It is a wonderful advantage at this period of time to be a developing University. The general climate of opinion is less sympathetic than it was a decade ago to the needs of Universities and in many parts of the world the costs of Education, especially higher education, have taken a disproportionate share of national budgets. The Fifth Report of the Australian Universities Commission has been comparatively favourable to the University of Newcastle and the University is, I think, ensured of a continuing period of slow but sure development. Our Great Hall, the Social Sciences Building and the Arts Theatre will all be in full use in 1973. Library extensions proved their value in the term before the examinations: while it will be a great step forward in the University when the teaching of Biological Sciences under Professor Boettcher commences in the New Year. Additional Professors have been appointed in Psychology and in Education, while the new Chair of Legal Studies has been filled. Activity on the site continues to be at a very high level and it has been a remarkable achievement, for which the Planner's Department has been largely responsible, practically to complete the triennial building programme before the last day of the triennium.

So long as this development continues it will be impossible for the University to stagnate but as well it will be equally impossible for staff and students alike to be uniformly happy and comfortable with so much noisy building activity going on all around. It is a privilege to be associated with such obvious signs of development and to begin to note the successful careers of distinguished graduates making their obvious mark in the world. In wishing all associated with the University a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year I look forward to the same cheerful co-operation we have enjoyed in the past and to a fuller sense of proud achievement in our joint activity.

J.J. AUCHMUTY,
VICE-CHANCELLOR
At its meeting on 6th December, 1972 the University Senate adopted a proposal that persons who after satisfying the matriculation requirements of the University of Newcastle have completed a three-year course of a teachers college should be granted credit towards a degree of the University.

The proposal was made originally in a report of the committee which has been considering forms of association between the University and Newcastle Teachers College.

The decision means that in future graduates of a teachers college who have completed a course approved for this purpose will be able to qualify for a degree in Arts, Mathematics or Science by passing in five subjects rather than the nine usually required.

It is expected also that similar standing will be granted towards a degree in Commerce.

In each case it will be necessary for the candidate to obtain approval for the course proposed and consideration will be given to the relationship between individual subjects taken in the course at the teachers college and those proposed for the University degree.

P.S.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Officers elected at the annual meeting of the University of Newcastle Subdivision of the Public Service Association of New South Wales:

Chairman: Mr. N.G. Keats; Secretary: Mr. M.E. Edmonds; Committee members: Messrs. J. Leis, W. Bates, J.W. Armstrong, F. Boden, S. Daniels, G. Houghton, and L. Faidiga.

Fifty-five members were present at the meeting (held on 6th December) and the Executive was authorised to arrange for a vacancy on the Committee to be filled.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Part-time Demonstrators Department of Chemistry Position No. N86/72

Applications are invited for part-time demonstrators to help supervise classes in Chemistry I, held between the hours of 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. each week day.

Applicants should possess a degree and have studied Chemistry to a minimum of second year University level.

Further inquiries regarding duties should be made to Assoc. Professor L.K. Dyall, Department of Chemistry, and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Section, Ext. 251.

Accounting Machine Operator Position No. N85/72

Applications are invited for a position of Accounting Machine Operator in the Accountant's Department where three Class 32 National Accounting Machines are currently in use. The position calls for an operator with wide experience, but an applicant with some experience in the mechanised recording of stores, creditors and debtors, payroll, etc., would be considered.

Commencing weekly wage will be up to $65.01 depending upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition proficiency allowances of up to $4.60 per week are available.

Application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Section, Ext. 251. Applications close on 22nd December, 1972.
FOR SALE: New Lambton, 7 minutes from University, modern 3-bedroom W.B. contemporary home, klip-lok roof, garage and carport, combined lounge and dining room extending full width of house, large plateglass picture windows facing east with extensive views, including ocean; h.w.s., fully carpeted, drapes, blinds, etc. $23,000 ($24,000 furnished), well worth inspection, 'phone 57 4187.

WANTED: Good homes; we are four lovely little kittens looking for good homes after Christmas, please contact our owner, Margaret Davie, (Exts. 306/211 or at 25 Fletcher Street, Beresfield) and she would be pleased to bring us to your homes.

FOR SALE: Land Rover, 1971, long wheel base, done 8,600 miles, 12 months' registration, $3,800, 'phone 54 2311, or apply 286 Lake Road, Glendale, extras include fully lined winch, curtains, seat covers, water tank, electric aerial.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

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STUDENTSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, TRAVEL GRANT

Mr. J.D. Todd, Student Administration, has further information about the following:

A Rhodes Visiting Fellowship open to women of post-doctoral standard tenable at Somerville College, University of Oxford, for two years  

Closing date 15th February, 1973
A Turner and Newall Research Fellowship tenable for two years at the University of London and open to students preferably with Ph.D.'s 29th January, 1973

Eindhoven University of Technology research fellowships tenable for a year and open to graduates who hold higher degrees in engineering or science 31st January, 1973

University of Leeds studentships for research in Applied Science for one year 1st March, 1973

Dame Lillian Penson travel grants for students pursuing research in the United Kingdom 1st March, 1973

WHOLE FACULTY TRANSFERS

The Faculty of Economics and Commerce is presently occupying new accommodation in three wings of the Social Sciences building.

Laboratory space for the Department of Psychology has been provided in part of the ground floor.

The Social Sciences building is providing the Departments of Economics and Commerce with significantly increased space for teaching, research and offices than they had in the Arts/Administration building.

As occurred when the Department of Geography transferred to the building last July, some academic departments remaining in the main building will expand into the space vacated.

Construction of the 250-seat Arts/Drama Theatre alongside the Department of Geography is also proceeding. Exterior cladding was attached last week. The Theatre is expected to be completed by February next year.

The Social Sciences building is being constructed by Dillingham Constructions Pty. Limited and will cost approximately $1.7 million. Building materials and fittings include off-form concrete columns, cement blocks, plastic-coated metal windows and adjustable sun louvres on windows facing east and west.

The building is bisected by a 12-foot pedestrian walkway connecting the University's No. 2 Car Park and the Union building and providing the main access. The service road behind the Arts/Administration building has been extended to provide vehicular access to the Social Sciences building. A pathway is to connect the University's main building and the post office through the stair lobby in the Social Sciences building.

At the entrance to the Faculty of Economics and Commerce, off the walkway, offices for an attendant and part-time lecturers, three tutorial rooms and two lecture theatres (100-seat and 150-seat) have been provided. On the other side of the walkway space has been allocated to two tutorial rooms, the Moniac laboratory and the junior statistical laboratory.

On the first floor can be seen a large number of studies for lecturers, accounting machine laboratories, an air-conditioned computer room, the Economics senior statistics laboratory and the Economics research area (compactus storage, a quiet reading room, a postgraduate reading room and an attendant's office).

The top floor contains further lecturers' studies, a general office, offices for Professors and their secretaries, a Faculty conference room, research assistants' rooms, the Commerce research area, seminar rooms, honours reading rooms and the Commerce postgraduate reading room.

As a result of the removal of the Departments of Commerce and Economics the following alterations will be made to space allocations in the main building:
The Department of Philosophy will transfer from the Lower Ground Floor to the space occupied by the Department of Commerce on the First Floor.

The Department of English will expand to absorb the areas vacated by Philosophy and the Department of History.

The remaining accommodation of the First Floor of the main Administration building will be allocated to the Department of Economics, which will reestablish in the Department of Economics, and the Department of Psychology, which will expand to embrace the area left by Education.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

There will be no issues of UNIVERSITY NEWS until next February.

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 weekdays 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.; Shop, 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Common room servery, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The requirements of the Union's building scheme (Stage III) may cause alterations to be made to these hours.

The Staff House will close for the Christmas-New Year recess on 24th December, and reopen on Monday, 22nd January, 1973.

The Library will close on Christmas Eve and reopen after New Year. Until the first day of first term, 1973, the Library will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Credit Union office (G 55 on the Ground Floor of the Arts/Administration building) will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays (12.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.) from Christmas to the end of January.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Christmas cards are available for purchase by students and members of staff.

The cards depict trees in the 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.

COMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of Members of TUNRA will be held in the Council Room at the University at 12 noon on Friday, 15th December.

Bar-B-Q

The Council for Civil Liberties, Newcastle Branch, will hold a Bar-B-Q at the home of Professor G. Tanner, 19 Wolfe Street, Newcastle, on Sunday, 17th December, beginning at 5 o'clock. Bring yourselves, friends, meat, drink and utensils. The fire and garnishings will be provided. A donation of $1 a head will help the Branch's finances. R.S.V.P. to Mr. Chris Enright, (Department of Commerce) who said all freedom-loving people are welcome.

Mathematics Course

TUNRA will conduct an evening Bridging-Refresher course in Mathematics from 12th to 23rd February, 1973. Lectures and tutorials will be held at the University of Newcastle from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of these two weeks.
While the course is open to all prospective Mathematics I students, it is primarily intended for those who matriculated some years ago and for those who only studied Higher School Certificate Mathematics at the second level (short course) or at the third level in 1972. The course will contain basic Calculus and Algebra.

Enquiries concerning the course should be addressed to Mr. M. Hayes, Mr. C.J. Ashman or Mr. G.W. Southern, Department of Mathematics, University of Newcastle.

SPORTING NEWS

Arts Beaten in Cricket

Accapad (Accounts, Bursar's and Planner's) went in first and made 150 runs to defeat Arts which scored 103, in the final of the Inter-faculty Cricket competition at University Oval on 10th December.

For Accapad, the highest scorers were S. Roxby (38), R. Swetnam (35) and G. Searles (27). T. Ryan took 2-21 and B. Murphy 2-28.

Arts' best batsman was B. Murphy, who scored 33. C. Ware accumulated 15 and R. Laidlaw 13. R. Goodbody captured 3 wickets for 28 and M. Edmonds 2 for 24.

Accapad was fortunate to have the services of Shane Roxby, a new member of Staff. Shane plays with Wallsend Club in the District Cricket Competition and was a member of the Combined Catholic Colleges' side that played a Metropolitan XI at the S.C.G. last week.

Staff Teams Opposed

Next Saturday's draw for Fourth Grade District Cricket matches shows University 2 and University 3 as adversaries at Cook Park, Birmingham Gardens. The teams are made up from members of staff.

University 2 (alias the Venerable Gentlemen) has existed as a team for a number of years, but the more youthful, University 3, entered the competition this year. University 2 is led by Dr. G. Curthoys, while Mr. C. Enright is captain of University 3.