CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The University's submission for the triennium 1973-1975 has now been sent off to the Commission in Canberra and we all appreciate the tremendous amount of preparation put into it by Professor Allen and his colleagues on the Planning Committee. One thing is, however, clear that however much the Commission is prepared to support our development, we are bound to have accommodation difficulties in the years to come, but especially in the forthcoming year 1971. By limiting our intake of students for next year to 1,000 we anticipate a total enrolment of something over 3,400 and every effort has been made to retain the student-staff ratio of 11.2 established in 1970. This has required approval for the appointment of more than 20 additional members of the academic and teaching staff and, as well, towards the end of 1970, at the request of the academic body, the Secretary's branch of the administration was greatly strengthened so that considerably better service to the Senate and Faculties can be anticipated. The first year of a triennium is always somewhat hesitant from the building point of view, but, currently, a major programme is under way. If Engineering and Architecture finally reached the Shortland campus in 1970, the Engineering laboratories are now well on the way to completion, and work has commenced on the Great Hall and the extensions to the Sports Pavilion, while it is hoped that the College, the Social Sciences Building, the extensions to the Library and other minor building projects will all go to tender in the course of the next two months. The building causing us most difficulty at present is that for the Biological Sciences, about which we are having further discussions with the Universities Commission. The one capital project completed in advance of the proposed date was the installation of the new ICL Computer, already commissioned. It is impossible to deny that there will be real difficulties next year, but when one considers the enormous development which has taken place on this campus since 1965, I am confident that everyone will co-operate in anticipation of very much more satisfactory conditions in future. I am sure we are all proud of what has been achieved in the short six years of our independence, building upon the secure foundations of the former University College. I wish all associated with the University a Happy Christmas and a Cheerful New Year and hope that our present growth and development will be soundly based and enthusiastically supported.

J.J. Auchmuty
VICE-CHANCELLOR

ASSessor AND GUEST SPEAKER

Professor Newton-John acted as an assessor for the G.M.H. Ltd. Post Graduate
Fellowship, the Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship and the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan.
Professor Newton-John was the Guest Speaker at the Scots College Speech Day in the Sydney Town Hall on December 8, 1970.

**UNION DEVELOPMENT**

The Board of the University Union is planning a further stage of development for the Union building. The Board hopes to begin work on the extensions in 1972 and bring the project to fruition by 1975.

The Secretary-Manager of the Union (Mr. W.V. Bridgwater) said the Board was desirous of implementing a plan which would provide additional catering facilities and extra commercial space. Included in the catering extensions would be extensions to the kitchen and dining area, while provision would be made in the commercial area for the enlargement of space used by the Students' Representative Council and other student bodies.

Mr. Bridgwater said that the Board of the Union had asked architects, Ancher, Mortlock, Murray and Wooley, who designed the Union building, to prepare preliminary drawings for the proposed extensions.

**VICE-PRESIDENCY EXTENDED**

Professor E.O. Hall, Head of the Department of Metallurgy, has been re-elected Vice-President of the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering for a period of two years.

**LIBRARY TRAINEESHIP**

Chris Harrison, a student of this University, has been awarded a traineeship by the National Library, Canberra. The award is specially noteworthy in Mr. Harrison's case, because he is physically handicapped and since enrolling at the University in 1966 he has experienced considerable difficulty in attending lectures and studying for examinations.

**LIBRARY LOANS REQUEST**

As control of book-lending in the Library will be assigned to the new computer early in January, all books currently on loan to members of staff should be returned for processing before December 24. Library staff will equip the books with pockets, into which cards will be inserted, before returning them to the shelves for re-circulation under the computer control system.

As regards books which members of staff wish to re-borrow, these should be returned as soon as possible after January 4. They will be required by the Library for only a brief period before being returned to borrowers.

**HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Union will close for the Christmas-New Year recess on December 24 at 4 p.m. and reopen on January 4 at 9 a.m. In January and February the Union will be open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Opening hours will be extended to accord with normal academic year arrangements from Monday, March 1, which will be the first day of first term.

The Library will close on Christmas Eve and reopen on January 4 for the holidays. Until the first day of first term 1971 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.
re-introduced on March 1.

The Staff House Club will close after lunch on Christmas Eve and reopen on Wednesday, January 20, to permit members of the Club's staff to take annual leave.

Members of the Committee of the Club were pleased by the frequent use made of the Staff House for functions in the last two months, not only by Departments of the University but also by outside organisations.

1971 ENROLMENTS

Friday, January 15, is the last day for the lodgement of re-enrolment applications for old students and Monday, January 25, the last day for the lodgement for enrolment applications for new students. Degrees will be conferred to students who have satisfied the University's requirements on Friday, March 19.

LIBRARY OFFICER RETURNS

Mr. Livio Faidiga, who was attached to the Library's staff from 1964 to 1969, has rejoined the Library as an Adult Library Assistant (Graduate). Mr. Faidiga resigned in 1969 to tour Europe with his family and returned to Newcastle recently. He has a B.A. (Hons.) degree from this University.

ADVERTISEMENTS

ACCOUNTS CLERK  POSITION NO. N92/70

A male clerk in the 20 to 30 age group experienced in general accounting is required for the Accountant's Department of the Central Administration. Accounts payable experience is desirable but not essential. There are excellent prospects for advancement. Commencing salary will be within the range $1,450 - $4,245 per annum, depending upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition allowances are payable for appropriate qualifications. Applicants should give details of their experience and state progress made with tertiary studies.

STENOGRAPHER - SECRETARY'S DIVISION  POSITION NO. N93/70

A competent and experienced Stenographer is required. Commencing salary will be up to $52.36 per week depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $5.75 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/Typist - DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  POSITION NO. N95/70

A competent touch typist under 30 years of age is required. Commencing salary will be up to $50.38 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience.

STENOGRAPHER - DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  POSITION NO. N94/70

A competent and experienced Stenographer is required. Commencing salary will be up to $52.36 per week, depending on age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to $5.75 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations.
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Conditions in respect of all the above positions include four weeks annual leave, excellent sick and long service leave benefits. Superannuation is available after qualifying period. Application forms and further information may be obtained by contacting the Personnel Section, Extension 251, during business hours.

GRADUATE SHINES IN SOCCER

Johnny "Sean" Doyle, a member of the Australian Soccer team, recently returned from an extensive overseas tour, is a former student of the University of Newcastle, having graduated as a B.Sc. in 1968. Doyle's activities on the Soccer field have been watched and applauded by many members of staff and students who were associated with him on the campus.

Mr. G. Robertson, of Speers Point, a football supporter with obvious Irish sympathies, supplied Mr. G. Conway, of the Amenities Office, with this account of Doyle's sporting career since he and his family came to Australia from Ireland 11 years ago:

"The Gods were kind to Johnny Doyle. As a member of the Lake Macquarie team he endeared himself to Soccer fans at Speers Point, where he came to prominence as a forward of promise and polish, with his fancy footwork and puckish trickery. His scintillating runs and powerful scoring efforts often made him the terror of the opposition. There were many who thought that Johnny Doyle would become an institution in Lake Macquarie Club, but it was not to be, for he transferred to Adamstown Club.

"A scholar as well as a successful footballer, Johnny had a spell overseas to further his education, and while in London played for the famous Arsenal. Though he said, in his engaging Irish brogue, "I was not by any means the best player there", the fact that Arsenal signed him was a triumph in itself and a snub to his critics.

"Back home with Adamstown, Johnny could not seem to settle and it was not long before Sydney clubs were making enquiries about the tall, long-striding Irishman. Auburn secured his services after parting with a sizeable fee and once more Johnny packed his bags, this time to go to Sydney."

(The Australian Soccer team played games this year against Noumea [won], Hong Kong [won], Korea [won], Israel [won], Greece [won], the English second division team, Luton [won], the first division team, Manchester City [lost], Ireland under-23 [lost] and Mexico [lost]).

"Johnny Doyle's appearance in the green and gold of Australia against The League of Ireland and his warm welcome by the Irish crowd must have been the culmination of his Soccer career.

"To be talented in sport like Doyle would be gift enough for most people, but, in addition, the dark-haired son of Erin, in the true tradition of the Irish, is no mean performer with his fists. Further, at a party he can pick up a guitar and sing in a voice which could earn him a living on the boards.

"Yes, Johnny Doyle is a broth of a bhoys, upon whom the fates have surely smiled and it's the best of luck we'll all sincerely be wishing himself," Mr. Robertson added.
The annual general meeting of the University of Newcastle Sub-division of the Public Service Association of N.S.W. elected the following officers for 1971:

President, Mr. N. Keats; Secretary, Mr. M.E. Edmonds; Management Committee, Mrs. J. Ley, Mrs. J. Kandiah, Messrs. P. Fox, P. Moroney, W. Bates, G. Clarke, S. Daniels and F. Boden.

A sub-committee was formed to consider the possible establishment of a Credit Union at the University and to make a recommendation on the proposal to the sub-division.

It was suggested that information be obtained from both the Credit Union at the A.N.U., Canberra, and a local Credit Union. The sub-committee comprises Messrs. Keats, Edmonds, J. Armstrong, D. Doherty, K. Thomson, D. Mudway and Mrs. J. Odgers.

Mr. Keats said he was pleased by the attendance of 60 members at the annual meeting.

**SQUASH LADDER POPULAR**

The Amenities Office reports that squash players in the University were keen about the competition for which a ladder was placed at the Squash Court. Participants have been graded and play has begun. In all 36 men and 13 women entered the competition.

**ADMINISTRATION WINS CRICKET**

Administration I was successful in the final of the Inter-Faculty Cricket Competition against Commerce/Economics/Architecture and was presented with a trophy by the Vice-Chancellor.


The trophy, known as "the thimble on a stick" because that is what it is (apart from the inscribed base), nearly had to be presented imaginatively. It was unearthed at the last minute, after a desperate search around the university site, and had to be repaired before it could be presented.

The base discloses that the inter-faculty cricket competition was begun in 1961 and temporarily discontinued in 1966. Engineering held the trophy for four seasons (1962-1965) and Administration for one season (1966).

Administration intends to keep its players up-to-the-mark by taking part, in January, in additional matches, including one against the "Venerable Gentlemen", a band of serious academic cricketers.

**COMMONWEALTH BURSARIES SCHEME**

Applications are invited for awards under the Royal Society and Nuffield Foundation Commonwealth Bursaries Scheme, the purpose of which is to provide a means by which scientists of proven ability may increase their competence by working with scientists of a Commonwealth country other than their own, where the physical or personal environment is peculiarly favourable. The bursaries are for enabling such scientists to pursue
research, learn techniques, or follow other forms of study in the natural and applied sciences. In the latter, Royal Society and Commonwealth Foundation Bursaries will be devoted especially to agriculture, fisheries, forestry and the development of natural resources. Applicants are expected to occupy permanent salaried posts to which they will return at the end of the visit, normally six to twelve months, depending on the project to be completed. Study towards higher degrees or diplomas is specifically excluded. Bursaries may provide for travel and an allowance towards maintenance at an average rate of 80 pounds (Eng.) per month depending on the applicant's circumstances and living costs in the country to be visited. No specific provisions are made for families. Application forms and copies of the detailed regulations governing the scheme may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1, to whom completed forms should be returned to arrive before 15 March each year for proposed visits commencing in July of the same year and later, and before 15 September for proposed visits beginning in January of the following year and later. These closing dates cannot be varied and applicants are strongly advised to make their arrangements as early as possible.

NEXT NEWS IN FEBRUARY

There will be no issues of University News in January but publication will resume in February. The deadline for copy submitted for the next issue on February 4 is noon on February 2. Please send copy and advertisements to Mr. Armstrong, Secretary's Division or 'phone Extension 341.