation varies in type from rooms without bath to three-room flats with large verandahs: most have bedroom, lounge, bathroom and verandah.

All details and reservations can be obtained by writing to the Master, University House, Box 1535, Post Office, Canberra City, ACT, 2601, or telephoning Reception, Canberra 49 3330 or 49 2248.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Acting Secretary, Mr. J.D. Todd, has further information about the following scholarships and fellowships:
SEATO fellowships for persons of doctoral academic standard and with professional experience.

The Institution of Mining and Metallurgy Edgar Pam Fellowship for a graduate wishing to undertake research in the U.K. into mining or related subjects.

The Kennecott Copper Corporation Fellowship in economic geology tenable at Macquarie University in 1973.

ICI (Aust.) postgraduate research scholarship tenable at the University of New South Wales for work in chlorine metallurgy.

Swiss Government postgraduate scholarships tenable in Switzerland.

IBM postgraduate scholarships tenable at Flinders University in the field of Computer Science.

Closing date
29th December.


4th December.

1st December.

24th November.

30th November.

DINNER OF ENGLISH SOCIETY

Tickets are available from the Department of English office for the Annual Dinner of the English Society to be held in the Union on Monday night, 27th November, beginning at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost members of the society $3.40 and non-members $3.80. Mr. B. Hazell, Student Counsellor, will be guest speaker and the Talbot Prize will be awarded to the author of the best parody of a lyric.

SPORTING NEWS

Fishing

A small band of staff members who are enthusiastic ocean fishermen has invited some colleagues to go on a fishing trip on Saturday, 25th November.

A pattern of success was established by the band catching 28 fish in Stockton Bight on 4th November. Flathead, squire and schnapper were hooked (up to 3 lbs. in weight) from the trawler, Lady Dee. The cold current was thought to have reduced the catch.

On 25th November, the group will leave Carrington Marina in the Lady Dee at 5 a.m. and return at 1 p.m. People interested in joining the group should get in touch with Mr. L. McLardy, Mr. T. Fryer or Mr. G. Hanson (Ext. 739). The cost will be $4 a fisherman and 500 feet of 20-30 lb. breaking strain line will be required.

Conference

This University will be the venue for the National Conference of University Sports Union executive officers on 4th and 5th December. The conference will be held in the Union and delegates will live at Edwards Hall.

The Vice-Principal will extend a welcome at lunch on 4th December. Some of the topics to be discussed will be the maintenance of grounds, interfaculty competitions, indoor sporting centres and the relationships between university sporting clubs and district sporting associations.

Volleyball

University is represented in the recently-organised volleyball competition.
Included in the team is a number of overseas students. The Volleyball Club is expected to affiliate with the Sports Union soon.

Sailing

The Sailing Club has been reformed and people interested in joining should inquire at the Amenities Office. A 16 ft skiff, "Here's Cheers", was purchased for the club by the Sports Union.

Underwater contest

N.U.D.E.S. will take part in the Inter-varsity Underwater Contest at Coffs Harbour on 6th, 7th and 8th December. The University of New England will be host for the event. The team to represent this university: Ian Beaman, Peter Best, Peter Edwards, Robert Jackson, Gary Jones, Barrie Mitcheson, Brian Swain and Eric Toms.

Universiade

Mr. H. Bradford, a member of the Universiade Organising Committee, said the next University Games would be held in Moscow in August, 1973. The Australian University Sports Association hoped to select approximately 50 Australian representatives in athletics, swimming, diving and tennis. He said that more than 2,000 people from 58 countries took part in the 1970 University Games held in Turin.

Canoes built

The Mountaineering Club has constructed four canoes using funds provided by the Sports Union to purchase materials. One canoe will be kept in the Pavilion so that members of the Sports Union can borrow it for excursions.

Inter-varsity Cricket

The timetable for remaining Inter-varsity cricket matches involving this university is:

University of New South Wales v. University of Newcastle, University Oval, 4th and 5th December, return match in Sydney in late January; University of New England v. University of Newcastle, University Oval, 20th, 21st and 22nd February; Cricket carnival at Flinders University of South Australia, 22nd to 25th January.

Combined High Schools will play University at University Oval on 12th December. A number of district school Principals will be invited by the Vice-Chancellor.

Staff Golf

The University of Newcastle has held onto the trophy for golf competitions involving staff of the University and staff of the University of New England. Matches were played between the teams at Armidale on 28th and 29th October.

Wilkinson Withdraws

After a good performance for N.S.W. Colts against Queensland, Robert Wilkinson, a member of University's First XI, was chosen to play for Newcastle-Hunter Valley in a match against Metropolitan on the Sydney Cricket Ground, but had to withdraw from the regional side because of examinations.

Interfaculty Cricket

The programme of matches in the 1972 Inter-faculty cricket competition: