It was reported to the Council on January 15 that the University's building programme would be markedly accelerated in the next two months.

Ald. F.J. Purdue, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, stated that work was in progress on the construction of five new buildings and the extension of an existing building. By the end of March it was expected that 12 building projects would be underway.

Current building schemes are the Great Hall, buildings B (unit operations), C (field mechanics and thermo dynamics), D (engineering materials) and E (engineering science) of the Engineering Complex, and extensions to the pavilion and squash court at University Oval. A rough estimate of the total cost of these projects is $2million.

Ald. Purdue said that tenders for the construction of the Social Sciences building would close soon, tenders for the construction of the first stage of the Hall of Residence would be called in February and for the construction of building F (classrooms) of the Engineering Complex in April, plans for the extension of the Library and the Biological Sciences building had been submitted to the Australian Universities Commission and plans for the extension of the Metallurgy building were being prepared.

He added that all the buildings, both those under construction and those proposed, except for the Great Hall, should be completed by February, 1972.

GRADUATION DAY - ACADEMIC DRESS AVAILABLE

A limited shipment of academic dress, tailored to the regulations of the University of Newcastle, has been imported from England by the Union for sale to graduands and graduates. The dress can be purchased from the Union Shop.

Stocks of Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate of Philosophy dress are available. It is considered that the number of items in some degrees might not meet the demand, so enquiries should be made early. If necessary, items of dress may be reserved by the payment of deposits and collected prior to Graduation Day.

Further information can only be obtained from the shop (hours 9 a.m. - 1.30 p.m., 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, telephone 68-3717).

The Union will also hire academic dress to members. Stocks are limited and bookings for dress to be worn on Graduation Day should be made as early as possible. Deposits are required at the time of booking.

Graduands wanting to hire dress must be able to name the degree they will receive. The Union accepts no responsibility for members who name the incorrect degree. It will not undertake to rectify errors at a later date.
GRADUATION BALL

A loge plan and tickets for this year's Graduation Ball in the City Hall on March 19 are available at the Union. Tickets cost $5.00 each; supper and refreshments are included in this charge.

The ball will subdivide into two sections - the Main Hall, where the band of Gordon Favell will play, and the Supper Room, where music will be provided by the Harbourside Six. Dancing will commence at 8.30 p.m. and terminate at 1.30 a.m. The Graduation Waltz will be danced at 10 p.m.

Tickets can only be obtained for cash. Loges accommodate 16 people and 10 tickets must be bought before a separate loge can be reserved. The sale of tickets will be watched closely so graduands do not miss the opportunity to attend the ball. No charge will be made for admission to the Gallery overlooking the Main Hall. The sale of tickets will stop at midday on March 19.

The ball will be staged by Convocation, which has deputed Mr. E. Buckman to act as Organiser.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mr. F.L. Clarke has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Civil Engineering. Mr. Clarke was a Lecturer with the Department of Surveying at the University of N.S.W. from 1963 to 1970. He graduated from the University of N.S.W. as a Bachelor of Surveying with first class honours and the University Medal.

LIBRARIAN'S REQUEST TO STAFF

Mr. E. Flowers, the University Librarian, has requested members of the Staff to return all library books currently on loan to them so that the transfer of book-lending in the library to the computer can be completed.

Mr. Flowers said that the library's circulation records would not be complete until the books had been charged out to members of the Staff through the new system. Further, the Library could not complete the stock-taking it was carrying out as part of computerisation until books held by members of Staff had been dealt with.

Books could be borrowed again within an hour of being returned, he said.

PROFESSOR ENDS STUDY LEAVE

Professor B.L. Johns, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce and Head of the Department of Economics, has returned to the University after having spent a year's study leave in Canada and England. While overseas Professor Johns was a Visiting Professor at the University of British Columbia, Canada, a Visiting Senior Member of St. Antony's College, Oxford, and was attached to the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University.

GRADUATE APPOINTED LECTURER

Mr. W.P. Driscoll, a 1957 graduate of the university, has been appointed a Lecturer in History at Armidale Teacher's College.
Formerly a high school teacher at Cessnock and Wauchope, Mr. Driscoll qualified for admission to the degree of Master of Arts with a thesis on "The Development of the Wine Industry in the Hunter Valley." He is the author of a monograph which deals with the beginnings of the wine industry in the Hunter Valley and which was published by Newcastle City Council.

FEES FOR 1971 OR FIRST TERM

Tuesday, February 23, is the last day for the payment of students' fees. A late fee of $6 will be imposed on every person paying fees between February 23 and March 1, when first term begins, and $10 will be charged if fees are paid after March 1.

BRITISH SUMMER SCHOOLS

In 1971 four Summer Schools will be offered by British Universities. The schools will be held at Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, London and Edinburgh. Drama and theatre in the age of Shakespeare will be studied at Stratford-upon-Avon: the theme of the London School will be the literature of the Augustan period in relation to its cultural and artistic context: at Edinburgh, four Scottish Universities will jointly present a study of the history, literature and philosophy of Britain in the period 1750 to 1850, an age of democratic revolution: and English literature, history and society of the past century will be the subject of the Oxford School.

The courses are designed for graduates, including teachers in universities and schools, and for undergraduate students who will have completed the penultimate year of their degree course by June, 1971. The number of places at each school is restricted. Preference in selection is given to graduates and those in their final year of a degree course at the time of application whose background in the subject and period of the course is sufficient to enable them to work on the graduate level. An important aspect will be seminar work in small groups, each under the supervision of a university tutor. Through these small groups it is intended to provide for the requirements of students at different levels.

Visits to places of interest will be part of each course. The British Tourist Authority welcomes enquiries from students who wish to extend their travel in Britain before or after the Summer Schools.

British Universities taking part in the programme and the British Council contribute funds to provide a limited number of scholarships for those who are well-qualified academically and who would not otherwise be able to attend a summer school in Britain.

Students from Australia should apply to the Representative, The British Council, 18 Greenoaks Avenue, Edgecliff, Sydney, 2027. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation and should be lodged before March 31. A 16-page booklet giving all relevant information, including fees for the summer schools, is held by Mr. J. Armstrong, Secretary's Division.

HIGH DEGREE

Council approved the admission of Mr. P.E. Stonham, Senior Lecturer in Economics, to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Mr. Stonham's thesis title is "Shipping Services in Australia's Export Trade and the Effects of Changing Ship Technology".
FLAT WANTED

Wanted: two-bedroom furnished flat or house, located close to University or in Wallsend. Contact K. Walker. Ext. 401

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

LIBRARY ATTENDANT (MALE) POSITION NO. N4/71

Applications are invited for the above position in the University Library. Applicants should have the Intermediate Certificate. A driver's licence would be an advantage. Duties include shelving of books, checking shelving order, book numbering, and other duties as directed. Hours are rostered between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. with some weekend work. Commencing salary for an adult: $52.90 per week, junior rates according to age.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT POSITION NO. N10/71

Applications are invited from adults for appointment within the University Library in the following categories:-

GRADUATE


NON-GRADUATE


ASSISTANT TO THE STAFF ENGINEER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons to assist in the Planner's Division. Duties involve assisting with the preparation of documents for engineering works including detailed designs, specifications and plans, the supervision of engineering service and equipment installations and the maintenance of technical records. As the nature of the work calls for a man with, among other things, a strong practical background, applicants must possess an Electrical Fitters and Mechanics Trade Course Certificate plus a Technical College Electrical Engineering Certificate or similar, or higher qualifications and should have some years of relevant adult experience.

Salary will be determined within a range of $5,247-$5,724 per annum, or for an applicant with superior qualifications and experience $6,095-$6,466 per annum. Applicants in receipt of a higher salary may apply, indicating their present salary.

LABORATORY ASSISTANT POSITION NO. N9/71

Applications are invited for the above position within the Department of Civil Engineering. Duties will include the setting up and maintenance of testing equipment in the Soil Mechanics Laboratory, assistance with experimental work, testing soils and other engineering materials. Possession of a Technical College Certificate in Engineering or in a Science, is essential. Other acceptable qualifications would include a Diploma or other recognised qualifications deemed by the University to be appropriate. Salary will depend on qualifications, experience and ability within the range $3,520-$4,351 per annum.

LABORATORY ATTENDANT/ASSISTANT POSITION NUMBER N5/71

Applications are invited for the above position in the Department of Physics
at Shortland. Duties include assisting with the handling of equipment and materials in laboratories and lecture demonstrations.

Salary ranges for the position are:

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and commencing salary would be dependent upon age, qualifications and experience. Applicants for Laboratory Assistant must possess a Technical College Certificate in Chemistry, or other recognised qualifications deemed by the University to be appropriate.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/TYPIST POSITION NO. N11/71

A competent adult typist is required for the Board of Studies in Language and Literature and associated areas. Duties include typing, filing, duplicating and associated tasks. Commencing salary will be up to $53.41 per week, depending on qualifications and experience.

ATTENDANT PATROL POSITION NO. N7/71

Applications are invited for the above position at Shortland. Men between the ages of 40 and 50 years are preferred. Previous experience as a caretaker or watchman would be an advantage, but not essential. Applicants would be expected to produce evidence of trustworthiness and reliability. Initially, the appointee will work regular hours, Monday to Friday, inclusive, but may be required to undertake seven day rotating shift work at some time after appointment.

Commencing salary will be $52.80 per week, with progression subject to satisfactory service to $64.09 per week. Allowances up to $9.55 per week are payable for shift work. Conditions of employment would be discussed at interview.

Interested persons may obtain application forms from the Personnel Section.

COMING EVENTS

Retardation Talk

Dr. Allan Jennings, Director for the Mentally Handicapped, Department of Public Health, will speak at the next meeting of Newcastle Branch of the Australian Psychological Society. The meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall of Newcastle Teachers' College, Union Street, Newcastle, on Tuesday, February 16, at 8 p.m. and will be co-sponsored by the Australian Group for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency.

Dr. Jennings will report on a Retardation Conference which he attended in Warsaw and comment on retardation facilities and children's psychiatric facilities in Poland. He will refer also to liberal characteristics in retardation programmes being carried out for children in Denmark and Britain, the development in Warsaw of social welfare services for children, including retardation and psychiatric programmes, and certain concepts of "character building" and mental health which, in his opinion, are ominous.

Lecture in Staff House

"Use of Price Earnings Ratios and Discounted Cash Flows in Valuing a Company" is the title of a lecture to be given by Mr. Michael Gleeson-White, B.Ec., in the Staff House on February 12 at 8 p.m. Mr. Gleeson-White is a senior partner in the sharebroking firm of Ord, Minnett and Partners.
The lecture has been arranged by the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, the Australian Society of Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants and senior Commerce students are invited to attend.

SOCIAL CRICKET MATCH

Administration and "The Venerable Gentlemen" will play a social cricket match at University Oval on February 7 beginning at noon. The former will consist of staff from the Administration and the latter is the Staff team which plays in the Newcastle District Fourth Grade competition.

UNIVERSITY BLUES

The University Council has endorsed the Blues Association's recommendation that Blues be presented to Bruce Devir (Rugby), Darrell Williamson (Rugby), Keith Brown (Rugby), Alison Smith (Badminton), David Lai (Table Tennis), Virginia Green (Tennis), Alwyn Wardle (Fencing) and Cliff Hanna (Squash).