



# UNIVERSITY NEWS

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## CHANCELLOR HEADS LIBRARY COUNCIL

The Chancellor, Sir Alister McMullin, who retired recently as President of the Senate after a record term of 17 years, has been appointed Chairman of the Council of the National Library of Australia, Canberra.

Sir Alister has had considerable experience in the planning of Australian library and bibliographical services, having been a member of the Council of the National Library and a member of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) for many years.

Originally associated with the Commonwealth National Library, he was appointed by the Senate to the Council of the National Library on the Library's formation in 1961. He held the post of Deputy Chairman until Sir Peter Crisp resigned recently as Chairman.

AACOBS was established in 1956 to plan and recommend means for the further development of Australian libraries and bibliographical services and to cooperate with international bodies such as U.N.E.S.C.O. agencies. It has been referred to as "the Parliament of librarians" because of its very comprehensive national representation. Since 1957 Sir Alister has been AACOB'S Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION

On 19th November, the Council of the University considered a proposal for the incorporation of Newcastle Teachers' College into the university and agreed with the Senate that a Joint Council/Senate Committee should be established.

The committee was asked by the Council to advise on the best form of association that might be established between the university and the teachers' college to advance the participation of the university in the provision of teacher education.

The Joint Council/Senate Committee was also asked to consult with the Newcastle Teachers' College, the University of New England and any other university in New South Wales which is contemplating changing relationships between the university and any colleges concerned with teacher education.

The Senate had reported that while it was not necessarily in agreement with the proposals in the submission which was tabled at the previous meeting of the Council it supported in principle increased participation of the university in the provision of teacher education.

The Council elected the Deputy Chancellor (Dr. G.A. Edwards) as Convenor of the Committee and Mr. K. Booth, M.L.A., Professor L.N. Short, Mrs. H.M. Turner, Mr. M. Nelson and Mr. A. Forsythe as its members. Senate will also elect five members.

The Council noted that it could not make a decision on the proposal for the incorporation of the Newcastle Teachers' College into the university until it had received adequate information from the Joint Council/Senate Committee.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION REPORT

It was stated at the Council meeting on 19th November that the committee set up to investigate and to report to Council on the question of student participation in university affairs had held several meetings and it was expected that a report would be presented to the meeting of the Council to be held next January.

## UNIVERSITY FEES RAISED

The university has reluctantly decided to increase tuition fees for the 1972 academic year as requested by the State Government.

The Vice-Chancellor said the Council of the University had decided that fees would be raised by one-sixth. He said there was no alternative following the decisions taken by the Federal and State Governments on the assistance to be given to universities in Australia to meet increases in salaries and wages. The State Government had informed the University of Newcastle that it was not able to provide all the money which would be needed to qualify for the Federal Grant. If the university wished to obtain the full supplementary grant there was no option but to increase students' fees.

Professor Auchmuty said that the State Government had assessed the increase necessary at 16 2/3%. He and the Vice-Chancellors of all New South Wales Universities had had no alternative to recommending increases in fees. The Universities of Sydney, New South Wales and New England and Macquarie University had also raised their fees by one-sixth. If these decisions had not been made the universities' incomes would have been reduced, teaching and research programmes would have been impaired and staff/student ratios worsened.

The Council had heard objections from some members to the increase in fees, including assertions that the responsibility should be clearly ascribed to the State Government and not the university. The Council asked the Vice-Chancellor to express to the Minister for Education and Science (Mr. Cutler) its perturbation at the fact that the university had been forced to take action, particularly at so late a time in the academic year.

*The effect of the increases on the fees schedule:*

*Full-time courses: Faculties of Arts, Economics and Commerce and Mathematics, \$384 per annum; all other faculties, \$462.*

*Part-time courses: All faculties \$231.*

*Fees for tuition for Postgraduate diplomas, Master's Degrees and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees will also rise by one-sixth.*

## PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

The Vice-Chancellor announced that the Council of the University had approved of the following promotions:-

Dr. W. Brisley to Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics,  
Mr. B. Colditz to Associate Professor in the Department of Commerce, and  
Dr. L.K. Dyall to Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry.

The following Lecturers have been promoted to Senior Lecturer Grade:-



Dr. E.M. Andrews, Department of History,  
Mr. J.D. Balfe, Department of Physics,  
Mr. E.J. Braggett, Department of Education,  
Mr. J.E.R. Cleary, Department of Physics,  
Dr. N.H. Clouten, Department of Architecture,  
Dr. T.E. Fortmann, Department of Electrical Engineering,  
Miss M.R. Hall, Department of Geography,  
Mr. B.S. Heaton, Department of Civil Engineering,  
Dr. K.L. Hitz, Department of Mechanical Engineering,  
Dr. D.J.H. Moore, Department of Electrical Engineering,  
Mr. J. Roberts, Department of Chemical Engineering,  
Dr. K.L. Smith, Department of Chemical Engineering,  
Mr. R.B. Taylor, Department of Commerce, and  
Dr. D.I. Wright, Department of History.

## THE UNIVERSITY PLANNER REPORTS

*For ten months, from December, 1970, Professor E.C. Parker, the University Planner, spent his study leave in England, with a brief visit being made to the Continent just before his return to Australia. Professor Parker's leave was spent in London and York, which were his bases for visits to universities. He made close studies of many university building programmes and participated in a number of advanced architectural courses.*

Professor Parker conferred with members of a research team in the Bartlett School of Architecture, London University College, which is engaged on the development of techniques for the analysis and allocation of space in universities, a project that has already enabled accommodation at the College to be far more intensively used and the College's future building demands to be reduced.

Arising from discussions with officers of the United Kingdom Universities Grants Commission on a variety of aspects of university planning, including the financing of buildings, Professor Parker found that there were some advantages in the British system controlling capital grants over that operating in Australia. For example, funds could be transferred between projects without amending legislation or protracted negotiation, and further, the U.G.C. administered a contingency fund to deal with inflation and other special problems. The hands of both the A.U.C. and the Australian universities are rather rigidly tied by comparison with their British counterparts.

While based in London, Professor Parker visited a number of universities in southern England which are developing in parallel with the University of Newcastle, such as the Universities of East Anglia, Sussex and Kent, where he studied student housing, traffic and parking systems, modular building methods, landscaping and other planning topics.

Later, he was attached to the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York. From York he travelled to universities in the Midlands, Northern England and Scotland for inspections. The Institute's Courses Unit is supported by a Design Unit, which functions as a private practice and puts to the practical test the policies, techniques and ideas advocated in the courses. "There is a very strong demand for admission to the courses, since lectures are given by eminent specialists from all over England. The Design Unit is now operating as a successful and profitable architectural practice without being subsidised by the University of York. The Institute, under its director, Robert McLeod, is a unique and most successful organisation which might well serve as a model for post-tertiary architectural education in Australia in the future", he said.

Professor Parker said that the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies was also the headquarters of an Organisation and Methods Unit which serviced ten universities in the north-east of England. The Unit dealt with a wide range of problems referred to it by the member universities. Australian universities had no similar service. In principle, he supported the idea of a centralised service

for Australian universities which could investigate and report on problems of common interest. The A.U.C. had the information and experience, but not the brief or resources to provide for such a service.

## C O R L E T T E   C O U R T

On 21st October, 1966, when the university conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering upon Brigadier J.M.C. Corlette, he was described in the citation as "one of the grand old men whose contribution to the development of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley cannot be overestimated".

Brigadier Corlette ("Monty" to his friends) died three years later at the age of 89 after a distinguished and fascinating life during which he was principally known for his services to engineering, soldiering and the community.

Establishment of a Court at the Engineering Complex to commemorate the late Brigadier Corlette has been adopted by Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers as a division project. A special fund will be developed by means of donations from individuals and industry. Already certain contractors have offered to do some work free. In addition to this assistance, it is estimated that \$5,000 will be required.

The Institution has decided to continue to identify itself with the University of Newcastle by establishing the court in an area bordered by the recently-completed sections of the Engineering Complex. This area will be frequently used by students enrolled in the faculty and members of staff.

The fountain was conceived and designed by members of the Faculty of Engineering and will be the central feature of the court. The institution will meet the cost of the provision of seating, paving, and a drinking fountain and the purchase of trees and shrubs.

The man whose name will be perpetuated by the court held the honours, decorations and qualifications of C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., Chev. Legion D'Honneur, B.E., Hon.D. Eng., Hon. F.I.E. Aust., M.I.C.E. and F.A.P.I.

Brigadier Corlette was Chief Engineer of the Hunter District Water Board from 1925 to 1945, Chairman of Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers in 1927 and 1928, a member of the A.I.F. in World War I (being at Gallipoli in 1915), the foundation President of the Tree Planting and Preservation League, a Vice-President of the Newcastle War Memorial Cultural Centre Committee and President of Newcastle Division of the Australian Planning Institute.

Newcastle Division of the Institution of Engineers formed a sub-committee to consider designs for the court, prepare an estimate of the cost and evolve methods of raising the necessary finance. This group consists of Mr. J.A. Church, Mr. F.E. Cooksey, Mr. M.A. Hindley, Professor A.J. Carmichael and Associate Professor A. Herzog.

A campaign to secure the funds for the project is under way. The division intends to distribute a brochure soon for the purpose of inviting members of the Institution, other individuals and organisations to make contributions to the Corlette Court project. Donations can be sent to the Registrar of the Institution, 27 King Street, Newcastle. 2300

The Chairman of the Division (Mr. G.R. Russell) said the campaign and other aspects of the Corlette Court project were being implemented with a view to construction being started early in the new year. The Division's intention was to bond together the engineering profession, the university and industry, as well as to honour Brigadier Corlette.

He described the design for the fountain as "bold in concept, exciting and imaginative". Water originating in an illuminated elevated "bell" will be directed into a "dish", from which it will cascade down chains into a pool.

## CREDIT UNION HAS SURPLUS

In the light of the steady growth of savings with the University Staff Credit Union Ltd. and the pressure being exerted on members' pockets by Christmas, the Board of Directors has asked that the procedures for borrowing be outlined. The Credit Union has surplus funds which can be borrowed (limit \$1,000) at a rate that costs approximately \$6.60 for a \$100 loan repaid in 12 monthly instalments. The Credit Union's Secretary is Mr. T.G. Chapman (Ext. 296).

## CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

Christmas cards are available for purchase by students and members of staff. The cards depict the main entrance to the Arts and Administration Building. The sketch was executed by Mr. John Carr, who is enrolled as a student in the Faculty of Architecture. The cards can be purchased from the Cashier for 10 cents each.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### POSITION NO. N72/71

Applications are invited for the position of temporary assistant to help during 1972 with the endexing of the Maitland Mercury newspaper. This work which is being financed by an Australian Research Grant Committee grant is scheduled to commence next January, and is to be carried out within the University Library under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Guilford.

Applicants should probably have a degree or the Registration Certificate of the Library Association of Australia. Previous experience in indexing would be desirable. The salary for this temporary position will be paid at a rate up to \$4,452 per annum depending upon age, qualifications and experience.

Applications close 26th November, 1971.

### MALE CLERK ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION N74/71

Aged 17 to 21, educated to Higher School Certificate standard. The successful applicant will be employed initially in the Purchasing Department. The position would suit a male who has had some experience in this field or other related clerical work.

Commencing salary will be within the range \$1,749 to \$2,808 p.a. depending on age, qualifications and experience, with further progression by annual increments to \$4,927 p.a.

### STENOGRAPHER DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE N75/71

The Department requires a competent Stenographer. Commencing salary will be up to \$55.50 per week depending upon age, qualifications and experience. In addition efficiency allowances up to \$5.75 per week can be gained by passing speed tests at examinations. Salary rates are currently under review.

Applications close 10th December, 1971.

### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION POSITION NO. N76/71

Applications are invited from University graduates with appropriate experience for a position in the Secretary's Division of Administration.

The person appointed to this position will be required to undertake duties associated with such matters as the admission, enrolment and examination of students, the compilation of statistical information and the provision of secretarial services to academic committees.

The salary applicable to this position will be within the range \$6,526 p.a. (including allowances) up to \$7,904 p.a. depending upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close 23rd December, 1971.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING POSITION NO. N73/71

Applicants for the above mentioned position should hold qualifications entitling them to at least Graduate Membership of the Institution of Engineers, Australia. Previous experience in Civil or Mechanical Engineering is preferred as the duties include the design and supervision of manufacture of a range of laboratory equipment for undergraduate instruction and research and responsibility for the general operation of laboratories. There may be opportunities to assist with the development of research projects.

Commencing salary will be within the range \$4,759 to \$7,171 p.a. dependent upon qualifications and experience.

Applications close 13th December, 1971.

S E C O N D H A N D B O O K S

The Union Shop is accepting texts from members for sale in the Second Hand Book Exchange. All texts are accepted on a "sale or return" basis and members are required to stipulate the sale price of each book. Members are required to state their names and the prices asked for the books on the inside front cover. Books may be left at the Union Shop between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

CAR FOR SALE: 1964/5 EH Holden sedan with 179 engine; good mechanical condition, very little rust; \$800; ring Extension 538, or 63 2774.

FOR SALE: 1967 Austin Healey Sprite Mk III A; British Racing Green; reg. June, 1972; wire wheels, Michelin radial tyres; Well cared-for; Owner left district; 'Phone 57 2003.

CAR FOR SALE: 1969 Morris 1100 "S" Sedan (1275 cc engine); 18,000 miles; April, 1972 registration; tyres all good, maroon duco, champagne upholstery; heater-demister and seat belts; \$1,250. 'Phone 57 5082 for inspection.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WANTED: A violin, and half or three-quarter-size 'cello, wanted by Mrs. G. Grant, 4 Mawson Avenue, East Maitland. (33 7854).

FIELD OFFICER WANTED: Permanent officer required by Newcastle Y.W.C.A. for programme administration, public relations and the extension of Y.W.C.A. work into new developing areas surrounding the district; male or female; no professional qualifications demanded, but a person who has worked closely with young people is preferred; Enquiries to Miss Patricia Thorne, Executive Director, Newcastle Y.W.C.A., 'phone 2 2954.

C O M I N G E V E N T S

End-of-Year

A joint Staff House Club-Staff Association function to mark the end of the year will be held at the Staff House on Thursday, 2nd December, between 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

The Staff House will close for the Christmas-New Year recess on 24th December and reopen on Thursday, 20th January, 1972.

### Economic Society

The final meeting of the Society for 1971 will be held at the Staff House on Tuesday, 30th November, at 7 p.m. The meeting will comprise a buffet dinner, followed by an address by Professor R.I. Downing, Ritchie Professor of Research in Economics, University of Melbourne, who will speak on "Social Security, Taxes, and Inflation".

### 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, 3rd December, beginning at 2.30 p.m. The citizens will be taken on a brief guided inspection of the university and entertained at afternoon tea.

### Aboriginal Concert

Abschol will hold a concert featuring aboriginal musicians, singers and dancers in the Union Hall at Newcastle Technical College on Wednesday, 8th December, beginning at 8 o'clock. Proceeds from ticket sales (\$1.50 each) will go to the Aboriginal Fighting Fund to Assist the Fight for Land Rights and Research Into Infant Mortalities. The S.R.C. Office has tickets for the concert.

### Hostel Group

The next general meeting of the Newcastle International Student Hostel Steering Organisation (which was formed out of the W.U.S. Housing Sub-Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 14th December, in the Psychology Laboratory at 8 p.m. Business will include the submission of reports from the Management Committee and the Finance, Planning and Management Sub-Committees. Persons interested in the affairs of the organisation, and particularly the question of the management of the proposed hostel/s, should be present at this meeting.

### P.S.A. Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Newcastle University Sub-Division of the Public Service Association will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre on Wednesday, 15th December, at 1 p.m.

Nominations have been invited for the following positions on the Sub-Division's Management Committee for 1972: Chairman, Secretary, eight Committee members representing, as far as practicable, the various groups of members in the employ of the University of Newcastle, one Central Councillor, two Government Agencies Division Councillors and two Delegates to Annual Conference. Nominations will be received by the Returning Officer (Mr. F. Boden, Metallurgy Department) up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th December, 1971.

### End-of-Year Party

The Philosophy Club invites staff and students to attend an End-of-Year Party, in the Staff House on Wednesday, 15th December, commencing at 8 p.m. (the evening of the Arts Examiners Meeting). Cheese and some drinks will be provided. Admission: Club members free, others 20 cents.

## S P O R T I N G . N E W S

### Intersarsity Competition

The University of Newcastle will be host for Rugby and Rowing teams representing other Australian Universities when the annual intersarsity competitions are conducted next May.

It is anticipated that at least 12 universities will send Rugby teams and that a Test match will be played in Newcastle between teams representing Australian and New Zealand Universities.

The intervarsity rowing competition will be staged at Taree on the Manning River. Silting of the Hunter River has prevented the university's course at Raymond Terrace from being used. The Amenities Officer (Mr. H. Bradford) said he and his officers had received a lot of assistance from the Mayor of Taree (Ald. Kennedy), members of Taree Council and the Manning River Rowing Club. Approximately 200 students representing 12 universities are expected to take part and The Governor (Sir Roden Cutler) has been invited to present the trophies.

#### Basketball Reorganisation

The Netball Club has requested the Sports Union to form separate clubs for Netball and Basketball. Netball involves teams with seven players while basketball is played by teams with five. The Sports Union executive will arrange a meeting of the interested parties for a date early next February.

#### Guest Speaker

Mr. T. Schmelling, a member of an architectural firm that designed Perc, the physical education and recreation centre at the University of New South Wales, will give an address on Field Houses and General Sporting Services Buildings in the Council Room on 2nd December, at 8 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend.

#### Inter-Faculty Cricket

With four matches concluded in the Inter-Faculty Staff Cricket competition, Science/Applied Science has won the two games it has played, and Arts has won one and drawn one.

The Arts v. Engineering fixture was drawn when play was interrupted by rain.

Science/Applied Science (R. Fielden 37, P. Harrison 26) scored 177 against Accounts/Personnel/Planner's, which had an aggregate of 164 (N. Porter 35, B. Penfold 20). G. Curthoys took two wickets for 11, M. Blackmore 2-12.

Science/Applied Science scored 200 (R. Fielden 48, E. Jacobs 31, R. Cooney 31) when it played Commerce/Architecture, which scored 152 (D. Karpin 49, I. Fairbairn 38). Karpin took 2-26 and J. Nicholson 2-17.

Arts' total was 140 (C. Whitehead 45, B. Murphy 30) in the match between it and Student Administration/Library/Computers. The opposition scored 58 (D. Dunlop 22, I. Beaman 12). Whitehead took 4-3 and J. Armstrong 4-32.

Student Administration/Library/Computers and Engineering will play on Tuesday, 30th November and Commerce/Architecture and Accounts/Personnel/Planner's will play on Thursday, 2nd December.

#### Forthcoming Cricket Fixtures

4th December: First grade, University plays Belmont, Cahill Oval; Second grade plays Belmont, University Oval; Third grade, plays Wallsend 2, Stevenson Park; Fourth grade, University 1 plays L.N.L. 1, Sports Ground No. 5, University 2 plays University 3, Waratah No. 1.

11th December: First Grade, University plays Stockton, Lynn Oval; Second grade plays Stockton, University Oval; Third grade, plays Newcastle City, Stevenson Park; Fourth grade, University 1 plays Charlestown 1, Dalby Oval; University 2 plays Charlestown 2, West Wallsend; University 3 plays L.N.L. 2, Ford Oval.

#### U N I O N   O P E N   I N   V A C A T I O N

During the long vacation the Union will be closed at weekends but its facilities will open on week days 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.; Coffee Bar, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shop, 9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 2 to 5.30 p.m.