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Eighth Annual Report



1974

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT — 1974

(from 17th September 1974)

Chairman
Mr. M. Ross, BA

Deputy Chairman
Mr. D. Lear, BSc

Secretary/Manager
Mr. I. L. Dunn, LLB, psc, pfc
(appointed 3rd March 1969)

Members

Mr. J. E. O. Beale
Mr. G. Butler
Mr. P. Castle, MSc
Mr. J. Chapman, BCom, Dip Ed
Miss M. Edmonds, BA, Dip Ed
Mr. M. Lowrey, ME, ASTC,
MIEAust, MACS

Mr. A. Nutt
Dr. B. Opie, MA, PhD
Professor J. Ryan, MCom, ACA,
CMA, ACIS
Dr. A. Wright, BSc, PhD

COMMITTEES

Finance & Development

Mr. P. Castle
Mr. D. Gallagher (till 1st May 1974)
Mr. I. L. Dunn

Mr. D. Lear
Mr. M. Lowrey
Mr. M. Ross
Professor J. Ryan
Dr. A. Wright

House

Mr. J. Chapman
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Mr. D. Gallagher (till 1st May 1974)
Mr. K. Graham
Mr. D. Lear

Mr. A. Nutt
Mr. G. Pallister
Mr. R. Pedersen
Mr. P. Rowley (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Miss P. Sieber (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. J. Wells (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Dr. A. Wright

Activities

Dr. N. Adams (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. G. Butler
Mr. P. Castle (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Miss M. Edmonds
Mr. R. Garrety (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. K. Graham
Miss A. Johnson (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Dr. B. Opie
Mr. G. Pallister
Mr. G. Robinson (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. M. Ross
Mr. M. Sormus

Clubs & Societies

Miss D. Burke, Drama Society
Mr. P. Castle, Film Group
Mr. J. Chapman (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Miss D. Donaldson, Drama Society
Mr. K. Donegan, Camera Club
Mr. J. Donnelly, Commerce Society
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Miss M. Edmonds
Mr. P. Moore, Geological Society
Mr. A. Nutt
Mr. I. Piper, Film Group
Mr. M. Ross
Mr. R. Schreiber, Camera Club
Mr. G. Smith, Geological Society
Mr. D. Symes, Commerce Society
Mr. J. Wells (till 17th Sept. 1974)

Debates (a sub-committee of Activities)

Dr. N. Adams (till 10th Oct. 1974)
Mr. P. Colby
Mr. C. Diment
Mr. I. L. Dunn
Mr. K. Graham

Miss A. Johnson
Mr. D. Lear (till 17th Sept. 1974)
Mr. G. Pallister (till 10th Oct. 1974)
Mr. M. Ross
Mr. D. Vines

The Board of Management presents its Eighth Annual Report in accordance with Clause 12(c) of the Union Constitution.

BOARD MEETINGS

During the calendar year 1974 there were ten meetings of the Board attended as follows:—

	Appointed/Elected by	Meetings	
		Attended	Possible
Beale, Mr. J. E. O.	College Council	7	10
Butler, Mr. G.	Union Members	3	4
Castle, Mr. P.	Union Members	9	10
Chapman, Mr. J.	Union Members	10	10
Doyle, Mr. B. J.	College Council	1	6
Dunn, Mr. I. L.	Ex-officio	10	10
Edmonds, Miss M.	Union Members	9	10
Gallagher, Mr. D.	Life Members	1	2
Lear, Mr. D.	Union Members (till 17th Sept.)		
	College Council	10	10
Lowrey, Mr. M.	College Council	9	10
Nutt, Mr. A.	Union Members	2	4
Opie, Dr. B.	Life Members	4	4
Robinson, Mr. G.	Union Members	2	6
Ross, Mr. M.	Union Members	10	10
Ryan, Professor J.	College Council	9	10
Wells, Mr. J.	Life Members	4	6
Wright, Dr. A.	Life Members	4	4

MEMBERSHIP

There were 1866 members of all classes in 1974 compared with 1495 in 1973. The total of life members as at the end of 1974 was 176.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Common Room on Thursday 11th April 1974 at 12.45 pm and was attended by 51 members of the Union. The Annual Report for 1973, which contained the relevant financial statements for 1973, was received.

FINANCE

The audited financial statements of the Union for the calendar year 1974 appear elsewhere in this report.

The budget estimates for 1974 were prepared in the latter half of 1973 and, although allowances had been made for a possible shortfall in receipts (mainly due to students "dropping out" and having their fees refunded), and for reasonable cost increases (wages and materials), the variations which actually occurred throughout the final half of the year were so different from expectations that a supplementary budget was prepared and presented to the College Council in July. To make ends meet within the resources available necessitated a drastic reduction in Union services and labour and considerable price increases in catering and shop operations. It was clear that, for reasons entirely beyond the Board's control, there would be little prospect of a surplus in 1974 from which to meet the Union's contribution of \$15000 towards the cost of the Stage III building programme.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year resulted in a deficit of \$13475.87 which included the following non-cash items:—

	\$
Provision for long service leave	1481.78
Loss on trade-in of cash register	231.80
Depreciation	4728.83
Kitchenware written-down	819.61
Shop stock written-down	750.00
Annual leave not taken	2200.00
	10212.02

The cash loss over the year was therefore \$3263.85.

**WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1974**

1973

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

\$		\$	\$
42,191	Balance as at 31st December, 1973	36,259.43	
—	Add: Transfer from Capital Improvement Reserve	6,743.20	
		43,002.63	
5,932	Less: Deficit from Income and Expenditure Account	13,475.87	
36,259			29,526.76

6,743 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE** —

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

2,189 Provision for Long Service Leave 3,670.69

CURRENT LIABILITIES

5,688	Commercial Bank of Australia Limited	492.57	
681	Wollongong University College Union Theatre Fund	733.90	
—	Capital Investment Account	1,528.57	
1,248	Trade Creditors	1,684.38	
2,696	Other Creditors and Accrued Charges	1,719.89	
—	Provision for Annual Leave	2,200.00	8,359.31

55,504

41,556.76

We have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the Wollongong University College Union for the year ended 31st December, 1974, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs the Union at the date thereof, and

**WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1974**

1973

FIXED ASSETS

\$		\$	\$	\$
21,768	Furniture & Fittings — At Cost	21,791.42		
11,279	Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>13,458.63</u>		
<u>10,489</u>			8,332.79	
17,374	Plant & Equipment — At Cost	19,754.68		
5,596	Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>7,519.32</u>		
<u>11,778</u>			12,235.36	
3,662	Kitchenware — At Cost		3,000.00	
6,263	Building Improvements & Fixtures — At Cost	6,263.54		
2,026	Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>2,652.70</u>		
<u>4,237</u>			<u>3,610.84</u>	27,178.99

CURRENT ASSETS

4,605	Sundry Debtors	4,315.49		
300	Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts ..	<u>300.00</u>		
<u>4,305</u>	Stocks on Hand at or under cost—		4,015.49	
2,923	Cafeteria	2,674.42		
7,041	Shop	<u>3,808.08</u>		
<u>9,964</u>			6,482.50	
—	Commercial Bank of Australia Limited —			
—	Theatre Fund Account	872.64		
—	Capital Investment Account	1,528.57		
10,000	Investment Savings Account	1,141.69		
139	Capital Account	<u>—</u>	3,542.90	
704	Prepayments		173.88	
226	Cash in Hand		<u>163.00</u>	14,377.77
<u>55,504</u>				<u>41,556.76</u>

the Income and Expenditure Account is properly drawn up to reflect the Revenue and Expenses for the year then ended, and is in accordance with the information given to us and the Books of the Union.

SMITH, JOHNSON & CO., Chartered Accountants.
Registered under the Public Accountants Registration Act, 1954, as amended.

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE UNION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1974

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INCOME

\$		\$	\$	\$
62,799	Members' Fees	72,560.50		
132	Life Members' Fees	<u>106.00</u>	72,666.50	
Catering Sales				
18,994	Coffee Bar	23,911.79		
31,163	Cafeteria	44,154.57		
12,229	Functions	16,125.51		
7,000	Machines	7,229.85		
2,916	Wines	<u>3,110.08</u>	94,531.80	
International House				
—	Receipts	7,705.48		
—	Subsidy	<u>1,714.58</u>	9,420.06	
Shop				
16,521	Sales	16,728.83		
908	Second Hand Books	<u>1,562.57</u>	18,291.40	
486	Annual Dinner Tickets		781.00	
127	Commissions		205.26	
280	Gown Hire		359.25	
608	Interest Received		1,369.49	
879	Recoupment of Wages		2,789.56	
1,784	Room Hire		1,938.54	
3,000	Sports Association Subvention		3,000.00	
413	Sundry Income		—	205,352.86
<u>160,239</u>				

EXPENDITURE

Catering Expenses

39,713	Cost of Goods Sold	47,444.84		
6,468	Functions	9,184.80		
2,290	Sundry Expenses	3,311.13		
30,062	Wages & Payroll Tax	<u>42,036.64</u>	101,977.41	
<u>78,533</u>				

International House Expenses

—	Cost of Goods Sold	3,833.31		
—	Overheads	140.17		
—	Wages	<u>5,446.58</u>	9,420.06	

<u>81,706</u>	Carried forward	<u>111,397.47</u>	<u>205,352.86</u>
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\$		\$	\$	\$
81,706	Brought Forward		111,397.47	205,352.86
	Shop Expenses			
12,436	Cost of Goods Sold	12,528.64		
955	Second Hand Book Costs	1,436.32		
77	Sundry Expenses	75.42		
3,352	Wages & Payroll Tax	4,598.35	18,638.73	
<u>16,820</u>				
	GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
	Staff			
1,419	Payroll Tax	2,350.54		
418	Provision for Long Service Leave	1,481.78		
1,212	Superannuation	1,316.54		
174	Uniforms	317.30		
47,230	Wages	60,978.82	66,444.98	
	Office			
1,487	Telephone	1,022.14		
400	Postage	502.78		
2,023	Printing & Stationery	2,058.63	3,583.55	
	Maintenance			
822	Cleaning Materials	805.83		
554	Garbage Removal	650.20		
—	Loss on Disposal of Assets	231.80		
1,013	Repairs	1,686.76		
506	Replacements Kitchenware	44.08	3,418.67	
	Services			
1,714	Annual Dinner Cost	1,713.44		
356	Entertainment (Union Catering) ..	298.10		
377	Newspapers & Periodicals	201.29		
—	Public Telephone	122.03		
227	Television Hire & Amenities	93.26	2,428.12	
	Activities			
580	Clubs	634.52		
1,539	Programmed	4,039.70	4,674.22	
500	Audit Fees		700.05	
499	Bad Debts and Provision for Doubtful Debts		—	
4,546	Depreciation		4,728.83	
1,295	Insurances		2,161.18	
—	Subscriptions		82.00	
905	Travel Expenses		234.54	
1,022	Sundry Administration Expenses ..		336.39	218,828.73
<u>70,818</u>				
166,171				
5,932	Deficit transferred to Accumulated Funds			<u>13,475.87</u>

Some of the uncontrollable, yet highly significant, variations in receipts and payments which contributed to the cash loss were:— a shortfall of \$3053.50 in the fee receipts expected (for which, of course, no remedial action could be taken); increases in wages, over the 10% which had been allowed for, of 30% for catering (\$8968), of 27% (\$910) over in respect of the Shop, and 19% in respect of administration.

Had no action been taken in respect of the 19% “excess” increase in administrative wages the increased cost would have amounted to \$9025: in the event the excess was reduced to only \$3668 by drastic reductions in labour (cleaning overtime was eliminated and a stenographer was not replaced when she resigned). No action was possible in respect of the increase in shop labour charges.

With respect to the rise in catering wages economies were achieved by reducing the menu choices available in the cafeteria and prices were raised to the maximum practical extent. This still left cafeteria food prices a cent or two cheaper than similar meals could be purchased off the campus. The net result on catering was a loss of \$7446 as against the \$8968 which might otherwise have been expected.

Items balancing in the sum of \$9420.06 are shown in the Income and Expenditure Account under the heading International House. They relate to the catering service provided by the Union, at the request of the YMCA management, in the three-month period September to November 1974. On being given to understand that International House had difficulty in providing an economical service the Board agreed to provide meals at much the same prices as were charged in the Union cafeteria, provided the YMCA contributed the loss which would necessarily be involved. The relevant costs, receipts and YMCA subsidy are shown in the statement. It is pertinent to draw attention, however, to the fact that since the recipients of the service were, for the most part, students at the University; and since the operation was mounted at very short notice as a matter of urgency, significant overheads (mainly managerial, supervisory, clerical and accounting labour) were not charged, but were borne instead by the general administrative and catering costs of the Union. If such an external catering service is contemplated in the future an assessment of its viability would have to take these additional costs into account.

UNION ACTIVITIES

The following activities were sponsored by the Board:—
February

28 Union debate on the proposition “That a Degree is a Passport to Nowhere”

March

6 Recital by the Sydney Concert Trio
7 Commencement of Creative Embroidery classes (weekly in first session) by Mrs. Robin Jeffcoat.
8 “Friday is the Best Day of the Week” — Associate Professor J. Hagan, Department of History and Mr. Jim McLennan, College Counsellor
13 Illustrated crafts lecture by Mr. Peter Travis
15 to 29 Art Exhibition in conjunction with Royal Art Society of NSW, opened by Sir Erik Langker, Kt., OBE, PRAS, FRSA (Lond.)
15 “Friday is the Best Day of the Week — Mr. J. Bell, College Properties Officer and Sergeant A. Brady, Wollongong Police Prosecutor
20 Performance by Shivaram, celebrated Hindu dance genius
22 “Friday is the Best Day of the Week” — Miss A. Johnson, Department of Geography and Dr. R. J. Dobinson, dentist
25 Recital by senior students of the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music diploma class
27 Leatherwork demonstration by Mr. Paul J. Pulati
28 Union debate on the proposition “That the Union does the Best Job Possible”

- 29 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. J. Richardson, Executive Editor, Illawarra Mercury and Mrs. J. Irving, Department of Economics
- April
- 3 Performance by Mr. Paul J. Pulati, folk rock singer
- 5 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — The Right Reverend G. R. Delbridge, Bishop in Wollongong and Mr. W. Sims, Social Director, Students' Representative Council
- 17 Leatherwork demonstration by Mr. Paul J. Pulati
- 19 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Rev. M. Black, College administration and Mr. T. Gardiner, Principal, Wollongong High School
- 22 Recital by Mr. J. Denley (flute) and Mr. D. Vance (spinnet)
- 23 Address by Mr. B. S. Gillett, Director, Department of Education, South Coast Area
- 24 Slide lecture of contemporary leathercraft by Mr. Paul J. Pulati
- 26 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. D. Owen, Insurance company representative and Mr. K. Graham, third year arts
- 29 Recital by Miss D. Selmon (piano), Mr. G. Vaughan (violin) and Miss M. Powell (piano)
- May
- 1 Address by Mr. Jack Munday, Honorary Treasurer, Builders Labourers Federation and Communist Party of Australia Senate candidate for New South Wales
- 2 Address by Mr. Jim Baird, Commonwealth Organiser, Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union
- 6 Recital by Wollongong Conservatorium Students' Orchestra
- 7 Union debate on the proposition "That Affluence leads to Effluence"
- 8 Demonstration of copper enamelling by Mrs. Lilli Bathgate
- 10 Union First Session Dinner: guests Vice-Chancellor designate Professor L. M. Birt and Mrs. Birt
- 10 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Alderman H. Hanson, Wollongong City Council and Dr. F. M. Hall, Department of Chemistry
- 13 Recital by students of the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music
- 17 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Father M. Bach, Administrator of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and Mr. J. Dixon, fourth year arts
- 27 to
- June
- 14 Exhibition of prints of drawings by Leonardo da Vinci
- 27 to 31 Exhibition and demonstration by the Wollongong Handweavers and Spinners Group: opened by Mr. M. Hale, Director, Wollongong Institute of Education
- 30 Performance by the Parvati Puppet Theatre
- 31 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. D. Power, Manager, The National Bank of Australasia (West Wollongong Branch) and Mrs. S. Healy, Australia Party Candidate
- July
- 5 Performance by Mr. Mike McClellan, folk singer
- 7 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Superintendent G. Brown, South Coast Police District and Mr. A. King, Department of Chemistry
- 10 A recital, in association with the WUC Musical Society, by Mr. P. West (cello), Miss M. Powell (piano), Miss C. Dunn (folksinger) and Mr. K. Johns (piano)
- 12 Copper enamelling by Mrs. Lilli Bathgate
- 17 Address by Dr. George Repin, Secretary General, Australian Medical Association
- 25 Dialogue and open discussion led by Simon Walker and Jonathan Marks, Oxford Union Society
- 26 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. Charles Morrison, Radio 2WL and Mr. Ross Garrety, third year arts

- 31 Weaving by Hans Dorbecker
- August
- 1 Recital by jazz group (Jim Denley, flute and Elizabeth Denley, piano)
- 2 Address by Mr. Neville K. Wran, QC, LLB, Leader of the Opposition, Legislative Assembly of New South Wales
- 6 Address by the Right Reverend Graham B. Delbridge, Bishop in Wollongong
- 8 Recital by the Robert Lloyd Ensemble (percussion group)
- 9 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Sergeant E. S. Strong, detective, Port Kembla Police and Miss Cathie Strong, third year arts
- 14 Weaving slide lecture by Hans Dorbecker
- 15 Recital by Miss Marie Driscoll, soprano
- 16 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. W. Pike, Deputy Principal, Wollongong Institute of Education and Mr. Keith Binns, second year arts
- September
- 3 Address by Dr. E. M. Diment, Regional Director of Health Illawarra Region
- 4 Weaving demonstration by Hans Dorbecker
- 6 Ninth Annual Dinner of the Union: guest speaker Miss H. E. Archdale, MBE, BA, LLM
- 11 Performance by the New Dance Theatre
- 13 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. A. G. King, City Health and Building Surveyor and Robert Quodling, third year science
- 18 Jewellery making demonstration by Mrs. Wynn-Taylor
- 19 Union debate on the proposition "That Professionals are not Broad Enough"
- 20 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Professor R. Southall, Department of English and Mr. Tony Barker, Information Officer
- 23 Address by Miss Dorothy Hewett on "How to Write a Play"
- 25 Sept. to 2 Oct. "Student Art 74" an exhibition sponsored jointly by the Union and the Wollongong Branch of the NSW Art Education Society.
- September
- 25 Jewellery making demonstration by Mrs. Jan Wynn-Taylor
- 27 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mrs. O. Geddes, drama teacher and Mr. J. Hazell, College Librarian
- October
- 1 Recital of Poems by Rev. Malcolm Black, MA
- 2 Jewellery making demonstration by Mrs. Jan Wynn-Taylor
- 11 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. J. W. Dombrski, Principal, Warrawong High School and Mr. Bernhard Ashcroft, AUS Environment Officer and President ENVAC
- 19 Union debate on the proposition "That Chasity is Possible"
- 21 Recital by St. Mary's Madrigal Choir
- 25 "Friday is the Best Day of the Week" — Mr. Michael Ross, Chairman, Union Board of Management and Mr. Tony Nutt, President, Students' Representative Council
- December
- 7 Children's Christmas Party

ART COLLECTION

As an economy measure no additional works were purchased in 1974 for the Union's art collection. On the other hand the Union was most fortunate in receiving a gift of work (152cm x 72cm) by the Japanese artist Shotei Ibata: being an example of the Art of Sho. The brush and ink drawing (black and white) has been specially mounted in Japan in a wooden frame with fabric backing in the form of a folding screen. The total works now owned by the Union are:—

Work	Acquired
<i>Hampstead Heath</i> (print) Constable	1967
<i>Wivenhoe Park</i> (print) Constable	1967
<i>The Letter</i> (print) Vermeer	1967
<i>Artist in His Studio</i> (print) Vermeer	1967
<i>Suburban Street</i> (print) Utrillo	1967
<i>Lac de Terni</i> (print) Corot	1967
<i>Black Bull</i> (print) Picasso	1967
<i>la Deposition</i> (print) Fra Angelico	1967
<i>Winter Hunters in the Snow</i> (print) Brueghel	1967
<i>Wedding Dance</i> (print) Brueghel	1967
<i>St. Maria Venice</i> (print) Turner	1967
<i>Toledo</i> (print) El Greco	1967
<i>Senora Garcia</i> (print) Goya	1967
<i>City Through Portice with Lantern</i> (print) Canaletto	1967
<i>The Conjurer</i> (print) Bosch	1967
<i>Fish Magic</i> (print) Klee	1967
<i>The Armada</i> (print) van Antum	1967
<i>Kangaroo Valley</i> (oil) Alan D. Baker	1970
<i>Spring in the Old Quarter</i> (oil) Frederic Bates	1970
<i>Across the Black Soil</i> (oil) Frederic Bates	1971
<i>Birds of a Kind</i> (oil) John Larkin	1971
<i>Key of Atlantis</i> (oil) Joan Dent	1973
<i>Cloud No. 2</i> (brush and ink) Shotei Ibata	1971
<i>Cycle of the Land</i> (pen and ink) John Larkin	1971
<i>Crazy Lady</i> (pen and ink) John Larkin	1971
<i>Birchgrove Houses</i> (oil) Alex McMillan	1972
<i>Sun Wheel 31</i> (pottery wall plaque) Jim Hall	1972
<i>Tussor Kupra</i> (embroidered wall hanging) Robin Jeffcoat	1973
<i>Unnamed example of Art of Sho</i> (brush and Ink)	Shotei Ibata 1974

FACILITIES

Although there were increases in support to affiliated clubs on the one hand and a very big increase in the activities (public addresses, musical performances, etc., etc.) programmed by the Board no new physical facilities were built or provided during the year. The main reason for this was the reduction in space available due to the preliminary, and actual building operations of the new Stage III of the Union. By the end of 1974 work was well under way, and the new balcony in the Union Hall had almost been completed. The new building work involved in Stage III is expected to be completed towards the end of 1975, by which time it is hoped that the following additional facilities will be available:—

New kitchens	Hall converted and licensed for films, performances, etc.
New dining room	
Enlarged University Cooperative Bookshop Ltd.	New Union shop
Take-away food service	Coffee bar
A licensed bar	Additional space for SRC
An additional common room	A licensed restaurant/bar
A private meeting room	Two squash courts
A lounge with adjacent open-air balcony	New administrative offices
	A Board room

with associated circulating space, toilets and store rooms, etc. Detailed drawings of the new facilities were on display in the Union throughout the year.

PERSONNEL

The Board wishes to thank all its permanent members of staff for their services during the year; and, in doing so, to observe that no increases in staff establishment were made despite the most significant increases in programmed activities, and in trading due to the expanding campus population. On many occasions this resulted in abnormal pressures of work upon some members of staff and the Board wishes to record its thanks in particular to Mr. G. Stuart-

Street (House and Catering Manager) and Miss L. Koetz (Secretary) for the excessive amount of time and effort they voluntarily applied in the service of the Union. The full-time staff of the Union in 1974 (which provided services, in addition, for the Sports Association) comprised:—

House & Catering Manager:	Mr. G. Stuart-Street, AFCIA (9th Feb. 1970)
Accountant:	Mr. P. Bottele, BCom (7th May 1973)
Secretary:	Miss L. Koetz (21st December 1970)
Catering Supervisor:	Mrs. B. Johnson (19th October 1970)
Clerk/Typist (steno):	Mrs. A. Sugden (12th February 1973)
Clerk/Typist:	Mrs. M. Harrington (nee Bosma) (13th February 1973)
Clerk/Typist:	Mrs. S. Towell replaced by Mrs. P. Barrett (19th August 1974)
Crew Chief:	Mr. A. C. Burling (19th July 1971)
Attendant Cleaner:	Mr. J. Krumpas (26th September 1966)
Attendant Cleaner:	Mr. S. Bentley (21st May 1973)
Attendant Cleaner:	Mr. D. Hooper replaced by Mr. M. Williams (26th August 1974)

There were, in addition during 1974, 53 casual and part-time workers employed in the Union on catering, cleaning and clerical duties.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

WUC COMMERCE SOCIETY

President: Mr. D. Symes

The Commerce Society began its activities for 1974 with the Annual General Meeting of the Society held in the Reading Room on the 16th of April. The office bearers elected for the year were:— President, Doug Symes; Vice-President, G. Runeson; Secretary, J. Donnelly; Treasurer, Simon Reavley.

A social night was held in the Union Hall in early May the purpose being to recruit new members and to bring old members together again. The night was a success and as a result the Society recruited fifty-one members for the year.

During the year it was planned that the Society attempt to secure the services of Jack Munday as a speaker. However, this did not eventuate because the Union had already arranged for him to speak.

During the course of the year the Society held two committee meetings and three executive meetings, for the purpose of planning various events of the Society.

The apex of the social activities of the Society was the Annual Garden Party held in the grounds of the University. This was an overwhelming success and created a fine note on which to end the year's activities.

WUC DRAMA SOCIETY

President: Miss Debra Donaldson

From Orientation Week 1974 until late May we read and chose plays for acting under the guidance of Dr. Brian Opie (English Department). Under the supervision of Mr. Peter Williams, a director from Sydney, we held a highly successful workshop weekend with approximately twenty people attending. From this weekend an organised society emerged.

Mr. Andy Smith, present at the above workshop, then volunteered his services as director of a play he chose called "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler. Rehearsals progressed for approximately ten weeks but, for one reason or another, we were unable to bring the play to production.

WUC FILM GROUP

President: Mr. P. Castle

In 1974, the Film Group continued its successful presentations of feature films. Over 30 films were screened during the year, mostly on Wednesday nights in the Common Room of the Union. A film festival was held demonstrating how Shakespeare can be presented on film and also the quality of films which can now be shown under the R-certificate. As a result of the financial success of the Group in 1974 (with 151 full members and over 3000 associate member-attendances) a second 16 mm projector will be purchased on a 50/50 basis by the Film Group and the Union for use in 1975.

On the video front, a reasonably successful Video Production Course was held in the Union giving students and staff the chance to learn video techni-

ques. It is hoped that from this core of people now competent to operate video equipment a Video Club could be formed to more fully utilise the facilities available.

WUC GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

President: Mr. P. Moore

The 1974 GEOLSOC programme proved to be extremely successful. The Executive Committee feels that the hospitality afforded to our guest speakers, and the assistance with excursion expenses made available to our members, played a vital role in achieving such success, and ensured good attendances at all activities. Again our membership increased to total sixty-four.

The year began with the Annual General Meeting, at which the past President, Mr. Ian Stone, gave a "well illustrated" address, drawing upon his past experiences as a field geologist. Seven other ordinary meetings were held during the year, each featuring a distinguished lecturer, drawn from both industrial and the academic spheres and covering a wide variety of geologically orientated topics.

Four excursions were organized, including a week long trip to the Warrumbungles National Park, and a long weekend coach tour of the northern coal-fields in the Hunter Valley (led by Dr. Ian Blayden from Esso Australia).

While all GEOLSOC activities are part social, some purely social activities included an inter-society soccer match (in which we were narrowly defeated about 8-2 by the "Metallurgy Society" — alias South Coast United), two skiing trips to the Snowy Mountains, and the end of the year GEOLSOC dinner, held at Bruno's

Details of the 1974 programme are listed below:—

March	21st	Annual General Meeting	President's address (Mr. Ian Stone)
April	18th	Film Night (geological)	
	19th-21st	Kelly's Point Excursion	
May	16th	Dr. Ian Plimer (Broken Hill)	Hydrothermal W-Bi-Mo deposits in Eastern Australia
June	6th	Dr. George Gibbons (N.S.W. Institute of Technology)	Quartz, water and sediments
June	8th	Newbolds Excursion/ Barbecue	
July	3rd- 7th	Warrumbungles Excursion	Major field excursion for 1974
	19th-26th	Ski trip (week) to 'Varsity Lodge'	
August	2nd	Dr. Brian Jones	Devonian fluvial sediments in the Amadeus Basin, Central Australia
	22nd	Mr. J. Aughton (Gemmo- logical Society of Australia)	Gemstones
Sept.	5th	Professor S. St. J. Warne (Newcastle University)	The land-water environment and the beach
	13th-15th	Ski weekend	
	26th	Panel discussion on Philosophy of certain geological fields	
	27th-29th	Hunter Valley Excursion (Led by Dr. Ian Blayden)	Permian south of Hunter Thrust and Carboniferous Volcanics to north, tours through Foybrook open cut mine and Pokolbin wineries
Oct.	17th	Dr. Bruce (Bureau of Mineral Resources)	Devonian reef complexes, Canning Basin, Western Australia
	20th	Carrington Falls	One day "picnic" excursion for all the family.
Nov.	7th	Dinner Dance — Bruno's Tarrawanna	

WUC CAMERA CLUB

President: Mr. K. Donegan

The Camera Club was quite active during the 1974 academic year. Meetings were held approximately every three weeks and a competition was held at each meeting. These competitions formed the basis of the annual pointscore and the judging of the Print/Slide of the Year. Two members of Wollongong Camera Club, Dave Brooks and Bob Jessop, donated their services and came to one of our meetings as guest speakers.

Several members were involved in doing their own processing, using darkroom equipment provided by the Union. During the year the Executive ran darkroom classes to teach interested members the basic techniques of black and white processing.

The club held a successful exhibition in October. Sixty entries were received — 21 from the University and 39 from Wollongong Camera Club including their Print of the Year from 1947 to 1971. The exhibition raised a lot of interest and hopefully will become an annual event.

THE FUTURE

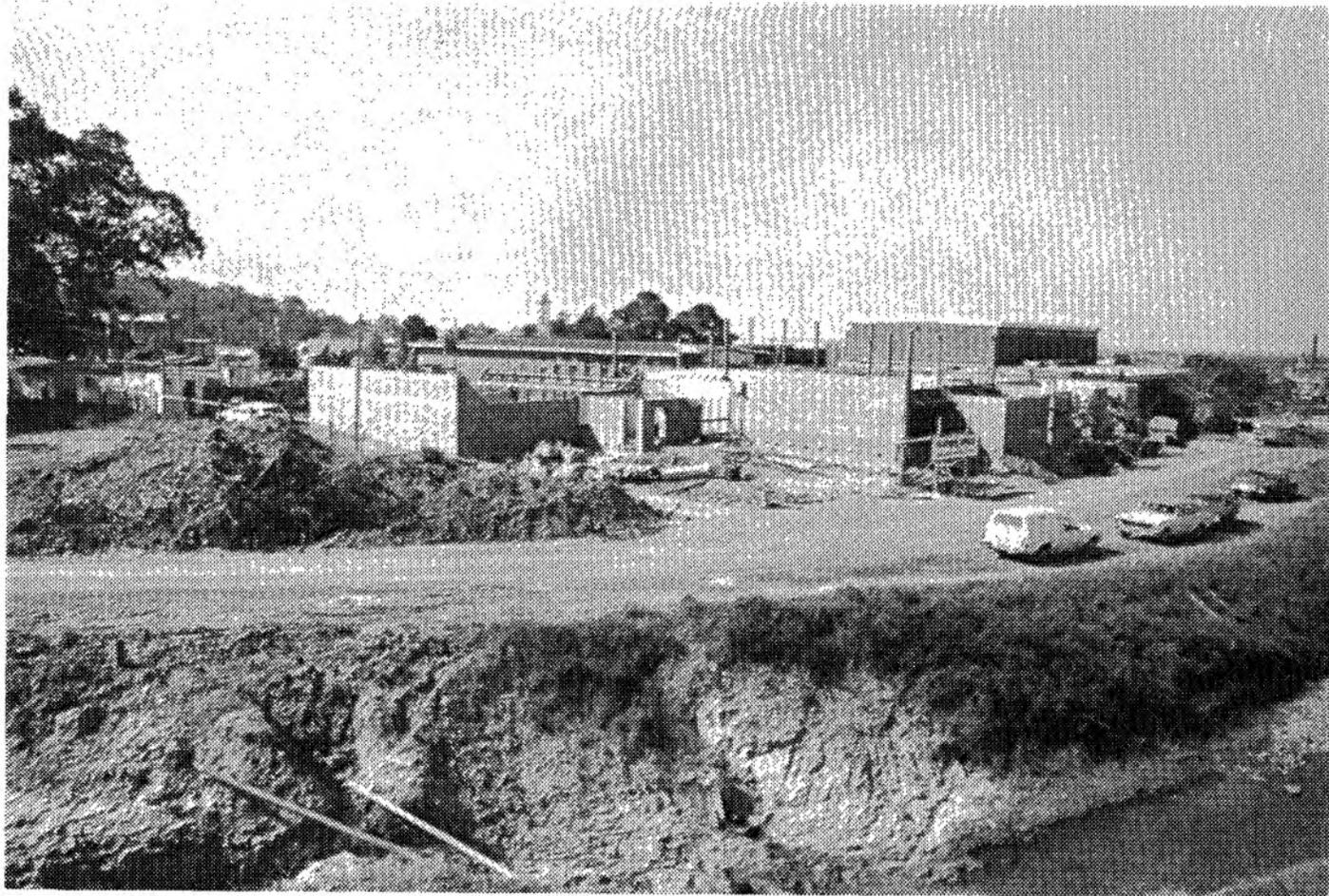
The expectation, in late 1975, of new, enlarged and improved Union premises will provide the much needed, and long thought about, extra amenities for members of the Union and their friends. The \$420,000 provided upon the recommendation of the Australian Universities Commission fell short of the likely \$750,000 which will be required to complete the new buildings. The excess is being found by grants from the Union, the Sports Association, the Miscellaneous Activities Fee Fund, from escalation funds provided by the Commonwealth Government, by generous funding accommodations arranged by the University and by the University Cooperative Bookshop Ltd. which intends to provide a lump sum payment of rent in advance in respect of its premises in the Union. The Board expresses its gratitude to those whose assistance is thus making completion of the new buildings possible.

In respect of the 1976-78 Triennium it is hoped that two more squash courts will be provided. And, in cooperation with the University as a whole, the Board has supported a submission for the provision of a drama theatre. Independently, initial inquiries are being made into the possible provision of a commercial centre and a pre-school centre.

Perhaps the most important future development affecting the Union is, as indicated in the Annual Report for 1973, the future organisational structure within the University for the provision of amenities as a whole. Discussions have been proceeding between the Board and the Vice-Chancellor; and, although some fundamental ideas appear now to have been agreed upon it is clear that a great deal remains to be done on matters of detail before a plan for implementation can be laid before Council. The areas of common agreement concern the need for a wider membership of the Union; the desirability of formalising Union and Sports Association relationships, including the delegation of responsibility to the Sports Association for the control and management of all sporting grounds and facilities; and, in due course, for the better representation and administration of these wider interests, a modified Union-cum-Sports Association Board of Management with such concomitant changes in organisation and constitutional terms of reference as may be necessary.

On behalf of the Board
M. ROSS
Chairman

8th April 1975



Progress of Union buildings Stage III on 9th April 1975

